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The S. S. Lesson in ACTION

By Rev. B. JACKSTEIT, Anaheim, Calif.

A LESSON PLAN

Date: October 31, 1954

Theme: THE DIGNITY OF WORK

SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 6:6-11; 18:9; 24:30-34.

PURPOSE: To stress the truth that honorable work is dignified and essential.

GETTING STARTED: In the poem, "The Gospel of Labor," Henry Van Dyke reminds us that

"Heaven is blessed with perfect rest; But the blessing of earth is toil."

Tragic, indeed, that so many today have lost sight of that truth and look upon work as a cross to bear and a necessity to endure. More tragic still that for some strange reason we publicize most widely the people who waste their substance "in riotous living" and elevate to the top rung of the social ladder—bestowing on them the name of aristocracy, the elite, the "400"—men and women who never know an honest day's work. Surely, our sense of values is all twisted. Work is blessing, not curse; it gives dignity to life, does not degrade it. And the true aristocrat, the true "man of distinction" is the man who gives himself to the doing of a worth-while task, for, as W. Stewart suggests, his "peerage is from God."

Developing the Theme:

I. WORK IS DIVINE ACTIVITY.

1. Jesus assures us that God is a working God. (John 5:17). The fact that God "worketh hitherto" not only justified Jesus' ceaseless activity but made it imperative that he work, too.

2. Jesus himself "toiled, a carpenter of busy Galilee." Thus he forever placed the stamp of dignity upon all honest and devoted labor.

3. The principle of work is written in the very nature of things, so that all things that live by the will of God work continually (Prov. 6:6-8).

4. In work man co-operates with God and assumes a share in carrying to completion the eternal purposes of God.

II. WORK IS CREATIVE ACTIVITY.

1. Work builds. Every worth-while achievement of man has come into existence only through honest and persevering toil.

2. Work creates. It builds wealth, prosperity, security, science, art, churches, and almost everything else that can be named.

3. Aside from the creative activity of toil, nothing is ever achieved or built.

III. WORK IS ESSENTIAL ACTIVITY.

1. It is essential to the building of character. Laziness creates a "slug-

gard," a man of low character (Prov. 6:6).

2. It is essential to making the most of the resources God has placed at the disposal of man. Laziness is a great waster (Prov. 18:9; 24:30-32).

3. It is essential to meeting the basic needs of men. Without labor, there is no bread, no shelter, no clothing. Man must work in order to live and have the essentials of life (Prov. 24:33-34; 6:9-11).

4. It is essential to a life that would please God. Today's lesson makes it clear that God has no pleasure in the man who will not work.

A LESSON PLAN

Date: November 7, 1954

Theme: THE SPLENDOR OF SELF-CONTROL

SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 14:29; 15:1-3; 16:32; 20:1; 23:29-35.

PURPOSE: To set forth the need for self-control.

GETTING STARTED: One of the pleasures many of us never tire of is driving a car. There's something very thrilling about being able to sit behind the wheel of a fine automobile and have it respond instantly to the slightest touch on the throttle or twist of the wheel. To feel the surge of power when you "give-er the gun" and to have such power under complete control is a thrill that never seems to pale, no matter how often you experience it.

Yet wonderful as an automobile is, it can very quickly turn into a monster and an instrument of destruction. Once let it get out of control and its power runs wild, and it becomes a juggernaut that maims countless lives and spreads inestimable ruin.

Our lives are like intricate and marvelous machines, endowed with amazing skills and powers. When those powers are under control, our lives can rise to glorious heights and great achievements. But once let those powers run wild and get out of control, and life deteriorates to unbelievable depths and becomes the means of spreading indescribable tragedy and ruin.

Developing the Theme:

To be at its best, life must be controlled in the following ways:

I. IN FEELING (Prov. 14:29; 16:32).

1. Self-control begins within—with holding our feelings in check.

2. When we allow our feelings to run away with us, we waste energy, act foolishly and cause untold harm.

3. There's power and wisdom in the ability to control one's feelings, to

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke
Oct. 24 (Sunday)—Immanuel Baptist Church, New York, N. Y.

Rev. J. C. Gunst
Oct. 31 (Sunday A.M.)—First Baptist Church, George, Iowa.
Oct. 31 (Sunday P.M.)—Central Church, George, Iowa.

Rev. L. G. Bienert
Oct. 24 (Sunday A.M.)—Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner
Oct. 20-24—Washington-Montana-Idaho Association at Colfax, Washington.
Oct. 28-31—Missionary Meetings, Bethel Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

Dr. John Leypoldt
Oct. 17 (Sunday)—Dedication of new building, German Mission Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man.
Oct. 24 (Sunday)—First anniversary program. German Zion Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

CONFERENCE DATES

Oct. 20-24 — Washington-Montana-Idaho Association at Colfax, Washington. Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Guest Speaker.

Nov. 2-4—California Association at Elk Grove, California. Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson (Cameron Missionaries), Speakers.

make them be our servants and not allow them to become our masters.

II. IN WORD (Prov. 15:1-3).

1. The tongue is an instrument of great power. It can do either great harm or great good.

2. When the tongue is uncontrolled and men exercise no control over the words they speak, it becomes an instrument of great evil, capable of doing immeasurable harm.

3. When, on the other hand, the tongue is controlled, it becomes an instrument of great good, capable of bringing rich blessings to life.

III. IN DEED (Prov. 20:1; 23:29-35).

1. Our lesson defines the deed in terms of what we permit to become a part of our lives.

2. What we take into our lives has much to do with the quality of those lives.

3. Alcoholic beverages have the power to influence our lives for evil. Sooner or later they become our masters to destroy us.

4. If we are wise, therefore, we will not take into our bodies and allow to become a part of our lives anything that has the power to do us harm.

Applying the Lesson:

Share with the members of your class some of the practices or disciplines that have helped you to develop this kind of self-control.

Editorial

A Learned Tongue

LET US NEVER DESPISE the results of learning or belittle the value of education as long as they are dedicated to high and noble purposes. The Prophet Isaiah said with assurance: "The Lord God hath given me the tongue of the learned" (Isa. 50:4). This gift of God was trained and disciplined until he was able to "know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary."

In these days the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alta., Canada, is opening its doors to a large group of young students for training. Our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., reports a good sized group for the full semester. Many young people are being missed these days in their accustomed places at home and in church since they are away at college. We ought to encourage these young people in their educational pursuits and undergird them with our prayers and interest.

As Isaiah reflected on God's dealings with him, he came to this conclusion. God wants us to use our talents with boldness and confidence. We are not to make apology for our deeds. Far be it from us to bury our talents in the ground. The right kind of training and education gives us confidence and assurance to take what God has given to us and to use it boldly and aggressively for his purposes. The prophet said with a learned tongue: "Therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed" (verse 7).

Isaiah also suggested that God wants us to be well trained and equipped for the work he has assigned to us. Consecration is fundamental and primary for every Christian task, but consecration plus training of the most vigorous type make a person doubly useful in God's kingdom. We have a right to expect our ministers as well as our missionaries to be ably equipped for their very important tasks. There are no short cuts to the education of a good minister of the Lord Jesus Christ. Even the privilege of being a Sunday School teacher implies the responsibility of enrolling in leadership training classes for greater wisdom and better techniques to cope with the problems of today. The Spirit of God is in that kind of educational program. Isaiah said: "He wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned" (verse 4).

God also wants us to use every avenue of learning and every avenue of communication for the extension of his Kingdom. We are living in an intensely interesting world in which we have been bewildered by all the gadgets and inventions around us. In themselves, they can be neither good nor bad. The great question is how they are used. It will require men and women of Christian motivation with the best possible training to use these things as God intended. That is true of television today as it was of the automobile and radio years ago.

We want and have a right to expect our young people of today to get the best education and the ablest training possible but to use these techniques for God's purpose and cause because their trust is in him!

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The Breath of Life

We must recapture the praying spirit of the early Christians. The New Testament teaches that where there is prayer, there is power!

By DR. JOHN LEYPOLDT,
Interim Promotional Secretary

WE MUST breathe in order to live. Therefore the first requirement of the human body is oxygen. Our bodies require air every minute of our lives. Therefore we cannot live without oxygen, which is even more important than water or food.

Prayer has been called "the Christian's vital breath." Just as air is an absolute necessity for the body, so prayer is of the greatest importance for the soul. And yet we pray so little.

Why then is the most important part of our religion so easily forgotten? Why is this native and deepest impulse of the soul of man so sadly neglected?

PRAYER NEGLECT

Let us mention some reasons briefly. 1. We are living in an age of speed. If one observes the people in our large cities, one can express their actions in one word, "hurry." It's hurry from morning till night. We hurry to work, to school, to church. We are all caught in the current of speed.

2. Never was there so much reading material on the market as today. As a result the Bible and prayer are neglected.

3. The many inventions as radio and television and various modes of travel get first attention and the spiritual is neglected or forgotten.

4. The emphasis on the care and pampering of the human body. Millions of dollars are spent annually in developing the body or making it beautiful. But the soul is neglected.

Just one example can be cited. The original purpose of the YMCA was to win young men to Christ. Today however the main emphasis is on the body and the mind. The physical and social have crowded out the spiritual.

5. The materialistic attitude of life. Americans have a constant craving for things, things and more things. But Jesus taught that things in themselves do not build character. None of the above things need be evil in them-

selves. But when we allow them to crowd out the spiritual or the essential things of the Christian life, we are fooling ourselves. We are then sinning and robbing ourselves of what is most essential in life. We put first what should be last and put last what should be first.

CHRIST'S PRAYER LIFE

What did Christ put first? Was it not prayer, "the Christian's vital breath"? Christ, our unique example, prayed in the morning before dawn. He prayed during the day and even at night. The Master prayed under all circumstances.

We also find him praying anywhere: in a river, in the desert place, in a home, on the mountainside, under the open sky, in a garden, by a grave, and even on the cross. Three of his seven utterances on the cross were prayers. He began and closed his ministry with prayer. Yes, for Jesus prayer was the vital breath of life. Prayer was not something of secondary importance to Christ. It was important, first, last and always. Why not?

Prayer is fundamentally fellowship or communion with God. Christ found it absolutely essential to have fellowship with his heavenly Father. Just as air is essential to the body, so prayer is essential to the soul. The main reason for our spiritual shallowness, our spiritual weakness, our moral and spiritual failures is the lack of vital prayer, of daily communion with God.

Paul, the greatest disciple of Jesus, was a man of prayer. We cannot read his epistles without being impressed with the fact that to him prayer was "the Christian's vital breath." Did he not say: "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17)? Did not the Master himself say that "we ought always to pray and not lose heart" (Luke 18:1)?

How these admonitions of Christ and of Paul ought to fill us with shame,

with a deep sense of our guilt and neglect. O, the sin of neglect!

As I look back upon my own life, I realize that if I had prayed more I would have sinned less and been more successful in my Christian life. Jesus told his disciples on one occasion that they were a failure because they neglected to pray (Mark 9:29).

The two best safeguards against temptation were given in the Garden of Gethsemane: watchfulness and prayer (Matt. 26:41). But how seldom we use them! Many a failure and a tragedy could have been averted, if we would have taken Jesus' advice!

PRAYING LAYMEN

Today some Christian laymen are realizing the great importance of prayer because they have come to feel the need of a power outside of themselves and are taking time to pray. A group of Methodist laymen from various walks of life have been meeting for breakfast and prayer at an early hour in the social room of the First Methodist Church of Holland, Mich., for 23 weeks when I read of this prayer group.

A prominent Baptist layman in the east has said: "We are organized to death." He tells of attending a small neighborhood prayer circle where people meet every Tuesday night, winter and summer. The meetings are held in some member's home in a room far from the noise of telephone and doorbell. They sing and pray. A great deal of time is spent in silent meditation and prayer. The results of their prayers have been amazing. This member of an investment firm says if we are to have strong churches, it will be because they are deeply spiritual churches.

We must recapture the praying spirit of the early Christians. The New Testament teaches that where there is prayer, there is power and action.

A Christian lawyer from Philadel-
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Our Cameroons "Plus" Schools

By the
REV. S. DONALD GANSTROM,
Cameroons Supervisor of Schools,
Now on Furlough in Oregon

Our mission schools in the Cameroons, Africa, have added the Christian emphasis and content to personnel and instruction as the all important "plus" in the educational system

DURING THE PAST few months I have been impressed with the number of articles on education, both in Christian and secular magazines. The imprint these articles have left on my mind is that today the American educational system lacks something. Then came Mr. Herbert Stabbert's article in the May 20th issue of the BAPTIST HERALD, "Our Schools Can Be Christian." What a wonderful thought! However, it also gives the idea that the American schools on a whole are "minus" schools. Schools that lack something!

Being so closely connected with our school system on the Mission Field in the Cameroons, Africa, it is only natural that I have compared it with that of America. First, I would have to admit that according to material standards, we are lacking in buildings, equipment and other facilities; lacking also in highly scholastic trained personnel; lacking in an educated lay-school board; and lacking in free compulsory education. Nevertheless, from another standpoint and from the view taken by many Christian writers as to the lack in the American system, we praise God that ours is a "plus" system.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

First, we have the **curriculum plus!** The government sets up the syllabuses for each class but permits us to add "Religious Instruction," giving the **plus.** How fortunate we are in this land of Africa to be free to give religious instruction every day of the week in the schools. Religious instruction is as much a part of the timetable as English, Geography or any other subject.

Not only are we allowed to give this instruction, but we are permitted to arrange it at whatever point on the timetable we wish. Having this advantage, we give priority to this subject and arrange it so that in almost every class "Religious Instruction" is taught early in the morning when the children are freshest and most eager to learn.

QUALIFIED TEACHERS

Second, we have **qualified teachers plus.** Not only do we have a curriculum, plus "Religious Instruction," but we employ only Christian young men and women as teachers. Since 1952 we have made it our policy that every new employee must have one year at our Bible School before he or she can be trained further as a teacher. This,

we feel, adds a "plus" to our schools.

A Bible trained teacher is one who will apply Christian methods, ideals and instruction in all the subjects. When history is taught from the Christian standpoint, it helps to control race problems, hate, prejudice and opinions that can so easily creep in and warp the young minds. When English, Arithmetic and other subjects are taught with a Christian emphasis, they take on life and train for abundant living.

SCHOOL MANAGEMENT

Then there is **school management plus.** Our schools are all managed by Christians. The missionary or headmaster is chairman of the local board or "education committee," as they are called out here. In the past three years we have stressed the point that the churches must take the responsibility of management. The pas-

Each mission area or field has its missionary School Manager. Today these are the Misses Ida Forsch, Tina Schmidt, Berneice Westerman, and Ruby Salzman. They visit these schools like a county superintendent of schools in America. Every now and then you read of what their work is composed such as Miss Forsch's article, "Dear Diary"; and Miss Schmidt's, "A Trek To Kumba Balue." Their influence cannot be measured, and it covers so many phases. But most of all, they try to increase the Christian influence of our schools in whatever way possible.

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES

Over all this, the supervisor has the responsibility of seeing that the schools are kept up to government standards, that our teachers get the correct training, and that the government does not impinge on our religious



Christian evangelists, school teachers, deacons and laymen as delegates to the Cameroons Baptist Leaders' Conference going on a tour of some of the grassland stations in their "lorry"

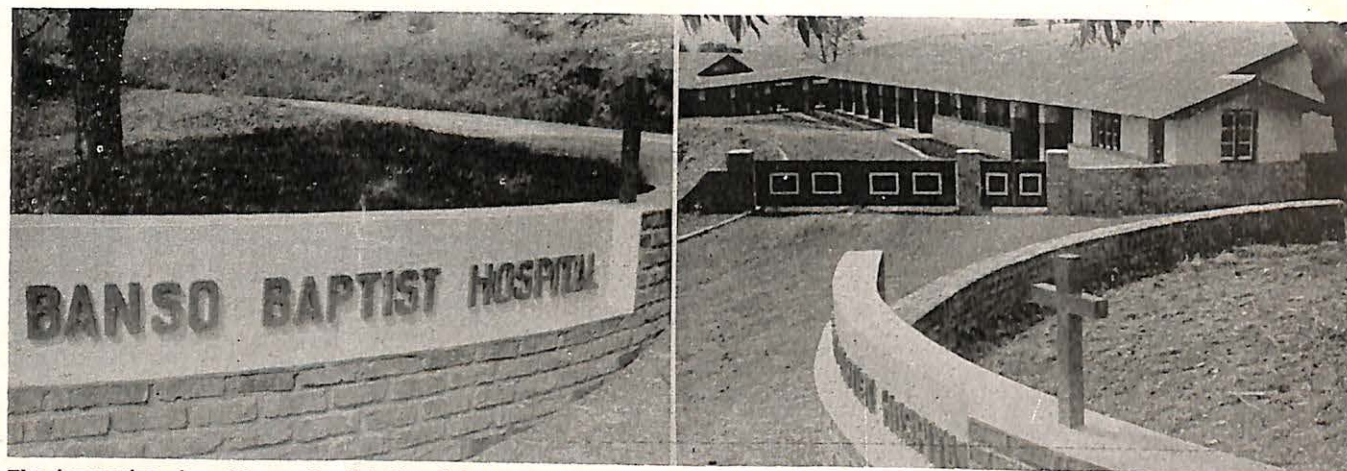
tor and deacons of the local church are on these school committees.

Church life is a part of the school life and vice versa. Our Sunday School enrollment is made up of 90 per cent school children from our schools. The teachers are all members of the local church. Any immoral conduct is dealt with by the church. These committees meet once a month as a board to work out any problems there may be and to plan how the school can be of greater influence in the community.

freedom. It is feared that in a very few years, the national government will take over all the schools, and with the transition will go our golden opportunity of managing "Schools plus." The "plus" will become at the most only moral instruction without Christian emphasis.

To meet this situation we plan a more concentrated training program for teachers. It is our prayer that the government will give us permission

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The impressive sign, "Banso Baptist Hospital," which greets the visitors and patients to the new hospital buildings (right) and which will welcome Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones to their ministry in Christ's Name to the Cameroons, Africa

A Doctor for "NEW HOPE" Camp

By the REV. R. SCHILKE,
General Missionary Secretary

Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones and family are arriving at the Bamenda New Hope Settlement in Africa just as this issue is printed and as Dr. Jones begins his ministry as our first doctor to the lepers and later as our additional doctor at the Banso Baptist Hospital

IN THE SPRING of 1951 when North American Baptists accepted the offer made by the government in the British Cameroons of West Africa to undertake a mission work among the leprosy people of Bamenda Province, they also accepted the stipulations that went with the offer. One of these was that a doctor must be placed in charge of such medical work.

Our acceptance of the offer was based on faith in God that he, who provides the opportunity of service, will also provide the servant to serve. We did not know at that time where this servant might be found. In fact, we were then in need of a supply doctor for the Banso Hospital to relieve Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee and to give him a year of furlough, and further we did not know where this supply doctor could be found. Since then God has wondrously provided for each need. The story of the latter has appeared in other issues of the "Baptist Herald."

THE NEED BECOMES URGENT

With faith in God, the Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Schneider, when home on furlough, were appointed as missionary managers of this new phase of medical missionary work and took charge of it upon their return to Africa in 1952. Laura Reddig's dreams to become engaged some day in this type of missionary work found reality in her appointment as missionary nurse to the leprosy patients in this future establishment. For a doctor our people earnestly began to pray.

About 25 miles from Bamenda and about five miles from Belo, some 2800 acres of choice land were leased from the government and local authorities. This was to become our "Bamenda New Hope Settlement," also known as Mbingo. Although a doctor should have been at least in sight when we began to admit leprosy patients for treatment, our missionaries had faith in God that in due time he would come. In June 1952, Laura Reddig administered the first treatments "in the Name of Jesus" to leprosy patients at the old Bamenda Camp, and in October 1952, for the first time, at "Bamenda New Hope Settlement."

By Christmas of 1952 more than 40 patients had come to live at Bamenda New Hope Settlement. I purposely say, "came to live," for a leprosy patient is a patient anywhere from two to five years. Within a short time the patients numbered 58.

Then came the directive from medical authorities of Bamenda Province that without the presence of a doctor no more patients could be admitted. Soon after, we were asked to place a doctor by March 1954. The next leprosy person who came and applied for admittance had to be sent back to his home. To do this almost broke Laura Reddig's heart, but there was no other choice left. Upon her own heart and the heart of all our people she laid this burden of prayer as she said to him: "Go home and pray while you wait."

At home everything was done to find a doctor, to appoint him and to

send him forth. Numerous letters were written. Personal interviews were held. Advertisements of our need appeared in various periodicals. During that time we came to know that we were not the only mission board in need of medical missionaries for the foreign field. There was no other board that had any doctor to spare, even on a loan basis. Always the answer seemed to be the same: "If we only knew of one for our own need on the mission field." This was indeed a time of praying and patiently waiting upon the Lord.

A TEST OF FAITH

Was God testing our faith? Were we out of step with him? Did he or did he not lead us to an undertaking of this phase of missionary work? These and many other questions harassed us! For other missionary work we had more applicants and candidates than we could possibly appoint. Yet to fill this particular need we could not find the personnel.

A time of waiting is always a time of testing. It need not be so much a testing of our faith as it is a testing of our patience. So often we look for the immediate answer to our prayers and fail to see that God has already answered our prayers, even though that answer may not be apparent because we do not know all that makes up the answer. Perhaps it was for that reason that Jesus in the parable of the sower spoke of the seed on the ground as compared to those who "bring forth fruit with patience" (Luke 8:15).

By November 1953, God's answer to our prayers became apparent as Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee, then home on furlough, and the writer interviewed Eugene R. Stockdale, a medical student at the University of Illinois and member of our Baptist Church at Aplington, Iowa. But that God had provided for our specific need even before that need was known to us became apparent in the subsequent application of Dr. and Mrs. Eugene R. Stockdale for medical missionary appointment and in their testimony. Doctor Stockdale in his testimony related how God had been dealing with him and leading him in his preparation, particularly for missionary work among leprosy people. We then clearly saw that God already had the servant in preparation when he provided for us the opportunity of service.

Although appointed by us for leprosy service, Doctor Stockdale has not yet completed his medical internship and residency and will not be able to enter the service until possibly in 1956. We only desire to mention his appointment at this time in order that we might see God's Hand. The story of Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Stockdale will follow later.

By the beginning of March 1954, God's further answer to our prayers became apparent in a letter from Dr. Kenneth W. Jones of Scotia, Calif., in answer to an appeal by the writer. I quote only a few sentences from that letter: "My wife and I have been thinking and praying about how the Lord would have us serve him for some time. . . . We wonder which Board we should go with. . . . Questions arise as to my training and its adequacy for the foreign field where other medical consultation may be lacking. Perhaps in the light of your need, it would be possible to help out on a year's basis or so and then return for whatever training seemed most needed when a replacement was available."

GOD'S MARVELOUS LEADING

Again we must say that we fully saw how God reserves his servants for specific needs to answer the prayers of God's people as we personally met Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones and heard their testimony of God's leading in their life. When so many mission boards are looking for medical missionary personnel; when his one time pastor, Dr. Leth Davidson of the First Baptist Church of San Mateo, Calif., in his recommendation of Dr. Jones says: "My only regret is that he is not going out under our convention"; when his fellow-student at medical school, Dr. Wm. Sherman, now of Oroville, Calif., in his recommendation of Dr. Jones says that he is "an outstanding find for medical missionary work" and "were he not going to the mission field, I would count it a high privilege to be associated with him in private practice"; when Dr.

Kurt Munchheimer, fellow-member of the same hospital staff at Scotia, Calif., evaluates Dr. Jones' qualities as "exceptional for the aspired task . . . combining Christian loyalty with physical vigor and willingness for thorough work"; when Mr. George Bauder, member of our Trinity Baptist Church in Portland, Ore., who met Kenneth at the Portland YMCA Camp in 1950 and worked together with him for three months, recommends him highly and says: "I believe the candidate to be as good a prospect for foreign mission service as may be found. In November 1953 I wrote him telling him of our need of a doctor . . . his preparation is a long-range matter which has come to fruition because our Lord has need of those who prepare adequately and who are willing

Calif., he joined a Bible study group of seamen in the Navy, and there he discovered that the Christian's joy comes from a vital "relationship with the present, living Person, the Lord Jesus."

Kenneth W. Jones completed his high school work at Grant High in Portland, Ore., in 1942. After one year at Oregon State College, he enrolled at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California. After the war he returned to Stanford University and completed his pre-medical work in 1948 with the B.A. degree in biology. In 1951 he completed his course of studies in medicine and received the M.D. degree from the University of Oregon Medical School. There he was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha and stood in the top 10 per cent of his class. In



Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones who are now stationed at the Bamenda New Hope Settlement in the Cameroons, Africa, where Dr. Jones is our first medical missionary to the lepers

to serve"; then it humbles us deeply before God to hear Dr. Jones say in his testimony that on every contact for information there seemed to be no satisfaction in his soul until our specific need was presented to him. It was then that God spoke to him and Mrs. Jones to present themselves for service to fill this particular need in our mission field.

THE JONES FAMILY

Kenneth Walter Jones, Jr., was born to Kenneth and Lettie Jones at Boise, Idaho, on June 19, 1924 as the oldest of three children. When Kenneth was twelve years of age, his parents joined the Christian Church and shortly thereafter he also confessed his faith in Christ and was baptized by immersion, but to full fruition of faith he came much later.

In 1944 he entered the U.S. Navy. Though at that time he lacked the inner knowledge of being right with God, he did experience chapel services to be like "oasis in the dull routine of boot camp." Later while instructing radio on Treasure Island,

medical school he also became associated with other fellow-Christian students in the Christian Medical Society, and God used them to bring him "to a renewed faith" as previous conflicts and doubts were overcome.

Thoughts about missionary work were present in varying degrees since the time of coming into that vital relationship with the living Christ while in service. Thus when the year of internship came, he took it at the Gorgas Hospital, Panama Canal Zone, since that region appealed to him "especially because of the tropical medicine and the possibility it offered to see missionary work first hand." Rotating residency was taken at San Mateo Community Hospital in 1952-1953 and since 1953, for about a year, Dr. Jones was on the hospital staff at Scotia, California.

MRS. FRANCES JONES

On September 22, 1950 Kenneth W. Jones married Frances Marie Ingrum of Portland, Oregon. Family devotions in addition to private devotions were (Continued on Page 24)



The Baptist Home for the Aged, Bismarck, N. Dak. (left), with the guests of the Home lined up on the sidewalk outside the Home (right) several years ago for "a family picture"

Home for the Aged, Bismarck, North Dakota

By the REV. B. W. KRENTZ,
Superintendent of the Home

In recent years the Dakota Conference Home for the Aged was begun in Bismarck, N. Dak., the two story brick building, housing 83 persons, and the superintendent's residence, were built, representing an investment of almost \$250,000

WHENEVER PEOPLE pay us a visit at the Baptist Home for the Aged in Bismarck, N. Dak., and say that "this is one of the nicest Homes for old people," we feel humbly proud. It is a fine Home. Of course, we do not want to deceive ourselves by these remarks. There are larger Homes and more costly buildings in which tiring and retired pilgrims live, but we are justly proud of that which we have.

A little over fourteen years ago, our present Home was not even a definite idea. In some people's minds it was not even a very welcome idea. But to date our Home has given shelter

to scores of God's saints, now with him in glory, and it is only in its beginning stages of service. It can be estimated that our present building, housing between 80 and 83 persons, could have been filled about three or more times during the five years since its construction.

EARLY BEGINNINGS

During the sessions of the Dakota Conference, held at Emery, S. Dak., in 1929, a committee was appointed to explore the possibility of organizing an "Old Peoples' Home Society." The brethren G. W. Rutsch, A. Guenther,

Wm. Sturhahn, E. Kolaschewsky, John Kiemele (Turtle Lake), E. F. Gieser and Karl Gieser were appointed to serve on this committee. These brethren met on September 12, 1939. They did what was asked of them. "They explored the possibilities," but reached nothing definite to present to the conference.

Another meeting was called to embrace a larger group of advisors. On September 22, 1939 another group of 55 members met and the organization came into being. Rev. G. W. Rutsch was chosen the first president; Rev. E. Broeckel, vice-president; Rev. Karl Gieser, secretary. Somehow no treasurer was elected at that time, according to our records. Other members on this Board were: Rev. P. F. Schilling, Mr. A. W. Meidinger, Mr. A. F. Lehr, Rev. A. Guenther. These men were instructed to draw up a constitution and to select a possible location and site for a Baptist Home for the Aged.

Evidently this committee was successful, but it was not until August 15, 1940, that a house owned by Dr. Strause in Bismarck, N. Dak., was purchased for \$9,500. This was a larger residence, but it soon became evident that this could only serve a limited number of people for a limited time. The applications soon exceeded our facilities; much faster than expected. More room was needed almost immediately.

The Rev. and Mrs. Karl Gieser were the first superintendent and matron of the Home. Another house was pur-



Mrs. Herbold (right) and Mrs. Klein (left), stepmother of the Rev. Daniel Klein of McClusky, N. Dak., enjoy reading their favorite magazines in their lovely room at the Home for the Aged

chased which was located on the same property but even this was soon filled and the basement was remodeled. But still people kept coming and asking for admittance. It was clear to all concerned that the idea of a Baptist Home for the Aged in North Dakota was a necessity. It still is!

What was even more convincing was the fact that such facilities should be fireproof, safe, as well as comfortable. Our churches of the Dakota Conference and a number of friends, not connected with our churches, came to our support. The results were encouraging enough to begin making plans for a new building.

THE NEW BUILDING

During the Dakota Conference sessions of 1947, the idea was brought to the attention of the Board. Of course, the shortage and high cost of building material together with the labor shortages, held us back for a time. Material was purchased as it became available, however, and plans for a modern Home were formulated. The new building committee consisted of Mr. A. F. Lehr of Gackle, Rev. E. Kary, and Mr. Ed. Stohler of Bismarck. What this program meant in time and labor would take too much space to relate.

There were numerous handicaps and delays sufficient in number to postpone moving into the new building until May 1, 1949. At that time the services of the Rev. B. W. Krentz, the superintendent, were obtained to become a field worker, in plain words, the "collector." It was our desire to clear all indebtedness outside of the



The Sunday "crew of workers" at the Baptist Home for the Aged, Bismarck, N. Dak., including the Rev. and Mrs. B. W. Krentz (center) and Mrs. Alma Wendt (matron) third from right

mortgage to our denomination. This was accomplished and some fine reductions on the mortgage with the Forest Park headquarters were also made.

Our present building is of fireproof construction, tile and brick veneer, steel frame work and concrete carrying walls. It measures 40 by 149 feet, two full stories high, with semi-basement first floor. It has 40 regular rooms which are for two occupants each and, in addition, there are a few quarters for our workers on the semi-basement or ground level floor. Each

corner room on either floor is so arranged that it can accommodate a married couple. It has all the privacy needed, while the other rooms each share the plumbing facilities with another room. For this reason we consider the main floor as the floor for ladies and the top floor for men.

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

There are some historical highlights connected with our present Home and with the work here.

October 1, 1948—Cornerstone laying ceremony! This was an impressive service with Dr. M. L. Leuschner as guest speaker. Motion pictures were taken of this occasion.

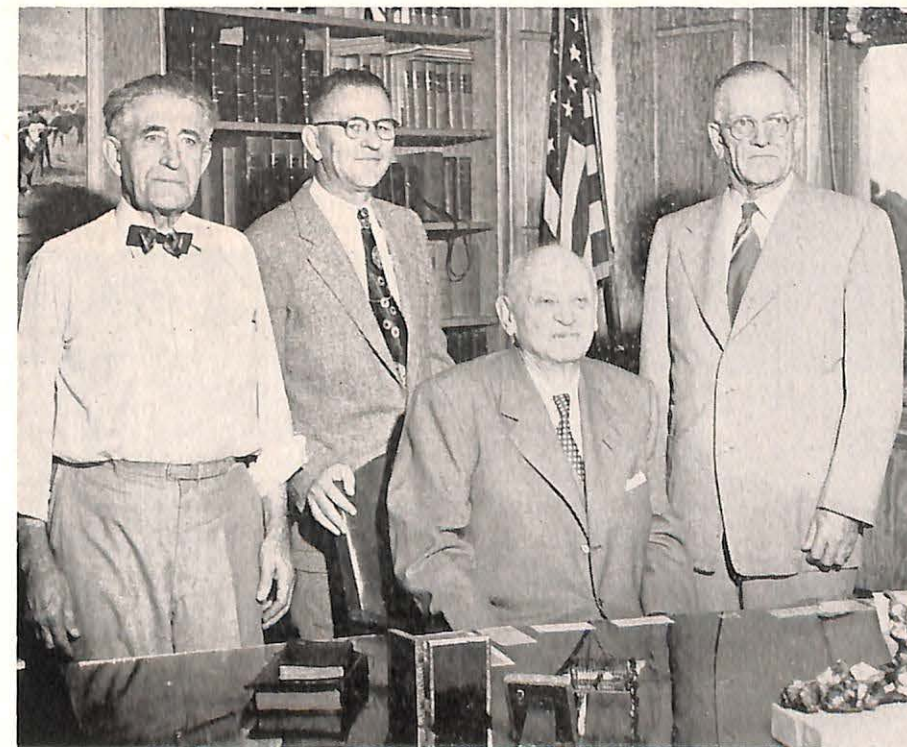
May 1, 1949—Moving-in Day. Not much of a ceremony but hard work all the way! Rev. and Mrs. R. Sigmund served through this assignment. They were superintendent and matron here at that time. Some old folks had become so attached to the old place that there were a few tears when they were told that we were moving.

October 18, 1949—The new Home was dedicated. Mr. Roland E. Ross of Forest Park, Ill., and Rev. Henry Hirsch, then of Goodrich, N. Dak., were our speakers.

March 15, 1953—One of our members attained the age of 100 years. Mrs. M. Pfeifle, the lady in question, went to her heavenly home recently. Until shortly before her death she was able to take a walk down the corridor. She had a very keen mind and a good memory.

April 6, 1953—Ground breaking and start of construction of the superintendent's residence. This will make one more short paragraph a little later in the article. Just now it might be said that there was no ceremony except that a lot of dirt had to be moved, quite unceremoniously.

August 1, 1953—The superintendent and his wife moved into a brand new



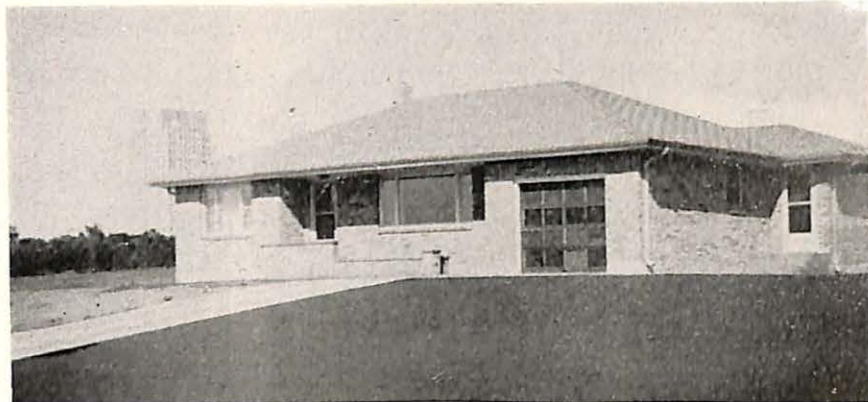
The honorable Norman Brunsdale, governor of North Dakota (right), is photographed in the state capitol with Charles Liesman (left to right), assistant secretary of state; Rev. B. W. Krentz, superintendent of the Baptist Home for the Aged; and the honorable Tom Hall, former secretary of state, and at present guest in the Baptist Home for the Aged

house. This was publicly dedicated on October 6th. Dr. John Leyboldt of Forest Park, Ill., and Dr. N. O. Brink, one of our able surgeons and a very good friend of our Home, served as speakers for the occasion.

We feel that our people could not have done better than to give us these facilities where our tired and retiring folk can spend a few more years, if the Lord wills it, in comparative comfort.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RESIDENCE

The cost of the main building, including most of its furnishings, amounted to \$179,387.15. Of this amount we had a mortgage with Forest Park of \$70,000. The superintendent's residence was estimated to cost about \$20,000. Some of us had the idea that it should be built for about \$18,000. We planned and worked together with those who know. We purchased our material where we could save the commissions and middle man's profit. At dedication time we had spent exactly \$17,917.82 and with everything paid for and no indebtedness. Only one item not quite settled is less than \$300, which would still bear out our contention that the "parsonage" 33 by 54 feet frame structure with brick veneering could be built for \$18,000.



The new residence of the superintendent of the Dakota Conference Home for the Aged, Rev. B. W. Krentz, and his family with the North Dakota State Capitol towering in the background

At Christmas time we are thought of by friends and relatives. I never saw so many gift packages and never took so many gifts to the Post Office for mailing as last year. One large gift that seems to win favor, slowly but surely, is a 21-inch Magnavox television set given to us by one of the business houses. Oh, yes, we had some turkey donations for our Christmas dinner and about a half dozen cases of oranges and several boxes of apples. One good friend sent us a 100-pound sack of walnuts all the way from California. Others have sent grapes, etc., and there were several

Our dreams for the future are to provide facilities of a different type. We are thinking of building several bungalow-apartments on the grounds, to be served in connection with the main building. This would be a place where people would be able to retire when tired without actually going to an Old People's Home. It is hoped that here they will be able to live off the fruit of their labor and not have actually arrived in the "days when they shall say they have no pleasure in them."

Too many of our aged veterans still shun the idea of a Home for the Aged. The thought is that they pass over to us just to get ready to "pass over from us." Most people, now here, about 75 per cent of them, depend on Old Age Assistance from the government. We should be able to enlist those who want to live out their days, independent from such assistance, in comfort. We as Baptists want to strive to maintain our high self-reliance until God calls us to our better Home.

SERVING THE SAINTS

Even though we do have a number of mothers and fathers beyond our own denominational ties, we do not show any difference, as far as is practical, when once admitted. We are mindful, however, that our own good people from our churches have sacrificed time and money to give us this Home and we look for their applications first. Our aged folk have borne the heavy load of pioneering in changing the vast prairies into fertile fields. But more than that, they have built an altar unto the Lord wherever they went, like Abraham of old.

The West Coast may have its "Camino de Real," the "King's Highway," but all of our General Conference, the length and breadth of it, is both a King's Highway and an Altar unto the Lord. Our people are resting for a season before taking another journey which will take them beyond the horizon. While here they hold to the words of Psalm 48:14, "For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even unto death."



Some of the men of the Bismarck Home for the Aged find comfortable chairs in the Chapel and await an interesting program to be given

We consider everyone in the Home as a member of the family, regardless of church background or affiliations. They are cared for as their physical needs require it. The spiritual man is also served. We have table devotions every morning. A regular worship service is held in the Gieser Memorial Chapel every Sunday morning and on one week-night. An occasional meeting at the Lord's Table is for every member of the Home. It is then made plain to each one that we are not a church and do not hew strictly to denominational lines. Everyone is to "examine himself."

FUTURE DREAMS

Our property is almost in the shadow of the North Dakota State Capitol. It is situated on the north side of the city and comprises about two acres of land. We used to think that we were where the city ends and the prairie begins. That is now changed. The city has grown around us. In the not too distant future our property here should be worth quite a sum of money.

Pastors' Conference at Sioux Falls

By the REV. J. G. BENKE,
Watertown, Wisconsin
Secretary-treasurer

The Seminary buildings resounded with the singing and speaking of 131 North American Baptist pastors and friends for their inspirational conference from July 28 to August 1, 1954 under the auspices of the denominational Ministers' Fellowship

THE PASTORS' CONFERENCE held at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., from July 28 to August 1 was indeed a time of inspiration and blessing for the 131 pastors in attendance. The spirited singing at our opening session under the able leadership of the Rev. N. Miller put us all in the proper mood, not only for the first meeting but for the entire conference.

The opening message brought by Prof. Hugo Lueck from our Seminary was based on Isaiah 54. Enlarging on the conference theme, "The Heritage of the Lord's Servants," Prof. Lueck related some of his personal experiences and especially left a note of encouragement for all present as he stressed the thought, "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper."

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY

Each morning our daily program was preceded with a season of prayer led by our prayer group committee. This fellowship with our Lord prepared our hearts and minds for the various devotional periods led by Rev. John Walkup, Rev. W. G. Blackburn and Rev. A. Weisser. During these sessions we were challenged to sow the right seed, provide "the Living Water" and give the right message.

The Bible Study Hour for the conference was led by Dr. C. B. Akenson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota. On Thursday

morning he spoke on "Inner Attitudes" based on 1 Cor. 9, pointing out how Paul in writing to the Corinthians stressed the fact that he had renounced all of his legitimate privileges for a wider ministry and was now exercising self-control. During this period on Friday morning Dr. Akenson discussed the "Outward Signs of an Inner Ministry" stressing the personal conduct of the pastor. For the final study he chose as his theme, "The Fruitage of the Ministry," stating that "the world is still waiting to see Christians, who love each other because they have been born into the same family."

OUR GREAT HERITAGE

The message on "The Heritage of the Word" by the Rev. F. E. Klein made us all realize anew the value of the Word of God and the need for proclaiming its unsearchable riches. Dr. O. E. Krueger had willingly accepted to bring a message on the theme, "Our Heritage of Faithful Workers." Finding it impossible to be present, he sent his message in the form of a written paper. This was very capably presented by his pastor, Rev. A. Weisser of Rochester, New York. Brother Krueger emphasized the fact that we as pastors must use all of the talent in our churches and, above all, be grateful always for those who are very faithful in the work of the local church.

The daily workshops on the following topics: City Churches, Rural and Small Town Churches, Church Administration, Immigration, Evangelism and Church Extension, proved to be beneficial and thought provoking.

CHALLENGING MESSAGES

On Thursday evening, Dr. Frank H. Woyke based a challenging message on the theme, "Our Heritage as a Denomination." The Rev. E. P. Wahl used the words we find in 1 John 1:5 as a basis for the message Friday evening. On Saturday evening Dr. M. L. Leuschner presented an arm--chair trip, via film, to our next general conference city, namely, Waco, Texas. The journey to Waco proved to be highly interesting and promising, narrated in Dr. Leuschner's inimitable manner.

Arrangements for the Sunday services had been made by our pastors at the Sioux Falls churches, Rev. R. Grenz and Rev. Harold E. Weiss, with each pastor attending the church of his choice. Sioux Falls College chapel provided the sanctuary for our final meeting at which time Missionary George Henderson brought us a timely message from God's Word about our Cameroons mission field.

And so, as another Lord's Day and our Pastors' Retreat came to a close, we felt God's presence very evident, willing to guide each of us to greater heights in our individual fields of service in his large vineyard.



North American Baptist ministers and a few of the pastors' wives, on the grounds of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., during the Pastors' Conference

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Spring Valley Baptist Church near Canistota, S. Dak., has extended a call to the Rev. Gordon Huisinga, a 1954 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He was recently ordained by his home church in Aplington, Iowa. Last summer he was one of two workers in the Southern Conference churches supported by the Youth Service Plan of the denomination. He is beginning his ministry in the Spring Valley church in October, succeeding the Rev. Eldon Seibold, now of the Glencullen Church, Portland, Oregon.

● The Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., held its installation service for its new pastor, the Rev. Sidney Larson, on Thursday evening, September 23rd. Dr. Charles W. Koller, president of the Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, Ill., and a former speaker of the church, was the guest of honor. Mr. Walter W. Grosser of Oak Park, Ill., moderator of the General Conference, was also present and brought a brief message. Mr. Larson's sermons on the previous Sunday, September 19, were on the provocative themes, "Answer By Fire" and "My Grace is Enough!"

● The Spring Valley Baptist Church near Canistota, S. Dak., held a reception for its pastor, the Rev. Eldon Seibold, and his family on Sunday evening, August 29. Representatives of the various church organizations brought a love musical of appreciation. A love offering was taken and presented to the Seibolds by Mr. Ed Torress, deacon. Mrs. Seibold and the new baby were given gifts by the Mission Circle. Mr. and Mrs. Seibold spoke words of thanks for all the kindnesses shown by the church. They are now serving the Glencullen Baptist Church near Portland, Oregon.

● Evangelistic meetings were held at the Baptist church of Startup, Wash., from August 22 to Sept. 1 with the Rev. Daniel Fuchs, denominational evangelist, bringing the messages. He also spoke at the annual mission festival held on Sunday, August 22. There were two conversations and ten decisions by young Sunday School pupils, as reported by the Rev. R. G. Kaiser, pastor. Guest speakers in August were also the Rev. D. Klein of Zepik, N. Dak., and the Rev. R. a former pastor of Ochre River, Man., Canada. On Sunday, Oct. 10, the church observed its 60th anniversary with the Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., as guest speaker.

● The Northside Baptist Church of Hutchinson, Minn., has extended a call to Mr. Elmo Tehran of Medina, N. Dak., to become its pastor. He responded favorably and began his ministry in the church on Sunday, Sept. 5th. He is a Senior student at Northwestern Bible School, Minneapolis, Minnesota. He is a son-in-law of the Rev. N. E. McCoy, radio evangelist of Jamestown, North Dakota. He and his wife, Ava Della, and their two daughters are residing in the parsonage. He was licensed by the First Baptist Church of Jamestown, N. Dak., where he was the assistant pastor for ten months. He also assisted Mr. McCoy in radio work over station KSJB. At the Hutchinson church he has succeeded the Rev. Rudolph Rapske.

● Dr. Frederick J. Berger, pastor of the First Baptist Church, San Bruno, Calif., and formerly dean of San Francisco Baptist College, will conduct a Holy Land Tour in connection with the 1955 Baptist World Alliance Jubilee celebration. The tour of the Holy Land will be held in June and July prior to the Baptist Congress to be held from July 16 to 22, 1954 in London, England. Dr. Berger is widely known in North American Baptist circles. He is married to the former Miss Lois Schroeder of Anaheim, California. He has traveled extensively in the Far East, Mexico, Europe and the Near East. Those who are interested in rates and schedules of this tour can contact Dr. Berger at First Baptist Church, San Bruno, California.

ANNUAL MEETING AT HOME FOR THE AGED, PORTLAND, OREGON, ON NOVEMBER 15

The fiscal year of the Baptist Home for the Aged of Portland, Ore., closes on October 31, 1954. All membership dues must be submitted by that date.

The annual meeting of the Baptist Home for the Aged of Portland, Ore., will be held at the Home on Monday evening, November 15, 1954, at 8 P.M., at which meeting the annual reports will be rendered and seven directors will be elected. All paid-up members of the corporation are urged to attend this meeting.

Melvin Becker, Secretary.

● The Rev. Thomas Stoeri of St. Joseph, Mich., was called to his heavenly home on Sept. 19 after an illness of several years. He was highly esteemed as a faithful minister of God and deeply beloved by our people wherever he has served as pastor and wherever he was known. His pastorates following his graduation from the Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., in 1904 were as follows: Concordia, Mo., 1904-1905; Hutchinson, Minn., 1905-1910; Leipzig, N. Dak., 1910-1913; Fessenden, N. Dak., 1913-1919; St. Joseph, Mich., 1919-1928; St. Louis Park, St. Louis, Mo., 1928-1936; and North Freedom, Wisconsin. At the time of his homegoing he was the pastor emeritus of the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Michigan. The Rev. L. H. Broecker was in charge of the memorial service, of which a more detailed report will be brought in a forthcoming issue.

● The fall enrollment at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., reveals that there are 38 theological students and 24 pre-theological pre-enrolled students in residence. Of the 38 theological students, two of them are women. One is the wife of one of the students and the other is single. Both are missionary candidates. There are eleven students in the entering group. In the dormitory there are 45 residents. Seven of them are straight theological students, 21 are pre-theological students who are doing their work in Sioux Falls College or in Augustana College, and 17 of them are straight Sioux Falls College students. Thus, the dormitory is filled. On Friday evening, Sept. 17, the Seminary held a very fine public opening convocation with Professor Hugo Lueck giving an address on "The Person of Jesus Christ." It was a splendid evening of inspiration in the chapel with a well-attended service and a time of fellowship with refreshments afterwards.

● The award of bronze "Lane Indian" was made to Mr. Herman Siemund of Chicago, Ill., as Chicago's man of the year in recognition of his services to Chicago's philanthropic and civic life. Mr. Siemund has been a great benefactor of the crippled children in Chicago for a period of 20 years or more. He was chairman of the Handicapped Child Committee of the Lake View Kiwanis Club and a member of the board of directors of the Lincoln-Belmont YMCA and various settlements in the Lake View area. By his dynamic guidance of the leaders of Lake View's

civic and humanitarian forces, Mr. Siemund has benefitted many underprivileged children, teen agers, and young men and women. Mr. Siemund responded to the presentation with an address which was well received by the convocation audience. The Lane stadium was completely filled with thousands of parents and friends of the Lane graduates. Mr. Siemund is a member of the Ogden Park Church

● The 25th wedding anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Knauf of Elk Grove, Calif., was observed by the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., on Monday evening, August 23. Two of their children, now away at college and the seminary, could also be present. They are Phyllis at the Baptist College, Covina, Calif., and James at the Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Wilfred Rueb served as chairman of the program, which included musical selections, congratulations by church representatives and the neighboring pastors, Rev. G. G. Rauser and Rev. Robert Schreiber of Lodi, California. Dan Rau, a deacon and the treasurer of the church, presented a set of silverware to the Knaufs from the church. A gift of 25 silver dollars was presented to them by the Woman's Missionary Society. The Rev. G. Rutsch of Sacramento, Calif., a member of the Elk Grove church, read the Scripture passage, led in prayer and played two trumpet numbers.

BREATH OF LIFE

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phia, Pa., has made an eloquent plea for a chapel in every home, a quiet place for family worship. He said, "The godless home is the menace of the world today."

Every Christian home should have a family altar. We take time to feed our bodies. Should we not also take time to feed our souls? We can find time for prayer if we want to do so. Our prayer meetings are often poorly attended. Have we become so prosperous that we no longer need God!

Has the lounge become our symbol instead of the cross? We have lost the apostolic power because we have lost the apostolic prayer life. The disciples didn't ask Jesus to teach them to preach but they did make the request: "Lord, teach us to pray!"

We can have better Christians and better churches if we make real prayer the center of our religion. Will you resolve with me to take time to pray more, to contact God's power house for spiritual power in order to live more like Christ?

Why do we as ministers and as laymen so often fail? Because we neglect to pray.

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

HERALD NEWS

THE REVISED SCRIPTURE MEMORY COURSE

Have you heard the good news? We have a wonderful revised Scripture Memory program for our boys and girls. We feel confident it will be effective and that boys and girls will enjoy it and receive many blessings from it.

For some time there has been the feeling that a few adjustments should be made in the Scripture Memory course in order that it might be used more effectively. This past spring and summer a committee has been working under the authorization of the Conference Union Executive Committee, carefully evaluating our Scripture Memory program. As a result the Revised Scripture Memory program is now being used in our churches.

The course has now been departmentalized, where in the past it was closely graded. In this way all children in a particular Sunday School department will learn the same verse. A three-year plan has been worked out for each department and the three parts will be rotated. If a Sunday School is not departmentalized, the program may be worked out on an age basis. For example, children in school grades 4, 5, 6 or ages 9, 10, 11 will be learning the same verses.

By departmentalizing the program, there will be greater opportunity for a larger number of churches to make the Scripture Memory course a part of their church program. It may now be used in the Junior CBY, or Sunday School, Weekday Church School, extended sessions of the Sunday School, Junior Church, Vacation Bible School, or any other local junior organization.

The verses have been selected according to specific units which will aid the memorizers in their Christian growth as well as cause them to realize their need of a personal Savior. The number of required verses to be learned is less than previously, so that more time might be spent in effective learning. To take care of the memorizers who learn rapidly, material has been included for "Extra Honors."

This material includes Bible verses not otherwise included in the course. With the "Extra Honor" selections the Bible material to be learned is equivalent to the amount of material in the previous course. Several great hymns of the church have been included as a requirement of the course to develop appreciation for music.

Please support your boys and girls in this program. It is important.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Many pastors and leaders have already planned for a Leadership Training Course in their church. Have you? There are a variety of courses which you may choose from: Sunday School Administration, The Art of Teaching, The Bible, Young People's Organization, Young People's Problems, Evangelism, Missions, Stewardship, Baptist History and Doctrine, Worship, Christian Growth, and The Christian Home. Refer to your Leadership Training Curriculum for a list of courses under each of these headings. (These curriculums are available free of charge from the CBY and SS Union, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill.) Your life will be spiritually enriched through one of these courses.

A diploma will be sent to those who have completed four courses. Careful note must be taken of the following information. To qualify for a diploma, Sunday School leaders must complete one course from each of the following groups: Sunday School Administration, The Art of Teaching, and The Bible. All youth leaders must complete one course from each of the following groups: Young People's Organization, Young People's Problems, and The Bible. The fourth completed course for both Sunday School and youth leaders can be from one of the other courses listed. Such requirements will give you a well balanced Christian education. Your pastor, a neighboring pastor, or some other qualified Christian educator may give instructions in such a course.

CAMEROONS "PLUS" SCHOOLS

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to open a Teachers' Training College where we can add the "plus" to the secular training, thereby turning out graduates who will have the "plus" in their lives. As they go into teaching in government schools, there will still be a "plus" in their teaching.

Church day schools are the "plus" schools, but as education becomes compulsory and local taxation becomes the support, it will be difficult to keep the Cameroon schools from becoming much like the public schools of America. Only as God grants us time, personnel, and strength to train our churches and teachers to shoulder their great responsibility to the youth of the land through the schools, will we be able to stem the tide of pagan influences that are bound to take over, should the "plus" be lost.

A Royal Welcome!

The author who has served for 32 years as a secretary at the Forest Park headquarters office, spent six weeks last summer in Germany where she was warmly welcomed by Baptist people and churches who remembered her helpful ministry in the sending of relief parcels overseas

By MISS GRETCHEN REMMLER of Forest Park, Illinois

"THAT GOD might be glorified" was at the head of my itinerary for my vacation trip to Europe, for I had no other purpose in undertaking this journey and visiting our Christian friends with whom we had been in correspondence during the postwar years. I can dare say that God's directing and protecting hand was with me.

Arriving at Tempelhof air field in Berlin, Germany, on June 8th, I was greeted by some of my relatives, by the president of the Bundes-Frauentdienst, Mrs. J. Meister, by Sister Eva of the Bethel Deaconess Home, and some other friends. The joy of this reunion, of course, was great and genuine on both sides. The Bethel Deaconess Home at Berlin-Dahlem became my residence for the next week. Since June is "rose month," my room was always decorated with fresh flowers, mostly roses and carnations.

The Bethel Home held its annual business session together with the dedication of 16 young deaconesses, who had finished their training, and

also three groups of deaconesses celebrating anniversaries. The program took place on the afternoon of June 8th at the Charlottenburg Baptist Church. Dr. J. Meister, director of the Bethel Deaconess Home, presided, and Rev. Walter Frost, pastor of the Mueller Street Baptist Church, delivered the sermon. Dr. F. W. Simoleit was also present and gave a very interesting address about "Healing Hands." A well-trained chorus of sisters sang several times, and their music is still ringing in my ears.

BAPTIST DEACONESSES

Dr. Meister addressed the 16 young deaconesses and said: "After you have received full information about the gifts and tasks, joys and sorrows, privileges and duties of the evangelical deaconry, do you believe yourself to be called to it by our Lord, and are you ready by your own free decision, trusting in God's gracious help, to dedicate yourself to the service for New Testament deaconry as your life's vocation and to serve God the Lord, the church, the sick and dejected with



Miss Gretchen Remmler as she alighted from a Pan American World Airway plane at Tempelhof Airport, Berlin, Germany

the talents and strength which God has given you, and to be loving, loyal and obedient to your Mother House as long as this is God's will and as he leads you on this way? Then answer 'yes,' and come here, give me your hand and say: 'With God's grace and help.'" Upon naming their names, each one stepped forward and received a gilt-edged Bible and a Bible verse for a motto.

After the dedication ceremony, fourteen names of deaconesses were read who had served for many years in this capacity. Five were observing their 50th anniversary (among them Frau Oberin Franziska Verch); four their 40th anniversary, and five their 25th. A leader of evangelical deaconry, Oberkirchenrat Wenzel, was also among the guests and presented Frau Oberin Franziska Verch with a plaque, making an appropriate address. This was a very impressive and solemn service, and at the end of it I was introduced and welcomed as a guest of honor from far away "United States of America"!

The next day there was a celebration in the Bethel Deaconess Home, and the visiting deaconesses together with their friends and guests filled three adjoining rooms. Besides a number of other speakers, I had to address them and tell about our relief work and the work of our women's groups for the Cameroons and the immigrants in Canada and the United States.

A Bible conference was planned from June 13 to 18 for the leaders of our Baptist women's circles of the East Zone and Berlin. This conference started with a public meeting on Sunday afternoon at the Tempelhof



Miss Gretchen Remmler receives a warm welcome upon her arrival in Germany by her nephew, Walter Remmler (left to right), Sister Eva and Mrs. Jacob Meister

Church. At that time about 650 women filled the church auditorium to capacity. Mrs. Paul Fluegge and I had been asked to address these women.

On that evening supper was served in a smaller women's fellowship circle. There were about 25 or 30 women present, and in the course of the evening most of the women related some of their experiences which they had had in connection with the distribution of our relief goods. Some had formulated their thoughts into poetry which expressed their deep gratitude and the thankfulness of the recipients toward their American sisters and brethren during a time in which they had been absolutely destitute. I was overwhelmed by all I heard that evening, and I herewith transmit the greetings extended by our German Baptist women to our entire constituency of North American Baptists.

RUBBLE AND RUINS

To be sure, I visited all the four sectors of Berlin. The streets have all been cleaned of the rubble caused by the war, but there are still large fields of old brick waiting to be ground up and made into new bricks. Lots of building is going on, and many new dwelling places are being erected, but there is still a great housing shortage and many have to live in very close, inhospitable quarters. The walls of many bombed-out houses are still standing and green bushes and trees are growing inside and around them, giving them almost a romantic appearance. However, the tragedy caused by the Second World War lurks around every corner.

I left Berlin on June 15 at 7:45 A.M. by plane and arrived in Hamburg 55 minutes later. Here I was greeted at the airport by the Oberin of the Albertinen Deaconess Home, Sister Martha Kropat, in whose home I was to reside during my four-day stay at Hamburg. Among the reception committee there was, besides some personal friends, also Frau Ilse Heeren, the women's leader of "Bundes-Frau-



Relief parcels from our headquarters in Forest Park, Ill., are distributed in the Immigration Camp at Bremen, Germany, by the Rev. R. Milbrandt (center) and helpers

endienst" for that district. She had invited the presidents of some 30 or 40 women's societies of her district together with some other friends for a coffee party in a garden restaurant at Hamburg in a place called, "Majestätsche Aussicht." It was a large place, and after being introduced, I extended the greetings from our Woman's Missionary Union which had been given to me by Mrs. Irma Grosser as president.

During coffee time it was found that the establishment was far too small because more and more women had joined the party. It was then decided that we go outdoors and have our program under the beautiful old trees where chairs had been set in semi-circle. About 450 women gathered and listened intently to what I told them about our relief work which had been conducted through the Forest Park headquarters since the end of the Second World War.

The next morning I was awakened around six o'clock when the young

house daughters started to wax and to polish the hall floor with their heavy waxing mops, an exercise which seems to be going on in all the older mansions where they try to preserve and to beautify the linoleum carpeting.

HAMBURG SEMINARY

Later that day in Hamburg we followed an invitation of the Baptist Seminary where afternoon coffee had been prepared by the matron and professors' wives who later on were joined by another group of women from Wandsbeck. After this there was a special program at the assembly hall where the students and some of the instructors had gathered. The students rendered two beautiful numbers in song, a Senior student gave a speech and finally Director Rockel spoke and presented me with a plaque as an expression of their gratitude for the generous relief shipments sent to the Seminary during the postwar period by our headquarters, and which I accepted with thanks in the name of the 45,000 North American Baptists.



Dr. and Mrs. Jacob Meister of the Bethel Deaconess Home, Berlin, Germany, and 16 of the young deaconesses with some friends after their dedication service (right) attended by Miss Remmler, and (left) five of the deaconesses who observed their 50th anniversary at this service including Frau Oberin Franziska Verch (center of picture)



The next day, I visited with the Tabea deaconesses at Hamburg-Hochkamp, whose director is Rev. Paul Pohl. Frau Oberin Elisabeth Kapitzki is their able leader. However, she was sick with yellow jaundice and laid up in the Tabea Hospital. Therefore Sister Elisabeth Saborowski had to substitute for her. This visit started with a second breakfast which was set on a wide porch with a view in the park-like garden. I was then shown all over the Tabea Home which is so beautiful that they almost have to apologize, but they bought this home a few years ago at a very reasonable price and it is erected in a park quite close to the Elbe River.

At the present time they are building a nurses' home with chapel. Their former home for the greater part was bombed out, and a huge bunker was erected in the garden behind the Home. Then we were driven to the Tabea Hospital to call on Frau Oberin. The Tabea deaconesses work in other four hospitals, in a T.B. Sanatorium,



Deaconesses and Director Pohl of the Tabea Deaconess Home in Hamburg, Germany

four Old People's Homes, one Children's Home, as church missionaries in 17 churches, and others have community welfare posts. We toured quite a number of their working places.

IMMIGRATION CAMPS

Led by the Rev. R. Milbrandt and Dr. and Mrs. E. Freigang, I was privileged to visit three of the immigration camps at Bremen: (1) Bremen-Vahr, where East German refugees are living who are waiting for their papers and passage; (2) Camp Lesum where those live who intend to emigrate to Australia; (3) Camp Schwarzer Weg, where Brother Milbrandt has his office facilities. There are usually consulates of the various countries connected with the camps.

These camps consist of rows and rows of houses, all very much alike, which are divided into rooms. Each house has a community dining room and washing facilities. These rooms are usually cubicked, each group hav-

ing its own corner with bunk beds. They try to make their corners as livable as possible, for they may have to wait a year or two until their particular case has been processed, or until they are told that they cannot receive a visa from the consulate of that country to which they wanted to go.

Mr. Milbrandt and Dr. Freigang and his wife are doing a fine missionary work among these emigrants besides their other multitudinous tasks. They are distributing our bulk relief shipments of clothes and shoes, for which there is still a great need among these people. Recently they received a large shipment of rice which they put up in many hundred four-pound packages and gradually sent them into the East Zone where such help is still badly needed and cannot be sent from the United States directly.

Besides these three camps, I visited a number of other refugee camps which are found all over Germany and Austria and where there is still great need for clothing and shoes. Also Bibles are needed. Each camp is provided with a meeting place where the various denominations can hold their church services. These services are often well attended and there is a hunger and thirst for the Word of God. I had opportunity to speak in one of these meetings.

Several days later we started a wonderful trip through the "Bergische Oberland," crossing many bridges which spanned the wide valleys, driving constantly among the pine-wooded hills. On the Autobahn we drove through the Weser Mountains, spotting out the Porta Westfalika, visiting the beautiful home of the Bethlehem-Tabea deaconesses at Wülfringhausen on top of a wooded hill overlooking the Bergische Oberland. They are the deaconesses from Lodz, Poland,

who had to flee from the Communist intruders and had to leave everything behind.

THE GEBAUERS

Afterwards we went our way and came to Derschlag where we visited the pastor, Dr. Herbert Mascher, and visited his church. We also passed the churches at Windhagen and Gummersbach. Heading for Unna (Westphalia), we arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Gebauer at supper time. Martin is one of the brothers of our own Cameroons Field Superintendent, Dr. Paul Gebauer. We had supper with Martin and his wife Lisbeth as well as their son Klaus and their daughter Marlies.

After that, the brethren Milbrandt and Freigang left for Düsseldorf where Billy Graham was to hold a mass meeting on June 24. I stayed with the Gebauers and we drove that evening to Alt-Rhede, picking up on the way another sister, Mrs. Lydia Altrock, and also Mrs. Ella Winderlich, our faithful worker among the refugees in that district. We went to see Mrs. Elfriede Schuettel, nee Gebauer, and her family, a pastor's widow, who had just moved from a refugee home into a new home on a completely new settlement. They had expected us earlier in the evening, with the table beautifully set, and they had waited and waited and finally gone to bed.

When we arrived all was dark and quiet in the house, but when Martin sounded the horn, immediately the lights went on and people came hurriedly out of the house. So we had a fine family reunion and at the same time a home-warming party with Elfriede and her three children—Gottfried, Esther and Walter. Late at night we drove back to Unna and reached the Gebauer home late after midnight, but we all were very happy.

The next forenoon, Martin and Lisbeth Gebauer took me in their car to Volmarstein - Grundschötel in the heart of the Ruhr district. This church has a history of over 100 years and adjoining to it is a Baptist cemetery. After looking around, we found the grave of the Rev. J. G. Fetzer, once the pastor of this church and later on professor at the Hamburg Seminary. The present pastor is Rev. Otto Saffran, and his wife Hanny is the daughter of Dr. F. W. Simoleit. Mrs. Saffran is the editor of the Baptist women's paper, "Frauendienst." She is also the author of a number of children's books.

It was interesting to meet her and a number of other old-time friends. In Volmarstein - Grundschötel another women's mass meeting had been arranged for the afternoon with about 450 present. After the meeting there was a supper meeting with a smaller circle of friends present, and there was much rejoicing and thanksgiving.

We, the Women

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

IN THE GREAT Commission of our Lord, he wanted the Gospel to be preached to the local field in Jerusalem, then to Judea and Samaria and finally to the "utmost parts of the world." He mentioned three distinct areas of service in the missionary outreach.

While sorting the accumulated mail of an interrupted summer, my correspondence seemed to fall, in a sense, into these same three categories. Group One was concerned with local church situations. Group Two belonged to the wider fellowship, and Group Three embraced the foreign mission field. Like rich testimonials, words of wisdom and strength had fallen from the pens of those devoted to Jesus Christ. It seems fitting therefore to share some of the following quotations with you.

AT HOME—JERUSALEM

Quote: "We are getting along splendidly in our church and are being richly blessed. We have a wonderful new Christian pastor, and we like his dear wife. This past Sunday, September 5, was an especially blessed day, for on that evening we had the joy of having a baptismal service for fourteen precious souls. Several of them were married people and the others were all in their teens. Three more were admitted by letter. It was a spiritually uplifting experience for us. The Lord's presence was felt."

Comment: Don't you like the tone of this Dakota sister's letters? She was not concerned with her own selfish pursuits but with her church and eternal values.

A Christian Friendliness director in a large city shares the testimony of a newly converted boy who had found the Lord in a city mission.

When Joey related his new-found joy to his mother he said, "I went to the mission feeling dirty in my heart, but now I am feeling all clean inside. You see, Ma, I let Jesus take over."

From a pastor. "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21).

"The hearts of the women in my church are in our mission work in Japan. I have told them that if they prefer to do so, they may send their money for Japan as well as for the Woman's Union goals. Was I right?"

The reply was, "Yes, indeed. They may designate their money for Japan, for we give to all of our missionary

causes. Our three-fold goal is our special assignment for the triennium, but even our chart lists giving for all denominational work."

Comment: We thank this pastor and others who are interested in the missionary efforts of the women's societies. We consider our pastors a strong connecting link between our local work and the wider missionary outreach of our General Conference.

Quote: "We could not go on our planned vacation the past summer so the boys and their dad made a garden. They marketed some of their produce giving a share of the profits for missions. We grew spiritually as a family through this experience" (Central Conference).

"We have started family worship in our home. Somehow we lacked that strongest bond of cohesion we had observed in families that pray together. A series of talks on family worship inspired us. This is one of the goals on the chart so I thought you'd be interested" (Southwestern Conference).

"Our son is planning to go to college and is majoring in science. His uncle feels his major will be a pitfall spiritually, but you'll be interested to know about Bob's reply. He told his uncle that the God who made this world is on the side of truth and will not let him down. He is a good Christian boy. I have no fear concerning his ambitions" (Eastern Conference).

"We have adopted a little girl and are thankful for the privilege of giving her a Christian home" (Southern Conference).

God bless such Christian parents whose hearts and homes have room to share Christian love with little children.

"It seems to me a spirit of revival is at work in our churches. It would encourage our prayer group if you'd give us your impressions after having attended various conferences."

Reply: The reports at conferences are usually statistical concerning baptisms and additions to the church. Judging from the fine spirit of our people plus their zeal for souls I would say your judgment is right.

Lest we rest upon our laurels here is a letter with a different emphasis: "Conferences give us a real

lift spiritually, but it's hard to return to a home church where divisions among the people crowd out the love of Christ. We have some good people, but they seem to use their faith as a weapon of controversy, thinking thereby they are pleasing God and advancing his Kingdom. A friend of mine refuses to go to church with me. He is an unbeliever, but says he is not attracted to a church where so-called believers do not love one another."

We recommended John 17 as the Word that is "sharper than any two-edged sword."

Some kind member of one of our churches who is an ardent member of the W.C.T.U. has been providing the "Union Signal" and other material, denouncing the evils of intoxicating drinks, for our Woman's Union. Among the materials is a page dedicated to the Flag Salutes: (1) The Christian Flag, (2) The American Flag and (3) The Temperance Flag.

Many of our readers may not know the Temperance Flag salute. With so many of our young men entering the services of the country and some of these lacking in strength of Christian character, we submit it to you as sent to us. "As the Temperance Flag (all white) is raised, salute it and say: 'I pledge allegiance to the Temperance Flag, emblem of total abstinence, self-control, pure thoughts, clean habits; the white flag that surrenders to nothing but purity and truth, and to none but God whose temples we are.'"

Full surrender to Jesus Christ embodies all of the above.

The Outreach—Judea and Samaria, and The Utmost Parts—Foreign Missions, will conclude the three-fold correspondence news in the next issue of **We, the Women.**

Special Notice. Please make the following changes in important addresses of Woman's Union Officers:

Mrs. Emanuel Wolff, Secretary,
1415 Osborn St., Burlington, Iowa.

Mrs. Thomas D. Lutz, Treasurer,
516 Second St., N.,
Aberdeen, South Dakota.

1955 GENERAL CONFERENCE

Women, plan to attend the General Conference in Waco, Texas, June 6-12, 1955. The Southern Conference women and the church at Waco are giving special attention to making this a big Conference for women and their families. A report on how children will receive special nursery care and attention is being prepared by Mrs. Louis Johnson, pastor's wife of the Waco Church.

Having just been to Waco and the Southern Conference your president is full of great enthusiasm and high hopes for a great Conference in the heart of Texas.



FROM THE FIELD

Dakota Conference**Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Henry Smuland by Baptist Church, Avon, South Dakota**

On Friday evening, Sept. 3rd, of the First Baptist Church of Avon, S. Dak., had the joy of welcoming our new pastor, the Rev. Henry Smuland, and his family into our church. Mr. Vert Burma had charge of the program for the evening. The Tyndall and Danzig churches and their pastor, the Rev. Walter Stein, were guests of the evening, Mr. Stein being the guest speaker.

Musical numbers consisted of an accordion solo by Odelphia Buchholz who represented the Danzig church, a vocal solo by Albert Schuh from the Tyndall Baptist Church, and also a choir and a male quartet number from our church. Representatives of the church's various organizations brought words of welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Smuland and family. At the close they were given an opportunity to respond. We then met in the church parlors for a fellowship lunch.

Prior to the coming of the Rev. and Mrs. Henry Smuland and family, a pantry shower was given in their honor. We are looking forward to a great time of fellowship together.

Eldon Voigt, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School at the Baptist Church of New Leipzig, North Dakota

The Vacation Bible School of the Baptist Church, New Leipzig, N. Dak., was held for one week from July 12 to 16. Classes were held from 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. We had 23 pupils enrolled and are happy to say that we had perfect attendance for the entire week.

Our pastor's wife, Mrs. Emil Becker, was the director of the school. Miss Shirley Okken taught the Beginners Department and also played for the music for all the classes. Mrs. Willard Ihlings taught the Primary Department and Mrs. August Magstadt the Juniors.

In spite of the very warm July weather, we are comfortable in the basement of the church where the classes were held. The theme for all the classes was "Our Church." Each teacher tried to teach the children about our present day churches as well as those in the past. Flannelgraph and visual aids were used to teach memory work as well as songs and stories.

The children cooperated very well in all their work. The Junior and Primary Departments made school supplies for the Indian Mission School in Canada. Our offering for the week was \$41.42 of which \$24.28 was also sent to the Indian School. We closed our week with a program for parents and friends which was very well attended.

Mrs. Willard Ihlings, Reporter.

Eastern Conference**Four Beloved Members of the Bethel Church, Buffalo, N. Y., Recently Called Home**

Recent months have brought sorrow to the Bethel Church of Buffalo, N. Y., in the "homegoing" of four of its prominent members. In March Mr. Fred Roehl went to be with the Lord after a short illness. He was well known in denominational circles because of the "open door" of the Roehl home to seminary students during Rochester days. Bethel had only recently honored Brother Roehl by electing him to the newly created office of deacon emeritus.

In July Mr. Arthur Bartel was called home after a long illness. He was followed in August by Mrs. Bartel who had been confined to her home for over six years. In days of better health both Mr. and Mrs. Bartel were most regular in attendance and faithful servants of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Late in August Mrs. Flora Tindall also went to be with the Lord. She was a charter member of Bethel Church and daughter of Deacon Lowe who was active in the organization of our church. For years Mrs. Tindall served Christ and Bethel in many places of leadership and humble ministry.

Our loss at Bethel has been great but we have been reminded of God's great promises and these experiences have drawn us nearer to him for comfort and strength in coming days.

Paul E. Loth, Pastor.

Young People's Sessions of the Eastern Conference at Forest Church, Winburne, Pa.

In conjunction with the 103rd convention of the Eastern Conference held at the Forest Baptist Church of Winburne, Pa., from Sept. 2 to 6, the CBY and SS Union took charge of two meetings, the Saturday night banquet and the Sunday afternoon meeting.

The local CBY president, Mrs. Albert Zinz, extended the welcome and the Rev. Dale Chaddock of Arnold,

Pa., gave the response as master of ceremonies. Mrs. Betty Zimmerman sang and played her guitar.

After a delicious turkey dinner and several musical selections, the Rev. George Henderson, missionary, talked on the British Cameroons. He spoke of what it meant to be a Christian in Africa, and of the things people had to give up and go through to remain true to God.

The Sunday afternoon meeting was led by Calvin Hartman of Buffalo, with the Rev. Dale Chaddock leading the singing. Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Zimmerman of Arnold, Pa., and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Avery of Rochester, N. Y., favored us with musical selections. Mrs. Albert Zinz read the Scripture passage. Blaine Zimmerman led in prayer.

Then Mrs. Alma Henderson spoke on the Kumba field and of their dream and its fulfillment in building the Bethel Church in the Cameroons. After this Mr. Henderson spoke again about their work in Africa. We rejoice that we could meet the Hendersons and the pastors whom we had not previously known. We are looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones at the Eastern Conference next year at the Bethel Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York.

Mrs. Calvin Hartman, Reporter.

Thirty-first Young People's Convention by Eastern Conference Churches at Arnold, Pa.

The 31st convention of the Eastern Conference CBY and SS Union was held from June 25 to 27 in the recently renovated Union Baptist Church of Arnold, Pennsylvania. The theme of our conference was "Love Excelling" with the text of Proverbs 8:17.

The Rev. George Zinz, Sr., of Winburne, Pa., a minister who is well loved in our conference, brought the opening message on Friday evening. He also brought us the Sunday worship message. A time of praise led by the vice-president, Cal Hartman, opened the Saturday business session. The Rev. Peter Pfeiffer of Erie, Pa., gave a soul-searching Bible study.

The business session was led by the president, Paul Neuman, of Rochester, New York. The officers elected for the coming 2 years are: Ed. Gibbens, Erie, Pa., president; Esther Lingenfelter, Arnold, Pa., 2nd vice-president; Christa Branch, Rochester, N. Y., treasurer. Those officers starting their second year of service are: Calvin Hartman, Buffalo, N. Y., 1st vice-president; Carol Stumpf, Buffalo, N. Y., secretary; Joyce Bartlett, Erie, Pa., national representative; Rev. Dale Chaddock, Arnold, Pa., counsellor.

For the second straight year we passed our goal for the Kumba Field missionary project. This year our goal was \$2000, and we raised \$2111. This year we have selected as our new project the Spanish-American work in Colorado, of which the Rev. Paul Appel, a former president of our Conference, is in charge.

The highlight of our conference was the Saturday night banquet. After the turkey dinner, the roll call of

churches was held. Each church answered with a skit or musical selection. Gene Lingenfelter was a very capable master of ceremonies. Then we gave our full attention to the very popular Rev. Edwin Miller of Cleveland, Ohio, who brought a message that touched everyone's heart and made us all think a little more of our responsibilities to God. The Sunday School lesson and the closing address on Sunday afternoon were given by Dr. George A. Lang, president of our Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Mrs. Calvin Hartman, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference**Ordination by the Rev. Elton Kirstein by Baptist Church of Windom, Minnesota**

On Monday, August 2nd, the Windom Baptist Church of Windom, Minn., had the privilege of ordaining another of its young men, Elton Kirstein, into the Gospel ministry. The Rev. Wayne R. Williams, pastor of the church, was chosen as moderator, and the Rev. Ben Fadenrecht of Westbrook, Minn., was elected secretary. The candidate was presented to the council by his father, Mr. Art Kirstein.

The council of 24 members listened to the candidate as he presented a very clear and concise statement of his conversion, call to the ministry, his preparation and doctrinal statements. After a short time of questioning, the council expressed itself well satisfied with the testimony and doctrinal statements of the candidate.

Rev. Wayne R. Williams presided at the evening service of ordination. Rev. Jay Curry of Newell, Iowa, read the Scripture passage, and Rev. Willis Potratz, classmate of the candidate, from Emery, S. Dak., led in prayer. The music was furnished by a men's quartet, three of the members being brothers of the candidate's wife: Whitney Frost, Maynard Frost, Donald Frost and David Shaffer. Rev. Maurice Wessman of the Central Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., delivered the ordination message.

Rev. Wayne R. Williams, who has been the pastor and counsellor of the candidate for eight years, gave an outstanding charge to the candidate. The professor of missions of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Dr. George Dunger, offered the ordination prayer, at which time two of the deacons of the local church, father of the candidate, Art Kirstein, and father-in-law of the candidate, W. L. Frost, took part in the laying on of hands. Rev. D. I. Dunklee of Mankato, Minn., welcomed the candidate into the ministry. Rev. Ben Fadenrecht presented the candidate with the ordination certificate from the church. The service was closed with the benediction by the candidate, the Rev. Elton Kirstein.

The church and its pastor, Rev. Wayne R. Williams, rejoice in the fact that they have had the privilege of ordaining three of their own young men into the Gospel ministry within the last year. The Rev. Elton Kirstein



Teachers, speakers and staff workers of the California Young People's Assembly held at the Hume Lake Conference Grounds

is the pastor-elect of the Ebenezer and Immanuel Baptist Churches of Westington Springs, South Dakota.

Mrs. Arlan Grant, Clerk.

Pacific Conference**Two Hundred and Forty Young People Attend California Assembly at Hume Lake**

Words cannot describe the blessings received at Hume Lake, Calif., by the 240 people attending the California Assembly of CBY and Sunday School workers. The camp convened from July 31 to August 7. Many were the decisions made for Christ, both for salvation and for service.

The morning program of classes was truly inspiring. Classes were held on three levels: primary and juniors, young people and adults. Primary "Young People's Methods" taught by Martha Leypoldt, Miss Ruth Bathauer, our denominational children's worker, and Mrs. G. G. Rauser. The first hour for the young people was the Bible Hour with Dr. Donald Davis of the Berean Church of Los Angeles teaching the book of Galatians.

This was followed by a choice of three classes: "The Christian Home" taught by Rev. Henry Hengstler of Ebenezer Church, Los Angeles; "Young People's Method" taught by Bill Acton of Costa Mesa; and "Christian Worship" taught by Rev. Robert Schreiber of the Temple Church, Lodi. The third hour also had three choices: "Baptist Beliefs" by Rev. P. G. Neumann of Costa Mesa; "Young People's Problems" by Rev. Robert Schreiber; and "Missions" by Rev. W. W. Knauf of Elk Grove.

The adult program was similar to that of the young people. The first hour's choices were: "Teaching Primary Children" taught by Miss Ruth Bathauer; "Teaching Juniors" taught by Miss Martha Leypoldt of Anaheim, and "The Christian Home" taught by Rev. Henry Hengstler. The second hour classes were: "Baptist Beliefs"

by Rev. P. G. Neumann; and "Missions" by Rev. W. W. Knauf. The third hour was the adult Bible Hour with Dr. Davis, also on the book of Galatians.

The challenging messages of the evenings were brought by the Rev. G. G. Rauser of the First Church of Lodi in keeping with our conference theme, "Power For Today." The primary and junior people had their own Junior Church at this time with LeRoy Grauer and Virgie Miley of Costa Mesa. A fireside service or a hike followed the evening services with Bill Acton or LeRoy Grauer in charge.

The highlight of this year's camp was the last service. Instead of a regular evening service, a fagot service was held at which time many decisions that had been made throughout the week were voiced and many new decisions were also expressed.

Much praise should go to all those who had a part in making this camp such a success, especially our dean, Rev. Berthold Jacksteit of Anaheim; our president, Ray Jantz, of the Fifteenth Street Church of Los Angeles; and our registrar, Mrs. Barbara Wunsch of Ebenezer Church, Los Angeles. The assembly decided to help the current drive for church extension work, designating next year's project of \$1700 for California church extension work.

The elected officers for the coming year are: dean, Rev. Berthold Jacksteit, Anaheim; president, LeRoy Grauer, Costa Mesa; first vice-president, Miss Barbara Chappuis, First Church, Lodi; second vice-president, Verne Weigum, Temple Church, Lodi; secretary, Miss Violet Rau, Elk Grove; treasurer, Henry Walpus, Fifteenth Street Church, Los Angeles; registrar, Paul Jungkeit, Anaheim; camp hostess, Miss Elizabeth Michelson, Temple Church, Lodi; representative, Paul Jungkeit, Anaheim; representative, Joella Schmeidt, First Church, Lodi; representative, Harry Wagner, Berean Church, Los Angeles.

Barbara Chappuis, Secretary.

Central Conference

Reception for Rev. Edward Kary and Family at White Avenue Church, Cleveland, Ohio

After a pastorless period of five months, during which time we of the White Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, had several different ministers preach for us, we were filled with joy and gladness when on Sunday, Sept. 5, our new pastor, the Rev. Edward Kary, took over. The service on this particular Sunday morning was conducted as usual by the undersigned up to sermon time.



Mr. and Mrs. Basil Maxant of Riverside, Ill., members of the Forest Park Baptist Church since 1911, at their golden wedding anniversary celebration in their home

Just before that time, your reporter read from Paul's second letter to Timothy 4:1-5 and declared to Brother Kary that he was hereby installed as pastor of the White Avenue Baptist Church. Mr. Kary gave a short response and preached a fine sermon on "Divine Calling." A very well conducted communion service followed at which the hand of fellowship was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Kary with their two sons, Lowell and Michael.

Then on Friday evening, Sept. 10, a public reception was held at the church with a program consisting of welcoming speeches by the Rev. Edwin Miller of the Erin Avenue Church for his people (who were invited to attend); by Dr. Angus Hull, Jr., executive secretary of the Cleveland Baptist Association; by Mr. Hubert Zion, superintendent of our Sunday School; and by the undersigned for the other five organizations of the church and the church itself.

These messages were interspersed with a selection by our choir and a violin solo by Mr. Eric Thulin. Special songs, appropriate for the occasion and composed by Prof. Herman von Berge, were used on Sunday and on Friday.

Fred Linsz, Reporter.

Sessions of the Central Conference Woman's Missionary Union of Dayton, Ohio

The beautiful sanctuary of the Schroyer Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio, was the meeting place for the Central Conference Woman's Union session held Friday afternoon, May 28. The sanctuary was arrayed with delicate colorful spring flowers. Near the platform was a fine display of African articles, presenting in a small way the culture of those to whom our missionaries present the Gospel. A large map of the New Hope Settlement was also on display, giving the location of the various buildings being constructed in Africa for the pur-

pose of healing lepers. The display was prepared by the president of the Woman's Union, Mrs. Rubin Kern.

The president of the Woman's Union presided during the afternoon meeting. A welcome and inspirational devotional was given by the wife of the entertaining pastor, Mrs. Alex Elssesser. It was a privilege to have in attendance at the meeting Mrs. Walter W. Grosser, president of the denominational Woman's Union.

The speaker for the afternoon was Dr. William Boutwell, our returned medical missionary from the Cameroons. He presented the physical aspect of the missionary's life in Africa, giving to us a better understanding of the physical obstacles which missionaries face in their work. Our hearts rejoiced to hear how the Lord has so richly blessed in the work in spite of the many physical obstacles.

The program of the afternoon was highlighted by two special numbers presented by the women's chorus directed by Mrs. Wm. Schoeffel of Chicago, Illinois. The choir was organized at the conference. The women of the Central Conference are rejoicing in their privilege to serve the Lord through the Woman's Union.

La Verna Mehlhoff, Secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Maxant, Riverside, Ill., Celebrate Their Golden Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Maxant of Riverside, Ill., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 26. A dinner at the Carleton Hotel in Oak Park, Ill., with 65 guests of close friends and relatives was given in their honor. On the following Sunday, August 29, their home was open to 175 guests and a buffet supper was served. Guests remembered the occasion with cards, letters, telegrams, flowers and gifts which were greatly appreciated.

Basil Maxant was born in Upest, Hungary, of French parents on June 22, 1878. Ella Sarnow Maxant was born in Stettin, Germany, on June 10, 1888. This young couple came to the United States in 1901. They worked for several years and finally met each other at the Third Baptist Church, which was located at Winchester and 12th Streets, in Chicago, Illinois. After a short courtship of six months, they were married in the church with Pastor Umbach officiating. They had ten attendants which made up their wedding party.

For approximately 18 months, the Maxants made their home on Cypress Street near Taylor in Chicago, and then moved to Brookfield, Illinois. They kept their membership at the Third Church for several years where Mr. Maxant served as Sunday School superintendent, as deacon, treasurer of the church and in other offices.

About 1911 the church was sold and the Maxants became active members of the Forest Park Church. Mr. Maxant was a trustee of this church for several years and he was president of the Baraca Class and helped to build its membership to the grand total of 190 members. Mrs. Maxant was always faithful in her service for her Lord. She sang in the choir for over 20 years.

The Maxants were blessed with six children born in rotation, boy, girl, boy, girl, etc. They are: Edwin A. Maxant, Riverside, Ill.; Alice M. Schneider, Kenosha, Wis.; William H. Maxant, Evanston, Ill.; Ruth M. Payne, Honolulu, Hawaii; Robert E. Maxant, Riverside, Ill.; and Grace M. Bennett, Riverside, Illinois. All the children are affiliated with Baptist Churches and are active members. There are nine grandchildren in this richly blessed family.

Through the years, the Maxants have returned to their homeland and visited relatives over in Germany and Hungary at least fifteen times during their marriage. Mr. Maxant still has a niece living in Hungary and it was a great thrill to receive a cablegram of congratulation from her. Mr. Maxant has also celebrated 50 years in business this year. He is founder of the Maxant and Supply Company in which he is still very active.

The Lord has richly blessed this "young" couple in their love for life, their children and each other. We pray that he will continue to enrich their lives for as long as they shall live.

Grace M. Bennett, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Four Young People Are Baptized by the Baptist Church of Moosehorn, Manitoba

The town of Moosehorn is situated in the Interlake Area of Manitoba, 120 miles northwest of Winnipeg, just east of Lake Manitoba. It is in this area that we are serving the Lord in the First Baptist Church at Moosehorn, and the Spearhill Sunday School in the limestone quarry town, or village of Spearhill.

During the latter part of April and the beginning of May, the Rev. E. H. Nikkel of Swan River, Man., served as evangelist in our midst. Although we do not boast of large numbers, yet four young people professed to have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior at this time. Sunday, August 8th, we had the joy of having



Rev. B. E. Milner of Moosehorn, Man., Canada (2nd from left), and three converts whom he baptized in the waters of Lake Manitoba

our baptismal service on the shores of Lake Manitoba. The Lord gave us fine weather. Three of our young people followed the Lord in the waters of baptism. The Rev. E. Hein of Winnipeg, Man., brought the message in the German language, and the Rev. A. J. Milner brought a message in English, as did Mr. Rattai of the Moosehorn Gospel Hall.

There have also been improvements on the church building. Last winter we had a shelf made for the hymn books, and racks for the same on the benches. At present we are awaiting new pews for the church. This summer we were able to put new shingles on the roof with volunteer labor. We thank the Lord for the benefits which we are experiencing both materially and spiritually.

B. E. Milner, Pastor.

Vacation Bible School at the McKernan Church, Edmonton, Alberta, With 141 Children

From July 19 to 30 the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., held its Vacation Bible School and the boys and girls went "Pioneering With



Vacation Bible School children of the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., Canada, forming the human letters, DVBS, in front of the church

Christ." By this theme they were challenged to put their faith in Christ as Savior and follow him along the "Trail of Life."

Mrs. Ed. Link was the capable director. Her pioneer leaders were: Beginner Department: Mrs. A. Heine, Mrs. J. Wohlemuth, Mrs. V. Bienert and Dorothy Risto; Primary Department: Mrs. P. Schroeder, Mrs. W. Yeske, Mrs. C. Lang, and Alvina Faszler; Junior Department: Mrs. C. Weiser, Gertrude Schatz; Intermediate Department: Mrs. M. Metke and Mrs. H. Klapstein. Pioneer Craft correlated with the general theme was instructed by Mrs. A. Zielkie. An enjoyable highlight each day were "Trail Tunes" under the leadership of the Rev. Ed. Link.

The "Pioneer Roundup" program held on Friday night, July 30, gave parents and friends a picture of the work accomplished. Awards and prizes were distributed, thus bringing two weeks of our school to a close. The total enrollment was 141, with an average attendance of 115.

Gertrude B. Schatz, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School of the East Olds Baptist Church, Olds, Alberta

The work among the boys and girls during the all-day sessions of a week's Vacation Bible School in August has again proven to be a blessing to teachers and pupils alike in the East Olds Baptist Church, Olds, Alberta. A total of 34 pupils were enrolled with daily

attendance almost 100 per cent. The Beginners Class was taught by Gloria Huber; Primary Class by Barbara Pearsall; Junior girls by Martha Dodson; and Junior boys by Rev. F. Pahl. Object lessons and a continued "Susie" story were given by Mrs. Pahl. Since we live so close to the world-famous Stampede city of Calgary, the theme of chuck wagons, pioneers, cowboys and Indians as suggested by Gospel Light Press made our classes most interesting.

At a closing program the church was decorated in keeping with the theme of the classes. Costumes were made for the Beginner and Primary children. Bible verses printed on arrows were held in quivers which the Juniors included with their costume of Indian headdress. One of the special features of the program was a rhythm band. This is the first time such a band has been conducted, and it was most successful. The older children made beautifully varnished Guest Log books. The filler pages were printed locally with a Christian caption, "Christ, Our Unseen Guest," imprinted on each page. May this motto have been imprinted in a new and wonderful way on the heart and mind of each child!

Mrs. V. A. Pahl, Reporter.

- The real secret of how to use time is to pack it as you would your luggage, filling up the small spaces with small things.

—Sir Henry Haddow.



The rhythm band at the closing program of the Vacation Bible School held by the East Olds Baptist Church, Olds, Alberta, Canada

DOCTOR FOR "NEW HOPE"

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established. Theirs was to be a Christian home where God's guidance and will would be mutually sought.

Frances Marie was born to George and Mandie Ingram at Williamsport, Tenn., on October 21, 1927. Six weeks later her parents moved to Portland, Oregon. Frances was brought up in a Christian Baptist home. As a senior in high school, she accepted the Lord as her Savior and was baptized by immersion and became a member of the Highland Baptist Church in Portland, Oregon. The following year she enrolled at Bob Jones College where she studied for two years from 1945 to 1947, and then continued her education at the Seattle Pacific College in Seattle, Wash., and at Valpert College in Portland, Oregon.

Her pastor at the Highland Baptist Church in Portland, Dr. Donald Thomas, says of her: "She was a church school teacher of unusual ability." Her onetime pastor at the First Baptist Church of San Mateo, Calif., Dr. Leth Davidson, says of her: "She is a good mother. She helped in our Sunday School when many women would have pleaded exemption because of home tasks." Mr. George Bauder, close friend of the family, says of her: "I think Frances is a superior candidate because she is adaptable, optimistic, good humored, loyal and dependable."

Dr. and Mrs. Jones have three children: Barry Gale, born September 29, 1951; Sharon Anne, born June 21, 1953; and Gary Dale, born July 21, 1954. They are now members of our Trinity Baptist Church in Portland, Oregon, where they enjoy the fellowship of their close friend, George Bauder, and where in a few weeks they have made many friends.

HOPE AT "NEW HOPE"

Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Jones have been appointed for a period of two years to our "Bamenda New Hope Settlement" until Dr. and Mrs. Eugene R. Stockdale will be ready to go out and take charge of this work. There is every indication that the two-year appointment will become a permanent appointment to our mission field, and this is most certainly our prayer. The family sailed from New York City via England to the British Cameroons on September 22nd on the "S.S. Queen Mary." May God's abundant blessing accompany them as they go forth to bring hope to "New Hope."

When news of the appointment reached Mbingo, the leprosy patients became very quiet and reverent and then, as if in unison, said: "Let us pray and thank God!"

Laura Reddig in a recent letter to Dr. Jones writes: "I've just finished almost two weeks at the leper camp near Bamenda, where they all get

their 5th physical. Now they are ready to be turned over to you. They look forward to your coming and mention it often in their prayers. Especially do they want to see you in order to get some surgery done on their feet. They will love you for any help you can give, and they need it a-plenty."

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who spoke of the history and growth of the organization. Dr. Leuschner spoke to the pastors at their fellowship with Rev. Leonard Hinz, president, presiding.

Saturday afternoon and evening and Sunday afternoon were given over to CBY and SS Union with its president, Mr. Edgar Sturtz of Shattuck, Okla., in charge. Saturday afternoon was the business session and Saturday evening the youth banquet, with Greeta Schacht of Lorraine, Kans., as toastmistress and Mr. David Draewell of Detroit, Mich., bringing a challenging message. Sunday afternoon was the missionary rally with Professor Dunger as speaker.

A most fitting close to the conference came with the Sunday evening service and a message by the Rev. Paul Appel, another new missionary in the San Luis field in Colorado. We praise the Lord for his goodness to us as individuals and as a conference and thank him for this wonderful time of inspiration and fellowship together.

G. W. Blackburn, Reporter.

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