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Our Church Extension Privilege

When your help is needed for this very important work of Church Extension may it be given with the same sacrificial spirit as Christ evidenced during his earthly ministry

By MR. ROLAND E. ROSS, Denominational Comptroller

WHERE SHALL WE EXTEND the Church of Jesus Christ? Is there a limit, such as only in the foreign fields, or perhaps with an exception for our friends? Many people look at the sphere of their Christian interest as being their own church and foreign missions. One is a direct obligation, and the other is surrounded with publicity and prominence that overshadow all other opportunities for the widening of the influence of the church round about us.

Then we may also ask, "Who will extend the Church of Jesus Christ?" Shall it be only the large denominational groups which can more easily raise the larger sums of money needed? Shall it be only the local church, which may very well have a wonderful mission opportunity in a neighboring community? Shall it be left to individuals who have the vision and zeal to work for new churches in new communities?

OUR FIELD OF SERVICE

The answers to these questions are simple, and are found in the Scriptures. In the twenty-first chapter of St. John, we read about Jesus telling Simon Peter to serve him. Three times he puts to Peter the question of whether Peter loved Jesus. Each time he tells him to feed his lambs or sheep. The basis of such service was only a true love for the Master. The field of

service was restricted to feeding his sheep. Who are his sheep? They are all those whom God has already received into his fold, even in the un-churched areas, and the lost sheep.

Though Jesus spoke to Peter directly, I believe he also spoke to everyone who loves him. That can mean not only individually, but groups of Christians who are united into effective working forces for his cause. Whosoever loves him is to feed his lambs and sheep. Also, no word is said as to where his lambs and sheep are to be fed, but quite naturally that would be wherever the lambs and sheep may be.

It then becomes our task, to do our share of the urgently needed Church Extension work, if we love him. That is our task as individuals, as churches, and as a denominational group. It does take the individuals who have the means and time. It is also easier for groups of individuals to unite for the accomplishment of such an important task, particularly as a denominational group that seeks and serves areas not being reached by local churches.

We say it is our task. Would it not be better to recognize Church Extension work as a privilege. We send missionaries far and wide to bring the Gospel to those who have not

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Oct. 24 (Sunday) — Immanuel Church, New York, N. Y.

Rev. J. C. Gunst
Oct. 3-5—Odessa, Washington.
Oct. 6—Colfax, Washington.
Oct. 7—Spokane, Washington.
Oct. 8—Tacoma, Washington.
Oct. 9-15—Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, British Columbia.
Oct. 17 (Sunday)—Startup, Wash. (60th anniversary program).

Rev. L. Bienert
Oct. 16-17—Wisconsin CBY Fall Rally, Temple Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
Oct. 24 (Sunday)—Oak St. Church, Burlington, Iowa.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner
Oct. 10 (Sunday)—Bethany Church, Vesper, Kansas.
Oct. 20-24—Colfax, Washington.

Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Evangelist
Oct. 17-29—Selfridge, N. Dak.

Rev. Herman Palfenier, Evangelist
Oct. 17-29—Madison, South Dakota.

CONFERENCE DATES

Oct. 18-20—Kansas Association at First Baptist Church, Dickinson County, Kansas. Dr. Ralph E. Powell, Guest Speaker.

Oct. 22-24 — 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 (Cameroons Missionaries), Speakers.

Nov. 11-14—Oregon Association at Salt Creek Church, Dallas, Oregon. Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom (Cameroons Missionaries), Speakers.

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Editorial

Our Colorful Harvest Festivals

HARVEST FESTIVALS are happy, colorful occasions that symbolize the goodness of God. Church platforms are bedecked with an eye-catching display of prizewinning vegetables, pumpkins of all sizes and shining fruit. The air is filled with the scent of corn stalks and autumn flowers. Children recite their poems about the good gifts of God and sing their songs of praise to the Creator. The church women are busy preparing sumptuous meals in the kitchen for all to enjoy after the services. The preacher soon learns at a harvest festival that the hearts of his listeners are tuned to thankfulness and can easily be stirred to consider God's Word and ways!

In recent years we have seen a revival of interest in the observance of harvest festivals. But at the same time we are losing our grip on some of the fundamental things that made the old time harvest festivals such spiritual highlights in a church's history.

A harvest festival is essentially the lifting of hearts in thanksgiving to "the Lord of the harvest" and then engaging with God in a great missionary outreach. We are truly thankful only as we go forth to meet the needs of others in Christ's Name. Gratitude to God for what he has done for us places us under obligation to him to take the Gospel News to others. A harvest festival without a missionary outreach is only an outward show without any spiritual power. Some churches today use their harvest festivals to raise funds for their own buildings, for old debts and for themselves, and so they make of the occasion "a mutual admiration society" in which eyes are never lifted upon "the fields of the world that are ripe unto harvest." Let us recapture the missionary glow that always has given purpose and glory to every harvest and mission festival!

The harvest festival symbolizes the fulfillment of our dreams and hopes and plans. We have come to the time when we can reap what we have sown and gather in the fruit of our labors. That is the story that is dramatically portrayed by the products of the field on the platform. That story goes deeper into the spiritual furrows of our lives. Are we realizing some of God's plans for us and our churches? Are we growing in grace and pressing toward the mark of our high calling in Christ Jesus? The things which we see with our eyes at the Harvest Festival ought to remind us of the spiritual progress we must make in realizing God's plans for us. God expects to reap what he has sown into your heart with the seeds of divine truth!

At some Harvest Festivals we see the open horn of plenty from which fruit and luscious vegetables are overflowing. Likewise God's Word teaches us that the hand of God's goodness and love is always open toward us! "Thou openest thine hand," the Psalmist said of God, "and satisfiest the desire of every living thing" (Ps. 145:16). And as long as God's hand is open toward us, we shall never lack anything! That vision of the open hand of God's love and goodness is the basis of the Christian's joyous thanksgiving and the source of his endurance and strength.

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—Photo by M. L. Leuschner
Rev. R. Neuman, Indian missionary of Alberta, Canada, going through a grain field on the Indian Muscowpetung Reserve of Saskatchewan, even as the disciples of old with Jesus, their Master, went through a Palestinian field

Life Precedes Law!

Jesus taught the supreme worth of life and thereby became Lord of the Sabbath as well as of all things that sustain life.

That truth was demonstrated in the incident recorded in Luke 6:1-5

By the REV. ALBERT H. FADENRECHT
of Gladwin, Michigan

"Now it came to pass on a sabbath, that he was going through the grain-fields; and his disciples plucked the ears, and did eat, rubbing them in their hands. But certain of the Pharisees said, Why do ye that which it is not lawful to do on the sabbath day? And Jesus answering them said, Have ye not read even this, what David did, when he was hungry, he, and they that were with him; how he entered into the house of God, and took and ate the shewbread, and gave also to them that were with him; which it is not lawful to eat save for the priests alone? And he said unto them, The Son of man is lord of the sabbath" (Luke 6:1-5).

THE life and service of the Lord Jesus aroused bitterness among many of the people who refused to accept him as the Messiah. This was partic-

ularly true of the Pharisees and various ruling groups who regarded themselves as being the first and final authorities relative to any religious questions that arose.

The sixth chapter of Luke does not introduce a new atmosphere of hostility but, rather, narrates continued opposition, although this time the hostility arose out of a new incident—the incident of the Sabbath.

THE SABBATH INCIDENT

We notice that Jesus, Jesus' disciples, and the Pharisees were the personnel in this particular passage. Since the Pharisees were constantly opposed to Jesus, it becomes evident that the Sabbath incident afforded great opportunity for strengthened opposition. Furthermore, the Pharisees placed much, if not most, emphasis on the Sabbath. Burdensome Pharisaic laws relative to the Sabbath were common in Jesus' day.

In Luke 6:1-5 we shall, then, consider the Sabbath incident, in which Jesus and his disciples passed through a grainfield on the Sabbath and, being prompted by hunger, they began to pluck ears of grain, and to eat the kernels. At once the Pharisees took up the question as to the legality of the act. They attempted to "trip up" Jesus and the disciples, thereby making them violators of the law.

The incident allows for a logical development. Obviously there is the setting in verse 1; the problem in verse 2; the counter-problem in verses 3-4; and the solution to the problem in verse 5.

The great question before us appears to be: "Did Jesus and his disciples violate God's law by eating the plucked ears of grain on the Sabbath?" In the event they did, it would make Pharisaic tradition valid. If they did not, then there must be reason to believe that Jesus regarded his and the disciples' lives greater than the Sabbath.

THE SETTING (Verse One)

The setting gives us the picture of Jesus and his disciples as they pass through a grainfield on the Sabbath Day. It is undoubtedly the passing through the field upon a field-path that passersby had made through the country. In passing through the field Jesus and his disciples began to pluck ears, rub them, and eat the kernels. This in itself was not forbidden by Moses' Law (Deut. 23:25). Moses gave command that "when thou comest into thy neighbor's standing grain, then thou mayest pluck the ears with thy hand; but thou shalt not move a sickle into thy neighbor's standing grain."

What, then, was the occasion for the opposition? They were doing it on the Sabbath Day. Furthermore, the word "pluck" is the crux in the incident. They began to "pluck" off ears of grain on the Sabbath. The word "eat" shows the purpose of the plucking. Jesus and his party did not pluck ears of grain to violate the Sabbath, nor to arouse the anger of the Pharisees. There was a purpose in plucking the grain—they hungered. It was not a premeditated act. Jesus had not planned an annoyance, but at once hunger "gave birth" to the plucking, and as they walked they continued to pluck and eat.

The word "rubbing" gave the Pharisees the idea of threshing grain. At once they accused Jesus of harvesting and threshing grain on the Sabbath Day. This, of course, would have been a violation of Moses' Law. But the text clearly states that they plucked the ears with their hands, not with the sickle. The setting, then, introduces us to the problem as to the legality of the act.

THE PROBLEM (Verse Two)

Certain of the Pharisees addressed the disciples. Luke appears to imply

that there were certain of the Pharisees who followed the Lord and his disciples in order to find fault with them. "Certain" ones—perhaps commissioned spies, so to speak,—were out to foster opposition if at all possible.

Then came the "explosion" for the Pharisees. The entire problem centered around the word "authority" or "legality." "Why do ye that which is not lawful?" Did Jesus violate the Law of Moses? The Pharisees appeared to think so. Since we observed that it was lawful to pass through a field of grain and eat of the grain while passing through, the Pharisaic accusation must have centered in the act of "plucking" and "rubbing."

That is precisely what precipitated the problem. The word "lawful" has the connotation of possible violation or breaking the law. We notice, then, that the Pharisees sought to make Christ a law breaker. As to the Law of Moses, this act was permissible. As to the tradition of the Pharisees, this act was law-breaking.

According to G. Campbell Morgan, the Pharisees are known to have had 39 prohibitions to the word "Law." They called the prohibitions "abhoth" or fathers. These prohibitions were nothing less than interpretations of the Mosaic Law. Then, too, they had the "toldoth" or descendent of the "abhoth", which in reality were interpretation of the "abhoth" which in reality were interpretations of the "abhoth." Therefore the "abhoth" served as interpretation to the law and the "toldoth" served as interpretation of the first interpretation.

The "abhoth" stated that reaping or threshing is work. Since the "abhoth" said plucking ears of corn is equal to reaping, and rubbing the ears of grain is threshing, therefore the Sabbath incident proved Christ and the disciples as doing that which was not lawful—so reasoned the Pharisees.

The Pharisees, however, had a question asked of them that involves a counter-problem.

THE COUNTER-PROBLEM (V. 3-4)

Jesus answered them, "Have ye not read even this, what David did . . . ?" Jesus began with an indirect question. However, the question must have been uttered with such force and in such a tone of voice that the Pharisees found it disconcerting.

Do you not know? Literally, "Have you not read even this?" These Pharisees were fighting for the Law and knew all about the Law. They felt authorized to question Jesus as to possible violation of the Old Testament Law, and yet they did not know the significance of the Law, nor the incident in which David, in fleeing from Saul, fled to Nob and when he was hungry he, with his fellow-fugitives, entered into the Holy Place and ate the shewbread. David was motivated to do so by hunger. It was needful to sustain life, and God permitted

the act, while it was normally eaten by the priest only.

The expression that Jesus used must have been uttered in sheer exasperation, great disappointment, and righteous indignation. The expression is most dramatic and has in it a degree of sarcasm. Jesus employed "when" in referring to David's act of eating the shewbread. He emphatically used it to point his accusers to a very definite time in the history of the Old Testament. The "when" points out with accuracy the time when David fled from King Saul.

implied that hunger overrules the Law relative to shewbread. In both cases life was strengthened by the act. In either case was the law violated, although the Pharisaic tradition was grossly violated by Jesus and his disciples.

SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM (V.5)

"And he said to them, The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath." The Lordship of the Son of Man is clearly implied. Jesus did not encourage violation of the Sabbath rule, neither did he teach abrogation of the Sabbath.



Rev. and Mrs. Albert H. Fadenrecht of the Round Lake Baptist Church, Gladwin, Michigan. The church celebrated its 50th anniversary with festive services on Sunday, Sept. 19, 1954, with several former pastors and friends taking part in the program

Were this expression to come from lips today, in the vernacular, it would perhaps be of this nature: "Does not your knowledge as authorities in the Old Testament even extend to David's time? Don't you know why David ate the loaves of the 'setting-forth' in the Holy Place?" The attitude of Jesus revealed his contempt for their ignorance and completely missing the essential purpose of Jesus' disciples eating the ears of grain, as well as the significant act of David.

Tradition was man-made, but life came from God. There is a clear implication that the necessity of hunger gave rise to either act. Thereby Jesus

However, he defended life and he safe-guarded from misinterpretation of the Sabbath.

Did the Lord and his disciples, then, violate the Law? No! Did they do that which was not allowed? No! Did Jesus give due credit to the Sabbath? Yes! However, he settled the problem by stating that the Son of Man controls the Sabbath, for he is not controlled by it. He has power to cancel the legal observance in order to permit what is in accordance with the Spirit.

Luke 6:1-5 proves that the Sabbath incident was not a violation of the Mosaic Law. It proves that Jesus denounced the traditions of the Pharisees. He emphasized the supreme worth of life, and taught that anything which sustains life is not to be condemned.

The principle to remember is not, Is it wrong to do this or that on the Sabbath?, because the Sabbath was made for man; not man for the Sabbath. The pertinent thing to remember is: Does it aid life or sustain life? The most important issue is this, "Is Christ Lord of the Sabbath?"

We must ask ourselves, "Is Christ Lord of our day of rest and worship?" If he is, then there will be no question as to the legality of this or that thing upon the Lord's Day. His Day will automatically have first place in the life of the one who makes him Lord of his life.

REV. ROY SEIBEL, New Seminary Instructor

The Rev. Roy Seibel, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., has been appointed as student instructor for this year for the courses in Religious Education and Worship. Mr. Seibel is a graduate of Baylor University of Waco, Texas, in Bible, having received both his Bachelor of Art and Master of Arts degrees at that institution. He is at present completing his Bachelor of Divinity work in the Seminary. We know that this appointment will be favorably received by all who know Brother Seibel.
Dr. George A. Lang, President.



Spanish children of Monte Vista, Colorado, after the closing exercises of the Vacation Bible School held in the Spanish Baptist Mission chapel (background, left) with the missionaries trying to keep a semblance of order

Spanish Vacation Bible Schools

By MISS FLORENCE EISELE
of Center, Colorado

The thrilling story of three Vacation Bible Schools held at Del Norte, Monte Vista and Center, Colorado, on our Spanish-American Mission Field by our four missionaries with about 150 Spanish children in attendance

"IT'S ALRIGHT to come here, isn't it, Miss Eisele?", asked Angie, her warm Spanish brown eyes pleading, and her long dark braids tossing anxiously. "Mother says that as long as I go to Catholic mass first, it's alright. Other Catholic children come here to the Vacation Bible School, too, don't they?"

Miss Eisele said carefully, "Yes, of course, many Catholic children come here." But her eyes were troubled, even as her heart was troubled. For Angie's mother was one of the many who had begged for some of the badly needed used clothing from our Spanish-American Mission in Colorado, and she was sending her child to the Bible School as a means of saying "Thank you" in a confused sort of way.

Surely, such seed as could be sown in a short interval of two weeks must be especially guarded and cared for by God's Holy Spirit, in view of the pagan, conflicting program in the child's home and church environment. Yet "God is able to do abundantly above all that we ask or think," and we must leave the results to him.

NEW MISSIONARIES

But not all of the youngsters who attended our three Vacation Bible Schools were thus troubled. Many of

them had been regular attenders at our Sunday Schools and clubs for the past year, and had been anxiously awaiting the opening of their Spanish Baptist Vacation Bible School in their own town.

They were excited at the prospect of having "Miss Helen" (Lohse) back with them again after a winter's absence. We all missed her fine piano playing. The Juniors were especially thrilled at having her for their teacher. But some of the children were either not here when she was, or hadn't grown up enough to remember her.

That's the way it is with our tiny neighbor, Victor, who has his own name for her—Abuela (Grandma!). It seems that they had taught Victor to call my mother "Abuela" when she visited me for a month. When mother left, and Helen Lohse came, the baby still figured that anyone who lived with Miss Eisele must be her mother, and worthy to be called, "Abuela!"

The Rev. and Mrs. Paul Appel are also finding their new experiences rather interesting. They arrived on the Spanish-American field at the beginning of our second week of school in Del Norte, Colorado. Because of all the prayers which had gone up in their behalf by the Spanish folks there, the new arrivals meant much

to them. The children showed their friendship in a rather touching way by presenting the Appels with a basket of fruit at the closing Vacation Bible School program.

Here, during our Center School, the children have seen a bit more of "Mr. Paul" than of "Mrs. Marie". But I didn't realize the confusion existing in some little minds about them until one morning while taking a carload of the little "brownies" to school. I heard one of the small boys in the back seat say, "Who is that 'other woman'?" By carefully sifting out all of the English Baptist Church helpers and ourselves, I finally came to Marie Appel. "Why, that's Mr. Paul's wife," I answered. The small boys were surprised, and said so!

VACATION SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The statistics of the three Vacation Bible Schools could look mighty dry, but they really are not. We had a combined attendance of close to one hundred and fifty children, with at least twelve conversions. The Center English Baptist Church helped us out with two teachers, one of whom taught in all three schools.

During the Monte Vista School we also borrowed one of our older Spanish girls from the Del Norte Spanish Baptist Mission, and took her back and

forth to Monte Vista every day. We found that both she and the tiny ones benefitted by the contact. The water problem was again met by filling empty coca cola bottles, after their daily sudsing and rinsing, and distributing them at recess time.

We used the Charles E. Fuller material called, "Our Wonderful Lord". The Juniors made "T. V. screens", coloring in nineteen scenes of the life of our Lord. It was a big job, but we saw some lovely results of their careful work. At all three closing exercises the Juniors displayed their screens and explained them with Scripture and choruses.

At the Del Norte program the play-loving primary children presented "The Prodigal Son", and in Center they impersonated some of the lesson-book characters. Our recess periods were much improved with the addition of a sand pile at both the Monte Vista playground and in the missionary's yard at Center. In fact, the one at Center is being used all day long by the children, whether there is school or not.

The school at Center opened with a rousing party, complete with pinatas. The one at Del Norte closed with a park picnic, and at Monte Vista we had an ice cream treat on the last day. Again the highlight of the summer was the singing of new songs and choruses, so much enjoyed by these music loving people.

GENEROUS GIFTS

The material needs of the school were greatly helped along, months in advance, by the generous gifts of the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner of Roger Williams Press, the Woman's Missionary Society of Brooklyn churches and the shut-in-lady of New York, all of whom sent books and notebooks and other secretarial supplies. Another recent source of generous giving was the Junior Camp of South Dakota. Those sixty-one youngsters gave liberally toward a piano fund for the Center Mission, and they will be glad to know that on the opening day of our Vacation Bible School there, the piano was moved into our building!

Other donors who helped along toward the purchase were the local English Baptist Church and our Christian landlord's family. Our Center meetings certainly have improved with the addition of the piano and the beautiful music which Helen Lohse plays on it.

The list of denominational guests who visited us during our Vacation Bible Schools is an impressive one, and we were thrilled to see them all. First came Dr. and Mrs. Martin L. Leuschner to take films of our work, and also to show the Cameroons leper film at each of our three stations. Since this is the second year that the daily school offerings have gone towards that leper work in the Cameroons, the films which were shown were most fitting.



Rev. and Mrs. Paul Appel, Spanish-American missionaries, in front of the Spanish Baptist Mission chapel at Monte Vista, Colorado

Our next visitors were the Emil Ploog's from Lorraine, Kansas, and then came the Rev. and Mrs. A. Sootzmann, all the way from Branch, La., followed by the Rev. and Mrs. H. Smuland and family from Sheffield, Iowa. We hope that they went back to their various conferences to tell of the wonders of "Colorful Colorado", and of the challenging mission work here.

We hope that next year more of you will want to take your vacation trip in this state, and add to your knowledge of one of your denominational Home Mission Fields at the same time. Hasta la vista! (Until we see you!)

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Notes from Colorado! This fall the Rev. Paul Appel and Miss Helen Lohse, missionaries on the Spanish-American field, will enroll for one year of elementary Spanish (5 hours) at the Adams State College located at Alamosa, Col., for more effective mission-

ary service on the Spanish-American mission field.

Miss Florence Eisele, while in Southern California on the vacation recently, spoke and showed pictures about the Spanish-American field in the Bethel Church of Anaheim, Calif., and the Fifteenth Street Church of Los Angeles, Calif., her home church.

A new 16 mm motion picture film in kodachrome color about the Spanish-American mission field in Colorado has been prepared by Dr. M. L. Leuschner for showing in our churches. It presents the children at the Vacation Bible Schools, our missionaries in action, and our mission chapels at Del Norte, Monte Vista and Center, Colorado.

An article by Miss Helen Lohse, Spanish - American missionary on "These Spanish-Americans!" will appear in one of the November issues of the "Baptist Herald." It will give the readers a better understanding of the people in Colorado to whom we are ministering with the Gospel.



Miss Florence Eisele with her arms about two of the Spanish girls of Center, Colorado (left), and Miss Helen Lohse with "a favorite" in her arms (right), Spanish-American missionaries in the San Luis Valley of Colorado



—Photos by Laura E. Reddig
Harold Johns and Paul Gebauer take pictures of Semi Jam (left) as he teaches the Sunday School lesson to other lepers on the hospital foundations, and Missionary Gilbert Schneider and Harold Johns talk over things at the leper camp with the mission truck in the background

"The Shadow" in the Cameroons

By MR. HAROLD JOHNS
of Oak Park, Illinois,
President of the Publication Board

The author spent almost a month in the British Cameroons, Africa, on a recent world tour, visiting eight of the nine mission stations. He has been nicknamed by others "The Shadow" to Paul Gebauer because of his deep interest in the Cameroons mission and of his close friendship with the field superintendent

FOR YEARS Field Superintendent Paul Gebauer had been urging the "Shadow" to visit Africa—to better understand denominational work, to enjoy the beautiful scenery, to observe life and people in surroundings quite different from the homeland, and who knows for what other good reasons?

Finally, it seemed to work out! The General Missionary Committee had approved—new and lower "tourist" air fares and better plane "schedules" were available—conditions everywhere seemed favorable.

MAIDEN FLIGHT

So on Monday, April 26, 1954 (after passport, visas, small pox and yellow fever inoculations, etc., had been obtained), the Shadow left Chicago's Midway Airport at eight o'clock in the morning on the maiden flight of a new Douglas DC-7.

Two hours for a change of planes and final clearances in New York City, a stop of an hour in Boston (for gasoline and a few more passengers), and then out over the Atlantic! After six and a half hours of delightfully smooth flying, we landed at Santa Maria, one of the larger islands of the Azores. Some 26 hours were spent resting and visiting with some of the Portuguese people who inhabit these islands.

Just before dawn we took off for Lisboa (Lisbon), Portugal, arriving

after a four hour flight. Here we had a pause of five days for further relaxation and sightseeing. The interesting castle of Pene at Sintra, the beautiful seacoast town of Estoril (westernmost point of Europe), seeing cork trees with their valuable bark, and the ever pleasant and courteous Portuguese people made the stay most enjoyable.

IN AFRICA!

Shortly after noon on Monday, a slightly delayed (storms and fog in New York and over the ocean), but sunny "take-off" for Africa! At about sunset we stopped at the air (and sea) port of Dakar on the westernmost tip of Africa. This gave us our first glimpses of that insect eating friend of man—the lizard. After another stop in Liberia (Roberts Field Airport), we deplaned at Accra, Gold Coast, in the early morning hours.

"Converted" Air Force barracks were quite a contrast to the delightful accommodations in Lisbon. A noon hour tour of downtown Accra and the harbor gave the first burn under the tropical sun.

Two and a half hours of late afternoon flying and a short bus ride brought us to a very pleasant Country Club type of hotel near the Lagos (Nigeria) airport in time for dinner.

This was our first night under mosquito netting. With no screens on

doors or windows and being in malaria country, the net was most welcome.

Early the next morning we were on our way to the Cameroons in a "Bristol Freighter" plane. After two stops on the way, we landed at Tiko shortly before one o'clock in the afternoon.

ROYAL WELCOME

We were surprised to see a large crowd (including our Baptist Church choir), waiting—but not for us. They were waiting to greet a fellow-passenger on our plane, Awolowo, a leader of some 4,000,000 natives in Nigeria. His welcome included music and dancing as well as speech making. Awolowo was to have gone inland when we did—to Mamfe and Bamenda—but canceled his plans because of extensive bridge rebuilding on the roads involved.

Two of the people in the crowd were waiting for us, however: Field Superintendent Paul Gebauer and the Rev. Ben Lawrence, our station manager at Victoria. After a brief pause to observe the Awolowo festivities, we all were on our way to Victoria via truck.

Here we were in the Cameroons! Beautiful, green and covered (in those parts) with oil palm and banana plantations! Majestic Mount Cameroons, 13,350 feet high, was visible from almost every angle for a time.

Soon we were at the Lawrence's home located on the side of a hill over-looking most of the rest of our station property. Margie (Mrs. Ben) Lawrence (as well as Kim and Karen), greeted us and we soon were made to feel at home.

The afternoon was spent visiting native villages, churches, schools, gardens, etc. After the evening meal and devotions, each one retired to his assigned space: the Shadow and the Field Superintendent going to the living room with instructions to "close the windows if it rains!"

NIGHT IN THE CAMEROONS!

Our first night in the Cameroons! What memories—what a night! First the cat sent the dog howling from under a bed (she always had objected to that dog!) Then poor little Kim had to be sternly shushed by his father (probably the dog's howl gave Kim his nightmare!) Then came the rain—tropical rains have been written about for years and this one certainly fitted the descriptions. The Shadow wondered whether there would be any house or hill left by morning.

Meanwhile the Field Superintendent had not forgotten the instructions to "close the windows." Only, in his desire not to disturb the Shadow's rest, he did not use his flashlight and promptly crashed over a chair!

Dawn came as usual, however, (at six o'clock), and after a further inspection of the mission school in operation we left for Buea and our Great Soppo Mission Station in the afternoon. We again had a delightful welcome, this time at a tea in the home of the Ganstroms with the Michelsons and Tina Schmidt and Eleanor Schulert.

In the evening the Field Superintendent attended a "predinner farewell" for the Commissioner (highest British officer in the Cameroons). By the time the farewell was over we had finished our supper and all hands were off to bed.

After "inspecting" the mission schools and station and having obtained police permission to extend our stay in the Cameroons to 25 days (it had been cut to 14 at Lagos), we set out via "Truck Safari" for Kumba. The Hendersons had gone to London for medical treatment, so there was no missionary here but a new and almost completed church building overlooked the entire village from the top of a hill.

Supper was prepared by our native "boys" and soon afterward everyone was in bed. Commencing the day at the "crack of dawn," (as seems almost a necessity in Africa), makes it rather imperative that one retire early.

FOUNDATION OF THE WORK

Already the work of our missionaries is impressing itself on our minds. "Salvation and the edification of the saints" are the foundation. In Africa, however, the "edification" includes

provisions for life and living. Nearly all of our stations have schools through Standard VI (eighth grade) and in addition Miss Eleanor Schulert has a teacher training class at Soppo and we also have Bible School (Seminary) at Ndu.

All of the Standard schools are government supported, and we use them as part of our "education for salvation" as well as for trying to teach the Christians how to grow in Christ.

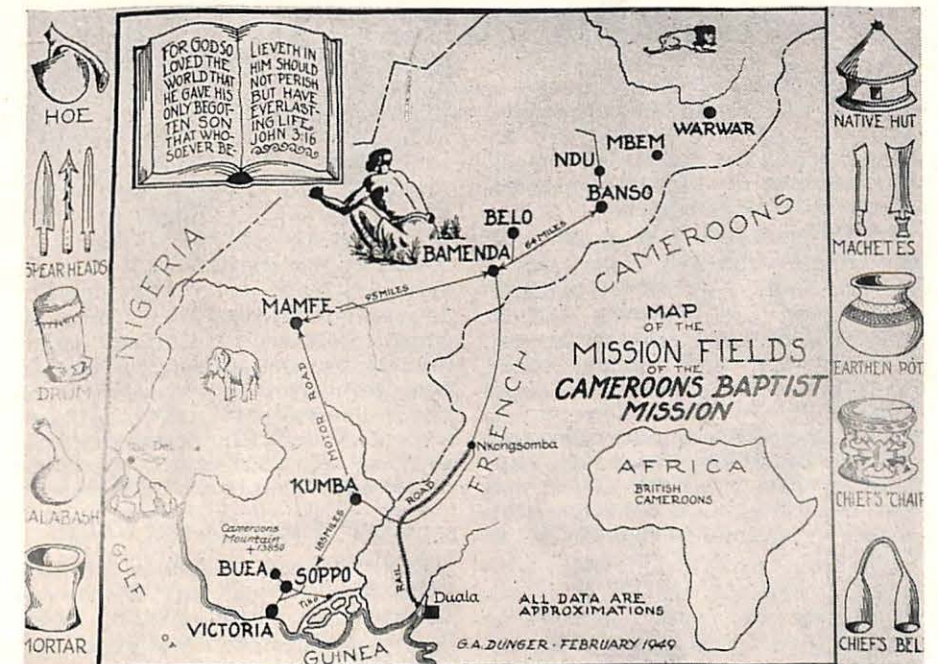
Miss Tina Schmidt at the moment is preparing a complete "religious education" curriculum to be included in the work of these schools with full government approval.

endless) duties, chores and other activities without the guests being quite under their feet.

This is our headquarters for a few days as we visit our Belo and Mbingo (leper) mission stations, native compounds and markets. We see busy and efficient Clara Gebauer, helpmeet to our field superintendent and local station manager, and marvel at the ease and dispatch with which everything and everybody moves under her direction.

BELO AND MBINGO

At Belo we find station manager Howard Roth and his family and Esther Schultz who is "school marm" to our missionaries' children. The Leper



A map of the Cameroons Baptist Mission in Africa showing the ten fields (the Mbingo leper field is near Belo), nine of which Harold Johns visited, using the motor roads outlined on the map

After Kumba and Mamfe, we head for Bamenda on a road that will be closed for two weeks after noon this day (Sunday). The Field Superintendent had obtained special permission for us to use the road from the district officer.

Heading for Bamenda means heading for higher ground and not quite so much danger from sleeping sickness (tsetse fly), malaria (anopheles mosquito) and phylaria, but we continue to use anti-malaria medicine and to sleep under nets.

Another bumpy ride of some five or six hours in the truck and we arrive at the home built by Dr. and Mrs. Gebauer for our Mission Station at Bamenda. We find delightful guest quarters awaiting us in the "Crawford House," a chalet type of building paid for by a donation from the Crawford family. It is a great asset to our station since it comfortably houses some six or eight guests and still enables the station manager and Mrs. Gebauer to carry on their multitudinous (and

Hospital, cattle raising and farming at Mbingo are under the leadership of Missionary Gilbert Schneider and his family, most ably assisted by veteran nurse Laura Reddig (one of the only two of our nurses who are approved as midwives by the British government).

The trip back from Belo gives us a taste of what can happen to the weather in the Cameroons. After brilliant sunshine we find ourselves caught in a rainstorm just as we are climbing the last big hill toward Mbingo. A few minutes later might have found us putting chains on the truck, getting out to walk so as to lighten the load, or even pushing to get over the hump! The field superintendent's expert driving gets us over, with all hands still under cover.

The activities and the fellowship at Bamenda are most exhilarating—but we must go on! Another dawn finds us leaving for Bansa and the stations beyond. Two trucks are in the "Safari" this time and the Shadow finds



—Photo by Paul Gebauer
Harold Johns curiously examines some of the things made by the students of the Mbem Mission School in their handicraft class

himself riding the "cushions" with his gracious hostess, Mrs. Gebauer, instead of in back as baggage.

Banso immediately reminds us of the hospital and Dr. Leslie Chaffee and his family, of nurses Margaret Kittlitz (also a midwife), Eleanor Weisenburger and Ardice Ziolkowski. Here we see foul smelling ulcers, hands blown from firing home-made guns, mothers with their brand new babies and other typical cases. We also find School Superintendent, Ruby Salzman, and Berneice Westerman who is detained unexpectedly (while on trek) by Ruby's sudden illness.

We again are provided with adequate accommodations in a former government rest house two miles up the hill from the hospital (at Kekai). This house remains our headquarters as we go on to Ndu to greet Earl and Lois Ahrens and son, Billy, and to see the Bible School with Ben Lawrence as a "Visiting Professor" at the moment. Grandfather Lawrence also is

very active here, helping in the construction work while "vacationing." The entire station school turns out with music and drums to greet us.

We see too the remains of Ruby Salzman's home and wonder how she escaped uninjured when the roof collapsed so "thoroughly"! (See "Baptist Herald," June 29, 1954 issue, page 9.) After the first of two delicious "Palm Chop" dinners, we return to our Banso home and a delightful evening with the Chaffees and the nurses (including the second "Palm Chop" dinner).

OVER THE HILL TO MBEM!

Early the next day finds the Field Superintendent and the Shadow in the truck on their way to Mbem (about 35 miles), our next station beyond Ndu.

Almost as soon as the Shadow first landed at Tiko and many times thereafter, he was asked, "Are you going to Mbem? Are you going over Rom Hill?" Well, this was it! After taking

the truck over the new road as far as we dared (in fact, we found out later, almost too far), the trek began. The Field Superintendent chose a new and "shorter" trail. As far as the Shadow was concerned, it seemed to him that the idea was if water could come down, he should be able to go up! The Field Superintendent tried to encourage him by explaining how beneficial perspiration was—ridding the body of poisons (including those caused by tea, coffee, alcohol, tobacco, etc.). If perspiration was the way to health, the Shadow felt he was on the way to perfection! He dripped from nose, chin, back, front, and all over!

Finally the climb ended and we paused for a bit of lunch and all of the liquid we could hold. (Boiled water for the Shadow and tea for the Field Superintendent.)

After a descent of about 45 minutes we were greeted by our Mbem station manager Fred Holzimmer. The Field Superintendent was greatly pleased with the new, "shorter" route. The Shadow was much more impressed by the terse comment of Andreas, one of the veteran native carriers who accompanied us. He simply said, "Quick climb!"

SCHOOL INSPECTION

Inspection of the station school with its very interesting handicraft work was hardly completed when it began to drizzle. We managed to visit the station dispensary and the native village in spite of it, however.

Evening found us dining with the Holzimmers and Nurse Minnie Kuhn, and for the night we took over Ida Forsch's home. We had met Ida at Mamfe on her way to the coast. Here we saw the excellent results of her work in the school.

After an early breakfast with Miss Kuhn, we hurried to be on the way back—this time on horses to the top of the Hill. After that, the going was relatively easy. When we reached the new road, however, we found it softened by the night's rain. It took the combined efforts of a road gang and our own people to get us over the top!

A lunch stop near our school in Ntumbo disclosed some excellent singing taught by one of our native teachers. We also found the "School Board" in session, including two of the local tribal chiefs.

Upon our return to Banso, we did some further last minute inspection (and photographing) of the hospital, nurses' training, etc., and then prepared for our return to Bamenda. Seeing the new hospital buildings reminded us again of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hildebrand and what a help they were in supervising the construction work.

The truck ride back included a few of the very common extras that are so helpful in a country such as Africa. One was the delivering of a very friendly young collie "sheep dog" to

his master's home near Banso. "Ben" had been kept by the Holzimmers and had followed us from Mbem. He seemed much to prefer our company and had to be locked up in the master's home.

BACK TO BAMENDA

Bamenda found us preparing for our final departure from the Cameroons. Every station had been visited except Warwar at Mambila. This one would have required another five to six days of trekking and perhaps more if weather had become bad.

We think back over the many delightful occasions for fellowship at each of our stations, of the Sunday dinner with Esther Schultz in her "school house" home, of being at table in the Gil Schneider home, of meetings with British government representatives, of the chief of Babenki and how he displayed 25 of his wives and 32 of his children for us (including trimmings of ivory tusks, leopard skins, carved wooden stools and all), and so we go through the list of pleasant memories.

The Shadow had been in the Cameroons for almost three weeks. Already he had been asked repeatedly, "How does it strike you?" What do you think of it?"

We might well ask, "What right do we have to try to express an opinion on a subject which has been so thoroughly presented by those who are giving their lives to it?" "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread."

One thing is clear—the work and the field are both terrifying and also awe-inspiring in the vastness of their extent.

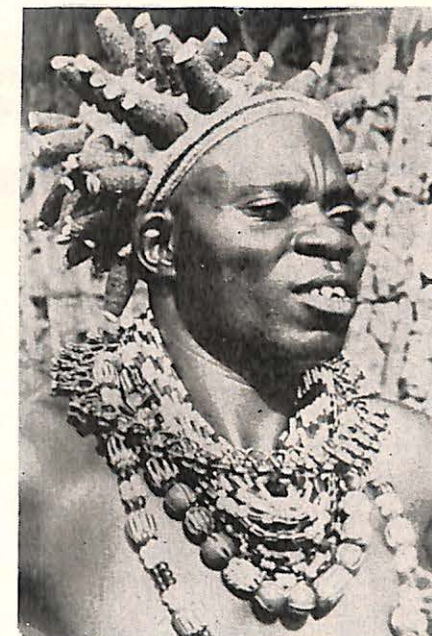
True, perhaps, a person could "get by" with a minimum or mediocre effort in the mission field, if he were so inclined. This is possibly more true than in a home field.

"CALLED OF GOD"

On the other hand, the same conditions present ever more of a challenge to the energetic—to those truly zealous for God and the work of his Kingdom. Certainly, no one should come to the field for work who is not definitely called there by God. There are too many dangers, inconveniences and hardships. Loneliness, insects, bad weather, disease, "frontier" living conditions, foul play, disappointments, and what not—all tend to nullify the efforts which one tries to put into the work.

Every bit of training and experience can be utilized to the fullest. "Unlearned and ignorant" Peter and John certainly made their contribution, but more than half of our New Testament came from two educated men—Luke and Paul.

Similarly our mission work can use anyone who has a mind to work and



The chief of Babenki who proudly displayed 25 of his wives, 32 of his children, and an assortment of ivory tusks, leopard skins and carved stools to his American visitor, Harold Johns

is called of God to do so. It is far better, however, to have God-fearing, Spirit-filled men and women who can teach, preach, build, plan, administer, buy, sell, barter, trade, farm, invent, engineer and what not, with the best!

Our heavenly Father and the government of the British Cameroons are looking to us to build well—whether in natives or in buildings. May God continue to help us to obtain and to send men and women who are "complete, equipped for every good work!"

"And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good" (Genesis 1:31).

CHURCH EXTENSION PRIVILEGE

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heard of salvation in Jesus Christ. Are the people who happen to be much closer, but just as needy, to be neglected? Are those who have received salvation but live far from a Gospel center not to be fed, as Jesus commanded? Your answer will surely be "No!" to these questions. Are you going to accept your opportunity to share in our Church Extension work? Surely, your answer must and will be "Yes!"

GOD'S CHALLENGE TO US

As the North American Baptist General Conference, we too have seen the opportunity and consider it a privilege to undertake a Church Extension program. There are areas to which some of our conference members have moved, where no church is within reasonable distance to serve them, or to "feed My sheep". There are other areas that have been brought to our attention, where no church exists and no one is planning to establish a church. In order to meet this challenge our Conference has undertaken to raise one quarter million dollars. A committee has been working months in preparation for the work to be done.

Now we come to you for the funds needed for this great task and privilege. When our solicitors have asked for your contribution, may it have been as generous as Jesus' love for us. When your help is needed for this very important work, may it be given with the same sacrificial spirit as Christ evidenced during his earthly ministry. Then we shall go forward together in a successful Church Extension program.

AUGUST CONTRIBUTIONS—NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	Aug., 1954	Aug., 1953	Aug., 1952
Atlantic	\$ 1,107.52	\$ 1,493.74	\$ 731.35
Central	7,799.36	2,551.50	2,331.06
Dakota	2,064.67	2,962.14	5,415.32
Eastern	1,656.18	1,449.32	1,523.76
Northern	968.19	1,469.73	2,803.79
Northwestern	2,872.60	2,992.80	2,785.70
Pacific	1,901.80	6,655.37	976.17
Southern	2,073.98	1,128.38	439.06
Southwestern	3,356.93	2,085.91	2,029.17
Inter-Conference	102.93	—	1,802.53
Total Contributions	\$23,904.16	\$22,788.89	\$20,837.91

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of August, 1954	\$22,324.59	\$ 1,579.57	\$23,904.16
For the month of August, 1953	21,278.47	1,510.42	22,788.89
For the month of August, 1952	14,661.02	6,176.89	20,837.91

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April 1, 1954 to August 31, 1954	\$188,245.46	\$ 5,125.66
April 1, 1953 to August 31, 1953	195,208.21	11,608.18
April 1, 1952 to August 31, 1952	147,276.91	34,246.59

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April 1, 1952 to August 31, 1954	\$1,198,026.20	\$118,809.92
April 1, 1951 to August 31, 1953	1,102,717.79	195,954.64
April 1, 1950 to August 31, 1952	949,654.31	239,637.99



—Photo by Paul Gebauer
The men's ward in the Banso Baptist Hospital with all the beds occupied by patients on the day of Harold Johns' visit to Banso

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HERALD NEWS

—Josh Billings.



San Francisco's waterfront showing a Southern Pacific ferryboat arriving at the Ferry Building (tower at the center)

The House on Parnassus

By ELISE FRASER

"The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day" (PROVERBS 4:18).

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SYNOPSIS

When 15-year-old Judy Mitchell stepped off the boat at San Francisco, little did she realize the many exciting adventures in store for her. Her aunt Candace told her about the death of Lenea Thackwell in the house next door to hers on Parnassus Street. She had died seemingly without a will. A nephew, Osay Thackwell, was her only living relative. Strange things began to happen at the Thackwell house. Several pages were torn from the family Bible in the attic. A suspicious fire broke out one night. A friend of Lenea's, Lily Kendrick of Burlingame, talked about another son of the Thackwells named Rutherford. Some pictures were stolen from the attic. Then one evening for her devotions Judy came across the name of "Rutherford Hayes Thackwell, Junjab, India" in her missionary prayer book. Was he related to the Thackwells on Parnassus Street? Immediately she wrote an air mail letter to the missionary to find out.

THE NEXT MORNING Judy awakened to find San Francisco shrouded in a dense fog. The fog horns blared dismally.

"It's one of our July fogs," Candace said.

"How about getting busy on that love seat Lenea Thackwell gave you?" Judy asked. "This looks like a nice day for that sort of thing."

"A good idea, Judy. It makes me shudder when I look at it, it clashes so with everything else."

"I'll take off the old covering for you, Candace," Judy volunteered. "I'd like to see how the thing is put together."

"Fine," Candace agreed. "I'll look up that tapestry Lenea gave me for the new covering. It's a beautiful thing. You'll love it, I know."

As soon as the breakfast dishes were put away, Judy and Candace hurried home. Candace went upstairs to get the tapestry from an old camphor chest and Judy with a small tack hammer, a pair of scissors and a tack lifter started to work on the love seat.

She removed the tacks under the narrow brocade tape which edged the top of the back. The orange covering hung down and showed a deep orange on the inside. "See how this has faded," Judy commented.

Candace spread out the tapestry and Judy stopped to admire it. "Oh, it is lovely, Candace. It's just the thing for the love seat."

"It has an antique look, doesn't it?" Candace asked.

"Indeed it does, yet it's fresh and unused." Judy was working now on the arms of the sofa. "There's something crackling in here, Candace. Why, how old. It's paper." Carefully Judy drew out a small roll of paper. Opening it, she cried, "The will, Candace! It's Lenea Thackwell's Will!"

With trembling hands, Judy passed the papers to Candace. "Why, so it is, Judy! Of all things. Now why did Lenea . . ." Candace stopped as she read. "It's a letter to me, Judy. This is a duplicate will, in her own handwriting. She was afraid of Osay, had caught him prowling around her desk." Suddenly Candace laughed. "Listen to this, Judy. She said she knew I wouldn't be able to live very long with this shabby covered love seat so inharmonious with the other things in

this room. She was sure I'd put on the old tapestry cover soon and so thought it was a safe way of getting her will properly cared for."

Judy shook her head. "A bank would be better, it seems to me."

"I would think so, too, Judy, but Lenea was reluctant to let people know how much she distrusted Osay. I think she kept hoping he'd change his ways."

Hastily Candace scanned the will. "She asked me to read it in her letter," she exclaimed.

Anxiously Judy watched her aunt's face. Suddenly Judy saw tears come into her eyes. When Candace had finished reading the will, she passed it to Judy. "I must call Mr. Grimshaw right away," she said.

Judy read through the will. Lenea Thackwell had left the largest share of her fortune to a Bible Society for the distribution of Bibles and Testaments. She had left large bequests to Bible Institutes true to the Bible and to Bible colleges. Many missionary boards were remembered.

Judy read breathlessly. How wonderful to have all this money and to be able to disseminate it in ways to promote the spread of the gospel. Christian organizations, too, were remembered, and the church to which Miss Lenea belonged.

But Lenea had not forgotten Osay. She had left to him a good sum to be held in trust. It was to be given him when he had gone for one year without touching liquor and had demonstrated that he desired to live an upright, Christian life. Judy sighed. Osay, she was afraid, would never inherit that money. The will went on to state that if Osay did not fulfill the terms of the will, the trust fund was to go to the Bible Society.

The next paragraph Judy read with astonishment. A similar sum was to be put in trust for any heir of her brother, Rutherford Hayes Thackwell, who should put in a claim for any share of the estate. There followed then a brief explanation in Lenea's crabbed hand.

In 1914 a woman by the name of Flora Cartwell was employed by me. She told me that about 1900 she had known a man and wife by the name of Thackwell who had lived in a flat on Hyde Street. She described the man as young and a veteran of the Spanish American War. She said he had tuberculosis.

As she described this man, he seemed in many ways to resemble my brother, Rutherford. She said the couple moved down the peninsula for the man's health but that he died there. A few years later she had seen the woman in San Francisco and that she had a boy named Rutherford.

The woman was working in San Francisco as a waitress. At the time

of the earthquake the woman was killed. The boy disappeared, Mrs. Cartwell said, and some reported that he had been killed; others said a couple had taken him East. Mrs. Cartwell knew nothing further.

My father had refused to let Rutherford go to war. Fordie ran away and enlisted. When Fordie did not return after the war, my father discovered that he had been discharged because of tuberculosis. He searched for him diligently but found no trace of him. It was then his mind broke under the grief of this sorrow. Until I heard Mrs. Cartwell's story, I had believed my brother died in the Philippines. On the bare chance that the boy Mrs. Cartwell knew may have been Rutherford's son, and may some day live to claim a part of this inheritance, I leave to him a sum equal to what I have willed to Osay and under the same circumstances, that is, to be given to him if he is a man of good character and faith in the Christian religion.

To my dear Candace I leave the house on Parnassus and all that is in it of furniture and personal effects.

To Miranda, my faithful companion, I leave a trust fund to be paid her in monthly installments of \$200, as long as she shall live.

Lenea Thackwell.

Judy had never read a will before. She found Lenea's will thrilling. When Candace returned to the living room, Judy said, "Remember, Candace, what Miranda said about Lenea Thackwell's last words? She said to call you and then she said the word 'love.' Maybe she was trying to tell Miranda about the love seat."

"That's possible, Judy," Candace said. "I've phoned both Miranda and Mr. Grimshaw, and they will be here soon."

Candace had no sooner spoken than Miranda hurried into the house. She sighed with relief to know that the will had been found. But when Candace told her of the trust fund Lenea had left in her behalf, Miranda wept. "She was always so good to me, Miss Lenea was," Miranda said, tears running down her face.

In a few moments Mr. Grimshaw joined them. He read the will with great eagerness. Judy felt ashamed to think she had suspected him of destroying the will.

"I'll read it aloud," Mr. Grimshaw said with satisfaction. "Then I will want to see Osay. Maybe Miss Lenea's kindness to him will have some effect upon him."

"But Osay probably knows," Judy pointed out. "This is a duplicate will. Remember we found the empty envelope. Osay may have seen the original and destroyed it."

"Osay is smart," Mr. Grimshaw said, "but his aunt has out-smarted him."

After Mr. Grimshaw left with the will, he promised to have something of importance to tell them shortly. And the following day he was true to his word.

When Osay had found out that a duplicate will had been found, Mr. Grimshaw told them, he broke down and related his whole part in the disturbance which had rocked the Thackwell residence. Osay had found the original will and he had discovered that under the provisions of it he only got a small part of the Thackwell fortune, and that with restrictions.

Osay knew, too, that another heir might show up. Some months before he had a telephone conversation with someone who claimed to be related to the Thackwell family. But he had turned him away, not wanting any other heir to claim a part. When he saw the mention of a possible son of Rutherford Hayes Thackwell in Miss Lenea's will, he decided to destroy the family records and pictures which would testify to there being another brother who might have an heir.

But Osay claimed he knew nothing of the carpenter who had stolen the contents of the box of pictures. He feared that he might indeed be the son of his Uncle Rutherford.

"I don't think he is," Judy said stoutly.

"But how did he know to find the pictures if he did steal them?" Candace asked.

Mr. Grimshaw smiled. "I've unraveled that part of it, too, Miss Candace. The little man in gray was the carpenter, even as you said. He, too, has made a full confession. And he did steal the pictures. This is the story. It seems that Osay was drinking and talking loudly at a corner bar. Osay unburdened himself fully to this little man in gray. Told him of the phone call of the man who claimed to be his cousin and of the will which he had destroyed so that he could inherit the Thackwell fortune. The little man in gray decided he would be Rutherford Hayes Thackwell's son. Osay had told him about the fire. The little man asked a friend who was a carpenter to get the job of repairing the house, that there was some easy money to be had and that he'd split with him.

"The little man in gray then stole the pictures. He found one of a baby, had a small print made of it, and bought an old-fashioned locket to put the print in. He himself had written the name on the back."

Judy took a deep breath. "It looks like our friend the missionary in the Punjab, India, will inherit a nice fortune."

"He will inherit a house, too," Candace said.

"Oh, no," Mr. Grimshaw shook his head. "No, Miss Candace, Miss Lenea

gave you the house because she wanted you to have it."

Candace smiled. "But she didn't know she had a nephew who was a missionary. How that would have delighted her heart! She would have been so proud of him. It's too bad that she didn't know about him."

"If she had belonged to my church she would have," Judy said, "because his name was in our missionary prayer book."

"Miss Lenea would want you to have the house, Miss Candace. She says so in her will," Miranda said with a worried look. "You must abide by what Miss Lenea says."

But Candace only smiled. Judy thought of Stevenson's words, "To renounce when that shall be necessary . . ." It wasn't really necessary for Candace to renounce. Yet Judy could see how she would feel about this. Blood was thicker than water. Why shouldn't a Thackwell inherit the Thackwell heirlooms? And particularly such a fine, worthwhile person as this missionary Thackwell must be.

"Oh, it's just too bad that Miss Lenea doesn't know about this missionary Thackwell," Miranda said as she went out the door.

"Maybe she does," Candace said softly.

When Mr. Grimshaw left he promised to communicate with the missionary Thackwell at once, get copies of the letters he had, and start proceedings at once.

"What are you going to do with Miss Lenea's house?" Judy asked.

"Keep it for the Thackwells," Candace replied. "Miranda isn't afraid to stay there now and she'll take good care of it."

"Will Osay have to stay in prison long?" Judy asked.

"Yes, I'm afraid so." Then Candace gave a little laugh. "If he stays there for a year, Judy, he won't be able to drink. We must continue to pray faithfully that he may come to know the Lord. Maybe Osay will yet redeem himself."

"If he did," Judy questioned, "if he becomes a Christian and a different person, would you—would you marry him?"

Candace colored. "Why, Judy, how you talk! Whatever gave you an idea . . ."

"Miranda told me," Judy interrupted.

Candace sighed. "It's true that I was in love with Osay at one time. But not now. I could never marry him."

The next few days Judy spent sight-seeing; a trip to Berkeley and a trip to Marin. Sue and Mike were able guides.

It was late in the next week that Mr. Grimshaw reported that the missionary was flying to San Francisco to settle necessary details. He would

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Teachers of the Vacation Bible School held at the South Canyon Baptist Church, Rapid City, S. Dak., relax on the front steps of the chapel (left), and a portion of the crowd that attended the Vacation School closing program in the church's sanctuary

South Canyon Baptist Church

By the REV. ROY SEIBEL
of Emery, South Dakota

Report of the dedication of the new chapel and of
the recognition service for the South Canyon Baptist
Church, Rapid City, South Dakota, on
Sunday, August 15, 1954

A VISION became reality for the pastors and churches of South Dakota on Sunday, August 15, as the South Canyon Baptist Church, located in the shadow of the Black Hills of South Dakota, was reverently and prayerfully dedicated to the Lord. For the past year these churches had prayed, sacrificed and provided funds for this chapel in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Representatives from ten South and North Dakota churches, in addition to the local congregation, crowded the chapel to capacity for this festive and momentous occasion. A picturesque scene greeted the visitors as they approached the chapel which is located in a community of newly built homes surrounded by pine-capped hills. As the delegates and friends stepped inside the sanctuary, lovely in its simplicity and well chosen decorative touches, they immediately sensed the holiness and beauty of the hour.

DEDICATION PROGRAM

The pastor, Rev. Merle Brenner, welcomed the assembled visitors and members and presided at the program of dedication. The invocation was given by the Rev. Alfred Weisser of the Parkston and Tripp Baptist Churches. The assembly was led in responsive Scripture reading by the Rev. Walter Stein of the Tyndall and Danzig Baptist Churches. Mr. Henry Ramus, student from our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., who had given sacrificially of his time in labor on the chapel building, led the congregation in the singing of two hymns.

Mr. Harold B. Lippert, chairman of the building committee, gave a brief but graphic resume of the activities

associated with the building of the chapel. The Scripture lesson was read by the Rev. Willis Potratz of the Plum Creek Baptist Church. The Rev. Roy Seibel, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., offered the dedicatory prayer.

It was an honor and privilege to have the Rev. Richard Schilke, general mission secretary, present for the occasion. His dedicatory message on "Bethel" (Gen. 28:19) was timely and stimulating as well as a challenge to his listeners. Mrs. Roy Seibel sang "Bless This House" by Brahe after which the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Herbert Vetter from the Bison and Isabel Baptist Churches.

In the afternoon the delegates from nine of the South Dakota churches met to consider the request of the South Canyon Baptist Church for recognition in the North American Baptist Fellowship. At the close of this meeting the Ladies' Missionary Circle of the local church were hostesses in the new chapel basement for the first time as they served lunch to all the delegates and visitors.

RECOGNITION SERVICE

The recognition service for the newly organized church was held in the evening. All of the guest pastors again participated in the various aspects of the service. The moderator of the council meeting of the afternoon, Rev. Alfred Weisser, presided at the evening recognition service. The decision of the afternoon council meeting was read by the secretary, the Rev. Walter Klempel of the McIntosh Baptist Church.

Rev. Merle Brenner and Mrs. Roy Seibel sang the appropriate number, "May Christ Be Seen in Me." The message of the evening was brought by the Rev. Roy Seibel who spoke on "Pioneering in Spiritual Frontiers." The charge to the church was given by the Rev. Richard Schilke who admonished the new church to remember 1 Corinthians 15:58 in developing maturity as a member of the North American Baptist Fellowship.

The hand of Christian fellowship was extended to the church by the Rev. Walter Stein who welcomed this newest member into the family of North American Baptists and pledged the "family's" interest, help, and love. This eventful day came to a close with the singing of the hymn, "Blest Be the Tie." The Rev. Merle Brenner gave the benediction. The response and interest of those attending was evidenced in the offerings of the day which amounted to \$292.

GOD'S SENTINEL

Now that all the preliminary work of providing a building has been completed, this pastor and church are focusing their attention upon the gigantic task of the spiritual growth and nurture of the members as well as reaching the innumerable prospects. With the motto of Psalm 127:1, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman maketh but in vain," as a guide, the South Canyon Baptist Church will stand as God's sentinel in a growing community where at the present it has the distinction of being the only church.

We, the Women

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

FROM TIME to time requests have come to the Woman's Missionary Union for materials concerning a Girl's Guild or "Junior Guild" in the local church. To date the Woman's Union of our North American Baptist General Conference has no such organization for girls. The repeated challenge to organize one will be considered by the Woman's Union Executive Committee during the fall sessions in Forest Park, and if feasible a request to organize one will be submitted to the Committee on Education of the General Conference. If your society wishes to submit any plans or suggestions for consideration, please do so immediately.

Mrs. Albert E. Reddig, Missionary Education Chairman, will compile suggestions for the 1955 Program Packet. Source material will also be recommended at that time due to the great demand.

One of the enthusiastic minister's wives, Mrs. Fred Knalson, who organized a group of girls in her church at Underwood, N. Dak., shares her plans with other women's groups. Her more detailed report will appear along with others in the Program Packet for June, 1955.

Mrs. Knalson married into the North American Baptist Conference. She has been the minister's wife both in Sheboygan, Wis., and Underwood, N. Dak., and has served as secretary of the Northern Association of the Dakota Conference. Her husband has currently served as moderator of the Association. The family picture greets you on this page.

GIRL'S GUILD

By MRS. FRED KNALSON

There they sat, eleven of them, young girls grouped together during a church service. "Wouldn't it be nice if they had a special place in our church?" ... "Oh, well, forget about it."

These thoughts came to me often during the past year and I tried to ignore them, but God refused to let me sit idly by while these girls were growing into young ladies. God gave me such a burden concerning them, that it became necessary to put on paper the ideas, thoughts and plans that kept "popping" into my mind concerning their lives.

The Scripture verse found in 2 Samuel 1:23a tells us that the lives of Saul and Jonathan were such, that when looked upon, they were "love-

ly and pleasant." Even though the Scripture refers to boys in the Bible, let us strive to have the girls in our churches "BECOME LOVELY AND PLEASANT IN THEIR LIVES." This phrase is the theme of our Girl's Guild.

These girls (your daughters) need definite guidance and help during the adolescent years. The Girl's Guild that we have now formulated is for that purpose. We would rather present a Christ-centered social life for them, than to send them into the world for the fellowship they need. They need Christian fellowship with each other and with boys in their own age group.

At a tea, which was held on a Sunday afternoon, the purpose of a Girl's Guild was presented to the girls and their mothers. The aims in the forming of a Girl's Guild were considered as well as types of programs (social conduct, the choosing of vocations, morals, leadership, missions, spiritual growth, public speaking, poise, handcraft, developing talents, etc.). A detailed outline of our Guild and suggestions how other churches have organized Junior Guilds will be prepared for the 1955 Program Packet.



Rev. and Mrs. Fred J. Knalson of Underwood, N. Dak., and their son

The girls and their mothers were then left alone to discuss the reactions. The plan was received with much enthusiasm by all. It was after this discussion that we went to the dining hall and there enjoyed a formal tea. Have you ever met a mother who was not interested in her daughter's social life, and as a Christian mother in her spiritual life? Convince the mothers of the necessity of having such a Guild and you will win the girls.

The purpose of this Guild is to train and help girls (age 12 and up) to grow into the finest type of Christian womanhood of which they are capable.

It is my desire that this Guild have a practical emphasis, that girls may see how Christ can live with them, sing with them, play with them and plan with them throughout all of their lives. So often young people state that they have had religion crammed down their throats. As crude as this sounds, it is often true. Young people are forced into a mold of Christianity, rather than **guided** into a real experience with Christ, and thus a life to be lived for him. We do not want to preach at these girls, but to live with them in such a way that they will soon find that Christ can be the center in all phases of their lives. A time of devotion should be held at each meeting of the Guild. Then Christ should be present during the handcraft session also, during the singing and during the games. Let us show these girls that a Christ-centered life is one of pleasure and true joy.

As I told the ladies of our church, I hope my enthusiasm will be as catching as the measles, so that they might back this organization with their prayers. I only wish I could have had some counseling and guidance in my adolescent years, for it would have helped me during many experiences in my life.

I know this Guild will help in accomplishing some of the objectives that we as mothers would like to instill in our children. It will also help in giving girls the basic knowledge and training to become good leaders of our Woman's Union of tomorrow. We must guide them through these adolescent year to "BECOME LOVELY AND PLEASANT IN THEIR LIVES."

WHITE CROSS

There is no White Cross Announcement for this month. The clinics held in the local Conferences, however, have been so enthusiastically received that reports will appear when all Conferences have convened.

We welcome little Lois Jeanette Stein, baby daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Stein of Tyndall, South Dakota. Mrs. Stein is the vice-president of the Woman's Union and the White Cross Chairman.



FROM THE FIELD

Southwestern Conference

Sessions of the Southwestern Conference Woman's Missionary Union at Lorraine, Kansas

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Southwestern Conference held its annual meeting on Friday, August 20, in the Fellowship Hall of the Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas. One hundred and eighty-five women, representing 19 churches from the Southwestern Conference area, enjoyed the lovely luncheon and the fellowship around the tables.

Following the luncheon the business meeting was held, with the Union president, Mrs. Clarence Peters of Lorraine, Kans., in charge. Officers elected are as follows: president, Mrs. O. K. Ringering, Shattuck, Okla.; 1st vice-president, Mrs. George Neubert, Beatrice, Neb.; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Harold Gieseke, Lorraine, Kans.; secretary, Mrs. Alex Priebe, Okeene, Okla.; assistant secretary, Mrs. J. R. Kruegel, Junction City, Kans.; treasurer, Mrs. David Zimmerman, Durham, Kansas.

In keeping with the theme, which was "Paths," Mrs. Harry Geis of Okeene, Okla., chose as her subject for devotions, "We Will Walk in His Paths." Guest speaker at the luncheon meeting was our National Program chairman, Mrs. Albert Reddig of Cathay, North Dakota. Mrs. Reddig spoke on "Paths of Service," reminding us of our obligation to be of service in our homes and communities as well as in the foreign field.

Another feature of our women's meeting was the White Cross Clinic conducted by Mrs. Harold Gieseke, former missionary in the Cameroons. Mrs. Gieseke explained to us the importance of White Cross work. On display were samples of all the items called for on the current White Cross list. Also on display were some very colorful dresses and shirts which had been made by the high school girls' Sunday School class of the Lorraine Church, and which will be sent to the missionaries' children.

The Women's Union also had charge of the conference program that evening. Again our hearts were blessed as Mrs. Reddig led us in devotions. The Women's Chorus of the Lorraine Church sang for us. A fine offering of \$134.29 was received, and will be applied toward the financial goals of the National Union. Miss Florence Eisele of Colorado was the speaker of the evening. She showed colored slides of the work among the Spanish-

60th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Startup, Wash., Sunday, Oct. 17

The Startup Baptist Church, Startup, Wash., expects to celebrate its 60th anniversary on Sunday, October 17. We extend a hearty invitation to all former members and friends to come and share this happy occasion with us. If unable to attend in person, a word of greeting will be appreciated.

Rev. J. C. Gunst, our CBY and SS Union secretary will be our guest speaker.

Rev. R. G. Kaiser, Pastor,

Edwin Lentz, Clerk,

Rt. 2, Monroe, Washington

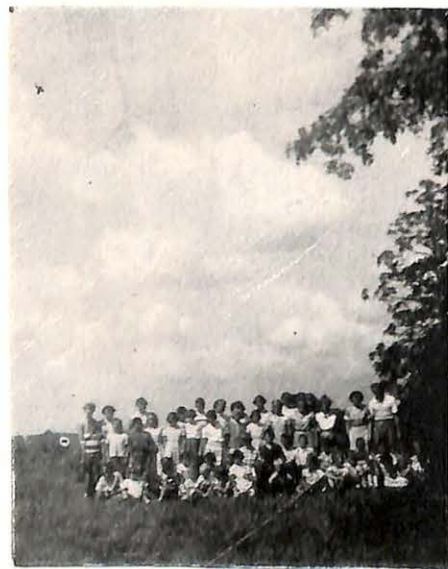
Americans in the San Luis Valley of Colorado. Then, as the Women's Chorus sang, "Now the Day Is Over," we realized that "Women's Day" at the conference was over, and that it had brought us real inspiration.

Mrs. J. R. Kruegel, Reporter.

Northern Conference

The Oak Bank and McDermot Avenue Vacation Bible Schools, Winnipeg, Manitoba

"We Are the Savior's Boys and Girls" was the chorus that echoed in



Vacation Bible School group of the Oak Bank Baptist Church, a mission of the McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba

the streets of the town of Oak Bank, Man., Canada, from the little white Baptist Church where an average of 50 children gathered daily, July 5-16, for a two-week period of Vacation Bible School under the direction of the pastor of the church, Mr. Herman Effa of Winnipeg.

The 65 children enrolled were divided into three classes: Beginners Class, taught by Mrs. Herman Effa; Primary Class, taught by Misses Lois Effa and June Nehring from Spring-side, Sask.; and the Junior Class, taught by Mr. Effa.

A Sunday School picnic was a highlight during the school and the closing program held in the town hall climaxed the profitable two weeks. We are happy to report that about 15 boys and girls gave their young lives to the Lord.

The two weeks which followed found the same team conducting another school at the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Here, too, many blessings were ours as boys and girls, chiefly made up of immigrant children, gathered daily to learn more about the love of Jesus. There was an enrollment of 51 with an average daily attendance of 30. The low attendance was the result of a camp being conducted during the same period. Even then, the Lord was with us and the closing program gave evidence of what the children had learned.

Ardath Effa, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School Is Held at Wiesenthal Baptist Church, Millet, Alberta

We of the Wiesenthal Baptist Church near Millet, Alta., can again report another successful week of Vacation Bible School. We enrolled 30 boys and girls and among these we were privileged to have two missionary children, Glenny and Muriel Wunsch from the Island of Haiti, West Indies, with us.

Our theme was "Pioneering With Christ," which proved to be a blessing, both to the children and teachers. The pre-school class learned more of "The Jesus Way" taught by Norma Zilke and Phyllis Ertman, while Delvera Kern and Marlene Dojohn "Adventured with Christ" with the Primary Class. Verda Scheeler and Arlene Ohlmann went "On the Trail With Christ" with the Juniors, and the Rev. E. A. Hoffmann taught the Intermediate Class.

On Sunday evening the children presented a program of the many things they had learned during the week. Also all the handiwork was on display for the parents and many friends.

Delvera Kern, Reporter.

Farewell Service by Temple Church, Leduc, Alberta, For Rev. and Mrs. H. Schatz

On Monday, July 26, members and friends of the Temple Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta., gathered to bid farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. H. Schatz. Mr. Schatz labored for over three years in this church and during his

ministry 49 persons were saved and added to the church's membership by baptism.

During the course of the evening, words of farewell were spoken by representatives from every branch of the church. Mrs. Schatz also was faithful and willing to help out wherever needed. In their last words to us as a congregation, they left these verses of Scripture with us, "Stand fast in the Lord. Our God shall supply all your need."

Certainly we as a congregation wish Mr. and Mrs. Schatz God's blessings in their new work and we are trusting God to send us another undershepherd in the near future. Mr. Schatz is now serving as a Northern Conference worker.

From August 2 to 6 the Sunday School of the church was privileged to conduct a week of Vacation Bible School. The average attendance for the week was about 57. During the week, Scripture Press material was used. The school consisted of four classes.

The seven teachers who capably taught these children were Mrs. Fleck who also supervised the school, Bernice Huber, Manetta Frohlich, Olga Ohlmann, Mrs. Taylor, Gwenth Fitz and Waldo Siemans. On Friday evening the teachers with the children presented a fine program, giving the parents a glimpse of what their children had been studying.

Eunice Kern, Reporter.

Vacation Bible Schools Conducted at Grace Church, Davin, and McLean, Saskatchewan

The Grace Baptist Church of Davin, Sask., held its Vacation Bible School from July 12 to 17 with an enrollment of 19 children. Due to the distance that some of the children had to travel, the school was conducted daily from 9:00 A.M. until 3:30 P.M. In this way we completed two weeks of work in one week.

The teachers were Mrs. Lester Kuehl, teaching the Beginners on "Learning God's Ways"; Miss Doris Rosom in the Primary Class on "Bible Boats"; Mrs. Chalmers Wirth instructed the Juniors on "The Christian's Walk and Talk"; and the Intermediates studied "The Parables of Jesus" with Mr. Chalmers Wirth as their teacher. Brother Wirth, who has been our student pastor for the summer months, was also the instructor for our school.

On Sunday evening, July 18, a special program was rendered by the different classes and a fine selection of exhibits was shown of the handiwork prepared by the children. Each child contributed to the program with a glimpse of what had been learned.

The week previously a Vacation Bible School was held in the neighboring town of McLean, Saskatchewan. The teachers there were: Beginners, Miss Bessie Boast and Miss Selma Paul; Primary, Doris Rosom; Juniors, Mrs. C. Wirth; and Intermediates, Mr. C. Wirth. Again there was an enrollment of 19 children.

Doris Rosom, Reporter.



Children and teachers in attendance at the Vacation Bible School conducted by the Grace Baptist Church, Davin, Saskatchewan

Youth Camp of McDermot Ave. Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, at Lake Manitoba

Camps are nothing new, even in the "New World." But it might not be too often that young people can take part in an outing with tents. For three days from July 31 to August 2 the German speaking group of the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man., had a time of recreation and great spiritual experiences at Lake Manitoba, the so-called Twin Beach. It is strange how the view at a lake, whether stormy or calm, appeals to young people who then can no longer resist enjoying the wet element by swimming and boating.

Our group consists of young people from Germany and the eastern and southeastern parts of Europe. All of us immigrated to Canada not too long ago. Therefore, the German language is still more familiar to us than English. That is why we are always so thankful for any opportunity of fellowship in our mother tongue.

The president of our group, Mr. John Rogalski, is especially gifted to lead young people to Christ and to teach them the way of Christian living. The topic he chose for the first Bible study was the life of Joseph, a

real example for all of us. The contrary was shown to us in the life of Lot.

We were especially pleased to have Dr. O. E. Krueger, our interim pastor, with us on the third day of our outing. He spoke to us in his calm and convincing manner about "If and But!" We learned how there are always two different "If's" and "But's," and we want to choose the one which is to the glory of our Lord and which takes us nearer to his heart.

Singing, of course, was an important feature of these days. Besides the newly learned English choruses and our well-known German church songs, we enjoyed singing the old and ever new folk songs when gathering at the fireside at night. Too soon these three days of fellowship were over, but we are greatly thankful to our Lord Jesus Christ for these meetings in God's beautiful nature where he could speak to every one of us in a special way. We do hope for more opportunities during the summer months of next year.

Marga Ude, Reporter.

● Isn't it true that the misfortunes which give us the most worry are those that never come? —Selected.



Mr. John Rogalski, earnestly bringing a Bible study to the German young people of the McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, at a camp held on the shores of Lake Manitoba

Alberta Baptist Tri Union Camp With Inspirational Program at Sylvan Lake, Alberta

Although the senior campers were few in number, the week of July 18 to 25 with fine speakers, enthusiastic young people and a fairly considerate weatherman, blended together to give us an ideal vacation at the Alberta Tri Union Camp held at Sylvan Lake, Alberta.

The Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., and the Rev. E. P. Wahl of our own Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, Alta., were our guest speakers. The classes which proved a great blessing consisted of two courses, "What Baptists Believe" and "The Power of the Holy Spirit in a Believer's Life" taught by Mr. Wahl and Mr. Gunst, respectively. This was followed by a question period during which questions submitted by the campers were discussed.

The young people gave their whole-hearted participation to the recreation which was in the nature of softball, volleyball, boating and swimming. The evening messages by Mr. Gunst were a great inspiration and challenge to all causing many of the young people to consecrate their lives to the service of Christ. It was also our privilege to have the Rev. H. G. Adams, an ex-monk, speak and show a film at one of our fireside services.

The efforts of the Rev. H. Schumacher and the Rev. and Mrs. F. Pahl who did so much toward making our camp a success were sincerely appreciated; also those of our cooks, Eunice and Eleanor Kern, who supplied us with such palatable "home cookin'."



Rev. and Mrs. John Eichblatt of Los Angeles, Calif., who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on August 1, 1954. All eight children of theirs as well as many of their friends in the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles helped them to celebrate this memorable event

On Saturday morning the annual business meeting was held with these results: president, Rev. D. Berg, Trochu; vice-president, Rev. R. Neuman, Wetaskiwin; dean, Rev. W. Muller, Carbon; camp host, Rev. E. Hoffmann, Millet; secretary, Ellen Froehlich, Trochu; pianists, Jean Haller, Trochu, and Verda Scheeler, Leduc.

Concerning our missionary project of \$1,000 for Japan, we are happy to report that we have exceeded our goal and that we plan a larger project for the coming year.

At the mass meeting on Sunday, the Rev. J. C. Gunst brought the morning message. Special music was rendered



Rev. and Mrs. Arthur A. Voigt of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church near Anamoose, N. Dak., who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary

by the camp choir under the direction of the Rev. H. Schumacher. The afternoon challenge by the Rev. L. Biebert marked the close of another glorious year at camp.

Ellen Froehlich, Secretary.

Pacific Conference

Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Eichblatt, Los Angeles, California

On Sunday, August 1st, Mr. and Mrs. John Eichblatt of Los Angeles, Calif., had the special privilege of celebrating their 60th wedding anni-

versary. Open house was had at their home in Los Angeles. They were blessed with eight children, all of whom are still living. They have seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. All children, with the exception of one grandson and his family, were present.

The couple, being honored, were married on July 30, 1894 in Detroit, Mich., by the Rev. Emil Otto. Mr. and Mrs. Eichblatt have been active members in our North American Baptist churches since their coming to this country. For the past 40 years they have been active in the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles,

California. Brother Eichblatt was church clerk for nine years and Sister Eichblatt was an ardent and active member of the Ladies' Missionary Society as long as she could attend. In recent years they have not been able to participate so freely but still attend the morning worship service quite regularly.

Besides their immediate family, many relatives, friends and church members were on hand to congratulate them. They received many flowers, cards and tokens of esteem. Their pastor, the Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt, was in charge of the program. After the program refreshments were served and a social time of fellowship followed as our dear ones recalled experiences and blessings of the past. We wish Brother and Sister Eichblatt God's continued blessings as they journey together.

Edmund Mittelstedt, Pastor.

Dakota Conference

Golden Wedding Anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Voigt, Anamoose, North Dakota

It was a great privilege for the Rosenfeld Baptist Church of rural Anamoose, N. Dak., to honor its pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Voigt on their golden wedding anniversary which was on August 3, 1954.

Open house was held in Avon, S. Dak., on August 3rd from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at the Avon Baptist Church, where Mr. and Mrs. Voigt had been active in church work for many years.

A special program was held in their honor on Sunday evening, August 8, at the Rosenfeld Baptist Church by the congregation. The honored couple was escorted from the parsonage to the church by the two deacons, Messrs. Reuben Kolschefske and David Dieterle. Corsages were then pinned on the couple by the deacons' wives and the entire congregation joined in singing "Happy Anniversary to You." Mrs. Fred Spear, Jr., was at the piano. Mrs. Mary Frey, sister of Mrs. Voigt, was present for this occasion and spoke briefly.

The program was under the direction of Mr. Reuben Kolschefske and included a German reading by Mrs. Emil Spear, a recitation by Mrs. Walter Martin, and a poem by Mrs. William Isaak. This poem was written by Mrs. Albert Reddig, of Cathay, North Dakota. Mr. David Dieterle read the historical sketch. Congratulatory words were spoken by the Senior deacon, Mr. Reuben Kolschefske; the Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Albert Isaak; vice-president of the Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. David Dieterle; and president of the Junior CBY, Orland Isaak. The Rev. John Engel from Martin, N. Dak., was guest speaker for the evening. Musical selections consisted of two choir numbers, a trio by Mrs. Albert Isaak and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kandt, a group song by the Woman's Missionary Society and a group song by the Junior CBY.

A cash gift was presented to the couple by Mr. Fred Spear, Sr., from



Vacation Bible School of the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota (left), with the Vacation School teachers shown at the right with the pastor, the Rev. Adam Huber



the church and both responded favorably. Mr. and Mrs. Voigt praised the love of God above everything else for benefits and blessings God had bestowed upon them. Refreshments were served in the church parlors by the ladies of the church and a beautiful three-tiered wedding cake, baked by Mrs. Albert Isaak and Mrs. Emil Spear, centered the table of honor. Messrs. Arthur Kandt and Vernon Kolschefske ushered and Mr. Ernie Spear had charge of the guest book.

On Wednesday evening, August 11, this program was repeated for the people of the Mt. Sterling Baptist Church of Missouri of which Brother Voigt was the former pastor. They were fifteen in number and were the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Voigt for several days. In return they presented a very fine program of musical selections under the direction of Mr. Harvey Lipskoch, Sunday School superintendent.

The Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Voigt were married at Avon, S. Dak., on August 3, 1904 at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Voigt, by Rev. J. F. Olthoff. Mr. Voigt was active in his home church from his early days in Sunday School, church and young people's work. He has been a public spirited man and has served in the state legislature and other public offices in his county. We of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church, as well as the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Voigt, wish them many more blessed years of wedded life together as they labor among us.

Mrs. William Isaak, Church Clerk.

Farewell Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Edward Kary and Family at Bismarck, N. Dak.

On Sunday, August 22, the Rev. Edward Kary brought his ministry at the Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, N. Dak., to a close. Mr. Kary brought his farewell message on Sunday morning and in the evening a special farewell service was arranged by the church.

One of our deacons, the Rev. J. R. Matz, was in charge of the farewell service. After a few fitting remarks he turned the meeting over to the Rev. F. J. Knalson of Underwood, N.

Dak., who was our guest speaker. Following the fine message brought by Mr. Knalson, representatives of the various organizations expressed their appreciation for the faithful ministry of the Kary's. The Rev. J. R. Matz spoke on behalf of the church, giving a resume of the splendid progress made during the years Mr. Kary served as our pastor. He then presented Mr. Kary with a gift of money made up of contributions from the various organizations.

Mr. Edwin Martin, Sunday School superintendent, spoke on behalf of the school. The Women's Missionary Society was represented by Mrs. Henry Roberts, who then presented Mrs. Kary with a lovely gift from that organization. The president of our CBY, Mr. Milton Hochhalter, expressed appreciation for the interest and help of our pastor for the young people of our church. The newest organization in our church, "The twosomes"—a group of young married couples—was represented by the president, Mr. Walter Aman. Mr. Arthur Mehrer spoke for the church choir on the help given by our pastor and his family during the years they were here.

Short talks were given by both Mr. and Mrs. Kary recalling the highlights of their ministry. Following the service everyone was invited to the church dining room where refreshments were served by the ladies of the church. Special music was furnished at both services by the men's quartet. Numbers by a girls trio and a duet by our CBY president and his wife enriched the farewell service.

The church made marvelous progress under the leadership of Mr. Kary. We feel that the Lord has blessed us richly in the nine years he was our pastor. After having been mission supported for many years, we became self-supporting and built a new church, which is now paid for. A new Hammond Electric organ was installed the first part of this year. The mem-

bership, which in 1945 was 55, has now increased to 205. This splendid increase in membership is indeed evidence that our pastor was very busy for his Lord and Master.

Mr. Kary has begun his ministry in the White Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, in September. May the Lord bless him richly in this new field.

Walter Aman, Clerk.

Northwestern Conference

Vacation Bible School With 124 Children at Faith Church Minneapolis, Minnesota

We at the Faith Baptist Church in Minneapolis, Minn., held our Vacation Bible School from July 19 to 23, a one-week session with classes from 9:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. This year our enrollment totaled 124; average daily attendance was 65; and perfect attendance pupils numbered 80.

We went along with the Gospel Light series, "Pioneers with Christ," and carried out the theme not only in the Bible lessons and illustrations, but also in music, crafts, decorations and missions project.

Daily offerings from the boys and girls, together with the offering from the program for parents on Thursday evening, were used for our project, the Indians on our Canadian mission fields. Part of the total of \$96.67 went for small gifts (displayed during Bible School so the children could picture what their offerings would purchase), and the rest will be used for visual aid or other equipment on the field. To present the need to the children we used letters from the Rev. R. Neuman, an Indian film from our headquarters in Forest Park, Ill., and first-hand stories about our Indian friends told by our pastor, the Rev. A. Huber, and Mrs. Huber.

Some of our children asked the Lord Jesus to come into their hearts. We are happy in the knowledge that the Word has again been planted. We would now be faithful in watering, knowing that the Lord will then give the increase.

Mrs. Alvin Quiring, Reporter.

Dakota Conference Reports and Important Announcement About our Chicago Home for the Aged on next page.

Evangelistic Meetings, Vacation Bible School and Youth Rally at Goodrich, North Dakota

From June 29 to July 9 we of the Baptist Church, Goodrich, N. Dak., had evangelistic meetings with the Rev. William Hoover of Benton Harbor, Mich., serving as evangelist. His two daughters, Darlene and Vivian, helped with the music, as well as Mr. Chester Arnt who is an accomplished trumpet player and magician. The meetings were well attended up to about 400 people. The Lord blessed the efforts with the salvation of 31 souls. Some of these were from other towns and have been baptized and joined the church of their choice. In the early part of September we held our baptismal service. There are 38 converts in the pastor's class. Most of these hoped to follow the Lord in baptism.

From July 19 to 25 we had our Vacation Bible School with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Schroeder of Chicago helping us. A total of 73 children were enrolled with an average attendance of 64. A number of the boys and girls gave their hearts to the Lord Jesus Christ. The closing program was on Sunday, July 25, with the church packed completely.

On September 5th, the Northern North Dakota Young People's Rally was held in Goodrich. Dr. George A. Lang was the guest speaker. The theme was, "Exultant Youth, Exalting Christ" (1 Tim. 4:12). The Lord has been very good to us, and with the 1st of August we began our third year of service for him here in Goodrich.

Irvin H. Schmuland, Pastor.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Falls, S. Dak., on Sept. 13 and 14. He addressed congregations of the Emery and Plum Creek Churches at Emery, S. Dak., on Sunday evening, Sept. 12; a union meeting of the Chicago churches at Forest Park, Ill., on Sept. 16; and on Sunday, Sept. 26, at a service of the Andrews Street Church, Rochester, New York. On Sunday, Oct. 3, he spoke at three meetings held in the Ridgewood Church, Ridgewood, N. Y.; Second Church, New York, N. Y.; and Immanuel Church, New York, New York. He will sail from New York City for Germany on Oct. 9.

- The character of a man is his principles drawn out and woven into himself.
- A good speech has a good beginning and a good ending, both of which are kept close together.
- The measure of a man's life is the well spending of it, not the length. —Plutarch.
- Getting an idea should be like sitting down on a pin; it should make you jump up and do something. —Simpson.
- Truth is not only violated by falsehood, it may be equally outraged by silence. —Amiel.

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HOUSE ON PARNASSUS

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have only a few days to discharge the duties required of him. Then he must return to the mission field.

Mr. Grimshaw chuckled. "From his cable, I gather he was one surprised man. He had no idea his father's people were wealthy."

When Rutherford Hayes Thackwell arrived, Mr. Grimshaw brought him to the Thackwell house. Miranda called Judy and Candace. The five of them had a session in the living room.

Judy liked the missionary. His hair was iron gray and he had fine features, dark eyes and a sensitive mouth. His wife had been dead for several years and he had only one daughter, Margaret, who was Judy's age and who was in school in the East.

But the missionary wouldn't hear of Candace's insistence that the house go to him.

Mr. Grimshaw shook his head. "I'll have to carry out the terms of the will, Miss Mitchell." Then smiling, "You'll have to settle this between you."

Rutherford Hayes Thackwell closed his lips tightly and looked reprovingly at Candace. He's used to having his own way, Judy thought. And Candace's mind is not easily changed, either. Who would win? Judy felt like giggling as the thought came to her, suppose Candace should marry the missionary? Then they'd both win. She felt a little guilty thinking thoughts of this sort as she looked at Candace's lovely face. But she discovered that the missionary was looking at her, too, and with obvious admiration. Hmm, Judy told herself, maybe Candace will marry a Thackwell after all.

Judy jumped a little when Candace said, "Think of your daughter Margaret, Mr. Thackwell. These lovely things should be hers."

He smiled. "Margaret will not miss what she has never had."

Obituary

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

MR. AUGUST BUECHLER of Wells County, North Dakota.

Mr. August Buechler of Wells County, N. Dak., son of the late George and Christina Buechler, was born in Scotland, S. Dak., on July 9, 1885. Ten years later the family came to North Dakota and settled on a homestead in Hamburg Township of Wells County, N. Dak., where he lived until his death on August 19, 1954.

On June 26, 1904 he was baptized on confession of faith and joined the German-town Baptist Church, of which church he remained a faithful member to the end.

He leaves to mourn his passing one sister, Mrs. W. A. Muralt (Eliza) of Goodrich, N. Dak., and two brothers: John of Bremen, N. Dak., and Karl of Goodrich, North Dakota. Four brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Germantown Baptist Church,
Cathay, North Dakota

ELMER BUENNING, Pastor.

MR. FRANK A. ALBUS of Fessenden, North Dakota.

Mr. Frank A. Albus of Fessenden, N. Dak., was born May 6, 1877 in Rumania. In 1882

Judy sighed. What could be done with two such unselfish people?

Judy and her aunt saw a lot of the missionary while he remained in San Francisco. He had a long talk with Osay, too, and gave him a Bible. Obviously, he bore him no grudge or ill will.

When the missionary left for the Punjab, India, he took a long farewell of Candace and wouldn't be satisfied until she promised to write to him. Judy promised, too. It would be fun to send letters to India.

They were bringing their things home from the Thackwell house when Sue came to the door. "Oh, Judy, I've the most exciting news. We're going to Yosemite for two weeks. Camping! Dad has all sorts of equipment. And it will be heaps of fun. Mother and Dad said to ask if you could come along with us."

"Oh, Candace—" Judy, outwardly enthusiastic with the idea, was a bit hesitant. "I've heard so much about Yosemite. Could I?"

"Of course, Judy. Go, if you'd like. I've had so much excitement lately that I feel like curling up and sleeping for two weeks."

"You'll have to pack right away, Judy," Sue said. "Dad wasn't sure he could have this time and we're doing it on the spur of the moment."

"Okay, Sue. I'll hurry."

After she had left, Judy sighed and said, "Oh, Candace, it would be so thrilling if you and Mr. Rutherford Hayes Thackwell should fall in love."

But Candace only smiled and said, "You are so romantic, Judy."

(THE END)

he migrated to America with his parents, Franz and Christina Albus, and landed at Jamestown, North Dakota. In 1883 they moved to Pleasant Valley near Carrington, North Dakota. Again in 1888 they moved to a farm near Fessenden, North Dakota. In 1899 Mr. Albus took up a homestead in McClean County. In 1903 he was united in marriage to Mary Webber. They purchased a farm near Fessenden where they built a beautiful home. In 1947 they retired to Fessenden where they resided until his passing.

Mr. Albus was converted and baptized in 1906 by the Rev. D. Dobrowolny. He united with the Fessenden Baptist Church and remained an active member until his passing. He served on the board of trustees for many years. He loved his church and was seldom missing at the service. He also served as director of the school township board of West Norway Township for many years.

He passed away August 14, 1954. He had been seriously ill with a severe heart condition and pneumonia for 17 days. He had reached the age of 77 years, 3 months and 8 days. He leaves to mourn his passing his loving wife; and three children: William, Edna (Mrs. F. W. Rudel), and Walter, all of Fessenden, North Dakota. One son, Alvin, died in infancy. He also leaves six grandchildren; three sisters: Mrs. Mary Krueger and Lydia, both of Fessenden; and Mrs. Emma Schwartz of Bozeman, Mont.; two brothers: J. W. Albus of Bremen, N. Dak.; and C. F. Albus of Milwaukee, Wis.; and many relatives and friends. Funeral services were held from the Fessenden Baptist Church with the undersigned speaking on 1 Sam. 20:3. May God comfort the bereaved!

Fessenden, North Dakota

VERNON LINK, Pastor.

MR. JOHN SCHMIDT of Burstall, Saskatchewan.

Mr. John Schmidt of Burstall, Sask., youngest son of William and Christina Schmidt, was born on September 20, 1902, in Herreid, South Dakota. In 1913 he and his parents moved to a farm near Burstall, Sask., at which place Mr. Schmidt lived until the time of his homegoing. On November 17, 1929 John Schmidt was united in holy wedlock with Alvina Fischer. God blessed this marriage with six boys and eight girls.

On June 18, 1921, Mr. Schmidt accepted Christ as his Savior. He was baptized and admitted into the church on August 7, 1921, by Rev. E. P. Wahl. Mr. Schmidt consecrated his life to the Lord and served in varied offices in the church. For 25 years he was a capable Sunday School superintendent and a young people's teacher for 16 years. He held a treasurer's position for many years, and at the time of his death was a deacon. Throughout his years of service he was a willing and joyful worker for the Lord. He particularly enjoyed Gospel singing, two of his favorite songs being, "What A Gathering" and "The Love of God."

Because of illness resulting from rheumatic fever, Mr. Schmidt spent one month in the hospital last winter. On July 23 this sickness again attacked him and caused a blood clot to form in his heart. On August 2nd at 8:00 A.M., he passed away suddenly to be with his Lord. He reached the age of 51 years, 10 months and 12 days.

Those who mourn are his wife, his children: Alfred, Mrs. C. Semrau, Robert, Reuben, Eileen, Inez who has gone on before, Harvey, Elizabeth, Donald, Bernice, Pearl, Beverly, James, Yvonne; one grandson, eight brothers-in-law, five sisters-in-law, 22 nephews and nieces.

The funeral service was conducted at Gnadefeld with Rev. F. W. Pahl of Olds, Alta., officiating. The Burstall choir sang "Does Jesus Care?" and a male quartet as well as a mixed Quartet from Hilda sang. The Rev. G. Thiessen of Hilda and the Rev. Herman A. Pohl of Burstall also spoke words of comfort to the bereaved. A loving husband, a good brother in the Lord and a pillar of the church, has gone on before. But we are assured that "Beyond the Sunset" we shall be united in the Lord!

Olds, Alberta

F. W. PAHL, Pastor.

MR. JOHN HINTZ of Missoula, Montana.

Mr. John Hintz of Missoula, Mont., was born in Volhynia, Russia, on March 11, 1891. When he was six months old, his parents moved to Tennessee and then to Pound, Wis., where they lived until he was five years old. After this time his parents homesteaded at Fessenden, North Dakota.

Mr. Hintz accepted the Lord Jesus as his Savior while living in Fessenden when he was 16 years old and was baptized by the Rev. Mr. Nieman. He moved to Vida, Mont., in 1912 where he homesteaded. In 1922 he married Miss Ida Steinert. Two children, Clara and Leland, were born to this union.

Mr. and Mrs. Hintz retired from their farm in 1949 and moved to Missoula, Mont., where they had their home until this time. He passed away Tuesday morning, August 3rd, at the home of his son and wife at Vida. The cause of his untimely death was a heart attack. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife; his son, Leland, and wife; his daughter, Clara Malcom and husband; four grandchildren; his mother, Mrs. Mary Hintz of Saint Paul, Minn.; his sisters: Augusta (Mrs. Emil John); Hilda (Mrs. Art Treibert); Esther (Mrs. Al Sax), all of Saint Paul, Minnesota. His father, two brothers and two sisters preceded him in death. He was a good husband and father as well as a good provider for his family.

Brother Hintz was a sincere Christian and a zealous worker for the Lord Jesus. He was a charter member of the Vida Zion Baptist Church. He held various offices such as deacon, Sunday School superintendent and trustee. He was an able leader and well liked by all who knew him. He was a member and deacon of the Missoula Baptist Church. His staunch testimony for Christ will be greatly missed by the church.

In the absence of the local pastor, the Rev. August Bertsch, the Rev. Otto Fiesel of Sidney, Mont., a close friend of the family, was requested to officiate. He brought a comforting message based on 2 Tim. 1:12. Myrna and Marilyn Fiesel rendered two numbers in song. Burial was in the Vida Cemetery. May the Lord continue to comfort the bereaved!

Vida, Montana

OTTO FIESEL, Officiating Pastor.

REV. NIELS CHRISTENSEN of Seattle, Washington.

It has pleased the Lord over life and death to call the Rev. Niels Christensen of Seattle, Wash., to his reward in heaven. He stood in the midst of his work for the Master. He was on his way to a conference when he suddenly became ill and had to be taken to a hospital. Finally he was rushed by ambulance to Seattle, Wash., where, after an operation, it was found that he suffered of a tumor of the brain. He died without regaining consciousness on July 8, 1954. The prayers of his friends in Christ Jesus are going to the throne of grace for comfort, peace and strength in this time of testing of faith for Sister Christensen and her family.

Niels Christensen was born April 12, 1889 in Holm, Denmark, where he received elementary schooling and grew up to manhood. He served in the German Navy. In 1913 he came to America as first mate on a sailboat. In Portland, Ore., the Lord led it so that he received an invitation to the meetings of the First German Baptist Church. Under the preaching and the friendly, hearty guidance and help of Dr. Jacob Kratt, he found the Lord Jesus in the forgiveness of his sins and the assurance of salvation. He was baptized by Mr. Kratt into the death of Christ. Soon after this wonderful experience he realized that he should surrender his whole life to the service of the Lord. For this preparation for the ministry, he entered our Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., in 1916.

He was graduated in 1922. Later he took a course in the University of Rochester.

Mr. Christensen was married to Anna Magdalena Schmid in Ilion, N. Y., on May 5, 1923. He served the following churches: Burstall, Sask.; Leader, Sask.; Odessa, Wash.; Startup, Wash.; Medicine Hat, Alta.; Nokomis, Sask.; Spokane, Wash.; Seattle, Wash.; Oroville, Wash.; and Bonners Fer-

ry, Idaho. He preached the Word of God with clearness and deep conviction. He put his whole life into the message of salvation in Christ and the Lord blessed the work of his faithful servant. He is now privileged to receive the word, "Well done," from his master.

Private funeral services were conducted on July 12 in Seattle, Washington.

He leaves to mourn his death his wife and two sons: Oliver and Wesley, both of Seattle, Wash.; and one daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Mae Wood of Wenatchee, Washington. A little daughter, Ruth, died at the age of five days and preceded the father in death. May the Lord bless the bereaved with the comfort and the blessed hope of a glorious meeting again in heaven.

Yakima, Washington

C. E. SCHOENLEBER, Correspondent.

MRS. HERMAN SIEMUND of Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. Bertha Siemund of Chicago, Ill., has gone home to be with our heavenly Father! The news came on Monday evening, August 23, shortly after 7:00 o'clock and although not unexpected, it brought a shock and distinct feeling of loss to all who have known the Siemunds, not saying what it meant to her husband and the children. She had passed through a deep valley of suffering over a period of a year. Her departure was a welcome relief from her sufferings.

Mrs. Bertha Siemund was a minister's daughter; her father being the Rev. Albert Thesmacher of Oldenburg, Germany, who was one of the illustrious pioneer Baptist preachers of Germany. Often he walked for miles from one preaching station to another and little Bertha usually tripped along.

Mrs. Siemund was born in Oldenburg on November 16, 1876. Three brothers: George, John and Adolph, and two sisters, Martha and Adele, preceded her in going home. At the age of twenty she came to the United States and specifically to Chicago, Ill., where she found a home. She entered the fellowship of our church known as the Second German Baptist Church. Here she met young Herman with whom she entered into a happy, lifelong, blessed union on November 10, 1900. The pastor, the Rev. Christian Dippel, officiated.

Many of us recall with much pleasure the delightful evening we spent with the Siemunds on their fiftieth wedding anniversary. The Lord blessed their home life with two stalwart sons, Roy and Herbert. These two with their respective wives, Christet and Gladys, and their children, Karen and John, Jane and Gayle, stand closely knitted shoulder to shoulder with their father in this irreparable loss.

Mrs. Siemund considered her life as a most valuable investment, and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit chose the right and useful service which has made her life so precious and her services valuable. For many years she was a strong supporting pillar in the church choir, in the Sunday School as superintendent of the Primary Department and later as teacher of teenage girls she found impressionable and tender hearts whom she guided and led along the Christian Way of Life. But perhaps the greatest contribution was her influence and leadership as president of the Woman's Missionary Society over a period of nine years. Summing up her life's secret we find this: "To love and find joy in loving family and friends; to conduct the home and family in a Christian spirit so that all the fine qualities dormant will blossom into rich beautiful characters; to be yourself and to give yourself in consecrated service; to find salvation and strength in the abiding presence of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Friends from near and far crowded into the service and over 100 floral contributions graced the service. In the beautiful memorial park at Skokie, Ill., her earthly remains have found a quiet beautiful resting place. She herself is with the Lord awaiting the great resurrection morning when we all shall gather about the throne of God for a most wonderful reunion.

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