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

By Rev. B. JACKSTEIT, Anaheim, Calif.

## A LESSON PLAN

Date: October 3, 1954

Theme: **MAN'S STRUGGLE TO UNDERSTAND LIFE**

SCRIPTURE: Job 1:1; 19:7-10; 23:3-10.

**PURPOSE:** To show how faith can help us face the problems and the perplexities of life.

**GETTING STARTED:** Does goodness pay? The Scriptures promise that the good man "shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper" (Ps. 1:3). Life, however, doesn't seem to bear out that promise. Instead, all too often just the opposite is true. The wicked prosper, and the righteous suffer every kind of misfortune, a fact that confronts Christian thought with one of its most perplexing problems.

How are we to account for the presence of suffering in the world—especially undeserved suffering? Why do people who least deserve it have to drink the bitter cup of woe, while those whose life does violence to every precept of God seem to get off scott-free and prosper greatly in everything they do? Why this seeming injustice in God's dealing with his children? Why all the Job's who move in endless procession across the pages of history? What about goodness? Does it pay?

### Developing the Theme:

#### I. THE PROBLEM IS REAL.

1. To deny the fact of suffering and evil, as some people are wont to do, is to close one's eyes to an ever-present fact of life and to deny one of the basic insights of Holy Spirit.

2. Honesty is needed. There is suffering and evil in the world—much of the suffering undeserved—and it's real, not merely imagined.

3. Goodness is not always a passport to happiness and prosperity.

4. In this world the accounts as between the rewards for good and evil are often out of balance.

#### II. OUR PERPLEXITY IS DEEP.

1. Suffering is never easy to take; and people who speak so glibly of keeping your chin up don't know what they're talking about.

2. Like Job, even the most Christian of people are often hard pressed to understand the ways of God in dealing with his children.

3. In the face of great suffering faith can and does falter—even to the point of doubting the love and wisdom of God.

4. Nor is it unusual to feel that God is far away and has forgotten us.

#### III. NO EASY ANSWER IS POSSIBLE.

1. The glib answer (such as Job's friends gave, is never the right one.

2. Actually there is no full answer to the problem of suffering.

3. The best that faith can do is to muster a holy "yet"—

(a) Though I do not understand God's dealings, yet will I trust him that he knows what he is doing and is leading me aright (Job 23:10a);

(b) Though I cannot feel his presence now, yet the day will come when I shall find him again and be found of him (Jer. 29:13);

(c) Though I cannot see it now, yet will I trust that he will make everything serve for my good and come out right in the end (Job 23:10b).

## A LESSON PLAN

Date: October 10, 1954

Theme: **GOD'S ANSWER TO MAN'S PERPLEXITY**

SCRIPTURE: Job 38:1-7; 42:1-6; 10a.

**PURPOSE:** To help us find God's answer to our many perplexities.

**GETTING STARTED:** This much is certain: we shall never find our way through the world's perplexities by stewing about them. To fret ourselves because of evil-doers (Ps. 37:1a), to be envious of the success of those who work iniquity (Ps. 37:1b), to feel sorry for ourselves and spend our days in bitter complaint, to wax melodramatic and rail against God and the senseless cruelties of fate—all this gets us nowhere. It only compounds the perplexity and deepens the mental fog through which we are groping. Like Job, we have to learn that light comes from a different direction; and not until we become willing to stop our stewing and are ready to listen to God does truth break through. Only then shall we come to understand that there is purpose and meaning in all things, even the crucible of suffering and misfortune. Let us note well, therefore, God's answer to Job; for it points the only way out of our perplexity.

### Developing the Theme:

#### I. LOOK UP (Job 38:1-7).

1. The first thing Job had to do was to look away from himself and his troubles and unto God. Only as he looked up could help come to him.

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## ENGAGEMENTS

**Dr. Frank H. Woyke**  
Sept. 26 (Sunday)—New Leipzig and Mott, North Dakota.  
Oct. 3 (Sunday)—Eureka, S. Dak.  
Oct. 10 (Sunday)—Immanuel Church, Loyal, Oklahoma.

**Rev. J. C. Gunst**  
Sept. 26—Sheboygan, Wis.  
Sept. 28—St. Joseph, Mich. (Christian Workers' Conference).

**Dr. M. L. Leuschner**  
Sept. 26 (Sunday Afternoon)—Zion Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.  
Sept. 28—Men's Fellowship, Watertown, Wisconsin.  
Oct. 3 (Sunday)—Linton, N. Dak.  
Oct. 10 (Sunday)—Bethany Church, Vesper, Kansas.

**Rev. D. Fuchs, Evangelist**  
Sept. 28-Oct. 8—Strassburg Church, Marion, Kansas.

**Rev. H. Palfenier, Evangelist**  
Sept. 26-Oct. 8—Immanuel Church, Portland, Oregon.

**Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson, Missionaries**  
Sept. 27—Appleton, Minnesota.  
Sept. 28—Aberdeen, South Dakota.  
Sept. 29—Rapid City, South Dakota.  
Sept. 30—Avon, South Dakota.  
Oct. 1-3—Emery, South Dakota (Missionary Rally).

## CONFERENCES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Sept. 24-26—Minnesota Association at Faith Church, Minneapolis, Minn. Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson, Guest Speakers.

Sept. 30-Oct. 3—Nebraska-Colorado Association at Creston, Neb. Dr. John Leypoldt, Guest Speaker.

Oct. 3-5—South Dakota Association at Madison, South Dakota. Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson and Dr. John Leypoldt, Speakers.

Oct. 4-6—Iowa Association at Steamboat Rock, Iowa. Mr. Ernest Hildebrand, Guest Speaker.

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

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# Editorial

## We Gain as We Give

CHRISTIANITY UPSETS our usual way of thinking! We think that the main purpose of life is to amass a fortune, at least, to get more money. Success is usually evaluated in financial terms. We work hard to get more money or things that money can buy. That is our first and often our principal concern of life.

But Christ reversed the process. He said that "it is more blessed to give than to receive!" We gain as we give! "He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully" (2 Cor. 9:6). That is a New Testament principle which is the foundation stone of Christianity and the practice of every Christian steward.

In our Church Extension Program you will have a wonderful opportunity to test this truth for yourself. Your offerings and pledges will be spiritual investments in new churches, home mission fields and harvests of souls. For years to come you will see tangible evidences of what your money can accomplish in starting new churches, winning people for the Lord Jesus Christ, and strengthening our denominational enterprise. Every new church dedicated to the glory of God as a result of our Church Extension Program will add new luster to your crown of joy as you can say: "I've had a real part in the establishment of that church in Christ's Name!"

We become rich in the things that abide eternally only as we give liberally and generously to others in need, to the witness of the Gospel, to the strengthening of God's Kingdom. God's reward is a lasting memorial of joy: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!" We cannot help but be thrilled by the hosts of people who are blessed spiritually through such new churches which we have helped to establish and to build, and who then rise in thankfulness to God for the generous donors who have made their churches possible. That is a glorious adventure in stewardship in which we gain greatly as we give generously.

There will be an Honor Roll of North American Baptist Churches posted at the 1955 General Conference in Waco, Texas, of those churches which have become Honor Churches in Church Extension. Certificates will be sent to those contributors who give \$100 or more to the Church Extension Fund. The names of those who have given \$500 or more will be inscribed on bronze tablets to be placed into these new churches.

However significant these tokens of recognition are, they do not represent the highest honor that will come to you for your gifts and offerings to the Church Extension Program. For years and years to come (yes, for eternity), you will be able to picture these new churches for yourself, to read the reports about spiritual victories within its sacred walls, and to share in their blessings as you realize that the Lord and his Gospel have had need of you and of your gifts. You have invested a part of yourself as a faithful witness for Christ in these new churches. In this way you have gained the greatest blessing that Christ can offer by giving in his Name!

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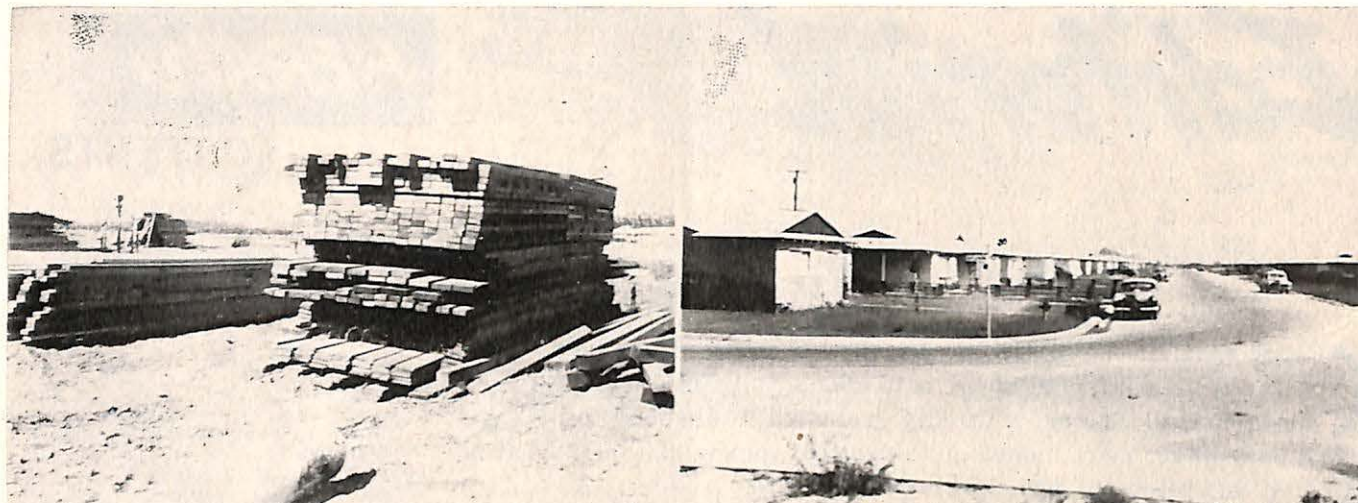
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Lumber for a new house in a booming subdivision near Anaheim, Calif., stacked up ready for use (left), and a broad street with new homes in one of Southern California's scores of new communities that have mushroomed into existence! (right)

## Burdened for Souls in America

By the REV. B. JACKSTEIT  
of Anaheim, California

DO WE NEED a program of church extension?

My dear brother, if you were living in Southern California, you wouldn't be wasting any time trying to decide whether we need such a program or not. You'd be lying awake at night wondering how to meet the challenge of the situation that surrounds you.

Granted that Californians are sometimes given to bragging and exaggeration and that many Easterners who come to live here are soon stricken by the disease of "Californi-itis"; yet, frankly, I don't see how anyone can possibly over-state or exaggerate the situation that exists here. As one who, I trust, is still an Easterner enough to be able to look at a situation sanely and realistically, I have to admit that this is way beyond anything I've seen before; in fact, it's beyond my ability to comprehend fully.

### ANAHEIM'S BUILDING BOOM

Take Anaheim for an example. When we came here three years ago, Anaheim was a quiet, lovely community of about 17,000 inhabitants surrounded by orange groves and with an agricultural flavor about it. Today that's no longer the case! The orange groves are rapidly disappearing and the thousands of orange trees are being replaced by thousands of new homes. Last year over 1300 new homes were built in our little city.

A month ago, the city administrator told a group of us that at that time the city planning commission had before it requests to approve the construction of no less than 3500 new homes within our city limits. Today that number has gone to over 7,000. When you consider that an average of three and one-half persons will occupy each of these homes, you begin to see what happens to a city's population in a very short time. And what is taking place in Anaheim is being repeated in almost every community in Southern California.

Maybe you're asking, Where do all the people come from? (We are told that 25,000 new people are moving into Southern California every week.) Who buys all the new homes? Where do all these newcomers find jobs?

Frankly, that's what we'd like to know. It's a mystery to which we have no answer. Yet the fact itself is there for everyone to see. People are coming! They all seem to find jobs. And the houses are being sold and occupied as fast as they are being built.

Nor is that all. What is happening in California is taking place to a lesser degree in every part of our country. Thousands of new homes! Tens of thousands of new people! Cities bursting at the seams! Put it all together and it adds up to a situation that confronts the churches of America with a challenge that cannot be ignored and

an opportunity that must not be missed.

How shall we as North American Baptists meet that challenge and opportunity?

One way is to ignore them—to go on blissfully paddling our own little canoes while the flood-tide of a surging population piles up around us. After all, we've got our hands full keeping our own canoes steady and moving through the turbulent waters. Why then get involved in new enterprises that will make even greater demands upon our limited resources? And why move out into the main current of these flood waters when we cannot tell where they will carry us? It's better to stay in quiet little coves as close to shore as possible and let the flood sweep past.

### THE EASY WAY OUT

Another way is to disclaim any responsibility toward the situation. For is it not true that we as North American Baptists are a "peculiar" people? We have our own particular background, our close family ties, our own specific responsibilities. Why then should we be concerned about people who are not "our kind of people"? Let other groups, stronger than ours and better fitted for the task of reaching these millions of new people—let them measure up to the opportunity and responsibility. Ours is a different mission. We have no obligation here.

## The Challenge of Today!

Let us unite in advancing this new project of our Church Extension Program with its campaign of \$250,000 and add it as another achievement to honor and glorify our Lord and Master!

By MR. FRED A. GROSSER, General Treasurer  
of the North American Baptist General Conference

OUR NORTH AMERICAN Baptist Conference has faced many challenging projects in the course of its history. It has faced them courageously and victoriously. As a consequence it has grown from a few scattered groups into a Conference of two hundred and seventy-four churches. Its missionary and benevolent contributions have reached an annual total of five hundred thousand dollars.

Much of this financial expansion has come within the last decade. A backward glance over this period of our Conference history provides thrilling and inspiring evidence that God honored the faith of his people who, accepting the guidance of the Holy Spirit, stepped out in obedience to his will.

It was in the year 1944 in response to authority granted by the General Conference, held in May of that year at Milwaukee, Wis., that the campaign to gather \$150,000 as an Endowment Fund for our Seminary, then still in Rochester, N. Y., was launched. It was launched with misgivings on the

part of many, but God crowned the venture with success. Other projects followed in quick succession.

The Million Dollar Offering launched in August of the year 1947, to be collected within a two-year period, is now but a recollection. It represented the accumulated needs of our denomination for home and foreign projects. It was a tremendous step forward in faith, but by May of 1949, two months before the expiration of the allotted time, our executive secretary reported contributions of \$866,222.50 toward that goal.

The decision to move our Seminary from Rochester, N. Y., to Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was a project that called for much thought and planning and prayer. It involved not only negotiations with Colgate-Rochester Divinity School for release of endowment funds held by it, and the sale of our buildings and property in Rochester, N. Y., but also the erection of new buildings in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The campaign for funds for these new

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It must be admitted that both of these responses have something to recommend them—chiefly this: they represent the easy way out! For if we adopt them, it means no special effort, no sweat, no blood, no tears to do a new and difficult job. But they also are the worst possible responses we could make.

For if we adopt some such attitude, we may be certain that we shall not have to worry much longer about our North American Baptist enterprises. There will be none to worry about, for as a denomination we will shrivel up and finally die. Seeking to save our life, we shall lose it. Thinking only of ourselves and the easy way out, we shall be cast aside as instruments no longer fit for the Master's use.

### HARVEST FIELDS OF TODAY

Thank God, however, there is another response we can make to the challenge and opportunity before us. Like Isaiah of old we can say, "Here am I, send me," and with courage and devotion undertake the task to which God is calling us.

Granted that the task is not easy. (Here in California we are discovering that it is much more difficult than we had imagined. What with countless regulations, the extremely high cost of land, unfriendly planning commissions, the unwillingness of many people to have a church in their neighborhood, the spiritual indifference of most new people moving into our area—the task of establishing new churches is anything but easy.)

Granted, too, that such an extension program will strain our resources and burden our churches with more responsibilities. Yet, under God, we dare do nothing less than respond with all the devotion and enthusiasm we are able to muster!

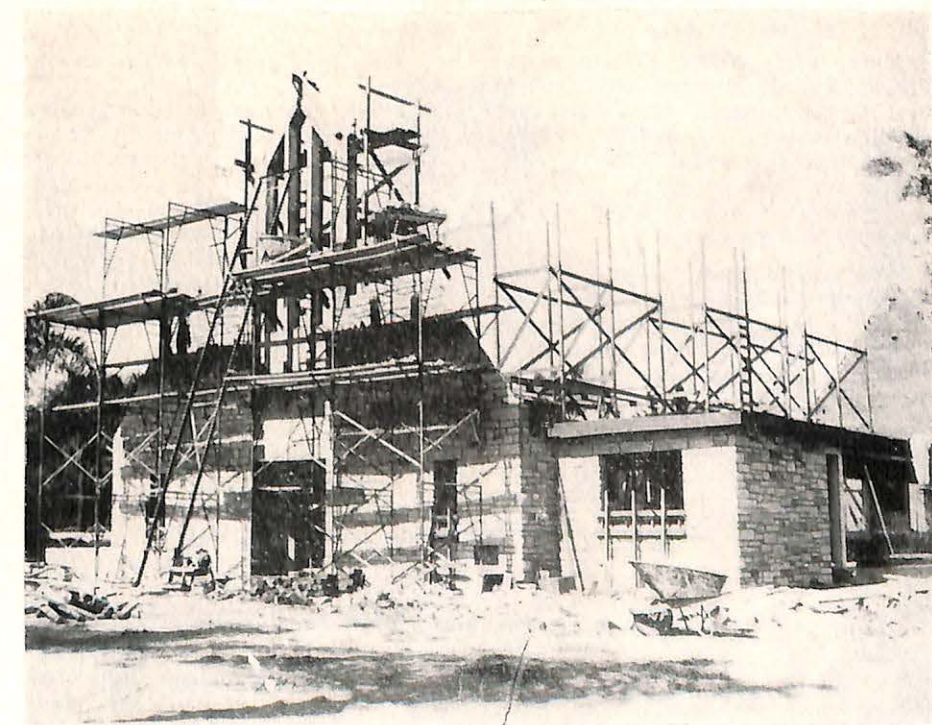
If ever fields were ripe unto harvest, they are more than ripe in our own beloved America, and especially in California! Concern for the souls of men in darkest Africa has enabled us to achieve great things for Christ in that benighted and awakening land. But what about the souls of men right here in America? Have we no concern for them? Have we no Macedonian call to take the Gospel to them?

### PEOPLE NEED CHRIST

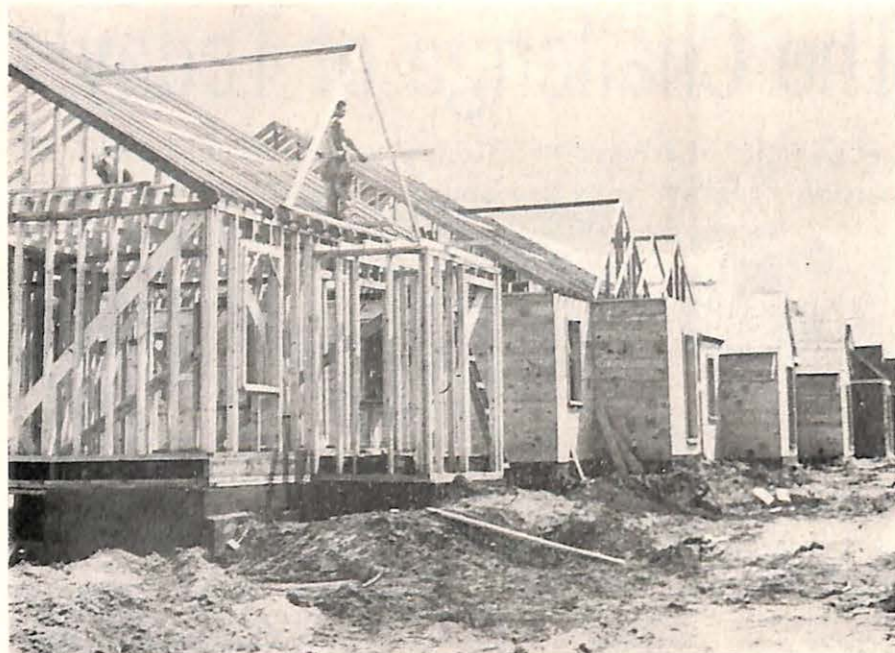
Men are lost without Christ—whether it be in Africa or in America! And if we but have eyes to see, we can see all about us in this our favored land countless men and women living in a spiritual darkness deeper than that of heathenism. What about them? Shall we ignore them and simply let them go the way that leads to destruction?

God's call to us today is to seek "the lost sheep" in our own household and to win America for Christ. The Cameroons? Yes! Japan? Yes! Austria? Yes! But what about America? And

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New churches must be established in the booming new communities of America and the Gospel must be preached to America's transient millions if we are to be faithful stewards of God!



—By Ewing Galloway, N. Y.

In one year alone more than 60,000 building permits were issued for single-family homes in Los Angeles County, which if placed end to end on a 50-foot average would form a solid line of houses two-thirds of the distance from Chicago to New York City

## Church Extension Campaign

The expansion of our home mission work and the raising of the \$250,000 Church Extension Fund represent the most important undertaking in our history. Contribute cheerfully as the Lord has prospered you!

By MR. ARTHUR SCHWERIN, Chairman of the Church Extension Campaign Committee

THOSE WHO WERE present at the Philadelphia Conference will remember the enthusiasm with which the decision to expand our home mission program was received. The General Missionary Society during the past two years has been endeavoring to carry on this program.

However, it soon became evident that it would not be able to take care of all the requests and to finance this phase of our missionary ministry without a considerable increase in funds. Consequently at its meeting in May of this year, the General Council authorized the raising of a special \$250,000 fund to be used exclusively for the founding and establishment of new churches on our home mission field.

Jesus said: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Please note, that he placed home missions first. The Apostle Paul said: "And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And

how shall they preach, except they be sent?"

The field in which we have to work is a large one. Approximately 50 per cent of the people in America do not profess Christianity. As a denomination we have accepted the challenge.

Since Sunday, September 19th, solicitors have been visiting all of our churches, asking you to give to this cause—the most important undertaking in our history. These men are giving of their time, without any remuneration whatsoever in order that this campaign might be a success. When they come to your church, receive them with open arms, gladden their hearts with your presence at the meeting held to explain the Church Extension Fund. And finally contribute cheerfully as the Lord has prospered you.

### CHURCH EXTENSION PROJECTS

In every campaign, needless to say, many large contributions of \$250, \$500, \$1,000 and more are needed to make it a success. In fact, if we are to reach our goal we will need many such contributions. All donors of \$500 or more

will be recognized by having their name placed in one of the new churches we are going to establish and build, stating that his gift helped to make possible this new church.

We are also going to have a Hundred Dollar Club. These donors will receive a special certificate. In addition, everyone who contributes \$100 or more will have his name published in the "Baptist Herald." In order to assure success we should have 2,000 members in the Hundred Dollar Club. In fact, that is the goal that has been set.

Now as to payment. If desired, payments can be made at the time of pledging, additional payment in 1955, and final payment in January 1956. This permits payment over a period of three tax years, if so desired. However, as far as possible, we would like to see most payments completed in 1955.

### EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON YOU

When the solicitor calls, he will also be able to tell you how you can make a contribution of property, stocks or bonds, without having to pay a capital gains tax. He will also be able to tell you of our annuity plan whereby you will receive a good rate of interest on the money you give as long as you live, and at the same time be enabled to make a direct contribution to the Church Extension Fund.

In 1950 we raised \$225,000 for our new Seminary at Sioux Falls. And I am sure we have all received a big blessing from our participation in that effort. With better than a 10 per cent increase in our membership since 1950, why shouldn't we raise \$250,000 to bring the Gospel message to hundreds of people in our own land? Whether we do or not, depends upon YOU. Will you do your part?

Expanding Foreign Missions  
is the blessed fruit of the  
expansion of Home Missions.  
Sacrificial giving does not start  
until after you have given  
the tithe.  
GIVE UNTIL IT HELPS

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what about California, the greatest mission field in the world today? People here need saving, too. And here, too, people need the ministry of the church.

That is why God is calling us as North American Baptists to a great Church Extension Program. He challenges us to take the church where the people are, into some of these new localities springing up by the hundreds, there to reach some of the millions of unreached for him and there to claim at least some small part of rich, powerful, sick, pagan America for Jesus Christ.

# Faces Set Toward the City

By DR. W. J. APPEL,  
Church Extension Worker

Concerning Church Extension, the author recalls a challenging word by the late Professor Lewis Kaiser: "The Lord has commanded it; the world needs it; and we can do it"

THESE ARE TODAY more new communities without churches and filled with people who do not know Jesus Christ than ever before." This arresting statement from a handbook prepared for guidance in Church Extension work, written by Dr. Lincoln B. Wadsworth, secretary of Church Extension of the American Baptist Convention, adequately establishes an imperative call for Christian action.

### SUMMONS TO URGENCY

Americans are on the move and their faces are set toward the city. In 1900 one-third of the people of the United States lived in cities. Today more than one-half are city dwellers. This tremendous movement city-ward, plus the increase in population, present an unprecedented opportunity and responsibility to the Christian Church. These multitudes need the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

According to the 1950 United States census there were nearly 65,000,000 people who were affiliated with neither Protestant or Catholic churches nor Jewish Synagogues. With more people than ever in new and growing communities who do not know the Lord and have no Gospel witness, the summons to urgency presses hard upon us.

The answer to this challenge is the movement in various denominations known as Church Extension, which consists in establishing a Gospel witness in new, growing or unserved communities, with the expectation that the churches thus established become self-supporting within a reasonable length of time.

To undergird this ministry financially, large sums are being raised by the denominations. The Presbyterians are designating \$7,500,000 for this purpose. The Methodists have set their goal at \$4,000,000 per year for five years. The Evangelical and Reformed Churches raised \$1,000,000. The Congregational-Christians are seeking to raise \$3,000,000. The American Baptist Convention is aiming for \$8,350,000.

As North American Baptists we too share in this responsibility of Church Extension and plans are developing for the raising of \$250,000 for this purpose, under a Church Extension Committee composed of

capable personnel under the chairmanship of Mr. Edwin H. Marklein of Brooklyn, New York, with the Rev. Richard Schilke of our General Missionary Society as secretary.

### OPPORTUNITIES AT HOME

There is another phase of Church Extension which is of vital concern to us. The remarkable development of our missionary interests in the Cameroons, in Japan, in Europe, as well as among the Indians in Canada and the Spanish-American people in Colorado, makes a constant growth in the membership of our churches imperative if this extended ministry is to be maintained and strengthened.

What a glorious opportunity this situation presents and with what enthusiasm and devotion we as believers should give ourselves to the task!

The need and opportunity for establishing new churches must be the subject of constant concern and prayerful watchfulness of each local church. A mission Sunday School or Bible study group in a new community may offer a wonderful opportunity for service for young people's or Sunday School workers' groups, and may, with denomina-

tional assistance, lead to the establishing of a new work.

At this point members of a church living in or near a new community may invite neighbors to gather in one of their homes for worship and thus gather a nucleus for a new church. Providing bus service to bring people from a neighboring growing community to an established church may be the means of discovering an interest on the part of people who could be assisted in the formation of a new church. Care must be exercised that parents do not avail themselves of having their children taken by bus but failing to manifest a personal interest in attendance.

### INTELLIGENT PLANNING

Having discovered a needy area, it becomes necessary to undertake a survey in which a study will be made of the people and the type of homes in which they live, the public school facilities as well as shopping centers in the neighborhood. Consideration should also be given to land drainage and availability of public utilities.

Much attention is being given by Councils of Churches in the interests of comity. These Councils con-

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The German Youth Choir of the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, with the pastor, Rev. Henry Pfeifer (center, front row). Most of these young people come from immigrant families who have emigrated to Canada in recent years



Dr. Paul Gebauer, field superintendent of our Cameroons Baptist Mission, bringing the dedication message (center) for the Banso Hospital with government and native notables surrounding him. At the left are some of the many Africans who attended the dedication program, and at the right are the comfortable beds in one of the new wards

## Dedication of the Banso Hospital

By MISS MARGARET KITTLITZ  
of Banso, British Cameroons

**In the presence of government officials and notables, with a fifteen gun salute to the Banso Fon, on a beautiful, hot day, the Banso Baptist Hospital in sparkling brightness was dedicated for the healing of bodies and souls and to the honor of Jesus Christ**

THE DAY OF JUNE 15th dawned with an overcast sky at Banso in the Cameroons, Africa. Rain was to be expected. It had rained for days on end, except on the day when we moved the patients and all necessary equipment from the old buildings, "down the hill," to the new buildings "up the hill."

But this day was different! By the time the sun had climbed over the eastern hills, it broke through the clouds with all its glory and heat. It was so warm that during the proceedings umbrellas bobbed here and there to keep off the bright rays of the sun instead of showers of rain.

### SPARKLING WINDOWS AND EYES

The new buildings were bright with their cream colored waists, terra cotta skirts and red zinc hats. Their window eyes sparkled, that is, as much as they could, having been washed by African student nurses who have scarcely seen a window pane, much less washed one. These windows were especially difficult since the African painters sometimes forgot that they were supposed to paint the wooden frames and not the glass. In any case, those areas, that were clean, sparkled, or seemed to, as seen through our own sparkling eyes.

The bedsteads and bedside stands shone with their cream gloss paint. The beds were bright with many colored flannel sheets, blankets and quilts provided by our loving women in America. The patients rested peacefully on thick, inner spring mattresses.

We wondered if some of them, compelled by nostalgia for the hard bamboo beds of their own huts, would crawl out and sleep on the cement floor. But apparently the human body quickly adjusts itself.

### ARRIVAL OF NOTABLES

On this day of rejoicing excitement filled the air. It was hard for the student nurses to keep their minds on medicines and treatments. Early in the morning the missionary nurses looked over the wards with a critical eye to see if everything was as it should be. The laborers were doing last minute "clean up jobs" and smoothing out the sand in front of the gate.

At about half past ten, the field superintendent, Dr. Paul Gebauer, arrived with some African notables. A little later, the Resident of Bamenda Province and the Commissioner and their wives, representatives of the British Government arrived. About half past eleven the Banso Fon (or native chief), who had decided to have a little party of his own in his compound, arrived. These notables, together with missionaries who had come to help us celebrate, were served coffee, tea and sandwiches on the veranda of Dr. and Mrs. Chaffee's house.

The program began at about 12:00 noon. Meanwhile a large crowd had gathered on the terrace outside the gate and on the motor road. After their morning tea and coffee, those who were gathered at the house of the

Chaffee's came down to the places assigned to them. The government officials were supported by a cohort of police and messengers. The Banso Fon was supported by his retinue of Fai's and Council men. The missionaries were supported by an inner joy of seeing dreams come true and God's work going forward.

### DEDICATION PROGRAM

Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee, as master of ceremonies, gave an address of welcome, giving special recognition to the notables present. Our field superintendent, Dr. Paul Gebauer, gave the address of dedication, basing his remarks on Psalm 127:1. "Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain who build it." He expressed "gratitude to the government of Nigeria for its advice, good will and financial aid; to the Baptists in U.S.A. and Canada for their prayers, gifts and medical missionaries; to the Hildebrands for their years of labor and their substance; to the hospital staff, Dr. Chaffee and all who served and are serving; to the masons and other workmen who built so well; to God Almighty who gave the increase."

The dedication prayer was offered by the Rev. E. H. Ahrens. Then the Commissioner gave an address in which he thanked the mission for its efforts, giving special recognition to the Hildebrands for their unstinted labor and their sacrifice of unpaid service, expressing regret that they could not be here on this momentous occasion. Then, speaking suitably

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## Folded Hands and Thankful Hearts!

Since 1947 about 5,600 European immigrants, many of them from "the household of faith," have come to Canada through our immigration efforts. Since Jan. 1, 1954 this immigration ministry has been under the auspices of our Fellowship Fund Committee. This, too, is our missionary outreach in the Name of Christ!

By the REV. WILLIAM STURHAHN of Winnipeg,  
Manitoba, Director of Immigration

RESETTLEMENT of a family into another continent does not just happen. Various and thorough preparations involving a host of agencies and individuals precede each immigration movement. Nor does an accomplished placement close the story until the next wave arrives. The consequences upon the immigrant, the church, school, community and nation are sometimes joltingly evident.

### FLOW OF IMMIGRANTS

In Canada today one out of every 16 persons is an immigrant from one of the feeding European countries of the present wave. Discounting the relatively small immigration population in the Maritime (Atlantic) provinces, we could volunteer an estimate that in the particular realm of our work and interest, covering Ontario and Western Canada, one out of every 12 persons could easily be a new Canadian. Of special interest to us as denomination is the fact, that a good number of these are German-speaking people.

North American Baptist churches have received a proportionately larger share of newcomers than the nation. That is probably due to the fact that our own members "of the household of faith" are, as a rule, of solid Baptist timber, and also to the fact that our churches have gained a good number through evangelism. Since the beginning of our immigration ministry in 1947 an approximate total of 5,600 souls has directly or indirectly come to Canada through our efforts.

The time from 1947 to spring of 1951 covers that period when no official count was taken. Mr. Herman Streuber of Winnipeg, Man., almost single-handedly assisted members of our churches in bringing nearly 1,600 relatives. From 1950 to December 1953 we served under the auspices of the Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee. Four thousand souls or

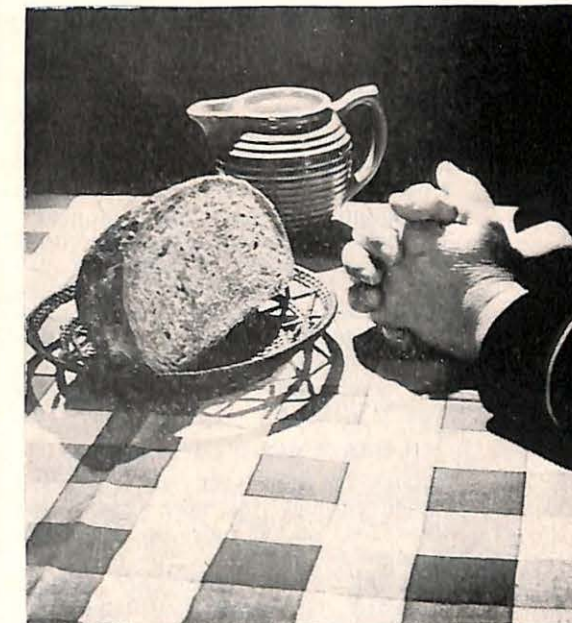
700 family units received our assistance. However, about this chapter we have previously brought several reports.

### OUR IMMIGRATION SETUP

A new chapter is now being written. Since January 1, 1954 the Baptist Immigration to Canada is under the auspices of the North American Baptists with headquarters in Forest Park, Illinois. Such unused liquid funds as the Baptist World Alliance still has in the Winnipeg immigration revolving fund will be returned by agreement. We are now on our own. The blessings and ills, the profit and loss, the responsibilities and results will show in our own churches and denomination.

Our general secretary, Dr. F. H. Woyke, presides over the Fellowship Fund Committee, which now has supervision. The members of the F.F.C. are the brethren Roland Ross, recording secretary, Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Rev. J. C. Gunst, Rev. R. Schilke, Mr. Fred Grosser and Mr. E. B. Streuber. This committee moulds policy and makes appointments of active workers with the approval of the General Council. The Winnipeg immigration office continues to function under the name, Baptist World Alliance Immigration (with the approval of B.W.A. Executive Committee), under the secretariat of Wm. Sturhahn.

Since settlement and placement opportunities are more difficult to find, the Rev. Rudolph Rapske was called as assistant, working chiefly in Western Canada. He has taken up his task with enthusiasm and ability, and we trust and pray that our pastors and churches will welcome him with the same love as they have always welcomed our own ministry. We now share the task and privilege of preparing a place for the expected immigrants and meeting them at the time of their arrival.



—Eva Luoma Photo

This in itself is a story which can never be fully written since the experiences and impressions of each newcomer differ widely from each other. There is a mixture of laughter and tears which we respect because involved are the destiny and future of living human souls. Many of our immigrants are deeply grateful, and some are bitterly disappointed. With these we weep, and with those we rejoice!

The Rev. Rudolf Milbrandt is our immigration director in Germany. He has the no less difficult task of assisting the prospective migrants through the long and weary routine of applications and processing. He must dampen the over-enthusiasm of some and add a little warmth to the outlook of others. He must comfort those who failed "to comply with immigration requirements" and instruct those who depart for Canada.

### IMMIGRATION MACHINERY

Our report would be incomplete without mentioning some of the organizations and agencies involved. After all, a migration movement of this vastness—even our relatively small Baptist movement—costs enormous sums of money. Transportation alone costs approximately \$200 per adult. Add to this the cost of administration and settlement and there is the staggering sum of \$700,000 in our Winnipeg books only. To be sure, the immigrant repays the loan, but the funds have to be available.

In providing processing facilities and reception arrangements, we are joined with the Lutherans and Methodists to form the Canadian Christian Council for the Resettlement of Refugees (CCRR). This is one of

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**DEDICATION OF HOSPITAL**

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words, he opened the gates to the hospital.

The Fon of Bansa spoke words of gratitude to the government and the mission and was saluted with a fifteen gun salute, fired by his "big men." Then he cut the tape which closed off the veranda of the out-patients' department. Variety and a further note of gladness were added to the celebration by songs in native languages by the Christians of the Bansa Church and by the children of the Basel Mission School.

**AMAZEMENT OF NATIVES**

After the tape was cut, the crowd surged through the open gates and were led on a tour of inspection through the buildings. The many expressions of amazement and delight in many languages, translated into English, meant "Oh!" and "Ah!" Those who could speak English kept repeating, "Wonderful! Wonderful!" Amazement was expressed at the height and softness of the beds. The turning of a tap from which water flowed and the turning of a handle which sprayed water down on one's head brought forth further expressions of astonishment.

The supreme excitement was brought about by the pulling of a chain which caused a flood of water, coming from, they knew not where, to gurgle and swish down a special opening in the floor or through a white, oval vessel standing on one leg, the use of which could not be guessed until a "guide" provided an explanation.

When the tour of inspection was finished, the crowd dispersed to various places for that without which no celebration is complete, a "chop palaver." The Fon celebrated the rest of the afternoon and evening because of this wonderful and amazing thing which has come to his "country."

**TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

What this institution of healing means to those whom we serve here, what it will mean in years to come as the fulfillment of our hopes and dreams and prayers are best expressed in the words of dedication spoken by the field superintendent, Dr. Gebauer.

"To the glory of God by whose favor we have built;

To the honor of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, whom we serve;

To the praise of the Holy Spirit, our source of life and light;

To the healing of bodies and souls of the many and all who come here;

To the promotion of good will among men here and everywhere;

To the expansion of Christ's Kingdom here on earth,

We dedicate this hospital."

**FACES TOWARD THE CITY**

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sider the location of new churches for the purpose of intelligent planning for denominational representation and avoiding over-churching one section and neglecting another.

Often great difficulties are encountered in securing a suitable site once a need has been established, owing to the zoning of new subdivisions without giving consideration to the religious needs of people. Then too the reluctance to sell on the part of persons owning property in sections adjoining subdivisions, hoping for greater increasing financial returns, is a difficulty. Property values are unreasonably increased.

In spite of the difficulty in securing a site at a reasonable price, great care must be exercised against purchasing less desirable property merely to effect a financial saving. In the long run this may prove to be most costly. What Jesus said concerning "a city set on a hill" is very meaningful in regard to the location of a church. The house of God deserves a prominent spot where it will serve constantly as a silent witness to him.

The time is past when a few lots will serve adequately for church building purposes. Most cities now require off-the-street parking facilities in various proportions to the sittings in the sanctuary.

**COMMUNITY CANVASS**

When once reasonable assurance as to a site has been ascertained, the next step to be taken is planning and organizing a thorough canvass. In such a canvass every home in a chosen area is visited and information secured concerning church membership, Sunday School attendance, denominational preference, number and ages of children in the home, and interest in a new church or Sunday School in the community.

However excellent the site which has been secured may be, it will have little usefulness in establishing a Christian witness without an adequate building. Sometimes a temporary meeting place can be found in the neighborhood, or a first unit may be built to be used later for educational purposes. In some cases a home in a new subdivision has been purchased for a parsonage and used temporarily for a worship center and Sunday School.

It is evident that work of this kind will require the united effort of all the churches of our denominational fellowship.

In speaking of our missionary responsibility to a group at a young people's assembly years ago, Dr. Lewis Kaiser, one-time professor at our Seminary, said, "The Lord has commanded it; the world needs it; and we can do it." In the present crisis, shall we do it?

**CHALLENGE OF TODAY**

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buildings resulted in cash gifts and pledges exceeding \$275,000.

Now developing under the supervision of our General Missionary Society is our Leper Mission in Bamenda of the Cameroons. What wonderful blessings will result from this work of love, only the future will disclose. This challenging work was begun in the spring of the year 1951 when the British Government proposed that our Society assume the responsibility for it. In the same year our entirely new mission work in Japan was undertaken!

Ten years ago, who would have thought that all this, and so much more, would be possible in so short a time for our comparatively small group? God has blessed in a marvelous way. We praise him for it!

Now a new challenge is laid before us! For quite some time the thought has prevailed among our leaders that because of the heavy emphasis we have placed upon giving for foreign missions, our home mission field has been neglected, and that it is time now, before enlarging our foreign work farther, to strengthen our home base.

This together with the great spiritual needs of the thousands of transplanted churchless people here at home was, no doubt, the motivating force that resulted in the passage of the resolution at our last General Conference to adopt a Church Extension Program.

**CHURCH EXTENSION**

The idea of church extension in our Conference is not entirely new. We have been helping struggling groups of brethren to acquire buildings in which to worship and pray for many years. Seventy years ago the movement was started to make a concerted effort among our churches for chapel building. To promote this movement the Children's Day was utilized in our Sunday Schools. The seventieth Children's Day program was held this year in June. With maturity and growing strength a broader and more effective program is called for and is justified.

At the Conference in Philadelphia a Church Extension Committee was appointed to set up such a program. This committee has worked faithfully during the interim. Its vital program, which has been approved by the General Missionary Committee and by the General Council, is now being submitted to the churches of our Conference.

This is a project not of any one individual or of any one church, but of all of us. No gift is too great or too small. Together we can reach our goal. Let us unite then in advancing this new project and add it as another achievement to honor and glorify our Lord and Master!

# Churches Report of God's Blessings

Reports from North American Baptist Churches

**Farewell Service for Missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Clemence Auch, at Salem, Oregon**

The members and friends of the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, Ore., bade farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. Clemence Auch and their daughter, Deborah, on Sunday, July 25th, before departure for the mission field in Japan. Mrs. Auch is a member of Bethel Church, having been active there before going to Sioux Falls about three years ago. The Bethel Church had adopted these missionaries as a special project.

At the morning service the Rev. Clemence Auch delivered the sermon. The church then observed the Lord's Supper. The Missionary Society sponsored a luncheon which was held at the park. In the evening the formal farewell service was held. Representatives of the church's various organizations spoke words of farewell. Several musical selections were rendered. Mr. and Mrs. Auch responded with words of gratitude and rejoicing. The service was a challenge to all to give prayer and financial support to our missionaries.

On August 1st the Auchs left Vancouver, B. C., for their field of service in Japan. May the Lord bless them in their endeavors from him.

Rudolph Woyke, Pastor.

**Vacation School and German Youth Choir of the Central Church, Edmonton, Alta.**

The Vacation Bible School of the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., July 19 to 30, has definitely been a great success. Attendance went up from 70 the first day to 130 on the final day. The children brought mission offerings to the amount of \$22.75 and designated the same for our foreign mission work in Japan. The closing program was presented Sunday evening, August 1st, with the church filled to capacity. Mr. Ervin Strauss, assistant pastor for the summer months, was in charge and rendered excellent service. Together with a fine group of teachers and workers a splendid school could be conducted, which was better than any other school held thus far.

The German Youth Choir is the pride of our church and under the leadership of Heinz Kleiber is doing a very fine piece of work. They have rendered song festivals in several churches such as Onoway, Lethbridge, and Calgary. In addition to the service they render frequently in our own church, they have become the means of bringing joy and happiness and spiritual blessings to many. We rejoice in their faithfulness and their performance. Their number reached a peak of 80 and all are under strict control for a life that is a glowing



Rev. R. Woyke of the Bethel Church, Salem, Oregon, bids farewell to Rev. and Mrs. Clemence Auch, Missionaries to Japan

**Vacation Bible School Held at the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

Under the direction of Miss Audrey M. Miller, the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., conducted a successful Vacation Bible School from June 28 to July 9. Our enrollment was 123 girls and boys, with an average attendance of 105. With the aid of 16 teachers and helpers, the children of school age through Intermediate age were kept busy learning God's Word, singing and playing.

The teachers were as follows: Beginners, Mrs. Zoe Wright, Mrs. Laura McClain, Mrs. Ruth Schweitzer, and Miss Betty Reeh; Primary, Mrs. Olive Pfeiffer, Mrs. Lydia Kosik, Mrs. Mary Davis, Mrs. Hazel Duke, and Miss Barbara Hertirch; Juniors, Mrs. Mildred Glaudel, Mrs. Lydia Richards, and Mrs. MacClay; Intermediates, Miss Audrey M. Miller and Mrs. Harry Naegly. Miss Ruth Pfeiffer was secretary. The Rev. Walter C. Damrau is the pastor of the church.

A program was held on Friday evening, July 9th, in which all the children took part, and the handwork from the departments was displayed.

Miss Audrey M. Miller has been called to the Pilgrim Baptist Church as full-time church worker. Her services began the first of September. She was graduated from Temple University in June, receiving her Bachelor of Science degree in Education. Miss Miller has served the church part-time during the past year.

Audrey M. Miller, Church Worker.

testimony of God in purity and loyalty.

(See page 7 of this issue of the "Baptist Herald" for a fine picture of the German Youth Choir of Edmonton's Central Baptist Church.)

Henry Pfeiffer, Pastor.

**OUR CHURCH EXTENSION GOAL \$250,000.00**



Vacation Bible School children and teachers at the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Vetter of Isabel, S. Dak., have announced the birth of a son on July 20 who has been named David John. A daughter was born to the Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Hoffmann of the Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Church, Millet, Alta., who has been named Ardice Ann. The Rev. and Mrs. H. John Vanderbeck of Elgin, Iowa, have announced the birth of a son on August 5, to whom the name John Mark has been given.

● The Carroll Avenue Baptist Church has called the Rev. Douglas H. Gallagher to serve as its pastor, to which he has responded favorably. Mr. Gallagher has been a senior student at the Dallas Theological Seminary of Dallas, Texas, having recently completed the theological course. He is married and has a family with two children. He began his ministry at the Dallas church on Sept. 12th, succeeding the Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, now of Lorraine, Kansas.

● The Jeffers Baptist Church of Jeffers, Minn., has called the Rev. Elton Bleeker of Minneapolis, Minn., as its pastor to which he has responded favorably. He and his family of wife and two children are already on the field, Mr. Bleeker having begun his pastorate in Jeffers on August 29. For the past three years he has been the assistant pastor at the Aldrich Presbyterian Church of Minneapolis, Minnesota. His home town is George, Iowa. In the Jeffers Church he has succeeded the Rev. Arthur Odens.

● On Sunday, August 8, the Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt, pastor of the Fifteenth Street Church, Los Angeles, Calif., received four new members into the church by letter. Among these were Mrs. Hedwig Bender of Pasadena, Calif., the widow of the Rev. Carl J. Bender who served for many years with her husband as our missionary in the Cameroons, Africa. On Sunday, July 18, Dr. M. L. Leuschner, editor of the "Baptist Herald," served as guest speaker at the morning worship service.

● The Calvary Baptist Church of Corn, Okla., has extended a call to the Rev. J. K. Warkentin of Crawford, Texas, to become its pastor. He has responded favorably and began his ministry in Corn on Sunday, August 29. From August 23 to 27 he conducted evangelistic services on an interdenominational basis in Lipan, Texas, his wife's home town. Mr.

Warkentin served the Canaan Church of Crawford, Texas, for a year and a half. In Corn he has succeeded the Rev. L. H. Smith as pastor of the Calvary Church.

● On August 1st the Rev. John Heer resigned as pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Lehr, N. Dak., and announced that he and his family would be moving to Rochester, N. Y., to await God's guidance at the close of August. Harvey and Stanley Heer, sons of the Rev. and Mrs. John Heer, are enrolled in schools of Rochester for the fall semester. It was largely because of adverse conditions in North Dakota which affected the health of the children that the resignation was presented. The Rev. John Heer is hoping prayerfully for a church opening in some North American Baptist church.

● The Calvary Baptist Church of Parkersburg, Iowa, held a pleasant surprise for its pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. R. E. MacCormack, on Monday evening, July 26th, on their 10th wedding anniversary. The meeting was opened with the 140 guests in the church singing "Happy Anniversary" and "Praise Him! Praise Him!" Mr. R. H. Mulder as chairman introduced the various vocal and musical numbers and representatives of the church who congratulated the honored couple. Mr. and Mrs. MacCormack were presented with a Sunbeam Coffee Maker, to which they responded graciously and gratefully.

● On Tuesday evening, Aug. 10, the Camrose Faith Mission of Camrose, Alta., Canada, was organized as the Faith Baptist Church with 37 persons signing as charter members of the new church. The Rev. Henry Pfeifer of Edmonton, Alta., served as chairman of the meeting. Mr. B. Schalm of Vernon, B. C., a student at the University of Alberta, is the student pastor. On Sunday, Sept. 12, the first baptismal service was held by the church. On Tuesday, Sept. 21, a council is convening with representatives from eight churches for the purpose of recognizing the group as a North American Baptist Church. Mr. Robert Neske is the church clerk.

● The Sebastopol Baptist Church of Sebastopol, Ont., Canada, held a Vacation Bible School from July 19 to 23 from 9:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. daily. Twenty-eight children were enrolled with an average attendance of 24. Mr.

David G. Draewell of Detroit, Mich., student pastor for the summer months under the denominational Youth Service Plan, was the superintendent of the school. A fine group of 80 members and friends attended the closing program on Friday evening, July 23. The Vacation Bible School offerings amounted to \$78. Mr. Draewell is a senior student at the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois. He is a member of the Ebenezer Church of Detroit, Michigan.

● The McDermot Avenue Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Man., Canada, has extended a call to the Rev. H. J. Waltreit of Grand Forks, N. Dak., to which he has responded affirmatively. On August 15 he resigned as pastor of the Grace Church of Grand Forks which he has faithfully served since 1951, and announced that he would begin his ministry in Winnipeg in November 1954. He will succeed the Rev. C. H. Seecamp, now of Hebron, North Dakota. In the meantime the McDermot Avenue Church of Winnipeg is being faithfully served by Dr. O. E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y., as interim pastor. Mrs. Krueger is ably assisting her husband in this appreciated interim ministry.

● On Sunday afternoon, July 25, the First Baptist Church of Underwood, N. Dak., joined the Baptist Churches of Mercer and McClusky, N. Dak., in a lovely baptismal service at Brush Lake near Mercer, North Dakota. It was a beautiful day for the service and it seemed that all nature joined with the people at this blessed outdoor service. The Rev. Fred J. Knalson of Underwood baptized six candidates on confession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. They included one married couple and four young people. They were extended the hand of fellowship at a communion service, which was conducted at the First Baptist Church of Underwood in connection with the annual Flower Sunday of the church on Sunday, August 8.

● On Tuesday, August 17, the German Baptist Church of Windsor, Ont., was organized with 27 members signing as charter members. The Rev. Otto Patzia of Detroit, Mich., the Central Conference mission committee secretary, was in charge of the service. A more detailed report will be published in a later issue. On Sunday, August 1st, the Rev. G. P. Schroeder, who is serving the church as pastor

for the present, baptized five converts on confession of their faith in Christ. This baptismal service was held in the Walkerville Baptist Church of Windsor. A Vacation Bible School was held for one week with the Misses Renatha Lahman and Lydia Flohr serving as teachers.

● Mr. Harold Johns of Oak Park, Ill., chairman of the denominational Publication Board who recently made a month's visit to the Cameroons Mission Field in Africa besides a world tour, has addressed some of our churches and has shown pictures of the trip. On Sunday evening, Sept. 5, he was the guest speaker in the Oak Street Church, Burlington, Iowa; on Sept. 9 at the Woman's Guild meeting of Forest Park, Ill.; on Sept. 13 to a men's group of the Foster Ave. Church, Chicago, Ill.; on Sunday morning, Sept. 19 at the State Park Church, Peoria, Ill.; and on Sunday, Sept. 26 at Waukegan, Illinois. A colorful article about his experiences in the Cameroons, Africa, will be featured in the next issue.

● On Wednesday evening, August 25, more than 500 people from the three Winnipeg churches filled the sanctuary of the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man., to hear the Rev. William Kerstan of Germany, pastor of the Baptist Church in Frankfurt on the Main, report about political and religious conditions in Germany. The people in attendance were from the German Baptist Mission Church, the Third German Baptist Church and the McDermot Ave. Church. Dr. O. E. Krueger, interim pastor of the McDermot Ave. Church, was in charge. The German Youth Choir of the church sang several selections. The Rev. and Mrs. William Kerstan were in Winnipeg for about ten days, with Mr. Kerstan preaching in the three pulpits of our churches on August 15 and 22.

● On Monday, August 23, Mrs. Herman Siemund of Chicago, Ill., was called to her heavenly home after a lingering illness of some weeks. She has left behind in the Grace Baptist Church of Chicago a lasting memorial in the influence of her gracious personality and in the things which she and her husband did for the church. She will be sweetly remembered throughout our denomination for the wonderful ways in which she assisted her husband as official photographer at General Conference sessions. The memorial service was held on August 6 with the Reverends William L. Schoeffel, August Schlesinger and John Knechtel of the Grace Church taking part. A large host of friends crowded the Muehlhofer Funeral Home for this service with hundreds of floral bouquets attesting the high esteem in which she was held. The obituary will appear in the next issue.

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

## YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

September 26, 1954—"Youth in Bible Study" by J. C. Gunst, Forest Park, Illinois.

Alternate Program—"Canadian Thanksgiving" by Otto R. Schmidt, Edmonton, Alberta., Canada.

## WHAT ABOUT SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK?

Are you making the most of Sunday School Week? Here is a great opportunity to bring the challenging work of the Sunday School to the attention of the entire church and community. Besides the leaders will get a new vision of the work which can be done, with special effort, and become more fully aware of their opportunity to serve beyond the class duties. Everyone will become more fully aware of the great Christian responsibility we all have to the youth and to all other scholars of the church school. Make good use of the materials for Sunday School Week. Do not forget your report after the week of activities. Remember the date—September 19-26, or such a time when most suited for your church.

## CHURCH EXTENSION PROGRAM

We urge all Sunday School workers and CBY leaders to get behind the denominational Church Extension Program one hundred per cent. Familiarize yourself with the materials available in the "Baptist Herald," "News Letter," and special folder. Hear the man to promote the program in your area. Give your support to the church enlargement program through prayer, by helping to promote the program, and by your gifts. New churches mean new Sunday Schools, new CBY's, more people won to Christ. Do you want a share in Christ's work? We all do, I am sure.

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## Annual Meeting, Home for the Aged, N. Dak., October 5th

The annual meeting of the Society of the Home for the Aged in Bismarck, N. Dak., will be held on Tuesday, October 5th. Organizational meeting at 10:00 A.M. and public worship service at 2:00 P.M. at which Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., will be guest speaker.

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## CBY MUSTS

Your CBY Standard, now printed in a large new poster size, will be sent to you in the very near future. Please place the CBY Standard in a prominent place in your church along with your "Live Christ" poster. As you plan your activities for the year, keep the goals listed on the Standard in mind. Review them. Study them. Make them a part of your own CBY. It would be well to review your program frequently to see how close you are to being a 100 per cent member. These goals have been set up as a guide for your spiritual growth.

We would like to remind you to have at least one "CBY Guide for Leaders" for your society. This Leader's Guide has proven to be a real help and guide to the many societies which are now using it. You will find complete instructions for organizing your CBY and also for carrying out the goals as set forth in the CBY Standard. To secure your copy of the "CBY Guide for Leaders," you may send \$1.00 for each copy desired to: Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

## JUNIOR ORGANIZATIONS

We are thrilled with the fine work that is being done among the Junior young people of our denomination. New societies are being organized in various parts of our North American Baptist Conference. One of the newest societies to come to our attention is the one in Mt. Sterling, Mo., organized by the Rev. and Mrs. Olland F. Cole. We greatly appreciate the tireless efforts put forth by our pastors and lay workers in organizing and supporting the Junior work. Great numbers of Juniors are also attending our summer camps and assemblies. It is a healthy sign when young people remember their Creator in the days of their youth.

## SUMMER CAMPS SUCCESSFUL

By the time this issue of the "Baptist Herald" reaches you, our summer assemblies and camps will be in the annals of history. Nevertheless, the blessings and inspirations received will remain with us and bear fruit in our lives. We want to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to all our camp and assembly officers for their consecrated service, good planning and cooperation which have made our summer activities so successful. To our new officers we offer our congratulations and pray that they too may experience the joys and responsibilities of serving our King of kings!



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 Kendricks of Burlingame, talked about another son of the Thackwells named Rutherford. Some pictures were stolen from the attic. A son of the Thackwells was discovered as a missionary in Punjab, India. But still Miss Lenea's will could not be found. Judy said to Candace, "We've been praying about it!"

### CHAPTER EIGHT

IT WAS with excitement that she took her letter to the post office the following morning and paid the necessary air mail postage to have it hurried to its destination.

A few days later Miranda reported that she had again heard strange noises the previous night. But a careful investigation of the attic and of the other rooms revealed nothing out of the way, and they decided that it had probably been the wind that Miranda had heard.

That night Judy was awakened sharply with a noise as of crackling kindling. She heard a roar and her room was ablaze with light. The Thackwell house was on fire!

Hurriedly grabbing her robe and slippers, Judy flew down the hall. She knocked on Miranda's door and Miranda's voice answered, "Who's there?"

"Just as I said," Miranda nodded her head. "It was Osay all the time. He was the prowler."

"What about the carpenter, the little man in gray who claims to be Rutherford Hayes Thackwell? Do you think he stole the pictures?" Judy asked.

"Didn't Osay send the carpenters? Maybe he was trying to find the will to destroy it. Probably he did find it. Didn't you find an empty envelope?" Miranda queried.

"But what about the carpenter?" Judy insisted.

"Maybe he's what he claims to be," Miranda said. "Maybe, that's why..."

"Look!" Sue called excitedly. "The men are on the roof. They're chopping it with an ax."

Judy shivered. Fire was a terrible thing when it was out of control. She looked at Candace. How sad Candace seemed. No doubt she felt sorry that Osay was so wicked.

It was close to morning before the fire was declared to be completely extinguished.

Judy and Candace tried to persuade Miranda to come to Candace's house and to spend the rest of the night there. But Miranda refused saying that someone might enter the broken windows at the back of the house and loot the property. So they entered the house again. It looked dismal in the extreme. Some of the furniture in the bedrooms had been damaged by water. The walls were blackened and many panes of glass missing or broken in the windows which faced the back yard.

Candace said she was really tired and would return to bed. Judy decided to crawl into the big double bed with her aunt and Miranda said she'd have a cup of coffee and do what she could to straighten things out.

The next afternoon Sue, Mike and Judy took a ride to Portsmouth Square to see the monument to Robert Louis Stevenson. Three slender poplars stood guard over the stone, a granite shaft topped by a bronze galleon in full sail, the Hispaniola of Treasure Island. Purple Scotch heather at the base of the monument swayed in the gentle breeze. On the monument Judy read the words from Stevenson's Christmas sermon, "To be honest, to be kind, to earn a little and spend a little less, to make upon the whole a family happier for his presence, to renounce when that shall be necessary and not to be embittered, to keep a few friends, but these without capitulation - above all, on the same grim conditions, to keep friends with himself - here is a task for all that a man has of fortitude and delicacy."

As Judy read the words, she thought of Osay who was indeed the opposite of all that Stevenson had said was the making of a man. Poor Osay. Like

a ship adrift without a rudder, dishonoring his family, untrue to himself. A life in chaos.

When Judy returned, Candace said, "There's a letter for you from India, Judy."

Judy thanked her and, taking the letter, hurried to her room. Her fingers trembled with excitement as she tore open the envelope. She read:

Dear Miss Mitchell:  
Thank for your inquiry regarding my relationship to Lenea Thackwell. I believe my aunt was Lenea Thackwell. My father was Rutherford Hayes Thackwell. I do not have very much information about my father's people. All that I have is contained in a small packet of letters which was written to my father when he was in the Philippines by his sister, Lenea.

My father was discharged from the army because of tuberculosis. I learned from my foster parents before then that my mother (who was older than my father) fell in love with him and married him in order to care for him in his last days. I was born after my father's death. My mother was killed in the San Francisco earthquake and a couple who lived in the house took me East with them. I always thought them to be my parents until I was ready to leave home when they gave me the background of my history. The last time I returned to my mission here in India, I passed through San Francisco and attempted to trace my father's people. I phoned Miss Lenea Thackwell. She was not at home but I talked with her nephew, Osay Thackwell. He said that strangely enough there had been a Lenea Thackwell in San Francisco many years ago but that she had died. His aunt, he knew, did not have a brother Rutherford and that the family I sought had evidently died out. This is all. I cannot say if I am related to the Lenea Thackwell you mention or not. If you wish, however, I could have some of the letter I have copied. The address they were written from is Clay Street.

Respectfully yours,  
Rev. Rutherford Hayes Thackwell.

Hurriedly, Judy took the letter downstairs and related to Candace the finding of the name of Rutherford Thackwell in the missionary prayer book and the details of the air mail letter she had sent. She watched Candace's face as she read the letter. When Candace looked up she said, "This seems authentic, Judy. The Thackwells did live on Clay Street. They were there at the time of the earthquake."

"Apparently he knows nothing of the fortune left by Lenea Thackwell," Judy said.

"No. He probably was just curious in tracing his family when here. He suggested that they ride out to the

does not seem anxious to prove relationship in any way."

"But why should Osay give him that sort of an answer?" Judy asked.

Candace sighed. "You heard what Osay said, that what he wanted was money. He was probably thinking of the money which would be left when Lenea Thackwell died. He wanted to make sure there was no other heir, I suppose."

Judy frowned. "But it's funny, Candace, that the little man in gray said exactly the same thing that's in this letter. Where do you suppose he got it? And where did he get the locket he had?"

Candace looked thoughtful. "You're right, Judy. He did say exactly the same thing. Osay couldn't have sent him, could he?"

"Osay didn't like him, that was sure," Judy commented.

"Yet it was Osay who sent the carpenters," Candace commented.

"Do you think he and Osay could be working together?" Judy asked.

"It doesn't seem likely, Judy. You know 'a house divided against itself cannot stand.' Osay would hardly introduce someone else who was a claimant for the estate."

As Candace and Judy were speaking, the doorbell rang. To Judy's surprise it was Lyman Grimshaw.

"I've just been talking with Miranda," he said as he entered the room, "and she told me I'd better report the latest to you. I have just discovered that Rutherford Hayes Thackwell was discharged from the army because of tuberculosis. Sent home on sick leave, that is. So maybe there is something to the story of our little friend in gray."

"Judy has a new angle," Candace said.

Briefly Judy outlined what had prompted the letter from Missionary Rutherford Hayes Thackwell in the Punjab, India.

After Mr. Grimshaw read the letter he scratched his head and said, "If this doesn't beat all. Now, how are we going to know who's telling the truth?"

"I'd rather trust the missionary," Judy said.

"Maybe you've got something there, Judy," Mr. Grimshaw said. "I think I'll start a little investigation about this fellow in the gray suit. Take his fingerprints and find out a little more about him. He does have a sly look."

That night Miranda reported that carpenters would be coming again to repair the house. "I hope that is the last fire we have and that they keep that Osay in prison. I'm tired to death of this sort of trouble."

Before long the sound of hammers and pounding again resounded through the neighborhood. Judy felt restless and was glad when Sue and Mike

beach and then walk along the Esplanade from the Cliff House to Fleishacker's Zoo. "It's about three miles," Sue said.

"It's fun walking along by the ocean," Mike added.

"We won't take a lunch," Sue said. "We can buy some hot dogs and milk when we get to the Zoo."

"You'll like the Zoo," Mike promised. "The monkeys are my favorites. But the lions and the tigers are good, too."

Judy was glad of the refreshing ride to the beach. The tangy salt air was exhilarating as they strolled along the boardwalk.

"Hey look, a ship!" Mike cried.

Judy looked far out to the horizon where a ship was silhouetted against the blue sky. "Oh, it's wonderful. Where do you think it's going?"

"Maybe to the Far East," Sue commented.

"Dad says living in San Francisco is like living on a ship," Mike said.

"We are surrounded by water on three sides," Sue added.

At the Zoo, Judy decided that the seals were her favorites. They watched the feeding and the performance of the seals as the man in charge put them through their paces.

On the way home Judy asked, "What's our next sightseeing trip?"

"How about going across the Bay to Berkeley to see the University of California?"

"I'd like to see the campus. How do we go?"

"We take the Key System train at the bridge terminal on Mission," Sue answered.

"Then after that where shall we go?"

"Another time we could go to Marin County and hike to Muir Woods," Sue said.

"That sounds like fun," Judy said.

"Could you stop by our house, Judy?" Sue asked.

Judy glanced at her watch. "I think I'd better go right home. Candace and I are having dinner with Miranda and I like to help as much as I can. Miranda is getting old now and she can't do everything by herself. Besides, all this excitement of the fires has upset her dreadfully. But she sleeps better now knowing that Osay is in prison where he can't do any more harm."

"Anything new?" Judy asked Candace when she reached home.

"No, Judy, nothing new." Candace sighed. "If only we could find Lenea's will, I'd be much happier. It would be good to know that her wishes were being carried out."

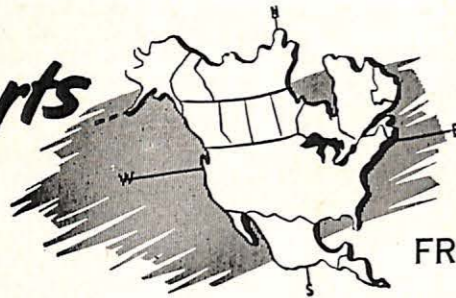
"We've been praying about it," Judy said. "I'm sure things will work out the best way."

"The best way is the Lord's way," Candace answered. "We want His will to be done."

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# Reports



## FROM THE FIELD

### Central Conference

#### Evangelistic Meetings, Vacation School and Baptism at Beaver Church, Auburn, Mich.

On May 9th the Rev. and Mrs. Henry Hirsch were surprised by the Beaver Baptist Church of Auburn, Mich., on their fortieth wedding anniversary. The bride was presented with a corsage and the groom with a boutonniere, and they were ushered into church while the wedding march was played. In the church basement short speeches were given, and the couple was presented with a set of beautiful luggage.

In May we had evangelistic meetings. The Rev. Aaron Buhler of Lansing, Mich., was our evangelist. Eight people confessed Christ as Savior.

In June we had a Vacation Bible School for one week. Sixty children attended the school. June 27th was the special happy day for the Woman's Mission Society. The 25th anniversary of the organization was observed. On this festive occasion our sister church at Gladwin was invited, and their pastor, the Rev. Albert Fadenrecht, was the guest speaker. After an inspiring program, lunch was served in the basement of the church.

On July 18th we held a baptismal service. Four adults were immersed by our pastor. These and another person, received on confession, were given the hand of fellowship on the next communion Sunday. A new rise in spiritual life is noticeable in our fellowship.

Mrs. Gust Schmidt, Reporter.

#### Baptism of 24 Converts and Vacation School of 412, Benton Harbor, Mich.

On Sunday night, June 6, the Rev. William Hoover, pastor of the Clay St. Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich., gave the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the Benton Harbor High School. There were 293 graduates, and among them was Darlene Hoover, the oldest of the Hoover daughters. She distinguished herself as an honor student, also being elected to the National Honor Society. She plans to enter Wheaton College, where she will major in music. Other members of the church who also graduated were Gordon Reising and Richard Vern Story.

Sunday, June 13, was a day that will long be remembered because of its many blessings in the church's program. At the morning service, our pastor had the privilege of baptizing 24 candidates, who have been won in

recent months through personal work and at our Sunday services. The interest was so great that many friends had to be turned away from the service, due to lack of space. At the evening service, the Lord's Supper was observed, and 30 people were received into the fellowship of the church.

On June 14, our Vacation Bible School was officially started, with Mrs. Hoover as director, and 36 helpers representing four departments. Much preparation and advertising went into the program. The results were beyond expectancy. The largest attendance record in Vacation Bible School history was achieved. There were 376 registered, making a grand total, with the officers, of 412. The concerted efforts of all the officers and helpers were richly rewarded in that 32 children took a definite stand for Christ in the two weeks. Many valuable contacts were made, for future possibilities. On Sunday night, June 27, a Vacation Bible School program was given to a capacity audience.

Emily Weiss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Weiss, will be continuing her study at Grand Rapids School of the Bible. Her brother, Robert Weiss, will be finishing his last year at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. Alice Schermer, daughter of one of our members, Mrs. Ella Schermer, has been accepted as a missionary to the Belgian Congo.

John H. McDonald, Reporter.

### Northwestern Conference

#### Vacation Bible School and Children's Day Program at Mound Prairie, Minnesota

The week of Vacation Bible School held from June 21 to 25 at the First



Vacation Bible School children and teachers at Baptist Church, Mound Prairie, Minn.

Baptist Church, Mound Prairie, Minn., was filled with exceedingly great blessings for both the children and the teachers. Thirty children attended Bible School with 29 of them having perfect attendance.

A piano was donated to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gstalter of Hokah, Minnesota. The expense of repairs on the piano was paid by a piano fund started during Bible School through contributions made by the children attending Bible School. On Friday evening, June 25, the Vacation Bible School's closing exercises were held with each class presenting a share of the program.

On July 4th the church held its annual Children's Day program in the morning, followed by a picnic dinner. Those attending included relatives and friends. The church was filled for the program and we feel that everyone had a wonderful time in the Lord.

Patricia Senn, Reporter.

#### Young People's Sessions of the Northwestern Conference at Grace Church, Racine, Wisconsin

The CBY and SS Union played a very important role in the Northwestern Conference sessions which met at the Grace Baptist Church, Racine, Wis., from July 14 to 18. Under the leadership of our president, Miss Virginia Glewwe, we enjoyed a very fine program.

At the annual business meeting held on Saturday afternoon, the society voted to designate the money in the treasury, over and above necessary running expenses, for the Mexican Mission Field in Colorado.

Officers elected to lead us for the new year are as follows: president, Mr. David Nasgowitz, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; vice-president, Miss Marilyn Junker, Parkersburg, Iowa; secretary, Miss Donna Mae Rabenhorst, Watertown, Wisconsin; and treasurer, Mr. Donald Richter, St. Paul, Minnesota. The remaining part of the afternoon was spent in sightseeing and preparing for the banquet.

A wonderful banquet was held at Dania Hall of Racine on Saturday evening. Mr. Charles Sprague of Racine served as toastmaster. Mr. Robert Fechner of Milwaukee led the inspiring Gospel singing while Mr. Robert Anderson of Kenosha presided at the piano. Special music was rendered by the "Three Beh'rs" Trio of Kenosha, a vocal solo by Miss June Lee Way of Racine, and a piano solo by Miss Karen Roepke of Milwaukee. The Rev. George W. Lang, pastor of the Humboldt Park Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois, brought an inspiring message in connection with the conference theme, "Stand Fast in the Lord."

The Sunday afternoon service was equally uplifting. Special music was provided by the girls' sextet of Racine. We were very fortunate to have the Rev. Fred Sonnenberg, Chicago, Illinois, speak to us. He likened our task as Christians to "Stand Fast to the Lord at Work." His message was very challenging to all who were able to attend.

Donna Mae Rabenhorst, Reporter.

#### Sessions of the Northwestern Conference at the Grace Baptist Church, Racine, Wis.

The 74th annual Northwestern Conference of the North American Baptist Churches convened at the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., July 14 to 18. The beautiful city of Racine, located on Lake Michigan, the friendly reception of the host church, and the fine weather contributed to the success of the conference.

The conference theme "Stand Fast in the Lord" was the center of all messages by denominational workers and pastors. Rev. Frank Veninga, of Aplington, Iowa, was the conference moderator; Wilmer Quiring, secretary; and Rev. Alvin Wetter of Victor, Iowa, song leader.

The opening service began with songs and a welcome by the host pastor, Rev. Raymond Parry, and the sermon, "Stand Fast in His Grace," by Rev. Charles J. Anderson of Kenosha, Wis. Other inspiring messages during the conference included sermons on "Stand Fast in His Word" by Dr. Thorwald Bender of Chicago, Ill.; Dr. George A. Lang of our Seminary of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; Rev. William Jeschke of St. Paul, Minn.; Rev. John Walkup of George, Iowa; and Miss Eugenia Price of Chicago, Ill.

Devotional sessions were led by Rev. Harvey Rakow, Rev. Wolfgang Gerthe, Rev. Jothan Benke, and Rev. John Vanderbeck. A memorial service was led by Rev. M. Vanderbeck of Sheboygan, Wis. The beauty of the conference was enhanced by the special vocal numbers, congregational singing led by Rev. Alvin Wetter of Victor, Iowa, and by the choirs of Grace Church and guest choirs of Immanuel Church, Kenosha, Wis., and Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The Woman's Missionary Union held their breakfast business session at the First Baptist Church, and the men had a breakfast session at the Grace Church with Mr. Walter Grosser, moderator of the General Conference of the North American Baptists, as guest speaker.

The reports from churches of the Northwestern Conference showed a substantial increase both in membership and mission giving. In the past year, 190 persons have been saved, baptized, and added to the churches of the conference. The net gain was 158. The recently organized Zion Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., was welcomed into the conference.

Missionary giving for the denominational budget was well above that of former years. This year the conference contributed \$86,700.22 toward the denominational budget, and \$34,831.24 for outside purposes, making a total sum of \$121,531.46. Rev. Emanuel Wolff will be the moderator at the 1955 conference which will convene in Aplington, Iowa.

Carl Orthner, Reporter.

● One example is worth a thousand arguments. —Gladstone.

● We cannot always oblige, but we can always speak obligingly. —Voltaire.



Rev. Robert W. Cook of Bethlehem, Pa. (2nd from right), pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, and nine converts whom he recently baptized and received into the fellowship of the church

#### Sessions of the Northwestern Conference Woman's Missionary Union at Racine, Wisconsin

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Northwestern Conference held several beneficial and inspiring meetings during the conference at Racine, Wis., on July 16. The first meeting of the Woman's Union was the annual breakfast and business session which was held at the First Baptist Church. Mrs. J. Benke led the group singing and the devotion was conducted by Mrs. W. Quiring.

The business session then took place under the able leadership of our president, Mrs. Frank Veninga. The election took place resulting in the following: Mrs. Frank Veninga, Aplington, Iowa, president; Mrs. J. Benke, Watertown, Wis., vice-president; Mrs. Alvin Wetter, Victor, Iowa, secretary; and Mrs. Harm Sherman, Aplington, Iowa, treasurer. The report of the various societies was very gratifying. The White Cross work during the past year increased by one-third. The treasurer showed a balance on hand of over \$200. It was decided that all of the afternoon offering and the balance on hand except \$20 be given to the Women's Three-fold Project.

In the afternoon the Women's Union met at the Racine Church. Our president, Mrs. Frank Veninga, presided. Mrs. Walter Grosser, our denominational president of the Women's Union was unable to attend on account of her father's death. We were sorry to hear this and expressed our sympathy. Mrs. R. C. MacCormack conducted a very impressive memorial service for the members who had passed on to their heavenly Home. A rose for each member was placed in a vase in memory of them.

The highlight of the afternoon session was the inspiring, informative and interesting address given by Mrs. Albert Reddig of Cathay, North Dakota. The topic, "My Task and Yours," was ably delivered as only Mrs. Reddig can do. She especially emphasized the importance of "Christian Witnessing in the Home." The afternoon of-

fering amounted to \$106.75. The meeting was very well attended and again we praise God for the part our women have in our denominational work.

Mrs. R. H. Mulder, Reporter.

### Atlantic Conference

#### Bible Conference and Vacation Bible School at Calvary Church, Bethlehem, Pa.

Accompanying this report from the Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pa., is a picture of nine candidates who were baptized by our pastor, the Robert W. Cook (2nd row, right), in April 1954. The month of April proved to be one of inspiration and blessing to us. On Easter Sunday morning the attendance in Sunday School was 207 which is also the number on the Sunday School roll showing one hundred per cent attendance.

From May 6 to 9 a Bible Conference was held with Earl H. Tschudy, head of the Science Department of the Senior High School, Hazelton, Penna., as the guest speaker, but due to illness he was unable to be with us the last two days of the conference. But the Lord was good to us and opened the door so that we were able to procure Dr. Markarion, professor of Bible at Lafayette College of Easton, Penna., for those days. Thus we were very happy to have two great Bible teachers with us in our four days of Bible Conference, at which time God's people were blessed.

We are also happy to report that we have had a very successful Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of 113 including 18 teachers with an average daily attendance of 85. The theme was "Pioneering with Christ." The closing exercises were held on Friday, July 16th, with the house of the Lord filled to capacity. The missionary offering was given to the North American Baptist Indian Mission.

P. S. Schuster, Reporter.

## Southern Conference

### Vacation Bible School With 66 Children at Mowata Baptist Church of Louisiana

The Mowata Baptist Church of Mowata, La., recently conducted two weeks of Vacation Bible School from June 22 to July 2. A total of 66 pupils, teachers and helpers were enrolled with an average daily attendance of about 60. The offerings of the Bible School amounted to \$70.

Mrs. J. A. Lengefeld was superintendent and had a well prepared staff of teachers and helpers who presented the lessons and taught different hand-crafts.

The Bible School was climaxed by the commencement exercises which was attended by the parents of the students. Choruses, under the direction of Walter Gummelt, Jr., summer student worker, were sung to open the program. Each class gave the highlights of the two weeks' work. After the program everyone was invited to the church annex where the handwork was on display.

Raynold Loewer, Reporter.



Vacation Bible School children and teachers of the Mowata Baptist Church of Mowata, Louisiana

### Highlights of the Southern Conference at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kyle, Texas

Deep in the heart of Texas and under its glowing sun, the Southern Conference met at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kyle, Texas, from July 21 to 25 to conduct its annual business affairs, to feast upon the great messages drawn from God's Word, and to enjoy the wholesome Christian fellowship of kindred hearts. The Immanuel Baptist people along with their winsome pastor, Rev. Eldon Schroeder, proved to be most excellent hosts. Their hospitality was supreme!

From among the tall pines of Alabama and the wet rice fields of Louisiana, from the stately palms and citrus groves of the lush lower Rio Grande Valley and the broad plains of the great state of Texas, faithful pastors and people gathered with earnest hearts expecting the Lord to do great things among them. "Life in the Spirit" was the conference theme.

From the keynote message, "The Holy Spirit as a Person of the Trinity" delivered by Rev. John F. Luebeck, to the final sermon on Sunday evening, "Filled With the Holy Spirit," by Rev. J. K. Warkentin, every attendant was conscious of the abiding presence of the One Whom the conference was honoring—the Holy Spirit. Other discourses on the subject of the Holy Spirit were: "The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament" by Rev. Harold Ekrut, Hurnville; "The Holy Spirit and Regeneration" by Rev. A. R. Kingman, Cottonwood; "The Holy Spirit and Sanctification" by Rev. Louis R. Johnson, Waco; "The Holy Spirit, the Believer's Teacher" by Rev. Alex Sootzmann, Mowata, La.; "Sin Against the Holy Spirit" by Rev. Frank Armbruster, Greenvine.

This year the conference was richly blessed by the presence, messages and kindly advice of the following visiting speakers: Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, North American Baptist General Conference, who spoke each day at the "Quiet Half-hour" and who also led the congregation in a deeper experience with God through his Sunday morning worship message; Mr. Walter W. Grosser,

moderator, North American Baptist General Conference, who gave an inspiring message on Friday evening under the auspices of the conference Baptist Men with Mr. R. E. Engelbrecht presiding; Mr. Grosser also led the interesting discussion of the open forum of the CBY and SS Union on Sunday afternoon with Rev. Walter G. Gummelt, presiding; Mrs. Walter W. Grosser, president, Woman's Missionary Union of North American Baptists, gave the challenging missionary message on the program of the conference Woman's Missionary Union with Mrs. Charles Marstaller, presiding; and Mr. Gordon C. Huisinga, graduate from the North American Baptist Seminary who led the Friday morning devotional and spoke at the Vesper Service, Saturday evening, at Cape's Park, located on the bank of the beautiful San Marcos River.

On Thursday afternoon hearts became quiet and attentive as all listened to Rev. J. J. Lippert of Waco, who brought to their attention the

names of those of their number who departed to be with the Lord.

One could not close this article without failing to mention the good singing that prevailed throughout the whole conference arranged by the music committee, and also the Rev. Philip Potzner, Elberta, Ala., who did a wonderful job as moderator of the conference, and the spirit of expectancy that prevailed among all as they looked forward to the coming of the General Conference which is to be held in Waco next June.

Oliver L. Whitson, Reporter.

### Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Grosser, Denominational Leaders, Are Feted by Texas Churches

The Woman's Missionary Union officers of the Southern Conference had the pleasure of entertaining our General Conference moderator, Mr. Walter Grosser of Oak Park, Ill., and the president of our General Conference Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. Walter Grosser, in Waco, Texas, for a few days prior to the 71st session of our Southern Conference in Kyle, Texas, July 21st-25th, where they were conference guests.

They arrived in Waco on Saturday afternoon, July 17th, Mr. Grosser coming from Oak Park, Ill., and Mrs. Grosser from Anaheim, Calif., where she had been called by the homegoing of her father, the Rev. Otto R. Schroeder. Our people were delighted to have them with us in the Central Baptist Church on Sunday where Mr. Grosser brought the evening message.

During their stay in Waco they enjoyed a tour of the Browning Building on the Baylor campus in company with our pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Louis R. Johnson, and our deacons with their wives. On Monday they toured some of the other buildings at Baylor, namely Waco Hall where the 1955 Conference sessions will be held; the Student-Union Building in the drawing room of which the ladies' tea honoring our missionaries will be held; the dormitories in which many of our conference visitors will be housed; and the cafeteria where meals will be served.

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Charles Marstaller, Jr., Southern Conference W.M.U. president; Mrs. Raymond Engelbrecht, Council member and Mrs. Ernest Steindam, Southern Conference W.M.U. secretary-treasurer, entertained with a informal tea in the Marstaller home honoring Mrs. Grosser. Our local ladies, as well as the ladies of our Conference churches, were invited to share this courtesy and many availed themselves of this opportunity to meet and visit with Mrs. Grosser. A photographer was on hand to take a picture of the conference officers with our national president. The Rev. and Mrs. Louis Johnson entertained the Grossers in their home Tuesday evening where they enjoyed hearing the latest news from all their friends in the Chicago area.

On Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Grosser left Waco in the company of some of our Waco people to attend the

Southern Conference in Kyle. Mrs. Grosser was the guest speaker for our women's program on Friday afternoon using as her subject "Growing With the Woman's Union." Her message was an inspiration and a challenge to our women to emphasize the spiritual sphere—the upward reach—in our growth both as individuals and as a missionary group in rendering our service to mankind and to God.

We wish to thank headquarters and the Summer Visitation Committee for sending Mr. and Mrs. Grosser to us and we trust their visit to Waco and to Kyle will prove as beneficial to the work of the denomination and to the 1955 General Conference as their fellowship was enjoyable for us.

Mrs. Ernest Steindam, Reporter.

## Pacific Conference

### Events of Sadness and Joy at the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, California

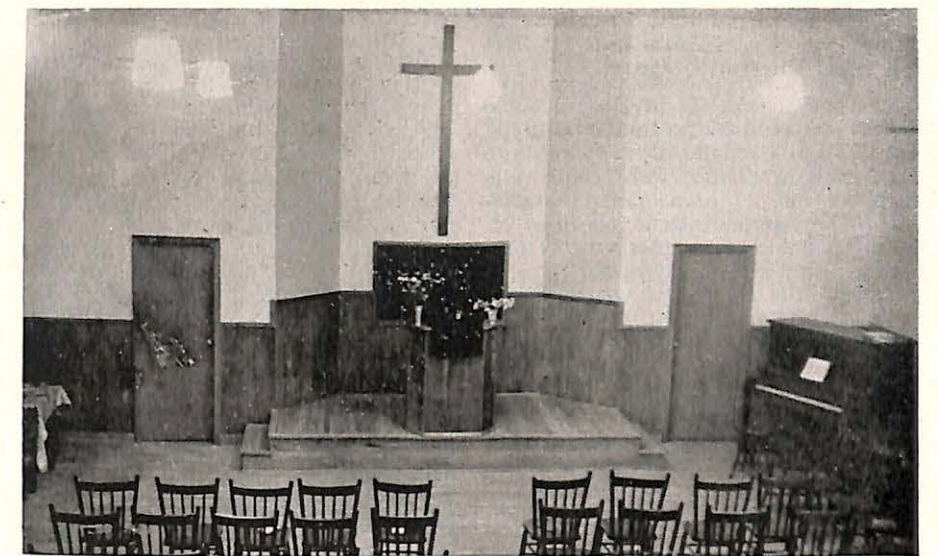
Simple, beautiful and impressive was the memorial service that marked the passing of the Rev. O. R. Schroeder, one of the devoted servants and leaders of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, California. As pastor of Bethel Church from 1925 to his retirement in 1938, he was a constant source of strength and encouragement to many. His career was fittingly epitomized in the memorial service by the Rev. B. Jacksteit, our pastor.

Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Leuschner spent a few days at the home of his mother who at present is in a wheelchair slowly recovering from a broken hip. We are always delighted to see him among us and to listen to what he has to say, largely because of his fervor and enthusiasm. He gave a brief review of accomplishments in the various mission fields of our denomination.

The Men's Brotherhood was pleased and honored to have Dr. and Mrs. Leuschner present at their family picnic on Monday evening, July 12. The delightful evening did not end without an unusual and pleasant surprise. The couple were reminded of the nearness of their silver wedding anniversary and were presented with a suitable memento. They responded in a reminiscent mood under the topic, "I remember."

The Brotherhood is an organization of the men of the church for the purpose of providing a place and an opportunity to meet and get acquainted with other members, their friends or visitors. They also bring men outside of church affiliation under the evangelistic influence of the church. Usually there is a gathering of 75 to 85 men once a month at a church dinner prepared by the women's missionary circles. There is singing and instrumental music followed by the speaker of the evening's evangelistic message.

Our church again conducted its Vacation Bible School in July. Realizing its importance, bigger efforts than ever were made to accomplish greater results. Transportation of



The worshipful sanctuary of the Bethel Baptist Church, Prince Rupert, British Columbia, transformed from an Odd Fellows Hall and dedicated to the glory of God

pupils, efficient teachers, better methods of impressing vital truths upon young minds, interesting projects for the pupils in the form of books, posters, clay models, relief maps and similar crafts all played a part aside from religious instruction. At the commencement exercises of the school, the various projects developed by the various grades of pupils amazed the audience. Average attendance was 165. Contributions made by pupils to missions amounted to \$80.49.

Olga Pieper, Reporter.

### Dedication of Chapel of Bethel Baptist Church in Prince Rupert, British Columbia

The Lord has blessed our young congregation in this northwest frontier of Prince Rupert, B.C., Canada, beyond expectation. Already there are 58 members in the Bethel Baptist Church with a fine number of friends and children, and the number is increasing by baptism and immigration. Because of the somewhat isolated location, our people are always happy to greet a visitor and to have Christian fellowship.

It was my happy privilege to participate in a double celebration. On Saturday evening, July 17, the church showed its love to the pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. A. Hart, by having a surprise silver wedding celebration. The bridal couple was conducted to the seats of honor by Mr. and Mrs. E. Rompf accompanied by the singing congregation. Dietlinde, youngest daughter, presented her parents with a silver spray and silver crown. The male chorus under the direction of Mr. W. Wilde sang, and messengers brought congratulations.

The visible expression of appreciation was the gift of a vacuum cleaner presented by the church to the pastor and wife. Of course, the tables were laden with decorations and good food, this time not prepared by the ladies but by the young men. Sandwiches of black bread spread with ham and sausage, potato salad, but, above all, some of the delicious pastry called

"Torte," baked by professional experts of the congregation, were served.

But the climax of the celebration was the dedication of the beautiful little chapel on Sunday, July 18. Here, above all else, is the token of a wonderful blessing. The old Odd Fellows Hall, well located, was acquired for a price of \$6,400. Included are full inventory—piano, chairs, tables, pulpit, and kitchen facilities. Every evening for weeks the able bodied men and women came with paint brushes and tools and made the hall into a beautiful sanctuary at a cash outlay of nearly \$1,000. The sanctuary now has a seating capacity of 400; it is bright and cheerful—indeed, a gift of God!

The morning worship service was an expression of thanksgiving and joy. With deepest conviction both male chorus and mixed choir sang their praise and thanksgiving.

The church had kindly invited the immigration secretary, the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, to bring the festive message and to speak the prayer of dedication. It was a solemn moment, and probably unique in the history of our work. It is hardly three years since the first German-speaking Baptists came to Prince Rupert as immigrants. God sent them a devoted servant and pastor and now he has given them a house of worship.

The festivities continued in the evening services when friends of the community and representatives of English-speaking churches brought their congratulations. The immigration secretary spoke in the language of the land, giving a brief review of the origin and development of this congregation, and also pointing out the relationship of the congregation to the North American Baptists.

May the Head of the Church, Jesus Christ, continue to grant growth and development, both numerically and spiritually to his people in Canada's northwestern outpost. Sin and evil appear to be more on the surface here than in most communities, and God's people need much grace to be a light and testimony for him.

William Sturhahn, Reporter.

### Vacation School and Purchase of Property by Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon

A very successful Vacation Bible School was held at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., from June 21 to July 2. There were 102 pupils enrolled and 20 teachers and assistants. The average attendance was 74. Our first day's attendance was 47 and the last day's 88. It was the largest school in the last three years. Fifty per cent of the children were colored.

Every morning a missionary story was told to the school by one of the teachers or pupils. Several of our Junior and Intermediate girls did very well at this. Offerings totalling \$27 were received each morning after the mission story. God also blessed us with 16 boys and girls who accepted the Lord Jesus as their Savior.

On Friday evening the children presented a program for their parents and friends. This was well attended. A display of handwork was placed on tables for the parents to see. God richly blessed us and we are thankful. The Rev. Henry Barnet, pastor, was the director of the school.

On July 20 a contract was signed by our trustees for the purchase of property for the site of a new church building. It is located at N.E. Prescott and 83rd Streets in Portland. Since there is a large house on the property, we are planning to start a Mission Sunday School there this fall.

Henry W. Barnet, Reporter.

### Vacation Bible School at Elk Grove, California, With 157 Children Enrolled

The First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., can look upon this year's Vacation Bible School which was held from July 12 to 23, as "the best ever!" We enrolled 157 boys and girls in our school. This was the largest enrollment in the history of the church. The record attendance of our school was 131. We praise the Lord for such an excellent number who came daily to go "Pioneering With Christ."

We praise the Lord for the excellent cooperation of our new departmental superintendents, staff of dedicated teachers and assistants, and for the fine work of our pastor, the Rev. W. W. Knauf, who helped make this school a success. In our pre-school group we had Mrs. Ernie Adam as leader, Mrs. Naomi Neher as teacher, and Mrs. Freda Forsch and Mrs. Al Adam as helpers.

Our primary class was so large that we had to divide it into three classes. Mrs. Ruth Kammerer was the leader. Mrs. Lorraine Dockter, Mrs. Norma Wolff, and Violet Rau served as teachers, and Joyce Rau, Luella Kammerer and Marlene Neher as helpers. In our Junior Department we had Mrs. Mavis Wageman as leader, Mrs. Mabel Veninga and Mrs. Mildred Murphy as teachers; Mrs. Minnie Mantz, Russell Murphy and Mrs. Ted Neher as helpers. In our Junior High department we had Mrs. Betty Knauf

as leader, Marjorie Meyer as teacher, and Milton Kammerer as helper.

A fine program was presented on Friday evening at the close of the school about the things the children had learned throughout the two weeks. The children were encouraged to give to missions. At the close of the school an offering totaling \$61.52 had been received.

Lillian Graf, Reporter.

### Dakota Conference

#### One Hundred Young People at Badlands Assembly Held at Sidney, Montana

From July 5 to 9 approximately 100 Juniors and Seniors from the Badlands churches gathered in Sidney, Mont., for the ninth annual Badlands Assembly. We were heartily welcomed by the Rev. O. Fiesel and the host church to the fine accommodations which made our stay for the week a most pleasant one in Christian fellowship and Bible study.

The instructors for both classes were Prof. H. Hiller whose topics were: "Stewardship of Life" and "Baptist Beliefs"; and Rev. L. Bienert whose topics were: "Life's Friends and Partners" and "Sin and Its Influence." They also gave challenging messages during the evening services. Three of our own young people, Miss Gladys Rott, Mr. Alvin Auch, and Mr. Leo Friez, also gave messages on stewardship during the several assemblies. The film, "Empty Shoes," depicting the life of William Carey was shown and very much enjoyed.

On Friday night the banquet was held during which the installation of officers took place. The following were elected as officers for the coming year: dean of assembly, Rev. H. Vetter; dean of men, Rev. L. Schauer; dean of women, Mrs. L. Schauer; president, Alvin Auch; vice-president, Gladys Rott; secretary Betty Smith; treasurer, Shirley Moser; director of missions, Rev. B. Fritzsche; choir director, Rev. E. Oster.

The New Leipzig CBY was awarded the stewardship banner, and for giving over \$20 per member the McLaughlin CBY was awarded the Mission Award.

The consecration service was held in Richland Park with Prof. H. Hiller bringing the message. The Spirit of God moved in the hearts of those present and five young people were saved. Several gave their lives for special service and almost all the young people came forward for consecration.

Deiores Fuchs, Reporter.

#### Vacation Bible School With 75 Children at Northside Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Both teachers and pupils were greatly blessed during the Vacation Bible School which was held at the Northside Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., from June 14 to 18.

The Rev. Harold Weiss, our pastor, was director of the school, assisted by nine teachers and helpers. Our school was divided into five depart-

ments; Nursery Class directed by Mrs. Al Lathrop and Miss Beverly Konkel; Beginners taught by Mrs. Harold Weiss; the Primary Department under the supervision of Mrs. Jenny Rezac and Vera Sayler. The Junior Department was directed by Mrs. Bud Nelson and DeLana Sayler, and the Intermediate Class was taught by Louise Westerman. DeLana Sayler was in charge of the music.

Our enrollment was very satisfactory. We had a total enrollment of 75 children with an average attendance of 66. With a completed church building next summer, we hope to be able to reach many more children. Many of the boys and girls who were in our school this year were children who accepted the Lord during last year's Bible School, so it was our aim to help them grow and develop in their Christian life. On Friday evening we gave a program for the parents in which each class demonstrated what they had studied during the week.

DeLana Sayler, Reporter.

#### Baptist Church, Venturia, N. Dak., Celebrates Fifth Anniversary of Rev. R. Dickau, Pastor

On Sunday evening, July 18, after the evening service, the Venturia Baptist Church, Venturia, North Dakota, honored its pastor, Rev. Raymond F. Dickau, and his family on his fifth anniversary as pastor of our church. Members and friends were invited to the church parlors to partake of a delicious lunch that was served by the ladies of the church.

A program that had been prepared by a committee consisting of the deacons and one of our Sunday School superintendents followed. Mr. Ephraim Schrenk acted as master of ceremonies. After being seated about the beautifully decorated tables, the program began with the singing of several choruses. A beautiful corsage of rose carnations was presented to Mrs. Dickau by Mrs. Schrenk, and a boutonniere was presented to the pastor by Mr. Schrenk.

At the program Mr. Adolph Dohn read Scripture and Mr. Andrew Haas led in prayer. Several branches of the church spoke words of appreciation to the pastor and his wife for their services of the past five years. Mr. Sam Bender spoke in behalf of the church; Mr. Edward Miller represented the Venturia Sunday School; Mr. Gottlieb G. Bertsch spoke on behalf of the Bertsch Station and its Sunday School; Miss Delores Hoff spoke for the CBY.

The Rev. Alfred Bibelheimer of Ashley, N. Dak., was the guest speaker. He gave a challenging message to both church and pastor and their relationship toward one another. Mr. Dickau then responded with words of appreciation. Mr. Otto Bertsch, the church treasurer, then presented the pastor's family with a substantial gift of money. The program was interspersed with different musical numbers such as duet by Loretta Hoff and Mildred Hoff, solos by Evelyn Haas and Patricia Breitling, and a number by the newly organized male chorus.

Milbert Dollinger, Church Clerk.

### Northern Conference

#### Dedication of \$60,000 Edifice by the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta

The earnest prayer in the hearts of God's people of the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, has been realized in many bountiful and marvelous ways. Sunday, June 20, was a joyous day for our church for on this day the new church building was dedicated to the glory of God.

During the Sunday School session the Rev. Richard Schilke, guest speaker for the day, spoke to the adult classes bringing interesting information concerning the missionary efforts and advance of our denominational work. His address at the morning worship service was "Faith to Conquer" based on the Scripture, Luke 5:16-26. Special music was rendered by the choir and the men's quartet.

The special dedication service was held in the afternoon. A large crowd assembled in front of the church building to sing praises to God. After the Scripture reading and prayer by the pastor, the Rev. O. R. Schmidt, the construction supervisor, Mr. Stanley Klapstein, officially transferred the key to the chairman of the Board of Deacons, Mr. William Klapstein. After unlocking the door, Mr. Klapstein welcomed the congregation and expressed his earnest desire that the blessing of God might rest upon the church. With the choir and orchestra leading the singing of the processional hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," our hearts filled with emotion and joy as we entered the church.

The sanctuary was filled to overflowing with members and friends, and many others listened over microphones carrying the message into the lower auditorium. The pastor, the Rev. O. R. Schmidt, presided at the service. Scripture was read by the Rev. A. Stelter, and the Rev. E. Link led in prayer. The choir rendered several lovely selections.

Words of greeting and congratulations were brought by the Honorable Mr. Anders Aalborg, minister of education, in behalf of the premier of Alberta, and by Mayor Wm. Haworlak in behalf of the city of Edmonton. The Western Baptist Union of Canada was represented by Dr. W. C. Smalley. Congratulations and prayerful wishes for God's blessings were brought by the Rev. H. Schatz for the Northern Conference, the Rev. H. Schumacher for the Alberta Association, and the Rev. H. Pfeifer for the mother church, Central Baptist of Edmonton.

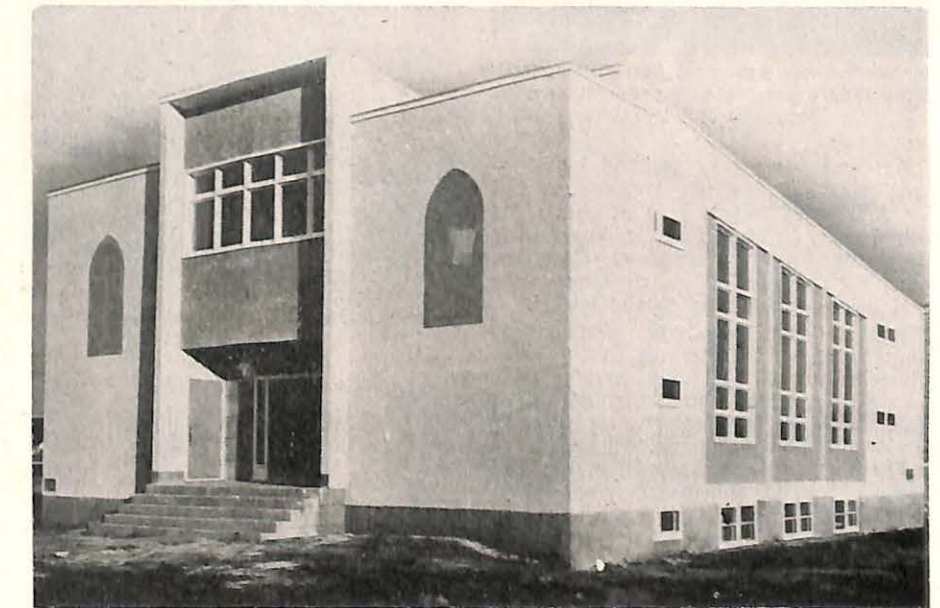
The report of the Building Committee was given by the chairman, the Rev. E. P. Wahl. The total cost of the building is approximately \$60,000. In addition about 7,000 hours of labor have been donated by members and friends of the church. Mr. Wahl and Mr. Stanley Klapstein, construction supervisor, were presented with gifts in appreciation of their work by



The First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta, on the occasion of the church's 60th anniversary

Mr. Sam Yeske on behalf of the church.

Miss Inez Wahl sang the beautiful soprano solo, "Bless This House." The Rev. R. Schilke then addressed the congregation on the theme, "The Holy Temple of God." The Rev. and Mrs. E. Link sang the selection, "Come, Holy Spirit," after which the Rev. K. Korella led in the dedicatory prayer. The service came to a close as the audience prayerfully sang, "Spirit of the Living God."



The \$60,000 edifice of the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, with its interesting architectural lines and worshipful appearance

The evening praise service was in charge of the Rev. E. P. Wahl, chairman of the Building Committee. The projects which Sunday School classes and organizations had sponsored were presented by each group. A musical selection was also rendered by each group. Mr. Wahl then showed a film depicting the progress in the building of the church.

The McKernan Baptist Church building is a monument to the glory and blessings of God. The seating capacity is approximately 400 people. The building is 76 feet long and 46

feet wide. It is of modern design finished outside with stucco. The interior is furnished with blonded pews and woodwork. The background for the baptistry is a beautiful oil painting of a majestic mountain scene with a lovely glowing stream painted by Mrs. E. Link.

O. R. Schmidt, Pastor.

#### Youth Banquet, Women's Social and Vacation School at First Church, Leduc, Alberta

The CBY of the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta., held a birthday banquet on June 28. Approximately 100 guests attended. Each table was decorated according to a different month of the year and the guests occupied the places at the table of their birth month.

With Bernard Fillenberg as toastmaster, a good program was held. Several musical selections as well as a number of humorous skits were presented. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Funnell of Africa were our special guests. Mrs. Funnell (Myrtle Hein) sang a solo and then took us all on an interesting and exciting trip through the Cameroons.

On June 29, the Woman's Missionary Union with their families and friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rubin Plitt for their annual social. Under the fine and capable leadership of our president, Mrs. E.

Kern, our hearts were readily united to enjoy God's blessings. Mrs. Funnell was our guest speaker.

Our Vacation Bible School was conducted from July 12 to 16 under the enthusiastic leadership of the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler. We rejoice with the boys and girls who took their stand for Christ. An interesting program took place on Sunday night under the leadership of Mrs. Kraenzler. The teachers and students showed us some of the work which had been accomplished during the busy week.

Mrs. Rudolf Ohlmann, Reporter.



**THANKFUL HEARTS**

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the oldest and most reliable organizations in the immigration task. Various reports about the activity and significance of the CCCRR have been given at other places.

We are fortunate in being linked with an international organization. The Inter-governmental Committee for European Migration (ICEM) makes its funds available to several international voluntary agencies, one of which is the World Council of Churches. The voluntary agencies deal again with the various denominations and groups interested in migration.

As a small organization we are connected with W.C.C. Department of Refugees, Geneva, Switzerland, which means that all BWA I sponsored immigrants receive travel loans from ICEM funds through WCC. Collections are made by our office. WCC pays our operations and administrations on a per capita basis. That sounds simple, but actually involves a great deal of work and bookkeeping and liason service. We are thankful to have two able and devoted office assistants in Miss Marga Ude and Miss Anne Zahn, both of whom immigrated through us.

**GOD' CONTINUED GUIDANCE**

In view of the present embarrassing employment situation in Canada, plus the tightening of German exit permits, it is difficult to say what the future will be. Doubtlessly there is continued need for relief by emigration from over-populated Western Germany, although the present policy is to keep the manpower of Germany

available for a potential German army.

I am convinced that with careful planning, our Canadian economy can absorb a certain number of immigrants, notwithstanding present recession. Possibly the time is ripe to assist our early immigrants in land settlement and new community endeavors. All these things are in God's hands, and we shall continue to wait for his guidance and provision.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS**

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2. The full answer to life's perplexities lies not with us but with God. Therefore we must look to him for light and insight.

3. What the final outcome will be of all these perplexities depends upon the kind of God who is in control. If he is great enough and good enough, we may be sure that he will see us through and make everything come out right in the end.

4. Therefore we must look unto God and come to know him better;

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Conferences	July, 1954	July, 1953	July, 1952
Atlantic .....	\$ 1,597.46	\$ 4,203.49	\$ 1,393.54
Central .....	3,348.18	7,251.19	7,661.70
Dakota .....	4,365.22	5,396.10	2,665.99
Eastern .....	1,265.27	2,822.74	1,720.56
Northern .....	7,731.78	4,269.13	6,489.84
Northwestern .....	4,273.75	4,526.11	5,941.67
Pacific .....	7,811.86	6,269.90	6,239.08
Southern .....	937.80	2,447.62	3,791.70
Southwestern .....	4,284.63	2,669.91	4,161.95
Inter-Conference .....	\$ 51.00	—	—
<b>Total Contributions .....</b>	<b>\$35,666.85</b>	<b>\$39,856.19</b>	<b>\$40,066.03</b>

<b>CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED</b>	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of July, 1954 .....	\$34,958.20	\$ 708.65	\$35,666.85
For the month of July, 1953 .....	36,889.16	2,967.03	39,856.19
For the month of July, 1952 .....	31,217.58	8,848.45	40,066.03

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR**

April 1, 1954 to July 31, 1954 .....	\$165,920.87	\$ 3,546.09	\$169,466.96
April 1, 1953 to July 31, 1953 .....	173,929.74	10,097.76	184,027.50
April 1, 1952 to July 31, 1952 .....	132,615.89	28,048.91	160,664.80

**CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE TRIENNium**

April 1, 1952 to July 31, 1954 .....	\$1,175,701.61	\$114,230.35	\$1,289,931.96
April 1, 1951 to July 31, 1953 .....	1,081,439.32	194,444.22	1,275,883.54
April 1, 1950 to July 31, 1952 .....	934,993.29	233,440.31	1,168,433.60

for through knowing him better we shall learn to trust him fully (Ps. 46:10).

**II. LOOK IN (Job 42:1-6)**

1. The ultimate human pride is to insist that we are the final judge as to what is right and good and to believe that we can and must understand all things with our puny minds.

2. Humility is needed: the kind of humility that realizes that there is a Mind and a Wisdom higher than our own, that there are many things that go beyond our capacity to understand, that there are some matters we must be willing to leave with God.

3. Thus we need to look within and recognize our insignificance, our finiteness, our inability to fathom all the mysteries of life and the universe.

**III. LOOK OUT (Job 42:10)**

1. When Job forgot about himself and became concerned about his friends, his own troubles diminished in size, and a new life became his.

2. Thus it is with us, too. When amid all the perplexities of life, we can forget ourselves and lose our lives in the service of others, life takes on purpose and meaning, everything seems to fall into a pattern. For we then become one with God in bringing to fulfillment his gracious and all-wise purposes.

**WOMAN'S UNION, CARBON**

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due to her father's death. It was decided to send her a telegram of greetings and sympathy. The new officers are as follows: Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler, president; Mrs. F. Pahl, vice-president; Mrs. D. Berg, secretary; Mrs. I. Faszer, asst. secretary; Mrs. W. Hoffmann, treasurer; Mrs. H. Schatz, asst. treasurer. Mrs. R. Neuman, our Indian missionary, mentioned a few material needs among the Indians, after which our new president closed in prayer.

The Woman's Missionary Union program began at three o'clock in the church auditorium. Mrs. I. Faszer led the song service. Mrs. R. Rapske read the Scriptures. Our Indian missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. R. Neuman, sang a duet, after which Mrs. Neuman led in prayer. A poem was recited by Mrs. O. Ertis. The ministers' wives sang a song entitled "Tell it Wherever you Go." Dr. F. H. Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., installed the new officers of the Union. Mrs. Adam Buyer of the local church welcomed all to the meetings.

Minutes were read by Mrs. D. Berg. The ministers' wives sang another song, "How Long Must They Wait?" The play, "Lift Up Your Eyes," was presented by the Calgary Woman's Missionary Society. The offering amounted to \$112.51. The Carbon ladies sang another number, after which Dr. F. H. Woyke spoke from Col. 3:23. Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler made a few closing remarks, after which Dr. Woyke offered the benediction.

Mrs. David Berg, Secretary.