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*New Churches With the Gospel Witness Are Needed Today!*

## Special Church Extension Number

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### **Church Extension Campaign**

Sept. 19th-Oct. 10th

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# The S. S. Lesson in ACTION

By Rev. B. JACKSTEIT, Anaheim, Calif.

## A LESSON PLAN

Date: September 19, 1954

Theme: GROWING IN CHRISTIAN LOVE

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5:43-48; 1 John 4:11-19.

PURPOSE: To set forth the centrality of love in Christian growth.

GETTING STARTED: We are never so much like Christ as when we love, and the surest sign of spiritual growth is growth in our capacity to love. One of the most dynamic Christians it has been my privilege to know is a man who by the grace of God was lifted from a life of crime and degradation to one of beauty and great usefulness. What is the secret of his spiritual power? It's love, and nothing but love! For love first found and redeemed him. Then love opened prison's doors for him. Love sent him forth to tell the criminal, the outcast, the drifter and all who would listen to him what divine love had done in his life. Love is the never-ending theme of his song, the core of every message he proclaims. And love is the focal point of all his striving: to love even the most unlovable and through love bring them to him. Who "first loved us." No wonder then that men are blessed and strengthened by the ministry of this man and see Christ reflected in his life; for when we have learned to love as Christ loved us, then indeed the beauty of Jesus is seen in our lives!

### Developing the Theme:

#### I. THE MEANING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE.

1. For the best definition read 1 Corinthians 13, for the best demonstration, Philippians 2:5-11.
2. Christian love is unwavering, uncalculating, unending good-will gladly bestowed on every creature, whether worthy or not (Matt. 5:44-45).

#### II. THE STANDARD OF CHRISTIAN LOVE (Matt. 5:45, 48).

1. The standard is found in the phrase, "even as your Father which is in heaven."
2. Thus the attitudes and actions of God toward his creatures becomes the final standard by which to measure love.

#### III. THE MOTIVE OF CHRISTIAN LOVE (1 John 4:11, 19).

1. God's love for us becomes the motivating power behind our love.
2. We love God and our fellowmen because we know ourselves to be loved of God.

#### IV. THE MEASURE OF CHRISTIAN LOVE (Matt. 5:45-47; 1 John 4:14).

1. God loved so much that he withheld nothing in order to bless and redeem men.

2. Christian love knows no limits other than its own inner desire to give itself in endless and glad self-giving.

#### V. THE FRUITS OF CHRISTIAN LOVE (Matt. 5:45; 1 John 4:12, 16-18).

Love produces a rich harvest in the life of the Christian who loves:

1. God becomes a living presence in his heart and life;
2. Without the shadow of a doubt he knows himself to be a child of God;
3. He has complete trust in God and faces both life and death with great confidence.

## A LESSON PLAN

Date: September 26, 1954

Theme: LIVING WITNESS

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5:13-16; Acts 8:4-6; 2 Corinthians 5:14-20.

PURPOSE: To show the need for faithful, consistent, dedicated witnessing.

GETTING STARTED: John Maillard once had a vision of Christ standing among the sick, the needy, the lost "with his hands behind his back, looking upon them with great tenderness and love." Why were his hands behind his back instead of being laid in blessing upon those who were looking to him for help? In his vision John Maillard saw that the hands of Christ were behind his back because they were tied there—tied there by the unbelief and faithlessness of those who bore his Name. Christ's heart was bursting with longing to help those about him; but his hands were tied because Christians by their indifference, their complacency, their lack of concern for the souls of men, their unwillingness to witness were limiting him and would not let him reach out. Christ has no other means whereby to accomplish his work except the lives of those who call him Savior and Lord. If they fail him, his hands are tied and his gracious purpose to save, to heal, to bless must remain unfulfilled.

### Developing the Theme:

#### I. WITNESSES ARE NEEDED (Matt. 5:13-16; Acts 8:4-6).

1. Every Christian was meant to be a witness. He cannot be "salt" and "light" and be anything other than a witness (Matt. 5:13-15).
2. A vital Christian will witness (Acts 8:4). He cannot be in earnest about his faith and not witness.
3. Christians must be witnesses if they have to be true to the command

## ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke  
Sept. 6-9—Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee Meeting, Louisville, Kentucky.

Sept. 13-14—Planning for the 1955 General Conference at Waco, Texas.

Sept. 19 (Sunday)—Dedication of new church, Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

Rev. J. C. Gunst  
Sept. 16-19—Atlantic Conference, Evergreen Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sept. 20-24—Sunday School Emphasis Week, Kenosha, Wis.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner  
Sept. 12 (Sunday)—Trenton, Ill.  
Sept. 13 (Monday)—Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.  
Sept. 19 (Sunday)—Mission Festival, Medina, N. Dak.

Dr. John Leypoldt  
Sept. 10-26—Shell Creek Church, Columbus, Neb.

Rev. H. Palfenier, Evangelist  
Sept. 5-17—McDermot Avenue Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Rev. D. Fuchs, Evangelist  
Sept. 8-19—Watertown, Wisconsin.

of Christ and if his cause is to prosper (Matt. 5:16).

#### II. WITNESSES WHO KNOW WHEREOF THEY SPEAK (2 Cor. 5:14-15, 17-19).

1. Only a person who himself has had a vital Christian experience can bear effective witness to Christ. He must have first-hand knowledge of that to which he bears witness.
2. He must also know something of what it is that God has done for men through Christ and how it is that he is able to save men.

#### III. WITNESSES WHO LIVE WHAT THEY PROFESS (Matt. 5:13-16).

1. Unless a man's witness is backed up by his life, his witness has no value. "It is thenceforth good for nothing."
2. It's what we live and how we live that gives the most powerful effective witness for Christ.

#### IV. WITNESSES WHO ARE DEDICATED TO THEIR TASK (2 Cor. 5:15).

1. The Christian is under obligation. He no longer belongs to himself but to Christ, since he has been "bought with a price."
2. He is duty-bound therefore to dedicate his life to the service and glory of the one who died for him.

#### V. WITNESSES ACHIEVE SIGNIFICANT RESULTS (Acts 8:5-6).

1. Philip witnessed, and great results followed.
2. Nothing is more effective in the Kingdom enterprise today than faithful, constant witnessing on the part of dedicated Christians.

# Editorial

## America on the Move!

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST has given us the best blueprint for Church Extension. He had compassion for the people who were floundering spiritually and who were scattered like sheep without a shepherd. He did not wait for the people to come to him. He went out of his way to help them in their need. He met them at their crossroad of spiritual problems. He defined "a neighbor" as anyone near at hand who needs your assistance and your love.

If we as North American Baptists are to grow and to show increasing evidences of spiritual life, we must be concerned about the pagan areas of American life which are all around us today. America is on the move! Vast numbers of our population are being transplanted to new homes and brand new communities. It is estimated by Kenneth D. Miller in his book, "Man and God in the City," that 70,000,000 Americans are without any church affiliation with 700,000 of them coming from Baptist families.

A casual trip through some of the hundreds of new towns and building developments in southern California as well as in other parts of the United States, where thousands of houses can be seen and seldom a church, will soon convince anyone of the imperative need of home mission expansion. This need rises to tragic proportions as you study the spiritual conditions to be found in these mushroomed new communities.

If we are concerned about these areas with their hosts of children who go to no Sunday School and with their many people who have no spiritual rootage, then we must pray to God for a passion and a burden to go to them and to help them. Each one of us must assume a large share of the responsibility of raising \$250,000 for the Church Extension Program. We must be united as churches to pray and to work for this great, monumental ministry.

A good beginning has been made in the establishment of numerous new churches for European immigrants who have come to these shores. But this is only a small beginning. We have enlarged our spiritual horizons to see our God-given parish wherever we can establish a new church and minister to the people there with the glorious message of the Gospel of redemption through consecrated workers and pastors. That kind of an extension program of emboldened faith requires devotion to Christ, sacrificial service in his behalf and large sums of money to be laid upon God's altar.

Sunday, Sept. 12, has been set aside as a Day of Prayer in the interest of Church Extension. During the weeks of Sept. 19 to Oct. 10, the challenge and needs of this program will be presented to all of our churches. The Lord's work has need of all!

Read this issue of the "Baptist Herald" prayerfully and carefully to become acquainted with the objectives and plans of our Church Extension Program. Ask yourself earnestly what God would have you do! Expect great things from God in joys and blessings as you attempt to do greater things than you have ever done before. In this enlarged faith of ours, God calls us to launch our Church Extension Program in which "all things are possible with God."

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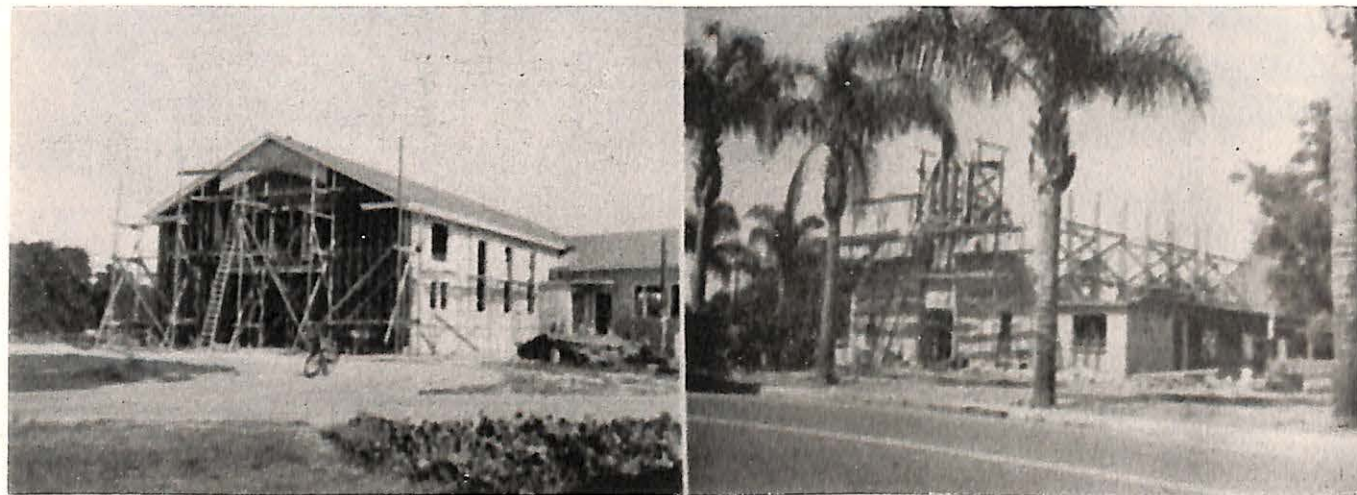
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These new churches under construction in the midst of orange groves and palm trees in Southern California are designed to meet the spiritual needs of new population centers. Our Church Extension Fund of \$250,000 is designed to further the establishment of new churches through the cooperative effort of all North American Baptist churches.

# Our Church Extension Program

By DR. FRANK H. WOYKE,  
Executive Secretary

**If you and I accept our responsibility, God will surely make this Church Extension Program with its objective of \$250,000 for home missionary expansion one of the great milestones in the history of our fellowship**

ON SEPTEMBER 19 a campaign for the raising of a special \$250,000 Church Extension Fund is to be launched among our churches. The campaign is to be conducted from September 19 to October 10, although contributions toward the fund are to be made over the two-year period ending with August 1956.

## NEED FOR CHURCH EXTENSION

Someone may ask: "Why is it necessary to raise such a large sum for church extension purposes?" Is it really important that we undertake this program? Consider with me some of the reasons why church extension work is needed, especially at this time.

First of all, we need to remind ourselves of the fact that God has entrusted the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to us. Before he departed from the earth Jesus repeatedly charged his disciples to "go into all the world" to preach and teach salvation from sin to men. In his final word to his followers (Acts 1:8) he called on them to be his "witnesses . . . in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." In considering this commission, we need to note that the first responsibility for witnessing is "... in Jerusalem and in all Judaea . . ."—which for us means "in your own community and in all of America." Church extension work is important because Christ has commissioned us to do it.

Recognizing Christ's command, what are some of the factors that call for a special church extension effort today?

1. There are, in the United States alone, still approximately 80 million people who have no church connection and who have made no profession of faith in Christ. While some of these are children who have not yet reached the age of decision, the great majority are adults who face a future without Christ. As Jesus looked upon the multitude with compassion, so our hearts should be filled with concern for these millions who have no saving knowledge of Christ.
2. A further factor is seen in the population shifts that have taken place recently. Many millions of people have moved into new communities. One such shift involves the flight of people from the center of our large cities to suburban areas. This leaves many of the older churches with greatly curtailed opportunities and faces them with a choice of either closing their doors entirely or relocating in some growing community.

There has also been a flight from rural to urban areas. Farms have become mechanized and large, with a proportionate drop in farm population. Many rural churches are there-

fore finding it advisable to establish their center of activity in a neighboring town or city.

Finally, we are all aware of the millions of people who have flocked from all parts of the United States and Canada to the Pacific Coast, making that the fastest growing area in North America.

## POPULATION CHANGES

All of these shifts in population have created countless new communities whose residents need assistance in organizing and establishing new churches and in building houses of worship. Although God does not expect us as North American Baptists to shoulder the major part of this task, he does expect us to accept our share of the burden.

3. The arrival in Canada and the United States of thousands of German-speaking immigrants confronts us with a special responsibility. These people have often experienced untold suffering. Arriving on our shores lonely and poor, they need our help. The least that we can offer them is a friendly welcome, an understanding heart and a helping hand in assisting them to establish churches where they can worship God in their mother tongue. All Americans are either immigrants or the descendants of immigrants, but as a group that is largely German in background we as

North American Baptists have a special opportunity to serve these immigrants who seek a new home in our land.

## HOW THE FUND WILL BE USED

Normally church extension activity is best carried on by the local church rather than by such an organization as the General Missionary Society. Many of our churches were originally begun as Sunday Schools or missions sponsored by other local churches.

It is not the objective of this special church extension program to upset this established procedure. Every effort will be made to encourage local churches to sponsor the establishment of new groups in their area. Many of these churches, however, are themselves engaged in relocation or building programs and can ill afford the expenses involved in assisting a new group in constructing a place of worship and obtaining the services of a pastor. Our Church Extension Fund will be of great help in such situations.

Because the population shifts have been so great, new communities frequently find themselves far removed from any sponsoring local church. Where that is the case, our new program will provide a church extension worker to give leadership in the organizing of a new group and funds to assist in the construction of a place of worship.

Our Church Extension Fund is therefore designed to further the establishment of new churches through cooperative effort. All of our churches are being called upon to raise a fund that will be available for missionary work anywhere in the United States and Canada. Through such a com-

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"There are more people living closer together and farther from God today than ever before in our history." —F. A. Shippey.

—Contributed by Dr. W. J. Appel, Church Extension Worker.

bin effort we shall, God willing, be enabled to bring about the organization of new churches in many areas where the local churches, carrying on alone, would be unable to do so. Our fund will provide for church extension workers, for extension pastors and for financial assistance in purchasing land and erecting houses of worship.

## IMPORTANCE FOR OUR FELLOWSHIP

The purpose of every individual Christian, of every church and of every denominational fellowship is to grow spiritually, in service and in missionary outreach. When we as North American Conference Baptists consider the challenge before us, both at home and on the foreign field, we must respond.

The Church Extension Program now being launched is an effort to meet the home missions challenge confronting us. During the past eight years our membership has increased at the rate of approximately 1000 per year. We are grateful for this success, but we believe that God has placed an open door before us and that he wants our growth to be accelerated. God giving us grace, we shall win more men for Christ in the future than we have in the past—and the

Church Extension Program will be an important part of our increased soul-winning activity.

The importance of the Church Extension Program for the future of our denominational work can also be seen in its effect upon our foreign missions enterprise. Most of our people are more interested in foreign missions than they are in home missions. Very few contributions are specifically designated for home missions, although almost the entire foreign missionary program is provided for by designated gifts.

Why this special interest in foreign missions? Perhaps it is because far-away places are always more appealing and glamorous to us. Perhaps it is also because our missionaries, in their reports, quite properly place the emphasis on the blessings and victories rather than on the difficulties and defeats.

With interest in foreign missions running so high, we naturally desire to increase our work on the foreign field. We now support a staff of about 60 missionaries in the Cameroons, Japan, Austria and North America. This is no small burden for such a small group as ours. How will we become strong enough to accept a larger program?

Undoubtedly we could still go forward by increasing our per capita giving for missions if every one of us were absolutely faithful to his stewardship before God. Apart from that, however, we need to remember that the best way to expand our foreign missionary enterprise is to provide for a larger and stronger denomination at home. The Church Extension Program is an important part of our effort. (Continued on Page 11)



Because the population shifts have been so great in recent years, new communities frequently find themselves far removed from any sponsoring local church. Church Extension will help provide new churches for such areas.

—By Ewing Galloway, N. Y.





—Eva Luoma Photo  
With hundreds of thousands of new houses under construction across the American continent, there is also great and pressing need for many new church edifices!

AT THE SESSIONS of our last General Conference held in August 1952, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, our conference delegates unanimously and enthusiastically voiced their approval of our denomination concentrating its efforts on the work of expanding our home base. As a result of this action a special committee was appointed to study the possibilities of enlarging our work at home. They were also requested to report their findings and make their recommendations to the General Council.

This committee, after giving many hours of careful consideration, recommended that we undertake a Church Extension Program and launch a campaign for \$250,000 to be raised in two years to finance this program.

#### CHURCH EXTENSION IN THE PAST

Church extension is the great concern not only of Baptists but of all Protestantism. The program which we are about to launch is nothing new. Everyone knows the great need for new churches to be built and organized in the rapidly growing new communities all over the United States and Canada. There is, however, a vast difference between knowing about a situation and doing something about it.

Our denomination has been aware of this situation not only at the present time but also during the past. For many years our General Missionary Society through its Home Missions Department and Chapel Building

# Church Extension -- Why?

By Church Extension we will be doing our share in helping to solve the great problem which confronts the Christian Church of today—the building of more new churches!

By MR. EDWIN H. MARKLEIN,  
Chairman of the Church Extension Committee

Fund has been helping financially in the erection of new churches. However, with its limited budget, it was impossible to undertake an enlarged extension program such as we plan now. Many of these churches which were helped years ago are some of our strong and influential churches of today.

We envision the great challenge which confronts us. During the past year our extension workers have made great surveys of new communities in certain sections of our conference. Their reports indicate that in some of these areas there is a definite need for new churches.

We have seen the wonderful results of the past and recognize the great opportunities for us to extend our work in the future.

#### THE FUTURE PROSPECT

We are definitely faced with a special need. The population of the United States is increasing at the rate of two and one-half million persons a year. Although we have no definite figures available at this time on the increase in population in Canada, we can safely say that they too are experiencing tremendous increases.

Over seventy million Americans moved between the years of 1940 and 1950. New industrial areas are growing all across our continent. Country people are moving into industrial cities and city people are moving out into the suburbs. The old buildings in slum areas of larger cities are being torn down and being replaced by modern housing units.

It is reported that over one and one-half million marriages were performed during 1953. New families are being formed at the net rate of about 750,000 a year. Within five years the tempo is expected to increase due to the high birth rate during World War II and the post war years.

All these figures are not merely figures but they represent people. In other words, this means that we shall need more clothing, more food, more housing, more schools and more churches to serve the growing needs of an expanding population.

Because of this great increase and shifting of population, many millions of people have no church and have no convenient access to a Protestant church. Therefore we feel that a spe-

cial church extension campaign will concentrate the thinking of all of our North American Baptist churches and their members on the great and fundamental problem of church extension.

A question was asked recently, "Why start now, isn't it too late?" I believe the best answer to that question is contained in a statement once made by a distinguished former president of the United States. The Honorable Calvin Coolidge once said: "Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan, 'It's always too soon to quit,' has solved and always will solve the problem of the human race."

As I have mentioned previously, our denomination, over the years, has experienced wonderful results through the work of church extension. Now that a much greater challenge has been thrust upon us, let us grasp the opportunity wholeheartedly and in the spirit as expressed by Calvin Coolidge, "It's always too soon to quit," face our task vigorously. In this way we will be doing our share in helping to solve the great problem which confronts the Christian Church of today—the building of more new churches.

#### CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE

At the annual meeting of the General Missionary Society held in April 1954 a special Church Extension Committee was appointed with the approval of the General Council. This committee consists of the following members:

Chairman: Edwin H. Marklein, also chairman of Church and Parsonage Loan Fund.

Secretary: Richard Schilke, also general missionary secretary.

Otto Patzia, also chairman of General Missionary Society.

Frank H. Woyke, also secretary of Church and Parsonage Loan Fund and executive secretary of the denomination.

Fred W. Grosser, also the general treasurer of the denomination.

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Roland E. Ross, also the comptroller of the denomination.

Arthur Schwerin, also chairman of the Finance Committee.

In addition to the above mentioned members the Mission Secretary of the local conference becomes a member with power to vote when a project under consideration is located in the area of his conference.

#### CHURCH EXTENSION CAMPAIGN

A fund of \$250,000 must be raised by our churches and their members in order to carry on our program successfully. Our denominational Finance Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Arthur Schwerin has assumed the responsibility of the fund raising campaign. All the machinery has been put in good working order and will begin to operate in high gear starting Sunday, September 19, 1954.

We have designated Sunday, September 12th, as *Church Extension Sunday*. We are asking all of our people and pastors to unite in prayer for our program and become better acquainted with the objectives on that day. Our campaign will start officially on September 19th and continue through October 10th. During this period of time about 45 of our denominational representatives will visit our churches and present our plans and goals of this great church extension program. I shall not go into the details of our campaign for this will be explained to you by our representatives when they visit your church.

I trust that every North American Baptist will see the opportunity which confronts our denomination today and do his or her part in the expansion of God's Kingdom throughout our North American Baptist Conference by giving generously to this worthy cause.

The president of a National Bank located in a mid-west city told a human interest story recently which I thought had a broad application in the work of church extension. He said that his father, as a farmer, built fences of field stones. Occasionally a stone would not fit, no matter which way it was turned. Sooner or later a place would pop up that needed a particular shape. "Don't force a stone into the wrong place," said the father to his son. "Be patient and you'll find a spot for it—a natural spot for every stone."

That bit of philosophy served him well in administering the affairs of a bank. It could also serve well in an approach to our Church Extension program and the \$250,000 campaign we are about to launch.

Church Extension — Why? Because it means: *Expansion—Growth—A Stronger Denomination!*

# Churches for New Frontiers

Church Extension calls for a Gospel witness in those new areas of America that have developed almost overnight

By MR. WALTER W. GROSSER,  
Moderator of the General Conference

FIFTY YEARS of phenomenal development in scientific materialism, with its attending mechanized society, has resulted in paganizing great areas of what was Christian America.

The great masses of Asians and Africans, exploited by so-called Christian nations for centuries, are suddenly convinced that western science has all the answers to their long unsatisfied needs. Without any background in Christianity, and with Communism promising, along with material gains through science, a goal of perfect human society, it is not surprising that the greatest fields for Christian missions are already closed to the Gospel.

We are confronted therefore with a stupendous challenge to evangelize at home as well as abroad, while there is still opportunity.

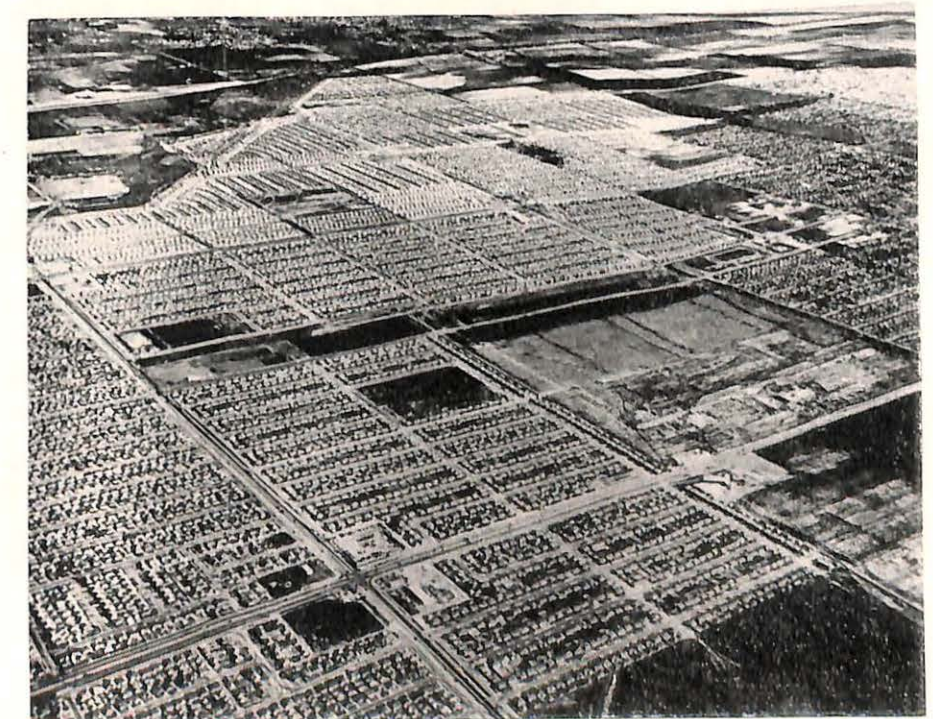
Church extension and expansion at a greatly accelerated pace is called for. It will proceed to the extent that laymen and ministers together demonstrate the meaning of Christianity through a united, dedicated, self-sacrificing effort. As we garner converts out of a pagan society at home, we gain strength to

support with our prayers and our means the outreach of the church abroad.

A mechanized society in America has necessitated the uprooting of thousands of people, forcing them to inhabit new communities. In the process, large new areas have developed almost overnight with no church witness to follow them.

The General Council in its annual meeting on May 21, 1954, recognizing the need as well as the opportunities, adopted a policy to meet this situation. The action, prompted, as we believe, by the Holy Spirit, was certainly one of great faith. In addition to the adoption of the largest budget in the history of our existence, it was decided to raise an additional \$250,000 during the next two years. This money is to be made available for the development of new churches for new areas. After the fund has been realized, it will be ably administered by the Church Extension Committee working in close harmony with the General Missionary Committee.

It is quite generally agreed that a new church is most likely to flourish (Continued on Page 11)



The amazing Lakewood Housing Project near Long Beach, California, with its thousands of new homes built almost overnight and a brand new city that has arisen on the flat lands and open fields near the beach



# New Immigrant Baptist Churches

By the REV. R. SCHILKE  
General Missionary Secretary

**We urge our people everywhere to open their eyes to the vision of missionary expansion among these who come to our shores as immigrants. During the past few years twelve new immigrant Baptist churches have been organized with a total membership of over 1100!**

THE PRESENT generation of North American Baptists cannot remember the day when mission opportunities among German immigrants coming to the shores of this continent, particularly to Canada, were as great as they are today nor when the need for organizing new Baptist churches among them was as pressing and as urgent.

## OUR RESPONSIBILITY

The past three decades have seen a gradual transition from the use of the German language to English until in the great majority of our North American Baptist churches there remains only a silent heritage of a German background. Thus the language barrier no longer exists between such churches and their communities. As a result, such churches have taken on a broader ministry in accord with their vision of responsibility to their entire community.



Members and friends of the Robert Street Baptist Church, Toronto, Ontario, in front of the church edifice which they share with the Hungarian Baptist Church of the city

However, it is still the unique responsibility of North American Baptists to minister to these German immigrants. There is no other group among Baptists than can adequately and successfully minister to these people. This ministry of our denomination is a human as well as a divine heritage which we dare not and cannot deny or forget. To do so would be a sin of irresponsibility

and disobedience in the sight of God.

Perhaps with reference to this, the very words of Jesus may be quoted and applied: "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me" (Matt. 25:45).

Within these post-war years, since immigration began, there have been no fewer than a dozen new immigrant Baptist churches organized, with an approximate total membership of over 1100. In addition to this, many of our older churches which still carry on a bilingual ministry, have greatly increased their membership through immigration, and some have more than doubled it.

Such increase in membership as well as the organization of new churches does have its problems. But where is increase without toil? Where is joy without sorrow? Where are blessings without trials?

The organization of these new North American Baptist churches is a wonderful story, indeed. These years will undoubtedly go down in our North American Baptist history with an impact which cannot at this time properly be evaluated. Let us briefly tell this story.

The McDermot Avenue Baptist Church in the city of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, is without doubt

the church which has felt the impact of immigration more than any other church. Winnipeg is the gateway to western Canada and the first stopover for many of our immigrants.

## WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

In 1949 the need for the organization of a new immigrant Baptist church in Winnipeg became very evident and soon became an established fact. Immigrant pastors gave their services and God added his blessing. The Rev. Richard Zinser performed a sacrificial service for approximately four years until recently. He can say as Paul did to the Corinthians: "I was chargeable to no man: . . . in all things I have kept myself from being burdensome to you" (2. Cor. 11:9).

With little remuneration, being secularly employed for his living, Brother Zinser served and guided the German Baptist Mission Church in a building program. The new edifice, which is nearing completion, will have a seating capacity of over 400. The membership of this church has grown to about 300.

In 1952 a second new church was organized in the city of Winnipeg. Its first and present pastor is the Rev. H. Herrmann who came to Canada early in 1953. For over a year this church met in rented quarters on Furby Street, and so became known as the Furby Street Baptist Church.

Recently this church, with the assistance from the denomination's Church and Parsonage Loan Fund, was able to purchase a church building at 333 Alexander Avenue. It can now praise God for a place of worship which it can call its own. The membership of this church has grown to approximately 180 persons.

It must be noted that although the mother church in Winnipeg, the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, gave birth to two daughter churches, it has doubled its own membership since the pre-immigration days.

## EDMONTON AND MILWAUKEE

A second area which has strongly felt the impact of immigration is Edmonton, Alberta. In 1953 the Immanuel Baptist Church was organized, and shortly thereafter the Rev.

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E. Hornbacher, who arrived as an immigrant about that time, became its first pastor. This church in this short time has grown considerably but is still meeting in rented quarters.

Not only have our churches in Canada felt this impact of immigration. In the United States they have also been affected by these "new-comers," though to a lesser degree. We cannot touch upon this entire story in areas such as New York, Detroit, Cleveland, Chicago and elsewhere, but we must make mention of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where in the fall of 1953 a new immigrant church was organized.

This organization came about with the blessings of the mother church, the Bethany Baptist Church, and with the counsel and financial assistance of the General Missionary Society. The Rev. Ernest Sakowski, also an immigrant pastor, became the first shepherd almost immediately after the organization and recognition of this German Zion Baptist Church. Soon thereafter, with assistance from the Church and Parsonage Loan Fund and other sources, a church building and parsonage could be purchased. From a beginning of 34 members a growth to 76 can already be reported.

These above named four churches enjoy the fellowship with their respective local conference as well as with the wider fellowship of North American Baptists and are making their own contribution to the enrichment of the spiritual life of our churches.

## CHURCHES IN NEW AREAS

A more unique contribution of the German immigrants to our denominational life and growth has been the establishment of new home mission fields, the organization of churches in areas where hitherto we had no North American Baptist Church. At least seven such areas can be mentioned.

In 1951 the writer of this article heard of German Baptist immigrants in the city of Toronto, Ontario. He visited them for the first time shortly before Christmas of that year and found a small group of Baptist believers meeting quite regularly, although not organized as a church. Repeated visits soon brought about an understanding with the Hungarian Baptist Church in the joint calling of a minister for both Hungarians and Germans. The Rev. H. S. Stinner received and accepted that call and served in that capacity for two years. Under his ministry the Robert Street Baptist Church was organized with about 32 members. At the close of his two year ministry the membership had grown to 78. A parsonage was bought but a church building has not yet been secured. This latter is

now the crying need of our church in Toronto, Ontario.

## LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA

In the western part of Canada, at Lethbridge, Alberta, another new field was opened. Lethbridge is a sugar beet and farming area, and therefore many new immigrants come to this area to work these farms.

The Rev. R. Milbrandt, at that time the Northern Conference worker, served these people in and about Lethbridge for over a year

At the north end of the beautiful Okanagan Valley of British Columbia lies the city of Vernon. Here several immigrant families looked for a milder climate than that found on the prairies and found their new homes in a new country. The Rev. A. Kujath of Kelowna, B. C., served them as often as he could until his retirement from his church. In 1951 these efforts resulted in the organization of the Faith Baptist Church with about 38 charter members. The Rev. G. Schalm became the first pastor.



The immigrant group at Windsor, Ontario, with the Rev. and Mrs. G. P. Schroeder (standing, left) which was organized into a Baptist church with 17 members and has been meeting under the name, "All People's Mission"

until the organization of a church was completed. In 1952 the Bethany Baptist Church was organized with a charter membership of 97. The Rev. O. E. Ertis became the first pastor in June of that year.

The influx of people to this area was such that the little rented Canadian Baptist Church soon could not hold all the people. A building became a necessity and in the spring of 1953 the construction of a lovely brick chapel was begun. With the assistance from the Church and Parsonage Loan Fund and with great sacrifice on the part of the people, the building was brought under a roof by winter and the basement completed to the extent that it served as a meeting place during the winter months. By Easter of 1954 the upstairs auditorium, though in an unfinished state, was used for the first time.

God has laid his seal on the ministry among these people, and in two great revivals almost 100 souls were saved. Of these, 60 converts were baptized. Besides those, 188 persons came into the fellowship of the church by letter, making a present membership of about 230.

To carry on this work, a chapel became a dire need. Again the mission stepped in and with its help a small chapel could be bought for about \$4,000 which has served well to this date. The growth at this place may not be as rapid as elsewhere but steady progress is being made. The present membership of this church stands at 60.

## PRINCE RUPERT, B. C.

The Bethel Baptist Church at Prince Rupert, B. C., has the distinction of being the northwestern frontier of North American Baptists. This beautiful city of over 10,000 population, surrounded by mountains and often overhung by low clouds greets the newcomer with a climate and an atmosphere similar to that of Hamburg, Germany, as the Rev. Alexander Hart expressed it on his arrival on October 1, 1953 to take charge of the church.

Here at Prince Rupert our church extension worker, the Rev. John C. Schweitzer, labored for four months and helped in the organizing of the church with about 34 charter members.

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Softball practise is in full swing in the area at the rear of the South Canyon Baptist Chapel, Rapid City, South Dakota (left), and (right) Vacation Bible School children form an attractive background for the church sign

# The Rapid City Story

By the REV. MERLE BRENNER,  
Pastor of the South Canyon Baptist  
Church, Rapid, South Dakota

**Our first Church Extension project in Rapid City, South Dakota, is the amazing story of God's answers to prayer for a consecrated pastor, an adequate chapel, a well attended Vacation Bible School and glowing prospects for a growing church**

THE SOUTH CANYON Baptist Church in Rapid City, South Dakota, is a product of the vision and sacrifice of our South Dakota North American Baptist people. A deepening interest in Church Extension plus a contact in the South Canyon area of Rapid City led a committee of the interested churches to investigate the area in the early summer of 1953.

As a result it was decided to open the field and to appoint a worker. This writer received the call from our General Missionary Committee, accepted the call, and with his family, moved to South Dakota to begin the work.

Two immediate needs were apparent—housing for the pastor and a suitable meeting place for the small group interested in the project. How these needs were met is a testimony to the Lord's faithful leading and to the sacrificial response of the South Dakota churches.

## CITY OF 35,000

The South Canyon area is a growing suburb of this city of 35,000 people. In an area containing about 400 homes, built largely within the past six years, there has been no church or Sunday School. Most of the residents are families with small children so there is a real opportunity for Sunday School work.

We moved into our new home on December 29, 1953 and on the following Sunday, January 3, the first Sunday in 1954, we opened our home for

services. Eleven were present for Sunday School and eight for the church service.

One month later, during which a number of "get acquainted" calls were made, the Sunday School attendance reached 33. Enthusiasm mounted and the need for a chapel became more apparent.

Steps were being taken, in the meantime, to meet that need. A sizeable tract of land, centrally located in the community, was found to be for sale at a reasonable figure. A presentation of these facts to the churches resulted in prompt and effective action. It was agreed to purchase the tract and begin a building program. A committee composed of Mr. H. B. Lippert, chairman; Rev. Walter Stein, Rev. Fred Schmidt and Rev. Merle Brenner was appointed by the Dakota Mission Committee to serve as a building committee as well as handle the financial affairs.

The interested churches soon established an impressive sum of money to get this project underway. About this time we were allowed to gain more of the virtue of patience while our capable legal counsel, Mr. Herman Bleeker of the Emery Church, untied certain legal knots relative to the property title.

The building, recently completed, grew out of a number of ideas entertained by the building committee. At Mr. Schmidt's suggestion it was decided to build a structure which would be designed as the future par-

sonage. By using a truss roof construction and omitting the partitions, an adequate assembly room could be gained. If necessary, the building could also be completed and sold as a dwelling in the event the work might fail. Thus the initial investment was safeguarded in a yet unproved field.

## CHAPEL BUILDING

On Friday, February 26, 1954, the first scoopful of dirt was removed. It was a memorable experience. Three and one-half months of activity followed and the building slowly emerged. Work was accelerated greatly on a number of occasions by the arrival of several carloads of volunteer help. These men, representing the Emery, Plum Creek and Parkston churches, not only gave of their time but also paid their own expenses. The pleasure of working side by side with the brethren will not be easily forgotten.

Work progressed steadily and by May it appeared the building would be sufficiently complete to hold our Vacation Bible School beginning on June 14. A week from that date it appeared impossible. The local group bent every effort and timely reinforcements from the Parkston church gave the needed impetus. Saturday at midnight saw a tired group of workers grateful to the Lord as they viewed the building sufficiently complete for the services the next day and for the Bible School to follow.

Thus the chapel 40 feet by 26 feet with full basement and a 16 by 22

foot attached garage (to be used for classroom) was placed into the Lord's work. It is an attractive structure equipped with basement restroom facilities and a natural gas furnace.

A feature of this project has been the effective cooperation of the churches and their various organizations in their prayerful and financial support. For example 50 new chairs were ordered and a number of tables constructed in preparation for Bible School. Our own funds were not sufficient to cover the cost. A generous offering from the Emery Vacation Bible School arrived just in time to meet the payment. A piano was needed and a fund was supplied by an interested gentleman. Good used pianos are hard to find at reasonable prices but again our need was supplied.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Daily Vacation Bible School presented a splendid opportunity to reach boys and girls in the community. Plans were made well in advance, the dates were set, but what about teachers? Again our need was supplied by the coming of Mr. Henry Ramus, first year student at our Seminary who earlier had helped on the building; Velma and Mayola Klock and Donna Fluth from Emery, South Dakota, and Betty Zoschke and Lois Eck from Kansas. It was a splendid group.

With effective preliminary work having been done by our superintendent, Minnie Peters, who is being partially supported by our Baptist Church in Chancellor, S. Dak., we "hit the trail" in our Pioneer Days' Bible School. Interest and attendance grew and final results showed an enrollment of 82 and an average attendance of 60 (teachers included). A number of children made decisions for Christ.

We do not know what the future holds. Our hopes are high, for where there is no vision the people perish. No one can guarantee success in the Lord's work for the Lord giveth the increase. But along with his command to go, there are also the precious promises and faith is taking God at his word.

The question may be asked, "Is a substantial expenditure in such a project justified?" The answer is yes for we must go where people are. Just as capital is needed to establish a new business so funds are needed to begin a new business for Christ.

Church Extension is really Christ Extension. We are working together under his Lordship to make him known to others. To all who invest their interest, prayer, time and money to make Christ known, there is the promise of dividends — souls won for eternity and rewards of treasure in heaven — "forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

# Dime Folders for Sunday Schools

**Announcement about the distribution of Dime Folders for the Church Extension Program to be used in all Sunday Schools**

By the REV. J. C. GUNST,  
General Secretary of the CBY and SS Union

PROVISIONS have been made through the Sunday School superintendents that your Sunday School can have a vital part in the Church Extension Program beginning in September. DIME FOLDERS have been prepared which can be used by as many scholars in our Sunday Schools as are interested in the Church Extension Program.

New Sunday Schools will be established by this venture of faith. Your Sunday School will want to have a share in this enlargement program. Keep the Church Extension Program before your school. Ask your leaders and scholars to pray for the work. If a larger supply of the DIME FOLDERS is needed in your Sunday School than has been sent to you, order additional folders from the Sunday School Union, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill.

## OUR CHURCH EXTENSION

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fort to build a stronger denomination.

If the Extension Program is to be a success, each one of us will have to do his part. The question may arise in your mind: "I believe in the program, but what is my part in it?" I realize that God alone can tell you exactly what your part is to be, but I venture to make a few suggestions that may help you to know God's will.

1. *Pray for the success of the Fund campaign* to be conducted among our churches September 19-October 10. The solicitors who will visit the churches in the interest of the Church Extension Fund are especially in need of your prayer. May God grant them joy and strength for their work and may our people give them a warm welcome.
2. *Ask God for guidance in deciding upon the contribution you are to make.* Remember that many of our churches are small and therefore local demands are great; that many of our members are boys and girls who are not as yet able to give much; and that God expects us to give according to ability. Perhaps you are able to give only an average gift of \$10.00; it may be that you can accept a share or more in the \$100.00 club; or you may be able to make an even larger gift. God will help you make your decision.
3. *Be faithful in witnessing for Christ in your church and community.* Remember that Christ wants more than your money—he wants YOU and OTHERS. Do your friends know that you belong to Christ, and are they drawn to him through what you say and do?

4. *Pray for the success of the Extension Program.* Remember our general missionary secretary, upon whom much of the burden of leadership will fall, in your prayers. Pray for volunteers for the difficult work of starting new churches—able and consecrated workers are needed. Pray that God may provide the fields and make laypeople willing to assume the leadership of the new churches organized.

If you and I accept our responsibility, God will surely make this Church Extension Program one of the great milestones in the history of our fellowship.

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when dedicated, young and virile members of one of the established churches devote themselves to a missionary project in one of these newer growing areas. If such efforts are made and the community responds, the necessary funds will be available to acquire a site or perhaps a meeting place.

It seems like a terrific burden to impose upon an already most generous constituency. But if God is in it, and we believe he is, all things are possible.

Let us pray fervently, believe wholeheartedly, and give unselfishly, to make this project succeed. Of him, to whom much is given, much is required.

What a thrilling experience it will be when the General Conference meets in 1955 to hear glowing accounts of how the money needed was raised.

The General Conference in 1958 will undoubtedly praise God for the new churches established in new frontiers as a result of this campaign.



# We've Started the Work of Church Extension . . . !

The vision of this missionary project came to us at the 1952 General Conference in Philadelphia, Pa.

## NEW CHURCH IN RAPID CITY

A new work has been begun in a growing suburb of Rapid City, South Dakota, known as the South Canyon Baptist Church. The Rev. Merle Brenner is the missionary and pastor. A chapel has been built which was dedicated on August 15, 1954. About 125 people attended the closing program of the Vacation Bible School in June. The future prospects are bright with promise of continued growth. The South Dakota churches have led the way for the entire denomination in the support of this important home mission field.

Our churches have shown that they are deeply concerned about missionary possibilities in their vicinity by opening promising communities and looking for new church sites.



Men of the Glencullen Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, volunteer their time to put a tar paper roof covering on the basement addition to their church



The South Canyon Baptist Chapel of Rapid City, South Dakota, of which the Rev. Merle Brenner is the pastor and home missionary

## IMMIGRANT CHURCHES

Twelve new churches for European immigrants have been established during the past few years in the United States and Canada which now have a total membership of over 1100 persons. They are located in Lethbridge and Edmonton, Alberta; Prince Rupert and Vernon, British Columbia; Regina, Saskatchewan; Winnipeg, Manitoba (two new churches); Kitchener, Toronto, Hamilton and Windsor, Ontario; and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40).

This story of new immigrant churches is still incomplete. More than a thousand Baptist immigrants have arrived in Canada in 1954. More are still bound to come as long as the doors remain open. We shall continue to minister to them with our Church Extension Program!



The large congregation of the German Baptist Mission Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, which is one of twelve new immigrant Baptist churches recently organized

## CHURCH EXTENSION

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## GROWTH EXPANSION

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Faithfulness  
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## CAMPAIGN GOAL

\$250,000

Church  
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Solicitors  
will visit  
all churches

September 19  
to  
October 10, 1954

## WHAT WILL BE YOUR INVESTMENT IN GOD'S WORK ?

## EXTENSION WORKERS

The Church Extension Committee has been planning vigorously for action. Dr. W. J. Appel and the Rev. Karl Korella are the church extension workers at present, canvassing communities and spearheading all extension advances into promising areas. The Rev. J. C. Schweitzer formerly served as Church Extension worker. The groundwork has been laid by invaluable contacts for the establishment of new churches as God opens the doors to us!

Considerable work has been done on the Pacific Coast, investigating possibilities for the establishment of new churches. Difficulties were encountered, which have enabled us to be more realistic in this Church Extension ministry. At present, the possibilities for a new North American Baptist witness in Sacramento, California, are being seriously considered.

This is an imperative need. This is an opportunity for great evangelistic outreach. We can help, not only through gifts to match the opportunity, but through our prayers, and through the dedication of lives to leadership in this field.

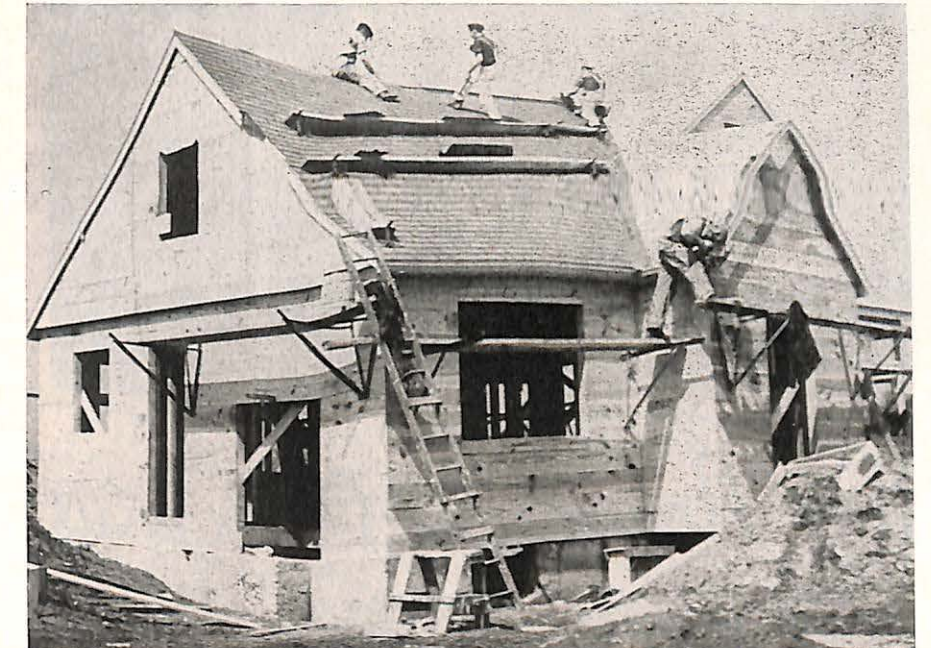
## NEW COMMUNITIES TO BE EVANGELIZED

The greatest evangelistic opportunity of centuries faces us today. It is estimated that 70,000,000 Americans are without any church affiliation with 700,000 of them coming from Baptist homes. It is further estimated that by 1975 we can expect 100,000 more church edifices over those in existence in 1952, not taking into account buildings which must be replaced because of obsolescence. These millions of spiritual pagans in America, who are largely on the move today, need to be won and reclaimed for Christ. Church Extension by Christian denominations is the partial answer to this perplexing problem in America today!

## FUNDS MUST BE AVAILABLE

The Church Extension Fund of \$250,000 will be for home missionary evangelization and expansion. It will be an expendable fund with grants to be made by the Church Extension Committee and General Missionary Committee for the purpose of establishing new churches as the needs arise. The monies will be used for the making of surveys, the purchase of land for chapel sites, chapel grants, and the paying of the salaries of temporary pastors of such churches and extension workers. The fund will provide the financial means for prompt action in response to God's call, blessing our boldness of faith!

# Much More Needs to be Done . . . !

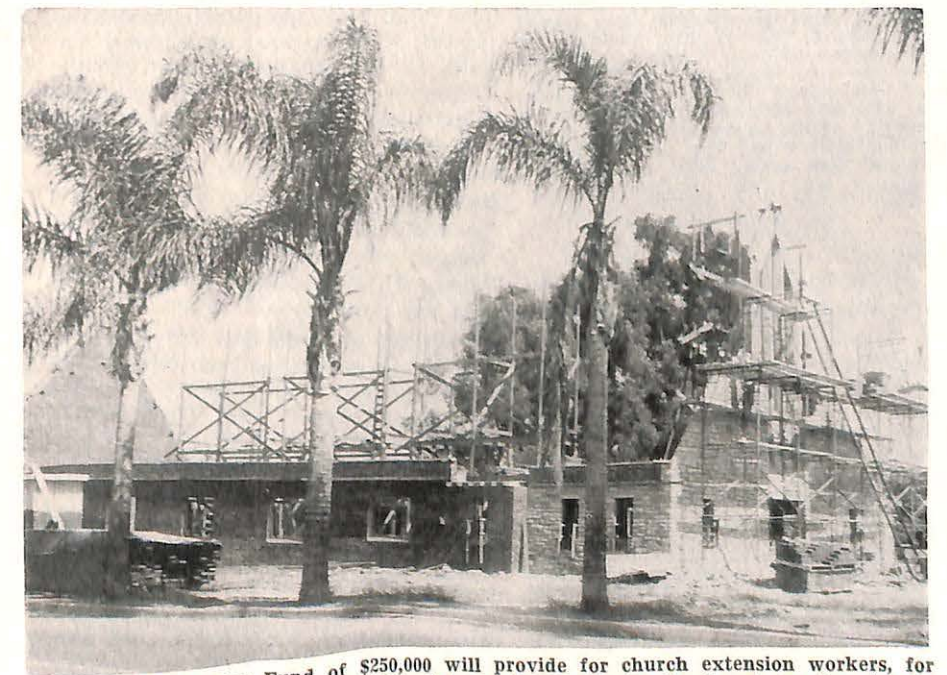


America is on the move! This expansion of population and transplanting of peoples in our country with new houses going up everywhere is now at a record height and going higher

## MISSIONARY EXPANSION

Foreign missions expansion is directly dependent upon home missions expansion. Expanding foreign missions is the blessed fruit of the expansion of home missions. The only way we can increase the number of our foreign missionaries is to increase the number of our churches and members on the home field, so that they in turn can support more foreign missionaries.

Church extension work will not be a bed of roses. And it is certain to be a bit uncertain and expensive, perhaps even more so than foreign missions. But are we to be the judges as to whether our money will do more good here at home or abroad? Our command is to preach the Gospel to every living creature. Statistics show that there are more unsaved souls in the United States and Canada than there are in all of the foreign mission fields where we operate. What a wonderful opportunity and challenge! Can we afford to ignore it?



Our Church Extension Fund of \$250,000 will provide for church extension workers, for extension pastors and for financial assistance in purchasing land and erecting houses of worship





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

# The House on Parnassus

By ELISE FRASER

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

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## SYNOPSIS

When 15-year-old Judy Mitchell stepped off the boat at San Francisco, little did she realize the many exciting adventures in store for her. Her Aunt Candace told her about the death of Lenea Thackwell in the house next door to hers on Parnassus Street. She had died seemingly without a will. A nephew, Osay Thackwell, was her only living relative. Strange things began to happen at the Thackwell house. Several pages were torn from the family Bible in the attic. A suspicious fire broke out one night. A friend of Lenea's, Lily Kendrick, of Burlingame, talked about another son of the Thackwells named Rutherford. Some pictures were stolen from the attic. Then suddenly Judy discovered an envelope in the attic with the will of Lenea Thackwell. But the envelope was empty! Mr. Grimshaw, the executor, came to the house one morning with a man who claimed to be the son of Rutherford Thackwell. Judy immediately recognized him as the man who had followed her one day in Chinatown. Why, he was also the carpenter who had looked into the room curiously when she and others were exploring the trunks.

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AS SOON as the men entered the living room, Mr. Grimshaw said, "You will excuse my carelessness, Osay, I've neglected to introduce this gentleman. This man, Osay, claims to be a cousin of yours. Says that he is Rutherford Hayes Thackwell, son of your father's brother, Rutherford!"

During this speech, Judy watched Osay's face and saw it turn scarlet, then purple, "It's a lie!" Osay gasped. "My father had no brother."

"Sit down," Mr. Grimshaw said calmly. "I've brought you two men together so that we might hear evidence on both sides."

"My father had no brother," Osay reiterated. "This is a cooked up scheme to get my aunt's money."

Osay shook his fist. "Let's see what you have that will establish your identity."

The man reached in his pocket and pulled out an old-fashioned locket. Opening it, he passed it around for inspection. It contained a baby picture. On the back of the picture was written, Rutherford Hayes Thackwell, age 2 years.

Gloom settled over Osay's face. Judy spoke up. "Mr. Grimshaw, I recognize this man as one of the carpenters who was working on the house at the time that box of pictures disappeared."

"See," Osay interrupted, "I told you the man was an impostor."

Mr. Grimshaw turned to Osay. "You sent the carpenters, Osay, was this man one you sent?"

Osay frowned. "I talked to only one fellow, the Swede Jorgensen. He'll tell if this man was his partner."

"How about it?" Mr. Grimshaw asked the little man in gray. "Are you a carpenter?"

The little man shook his head. "No, I'm not."

"You didn't do any repairs on this building?"

"No."

"The young lady here says she recognizes you as one of the carpenters."

"The young lady is mistaken."

Judy gasped. She was sure the man was lying. He was not to be trusted.

"Mr. Grimshaw," Candace said, "I recognize this man as the one who followed Judy and me to Chinatown."

The little man raised his eyebrows. "I often go to Chinatown," he said in a soft voice, "but I wasn't conscious of following anyone."

Judy listened in amazement. She was sure that the man had deliberately lied.

Mr. Grimshaw glanced at his watch. "That will be all at this time, Mr. Thackwell. I have your address and I will keep in touch with you."

Dismissed, the man reluctantly took his leave. As soon as the front door had closed on him, Mr. Grimshaw leaned toward Osay and said, "Like some others, Osay, you may not have known your father had a brother. But there is some strong evidence to support this and from two different sources. Now, Miranda, please tell Osay the story you told us about the conversation you overheard."

As Miranda told again the story Miss Lenea had related, Osay interrupted, "See, my father's brother died in the Philippines. You have my aunt's word for that."

Mr. Grimshaw looked at Osay. "You are admitting then that your father had a brother?"

"I admit nothing," Osay said darkly.

"I want you to hear other evidence, Osay. Tell your story, Judy."

Judy then told what Mrs. Kendrick had said about liking Lenea's younger brother, Rutherford, who was named after the nineteenth president of the United States.

"Mrs. Kendrick? Who's Kendrick?" Osay demanded.

Miranda tried to enlighten him but he insisted that he had never heard of her.

Again Mr. Grimshaw glanced at his watch. This time he said he must leave as he had an appointment which he must keep.

But Osay stayed. He walked to the window and said glumly, "Every one is against me."

"That's not true, Osay," Candace said in a matter-of-fact tone. "Your aunt tried continually to help you and others have tried, too."

"Who can help me?" Osay asked glumly.

"That's a good question, Osay. There is only One who can help you. He is waiting for you to turn to Him and He has promised, 'Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.' He alone has the power to help you, Osay, for all power is given to Him in heaven and in earth. He can change your life if you will let Him. Won't you turn to Him now? A highway is there, Osay, and a way so simple that 'the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.'"

Osay said nothing but continued to stare out the window.

"It's simple, Osay, like Miss Candace said," Miranda added eagerly. "Remember the story of Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria. Naaman was a leper. When Elisha told him to go and to wash in the river Jordan seven times, he was furious. He said, 'Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel?' But when his servants said, 'If the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it?' So Naaman went down and dipped himself seven times and 'his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.' You have only to turn to the Lord Jesus and he will cleanse your heart and make a new man of you."

Osay turned now and said bitterly, his face dark with anger, "You think I'm the world's greatest sinner."

"We are all sinners, Osay. But we differ from you in that we are sinners saved by grace. The Apostle Paul called himself the chief of sinners. But we can become new creatures in Christ Jesus. You can, too, if you will but turn to Him."

"All I want is money and plenty of it," Osay said.

"What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Candace asked.

"I have what I want," Osay said.

"Do you have peace, Osay?" Candace asked gently.

Osay made an angry gesture. Picking up his coat and hat, he hurried out the front door. They heard the door close with a bang.

Candace sighed wearily. Then she turned to Judy and said, "I don't want you to trouble Mrs. Kendrick too much, Judy, but do you suppose you could make a little call on her again? In the light of what we have recently discovered, perhaps you could ask her a few questions which might give us some additional information."

"Yes, Candace, I will. I'll find out when Sue can go with me and we'll go down again. You know she asked us to come and see her another time. I think she enjoys visitors and we enjoyed talking with her."

A few days later, Judy and Sue made a second trip down the peninsula to see Mrs. Kendrick. When they reached the rest home, the matron smiled at them and said, "Of course, go right in. Mrs. Kendrick likes young visitors."

"Good afternoon, girls," Mrs. Kendrick greeted them. "Pull up those two chairs and sit close to me. My, it's good to see two such pretty young girls." Mrs. Kendrick smoothed her dress, then said archly, "I was a pretty girl myself, once."

"And you liked Rutherford Thackwell," Judy said, smiling at her.

Mrs. Kendrick laughed gaily.

"How did you know that?"

"You told us yourself."

"Oh my, did I? I talk too much, don't I?"

"Oh, no, we like to hear you. Rutherford Thackwell ran away and went to war."

Mrs. Kendrick sighed. "Yes. Poor Fordie. We all felt so badly. He died in the Philippines. Poor Fordie. I never saw him again."

"Rutherford's father was deeply grieved," Judy commented.

"Yes," Mrs. Kendrick nodded. "Roger Thackwell was a stern man. He believed in obedience. It broke his heart to have Fordie disobey him and to run away to war without his consent."

"But you have to admire Rutherford for his bravery and courage," Judy said.

"Oh, yes. We all loved Fordie. It was more than his father could take though, to have the boy killed, especially when they quarreled at parting." Mrs. Kendrick tapped her head. "It affected Roger Thackwell's mind. He wasn't himself ever again."

"You, too, must have grieved for your friend," Judy said sympathetically.

"Oh, yes. I grieved for Fordie for a long time." Mrs. Kendrick sighed. "But later I married Mr. Kendrick. He was a good man."

"Why didn't Lenea Thackwell ever mention her brother, Rutherford?" Judy asked.

Mrs. Kendrick's face brightened. "Ah, yes, Lenea. How is she? I haven't seen her for such a long time. I wish I could go to San Francisco to see her."

Judy stood up to go. "It was so nice to see you again, Mrs. Kendrick."

"And it was nice to see you and your friend . . . your friend . . ."

"Sue," Judy said.

"Oh, yes. Sue. I like that name. Tell Alison I'm glad she told you to come and see me. Goodbye, girls."

On the train back to San Francisco, Judy took a deep breath. "Nothing really new, is there, Sue?"

"No, but what she says rather confirms the statement you said Miss Lenea made. But the question is, was Rutherford killed in the Philippines or did he return to San Francisco and marry?"

"Yes," Judy admitted, "that's the question."

That evening as Judy climbed into bed, she read with even greater appreciation her daily chapter of the Bible. And she picked up her missionary prayer book to see for which missionary she should pray today. She stared at the page before her and the words jumped up and down in a strange style. For Judy read: "Pray for Rutherford Hayes Thackwell, Punjab, India."

Judy stared at the words thinking they must be a figment of her imagination. But no, there they were. How many Rutherford Hayes Thackwells were there in the world? And who was the real Rutherford Hayes Thackwell? Was this man Lenea's long lost brother, the one who was said to have died in the Philippines or in San Francisco? Or was he a son of Lenea's brother as the little man in gray had claimed to be? Or, was it just chance that he bore the same name? Judy's mind was in a whirl.

Judy started at the book before her. She'd write to Rutherford Hayes Thackwell. She'd find out if he had any connection with the Thackwells of Parnassus Street.

Taking a piece of scratch paper, Judy scribbled several notes. The final draft, she copied carefully, then addressed an envelope to the Reverend Rutherford Hayes Thackwell of the Junjab, India. The letter read:

Dear Mr. Thackwell:

We are trying to trace the relatives of Lenea Thackwell who died recently. Miss Thackwell had one brother, Cornelius Andrew Thackwell, who was born in 1875 and it is believed that she had another brother. Lenea was the daughter of Roger Thackwell. An immediate reply will be appreciated.

Then Judy switched off her light and in a few moments she was fast asleep.

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## NEW IMMIGRANT BAPTIST CHURCHES

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bers as well as effecting the purchase of a hall for a chapel for the price of over \$6,000. Since last fall this church has been remodeled and renovated at a further expense of \$1,000 and dedicated to the Lord on July 18th. The membership has already grown to 52 and God is blessing the ministry of Brother Hart at this northwestern outpost.

## THREE ONTARIO CHURCHES

Let us retrace our steps across the prairies and come back again to the east. Briefly we would like to make mention of three other churches in the province of Ontario, all of which show promise of growth.

At Kitchener, Ontario, we found an aggressive group of German immigrants. Our evangelist, the Rev. D. Fuchs, was perhaps the first who officially visited these people. Upon further invitation the writer as well as the mission secretary of the Eastern Conference, the Rev. G. E. Friedenberg, paid several visits which resulted in the organization of the Central Baptist Church with about 45 charter members.

For three months the Rev. J. C. Schweitzer served this church in his capacity as church extension worker and consolidated this newly organized church. It is expected that before this article is printed, the first pastor of this church, the Rev. John Goetze, will have arrived from Germany. Already the church has purchased without mission aid a lovely building site for about \$4,000 and plans for the construction of a chapel are being made.

Hamilton, Ontario, is another area where immigrants have settled in considerable number. Here meetings with them were held almost regularly for the past two years, although not always by us. The Rev. G. E. Friedenberg visited this group regularly once a week for some time, but because of the transiency of many of these people a clear vision of the future could not be secured.

## HOPEFUL PROSPECTS

After renewed efforts a church was organized at Hamilton although with a charter membership of only 17. This is the first field where the Church Extension Committee of the General Missionary Society has stepped in with assistance, and the Rev. John Wahl became the first pastor of this church on July 1st. His first report was hopeful and he feels challenged by the interest of his people and the prospects of the field.

For several months, the Rev. G. P. Schroeder under the appointment of the General Missionary Committee has been working among the immi-

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grants at Windsor, Ontario. Here a group of people had been gathered by the Rev. O. Patzia, mission secretary of the Central Conference. At the time of this writing Brother Schroeder had reported that a church had been organized with about 17 charter members. This new church has requested for the continued services of Mr. Schroeder and prospects are brightening.

## OTHER OPPORTUNE CENTERS

With the coming of more immigrants there will be ever greater opportunities for service among them. Through our own immigration work, under the direction of the Rev. William Sturhahn, about 1,000 or more immigrants are being brought into Canada in 1954. Where these and former as well as later immigrants will settle may not be known at this time. But new centers such as Fort William, Ontario; Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; and Kitimat, B. C., may well see churches springing up in the near future. Even our older established fields, such as Calgary, Alberta; Medicine Hat, Alberta; Vancouver, B. C., and others may feel the impact of immigration upon their churches so as to give rise to new churches.

We urge our people everywhere to open their eyes to the vision of missionary expansion among these who come to our shores as immigrants. We repeat that there is no other Baptist group that can serve German immigrants more adequately and successfully than North American Baptists. This is our God-given responsibility in these days. May we not fail nor falter but look to him who gives to us the "open door which no man can shut."

## Dakota Conference

Highlights of the Dakota  
Conference Sessions Held at  
Aberdeen, South Dakota

With anticipation of forthcoming blessings, delegates and visitors wended their way to the spacious Civic Arena in Aberdeen, South Dakota, to conduct the sessions of the 46th Dakota Conference from June 23 to 27. The many aspects of the heart-searching and timely theme, "I Will Build My Church," were developed and considered in the various phases of the conference program.

The Rev. Leroy Schauer welcomed the conference in the name of the Calvary Baptist Church of Aberdeen to which the moderator, the Rev. Alfred Weisser, responded. The mayor of the city, Mr. Ernest Gunderson, welcomed the conference to the city of Aberdeen. In the opening message the Rev. Walter Klempel struck a stirring and spiritual note in his message, "Redeemed by the Precious Blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:19).

The spiritual atmosphere of each of the conference sessions was set by devotional periods built upon the conference theme taken from the words of Christ, "Upon this rock I will build my church." The pastors who led in these devotional studies were Herbert Vetter, Arthur Beatty, Henry Lang, and A. Krombein. Representatives of the Woman's Missionary Union had charge of one devotional service.

Dr. Frank Woyke led the conference in a series of stirring studies on the New Testament Church. Additional addresses developing the conference theme were presented by the pastors: R. Sigmund, Bernard Fritzke, Richard Grenz, and H. J. Waltereit.

A strong missionary spirit was felt throughout the conference which was climaxed on Sunday through the morning worship service and the CBY and the SS Union Missionary Rally in the afternoon. The Rev. E. P. Wahl, founder and president of the CTI, Edmonton, Alta., Canada, brought heart-searching missionary messages at both of these services in which he challenged the conference to renew its pioneering spirit for the cause of Christ.

For the second consecutive year the Dakota Conference had the privilege of commissioning one of its young couples to the mission field of Japan. An impressive commissioning service was held for the Rev. and Mrs. Clemence Auch who have sailed in August for the shores of Japan. The response through the missionary contributions for the day as \$1200 were given to our missionary enterprise.

Newly elected conference officers are: moderator, Rev. Alfred Weisser; vice-moderator, Rev. Arthur Fischel; recording secretary, Rev. Bernard Fritzke; statistician, Rev. Vernon Link; mission secretary, Rev. Carl Weisser; and mission representative, Rev. Alfred Bibelheimer.

Roy Seibel, Reporter.

## Anniversary Festivities at Elgin, Iowa

From July 9 to 11 the First Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa, celebrated its 75th anniversary and dedicated its \$20,000 new parsonage

By MRS. FRED SCHAEER  
of Elgin, Iowa

JULY 9 and 11 were days of celebration at the First Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa, in a combined service observing the 75th anniversary of the church and dedication of the new parsonage. "Stewards of Grace" (1 Peter 4:10) was selected as the program theme.

## CHURCH BANQUET

A banquet on Friday evening, July 9, opened the festivities. Mr. Hugo Hackmann was toastmaster, and the following program was given: "May God Depend on You," ladies quartet; Mrs. Selmer Erickson, Mrs. Abe Habeger, Mrs. Edward Krueger, Mrs. Kenton Krueger; recognition of Mrs. Mary Keiser, oldest member, by Mrs. Fred Muehlethaler; "Beautiful Savior," boys trio: Wendell Baechler, Paul Hackmann, Leland Probert; address, "A Promise for the Future," Rev. Fred Mashner of Sumner, Iowa; selection by the Youth Choir.

On Sunday, July 11, two special services were held in the morning. At the 10 A.M. service, Mrs. Arbie Schroeder played the organ prelude. Scripture and prayer were by the Rev. Theo Dons, Sterling, Kans.; vocal duet by Mrs. Wendell Baechler and Mr. Harry Johnson; Senior Choir anthem, "King All Glorious"; message, "Memories and Visions" by Dr. George A. Lang, president of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. At the 11 A.M. service, Scripture and prayer were by the Rev. Fred Mashner, Sumner; greetings from former pastors were read; men's quartet of Mr. Abe Habeger, Mr. Kenton Krueger, Mr. Edward Krueger, Mr. Lyle Krueger; selection, "Serve the Lord in Youth," Junior choir; and message, "Stewards of Grace" by the Rev. H. John Vanderbeck.

## PARSONAGE DEDICATION

The afternoon parsonage dedication service opened with selections by the orchestra; piano and organ prelude of Beverly Muehlethaler, Wendell Baechler; greetings from churches represented; selection, male chorus; dedicatory message, "Bless This House," Dr. George A. Lang; dedicatory prayer, Mr. Richard Mulder, Parkersburg, Iowa; meditation, Mrs. Keith Thoma.

Following the afternoon service, open house was held at the parsonage. Presiding at the tea table were Mrs. Edward Krueger, president of the Woman's Missionary Society, and Mrs. Lester Wenger, president of the Tabitha Society. Guests registered were from Canada, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, Kansas



Rev. H. John Vanderbeck of Elgin, Iowa

and Michigan as well as the Iowa churches, Aplington, Buffalo Center, Burlington, Parkersburg, Sheffield, Steamboat Rock, Sumner, and Center Baptist Church, Lansing.

The First Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa, was organized in 1879 with 40 members, but the actual beginnings

catine church. The church in Elgin continued to grow and plans were made for an organized Baptist church. This was accomplished in July of 1879. At this time Mr. Bauman resigned as pastor and Rev. J. F. Hoefflin of St. Paul, Minn., was called to be the first pastor of the newly organized church.

The work in Elgin prospered and the old building became inadequate for the needs. A new church building was erected in 1898, and this building has been in use since that date. Many improvements have been made to keep the building as a lovely sanctuary for worship. The Elgin church has always had a reputation for fine music and could rightly be called the "singing church."

## PASTORS OF CHURCH

During 75 years of ministry to the community, the church has grown and prospered. The ministers were the Rev. J. F. Hoefflin, Rev. William Schunke, Rev. R. J. Hack, Rev. C. F. Stoeckmann, Rev. J. G. Draewell, Rev. H. W. Wedel, Rev. P. H. Lauer, Rev. P. F. Zoschke and Rev. Arthur Itermann. The present pastor is the Rev. H. John Vanderbeck.

The First Baptist Church of Sumner was for many years a branch congregation of Elgin, but it was organized as an independent church in 1947.



The new parsonage of the Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa, which was dedicated in connection with the 75th anniversary festivities of the church

go back to the year 1864, when the Rev. Jacob Bauman was the spiritual leader of a group of people from Switzerland who settled in Elgin.

In 1875 a Sunday School was organized and the people desired to unite with a Baptist church. The Rev. Jacob Meier, then pastor in Muscatine, Iowa, was invited to visit with the Elgin people. During these visits many of the Elgin people united with the Mus-

In the fall of 1953 the church saw the need of a new parsonage and building was begun immediately. It is a seven-room ranch type construction, built at a cost of \$20,000. Much of the labor was donated by members and friends of the congregation. It was dedicated debt free on July 11. The first occupants of the parsonage are the Rev. and Mrs. H. John Vanderbeck and daughter, Kathy Ann.





## Southern Conference

### Vacation Bible School at the Cottonwood Church of Texas With 100 Pupils

The Vacation Bible School of the Cottonwood Baptist Church, Lorena, Texas, was held from June 7 to 11. Preparation Day was held on Friday, June 4.

Under the leadership of our superintendent, Mrs. A. R. Kingman, we had a very successful school. We enrolled 100 pupils, with an average attendance of 85. We had a contest to see which class could bring in the most pupils. Mrs. Kingman made a very fine poster with each class seemingly ascending into the sky in a balloon. The Junior Class had the largest attendance, winning the contest.

The daily offerings were used for work among the Indians. They amounted to \$35.58. Gifts were given to Mr. and Mrs. Kingman and Walter Gummelt, our song leader, in appreciation for the fine work which they did. The closing exercises were held on Friday evening, June 11. A fine program was presented with each class taking part.

Mrs. H. D. Lynn, Reporter.

## Eastern Conference

### First "Homecoming" Observed With Festivities by the Forest Baptist Church, Munson, Pa.

"Back home again, the wondrous thought,  
Back with the friends, I've ne'er forgot."

This song, written by Herbert Janke, was the theme of the first "Homecoming" celebrated by the Forest Baptist Church of Munson, Pa., from July 1 to 4. About 100 former members and friends answered the roll call, representing 15 states.

A welcome was given by the Rev. George Zinz, Sr., pastor, and the response by the Rev. Fred Guenther of Detroit, Mich., who entered the ministry from the Forest Church. He was the speaker on the first evening. The Rev. Richard Schilke of Forest Park, Ill., was the speaker for the banquet and Sunday services. The special music included local numbers and solo, duet and quartet numbers by former members who now live in Detroit, Michigan.

Friday morning's service included reading the history of the church, Sun-

day School, Ladies' Aid and young people's society. A memorial service was held to honor the members who have been laid to rest. An outing at Black Moshannon Park, and a banquet at the Hotel Dimeling in Clearfield concluded the day's activities.

Saturday was designated as Visitation Day, devoted to renewing old friendships and making new ones. It also gave our friends an opportunity to see more in detail the changes which have recently been made in the church when it was remodeled and redecorated.

The services on Sunday were attended by the largest group ever in the history of this church. As the "Homecoming" came to an end, everyone agreed that it had been a wonderful reunion and an occasion to be remembered for a long time.

Mrs. Hentry Litke, Church Clerk.

## Northwestern Conference

### Highlights of Activity from the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wisconsin

During the past season the Ladies' Aid and Men's Fellowship of the First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis., sponsored a series of parties and a formal banquet for our young people. They were well received.

Our Vacation Bible School was held from June 7 to 18 with 98 pupils enrolled. A large percentage of pupils was from other churches and unchurched homes. We meet these opportunities with much prayer and a real awareness of Jesus command to "feed my lambs."

Our CBY'ers, both Junior and Senior, are very busy people in our church. On June 30 they were in charge of the evening service with Miss Eugenia Price, Chicago, Ill., author of WGN's noted radio program, "Unshackled," as guest speaker.

The Sunday School is having a contest with a local Methodist group. Points are given for attendance, bringing Bibles, bringing visitors, and also if visitors choose to join. The purpose is to bring others to Sunday School who have never found Christ or the way of salvation, as well as to stimulate interest in our own people.

The Rev. J. G. Benke, our Pastor, continues to bring us God's Word in a way to make us aware of what we might be. His outstanding series of sermons on "Fruit of the Spirit" challenged many of us.

Mrs. Arnold Krause, Reporter.

## Dakota Conference

### Sessions of the Northern North Dakota Association at the McClusky Baptist Church

The Northern North Dakota Association of North American Baptists was entertained by the Baptist Church, McClusky, N. Dak., from July 8 to 11. The general theme of the Association was, "The Christian's Walk," based on Romans 6:4. The delegates and visitors were cordially welcomed to the city of McClusky by Mayor Berg, the Rev. Daniel Klein, pastor of the McClusky Baptist Church, and the Rev. Fred Knalson, moderator of the Association.

The attendance was especially good on Friday when the Woman's Missionary Union and the Men's Brotherhood held simultaneous meetings. But the day of the spiritual feast was on Sunday when practically every church of the Association was represented and the attendance reached approximately 500 people.

The theme, "The Christian's Walk," was ably developed by the pastors of the association and the three guest speakers, Miss Alethea Kose from the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago, Ill.; Dr. George A. Dunger from the North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; and the Rev. Daniel Fuchs, denominational evangelist.

Though weary and worn, all delegates and visitors went home on Sunday evening rejoicing because of the splendid weather that had prevailed and the many mountain-top experiences they had had during those blessed and happy days. The Association is invited to meet with the Baptist Church of Anamoose, N. Dak., in July of 1955.

David Zimmerman, Reporter.

### Northern North Dakota Woman's Missionary Union Meets at McClusky, N. Dakota

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Northern North Dakota Association met at McClusky, N. Dak., with Mrs. Albert E. Reddig, Cathay, N. Dak., presiding. The business session was held in the forenoon with 16 member societies reporting a total of 22 new members received during the past year. Our total membership is 346. The total money raised during the year amounted to \$10,853.45 making an average of \$31.37 per member. A total of \$3,763.87 was given to missions.

The following officers were elected for a term of one year: president, Mrs. Vernon Link, Fessenden, N. Dak.; vice-president, Mrs. W. Myers, Carrington, N. Dak.; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Reuben Bauer, Turtle Lake, N. Dak. At the close of the business session a very impressive memorial service was arranged by the Underwood Society, honoring the women who have gone to their home in glory.

Well over 100 women attended the noon luncheon served in the McClus-

ky church parlors where each society reported the highlights of its work during the year.

The Lincoln Valley ladies' quartet and a trio from Carrington presented musical numbers before a large audience at the afternoon program. Mrs. Albert Reddig directed the Ladies' Mass Choir as they sang the well-known selection, "My God and I." The offering amounting to \$163.87 which was divided among the Old People's Home at Bismarck, N. Dak., Women's Work in Africa, and Home Missions.

Miss Alethea Kose from the Missionary Training School in Chicago, Ill., gave a very inspiring message based on Romans 6:4. The message was indeed uplifting, reminding us of our daily duties as it reflected the Association theme, "The Christian's Walk."

Mrs. Reuben H. Bauer, Secretary.

### Central Dakota Young People's Assembly at Jamestown College Campus, Jamestown, N. Dak.

We of the Central Dakota Young People's Assembly can say, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," as we review our assembly held from June 28 to July 4 at Jamestown College, Jamestown, North Dakota. We met new friends and learned new truths that will long be remembered.

The Assembly was opened Monday evening, June 28, by Miss Dorothy Michaelson, the president. The Rev. D. Robinson of Jamestown was our evening speaker for the week. Throughout the Assembly, music was furnished by representatives of the various societies and the choir which was so ably directed by Mrs. Herbert Hiller. Our motto, "Live Christ," was in tune with the Assembly and we could sense God's presence.

The courses taught were the following: "Baptist Principles" by Prof. Herbert Hiller; "A Life of Christ" by Rev. M. Wolff; "Baptist Junior Missions" by Mrs. A. Krombein; and "Christ First" by Miss Deloris Henne. The general assembly period was in charge of Dr. John Leypoldt.

On Friday afternoon we held our annual business meeting. The following officers were elected: dean, Rev. A. Fischer; president, Dorothy Michaelson; vice-president, Howard Fode; secretary, Marilyn Saylor; treasurer, Dorothy Bibelheimer; Assembly Journal editor, Alma Zimmerman; editor of music, Rev. R. Dickau; director of recreation, Rev. E. Lautt; Cameroons mission project director, Rev. A. Bibelheimer; dean of men, Rev. H. Lang; and dean of women, Mrs. M. Wolff.

On Saturday evening we saw the film, "The Great Discovery," after which Prof. Hiller delivered a call for men and women who would give themselves for the Lord's service. Many young people responded to the call. The closing service on Sunday afternoon was in charge of Dorothy Michaelson. Prof. Hiller was in charge of the installation of officers and brought the closing message.

Marilyn Saylor, Secretary.

### Plum Creek Church of South Dakota Welcomes the Rev. and Mrs. Willis Potratz

On Sunday, July 4, the Rev. Willis Potratz began his ministry at the Plum Creek Baptist Church of Emery, South Dakota. A reception was given in the evening service to welcome our new pastor and his family.

Opening words were given by our Senior deacon, Mr. Dave Decker. Mr. Bert Itterman, who had been serving us while we were without a minister, led the song service and was our guest speaker. Mr. Harm Frey read the

### Baptist Church of Hebron, N. D., Welcomes Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Seecamp and Family

The First Baptist Church of Hebron, N. Dak., is exceedingly grateful to God for making it possible for us to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Seecamp and their children, Clara, Carsten and Erna into our midst. They arrived in Hebron from Winnipeg, Canada, on July 2 and on July 4 at the morning service Brother Seecamp spoke to us from Rom. 1:16.

At the evening service with the church filled to capacity, all the vari-



The large crowd of young people from the Central Dakota churches with their teachers and guest speakers at the Central Dakota CBY Assembly in Jamestown, North Dakota

ous organizations brought messages of welcome for the Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Seecamp and family. Mrs. Seecamp was presented with a beautiful corsage of roses by the Ladies' Aid Society. After we had pledged our support and co-operation in the work of the Lord, each of the Seecamp family responded with encouraging words assuring us that they are willing to be of assistance in every way that the Lord will lead. Special music at the joyous occasion was rendered by our mixed choir, men's quartet, a bass solo by Carsten Seecamp accompanied by his sister, Clara, at the electric organ, and a duet by Clara and Carsten Seecamp, accompanied by their mother at the piano.

Scripture passage and Mr. Edwin Jucht led in prayer. Dickie Decker gave a welcome. Representatives from each department of the church brought words of greeting to Mr. and Mrs. Potratz, and several musical numbers were also given.

Mr. Edward Jucht, our honorary deacon, brought a talk representing the church. At the close the Rev. and Mrs. Willis Potratz were given an opportunity to respond.

We then met in our church dining room for a time of fellowship. We are thankful that God has answered our prayers and sent us an under-shepherd.

Mrs. Lester Jucht, Reporter.

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On July 5 our Sunday School gathered for its annual picnic at a grove a few miles from our town. The Rev. C. H. Seecamp led in a brief devotional service. After this we all enjoyed our picnic lunches and the afternoon's entertainment which consisted of races, games, horseshoe and a softball game.

Our Woman's Missionary Guild had charge of the evening service on June 27 at which time they rendered a Father's Day program consisting of special music, reading of several poems honoring our fathers, and a reading on the life of Timothy which was very instructive and inspiring.

John Stading, Jr., Secretary.





The choir of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., with Mrs. James Billeter at the organ, which inspired the Pacific Conference with its many fine selections

## Pacific Conference

### Sessions of the Pacific Conference Held at Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon

The newly completed sanctuary of the Trinity Baptist Church in Portland, Ore., provided a beautiful setting for the Pacific Conference sessions from June 16 to 20. Over 200 delegates and friends from our various churches gathered to enjoy the fellowship of other Christians and to receive a challenge from the messages given from God's Word.

Since our moderator, the Rev. Emanuel Wolff, had moved to another conference, the Rev. Robert Schreiber, conference secretary, responded to the gracious welcome given by the host pastor, the Rev. John Wobig. The Rev. Rudolph Woyke of Salem, Ore., was appointed temporary moderator and later elected the regular moderator of the conference.

The theme provided by the program committee was "The Summons to Action" (Acts 1:8). The messages and reports were built around this theme and they served as an adequate reminder of the great work which our Lord Jesus Christ has left for us to do. We were privileged to have with us Dr. Martin L. Leuschner as our denominational representative. His vivid reports of our denominational work at home and abroad and his delightful personality added much to our conference meetings.

The opening message on Wednesday evening was given by the Rev. Robert Hess of Tacoma, Washington. His message on our theme served as a keynote for our days together. The Thursday evening message was an expository sermon by Dr. Donald G. Davis of Los Angeles, Calif., "The Summons to Christian Service."

On Friday noon, luncheons were held by both the men and women. The Baptist Men of Oregon sponsored

the men's meeting in one of the local restaurants. Our guest speaker was Senator Merrifield of our Oregon Senate. Mr. Earl Marks, who is vice-president of the Pacific Conference Baptist Men, reported on the aims of our work. Prof. Paul Findlay of the Western Baptist Seminary sang a solo. The Friday evening program was presented by the women of the Pacific Conference. Mrs. Thomas Lutz of North Freedom, Wis., was the speaker.

A delightful feature of the Saturday morning meetings was the recognition given to Dr. Leuschner for his twenty years of service as a North American Baptist General Conference worker. Mr. Henry Schmunk of Tacoma, Wash., gave the words of recognition and presented to Dr. Leuschner a beautiful Portland rose.

The picnic planned for Saturday afternoon was called off because of the damp weather. Many of the visitors toured the city in their automobiles, visited the Baptist Home for the Aged, and others remained at the church building and looked at the numerous rooms and facilities provided in this new structure.

Sunday morning services found many of the visiting ministers serving as guest speakers in our Oregon church. At Trinity, the Rev. Phil Daum, Miss Martha Leypoldt and the Rev. J. B. Kornalewski were the speakers for the Sunday School hour, and Dr. Martin Leuschner spoke during the morning worship service.

The Sunday afternoon meeting was conducted by the Oregon Baptist League with Dr. Leuschner again bringing us a challenging message from God's Word. The closing service was on Sunday evening with the Rev. B. Jacksteit speaking on the theme, "The Final Summons."

Conference recognition and the hand of fellowship was extended to the church at Prince Rupert, B. C. In the absence of the pastor, the Rev. A. Hart, the Rev. Phil Daum of Prince George, B. C., served as proxy and

will carry the conference greetings to the Prince Rupert Church.

The officers elected for the coming year are: moderator, Rev. L. Berndt; secretary, Rev. H. Barnet; statistical secretary, Rev. E. Schoenleber; mission secretary, Rev. Robert Penner; mission representative, Rev. J. Wobig; alternate, Rev. H. Hengstler; General Council representative, Mr. O. A. Krueger. In addition, the Rev. B. Jacksteit was elected to serve on the Resolutions Committee at the 1955 General Conference.

We express our appreciation to the Trinity Baptist Church for their gracious hospitality, and our thanks to our heavenly Father for his care for us in these days.

Henry W. Barnet, Reporter.

## Northern Conference

### Northern Conference at Carbon, Alberta, Receives Three New Churches Into Its Fellowship

The Carbon Baptist Church of Carbon, Alberta, was host to the 51st session of the Northern Conference which convened from July 7 to 11. The Rev. W. R. Muller, pastor of the Carbon Church, was in charge of the opening service and extended a hearty welcome to all the delegates and visitors.

The conference theme, "The Church in the Scriptures," found fitting consideration and emphasis in the opening sermon by Rev. Martin DeBoer, "I Will Build My Church"; and in the following messages: "The Church in the Old Testament," by Rev. Otto Ertis; "The Church in the Gospels," by Rev. Wm. Effa; "The Church in Paul's Letters," by Rev. Alphonz Lamprecht; and "The Church in Revelations," by Rev. Karl Korella. The devotional periods and the evening evangelistic services were a great blessing to us all. Our guest speakers, Dr. Frank Woyke of

Forest Park, Ill., and Rev. W. J. Luebeck of Cleveland, Ohio, gave us inspiring and stirring messages.

On Saturday evening the CBY and SS Union in charge of Rev. Ernest Hoffman presented a challenging program. The Olds Baptist Church CBY presented a play, "The Haven of Rest," which was a challenge to Christian homes to be more Christ-like.

The attendance at the conference was very good. On Sunday morning two worship services were held, one in the main auditorium in the German language, and the other in the lower auditorium of the church in the English language. Both auditoriums were filled to capacity. A mission offering was taken which amounted to \$2,000.

Furthermore, we are happy to report that the Northern Conference is a growing conference. Three new churches were received into the fellowship of our Northern Conference: the Emanuel Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta.; the Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Sask.; and the Third Mission Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Wm. Effa, Reporter.

### Baptism of Seven Converts and Reception of 11 Members at Hilda, Alberta

Sunday, June 27th, was a great day of blessing for the members of the Hilda Baptist Church, Hilda, Alta. On this day our pastor, the Rev. J. G. Thiessen, was privileged to baptize seven converts into the death of Jesus Christ. It was the culmination of a special effort among the young people of the Sunday School. The book, "New Life," recommended by our denomination, was the guide for the instructions for several months during the regular hours of the Sunday School.

During the morning worship service the pastor spoke on the topic, "Christian Baptism." The choir helped to beautify the service with appropriate selections. Visitors from neighboring churches had come to take part in the blessings of the day.

At two o'clock in the afternoon we gathered with a large company of friends and members at the lakeside. The Lord gave us a wonderful day after a night's rain. The Rev. G. J. Thiessen led the seven persons into baptismal waters, assisted by the deacon, Mr. Walter Wuerfel. The hearts of God's people rejoiced at this harvest of souls.

After the baptism the members of the church gathered at the house of God. Here the pastor gave the hand of fellowship to the newly baptized and to four others who came to us from other churches. Together we gathered around the Lord's table, remembering his death for us. God's presence was felt as we partook of the emblems of his broken body and his shed blood. After several of the new members had led in prayer, we concluded the day of blessing by singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

G. J. Thiessen, Pastor.

Rev. G. J. Thiessen of Hilda, Alta., (back row, center) and eleven new members whom he received into the fellowship of the Hilda Baptist Church by baptism and letter



### Emmanuel Baptist Church at Morris, Manitoba, Dedicates New Sanctuary

"For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually" (II Chronicles 7:16).

It was over a year ago that we of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Morris, Manitoba, began the project of building a new sanctuary in which to worship our Lord and Savior. No one held back in working and giving; therefore we moved ahead slowly, unitedly and with certainty. Finally the great day of moving into the basement last December arrived. It was a blessed joy to worship in a new and spacious building.

However, this was notably overshadowed when we moved upstairs on June 13, 1954, and found it even more spacious and beautiful than downstairs. This was to be dedication Sunday but because of adverse weather and poor working conditions, this was postponed until July 4, 1954. The Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., was guest speaker for that Sunday and this proved to be as if we were actually dedication day and almost doubled our joys and blessings.

Dedication Sunday on July 4th arrived only too soon. At 10:00 o'clock, all the guests of the surrounding dis-

tricts and of Winnipeg along with our own members gathered before the church entrances, while the band played. The Rev. R. Kanwischer spoke a few words of welcome and then led in a brief service, after which he introduced the contractor, Mr. A. B. Penner, who officially unlocked the doors. In the morning service Dr. John Leypoldt of Forest Park, Ill., explained the lesson and brought the dedicatory message.

A free dinner was served by the ladies of the church in the church basement. It was estimated that they served dinner to 800 guests.

Dr. O. E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y., delivered the afternoon message and following this we had the opportunity to hear the financial report. Representatives from the neighboring churches also gave their words of greeting and encouragement. Dr. J. Leypoldt was also speaker for the evening service. Both choirs served, the mixed choir singing in the morning and evening services and the male choir in the afternoon service.

All the members of the church thank God for his marvelous guidance and for the many blessings bestowed upon us. We have been able to do more than we ever imagined we could and that with ease under God's guidance and help.

Melvin Bergstresser, Reporter.



The Emmanuel Baptist Church of Morris, Manitoba, on Dedication Sunday, July 4, 1954



## The First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta, Celebrates Its Sixteenth Anniversary

Sunday, July 4th, was a day of rejoicing for the members and friends of the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta., since on this beautiful day the church observed its 60th anniversary.

Already during the Sunday School hour, the church was filled with eager listeners. The Rev. H. Schatz of the Temple Church of Leduc, Alta., and Dr. F. H. Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., spoke to the adult classes, and our Junior Choir rendered special numbers. The congregational singing was beautified by the music from our new electric organ, which was presented to the church by one of our members, Mr. Herbert Bienert, as an anniversary gift. Dr. Woyke, who was one of the guest speakers, brought an inspirational message and the mixed choir of the Temple Church rendered the special music.

The Wiesenthal Baptist Band introduced the special anniversary service in the afternoon with sacred instrumental music. Under the leadership of our pastor, the Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, a well planned program was rendered at the afternoon service. Dr. Woyke, executive secretary, and the Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, Alta., president of the C.T.I., and a former pastor of our church, challenged us by their inspiring messages. Greetings from pastors of six churches, that had been invited, encouraged us to undertake even greater things for the Lord in the future.

It was because of economic conditions and religious intolerance in Volhynia, Russia, against the German speaking people that they migrated to Canada. The Rev. F. W. Mueller, who was their first minister, assisted the early settlers and helped them to found the First Baptist Church, which was organized on July 20, 1894. The first place of worship was a log building which soon proved to be too small. In 1909 the second building was dedicated. In the year 1928 it was realized that more Sunday School room was needed and therefore the present building was erected. Last year about \$6,000 were spent to renovate and redecorate the interior of the church.

The church has given six of her spiritual sons to the Gospel ministry. They are: Otto Patzia, Detroit, Mich.; Rubin Kern, Forest Park, Ill.; Jothan Benke, Watertown, Wis.; Lawrence Bienert, Forest Park, Ill.; Heinz Grabia, Rapid City, S. Dak.; Victor Priebe, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; and Miss Myrtle Hein (Mrs. Jack Funnell), Africa.

In addition to the work in the local church, a house of worship was built in 1944, ten miles east of here, known as the Clover Lawn Mission. In the course of these years, hundreds of souls were led to the Lord through the untiring efforts of faithful ministers and consecrated church officers and members, who were permitted to see the fruits of their labor. Thousands of dollars were given by faithful stewards for the cause of Christ and his Church.

J. C. Kraenzler, Pastor.

## Obituary

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

### MR. HENRY AHLHARDT of Kyle, Texas.

Mr. Henry Ahlhardt of Kyle, Texas, was born in Kassel, Germany, on November 1, 1869, and went to be with the Lord June 28, 1954, at the age of 84 years, 7 months and 27 days, having been hospitalized in New Braunfels, Texas, for five weeks with a serious illness.

As a young person he came to the United States and settled at Burton, Texas, where he was baptized by the Rev. Mr. Kefer and became a member of the Greenville Baptist Church.

On November 21, 1889 he was united in marriage to Laura Ponfick at Carmine, Texas, and to this union were born ten children. The family located in this community where Mr. Ahlhardt transferred his membership to the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle, Texas, in November, 1892. During his 62 years of church membership he served many years as Sunday School superintendent and teacher, deacon and custodian.

Those of the family who preceded him in death were his wife on June 12, 1947, and four children who died in infancy. There remain to mourn his passing six children: Edwin Lockhart, Texas; George of Burton, Texas; Raymond of Kyle, Texas; Mrs. O. P. Jepsen of Dallas, Texas; Mary of Austin, Texas; and Lydia of Kyle, Texas; two daughters-in-law: Mrs. Edwin Ahlhardt and Mrs. George Ahlhardt; one son-in-law: Mr. O. P. Jepsen, eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and a host of friends.

Kyle, Texas

ELDON SCHROEDER, Pastor.

### MR. JOHN PETKE of Portland, Oregon.

Mr. John Petke of Portland, Ore., was born April 11, 1876, as Gosen, Poland, and passed away unexpectedly at Portland on July 7, 1954.

Mr. Petke accepted Christ at the age of 14 and was baptized at Ripin, Poland, in 1890. Having lost both parents as a boy, he immigrated to Winnipeg, Man., Canada, in 1897 and joined the First German Baptist Church there.

On November 6, 1901, Mr. Petke was married to Kathleen Hugel of Morden, Man., Canada. With their three children, the couple moved to Oregon in 1909 where Mr. Petke resided in Portland for all except four years which were spent farming at Broadmead. Upon moving to Oregon, he joined the First German (now Trinity) Baptist Church of Portland until 1937 when he became a charter member of the Lauerhurst (now Central) Baptist Church. During the closing years of his life he was an active member of the Grace Baptist Church of Portland.

A busy life was his as carpenter, painter, paper hanger, meat market operator and farmer, but he always found time to serve his Christ, having been Sunday School superintendent for many years, deacon, treasurer, choir leader, and even lay preacher. He also served as one of the first directors of the Baptist Home for the Aged in Portland, where he was privileged to spend the closing years and final days of his life.

Mr. Petke is survived by his wife, Kathleen; two sons, Lorn D. and Harold J.; a daughter, Mrs. Gus (Lillie) Bachofner; a sister, Mrs. Edna Drieske; eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren, who remain to cherish his memory.

Portland, Oregon

HAROLD J. PETKE, Correspondent.

### MR. MILO WALKER of Pound, Wisconsin.

"I've wandered far away from God; Now I'm coming Home." These are the words which Milo Walker of Pound, Wis., sang a few moments before the Lord called him to his heavenly home.

After suffering a severe heart attack early Sunday morning, July 4th, Mr. Walker was taken to the hospital where he passed away July 7, 1954. Mr. Walker faced death many times, so he was prepared for his homegoing, and his family said that he loved to sing the words of the above song and also the song, "This world is not my home, I'm just a passing through." His faithful attendance at the church, his ready smile, and his words of greeting are deeply missed by all who enter the church.

Mr. Walker was born May 11, 1897 at Pound, Wis., and lived his entire life in this community. On June 9, 1928 he was united in marriage to Ruth White, and to this union three children were born. The children and wife survive.

Mr. Walker was a faithful member of the Pioneer Baptist Church of Pound where he served on the board of trustees and as janitor of the church for the past several years. He also held positions on the village board.

Funeral services were held in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. O. Harley speaking in the absence of the pastor of the Pioneer Church. Mr. Harley used several Bible passages for his text, including the 23rd Psalm, which was one of Mr. Walker's favorite passages and was often used by him when he gave his testimony.

Pioneer Baptist Church,  
Pound, Wisconsin

J. F. CONNER, Pastor.

### MR. CHARLES BETTGER of Fessenden, North Dakota.

Mr. Charles Bettger of Fessenden, N. Dak., was born on March 8, 1881 at Odessa, Russia. In 1890 at the age of nine years he migrated with his parents to Yankton, South Dakota. Four years later they moved to Bremen, North Dakota. On April 26, 1908 he was united in marriage to Mary Weber. They settled on a farm two miles south of Bremen, where they resided until the fall of 1950, when they moved to Fessenden where they resided until his death.

He accepted Christ as his Savior on May 14, 1950. He was quiet and gentle and always in good standing with his neighbors. He was a good father and a good husband. After failing health for several years he passed away peacefully in his sleep early Sunday morning, July 11, 1954 in his home.

He leaves to mourn his passing his loving wife and four daughters: Ella of San Francisco, Calif.; Alma (Mrs. Herman Semrau) of Mill Valley, Calif.; Ruth (Mrs. Eric Engbrecht) of Hobbs, New Mexico; Dorothy (Mrs. H. Campbell) of Ridgecrest, California. One daughter preceded the father in death, having died in infancy. He also leaves to mourn: one sister, Mrs. Anna Roth of Los Angeles, Calif.; one brother, Jake of Washburn, N. Dak., who was at his bedside when he passed away; three grandchildren and many relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held from the Fessenden Baptist Church and the undersigned used as his text the 39th Psalm.

Fessenden, North Dakota

VERNON LINK, Pastor.

### MRS. HENRY S. FRITZEMEIER of Stafford, Kansas.

Mrs. Henry S. Fritzemeier, nee Martha Hildebrand, of Stafford, Kans., was born December 17, 1877 in Hessen-Kassel, Germany. She came to the United States with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Franz Hildebrand, in 1883. On October 22, 1896 she joined hands and heart with her husband, Henry Fritzemeier, with whom she shared the blessings of a rich Christian fellowship.

She gave her life to the Lord in 1894 and was baptized in the Ellinwood Church by the Rev. W. F. Lipphardt. She and her husband were charter members of the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, Kansas.

Their marriage was blessed by the birth of three children, all surviving the passing of their mother: Mrs. Edward Schneider, Tribune, Kans.; Mrs. Glenn Heaton, Enterprise, Kans.; and Louis, Oak Park, Illinois. Her passing is also mourned by three sisters: Mrs. Sam Lichte, Stafford, Kans.; Mrs. William Witt of Bison, Kans.; and Mary Budde, Meade, Kans.; five brothers: William, Charles, Henry and Ernest, all of Stafford, Kans.; and John of Sterling, Kans.; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Fritzemeier suffered with a lingering illness. In faith and in confidence that the Lord's leading was her constant assurance she closed her eyes in death on July 6, 1954. The funeral service took place on July 8 in Calvary Church with the pastor bringing the message on, "This One Thing I Know." The male quartet sang two appropriate numbers. May the Lord comfort and bless the mourning!

Stafford, Kansas

H. J. WILCKE, Pastor.

### REV. WILLIAM WEGNER of Meta, Kentucky.

The Rev. William Wegner of Meta, Ky., was born May 6, 1898, in Alberta, Canada. He died on Sunday, May 2, at a hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. He had been a sick man for a number of years. He reached the age of 55 years. Even as a member of the Burns Ave. Church of Detroit, Mich., he was much interested in missionary work. He loved his Savior and was anxious to win souls. Having the firm conviction that the Lord had called him into the service of preaching the Gospel, especially in the hills of Kentucky, the Burns Ave. Church ordained him on March 1, 1938. The Rev. B. Graf delivered the ordination message.

His chosen field was in Pike County of Kentucky. Here he and his wife, Anna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Barsuhn, organized a Sunday School and worked among young people in the rural districts. This work is under the supervision of the "Southern Highland Evangel." So by the grace of God he was enabled to spend 20 years of his life doing real missionary work in a much neglected part of our country. His courageous wife is remaining on that field to carry on the work of her departed husband.

The Rev. William Wegner was united in marriage to Anna Barsuhn. This union was blessed with 13 children, all living. Funeral services were held on the afternoon of May 5 at the Regular Baptist Church of Meta. A number of pastors took part in the service. The burial service took place at the Bent Cemetery of Meta, Ky., under the direction of the Baker Funeral Home.

The deceased leaves to mourn: his wife, Anna; eight sons: Chester, Harold, Ralph, Samuel, Paul, Raymond, Marvin and Wilmar; and five daughters: Lillian, Louise, Loise, Leah and Sarah Wegner; his two brothers: Otto and Earnest Wegner; and two sisters: Mrs. Bertha Rowan and Mrs. Alma Rowan. May the Lord graciously comfort the bereaved family!

Burns Ave. Baptist Church,

Detroit, Michigan

H. P. KAYSER, Correspondent.

### MR. SAMUEL KOENKE of Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. Samuel Koenke of Detroit, Mich., was born April 7, 1893, at California, Mo., and died suddenly as the result of a stroke. He reached the age of 61 years and 3 days. As the sad news of his sudden death became known, our Burns Ave. Church of Detroit was seized anew with the fact that life is to be taken seriously, inasmuch as the brother seemed to be enjoying good health. Even the Sunday before his departure, he assisted in the communion service. However, while he took part in this service, it seems that he did not feel well, and he prayed that the Lord might help him to complete his part. He had the privilege to serve his church as a deacon for a number of years. Yes, we all miss his smiling face and his readiness to serve.

He was converted in his childhood at Anamoose, N. Dak., and was baptized by the Rev. Mr. Schnuit. Later he moved with his parents to Gladwin, Mich., but in 1934 the family went to Detroit, Mich.,

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### NOTICE

Quite a number of reports had to be held over until the Sept. 23rd issue of the "Baptist Herald" because of this Special Extension Number. EDITOR.

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where they all joined the Burns Ave. Baptist Church. In 1920 he was married to Miss Goetz. This union was blessed with a son.

On the afternoon of April 14, the funeral service was conducted by Dr. Dale Thrie. Many had turned out to render their last respect. Outwardly the service was a demonstration of grief, but inwardly our hearts were filled with the glorious hope of a blessed reunion in heaven.

The deceased is being mourned by his wife and son, Stanley; also by his four brothers: William, Carl, Harry and Arthur; and by his three sisters: Mrs. Flora Ladensack, Mrs. Mathilda Schindler, and Mrs. Martha Kranich; and other relatives and his church. After the funeral service the mourners went to the Cadillac Memorial Garden East, where the remains were committed to the final resting place until the day of the resurrection of the saints. May the Lord comfort the bereaved family!

Burns Avenue Baptist Church,  
Detroit, Michigan

H. P. KAYSER, Correspondent.

### MRS. MATHILDA TIEDE of Kelowna, British Columbia.

Mrs. Mathilda Tiede, nee Adam, of Kelowna, B. C., Canada, was called to her heavenly home on July 13, 1954, at the age of 66 years, 9 months and 14 days, at the Kelowna General Hospital.

When 19 years of age, she accepted Christ as her personal Savior. On Feb. 26, 1906 she was baptized on her confession of her faith by the Rev. Martin Jeske and was received into the fellowship of the Baptist Church of Luzenow, Poland.

On March 22, 1906, she was united in marriage with her now mourning husband, August Tiede, with whom she shared life's joys and sorrows for 48 years until death parted them. This marriage was blessed with eight children, of whom one preceded the mother in death.

The Tiede family moved in 1927 from Poland to Canada and settled first in Leduc, Alberta. Because of poor health, it was necessary to move to a warmer climate, so they moved in 1946 to Kelowna, B. C., to live with their son John, and where she lived until her death. Mrs. Tiede was a very faithful member of the Grace Baptist Church, and a true wife, a loving mother and a faithful Christian.

She leaves to mourn: her husband; five sons: John, at home; Oscar and Otto of Vancouver, B. C.; Helmut of Leduc, Alta.; and Arno of Davin, Alta.; two daughters: Mrs. J. Schneider, Vancouver, B. C.; and Mrs. Lydia Affolder, Rutland, B. C.; also nine grandchildren; one sister in Toledo, Ohio; and one brother in Germany.

The large funeral service was held at our new church on Friday, July 16th. In the absence of our pastor, the Rev. J. B. Kornalewski, and at the wish and request of the family, the undersigned was in charge of the service and messages of comfort and songs of helpfulness were brought by Rev. Aug. Kraemer, E. J. Nonikowsky and the church co-worker. Interment was in the City Cemetery in Kelowna.

Grace Baptist Church,

Kelowna, B. C., Canada

A. KUJATH, Officiating Pastor.

### MRS. FRED GEORGE of Lehr, North Dakota.

Mrs. Fred George, nee Hausauer, of Lehr, N. Dak., was born July 25, 1879 at South Russia, and passed away at the hospital at Ashley, N. Dak., on July 22, 1954. As a young girl she came to this country with

her parents. Here she grew to womanhood and lived all her life. She was united in marriage to Mr. Fred George in the year of 1898, and to this union were born eight children: four boys and four girls.

In 1904 she accepted Jesus as her personal Savior and was baptized in 1911 on confession of her faith in Christ, and was added as a member to the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Lehr. As a mother and helpmate she was always in readiness with her helping, and this can be said about her in the Ladies Missionary Society as well as in the church. Her place was not vacant unless health prevented it, and many times she would express her condition with the words: "It hurts as much at home as it does in church, so I may as well go to church!"

To show their appreciation, friends, relatives and acquaintances contributed money as memorials in honor of her services to the church building fund, as well as to the hospital fund in the community. (This is a practice instead of giving flowers.)

Her passing is mourned by her husband; four daughters: Mrs. William Erbe, Mrs. Ted Bohle, Mrs. Ted Kranzler and Mrs. Elmer Ketterling; and four sons: Reuben, Arthur, Oswald and Walter; also two sisters, and two brothers, as well as all her friends and acquaintances. Words of comfort were spoken in English by the Rev. J. C. Kraenzler who was visiting at Lehr, and the Rev. John Heer, the local pastor. Her body was laid to rest in the Lehr Cemetery on July 26, funeral services being held from the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Lehr, North Dakota.

Ebenezer Baptist Church,  
Lehr, North Dakota

JOHN HEER, Pastor.

### MR. EMMANUEL E. KLEIN of Turtle Lake, North Dakota.

Mr. Emmanuel E. Klein of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., was born Nov. 10, 1912, son of Ludwig and Elizabeth Klein, on a farm northeast of Washburn and south of Turtle Lake. He lived on this farm until the time of his death, early Tuesday morning of July 13, having reached the age of 41 years, 8 months and 3 days. He had enjoyed good health all his life, but was taken ill suddenly shortly after midnight, July 12, and passed away the following morning at a Bismarck hospital. Cerebral hemorrhage was the cause of his death.

The Lord touched his heart and life at 11 years of age under the ministry of the Reverends N. E. McCoy and Fred Trautner at Turtle Lake. The following year he was baptized by the Rev. E. Broeckel and joined the Bethel Baptist Church, then a station of Washburn. On Oct. 3, 1939 he was joined in matrimony to Leona Wolitarsky of Turtle Lake. This union was blessed with four sons. Besides his bereaved widow and these four sons: Gerald, aged 10; Charles, 8; David, 6; and Robert, 2; he leaves his mother of Bismarck; one brother, Rev. Daniel Klein of McClusky; six sisters: Katy, Mrs. Daniel Bauer; Lydia, Mrs. Edwin Walker, both of Turtle Lake; Rose, Mrs. Philip Zotnick; Louise, Mrs. Alfred Neuhaert, both of Missoula, Mont.; Alvina, Mrs. Adolph Brokofsky; and Elizabeth, Mrs. Jacob Keck, these latter two of Startup, Wash.; and a host of friends and relatives. His father preceded him in death.

At the time of his death he was an active member of the Turtle Lake Baptist Church. He served his Lord and church faithfully in the offices of deacon, Sunday School teacher, clerk and in other capacities through the years. He was chairman of the finance committee of the local church at the time of his death. His consecrated spirit, his diligence in whatever he undertook and his desire for progress will be missed both in the church and in the community. However, God willed to call him home at this time and for him it as a "far better place," for "blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

Two former pastors of the deceased, the Rev. A. Bibelheimer of Ashley, N. Dak., and the Rev. Paul Galambos of Streeter, N. Dak., spoke words of comfort based on the occasion of the death and raising of Lazarus. These messages were blessed of the Lord to the hearts of the bereaved and the large congregation in attendance.

Turtle Lake, North Dakota

H. SCHAUER, Pastor.



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North American Baptist women of Waco, Texas, read the "Baptist Herald" with Mrs. Walter W. Grosser of Oak Park, Ill (seated, right), and discuss plans for the General Conference to be held in Waco, Texas, from June 6 to 12, 1955.

The three Wacoans are: (seated, left) Mrs. Charles Marstaller; (standing, left to right) Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht and Mrs. Ernest Steindam. This picture appeared in a three-column spread in the Waco newspaper recently.

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