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March of Events

● At the request of Madame Chiang Kai-Shek a special edition of 60,000 New Testaments was published in Hong Kong for distribution among the Nationalist troops on Formosa. The publication work was done by the American Bible Society, and other Bible Societies working together in the Bible House at Hong Kong. The books are on their way from Hong Kong to Taipei.

● The National Sunday School Association announces for the fourth consecutive year its plan to promote again National Family Week. As always, it is from the first through the second Sunday of May. In 1955, that is May 1-3. The emphasis of this week, in keeping with the theme, "Every Parent is a Teacher," is first, to get the entire family into the Sunday School; and second, to help those families already in the church to have Bible reading and prayer together as a family.

● On March 21, Evangelist Billy Graham began one of the greatest evangelistic campaigns in the history of Scotland. Every city and town in the country has been linked up with the central meeting place. The "Tell Scotland" movement, sponsors of the Graham campaign, has arranged for some of the evangelist's Glasgow meetings to be heard in Edinburgh over a telephone hookup. The relay mission is being conducted by Rev. Tom Allan, well-known broadcaster and field organizer of the "Tell Scotland" movement. Tremendous preparations are going into his campaign to win Scotland for Christ.

—The Watchman-Examiner.

● Churchmen, civic organizations and city officials of Denver, Colo., are being asked to back a plan for the erection of a monument to the Bible in Denver. Lawrence C. Cook, 82-year-old retired member of the police department, is the prime mover for the monument, which he says will be the first of its kind in the world. Mr. Cook said he already has lined up a donation of labor to cover much of the work involved in building the concrete structure he envisions. He is seeking financial aid from churchmen and civic organizations and a site in Denver's downtown civic center from the city. The Bible monument, he suggests, "should record in carving on tablets of stone the great incontrovertible truths that succeeding generations shall read and be inspired to carry on its teachings."

● Members of Christ's Ambassadors, youth organization of the Assemblies

of God, will participate in a nationwide mass reading aloud of the Book of Acts on April 24, it was announced by Rev. Richard Fulmer, national secretary of the denomination's youth department. Some 100,000 members of the youth group in 7,000 churches are expected to take part in the project for which 50,000 copies of the Book of Acts have been secured through the cooperation of the American Bible Society, Mr. Fulmer said. The mass reading project, he explained, is a continuation of the One-Eight Crusade, a youth witnessing program conducted over the past year during which the young people of the Church have distributed more than 4,000,000 tracts.

● Loren Nussbaum, the American Bible Society's first agent in Liberia, Africa, has been invited by Radio Station ELWA in Monrovia, to participate in daily morning broadcasts of Bible Reading. The station wrote Mr. Nussbaum saying that "the doors of

ELWA are wide open to the American Bible Society." Mr. and Mrs. Nussbaum arrived in Monrovia in June, 1954. The agency in Liberia consists of two rooms in the Nussbaum residence, but many people are finding their way to the depot for information and supplies. Mr. Nussbaum reports that he finds it wise to carry a few Bibles and Testaments with him whenever he goes into the street, for almost always someone stops him and wants to buy a Bible.

● Harvard Divinity School—one of the country's few major seminaries with no women students—announced recently that beginning in the fall the full three-year graduate course will be open to all qualified students. "The Christian community is finding increasing scope for the service of women, especially in religious education," said Acting Dean George H. Williams. "The ever-widening demand for women to serve the churches ranges from released-time religious programs for school children to the teaching of religion in colleges. The growth of social service activities at home and abroad also offers a challenge for trained women. . . . Religiously trained women are taking their places in interdenominational and ecumenical organizations."

Baptist Briefs

● Oklahoma's 15th governor, who was inaugurated January 10 in colorful ceremonies on the steps of the State Capitol Building in Oklahoma City, is a Baptist layman and has been a Baptist deacon for more than half his life. He is Raymond Gary, 46-year-old educator-businessman-farmer-statesman and an active member of the Kingstman church in Southeastern Oklahoma.

● Christian leaders of many denominations will be honored in stained-glass windows planned for the new First Baptist Church being built a few blocks from the White House in Washington, D. C. The church, which will be one of the most imposing Baptist structures in the world when completed, probably will be ready for use late this year. But the intricate art work of the great windows of the nave and sanctuary may take years to complete. Among the 20 great Christian leaders of the past who will be depicted are John Wesley, of the Methodists; John Knox, of the Presbyterians; George Fox, of the Quakers; John Calvin, of the Reformed Church; Martin Luther, of the Lutherans; and Phillips Brooks, of the Episcopalians.

● The Baptist Missionary Training School, Chicago, Ill., has initiated a

75th anniversary development program for 1955. This program grows out of the board's confidence in the willingness of friends and churches to help broaden the base of support of the school. This year's support need is \$57,053. During the history of the school, more than 1,400 alumnae have gone forth with qualifications to serve Baptist institutions or agencies, schools, social centers, fields of Christian education, and in missions, both at home and abroad. With the increased demand for workers in the field of religious education, the school has in recent years provided an increasing number of its graduates for this specialized work.

● In 1954, the Board of Education and Publication of the American Baptist Convention conducted in the various Baptist seminaries a sermon contest on the subject of stewardship. The sermon, or sermons, approved by a committee in each Seminary, were forwarded to the denominational headquarters in New York for final judging. John W. Bartol, a member of the present senior class in the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa., was adjudged the first-prize winner. The prize-winning sermon from each of the cooperating

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Editorial

Committees In Christ's Service

THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE, even in Christian circles, who speak disparagingly of the work of committees. They seem to suggest that committees in carrying out their assignments are controlled by men rather than directed by the Holy Spirit. They poke fun at our so-called American custom of trying to solve the problems confronting us by appointing more committees or commissions. In parliamentary circles, whenever in doubt, appoint a committee, so they seem to say. Such critics in our Christian circles feel that simplicity of organization with as few committees and boards as possible would be an ideal setup and a more effective procedure.

Nothing could be farther from the truth! Committees and boards, just as much as individuals, can be instruments in God's hands "meet for the Master's service." At least, this is true in our North American Baptist General Conference, as the next few weeks will demonstrate. Many boards, committees and councils will convene, beginning with the Publication Board and General Missionary Committee in the last two weeks of April, and continuing with a host of committee sessions and the General Council meetings prior to the Waco General Conference.

At the present time numerous studies or surveys are being made in almost every branch of our denominational enterprise. Important qualified committees have faced their tasks with unbiased attitude, eager to find the best answer for a more effective denominational work. In public meetings there is often danger that a crowd is influenced to reach hasty decisions, without carefully weighing all the factors involved. The recommendations of duly appointed and elected committees in the work of God's Kingdom, after a prayerful approach and careful study of their tasks, certainly merit the thoughtful consideration of Christian people.

Committees also provide for democratic procedures. There are checks and double-checks on each individual's opinions. There is teamwork in the deliberations that are made. All of this is in keeping with the best Baptist traditions. The work of committees with their many appointments provides for the pooling of ideas and the injection of many wise counsels before decisions are reached. Such committees can find a large place of importance in Christ's service.

Our North American Baptist General Conference has become quite intricate and complex in organization through the years. The appointment of committees is typical of the new day in which we are living. But the spirit that animates their deliberations is still the same that directed the lone pioneer preacher of a hundred years ago. It's the earnest plea, "Lord, what wouldst thou have me to do?" This prayerful approach to every problem, this paramount desire to be in the center of God's will, and this passionate concern to be worthy of God's "Well done" gives spiritual power to many of the committee sessions in our beloved denomination.

The spiritual results are easily evident. God's blessings are upon this work. We have had glorious victories in missionary advance. Many of our laymen give much time without remuneration in tireless services for their God. We can hopefully expect that the General Conference Program in Waco, Texas, will show forth the fine work of these committees in Christ's service and the glory of God in our denomination!

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God's Blessings in the Land of Japan

By REV. WALTER SUKUT, Missionary at Ise, Japan



The wedding picture of Mr. and Mrs. Shiro Onish after the Christian ceremony held in the Baptist Chapel of Ise, Japan. This was the first wedding in the chapel and the first wedding ceremony performed by Missionary Walter Sukut in Japan

IN A RECENT ARTICLE which I clipped from one of our English newspapers here in Japan, the following news item was given: "A government report revealed that an average of 54 Japanese killed themselves every day during the first five months of 1954." The report said that "the ratio of 27 persons committing suicide per 100,000 population was an all time high."

The Japanese newspaper, "Nihon Keizai" recently reported: "The upsurge of religious fervor in Japan is something fierce." This newspaper stated that "the current religion boom seems to be proving the Japanese saying that 'one turns to the gods when one is in difficulties.'" It then went on to say: "The lower middle class, battered into the financial ropes by the business depression, is becoming religious as a last resort."

The reports of these two newspapers give us an opportunity to feel the heart throbs of a nation in dire need. The material needs of these people are only surpassed by a greater spiritual need. When there is a spiritual hope, men can exist on almost nothing; but when both material and spiritual food is lacking then the need indeed is great. It is to such a people that God has called us. And as we minister to these needs he is most graciously and abundantly blessing us.

MR. AND MRS. ONO, CO-WORKERS

The first year of our stay here in Japan was devoted wholly to the problem of learning the language. After that, we keenly felt the need of staying on in language school for at least another year, but at the same

time we felt that God wanted us to go out into the field to begin our actual missionary work. To make it possible for us to go into active service, God provided us with a good interpreter and co-worker. Mr. and Mrs. Ono and their 12-year-old son are proving themselves to be a real help to us. Pray for them that God may keep them true and faithful in his service.

For a while we were afraid that we might encounter some difficulties because Mrs. Ono found it hard to adjust herself to her new role in life. But in answer to prayer, God has given her some mighty victories in her life. She is now a wonderful testimony of God's grace. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ono are in continuous need of your prayers that they may become strong pillars for the Kingdom of God.



Mr. Tadahoru Ono and his wife, Mrs. Miho Ono, Christian co-workers of the Sukuts at Ise, Japan, and the son, Shoichiro Ono, and at left the mission dog "Suzie"

The setting in which we are here in Ise is vastly different from the language school and metropolitan setup of Tokyo. In Tokyo most of our contacts were with Americans or English-speaking Japanese who have become quite westernized. But here in Ise, where all our contacts are with the Japanese people, we have received a much better understanding of what it is to be a missionary in a foreign land.

The many opportunities that we have had since coming to Ise to get out among the people and to become more intimately acquainted with them have been most interesting and helpful. It helps us to see more keenly the needs of the people to whom God has called us, and thus gives us greater incentive to work harder at the language. It is a wonderful joy to be able to minister to the needs of the people, even though we are handicapped in doing so, because we have not obtained a full command of the language as yet.

At the time of this writing we have been five months on the field of labor here in Ise. We took over the work that Miss Florence Miller was doing so that she could return to language school for another year. During the past five months we have experienced some profound blessings, which we would like to share with you, so that you may see that God is answering many of the prayers that you so faithfully utter in our behalf.

A WIDOW'S CONVERSION

Let me begin with perhaps the most outstanding conversion that we have had and the blessings that have been poured out as a result of this con-

version. Shortly after we came to Ise, a widow by the name of Sekoguchi came to our church one afternoon. She had a long talk with Ono San. She told him about the many problems in her life and that her life was empty and vain. She had some contact with Christianity many years ago, but had lost all her interest.

However, she happened to receive one of the tracts that we had passed out and with it had found her way to our church. Now she wanted to know whether Christianity could offer her any help and satisfaction in life. After talking with her for some time Ono San invited her to come to the meetings. She came and after attending a few meetings accepted the Lord.

Shortly after she had accepted Christ, she came and asked us whether we wouldn't hold meetings in her home. She lives in a little seaside village which has become a part of Ise City. She has a large home that is well suited for meetings. She told us that she had been talking with some of her friends about Christ and that they were eager to learn to know who Christ is. I promised her that we would come out to visit her on Saturday evening to talk about starting such meetings in her home.

However, on the day before we were to go to visit her, she came and told us that she had talked to many of her neighbors and that at least 20 were eager to hear the Gospel. She said, "Won't you please come prepared to have a meeting for us tomorrow night?" We knew that to such a plea we could not say "No" even though it meant taking on more responsibilities and less time for language study. We felt that God was certainly opening a door for us into which he wanted us to enter.

WONDERFUL SERVICES

The thrill of facing 23 eager farm and village people that first Saturday evening was the most outstanding experience that has been mine on the mission field. Here were 22 people who had never once heard the Gospel but who had come with hungry hearts because of a widow, whom they all knew and who had been bubbling over with the joy of her new found Savior. Oh, my heart cried out to God for the right words so that their interests might be stirred and they might come back to learn of Jesus.

Since that first night we have had as high as 50 people attending the meetings, and we have a regular weekly attendance of about 20 people. They are very eager to learn to know Christ. Last Saturday evening they asked us whether we couldn't come out at least two nights a week so that they could have one night just to ask questions about the things which they cannot understand in the Bible.

We also started outdoor children's meetings in this village on Tuesday afternoons and have had as high as



The fine Sunday School group in front of the new Baptist Chapel at Ise (formerly Ujiyamada), Japan

115 children attend these meetings. Pray that this wholesome interest may grow into a profound love for Christ!

Another outstanding blessing that I would like to share with you was experienced by us in connection with God's leading in the finding of a new church building for our people here in Ise. When we came to this place, one of the first great problems that faced us was to find a home for the Ono's or else a new location for the church. The house that Miss Miller had been using for a church was too small to use as a home for the Ono's and also as a church. Since the location of this house was poor for a church, we began to search for a new church building so our interpreter and family could use the house.

However, after paddling our bikes all over our end of town, it seemed like an impossible task. But one day as we were riding along the first busy street, not far from our house, I pointed out a building to Ono San and said, "Now that is the type of a building that I would like to get.

It even looks like a church!" He looked at it and said, "Well that must be a vacant because there is no name plate on it." After we had investigated, we found out that it belonged to a tea ceremony man. After many interviews with him and after many cups of tea had been drunk, we finally were able to get a contract for the building.

It is a lovely building and in an ideal location. We have been in our new church since Christmas Eve. Our first service in the new church was a candle light dedication and Christmas Eve service. We packed the church with 70 people and then had to turn a number away on that first night. Since then we have had new people in all of our services, and our landlord and his family have been attending regularly.

Another event that was a tremendous blessing to us and to the people of our church was the first Christian wedding that our people witnessed. It is difficult for the young Japanese (Continued on Page 15)



Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut, our missionaries to Japan stationed at Ise in the Mie Ken area, and their children, Nora Jane and Mark Elliott



The Buyers' Hereford cattle graze along the banks of Kneehill Creek at Carbon, Alberta, on pasture land which once was the Carbon Golf Course. Mr. Buyer points out a sleek looking animal to his son Daunavan.

The Buyers, Master Farm Family

The Story of the Adam Buyer Family of Carbon, Alberta,
by Their Pastor, REV. WILLY R. MULLER

MASTER FARMING is considered a full-time occupation in this day of specialization. The Adam Buyer family of Carbon, Alta., Canada, has won recognition from the Alberta Provincial Government for their high standard of efficiency in farming. Through hard work, careful planning and excellent family cooperation, the Buyers have built a farm that ranks second to none among the other Master Farms in Alberta.

It was a great honor for the community of Carbon to have one of its farmers cited as Master Farm Award winner, especially since the Buyers are so community-minded. It was, however, an even greater thrill for the Carbon Baptist Church to hear that one of its members was the Master Farm Award winner for west central Alberta.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

With the exception of one year, Mr. Adam Buyer has served as local Sunday School superintendent since 1937. He has also served as trustee and is now serving as deacon and sings in the mixed and male choirs of the church. Mrs. Buyer was the first baby born to members of the Freudenthal Baptist Church which organized in 1910, and the records show that she has been a very active member of this church, now called Carbon Baptist Church. Several times she has served as president of the Woman's Missionary Society. At present, she is vice-president of the group. She also serves as director of the mixed chorus and is a member of various church committees.

Daunavan, the oldest son, has spent four years as a student of agriculture at the University of Alberta but has always maintained a vital interest in the work of the Lord. His wife Phyllis took a very active part in the re-organization of the local CBY in 1954. This year she is teaching in Edmonton, Alta., where Daunavan is completing his university work. Nova and Morley, the youngest two children of the Buyers, are both officers in our CBY and active in every phase of our church life.

The Buyer family has not only attained a very high standard of efficiency in farming, but in every way they are maintaining a very high standard of Christian excellence. The entire family agrees that one of the contributing factors to their success as a Christian family has been their uninterrupted practice of daily morning devotions. They are very conscious of the leadership of the Lord in their individual and family life, and through this they have served as another example to the fact that rural people can be most successful, both in business and in the Christian life.

"The Calgary Herald" of Calgary, Alta., published the following article about the Buyer family and some of the honors that have come to them.

Land once popular as an Indian camp ground now supports the flourishing mixed farm of the Adam Buyer family of Carbon, West Central Alberta's Master Farm Family for 1954.

Mr. Buyer came to Alberta from Ashley, N. Dak., in 1919 and with his father, Jacob Buyer, now living in Calgary, settled on a quarter-section 1½ miles south of his present farm.

In 1930, after he had married, he took up his present farm and built a home. Now, 24 years later, he operates a successful grain and cattle farm on 1,155 cultivated acres.

Wheat is the main crop on the Buyer farm, with an average of 500 acres devoted each year to its cultivation, 65 acres to barley and 40 to oats, with the remainder in summer fallow. After a year of wheat, Mr. Buyer summer fallows the land the next year and third year seeds to wheat, crop averaged 48 bushels to the acre.

COMMUNITY INTERESTS

Mr. Buyer always had cattle on his farm but ambitions of his two sons, Daunavan, age 22, and Morley, age 16, to specialize in livestock, prompted him to increase his pure-bred and commercial beef herd. At present he has approximately 200 pure-bred and grade Herefords, as well as 94 Yorkshire swine and 18 Suffolk sheep.

Daunavan and Morley already have had success in agriculture. Their 4-H trophies are everywhere in the Buyer home. Morley's awards include two Drumheller District Calf Club efficiency awards, and the 1953 grand champion award of the Drumheller Calf Club, and spring wheat awards at the Royal Winter Fair. Daunavan was chosen as one of four outstanding Alberta 4-H members to attend a 1950 4-H Club rally at Bozeman.

Community participation of the Buyer family is excellent. Mr. Buyer is chairman of the local Mutual Telephone Association, director of the Carbon Community Center and a member of the Carbon Curling Club.

The Rural Church Is Important

By DR. C. R. McBRIDE,
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Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas

THE RURAL CHURCH of past generations, with few exceptions, really was not what many people claim it was. The years have added an aura of glory it really did not possess in its lifetime. We live in a day when country children ride to school in warm buses instead of walking a mile or more over snow-drifted roads. We are living in a day when men travel faster than sound, and talk of inter-planetary travel. We live in a day when country people, via radio and television, know in a matter of minutes what happens on the other side of the world. We are living in a day when food is produced by scientific methods rather than by the signs of the zodiac. We are living in the present tense; and the church, to minister to the needs of men, must also live in the present.

There are four elements which Christians must consider carefully and critically if the rural church is to be a vitalizing creative instrument of the Holy Spirit for the salvation of men and women today. In chronological order these four elements are land, home, community, and church. Only as these four merge into one another in our thinking and planning will we Christians really develop a Christian culture for rural America. Let us see how they work together for the welfare of mankind.

THE LAND

If history teaches us anything, it surely indicates that man's existence is dependent upon the productive power of the land upon which he lives. When the land can no longer bring forth the food, fiber, and fuel which man needs, his civilization perishes, no matter how lofty and spiritual his thoughts have been.

It is also true, as history indicates, that when those who live upon the land lose control of it, their physical, social, and spiritual natures deteriorate. Many a Baptist church has gone out of business because the land eroded or was sold from underneath its members.

The land, which is God-given, is the Christian's greatest heritage. It is the fulcrum upon which he places the lever to move the world. From the beginning, God has commanded man to care for the land carefully, thoughtfully, and religiously. We are

his stewards and we had better be faithful in our use of the land. As goes the land, so goes the church.

THE HOME

In rural America there are probably fifteen million homes. Over six million of these are farm homes and the rest are in the hamlets and villages. In these homes live 36 per cent of the nation. Here are produced approximately 50 per cent of the nation's babies. These babies will be the citizens of the next generation. In these rural homes half of the next generation will receive its most lasting training through the formative years of life. Because of the nature of its work and play, the rural home exerts a greater influence on the lives of its members than do urban homes on theirs.

The church and its educational auxiliaries are important in molding character, but feeble in comparison to rural homes. Not many children grow in Christian graces; all too many are surrounded by the attitudes of a non-Christian home! The Chinese proverb is all too true—that to change a child, one must begin with his grandparents.

The home can be number-one ally of the church, or, its second greatest hindrance in advancing the kingdom. To make the home an ally of the church should be the aim and work of rural Christian teachers and leaders. Then, how earnestly we should work to help our youth establish Christian homes! When we do this, we enter into the realm of their employment, home ownership, and kindred projects. We do more than to advocate daily Bible readings in the home. We encourage our youth to sink their roots deeply into the life and culture of their home community for Christ.

THE COMMUNITY

Community has existed since man began his long trek upon this earth. Man was not created to live a solitary existence. From the beginning, he has sought the fellowship and help of his fellows. He has always lived and worked out his destiny in co-operation with others. This is community.

Yet, many Baptist churches seldom concern themselves with the community except to condemn certain of its practices. Churches, judged by their actions, seem to think that they are something separate and apart from the communities in which they exist. How men make their living, find their recreation, use their spare time, communicate with one another, and run their schools seem of but passing concern to many churches. Yet, it is these activities that form character; in them, spiritual values are tested.

To be effective the church must know the real boundaries of its community. (Continued on Page 14)



The Adam Buyer family of Carbon, Alberta, West Central Alberta's Master Farm Family for 1954
Left to right (seated): Nova Buyer, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Buyer, Mrs. Daunavan (Phyllis) Buyer. Standing: Morley and Daunavan Buyer

Personalities of Baylor

Every Christian institution, like Baylor University, is the lengthened shadow of great men of God!

By REV. LOUIS R. JOHNSON of Waco, Texas



—Photo by M. L. Leuschner
Judge R. E. B. Baylor, whose honored name Baylor University bears, whose greatness is evidenced in his record as a statesman, congressman, Texas Supreme Court justice, district judge, army commander and, above all else, a preacher of the Gospel

EVERY INSTITUTION is the lengthened shadow of one man," someone has said. Whereas this may not always be true, it is ever true that God uses human instrumentalities to fulfill his purposes. This is true of institutions of learning. Personalities make institutions! Since our General Conference will be meeting on the campus of Baylor University from June 6 to 12, 1955, it will be interesting for us to acquaint ourselves with some of the personalities who have made this institution.

FOUNDING FATHERS

Founding fathers are ever held in high esteem. They are usually men of vision, faith, courage, and fortitude. Such were the founders of Baylor, who in the year 1845 laid the foundations, making Baylor the oldest institution of higher learning in Texas, and the only now-existent school chartered by the historic Republic of Texas.

The school was originally founded at Independence, Texas, from whence it was moved to Waco in 1886. The founders were two preachers and a judge—Rev. James Huckins, Rev. William Tryon, and Judge R. E. B. Baylor, whose honored name the institution bears. An impressive statue of Judge Baylor stands at the entrance to Baylor's campus, directly across from Waco Hall.

Inscriptions on three sides bear testimony to his greatness as a statesman, congressman, Texas Supreme Court justice, district judge, army commander, and, above all else, a preacher of the Gospel. According to the inscription, "He preached the first sermon and held the first court in Waco, giving direction and destiny to Texas by upholding the law and proclaiming the gospel." Further tribute

is paid him by the large space devoted to him in the Texas collections on the second floor of Pat Neff Hall.

Men of such caliber, God-fearing Texas statesmen, soldiers, preachers and missionaries, laid the foundations for Baylor.

TWO BAYLOR PRESIDENTS

Baylor has had its share of struggle and hardship through the years, and much credit goes to the presidents who have steered its course. From earlier years, two gained particular prominence.

Rev. Rufus C. Burleson served as president from 1851 to 1861, when he resigned to become president of Waco University. He continued to serve in that capacity until the two schools were merged as Baylor University in Waco in 1886. From 1886 to 1897, he served a second time as president of Baylor. His statue appears on the east side of the campus, and Burleson Hall, a dormitory for senior women, bears his name.

Samuel Brooks, himself a graduate of Baylor, served as president for 29 years from 1902 to 1931. The construction of Waco Hall was the fulfillment of his dream of many years. The four manual pipe organ in Waco Hall, which will be used during the conference, is known as Brooks Memorial Pipe Organ. It was a gift from alumni and friends of Baylor. A bronze plaque in the foyer of Waco Hall has inscribed his immortal farewell message to the seniors in 1931. A lifesize portrait of him appears on the left side of Waco Hall lobby. Brooks Hall, a men's dormitory, bears his name.

Perhaps one of the most colorful and versatile of Baylor's personalities was the late Pat Neff, who served as

president from 1932 to 1947. Prior to becoming president, he had served as president of the Board of Trustees for 29 years. From 1921 to 1925, he was governor of the State of Texas, and was the first candidate to visit every county in the state during his campaign. From 1942 to 1946, he was president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

PAT NEFF

In appearance he was tall, erect, stately, with iron gray hair, and always wearing a white winged collar and black string tie. He was a fluent, eloquent, colorful and persuasive speaker. In command of words, beauty of diction and descriptive powers, he was almost unequalled.

He was an ardent prohibitionist and claimed never to have tasted alcohol, tobacco, coffee or tea. With an iron hand, he enforced clean habits on Baylor's campus. "No one," he is quoted as saying, "will come onto this campus with alcohol on or in his person." Said he, "I was taught at my mother's knee to hate the saloon with the intensity that Hannibal was taught to hate Rome."

As a sample of his oratory and temperance convictions, here is a quote from a lecture entitled, "A Glass of Pure Water."

"Brewed by Jehovah in the divine distillery of the skies, poured by nature's hand upon the thirsty earth, filtered through the hidden fan, water becomes indeed the best beverage of life. In it no fungus ferments to steal away the brain, no demon lurks to destroy a good name, no poison pollutes it, no blood stains it, and around it there are no tears. The best beverage, the elixir of life, the drink of all drinks—a glass of pure water!"

Such was the character of Pat Morris Neff, who guided the destiny of Baylor from 1932 to 1947, during which time the student body increased from 1,200 to over 4,000. His lifesize portrait appears on the right in Waco Hall lobby. He died January 20, 1952, at the age of 80. The modern administration building at the heart of the campus bears his name—Pat Neff Hall. (Picture will be on the front cover of the official General Conference Program.)

DR. B. H. CARROLL

Dr. B. H. Carroll is another Baylor personality of note. Himself a graduate of Baylor, he rose to distinction as pastor of Waco's historic First Baptist Church. Here for 29 years, from 1871 to 1899, he served with outstanding success, and to quote a biographer, "he gave to the First Church an unimpeachable orthodoxy and practice, an unsurpassed liberality in contributions of lives and money, and an unrivaled leadership based on merit and influence." As John A. Broadus was said to be the conscience of Louisville, so Dr. Carroll was the conscience of Waco and Texas.

During his pastorate in Waco, he devoted much time to teaching in the Religion Department of Baylor University, and eventually fostered a theological seminary on Baylor's campus as an outgrowth of the Bible Department. This was moved to Fort Worth in 1910 to become Southwestern Baptist Seminary, where Dr. Carroll continued to teach and where he helped establish a strong department in English Bible. Dr. Truett paid him this tribute:

"He was the greatest man I ever knew, and no friend I ever had excelled him in uprightness of character, purity of heart or loftiness of conduct. He was a myriad-minded man and was incomparably the most persistent and general reader whom I have ever known. His amazing knowledge of the Bible and his gift of reverent interpretation, have identified him as a man apart from any and all men. We are probably not to see his like again!"

DR. A. J. ARMSTRONG

Dr. A. J. Armstrong was a different type of personality, though equally eminent in his particular field. For 40 years, from 1912 to 1952, he served as chairman of Baylor's English Department and became a world renowned authority on Robert Browning, the poet.

He was intensely devoted to his work, and an 18-hour-a-day schedule was not uncommon. Likewise he made heavy demands upon his students. Students would speak of him in one breath as "a slave driver," and in the next as "a lovable old bear." He was once quoted as saying without a glint of humor in his eyes, "I hope to die on Saturday so there will be no necessity to miss classes."



The Armstrong-Browning Library on the campus of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, housing the world's greatest collection of Robert Browning's works and the worshipful, marbled "foyer of meditation"

He had the enviable ability to inspire his students with the love and devotion for literature, and especially for Browning, which was the passion of his own life. His love for Browning grew out of his own deep appreciation for spiritual values which was so vividly expressed in Browning's poems.

His life bore out the adage, "All things come to him who waits." Deep in his bosom he nursed a dream that became the consuming ambition of his life. At first his dream was to build a Browning collection on the local campus with his own books becoming the nucleus. But with the passing of years, his dream broadened. Besides his classroom work, he became a world traveler. He made 32 trips to Europe, two trips around the world, two trips to South America and one trip to Africa. Always as he traveled, his search centered on Browning collections. As years passed his collections grew. Students, whom he had inspired in his classes, contributed financial support.



Dr. A. J. Armstrong, for 40 years chairman of Baylor's English Department (1912 to 1952) and world renowned authority on Robert Browning

Finally he brought together, what is without question, the world's greatest Browning collection.

As a final achievement, through the aid of former students and friends, a fabulous building was erected known as the Armstrong-Browning Library to house the collection. The building cost \$1,500,000, and the collection is conservatively valued at \$500,000.

In 1952, Dr. Armstrong retired from active teaching. He was thus able to devote his entire time to the arranging and preservation of his collection. He had not long for this, for on March 31, 1954, his summons came from above and he was called home. Someone said of him, "He made the finest of Browning's philosophy a part of his own, and he intensified the teachings of the great poet by the challenge of his own incomparable life."

DR. T. B. TIDWELL

Dr. T. B. Tidwell had the distinction of serving as head of Baylor's Bible Department for 35 years from 1909 until his death in 1946. He received his M. A. degree from Baylor in 1903, and came to the teaching position from the presidency of Decatur Baptist College, where he manifested unusual strength and wisdom as a college executive.

During his long tenure of service at Baylor, he became recognized as one of the safest and most reliable teachers of the Word of God in the Southwest. Many books came from his active pen, some of which became standard texts in Christian colleges and seminaries.

He is now enshrined in sacred memory by a new building recently completed, known as the Tidwell Bible Building, which houses the University's Bible Department.

DR. W. R. WHITE

Dr. W. R. White is now president of Baylor University, having succeeded Pat Neff in 1948. Most of his life had (Continued on Page 23)



The Alamo, historical fort in the center of San Antonio, Texas, known as "the Cradle of Texas Independence"

Texas Bound!

Suggestions for an exciting, scenic tour through the great Lone Star State of Texas

By MR. DOUGLAS N. BOYD of Waco, Texas

A WELL-KNOWN business executive admonishes his employees "to plan your work and work your plan." Amplifying this motto and making it applicable to Christians, and especially to us Christians of the North American General Conference, we might adopt a similar motto, such as, "Plan God's work and work God's plan."

We believe that God expects us to be ever mindful that, although he leads, constant planning and working together are indispensable to the accomplishment of his purpose. Planning his work in our denomination requires the efforts of each member. The whole burden should not be cast upon a few leaders. Therefore, our members everywhere are prayerfully hoping to be Texas-bound (the Lord willing) in June, 1955, to climax his planning at Waco, the hub and heart of the Lone Star State of Texas.

SCENIC BEAUTY OF TEXAS

Planning God's work is foremost, but consider too the prospect of a Texas visit. Consider a tour through the vast plains country known as the Panhandle, and experience the wholesome friendliness and dynamic wide-open-space spirit of Pampa, Amarillo and Lubbock folk. Allow time to drive westward toward El Paso through the Davis Mountains and the Big Bend country, ancient mountain retreat of Texas Indians, and behold mountains, hills and valleys of mystic beauty where God's greatness cannot be described but only felt. However long you may stay in this mountain country, leaving is all too soon, but the memory of it all affords a lifetime of inspiring recollections.

Then southward to the Rio Grande Valley, along wide, smoothly paved highways lined with palm trees and flanked by grapefruit, orange and citrus fruit orchards of all kinds. This

land is rich, mellow and rewarding. Along the route from McAllen to Harlingen, sparkling new towns and cities are joined in a continuous line. Before traveling this route, divert southward from McAllen for about 20 miles, pay only a small toll charge to cross the International Bridge across the Rio Grande River to Reynosa in Old Mexico.

You need not look farther for the true atmosphere of Mexico. Shop at the outdoor marketplace, visit the ancient churches and buildings, ride in a surrey drawn by a skinny mule past squalid mud huts, but be careful of Mexican chili—it's too hot for unaccustomed tongues!

GREAT CITIES OF TEXAS

From Harlingen drive northward toward the beautiful coast city of Corpus Christi (translated "The Body of Christ") through King's Ranch, the world's largest. Fifty miles of this paved road goes through the ranch in a direct line, and there are no settlements or business places along the route. Stay awhile at Corpus Christi for ocean fishing and swimming. Then travel refreshed along the Gulf coast to the island city of Galveston.

THE AUTHOR

Mr. Douglas Boyd is a young attorney in the city of Waco, Texas. He is a member of the Central Baptist Church of that city and teaches one of the adult Sunday Schools. His pastor, Rev. Louis R. Johnson, pays him a fine tribute by saying that "he is a natural orator and has a keen mind." Mr. Boyd is a member of the local Publicity Committee for the General Conference.

Then go northward 50 miles to Houston, a port city with access to the ocean by way of Buffalo Bayou. In tonnage handled, this city is the second largest port in the world, and it is conceded to be the fastest growing city in America.

A few miles from Houston on San Jacinto Battleground, now a state park, stands the world's tallest monument, a tribute to the gallant band of Texans led by General Sam Houston who at this site in 1836 defeated the Mexican army of General Santa Anna, established the independence of Texas, and paved the way for annexation to the United States. That battle, it is agreed by prominent historians, was one of the most decisive in the firm establishment of our nation.

HISTORICAL SAN ANTONIO

Visitors to Texas should not overlook the historically famous city of San Antonio where in the center of the city the Alamo stands, an old fort known as the "Cradle of Texas Independence." Here in 1836 before the battle of San Jacinto, a handful of great Americans, including Davey Crockett, Milam and Bowie, held off a merciless, overwhelming Mexican force for days and finally lost their lives that we might be free, both physically and spiritually. Seventy miles northward, situated like Rome on seven hills, lies Austin, the capital city of Texas. The capital building and museums of Texas University will make lasting impressions.

Of equal interest to the Texas traveler are the piney woods of East Texas. From Austin toward Palestine and Henderson, motorists enjoy driving along highways shaded by forests of tall pine trees. Near Palestine are acres of beautifully blossomed dogwood trees where annually thousands

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Four Indian boys with their ponies on the beautiful range of the Muscowpetung Indian Reserve in Saskatchewan, Canada (left); and (right) the former Muscowpetung Indian chief, John Gambler, in front of the small house occupied by the missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Grabke

Our New Muscowpetung Indian Mission

By MR. and MRS. PHIL GRABKE, Indian Missionaries

THE MUSCOWPETUNG Indian Reservation is situated in the Qu'Appelle Valley of Saskatchewan, Canada, about 50 miles northwest of Regina. We shall never forget that day in the middle of a cold winter, when we made our first trip to Chief John Gambler's home. We went five miles with the team, and as we made our way down into that beautiful valley, whitened with snow, we could see God's handiwork all around us. But as we gazed at the magnificent scenery, we couldn't help but notice the outstanding contrast as we viewed, in the distance, the poverty stricken mud shacks of our new friends, the Indians.

After a long, cold ride, our hearts were soon made warm when we were welcomed into the home of the chief. We had a wonderful time of fellowship with Mr. Gambler and some of his family who were a little hesitant about our visit, thinking that we were there out of curiosity.

FIRST MEETINGS

Mr. Fenske of Regina graciously loaned us his cabin trailer from spring until late fall for the first year of our work on the Muscowpetung Reserve. Our work consisted mainly of house-to-house visitation, getting to know the Indians and striving to gain their confidence with the hope of some day having the joy of winning many to the Savior. During the first summer, our Sunday services were held mostly out in the open and in July we held two weeks of Vacation Bible School in an old hall.

During the first winter on the Reserve we held services in the Indian Community Hall. Although it was inadequate, we had many blessed times and felt the presence of the Lord. The following summer we had our Vacation Bible School with the assistance of Miss Freda Renner of Edenwold and Miss Eyla Wensler of Springside, Saskatchewan. Well over 40 children

were enrolled and again lunch and transportation were supplied. But in the fall the hall was filled with wheat and we had to find a different place to hold our service.

Our Indians opened wide their homes to the Gospel. At first we went mostly from house to house, holding services in different homes (some Sundays five services in all were held).

Since the Lord laid it upon someone's heart (Mrs. Rossom of Davin) to donate an organ, the services have been held for almost a year in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cappel. Norma, the 19-year-old daughter, very ably plays the organ and the upstairs room of their two-room mud hut is used for Sunday School. We have had as many as 33 children and only one teacher. Mr. and Mrs. Cappel and six of their children have taken a stand for Christ.

23 INDIANS BAPTIZED

In the past two years we have held very successful evangelistic meetings on the Muscowpetung Reserve. Rev. R. Neuman, the missionary on the Bull Reserve in Alberta, was our evangelist. During the week of meetings we crowded out the home of George Gambler, having an attendance of over 70 some nights. A great time of blessing was experienced by all, including the missionaries and the white people who rendered special num-

MUSCOWPETUNG RESERVE

The General Missionary Society is now supporting the work and the erection of a new chapel on the Indian Muscowpetung Reserve in Saskatchewan, Canada. This is the first introductory article about this mission by Mr. and Mrs. Phil Grabke, missionaries.

bers. Even a white lady came forward to take her stand for Christ along with the Indians, proving that God is no respecter of persons.

On the final night of the meetings, our hearts were deeply touched when so many came forward to rededicate their lives. Please pray that these new converts as well as those who have reconsecrated their lives might grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

The greatest joys we have experienced in our work, other than leading souls to Christ, have been the three baptismal services which were held in the Edenwold Baptist Church. Here we saw the results of our labor when a total of 23 Indians followed the Lord into the waters of baptism.

The Lord has answered our prayers in regard to the erection of a chapel on the Muscowpetung Reserve to his honor and glory. The plans for the building are similar to those of the Benke Memorial Chapel on the Bull Reserve in Alberta. The total cost of this church is to be \$12,000.

The following report about the ground breaking exercises was prepared by the Rev. Richard Grabke of Regina, Sask., a brother of the Indian missionary, Mr. Phil Grabke.

NEW INDIAN CHAPEL

The building of this chapel is the project of the General Missionary Society of our North American Baptist General Conference. The Saskatchewan Association is contributing \$1000 of the \$3000 that are to be spent this year. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kramer from Edenwold have served this field in the capacity of interim missionaries. Mr. and Mrs. Phil Grabke have been taking studies at our Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta.

From as far east as Springside, Fenwood and Ebenezer; as far north as Nokomis, Jansen, Serath and Southey;

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Vignettes of Church History

By DONALD G. DAVIS, Ph.D.

9. THE LORD'S SUPPER IN THE EARLY CHURCH

JESUS INSTITUTED the Lord's Supper at the close of the so-called "Last Supper" or Passover meal with his disciples the night before he was crucified (Luke 2:219-20). New Testament evidence seems to indicate that the bread and wine were taken by the early Christians during or at the close of a common meal in memory of the Savior—without any hint of sacramentalism.

Direct references to the practice of the Lord's Supper are rare in the New Testament, since the "breaking of bread" may have meant only the fellowship of eating a meal together (Acts 2:42, 46). The breaking of bread by the disciples at Troas (Acts 20:7) might very well have been an observance of the Lord's Supper.

Paul rebuked the Corinthian Church for disorders at the Lord's Supper which certainly were connected with a common meal (1 Cor. 11:20-34), and Jude speaks of apostate teachers as being spots of blemishes in Christian love feasts (Jude 12). Jude uses the Greek word *agape*, translated love feast.

No particular time is set in the Scriptures for the recurrence of the Supper. Jesus said, "as often as ye eat

this bread . . ." (1 Cor. 11:26), but no indication is given of the time element. Through the history of the Church Christians have observed the Lord's Supper daily, weekly, monthly and quarterly.

This ordinance is sometimes called "Communion" because of the fellowship of those who partake with their remembered Lord in view (1 Cor. 10:21) and the "Eucharist" from the Greek word meaning "to give thanks" (1 Cor. 11:24). During the apostolic age and that immediately following, there is no suggestion that the Supper was a sacrifice in any sense—it was a simple memorial act.

Probably because of the disorders at the Supper in apostolic times, the association of the Lord's Supper with a common meal or Agape was gradually dropped until by the time of Justin Martyr, about 153 A.D., it is found in connection with the preaching service.

Some Christians hold that Jesus instituted three ordinances, baptism, the Lord's Supper, and foot-washing. Jesus' act at the Last Supper (John 13:14-15) taught humility and service. Such a practice as foot-washing is not mentioned by the Fathers until 306 A.D., when it was condemned. (Walker, 23, 43; Newman, I, 137-140.)

Roger Williams Press ... NEWS

By REV. E. J. BAUMGARTNER

RECENTLY we received a request from Argentina for German literature and books. The request came from the young people's organization of the German Baptists in Argentina. The purpose of these books and literature is that they are to become a loan library for the Christian young people who are scattered throughout many parts of that great country.

There are many German colonists living in rather isolated sections of Argentina, and Christian literature of any kind is almost impossible to obtain. Therefore, the effort by the young people's organization to provide this literature for the purpose of strengthening and maintaining the smaller groups of Christian young people.

Here at the Publishing House we have some used German books and we will send them to Argentina. Now for a request! If you have used German books stored in your attic or elsewhere and which no longer are of any use to you, please send them to Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio, and we will forward them to Argentina. Please mark your packages "For Argentina Library." Be assured that your contribution of these books will be of immeasurable value to those small groups of fellow-believers who live in the isolated sections of Argentina. This is indeed a good missionary work.

BOOK REVIEWS

AMERICA'S SPIRITUAL RECOVERY. By Edward L. R. Elson. Fleming H. Revell Co. 189 pages. \$2.50.

The pastor of the National Presbyterian Church of Washington, D. C., who is also the minister of President and Mrs. D. Eisenhower, has given us a helpful and hopeful book for our times. With keen discernment he analyzes our national problems and brings God's judgment to bear upon our sins, but he believes that we are entering a period of spiritual recovery. His voice rings out with victorious faith in this book, as God's Word becomes the sword by which he battles with the forces of evil. "In this expanding religious awakening," he writes, "we are rediscovering that our origin, our instruments of government, and our institutions are dependent upon faith. And this faith is

indispensable in the fulfillment of our national destiny and the discharge of today's unaccustomed world responsibilities." Your life will be enriched by this book, and you will thank God for this consecrated ambassador who ministers with the Word to the president of the United States as well as to a large congregation in Washington, D. C.

EGERMEIER'S BIBLE STORY BOOK. Warner Press. 640 pages. \$3.95.

The tremendous resurgence of interest in religious books also extends to works for children, the publishers of "Egermeier's Bible Story Book" state in announcing a new edition. More than 1,000,000 copies of this work have been issued since Elsie E. Egermeier wrote it in 1923 and the interest is now greater than ever. The new revised edition of "Egermeier's Bible

Story Book" was published on January 15. A popular priced standard edition retails for \$3.95; a De Luxe gift edition retails at \$5.50. The 312 Bible stories re-told in "Egermeier's Bible Story Book" are narrated with beauty and simplicity for reading to or by children and young people. Arlene S. Hall, writer and editor of children's works, has revised the popular book. The revision does not constitute any major departure from the nature or purpose of the original. Some of the longer stories have been divided into two or more shorter stories. Sentences have been shortened, more conversation introduced and new stories added. In addition, more full-page pictures, some in four colors, some in black and white, have been added to the 640-page book, which is printed on special glare-free paper. Sixty-four pictures are in full color and 115 are in black and white. Four animated maps add to the book's usefulness. A self-pronouncing feature, a complete index of stories and pictures and a durable washable binding make "Egermeier's Bible Story Book" especially helpful for young readers.

ENGAGEMENTS

- Dr. Frank H. Woyke
April 20-21—General Commission on Chaplains, Washington, D. C.
- Rev. R. Schilke
April 24 (Sunday)—Oak Street Church, Burlington, Iowa.
May 1 (Sunday)—Streeter, N. Dak.
May 8 (Sunday)—Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Pennsylvania.
- Dr. M. L. Leuschner
April 24 (Sunday)—North Freedom, Wisconsin.
May 1 (Sunday)—50th Anniversary, First Baptist Church, Lodi, California.

CONFERENCES AND GUEST SPEAKERS

- April 21-24—British Columbia Association at Bethany Church, Vancouver, B. C. Rev. E. P. Wahl.
- April 29-May 1—Wisconsin CBY Rally at Immanuel Church, Kenosha, Wisconsin. Miss Margaret Kittlitz and Rev. J. C. Gunst.
- May 4-8—Delaware Association and 50th Anniversary at West Baltimore Church, Baltimore, Maryland. Rev. J. C. Gunst, Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson.
- May 12-15—Atlantic Conference at Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pa. Dr. John Leypoldt, Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson.
- May 12-15—Central Dakota Association at Linton, North Dakota. Rev. Daniel Fuchs and Miss Laura E. Reddig.
- May 19-22—Central Conference at Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Illinois. Dr. George A. Lang, Rev. R. Schilke and Miss Laura E. Reddig.
- May 27-30—Northwestern Conference at Aplington Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa. Miss Laura E. Reddig and Dr. M. L. Leuschner.

COMING EVENTS

- April 22 (Friday)—Annual session of the Publication Board, Cleveland, Ohio.
- April 23—Childrens Home Survey Committee, St. Joseph, Michigan.
- April 26-28—Annual meeting of the General Missionary Committee, Forest Park, Illinois.
- April 25 (Wednesday, 7:45 P.M.)—Missionary Rally for churches of Chicago and vicinity at Forest Park Church, Harlem and Dixon Strs., Forest Park, Illinois. Speaker, Miss Laura E. Reddig, Missionary.
- April 28-30—Executive and Educational Committees, Board of Trustees, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
- May 1-8—National Family Week sponsored by the National Sunday School Association. Theme: "Every Parent Is a Teacher."
- May 8 (Sunday)—Mother's Day.



The log cabin on the campus of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, which is a museum and also a monument of the South to the War Between the States!

Strolling Around Baylor's Campus

By DR. M. L. LEUSCHNER, Editor of the "Baptist Herald"

JUST ACROSS the creek that winds through Baylor and only a stone's-throw from Kokernut Hall, the men's dormitory, stands an old log cabin. You'll want to spend a few minutes looking around in the cabin and seeing the museum pieces on display. But most of all, you will want to reflect on the story behind this cabin and the pride of the Southland that inspired its erection.

It is a monument to the men in grey who fought courageously in the War Between the States. (Brother, in Waco, Texas, never call it the Civil War for that is virtual "treason" in the south!) This log cabin was erected by patriots of McLennan County who became soldiers of the Confederate States of America. It is an excellent replica of typical cabins of a century ago and is kept in unusually fine condition.

Even though we are all citizens of our great countries, United States and

Canada, we must realize that there are regional differences and traditions. These are reflected in our songs, the stories we love to tell, our accent and our historical shrines. The people of the south, and especially of Texas, are proud of the courage and sacrifices of their men in the great struggle that almost divided this nation in the 1860's. You will feel a sense of reverence as you read the bronze tablet and look at this log cabin and realize again that you are "way down in Texas in the heart of the South."

On the tablet in front of the cabin you will feel a patriotic awe as you read these words:

"Tell it as you will,
Sing it as you may,
It can never be told
It can never be sung
The story of the glory
Of the men who wore the grey."

- May 15 (Sunday)—Commencement exercises of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Commencement speaker, Rev. R. Kern, Forest Park, Illinois.
- May 29 (Sunday)—Pentecost Sunday.
- June 6-12—31st General Conference of North American Baptist Churches, Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Evangelist

ENGAGEMENTS:

- April 17-29—Odessa, Washington, Rev. O. Meth, Pastor.
- May 15-27—Fredonia, N. Dak. (Berlin Baptist Church). Rev. V. Prendinger, Pastor.

WE THANK GOD:

In our recent campaign in New York City and especially in Medicine Hat, Alta., Canada, crowds of people came to find rest for their souls in the Mighty One, Jesus of Nazareth. Many

rededicated their lives and found great riches of grace in Christ Jesus. A goodly number experienced redemption in the Redeemer of mankind, our wonderful Lord and Savior.

PRAYER REQUEST:

Problems are automatically solved when people get right with God. Let us pray throughout our denominational fellowship that people everywhere might indeed learn to put God first.

We...the Women

By MRS. WALTER W. GROSSER, President

HAVE YOU a Christian son in the armed forces of his country? Have you thought of him as a missionary? Foreign missionary work is being carried on for the General Conference, not only in Africa, Austria and Japan, but by your Christian sons who are being sent to all parts of the world.

In the Air Force alone we have bases in Europe, North Africa, Greenland, Japan, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Okinawa, the Caribbean, Spain and elsewhere. The indications are that service men will continue to reach these countries for years to come.

This so-called "Christian Nation" has sent uniformed men into foreign lands who have betrayed their country by falling for the temptations of taverns and even the houses of prostitution. This has been reported to be particularly true of Japan where missionaries, chaplains and Christian service men have a great task to perform. It is they who can help redeem the reputation of the land they love.

Christian young men who dare to be different, even if it means standing alone, and who are not afraid of ridicule when their high Christian standards refuse to let them follow the crowd in submitting to the easy wrong—are our missionaries. They are called by God to witness to the redeeming power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Women, you are urged to pray for these missionary sons. Send them forth from your homes and churches with confidence in your Christian interest and love. With the help of God, they will cope with the glamorous garb of temptation.

A CHAPLAIN IN KOREA

During a visit to California in 1954 friends took me to a church in San Marino, where Dr. Frederick C. Cropp, former executive secretary of the American Bible Society, is pastor. He and my husband are good friends because of their mutual love for the Word of God. Never have I heard the Bible read with so much sincerity and deep devotion as by this preacher.

Dr. Cropp accepted the call to the large, fashionable church in San Marino because he felt the Bible had a vital message for a congregation of influential people in our day. The usual miracle happened when people become transformed by the saving power of the Gospel. Today the church is filled mornings and evenings with revitalized members and new converts filled with a missionary zeal.

Entering the church I soon discovered from the bulletin that Dr. Cropp was not to preach. Momentarily I was keenly disappointed until the name, Chaplain Harold Voelkel, appeared as guest preacher. His story, heard first-hand, inspired me to share a few highlights with you.

Chaplain Voelkel had been a missionary in South Korea until June 1950, when with many other missionaries he was evacuated to Japan. Later he returned to Korea in the Inchon landing as a chaplain. He found himself among the Korean troops who were fighting the battle of Seoul. This had been his home until the evacuation. It was heart-breaking for him to see the suffering and destruction caused by war—ironically by our own planes.

The substance of Chaplain Voelkel's message to the San Marino congregation may be found in his booklet, "Behind Barbed Wires in Korea." The introduction is written by Billy Graham, evangelist, who at one time traveled with Mr. Voelkel. This short, true story lends itself to good reading for a White Cross meeting, when busy hands prepare supplies while someone reads. Missionary articles from the "Baptist Herald" and letters from missionaries have been recommended before.

"Behind Barbed Wires in Korea" is the story of how God used an army chaplain to rehabilitate thousands of Communist prisoners of war in Korea. Thousands of them became Christians.

Dr. Voelkel spoke of the huge prison at Inchon that had been converted into a POW camp. When the Red capital of Pyeng Yang fell, Chaplain Voelkel was made the United Nations Chaplain to the Communist prisoners, not only at Inchon but to many thousands more in the huge warehouses across the river. In all the encampments there were about 150,000 prisoners, grouped in compounds of 10,000 each. They were a frightened, dirty, hungry and ragged lot. They distrusted everyone and expected a sentence of death or persecution. They were hesitant to believe the chaplain.

Because he knew their language he was able to give commands. He had no pulpit and no organ. He was surrounded by barbed wire. His words had to carry much weight. Firmly he commanded them to come nearer. With hands up, they marched toward him. Then he said loudly, "Sit down." They sat on the ground. Then he used words that meant, "Take your minds

and lay them down." They indicated a willingness to listen.

He said he had not come to pronounce their doom but to tell them of God's love for them. The story of his life with them goes from victory to victory. Scripture memory work was his big emphasis. Music and prayer meetings developed into great victories. Later 15 Bible Institutes with 3800 students were established with 642 desiring to enter the seminary, when released. These were former Communists brought to Christ by this United Nation's chaplain.

Your son, as a Christian, may be serving God in a great missionary cause while he is in the service of his country. He may not have the opportunities afforded Chaplain Voelkel or the Apostle Peter, but his life and testimony will make him a witness to the uttermost parts if he remains true to his high calling in Christ Jesus.

THE RURAL CHURCH

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It must know every family that lives in the community. It must be conversant with every activity that takes place within the community area. With this knowledge it must be active in directing the affairs of the community. Indeed, the church must infiltrate the community's life through a Christian impact upon the community's organizations.

The church might well be considered the heart and conscience of rural life, for it is within its framework that all human actions eventually are evaluated. The church could well be considered the powerhouse of God, for it is from the church that the incentive for Godly living usually comes. It is, in theory, if not in actual practice, the motivating force of rural society.

In New Testament terms, the church is "the body of Christ." As members of his body, Christians should be seeking daily to do the things which he did in the days of his flesh.

To take this place of effective leadership, the rural church must have buildings and grounds adequate to meet the needs of the people of the community. The rural church needs pastors and laymen and laywomen of the deepest consecration to the will of God. The consecration needs to be so deep that pastors will remain with their churches for years instead of moving every two years.

This consecration to the will of God must be so wide as to include every person and every organization of the community in its concern. The rural church must provide the community with a truly great worship service, week after week. Finally it must have a great evangelism that compels every fiber of a person's being to submit to the lordship of Jesus Christ.

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By REV. J. C. GUNST, General Secretary

SUNDAY SCHOOLS OUGHT TO DO MORE!

IN OUR DAY, churches are building larger and better educational buildings. Are churches building better lives? The program of Christian training and education ought to be on a higher plain. Sunday Schools especially ought to DO MORE. The big task of the Sunday School begins when the church has provided adequate building facilities.

Along with proper building arrangements goes an adequate organization. But, building and organization are bare mechanics if there is not a strong program of work through which the high Christian objectives of a program of Christian education can be carried out. In building dynamic Christian lives or personalities the Sunday School can be a unique force in the program of the church. For that reason, this being only one of many reasons for the Sunday School to function, the Sunday School ought to DO MORE for the church and the cause of Christ.

BETTER LEADERSHIP

In our Sunday Schools today there ought to be better leadership. More ought to be done along the line of a leadership training program for our schools. There must be evidence of spiritual growth and a better understanding of the task for the leader and teacher if the school is to make progress. Provision ought to be made for such growth. With growing Sunday School pupils (spiritual growth), there must be growing leadership. Methods of teaching and leadership change. Materials change constantly. The needs of pupils change from time to time.

Our program and leadership ought to change to meet every need. Of course, in all these changes we are not losing sight of the great objectives in our Christian teaching, the New Person in Jesus Christ. The emphases ought to be on growing leaders and teachers as well as on growing pupils. "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52).

The Sunday School ought to DO MORE for children in the community who have no Sunday School contact. Our Sunday Schools ought to have better teaching than there is in many areas today. Good teaching requires adequate preparation. Proper preparation is bound to be made if teachers have the "know-how" of teaching. With volunteer teachers and workers the Sunday School ought to DO

MORE in giving guidance in a good teaching program.

There are at least four steps every school ought to take in a program of guidance for teachers who want to carry out an effective ministry for the school.

(1) A well balanced, closely unified, year around, aggressive program for the school. Definite goals ought to be set and every effort made to attain these goals.

(2) A simple but challenging program of leadership training which will be a must for every teacher.

(3) A regular monthly Christian Workers' Conference or workshop which offers spiritual help and intellectual challenge to every worker.

(4) Such close leadership assistance which will create a spirit of close cooperation in every department of the school.

The Sunday School ought to DO MORE by way of keeping in contact with the families who are enrolled in the school to keep the family interest alive in the school. Contact ought to be made beyond the school sessions as the need arises. A close supervision in this ministry is the task of the school's leadership.

Scores of children live in our communities who have no contact with Sunday Schools. Because they see no need of going, or coming, to Sunday School, they are a lost cause. Quite a percentage of humanity belongs to this group. Does anyone know of a Sunday School program where the school goes to such children or homes of children when they refuse to come to the school? We send missionaries to Japan, Africa and other parts of the world!

KEEP INFORMED!

Sunday Schools ought to DO MORE by way of keeping in direct contact with the growing developments in the field of Christian education. Outstanding Christian educators in the field of Christian education are making invaluable contributions to Christian training in our day. Scores of excellent periodicals, magazines, books are available. Sunday School workers ought to DO MORE to acquaint themselves with what is available.

A good library of only the best materials ought to be in every Sunday School. A well trained and qualified librarian should be on the job to see that the library is used. Some person ought to be training on the job if no trained person is available. Invite your leaders from your denomination and persons from Sunday Schools in

your area who are especially interested in Christian education for a one evening conference at least once a year.

The local Sunday Schools ought to work more closely with the state or local conference, and national Sunday School Union program in Sunday School emphases. Christian Workers' Conferences and Sunday School Conventions are here to stay. Attending a state or local conference wide, or even a one church Workers' Conference in your area ought to be a must for every teacher and leader of your Sunday School.

The task of the Sunday School is getting to be a greater challenge with each succeeding year. The objective of the task always remains the same. God needs more and better equipped servants for each greater task. We dare not fail him who has done so much for every believer. He has given all that it requires to save a soul. But in that plan are his disciples ("Ye shall be my witnesses"), if the plan is to function successfully. If you will take time out to think through the present-day program of the Sunday School, you will no doubt agree—"The Sunday School Ought to DO MORE!"

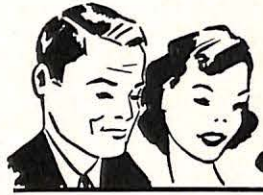
LAND OF JAPAN

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Christians to get their elders' consent for anything but a Japanese wedding. Onishi San, a young Christian who works at the telegraph office, revealed to us his desire to marry the girl he had brought to church with him for a number of times. He said that he desired to have a Christian wedding but he wasn't sure whether he could get the permission from his mother and older brother to do so. We prayed about it, and a week later he came to us after the service with a smile on his face that gave every evidence that he had obtained permission for a Christian wedding.

Thus on January 11th I performed my first wedding ceremony here in Japan. I didn't feel that it would be right to render such an important task as performing a wedding ceremony through an interpreter, so I had a very interesting time doing it all in Japanese. Since it was the first wedding in our church, it was most interesting to hear the remarks after the ceremony.

One man (and he is not a Christian) told us that if he had a wedding like that he "would never want to get a divorce." He went on to say, "These two young people should remember those words you spoke to them for the rest of their lives." So we greatly rejoice because of the many opportunities that we have to give a positive witness for our Lord, and also because of the many blessings that God showers upon us through the windows of heaven.



Sunday School Lessons

A LESSON PLAN

Date: May 1, 1955

Theme: A MAN OF FAITH AND ACTION

SCRIPTURE: 2 Chronicles 17:1-7, 9; 19:4-7.

PURPOSE: To show that both faith and action are needed for effective leadership.

GETTING STARTED: In Jehoshaphat we find a rare and unusually happy combination of faith and action, vision and common sense, character and political know-how. Many leaders in the long history of nations have ruled over greater kingdoms and governed the affairs of many more people; but few can compare with Jehoshaphat in quality of character and effectiveness of leadership. Happy, indeed, would be the nation that could find men of his stature to take over the reins of its government today. And happy the peoples of the world if leaders of such quality could be found and placed into positions of world responsibility.

Developing the Theme:

I. THE MAN OF FAITH.

1. Faith for Jehoshaphat was not a matter of political expediency but of personal conviction (17:4).
2. It was rooted in God's Word (17:9) and remained true to the people's religious heritage (17:3-4).
3. He made religion a matter of personal responsibility (19:4) and led his people by personal example (20:3-4).
4. He had the courage of his convictions and dared to follow through on them (17:6 R.S.V.).
5. He put his primary trust not in himself or his military power but rather in God (20:3-4; 20:21).
6. He sought to make God and his law the foundation of the nation's life (17:9; 19:4).

II. THE MAN OF ACTION.

1. In Jehoshaphat faith was teamed with action, and every part of the nation's life felt the impact of that partnership.
2. Trusting God as he did, he nonetheless planned the nation's defenses wisely, so that Judah could enjoy internal stability and security from external aggression (17:1-2).
3. He did his best to let faith find worthy expression in pure and valid forms of public religion and worship (17:3-4, 6).
4. He instituted a plan of public education that would root the life of

the nation more firmly in the soil of faith and obedience to God (17:7).

5. He set up a judicial system that would assure fair play and justice to every citizen (19:5-7).

6. By his wise and just actions he won the respect and co-operation of all the people and brought God's blessing on the nation (17:3, 5).

Applying the Lesson:

1. To what extent should government concern itself with religion?
2. What qualities of leadership did Jehoshaphat display that are greatly needed in leaders of today?
3. To what extent should the teaching of religion be made a part of public education?

A LESSON PLAN

Date: May 8, 1955

Theme: FINANCING GOD'S WORK

SCRIPTURE: 2 Chronicles 24:4, 8-14.

PURPOSE: To set forth the need for financing God's work and the principles on which it should be based.

GETTING STARTED: A certain man was having a tooth filled. After the dentist had been drilling for some time, he suddenly stopped and said to the man, "Didn't you tell me that you'd never had a tooth filled before this?" "That's right," replied the man. "That's strange," answered the dentist, "I just found some gold on the tip of the drill." "That isn't strange at all," was the man's reply, "I felt that drill way down in my pocket book." And the costs of dentistry being what they are, we can well understand what the man meant.

But there's a parable here. Giving to the Lord's cause is almost as unpleasant an experience for some of us as having a tooth filled. Yet if our religion doesn't reach down to our pocketbook and cause us to give liberally and sacrificially of our pos-

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sessions for the Lord's work, it doesn't go deep enough and isn't the genuine article.

Developing the Theme:

I. GOD'S WORK NEEDS FINANCING (2 Chron. 29:31).

1. Salvation is free, but it cost God his only begotten Son to give it to us. How then can we expect to give it to others or keep it for ourselves without having it cost us something?
2. One inescapable axiom for every Christian is this: God gave; therefore we, too, must give—gladly, sacrificially!
3. Without adequate financing, the cause of Christ and of his Church cannot prosper.

II. THE PRINCIPLES ON WHICH SUCH FINANCING MUST BE BASED.

1. Our maximum, not our minimum effort; for God's cause is worthy of the best—in buildings, methods, materials, personnel—and deserves our very best (24:13-14).
2. A sense of concern—for God's glory, his cause, and the salvation of men (24:4).
3. Obedience to the law and command of Christ. Not what we think but what he requires should be the measure of our financing (24:9).
4. Cheerful and glad giving, with every Christian participating and doing his share (24:10).
5. Businesslike procedures, using the best methods possible to get the job done (24:8, 11).
6. Wise use of the funds that God's people give (24:12).

Applying the Lesson:

1. What is wrong with the Christian who has never learned to give?
2. To what extent is a Christian subject to the law of the tithe?
3. Should a preacher ever preach about money? Why?
4. Why should we (or why should we not) make our churches as beautiful as possible, even if it costs a great deal of money?

BAPTIST BRIEFS

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Protestant denominations was then forwarded to the headquarters of the National Council of Churches for judging by a committee on a nationwide interdenominational basis. Mr. Bartol has recently been notified that his sermon has won first place in the final, nation-wide judging.

What's Happening

● Pre-Easter services were held from April 3 to 10 at the Jeffers Baptist Church of Minnesota with Dr. Ralph Mitchell bringing the messages. A baptismal service was held on Easter Sunday afternoon, April 10. Beginning with Sunday evening, March 13, the pastor, Rev. Elton Bleeker, has been presenting a series of Bible studies on the Book of Revelation. Special music is provided at every service.

● The 1955 North Dakota Baptist Ministers' Retreat for pastors of the North American Baptist General Conference and of the American Baptist Convention was held at Bismarck, N. Dak., from April 12 to 14. Among the guest speakers were Dr. George A. Lang, president of our Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and Dr. E. P. Quinton, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. A good representation of the state's Baptist ministers enjoyed the stimulating program, as reported by Rev. John E. Grygo of the Bismarck Baptist Church.

● The Martin Baptist Church of Martin, N. Dak., has extended a call to Rev. Lorimer Potratz of Sumner, Iowa, to become its pastor. He has accepted the call and hopes to begin his pastorate at Martin in May 1955. At present he is finishing graduate studies at the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois. He was ordained several years ago by his home church, the First Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa. This will be his first full-time pastorate.

● The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia, held evangelistic meetings from Feb. 15 to 25 with Rev. Lewis B. Berndt of Portages brought were soul searching and the Savior," as reported by Mrs. Eugene Lueck. Two young men and eight Sunday School scholars will always remember these meetings as the time when they made their decision for Christ.

● The Bethany Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia, conducted evangelistic meetings from Feb. 28 to March 10 with Rev. C. T. Remple of Missoula, Mont., serving as evangelist. The meetings were well attended with more than 500 people present on two occasions. Mr. Remple also brought a children's story each evening. About 30 persons responded to the invitation and accepted Christ as Savior. Rev. Gerhard Gebauer is pastor of the church.

● The former North Jansen and Esk Baptist Churches of Saskatchewan have united and have formed the Temple Baptist Church of Jansen, Saskatchewan. The church building at Esk has been moved to the church property in Jansen adjoining the parsonage. The first services for the Temple Church were held at the new center on Sunday, Feb. 6. Rev. W. Ertis is pastor of the church. A more detailed report about this important development for these two churches appears as "a report" in this issue.

● The Ogden Park Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., has extended a call to Mr. Fred Sonnenberg, a graduate student at the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago, to become its pastor. He has responded favorably to the call and began his ministry there on March 1, succeeding the Rev. John E. Grygo, now of Bismarck, North Dakota. A reception for Mr. Sonnenberg and his family was held by the church on Sunday afternoon, March 20. He and his family are residing in the parsonage of the church.

● On Sunday, March 13, Dr. John Leypoldt, of Forest Park, Ill., presented the denominational Church Extension program to a large audience in the First Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa. More than \$300 were received on this Sunday in addition to \$400 already given and pledged as reported by the pastor, Rev. Fred W. Mashner. The Sunday School children also made good use of the Church Extension coin cards. The illustrated lecture on the General Conference in Waco, Texas, was also presented to the church on a recent Sunday evening with a spirited response.

● Holy Week services were held from April 3 to 8 at the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Prof. J. Wesley Ingles of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia brought the messages. March was designated as "Church Extension Month" for the church with the pastor, Rev. Peter Kemper, leading the services. Pledges

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and contributions for the denomination's Church Extension ministry were received on March 27. On Sunday evening, Feb. 27, Mr. Kemper baptized three converts on profession of their faith in Christ.

● Special meetings with a denominational and missionary emphasis were held by the Bethel Church of Missoula, Mont., from Sunday, March 20, to Wednesday, March 23, with Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., speaking and showing missionary films each evening. The church was virtually filled to capacity at every service. The church's new \$2,800 Hammond organ was also used for the first time during those days. Music was furnished by the church choir of 25 voices directed by Mrs. C. T. Remple, the men's chorus of 22 voices directed by Mr. Herbert Schmutz, a mixed quartet, a male quartet and the girls' sextet. A missionary offering was received on Wednesday evening. Rev. C. T. Remple is pastor of the church.

● On Sunday, March 6, Rev. W. C. Damrau, pastor of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., received nine members into the fellowship of the church. Six of these came into the church by baptism. On three successive evenings, from March 13 to 27, the church choir presented Maunder's inspirational cantata, "Penitence, Pardon and Peace." On Palm Sunday evening, April 3, the choir rendered Stainer's "The Crucifixion." The impressive mortgage burning ceremony held on Sunday morning, March 6, with Dr. Frank H. Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., and Mr. Edwin H. Marklein of Brooklyn, N. Y., participating will be reported at length in the next issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● On Sunday evening, March 20, the Woman's Misbsionary Society of the Bethel Church, Billings, Mont., held its anniversary program with Mrs. Herman Fuchs, president, in charge. Two playlets, "The Missionary Clinic" and "Learning to Give" were presented. Rev. R. Sigmund, pastor, spoke briefly on "Thy Kingdom Come." There are 17 women in the group. On Friday evening, March 25, and Sunday, March 27, Dr. M. L. Leuschner, "Baptist Herald" editor, spoke at several services and presented missionary and denominational pictures to good-sized audiences. There was an attendance of 111 at the Sunday School services. Dr. Simon E. Forsberg, president of the Montana Institute of the Bible located in Billings, spoke at Holy Week services of the Bethel Church on April 5 and 6.

● Recently the Grace Baptist Church of Medicine Hat, Alta., experienced a period of spiritual refreshing. Rev. Daniel Fuchs, denominational evangelist, conducted a revival campaign during which ten persons were saved. (Continued on Page 24)

Our Denomination in ACTION

Northwestern Conference

Young People's Program for Parents at Baptist Church, Steamboat Rock, Iowa

On Wednesday evening, Feb. 16, the young people of the First Baptist Church, Steamboat Rock, Iowa, held a "Family Frolic" to which all the parents were invited. The evening was spent by singing old favorite songs. The young people voted for the "Mother and Father of the Year" and ballots proved that each parent should receive this honor.

The parents surprised us with the reading of a poem and a short skit of a young couple who fell in love. After a brief talk about human love and the love of God, a light lunch was served to bring the events of the evening to a close.

K. L. Gast, Reporter.

Reception for Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom by Riverview Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom began his pastorate at the Riverview Church, St. Paul, Minn., on Sunday, March 6th. On Tuesday, March 8th, the members and friends of the church gathered for a welcome program and reception. Greetings were given by Emil Glewwe, senior deacon as representative of the church; Mrs. Arnold Erickson for the women; Milton Hildebrandt for the Sunday School, and the CBY by a number by the men's quartet.

We were privileged to have with us Rev. Wm. Jeschke, Dayton Bluff, St. Paul; Rev. Adam Huber, Faith Church, Minneapolis; Rev. Don Patet, Randolph, Minn.; and Rev. John Vanderbeck, Elgin, Iowa; also Mr. J. I. Chapman, Twin City Baptist Union; and Rev. C. K. Nicholas, Riverview Ministerial Association, who spoke brief words of welcome as representatives of their groups to which Mr. and Mrs. Ganstrom graciously responded.

An appropriate number by the choir and a violin solo, "The Holy City," by Mrs. Edwin Omark added much to the enjoyment of the program which was followed by a time of fellowship as we partook of refreshments provided by the ladies of the church.

During the months we were without a pastor, Rev. Edwin Omark of Bethel Seminary very ably served as interim pastor, and at this occasion he was presented with a gift as our expression of appreciation. We are expecting great things as we work together with our new pastor and pray for a deepening of spiritual insight and growth that we may better serve our Lord and Master.

Ida Glewwe, Reporter.

Missionary Rally at Milwaukee, Wis., and a Missionary Tour to Wisconsin Churches

A union missionary rally was held at the Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., on Sunday, Feb. 13. Sharing in the service were the Bethany, Immanuel, German Zion and Temple Churches of Milwaukee and the First Baptist Church of Watertown. The guest speaker was the Rev. R. Schilke, our general missionary secretary, who gave a message and also illustrated his visit to the Austrian and Cameroons mission fields.

A combined choir consisting of more than 60 voices of the Milwaukee churches, under the direction of Mr. William Penzek, choir director of the Immanuel Baptist Church, rendered three beautiful selections. The 28-voice men's chorus of the German Zion Baptist Church also sang at the service. The Immanuel Church was filled to capacity for this missionary rally. The blessings from the meeting and the experience of the fellowship brought the request from many that "we should do this more often." Mr. Schilke served at the Immanuel Baptist Church for the morning service on Feb. 13 and in the afternoon a missionary rally in the German Zion Baptist Church was held. The Rev. E. Sadowski is the pastor of the Zion Church.

The missionary emphasis was also extended to our other North American Baptist Churches in Wisconsin. The Racine and Kenosha Churches arranged for a missionary emphasis with guest leaders from our headquarters. The churches at North Freedom, Wausau, Pound, Watertown, Sheboygan, Manitowoc, and the German Zion Baptist Church of Milwaukee were visited by our special missionary team composed of the Rev. J. G. Benke of Watertown, and Mr. Myron Dudek, a layman from the Grace Baptist Church of Racine. This team



Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom and their children, Norris and Glennis, at the reception tendered them by the Riverview Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

visited these churches and presented our missionary enterprise with the aid of a recent missionary film from the Cameroons and a tape recording, literature and curios from our mission fields. Although the weather was very unfavorable, still the attendance and the response of the people of these churches were most gratifying.

G. K. Zimmerman, Reporter.

Northern Conference

The Northern Conference Ministers' Fellowship Week Held at Edenwold, Saskatchewan

The ministers serving our Northern Conference churches gathered this year at Edenwold, Sask., for their annual Ministers' Fellowship from February 21 to 25. As the ministers converged upon Edenwold, so did the weather! As the mercury sank to 29 degrees below zero and as the snow swirled shut the country roads, Edenwold became an ideal retreat for those pastors who wanted release from the public pressures. The meeting began on Monday afternoon and ended the following Friday noon, thus enabling every pastor to attend without missing a Sunday in his church.

Our special speakers were Dr. George A. Lang of our Seminary and Dr. Curtis Akenson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Dr. Lang presented "Ministerial Ethics," pointing out in his first lecture that a minister's ethics is intrinsically found in living out the teachings of the Bible.

Dr. Akenson presented "The Ministry of Counseling," and especially helpful was the relating of his personal experiences in counseling. He stressed that our counseling should be more than secular and mechanical counseling, which ignores God altogether or uses him as a gimmick. The speaker covered such specific areas as marriage, vacations, problems of faith, service personnel, and problematic church members. Every lecture was followed by a period of questions and discussion.

The evening services were public, addressed by both guest speakers, and included two songs by the Ministers' Chorus directed by Rev. R. Kanwischer. Three offerings were held, one toward the piano of the local church, the second for the Indian Mission, and the third for our General Missionary Society. Rev. E. Janzen of Fenwood was in charge of the week's program.

When the time came to return and apply what we had heard, we all congratulated ourselves for having come. We realized anew the importance and the responsibilities of our calling. We wish to thank the kind people of the Edenwold church for their hospitality and concern for our comfort. To Dr. Lang and Dr. Akenson we owe a debt that cannot be remunerated, and we pray that their teachings may be realized in our ministry.

A. Lamprecht, Reporter.

Recent Activities and Programs of the Baptist Church of Fenwood, Saskatchewan

The people of the Fenwood Baptist Church, Fenwood, Sask., spent a joyous and blessed Christmas season. On Dec. 19 the church choir presented the cantata, "The Gift Supreme." The success of this program can be accredited to the able direction by our pastor, Rev. E. L. Janzen. Other special numbers were also presented by members of our CBY. The offering of the evening was sent to the Tri-Union to be used in a three-way mission project.

On Christmas Eve the Sunday School presented its annual Christmas program in which most of the children were able to have a part. On Wednesday evening, Dec. 29, the church held its annual business meeting and election of new officers for another year. The building fund and financing of our church budget were also important matters that were considered at this meeting.

Our Watchnight Service was a time of blessing for all present. The leaders of the various organizations of the church were called on to give a testimony or short talk after which a fitting message was brought by our pastor. We concluded the service with the Lord's Supper and prayer as an old year became history and as we stepped over the threshold into a new year.

From January 3 to 10 we held our Week of Prayer services conducted by our pastor who brought fitting messages every night of the week at which time we also met before the throne of grace in prayer.

Harvey Dohms, Reporter.

North Jansen and Esk Churches of Saskatchewan Form Temple Church, Jansen, Saskatchewan

A special day has come in the history of our North-Jansen and Esk Baptist Churches, in that they are no more two, but have become one church and will be henceforth known as the "Temple Baptist Church" of Jansen, Saskatchewan. It was a day for which we have long prayed and planned, and on Sunday, Feb. 6, we spent our first Sunday at the new center. We praise our Father for his wonderful way with his own, for he marvelously united us in purpose and spirit.

The church building of Esk has been moved onto the church property in Jansen, next to the parsonage. It has been temporarily placed on timbers. During the summer we hope to build a basement and possibly make extensive changes in the main building. We have spent busy days, but the summer ahead promises to be even more so. We thank God for bringing us thus far along the way toward the goal of uniting a scattered field and locating us amidst challenging mission opportunities.

The pleasant winter weather has contributed toward a very good attendance. A new feature of our church program is a weekly young people's

Bible study and prayer meeting night. At this time the pastor, Rev. W. Ertis, answers through guided discussion biblical, spiritual and practical questions which have been submitted to him through the question box. These meetings are conducted in the English language, and have contributed richly to a deeper Christian life of the encouragingly large group in attendance.

May the Lord bless our efforts as the new Temple Baptist Church of Jansen as a useful vessel in his service toward the salvation of souls.

Mrs. Myrtle Ertis, Reporter.

Official Opening of the Faith Baptist Church of Regina, Saskatchewan

The Faith Baptist Church of Regina, Sask., rejoices in the faithfulness and goodness of God throughout the year since its organization in January 1954, during which it has multiplied both in numbers and activity. Many friends and members of neighboring Baptist churches joined with us in the three services of Sunday, Feb. 27, which marked the official opening of the church. The main speaker and representative of our North American Baptist Headquarters was Dr. John Leyboldt of Forest Park, Illinois. The audience also enjoyed the music of the newly organized male choir led by Mr. Winston Knoll on this memorable occasion.

The basement auditorium of the church is being used while the building is being constructed, mainly by volunteer labor, under the capable supervision of Mr. H. Fenske and Mr. K. Brucker. The new church is located in the new residential Assinaboia area at the east end of Broadway Boulevard, and is meant to be a neighborhood type of church for the many interested friends in the area.

Adequate and inviting Sunday School rooms are being prepared in this area. The entrance of the building is to be of vertical siding and glass, providing a pleasant contrast to the large masonry blocks of the auditorium. When completed, the upper auditorium is to have a seating capacity for over 300, arranged radially, and centered about the diagonal axis.

On Sunday, March 13, we witnessed an impressive baptismal service. Our pastor, Rev. R. Grabke, had the joy of welcoming 18 new members into the church. Our prayer is that God will continue to use Mr. Grabke to further his Kingdom through the church and its various missionary activities.

Verna Ziolkowski, Reporter.

Thirty Converts During Evangelistic Meetings at the Bethany Baptist Church, Lethbridge, Alta.

"They go from victory to victory!" Thus sings the Psalmist in triumphant strains. We of the Bethany Church in Lethbridge, Alta., Canada, want to join in this song of faith and joy.

This year, too, we made thorough preparations for the time of evangelism. The church prayed for a revival and so did the people in their

homes. They also made it known far and wide that revival services would be held. Therefore when the day came for the services to begin, the church was filled to capacity. Evening after evening large crowds of people came to listen to the proclamation of the Gospel, and people went into the prayer-room to seek peace with God.

The choirs and instrumental groups gave unstintingly of their time and talents to help make the meetings attractive and vital. Only too soon the last evening came. When Rev. H. Palfenier, the evangelist, invited all who had accepted Christ to come to the front, 27 precious converts came forward. Every heart was filled with gratitude and praise.

During the Sunday morning service after the revival services Rev. O. A. Ertis gave the invitation and three men came forward and found Christ as their Savior. Thus, the Lord gave us 30 precious souls this year. We thank the Lord who has wrought all this by his grace, and also his faithful servant, Rev. H. Palfenier, who gave forth the Word in manifestation of the Holy Spirit and power. Pastor and evangelist worked together in harmony, and the Lord gave his blessing.

Especially touching was the conversion of three women during the last service. They sought the Lord with tears and deepest contrition. On the following Sunday morning they had the joy to see their husbands come to the Lord. Many children of God renewed their covenant with the Lord and confessed their sins to the Lord.

We praise the Lord who has so signally blessed us. Of the 30 new converts, 15 were strangers to the church. This will give us many new contacts in homes. We are beginning classes for the new converts. May they grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord!

O. A. Ertis, Pastor.

Dakota Conference

First Mother and Daughter Banquet at Calvary Baptist Church, Carrington, North Dakota

Sixty-two mothers and daughters of the Calvary Baptist Church, Carrington, N. Dak., met on Feb. 11 for a Mother-Daughter Banquet. After a delicious dinner and a time of Christian fellowship in the church basement, we enjoyed a fine program led by the toastmistress, Mrs. Arnold Leppke.

The program consisted of numbers from a girls' sextet, readings and group singing. Our pastor's wife, Mrs. Carl Weisser, brought the message which inspired and challenged us to continue in our duties as Christian mothers and daughters.

This was the first Mother and Daughter Banquet held in our church and it proved successful in that everyone had a happy and blessed time of fellowship. We are all looking forward to a similar gathering again next year.

Mrs. Ben Edinger, Reporter.

**Mr. and Mrs. Klaus Dirksen,
Madison, South Dakota, Celebrate
Their 60th Wedding Anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. Klaus Dirksen of Madison, S. Dak., residents of Lake County since 1913, were privileged to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Feb. 19. Mr. Dirksen was born in Ihrhove, Germany. After coming to America he became a member of the First Baptist Church at George, Iowa, where he served as clerk for 20 years. Mrs. Dirksen was born in Aplington, Iowa, where she united with the Buck Grove Church.

They were married Feb. 19, 1895 in Grundy Center, Iowa, by Rev. A. H. Willins. In 1913 they moved to a farm north of Madison at which time they joined the West Center Street Baptist Church, where Mr. Dirksen served as deacon for 14 years. In 1946 they retired and moved into Madison where they live, and both enjoying fair health.

God blessed Mr. and Mrs. Dirksen with five children all of whom were home for the day. They include Mrs. John Bauman, Mrs. Jennie Schrepel, E. J. Dirksen and Harry Dirksen, all of Madison, and C. A. Dirksen of Minneapolis, Minnesota. They have six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

They observed their anniversary with a family dinner at the Hotel General Beadle where 23 family members attended. During the afternoon relatives and a few close friends called at their home. They received many bouquets of flowers, cards and gifts from relatives and friends. Of special significance was a card of congratulations from President Eisenhower, Washington, D. C.

We pray that God may grant this honored couple much joy and happiness as they continue life's journey together.

Mrs. Elmer Moose, Reporter.

**Reception for Rev. and Mrs.
Richard Grenz by Baptist Church,
Underwood, North Dakota**

Sunday, March 6th, was a happy occasion for the First Baptist Church of Underwood, N. Dak., when we welcomed our new pastor, Rev. Richard Grenz, and his wife and their lovely family of three children. They came to us from Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

The reception was held on Sunday evening with Rev. B. W. Krentz of Bismarck, N. Dak., as guest speaker. The Men's Chorus and a ladies' duet favored us with special music during the evening. Each department of the church extended a warm welcome to our new pastor and family. Mr. F. Koenig, one of the deacons, spoke in behalf of the church, Mr. Carl Radke in behalf of the Sunday School and Men's Chorus, Mrs. Art. Saylor for the Missionary Society, and Mr. James Koenig in behalf of CBY. Mr. and Mrs. Grenz graciously responded to the hearty welcome that had been given them.

During the three months that we were pastorless, considerable work was done on the parsonage with new



Mr. and Mrs. Klaus Dirksen of Madison, South Dakota, on their 60th wedding anniversary day

hardwood floors installed in the front and dining rooms and the other floors sanded and redone. The parsonage was completely redecorated and a new electric stove and refrigerator installed in the kitchen. We also had a pantry shower which filled the new refrigerator and cupboards.

We are indeed very grateful and feel that God has answered our prayer by sending Rev. and Mrs. Richard Grenz to us. We are expecting great blessings from the Lord as we go forward in his work.

Emma Blatchford, Reporter.

Southern Conference

**Men's Activities, Youth Banquet
and Day of Prayer Program
at Dallas, Texas**

We have much for which we can praise the Lord at the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas. We are grateful for the opportunities which God's people in our church have to serve the Lord here in our city. One of the monthly activities which the men of the church enjoy very much is the service held in the Dallas Rescue Mission on the first Friday of each month. It is a real opportunity to witness to these needy men by sermon, song, testimony and the distribution of tracts. We have seen many real decisions for Christ as his Word is faithfully ministered there.

The young people of the church held their annual banquet at Youngbloods Restaurant on Friday, Feb. 18. There were 50 persons present to enjoy a very fine program of wit and music and a challenging message from God's Word.

The World Day of Prayer was combined with our regular prayer meeting on Feb. 23 with the Woman's Missionary Society in charge under the capable leadership of Mrs. C. F. Bohmert. Several of the ladies took part in brief devotional messages and a wonderful time of fellowship in prayer followed. We are looking forward to

rich blessings from the Lord as the months roll along and as we seek to serve him and win the lost for Christ.
Mrs. D. Gallagher, Reporter.

**Sessions of
the North Texas Association at
the Cottonwood Baptist Church**

The North Texas Association of Southern Conference churches opened its 1955 session in the Cottonwood Baptist Church of Lorena, Texas, on Thursday evening, March 6 with the moderator, Rev. Louis R. Johnson, extending welcome to three new pastors, delegates and visitors. The new pastors are Rev. Douglas Gallagher, Dallas; Rev. Joe Bob Alexander, Crawford; and Rev. Howard C. Schenk, Cottonwood. The anthem, "My God and I," sung by the choir was so beautifully rendered that it created an atmosphere of worship which prevailed throughout the three-day sessions and on request was repeated at the Sunday morning service.

The keynote address on the theme, "My God and I," was delivered by the host pastor. Successive messages emphasized this in MY BIBLE STUDY, MY PRAYER LIFE, MY HOME LIFE, the last of which was brought by our general missionary secretary, Rev. Richard Schilke. He also brought us up to date on our denominational program and mission endeavors through reports and colored slides.

During the business sessions action was taken on various recommendations which, we feel, will result in more effective service for our Lord and greater benefit to our churches. A digest of church reports showed gains in membership and contributions; activity in remodeling and improving church property; and a spirit of cooperation and enthusiasm among our members.

Miss Margaret Kittlitz who has given so much of herself in service at Banso Hospital in the Cameroons, Africa, shared her experiences and impressions of her years of contact with the natives and traditions of Africa.

Saturday afternoon a council was called to consider the propriety of setting apart to the work of the Gospel ministry three brethren from the Carroll Avenue Church of Dallas, namely, John C. Anderson, David W. Haines and Robert W. Wilson. These were ordained in the above named church on March 16th.

Officers elected were: moderator, Rev. Howard C. Schenk; vice-moderator, Rev. Joe Bob Alexander; secretary-treasurer, Rev. Douglas Gallagher. The missionary offering was designated for our Rio Grande Valley mission.

Despite a very busy planting season every preparation for entertaining the Association had been made. We are to meet with our Crawford church next spring and in the meantime may the theme of this Association keep us aware of the privilege that is ours in being co-laborers with Christ in the work of his Kingdom.

Mrs. Ernest Steindam, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

**Christian Fellowship and Spiritual
Victories at Salem Baptist
Church, Gotebo, Oklahoma**

On Sunday, Feb. 27, Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Taylor of the Salem Baptist Church Gotebo, Okla., entertained the young married couples class, of which Mr. Taylor is the teacher, at a dinner served in the church basement. There were some 30 guests including the children of the couples. After the dinner everyone was asked to go outside and while enjoying the warm Oklahoma sunshine Mr. Taylor took motion pictures of the group and their children. Most of the afternoon was taken up with singing and preparing for the women's program which was held at the evening service. Everyone seemed to enjoy this splendid time.

In the accompanying picture are ten of the twelve members whom we have received into our church since the first of the year. Five of them accepted the Lord under my ministry and I baptized nine of them. In September we will have completed four years of serving this community, and this is only the third baptism we have had. Since this is a small church and in the last three years the population has decreased considerably, due to the drought, we accept this token from the Lord as a special visiting of his Spirit. We covet the prayers of God's people everywhere and want those of you who have been here to visit us or the work here to know what God is doing and to rejoice with us.

B. F. Taylor, Pastor.

**Church Improvement Project for
\$1,269 at First Baptist Church,
Bison, Kansas**

We are happy to report that the First Baptist Church of Bison, Kans., has completed a project which cost \$1,269.72. The Woman's Missionary Society and the Loyal Daughters have also contributed in different ways to equip the various rooms. The church building project included rest rooms; enlarging, redecorating and putting in built-in cupboards in the kitchen; and the redecorating of the dining room.

We were fortunate to have our pastor, Rev. David Littke, as the supervisor of this project. We certainly appreciate the great work and the many hours of his time that he has given to this cause. Most of the work was done by our church brethren. In doing this work a fine spirit of cooperation and sacrifice was shown by the members.

The total number of hours worked in completing this project were approximately 2,000 hours. On March 15 we held "open house."

The Lord has certainly blessed us in this past year. Our Sunday School and church services have shown an increase in attendance. It is our prayer that during this year we will be able to do even greater work for our Lord.

Clara Niedenthal, Reporter.



Ten of the twelve new members received into the Salem Baptist Church, Gotebo, Okla., since Jan. 1, 1955 by Rev. B. F. Taylor, pastor (left, standing)

**World Day of Prayer Service
With Neighboring Churches at
Stafford, Kansas**

The women of the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kans., and of the First Baptist Church of Bison, Kans., were guests of the women of the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, Kans., for the World Day of Prayer service, Feb. 25, from 10:30 A.M. to 1:45 P.M.

The meeting was opened with a piano prelude by Stafford. The president of the King's Daughters of Stafford presided. The theme for discussion was based on the letters CHRIST. The first topic was "Cleaning" given by Ellinwood. The Stafford King's Daughters quartet sang a number. The next topic on the "The Holy Spirit" was given by Bison. This was followed by a season of prayer. The topic on "Revival" was given by Stafford. Bison then gave a reading entitled "Sword of the Helpless." The topic on "Intercession" was given by Ellinwood. A prayer list from the Home Office was read. An accordion solo entitled, "I Am Praying for You," by Ellinwood followed.

Lunch was served to 65 guests and members in the fellowship hall of the church. At the afternoon session the topic, "Sacrifice," was given by Bison. An offering amounting to \$38.55 was received for our Women's General Conference project. The last topic on "Thanksgiving and Testimony" was given by Stafford. A season of testimonies followed. A vocal solo using a medley of hymns on prayer was given by Stafford. The Calvary Baptist women then went to Stafford to join in the Stafford Community World Day of Prayer service which followed at 2:00 P.M.

The Stafford Woman's Missionary Society, King's Daughters and United

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Back of the loaf is the snowy flour.

And back of the flour the mill;

And back of the mill is the wheat and the shower,

And the sun and the Father's will."

—Maltbie D. Babcock,

"Our Daily Bread."

Circle Girls met for an all day White Cross sewing meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 15, in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Sixty-five pounds of White Cross work plus \$30 in cash were sent to Forest Park, Illinois. Also 30 pounds of used clothing were packed and shipped to our Spanish-American Mission in Colorado.

Mrs. Edward Lichte, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

**Anniversary Program of the
Woman's Society, Victoria Ave.
Church, Chilliwack, B. C.**

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church, Chilliwack, British Columbia, held its annual program on Sunday evening, Feb. 27. We were pleased to have Mr. Arnold Newman as our guest. He opened the song service with several hymns and choruses. He also favored the congregation with a solo, "It Is No Secret." Scripture was read by Mrs. Leon Wilkie and opening prayer offered by Mrs. Dave Falkenberg. Words of welcome were given by our president, Mrs. Fred Schroeder.

The need for missionaries and more money was wonderfully portrayed and everyone was deeply moved and blessed when the play entitled, "A Greater Vision," was presented. Specials during the evening included a trio by Mrs. John Enns, Mrs. Henry Tepper, and Mrs. Hugo Lueck; a quartet including Mrs. Ed Schinkel, Mrs. Leon Wilkie, Mrs. G. Beutler and Mrs. Ted Fishbook. A double duet was sung by Mrs. John Nessel, Mrs. George Scheller, Mrs. Emil Batke and Mrs. Albert Jacobi.

The offering of \$109.46 was designated for foreign missions and the ladies decided to send one-third each to Banso Hospital, and the Bible Schools at Mbem and Japan. After the play, Mr. Newman spoke words of praise and encouragement and also shared some of his experiences in his evangelistic work in Mexico.

The officers for 1955 are: president, Mrs. Fred Schroeder; vice-president, Mrs. Albert Jacobi; secretary, Mrs. Erwin Schinkel; and treasurer, Mrs. Hugo Lueck.

Mrs. Henry A. Tepper, Reporter.

Evangelistic Meetings and Christian Workers' Conference at First Church, Elk Grove, California

The First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., experienced rich blessings in a series of special meetings from Jan. 23 to Feb. 4 with Rev. James De Loach as the evangelist. A definite revival was felt in many hearts as the soul stirring messages penetrated the hearts of the hearers. We are thankful for those who found Christ as their Savior, and for those who came for consecration and baptism.

A Christian Workers' Conference with all Sunday School teachers, assistant teachers and CBY officers present was conducted in our church on February 20. It was a joy to have Rev. J. C. Gunst and Rev. L. Bienert of Forest Park, Ill., in our midst. Mr. Gunst spoke to us around the table on the subject, "Our Christian Education Program Unified." After the dinner we gathered into two groups, Mr. Gunst speaking to Sunday School teachers and officers, while Mr. Bienert spoke to the CBY officers. A fine film, depicting the life of a Sunday School teacher, was shown at the close.

A Leadership Training Course was conducted each evening from Feb. 28 to March 4 under the very able leadership of Rev. L. Bienert. It was a joy to have Mr. Bienert with us, and to have him teach the course on "You Can Teach."

Lillian Graf, Reporter.

Evangelistic Meetings and Women's Anniversary Program at Baptist Church, Paul, Idaho

The days of Feb. 1 to 13 were days of great blessing for the First Baptist Church of Paul, Idaho. It was during this time that we had Rev. Robert Penner of the Salt Creek Church of Dallas, Ore., with us for evangelistic services. Mr. Penner brought God's Word to us in power and without fear. As a result there were many rededications and six Sunday School scholars accepted the Lord as their Savior. The whole church was revived again, and we feel that God has placed us here to be a witness for him.

On Feb. 27 it was our privilege to have Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom, Cameroon's missionaries, and their children with us for an inspiring service. The occasion was the anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Society. Mr. Ganstrom gave a very interesting talk during the Sunday School hour. Mrs. Ganstrom, women's worker in the Camerons, was the guest speaker for the anniversary service. Special music was given by the members of the Missionary Society. An offering of \$59.00 was received for the threefold project of our National Woman's Missionary Union. Mrs. John Broeder was in charge of the service. This service was followed by a fellowship dinner. The officers for the new year are: president, Mrs. John Broeder; vice-president, Mrs. Huldric Schaefer; secretary, Mrs. Lester Freeman; and treasurer, Mrs. Paul Schaefer.

John Broeder, Reporter.

Central Conference

Youth Week Activities at the Foster Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois

Youth Week at the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., began with the evening service, Jan. 30th, which was taken over by our young people and their presentation of "A Voyage on the S.S. Fellowship." The music in itself was a glorious program, but the trombone trio, a marimba duet, piano duet and vocal selections were only the beginning. The "voyage," an original script by Arnold Rapske, a senior student at Northern Baptist Seminary, consisted of interviews and testimonies of various "passengers" conducted amid nautical decorations. Chundra Lela, a girl from India, "the Apostle Paul," Jim Voss, and several of our own young people told us what Christ did for them. Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, our pastor, taught us a "Life-saving Class" which led many to consecrate their lives that night to serve their Savior.

Other activities sponsored by our young people during Youth Week were a visitation program and a prayer service with the theme of "Fellowship in Christ." A progressive dinner concluded the week that was full of inspiration, blessings and fellowship for all who attended. Our youth groups consist of two senior CBY's, an English group with Betty Meister as president, and a German speaking group with Holdek Mielke as president. Our junior group, led by Don Miller, is known as the "Be-Abouts" and their president is Alex Wendorf.

Anna Lindberg, Reporter.

NEW INDIAN MISSION

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as far south as Davin and Edenwold, many cars brought interested people to witness a scene for which they had prayed for many years. One hundred and fifty men and women, both whites and Indians, bowed reverently on the Muscowpetung Reserve as they committed the erection of a new chapel building to God.

At last the Indians will have a place where they can worship him! Rev. F. Ohlmann of Edenwold, the moderator of the Saskatchewan Baptist Association led in the sod-turning ceremony. Pastors who were present were Rev. M. DeBoer of Springside, Rev. W. Hoffman of Ebenezer, Rev. E. Janzen of Fenwood, Rev. O. Fritzsche of Nokomis, Rev. E. Thiessen of Southey, Rev. R. Jaster of Regina and Rev. R. Grabke of Regina.

The prayer of dedication was offered by Rev. R. Grabke of the Faith Baptist Church in Regina. Rev. E. Thiessen in bringing the message emphasized that Christ must be the foundation of this new church building. Otherwise it will have no security or guarantee that it will remain, even through times of adversity.

Since that day, we have not been idle. Under the capable guidance of Mr. Edward Rumble of Edenwold, the church building has shown great progress. Volunteer help from different churches and also from the Reserve has been most encouraging. Thirty-seven men aided in the pouring of the cement. To date the church basement has been enclosed, and it is hoped that before long services will be held in this new edifice.

BAYLOR PERSONALITIES

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been devoted to the pastorate where he served some of the best churches of the Southwest, including First Baptist Church, Greenville, 1927-28; First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas, 1928-29; Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, 1931-35; First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla., 1935-40; First Baptist Church, Austin, Texas, 1945-48. He also served in several posts of denominational leadership.

He was professor of missions at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, 1923-27; executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, 1930-31; president of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, 1940-43; and editorial secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, 1943-45.

A GOLDEN ILLUSTRATION

William S. Abernethy in his book "Left-Handed Folks" tells of an old German university professor who spoke often of his garden. Some of his students were curious to see it. When they found it, they were amazed that it was very small. "The flowers are beautiful," one student said to the professor, "but your garden is so small." "True," exclaimed the old man, "but see how high it is."

Besides his administrative duties at Baylor, he spends much time in cross-country preaching engagements—his first love! He has been chosen by the program committee to bring the daily quiet hour messages for our General Conference, which have come to be looked upon as highlights of the Conference.

Dr. White's warmhearted friendliness, gracious demeanor, and cooperative spirit have added much to the joy of making preparation for the Conference. Also of much help has been his charming and efficient secretary, Miss Doris Engelbrecht, formerly of our church at Crawford, Texas.

These are some of the personalities of Baylor. There are many other illustrious sons of Baylor, such as Wm. Buch Bagby, pioneer Baptist missionary to Brazil; Albert Sidney Burleson, Postmaster General under Woodrow Wilson; Texas Senator Tom Connally; Dr. L. R. Scarborough, formerly president of Southwestern Seminary; Dr. George W. Truett, for many years of First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas.

May something of the spirit of these, who have passed through the halls of Baylor and out into great fields of service, captivate us as we gather on this historic campus for our 31st General Conference from June 6 to 12, 1955!

OBITUARY

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

MRS. SOPHIE FISCHER of Hazelton, North Dakota.

Mrs. Sophie Fischer, nee Renz, of Hazelton, North Dakota, was born in Annetal, South Russia, on March 11, 1876. She was united in marriage to Christof Fischer in 1899. In 1904 the young couple came to America, locating near Artas, South Dakota, and five years later they came to the Hazelton community. Eight children were born to this union, of which four have survived both parents. Her husband died in 1937. She accepted her Savior in her youthful days, was baptized and joined the Baptist fellowship in Russia. Later upon coming to America, she held membership in Artas and since 1909 was an honored and cherished member of the First Baptist Church of Linton and Hazelton Churches. Funeral services were conducted on Thursday afternoon, March 10th, with Rev. H. Lang and the undersigned officiating.

Linton, North Dakota

A. J. FISCHER, Pastor.

MRS. ERDMINE MUSIK of Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. Erdmine Musik, nee Schroeder, of Philadelphia, Pa., was born on January 29, 1874 in Lodz, Poland, and went home to be with her Lord on February 19, 1955, aged 81 years. At the age of fifteen she found Christ as her Savior and upon the confession of her faith was baptized into the fellowship of the Baptist Church of her home town.

In 1899 she married Mr. August Musik, who preceded her in death a few years ago. The Lord blessed this union with three children. In 1913 the family came to the United States and settled here in Philadelphia, Pa., where our sister joined the Pilgrim Baptist Church in 1917. She was always interested in the work here and attended the services regularly as long as her health permitted.

Her homegoing is mourned by two sons: Leon and August; one daughter, Mrs. Jennie Schmidt; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; also two sisters: Mrs. Emma Spreitzer and Mrs. Bertha Engel, all of Philadelphia, Pa. At the memorial service her pastor brought the message of comfort from John 10:14 and Ps. 23:1, her favorite Scripture passages. Dr. Richard Radcliffe, associate pastor of the Arch Street Methodist Church and a neighbor of the deceased, also participated in the service. The Lord is comforting the bereaved.

Pilgrim Baptist Church,
Philadelphia, Pa.

WALTER C. DAMRAU, Pastor.

MR. FERDINAND KRAUSE of Walla Walla, Washington.

Mr. Ferdinand Krause of Walla Walla, Wash., was born in South Russia, March 31, 1869. He departed from this life at the age of 85 years and 10 months on Jan. 31, 1955. He came to America in 1907 and settled in Lehr, N. Dak.

He was married to Anna Marie Feinbeiner. To this union 11 children were born. Six children and Mrs. Krause preceded him in death. In 1924 he married Mrs. Elizabeth Schiewe, who passed away in 1942.

Mr. Krause was converted and baptized in Lehr, N. Dak., in 1912, joining the Baptist Church there. He moved to Walla Walla, Wash., in 1920. He was a charter member of the German Baptist Church near this city. This small church was discontinued many years ago.

His living faith, his love for the Lord's House and his faithful service stand as a testimony for all. He was a Sunday School

teacher until 83 years of age, and secretary for a Mission Circle until 85 years old.

He leaves to mourn 2 daughters: Mrs. Jake (Lydia) Brehm and Bertha; 3 sons: Albert, Otto, of Walla Walla, Oscar of Lehr, N. Dak.; 6 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren; and 6 step-children. Services were conducted by Rev. French of the White Temple Baptist Church. Favorite Scripture verses of his in Psalm 103 and John 14 served as a message of hope.

Walla Walla, Washington

THE FAMILY

MRS. CELIA COUCH of La Salle, Colorado.

Mrs. Celia Couch, nee Shaw, of La Salle, Colorado, was born in Saline County, Missouri, January 5, 1873. She spent her early childhood in Missouri, attending the elementary and high schools there, as well as attending Stephen's Women's College.

On June 16, 1904, Celia Shaw and Edwin F. Couch were united in marriage in Wichita Falls, Texas. They made their home in Colorado Springs and Evans, Colorado. On November 26, 1925, Edwin Couch preceded her in death. Mrs. Couch was a resident of the Beebe Draw Community for the past 26 years. She made her home with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bohlender.

She was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of La Salle, Colorado. She also held membership in the Women's Missionary Union as well as the Sewing Circle. She was beloved and respected by all, and her presence in all church meetings will be greatly missed.

After a 10 day illness, Mrs. Couch went to her heavenly home on Feb. 10, 1955 at the age of 82 years, 1 month and 5 days. She leaves to mourn her passing two daughters: Frances, Mrs. Ted Sanford of Denver, Colo.; and Louise, Mrs. Dan Bohlender, of La Salle, Colo.; 4 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; also three sisters: Mrs. Scott Carnell and Mrs. Beverly Poole of San Antonio, Texas, and Mrs. M. G. Talbot of Cotulla, Texas; as well as other relatives and a host of friends.

La Salle, Colorado

FRED H. FUCHS, Pastor.

MR. JACOB WEISSER of Odessa, Washington.

Mr. Jacob Weisser of Odessa, Washington, was born November 14, 1871 in Russia and was called to his heavenly Home while asleep in the early morning hours of Monday, February 28, at the age of 83 years, 3 months and 14 days.

Mr. Weisser came to America with his parents at the age of 2 years and settled at Tyndall, S. Dak., where he lived until the age of 21. He then moved with his parents to Turner, Oregon, and lived there a few years. In 1900 he and Mrs. Weisser came to Washington and homesteaded 17 miles northwest of Odessa where they lived until 1930 when he retired and with his wife moved to Odessa which was their home until his death.

At the age of 25 years he accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, was baptized and became a member of the German Baptist Church of Salem, Oregon. When he moved to Washington, he was instrumental in organizing the Baptist Church in Odessa, being one of the charter members of this church. He served the Lord faithfully in various capacities throughout the years.

On January 28, 1895 Mr. Weisser was married to Mary Schiewe. To this union were born three children, who with their mother mourn his passing. The children are: Samuel of Marlin, Wash.; Mrs. Emma Starck of Odessa, Wash.; and Bertha, Mrs. Ralph Stone of Govan, Wash. Other survivors include 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; also 4 brothers: John of Springfield, Mo.; Adolph of Portland, Ore.; George of Tacoma, Wash.; and Herman of Edmonton, Alberta, Can.; one sister, Mrs. Mary Rudolph also of Edmonton; and 3 step-sisters and 2 step-brothers, and many friends.

The funeral services were held at the Odessa Baptist Church on March 3 with the local pastor officiating.

Odessa, Washington

ORVILLE H. METH, Pastor.

FEBRUARY CONTRIBUTIONS—NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	Feb., 1955	Feb., 1954	Feb., 1953
Atlantic	\$ 2,265.79	\$ 2,620.33	\$ 1,772.98
Central	5,606.43	8,287.03	6,178.12
Dakota	4,639.73	4,056.66	5,702.68
Eastern	1,327.13	998.33	2,526.79
Northern	3,083.95	2,102.52	2,186.89
Northwestern	4,785.70	4,643.20	2,083.98
Pacific	3,157.36	3,760.87	3,565.40
Southern	183.98	127.00	1,039.05
Southwestern	4,161.01	5,563.03	5,520.46
Inter-Conference		12.50	
Total Contributions	\$29,211.08	\$32,271.47	\$30,576.35

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of February, 1955	\$24,761.75	\$ 4,449.33	\$29,211.08
For the month of February, 1954	30,105.20	2,166.27	\$2,271.47
For the month of February, 1953	21,502.47	9,073.88	30,576.35

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1954 to February 28, 1955	\$470,234.93	\$107,790.42	\$578,025.35
April 1, 1953 to February 28, 1954	499,193.68	21,805.55	520,999.23
April 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953	447,417.75	81,958.18	529,375.93

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE TRIENNium

April 1, 1952 to Feb. 28, 1955	\$1,480,015.67	\$218,474.68	\$1,698,490.35
April 1, 1951 to Feb. 28, 1954	1,406,703.26	206,152.01	1,612,855.27
April 1, 1950 to Feb. 28, 1953	1,249,795.15	287,349.58	1,537,144.73

Spice of Life

"Does being bald bother you much?"
 "I don't mind the cold, but when I wash myself, unless I keep my hat on, I don't know where my face stops."

A sailor on leave was being pressed for stories, and at last he told his listeners of an adventure in the icy North.

"It was so cold up there," he said, "that one day I saw some sea birds suspended in mid-air, frozen stiff and unable to fly or fall down."

Said one doubting Thomas, "But what about the law of gravity?"

"That was frozen stiff, too," said the sailor.

A man passing by saw another man struggling to get a large piano through the doorway of a building, and he offered to help. Both men then tugged for several minutes. The first man, who had been pushing from inside the doorway, gasped, "At this rate it will take hours to get this thing out of here."

"Out?" exclaimed the other. "I've been trying to push it in!"

He: "If you'll give me your telephone number, I'll call you up some time."

She: "It's in the telephone book."

He: "Fine. What's your name?"

She: "That's in the telephone book, too."

CROWDS ARE COMING
 to the
31st GENERAL CONFERENCE,
 June 6-12 at Waco, Texas.
"There's still more room for YOU!"

TEXAS BOUND!

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of Texans come to drive along the dogwood trails. An unusual and intriguing sight is the city of Kilgore to the northeast of Palestine. In that city oil well derricks line the main streets, oil wells are in backyards, schoolyards, churchyards, and oil operations surround the city.

To complete your tour, visit two of Texas' largest twin cities, Dallas and Fort Worth. These cities are sometimes referred to as twin cities, but such is in name only. But a few miles apart, the visitor at once beholds the ultimate in contrast. Dallas, huge, massive and congested with downtown tall business structures, is alive with much activity and together with big city rushing to and fro shows an air of sophistication. On the other hand, Fort Worth, called "The Gateway to the West," appears more sprawling, open, and its people, many of whom wear ranch-type apparel, appear less hurried, and the close observer detects more of the Texas drawl.

To the south 90 miles, at the fork of the Bosque and Brazos Rivers, lies Waco, "The Jewel on the Brazos," host for the 1955 convention of the North American Baptist General Conference.

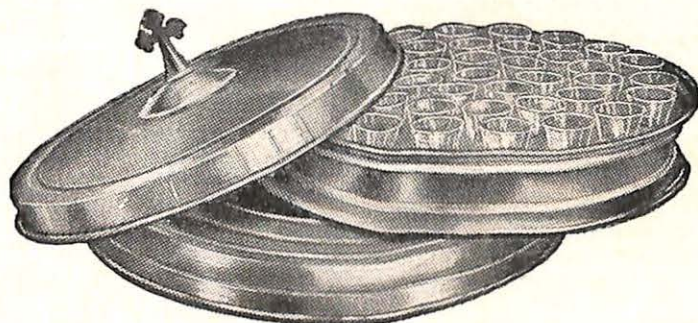
So much more may be seen and enjoyed in Texas—magnificent Palo Duro Canyon just south of Amarillo; beautiful waterfalls, lakes and playgrounds at New Braunfels and San Marcos between San Antonio and Austin; the Aquarena with glass bottom boats at San Marcos; incomparable vastness of Carlsbad Caverns, just across the Texas border into New Mexico near El Paso, Texas; and all along in small villages and large cities are restaurants famous for serving southern foods, such as Stagecoach Inn at Salado, a few miles to the southwest of Waco.

Yes, Texans brag and boast, and rightfully so. The Lord has been good to us and has blessed us far more than we deserve, but we give him the credit. Begin to plan now his work, and, the Lord willing, your itinerary. We shall not fail to "work his plan."

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Previously seven teen-agers found their Lord in Junior Church so that this wonderful group of converts looks forward to witnessing for their Lord in baptism. As usual in such a growing community, there are always some new arrivals from other churches who desire to swell the ranks of the expanding group by letter and testimony. Recently a group of 86 members were granted their letters to organize a second North American Baptist Church in the upper part of the city. The pastor, Rev. E. O. Gutsche, has resigned as minister of the Grace Baptist Church, and awaits the Lord's guidance to another field of activity.



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