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March of Events

● Christians in India now number 8,166,255 out of a total population of almost 362,000,000, according to figures published by the National Christian Council of India. The greatest concentration of Christians is in the southern state of Travancore-Cochin, where there are 2,968,000.

● Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon, is this year marking its centennial of service to people of the Northwest and the nation. It opened its doors to students for the 100th time in September. Dr. Harry L. Dillin is president. Linfield, a coeducational liberal arts college, was founded in 1849 at Oregon City, Ore., by early Baptist pioneers to the Oregon country. In 1855, the College moved to McMinnville, where it has remained and continued to grow and flourish.

● Increase in suicide attempts in Sweden has been ascribed by several leading daily papers to a decline of Christian influence among the people. According to reports, the number of suicides in the country has doubled in the last two years. There are 1200 attempted suicides a year. The latter figure is greater than the annual total of traffic fatalities. Unhappy marriages or love affairs rank first as motives for suicide attempts. Next come alcoholism and psychic disorders. Economic difficulties or disease are third on the list of causes.

● The National Prohibition Party met in Milford, Indiana, from Sept. 4 to 6 with delegates in attendance from coast to coast, and nominated a ticket to carry the banner for 1956. The nominee for president of the United States is Dr. E. A. Holtwick, professor of history and government in Greenville College, Illinois. Dr. Holtwick has occupied the chair of history and government at this college for 32 years. He was born in Missouri in 1881 and educated at Greenville College and the Universities of Wisconsin, Iowa and Michigan. The vice-presidential candidate, Brigadier-General Holdridge (retired), 63 years of age, was born in Wyandotte, Michigan. He entered West Point in 1913, and graduated in 1917.

● The Scripture Press Publishing House broke ground for a \$1,000,000 editorial office on a 7-acre site in Wheaton, Ill. The 21-year-old firm publishes a Sunday School course widely used by churches in 50 evangelical Protestant denominations, according to Victor E. Cory, of Wheaton, president. Scripture Press, which now occupies rented quarters in

downtown Chicago, Ill., will move into the proposed 80,000-square-foot, single-story contemporary brick and stone building in about a year. The building will house only editorial, business, and shipping offices. Printing will be done in Chicago-area plants.

● During the month of November several hundred colorful billboards will be erected in conspicuous places all over the United States and Canada, urging passersby to "Read the Word of God—Its Promises are Sure!" Sponsored by the Christian Booksellers Association, the signs have been purchased and erected by local Christian bookstore owners. Admittedly the purpose is to increase sales of Bibles, gifts, books and church supplies, but scores of CBA members have "invested" in the attractive billboards because of their testimony to the infallibility of the Holy Bible.

● The decks are being cleared for the merger of the Evangelical Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Churches, says Dr. James E. Wagner, Philadelphia, president of the former group. He told the general council of the Evangelical and Reformed Church that "we continue to move forward toward union." A convening general synod to consummate the merger has been set for June 25, 1957, in Cleveland, Ohio. The merged body, to be known as the United Church of Christ, will have a combined membership of more than 2,000,000. Of this total, the Evangelical and Reformed group will contribute 775,000 and the Congregational - Christian denomination 1,263,000.

● The stream of refugees from the Soviet Zone of Germany to West Berlin is again increasing considerably. The average number of refugees reporting at West Berlin reception offices has again reached 500 daily, and Evangelical agencies for aid to the new-

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The soul alone, like a neglected harp,
Grows out of tune and needs
that Hand divine;
Dwell Thou within it, tune and
touch the chords,
Till every note and string shall
answer Thine.

—Harriet Beecher Stowe

comers are facing growing difficulties, it was reported. At the end of August, 22,000 refugees were sheltered in 49 refugee camps of West Berlin, including eleven transit camps, 29 permanent camps, and nine special youth camps. Furthermore, several thousand refugees, unable to prove they were persecuted and therefore not recognized as "official refugees," live in settlements on the fringes of Berlin with about four square yards of floor space per person and one very small kitchen for about every two families. Other thousands seek shelter in abandoned garages, attics, cellar rooms and shacks, according to the Evangelical Church news bulletin, Pressedienst.

● Last year Edgar Hunt, a Canadian missionary working among the Cree Indians on Island Lake 300 miles north of Winnipeg, took a dog-team trip to his Northern Manitoba field that lasted four days. When he returns from his current trip to Brampton, Ontario, he will carry with him a pilot's license he earned in three weeks and the beginning of a fund with which to purchase his own gospel plane. Missionary Hunt and his wife left their station to take their four-year-old daughter, Betty, to a hospital for treatment of a severe heart ailment. When it became apparent that she would be in the hospital for several weeks, Mr. Hunt went to a Transport Department doctor at Malton Airport (near Toronto) for the medical examination needed by prospective pilots. The doctor was so impressed with the missionary's personality and faith that he handed him a check to cover the major portion of his flying lessons. A bush pilot chipped in with more.

—Moody Monthly.

● The economy of Alaska is changing from fishing to industry; also, the population is increasing and many villagers are drifting into the cities to find work. Alaska's population has passed the 225,000 mark. With all this expansion, there has come a corresponding expansion in the number and variety of mission projects. New projects are being located in areas originally assigned to respective denominations, and churches. For example, in Barrow—farthest point north on the continent—the Roman Catholics last summer built a quonset-type chapel and established a priest there. The "Assemblies of God," claiming that Alaskans have never had the full Gospel, have sent three missionaries and materials to build a church. Presbyterians, who have long had work in Alaska, took three advance steps in 1954: more attention to a ministry for the Eskimos in the Fairbanks area; the service of a missionary-evangelist on the motor ship Princeton-Hall and the operation of the Board-owned radio station KSEW in Sitka.

Editorial

A World Tour For \$1.00!

THE "WANDERLUST" spirit gets hold of everyone, at some time or other. It's fun to travel, to see places, to become acquainted with strange ways of life. But it also costs a lot of money. That's where the armchair traveler has an advantage, becoming acquainted with his fascinating world by means of a book or magazine in his hands.

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You'll travel to Formosa and see with Missionary Frank C. Wuest that this is an island that is "fuel for prayer" as well as a political tinderbox. The missionary attention of the world deserves to be focused on this strategic island over against the mainland of Communist China.

Africa is in the headlines today as never before. The 1956 ANNUAL will feature four articles on this continent of tremendous significance. "Victoria, Queen of the Cameroons" along with the coastal area is in the throes of a mighty social upheaval, as vividly described by Mrs. G. Ben Lawrence, our missionary. The Honorable E. K. Martin's notable address on "The Wings of Love in the Cameroons," delivered to the Baptist World Congress in London, will be published in full. It's a thrilling missionary account, that no one should miss!

The story of leprosy in Africa, the nature of the disease and its cure are of great concern to all North American Baptists with our interest in our New Hope Settlement. Dr. Dreisbach, medical expert, gives us a scholarly and fascinating account in "The War Against Leprosy." You will also travel to Lambarene, Africa, and become acquainted with "The Man of the Century, Albert Schweitzer" in a wonderful article about this missionary by Dr. R. P. Jeschke, president of Sioux Falls College.

Is there any reader of the "Baptist Herald" who has not read John Bunyan's "Pilgrim Progress"? The editor was so thrilled by his tour with others to the Bunyan country of Elstow and Bedford, England, last summer, that he has written an article on "Meet John Bunyan's Pilgrims" which with many pictures is bound to make Bunyan and his "best seller" book become glowingly alive for you! North American Baptists at the London Congress traveled to seven countries of Europe last summer, and you will be accompanying them on their adventures in the ANNUAL. Dr. George A. Lang gives us his "Religious Observations of a Congress Traveler" in another fine, interpretive account.

In addition, you will want to travel to Philadelphia, Pa., for the 250th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, a great American. The calendar pages will feature grand new pictures of all of our North American Baptist Mission fields. The ANNUAL shows marked improvement with more pictures than ever, including a prize winning photo of Billy Graham, the evangelist, with other Baptists. The biographical sketches of pastors, published only every other year, makes this copy of the ANNUAL exceedingly important.

The 1956 ANNUAL will be ready in about ten days. Ask your pastor or publication society agent to order several copies for you. Get ready for an exciting world tour that will bring tingling thrills to you!

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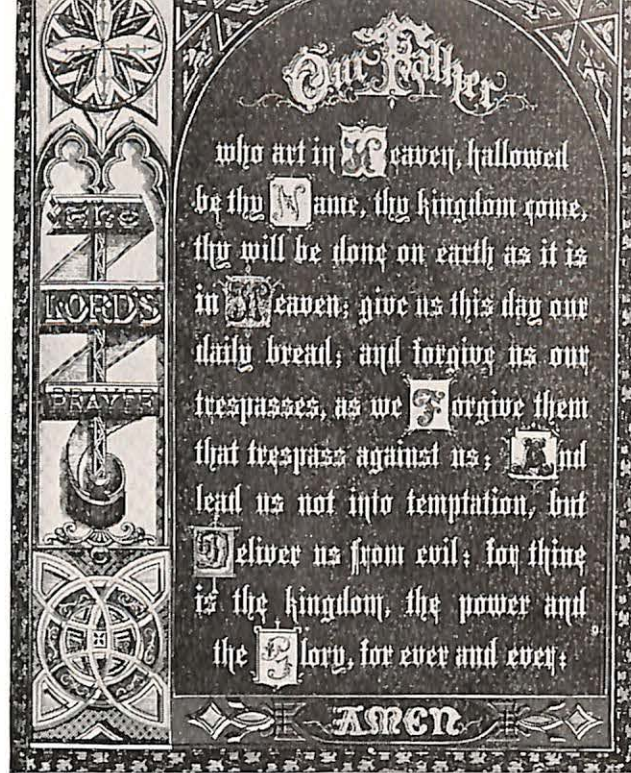
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Treasures of the Heart

"From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures
which are able to make thee wise unto salvation"

By DR. H. VON BERGE
of Dayton, Ohio



—Photographed by Harold M. Lambert
A unique and colorful presentation by a Christian artist of "The Lord's Prayer."

THERE ARE two contrasting kinds of treasures that are pointed out in our Bible. It warns against one of them in Matthew 6:19: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal." But there are other treasures, which our Bible speaks about again and again, and which it urges us to seek after. These are the treasures of the heart. What are they?

Above all, they are the Word of God. But they must be more than mere words engraved on tablets of stone, which Moses brought down from Mt. Sinai. They must be more than words written on parchments of skin by the scribes of Israel. They must be more than words on the

printed pages of paper in our Bibles. In Jeremiah 31:33 the Lord says: "I will put my law in their inward parts, and will write it in their hearts." And that is what makes God's Word real treasures of the heart.

The Lord also writes into our hearts so many of the sacred songs we sing. Paul mentions them when he says (Ephesus 5:18-19): "Be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." What a blessing those spiritual songs are to us as we meet in our churches. They too become real treasures of the heart.

In our joys and in our sorrows they surge in upon our memories. The experiences of our Lord Jesus illustrate

that. When in agony on the Cross, he said: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" In these words he quoted Psalm 22:1 word for word. When he was about to die, he said: "Into thy hand I commit my spirit." These words are an echo of Psalm 31:5. It has been suggested, and it may well be true, that these words were the Lord's daily evening prayer when he was a young child, something like the evening prayer which so many children use in our days: "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep."

We too share these experiences of our Lord. Blessed is he who has these treasures in his heart. They give us our songs of rejoicing as we remember all his benefits. They give us the song in the night, as they did to Paul when he and Silas had been put into prison at Philippi. They help us in the problems of everyday life, as we learn to say with Psalm 119:105: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light upon my way."

HOW WE GET THEM

How did Jesus get them? Rabbi Judah says: "The boy, when five years old, must give himself to the study of holy scripture." Dr. L. Harvey says: "Jewish children, as soon as they learn to talk, must be led to memorize scripture." As we read the story of Jesus as told in Luke 2:41-50, when as a twelve-year-old boy he was sitting in the temple in the midst of the doctors, who were astonished at his understanding and answers to their questions, we realize that he must have grown up under these rules mentioned above. So evidently also did Timothy according to 2 Timothy 3:15: "From a child thou hast

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The Good Seed in Mambila Soil

There's a lively temple of living stones for Christ in Mambila, Africa

By REV. and MRS. KENNETH GOODMAN, Missionaries at Warwar, British Cameroons

WHAT MAKES MAMBILA in the Warwar field of the Cameroons, West Africa, so different from our other mission stations? Every church in Mambila must have written government approval. Mambila is a district of Adamawa Province which is administered as part of Northern Nigeria. It is governed by the British indirectly through the Mohammedan princes under a treaty made in 1902 by Lord Lugard and the conquered Mohammedans.

SPECIAL GOVERNMENT PERMITS

What does this mean to us as a Mission and as individual missionaries? First of all, every church (building and congregation of believers) must have a written permit from the District Head before meeting as a group or building a chapel. A special missionary permit is granted missionaries to live and work in Mambila.

Missionaries are not permitted to do direct evangelism, and are especially restricted from preaching in the various market places, and also in or near Mohammedan mosques. Free literature cannot be distributed. It can be given out upon request to adult individuals only. House-to-house visitation among Mohammedans is forbidden. Singing of Christian songs is frowned upon in government schools and government classes for adults.

Then just what are your missionaries doing? One has good reason to ask this question. Most of the government restrictions are placed on the non-African messenger of Christ, the missionary. So we teach, train and encourage African Christians to spread the Gospel themselves.

How can the Gospel spread in an area where there are so few who are able to read the Word of God? The first formal school in Mambila opened in 1954. When consent is given for a place to worship, it is given also for the teaching of reading and writing, and for numbers of people to gather together with daily teaching of the Bible. Every church worker seeks to carry out a systematic teaching program.

CHAIN OF BIBLE READERS

To stimulate Bible reading, Scripture memory contests are continually conducted with New Testaments and Bibles as prizes. The required verses are mimeographed, and many have learned to read from the mimeo-



Rev. Kenneth Goodman, missionary at Warwar, Mambila.

So the chain of Bible readers grows every day.

As the number of Bible reading Christians grows, so does individual evangelism. Weekly Bible classes (advanced study) are held in all of our out-stations. The Wednesday afternoon Bible Class at Warwar is taught by the missionary.

During 1954 the members of this class started five new Bible Classes on Sunday morning in unreached villages nearby. The adherents to these classes usually followed their teacher down to Warwar Church for the Sunday morning services.

One week of each month, at Mbamga, a Bible School is conducted by the evangelist. Most of the younger church workers attend this school, but anyone who can read may attend. Everywhere there is a desire to learn more of God's Word. Every opportunity is taken by those who are "constrained of Christ" to continue on in his Word.

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graphed sheets of memory verses. Others faithfully attend additional reading classes. When these learn to read, they read aloud to the people in their compounds and then begin to teach others what they have learned.

How does it work? (II Timothy 2: 9b). "The word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and

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The first and only picture received at the denominational headquarters of the new "round" chapel of the Baptist Church at Warwar, Mambila, in the high grasslands of the British Cameroons.

Africans Lay Hold on Gospel Power

The Story of a Church Teachers' Conference at Mbem and of Spiritual Victories

By MISS MINNIE KUHN, Missionary

ON MONDAY EVENING we began our Church Teachers' Conference for the Mbem area in the Cameroons, Africa. This was an experiment especially as to the number of days and also as to the type of program. In planning the program we decided to have an over-all theme and have each speaker, who was bringing a message, consider a part of that theme.

The main theme was, "CHRIST, OUR ANSWER". What a wonderful time we had as we considered such thoughts as Christ, our answer to the unsaved; Christ, our answer to our daily problems, to our money problems, in our prayer life, to temptations, to worldly (pagan) pleasures; and Christ, our answer to suffering.

Rev. D. Y. Nyanganji brought a daily Bible study on the book of Titus. It was in this particular study

that we discovered just how weak our church teachers are in Bible study and interpretation. Each one was asked to read the book and pick out those things that the Apostle Paul spoke directly to Titus, those things he spoke to the church, and then those that apply to us today. Each one was then to give the reference and write it down in his own words.

Great was our amazement when only about half of the church teachers got 50% correct. We realize that the English language is a barrier, but we need to encourage Bible study more and we need to pray much for these our Christian leaders who are to feed our people.

Rev. F. K. Goodman, our missionary, brought two studies on Christian doctrine and two on sermon making. Mr. J. S. Toge, the church teacher of the Mbem Church, brought two studies on "Giving, How, Why, and When". Mr. D. K. Musa, headmaster at Mbem and a recent graduate of the Southern Baptist Teacher Training Centre at Iwo, spoke on Sunday Schools.

God richly blessed everyone present and, in spite of the conference being three days instead of the usual one, all the church teachers asked if we couldn't do the same thing again soon.

JATOR CHIEF, A CHRISTIAN

Not so long before the Holzimmers left Mbem we received word from Jator that the pagans and also the chief wanted to burn down the church and also have the church teacher moved. They were very much annoyed because the Christians were refusing to participate in the pagan dances and juju. However, this gradually settled down and the chief became a little more cooperative.

Then something happened that was to change the whole attitude of this particular chief. Early this Sunday morning the chief, who occasionally was going to church, decided instead to go and get some sticks with which to repair his kitchen. While he was up in a tree getting some branches, the branch broke and he fell to the ground, getting caught on a lower branch that was broken off. This branch caught him in his left side, just below the ribs.

A school boy heard his groaning and went to call help. The church teacher, Mr. I. Ghanji, came to his aid with most of the Christians. The chief protested at their trying to help him, saying he was going to die. Why

didn't they leave him alone! In spite of his protests Mr. Ghanji washed the wound, pushing the bowel that had protruded back in, bound the wound, and arranged for the chief to be brought to Mbem. All of the Christian men helped as carriers and many of the women had come along too. Next day he was carried out to the motor road where Mr. Ahrens picked him up with the lorry and took him to Bansa to our hospital.

I heard nothing about the man until two weeks later when word reached us saying he had fully recovered and was now a Christian. I was going down to Mbaw and was very eager to hear his testimony. On arrival at Jator the chief sent word to me, "Will you come and join me in a meeting with my council members?" I had never sat in such a meeting and was somewhat concerned, especially when I learned that the council members were refusing to join him in the council meetings as long as he professed to be a Christian and refused to take part in the pagan juju. Rev. D. Y. Nyanganji, our evangelist, was with me and, before the meeting, he and the church teacher and I spent some time in prayer, asking for God's guidance in this meeting.

A FIRM TESTIMONY

The meeting was one I shall never forget. The council men shouted and threatened. The chief quietly reaffirmed over and over again, "I am a Christian. I watched the church teacher as he stayed with me the two weeks I was at Bansa. His life and his words showed me I needed Jesus as my Savior. I will not go back to my pagan ways and I will not take part in the juju."

Rev. D. Y. Nyanganji read several passages of Scripture regarding the Christian walk and idol worship, etc. After a two-hour session, the council men finally agreed that they could not interfere with the faith of their chief and that they would continue to sit with him in council but they would not try to force him to participate in the juju festivals.

Many Christians had been outside listening to the meeting, and many were the prayers of thanksgiving as we returned to our houses. Pray that God might continue to use this church teacher and that he might greatly bless and strengthen this African chief. Pray for your missionaries that our lives might show forth Christ even as this church teacher did.



Cameroons Baptist Mission school managers (left), showing Eleanor Schultert, Ida Forsch (author of article), Berneice Westerman, Ruby Salzman, and Tina Schmidt; (center) a beautifully carved chief's chair showing the court bells, the crocheted design of caps and leopards; and (right) Lukas Fonani, who has been teaching in our mission since 1940, and his family in a striking "family portrait."

Kaka Area Teachers' Conference

A Cameroons Missionary Report

By MISS IDA FORSCH, Missionary-teacher

ONCE MORE all school books have been locked in a box or cupboard where they will gather mould during the four weeks of wet season holidays. The Mbem Mission Station has suddenly become very quiet, not to the regret of the missionaries. Teachers from every school in Kaka and Mfumte Areas are on their way to Mbem. The dates of August 8 to 11 are set for the annual Teachers' Conference.

Every second year, each area has its own conference. Otherwise all the Baptist Mission grassland teachers meet at one central station. The coastal teachers have their own, since the distance is too great for them to join us in the grasslands.

MORNING DEVOTIONS

The program was planned with the help of the school manager. Thereafter, the teachers took complete charge. The morning devotions, led by four different teachers, were a great blessing to all. The first two mornings our thoughts were turned to prayer.

How do we pray and for what do we pray? We were reminded that we are to pray not only for ourselves and people in our country but for people in other continents—Asia, Europe and America. The third morning the two important words, "Honor" and "Worthy," were brought to our attention. "For God commanded, saying, Honor thy father and mother" (Matt. 15:4). "He that loveth father and mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his

cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me" (Matt. 10:37-38).

After the morning devotional services, we met in one of the school classrooms for special studies. Methods in teaching arithmetic and reading to Infants I and II children were discussed. Home-made apparatus was shown and demonstrated to show how the teaching of the two subjects can be made more effective and interesting.

A large face of a clock made of bamboo pith helps the children to tell time. A home-made balance or scale teaches the children that certain objects of the same size may not have the same weight. A well made abacus was shown which was made from bamboo, pieces of rope and seeds or home-made clay beads. Little children can make the clay beads during their handwork period.

DEMONSTRATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

The Headmaster of Mbem School gave demonstrations how to teach drawing and how to make it interesting to children. Too many teachers insist that they cannot draw. He asked us to close our eyes and feel an object; then we drew it. We did the same by smelling a fruit and had to draw what we thought the fruit was. Creative drawing was encouraged.

Special help in arithmetic was given to the young teachers who are to write an entrance examination for the Preliminary Training Centre. The British system of pence, shillings and pounds, and with all their mental work that must be remembered, makes arithmetic a very difficult sub-

ject. I sympathize with all who have to take it.

The agricultural teacher discussed the new methods of making compost heaps and the importance of using compost. We were taken to the Mbem School farm where this new method is being put into practice. Mbem school farm has prospered under the supervision of this trained agricultural teacher.

The Assistant School Manager discussed the use of the new Physical Training Syllabus. Demonstrations were given on the school playfield in which all teachers participated.

Politics is an important subject of discussion in the Cameroons and Nigeria. One of the younger teachers, who is the first in this area to complete a secondary school (high school) education, explained in detail the functions of the Cameroons House of Assembly. We were made acquainted with all the members and what their duties are. The importance of the Native Authority, which is our local government, was explained.

BIBLE STUDIES

Then an over-all picture of the Nigerian Government was given. This young teacher, who is so well informed in politics, made us realize the importance that every citizen should take an interest in his government, especially during this crucial time when the Cameroons and Nigeria are struggling for self-government.

One hour a day was spent in Bible study which was led by our young pastor of this area. His subject was,

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Our Mission on Texas' Garcias Ranch

Spiritual victories at our Spanish-American Mission in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas

By MR. and MRS. RAYMOND R. CASTRO of Rio Grande City, Texas

GREETINGS from Garcias Ranch! Our work is one and one-half miles out of the small town of Rio Grande City, Texas, in what is called Garcias Ranch. This is different from what most of us picture as a ranch. Garcias Ranch is the place where the parents and grandparents of these people have lived for many years. Most of them have had the name of Garcia. Some are relatives; but the family across the narrow dusty street, which lives in a one-room house with a dirt floor, is probably no kin to the others.

100 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE

Up to the time God led us to this ranch, which is right next to the Mexican border, there was no place of worship—none of any kind. Now there have been more than 100 different people in and out of the porch where we hold our services on Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Thursday night of each week.

Most of the time the children, and even some grown-ups come two or three hours early just to sit and watch us at a meal and our every move in the house, until time for the services. Many have been the evenings when we have tried to answer their questioning hearts of Christ's love for them, and why we don't have the saints or statues in our house; or does the Bible say that all they must do is confess, believe, accept and practice the small faith which is theirs until they hear and learn more of the love and understand it? So great is God's love, that Christ died for each of them, and above all he lives and is not dead as they are taught!

Yes, we have had to learn to take the searching brown eyes peeping in the windows and around the open doors, and to ask God to help us help these young children, or the older ones, to know we are living among them to bring them Christ, who is the same yesterday, today and forever, and that he loves their souls.

STRANGE BIBLE SCHOOL

Our Vacation Bible School was something very new to the children, as well as to the parents. When it was announced to them in the service—the starting time, date, etc.—children came every day asking (Hermano), "Brother Castro, what is this D.V.B.S.? We haven't anything around called that." With each explanation each day until the day we enrolled them, they weren't sure in their minds whether they would care for this new thing.



Mr. Raymond Castro, our missionary to the Spanish-Americans in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas.

After our first session was over, and refreshments had been given out, with shining eyes and a new chorus in their minds, they said, "We come tomorrow." We answered, "Yes, and bring someone with you." The twelve we had the first day went home wearing blue and white soldier-looking hats which were printed, "Let's go to D.V.B.S." This did the trick we thought it would! Others came so that they could have a hat, and use a pencil which also had "D.V.B.S." on it.

The stories of Jesus and the Bible verses to study and know by memory were new to them. They came every day they could, until the group was 33. With just my wife and myself to teach, this was all we could take care of. We did ask one of our young lady converts to help out in the smaller group which my wife had. School opened at 9:00 with choruses and Scripture and prayer; then to class with lesson, handwork, and period of recess; then to what was called a Chapel Hour, lasting about 40 minutes, where new choruses were taught, and a new story was given, or a missionary story or object lesson.

The theme of the school was "What the Church Means to Me." The closing school program was richly blessed of God, until there were 66 in all to see what the children had learned in this new school. It was a joy to see six children who were saved say a verse and sing a chorus together. The

little tots sang "Christo Me Amo (Jesus loves Me)", and when it came to the words, "The Bible tells me so," they pointed with their fingers to a Bible which could be seen by everyone.

85 PRECIOUS SOULS

God has blessed the personal work, and to him we give praise! Since we have been in the Valley, it has been our privilege to lead 85 souls to Christ. Fifty-nine of these have been in our services, and the remainder have been in other villages from Edinburg, San Carlos, Roma, into Old Mexico.

These blessings have been told first, because we as your missionaries have somewhat forgotten the hot, hot pioneer work back in October and November; the house to house visitation, which we still do, and still have the warm days. But when we go to the homes now, the door is open and we are welcome, and before we leave we are served a cup of coffee with torilla (bread).

After leaving one place and going to another, we might not have a chair to sit on, or a clean glass in case the girls ask for a drink. But all this is more or less in the background, when Mrs. Pena said to us after we had been working among them for three weeks, "We thank God and the folks up in the north states for sending you to us, that we too might know their God."

We said to her, "Give HIM the praise." She continued to say, "Your God has become our God, too, this God who gave his Son Christ, in order that we all together might have salvation's plan as our own gift."

MEXICAN TESTIMONIES

In closing, perhaps these other testimonies given from their own hearts and in their own words might tell more than we can. Oh, how we pray that you too might feel these blessings as having been yours, and continue to pray for these people, our people, and the needs. Thanks over and over again for the chairs, to the Woman's Missionary Union that have sent clothing and Bibles, and to all who are making it possible for us to present Christ here where he is needed.

"Beautiful heavenly Father, I give thanks for life and health, and also I give thanks to the Lord that he has

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I Worshipped With the Indians!

The Story of a Visit to the Alberta Indian Reserves

By REV. ELMER C. STRAUSS, Ellinwood, Kansas

WE TURNED WEST out of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, and followed the fine highway for eight miles. No Indians in sight. Now south three miles to the "Baptist Mission" sign. We were on Indian trails and our car seemed to jolt in every direction. This was the Bull Reserve of the Hobbema Indian Reservation.

Still no Indians! We turned at the school and drove up beside Benke Memorial Chapel, so called after the late Rev. Fred Benke, former instructor at our Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta, and missionary to the Indians. My wife, two-year-old daughter and myself were soon warmly greeted by Rev. and Mrs. R. Neuman, missionaries, and introduced to their four "Indians".

THE INDIANS ARRIVE

The usual worship hour of 11 o'clock approached and departed. We were all ready. Then Brother Neuman explained that the Indians judge the time by the sun and usually misjudge, but never more than a few hours. Is it not strange that we humans have the instinct to be late rather than early? As a pastor I wondered if some of our people have a little Indian blood when it comes to the hour of worship. But we have watches!

Soon I heard the thud of horses, then the clanging of the harness chains as a team pulling a wagon came over a rise. There was father and mother sitting together on the board with the children behind them in the box. Several unbridled horses came along for company or exercise. In time, others came in the same manner. Our car remained the only one in the church yard.

Perhaps now was the time to begin! Others may come. We took seats in the chapel. Now father was on one side and mother on the other side. Brother Neuman called us to worship and led in prayer. Two hymns were announced in Cree and English. I watched Chief Francis Bull who was sitting beside me as he pulled his small Cree hymnal from his coat-pocket. His hymnal contained only the words.

A REVERENT SERVICE

We sang "Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune our heart to sing thy grace." The singing was quiet and reverent. The chief read aloud from his Cree Bible. Although I could

not understand a word, I was blessed by the unhurried and deliberate way in which he softly read.

An aged woman began to cry. Soon she arose and started for the door. Sister Neuman assisted her with her arm about her. Her husband had recently departed to be with the Lord. He had been buried from the chapel. His body was laid to rest in the cemetery just outside the chapel door. The memory was fresh in her mind. She could understand very little English.

The Chief read on, "But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city."

The Vacation Bible School teachers, Irene Sommers and Martha Wiebe, who had already served nearly two months under our Student Service Plan, were to begin Vacation Bible School the next morning. Little dark eyes lit up as the teachers told about the school and showed some of the things that would be made. The teachers, also students at our Christian Training Institute, blended their voices in two fine duets.

Mr. Joe White, a tall and imposing man with braids hanging down over his shoulders to his shirt pockets, prayed in Cree. I was persuaded,



Indian children like these on an American Reservation are always interested in visitors to their reserves.

judging by the fervency of his prayer, that he knew the Lord as his Redeemer.

Three children who were present had recent birthdays. They came forward and we sang a birthday chorus. Little Bernice Stoney was five years old. She had all new clothing on from her red hair ribbons to new shoes. Perhaps they will be her only new clothes until her next birthday. They were all happy as Brother Neuman presented them with a small gift.

Because a visitor from the United States was invited to be the guest speaker for the morning, the children remained upstairs instead of assembling for their classes in the basement. The Indians gave close attention to the proclaiming of God's Word.

DEDICATION OF A CHILD

Before the benediction, Gerald Allen Three Fingers was brought forward by his parents to be dedicated to the Lord Jesus. My joy mounted as Brother Neuman took the babe wrapped in many blankets for such a warm sunny day and handed me the precious bundle to hold and dedicate to the Lord in prayer.

After the benediction, Mrs. Neuman approached the proud young parents with some clothing and things for their first child. "These are not from the Neumans, but from your North American Baptist friends."

With reverence we left the chapel and greeted the Indians, brothers and sisters in Christ. Chief Francis Bull, aged and ailing, assured me with a warm clasp of the hand that we would meet again.

OUR MISSIONARY PRIVILEGE

I watched the families climb into the wagons and disappear over the dusty, bumpy trails for their homes. Soon the church yard was cleared. My heart was thankful. I was glad that I had a little place in Mrs. Neuman's remark, even as one of those thousands of North American Baptists and also for this missionary heritage which had been handed to us by Rev. Fred Benke and gladly received on our behalf by our General Missionary Society.

Some day we shall not only "meet again," as the Chief said, but worship our lovely Lord with those out of every nation, kindred, people and tongue saying, "Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb."

An American Evangelist in Germany

The story of the evangelistic ministry of REV. WILLIAM HOOVER, Benton Harbor, Michigan, for 37 days in four crowded tent campaigns in Germany

By REV. FRANZ LUELLAU of Germany, Director of the Baptist Evangelistic Program

GOD'S HAND can now be seen in the visit of the Rev. William Hoover of Benton Harbor, Michigan, to one of our evangelistic tent meetings in Hamburg, Germany, in 1950. He was asked to bring a few words of greeting from America. But he so gripped the large audience in those few words that Rev. Franz Luellau, the evangelistic director, requested him to bring the main message that evening. The evangelist for that service was very sick, and Brother Hoover stepped into the gap and rendered a deeply moving ministry for that night and also for the following week.

EVANGELISTIC TEAM

Ever since that time, the directors of our tent evangelistic program in Germany had been endeavoring to secure Brother Hoover for further services. This past summer we were glad to see him come. But he also brought a fine team of workers with him. There were his wife; his daughter, Darlene; Professor Harold Rau of Benton Harbor, Mich., violin soloist; and Mr. John Pauls of Winnipeg, Man., soloist. Here in Germany we had heard numerous American preachers but we had never seen an evangelistic team in action.

On the afternoon of July 22 we awaited the arrival of our American

friends at the airport in Frankfurt am Main. But heavy rains made a landing of the plane impossible, and it flew down to Stuttgart. However, they arrived four hours late and were able to get a glimpse of the evangelistic service in the large tent.

The facts concerning Brother Hoover's ministry are amazing to us as Baptists in Germany. In 37 days from July 22 to Sunday, August 28, he served with the Word in four large tent evangelistic campaigns. During this time there were special children's meetings, women's services addressed by Mrs. Hoover, gatherings for church workers and other engagements. It was an intensive, exciting and profitable ministry. During these 37 days Brother Hoover had only one day of rest for himself.

846 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

The Holy Spirit moved upon the hearts of people, and there were many decisions for Christ. The campaigns were held in Wuppertal-Elberfeld with 74 decisions for Christ (also Gelsenkirchen and Derschlag with 46 decisions), in Reutlingen with 224 decisions, in Berlin-Spandau with 250 decisions, and in Hamburg-Hamm with 254 decisions. We are not exaggerating when we evaluate the blessings of these services and state that in addition to these 848 decision cards that

were signed by those confessing faith in Christ as Savior, there were hundreds of Christians whose spiritual life was changed and whose faith in Christ strengthened as a result of these messages of the Gospel.

The pastor of the Elberfeld Baptist Church stated that some of his members who had belonged to the church for 61 years regarded these services as the greatest evangelistic efforts which they have witnessed. We felt the working of the Holy Spirit like a mighty wave that lifted us higher and that has advanced us greatly in our Christian lives. This experience of ours now strengthens us to pray more earnestly and with greater confidence for a mighty revival in all of Germany!

The newspapers in Reutlingen reported about a sermon of Rev. William Hoover in the mission tent on Luke 15:17: "But When He Came to Himself." After a detailed account about the sermon and the service, the report closed with this encouraging statement: "More than 100 people came to themselves and followed the call of the evangelist, even more, the call of God for their salvation."

BERLIN-SPANDAU

From Berlin-Spandau came this enthusiastic report by Pastor H. Weiner. "On Saturday night our young people experienced a refreshing revival. Most of the 26 converts were young people. This night (Saturday to Sunday) was exclusively devoted to prayer. Throughout the night in shifts of one-half hour the people prayed. Invisibly they passed the torch of prayer to one another. Then the people came in great crowds to the Sunday services. It was the message of the Word of God that attracted! There were 1320 people present in the tent on Saturday evening. On the platform were 200 young people who dedicated themselves to live for Christ. It is clear to me now that we shall have to plan with an entirely new and bolder program for our young people than ever before."

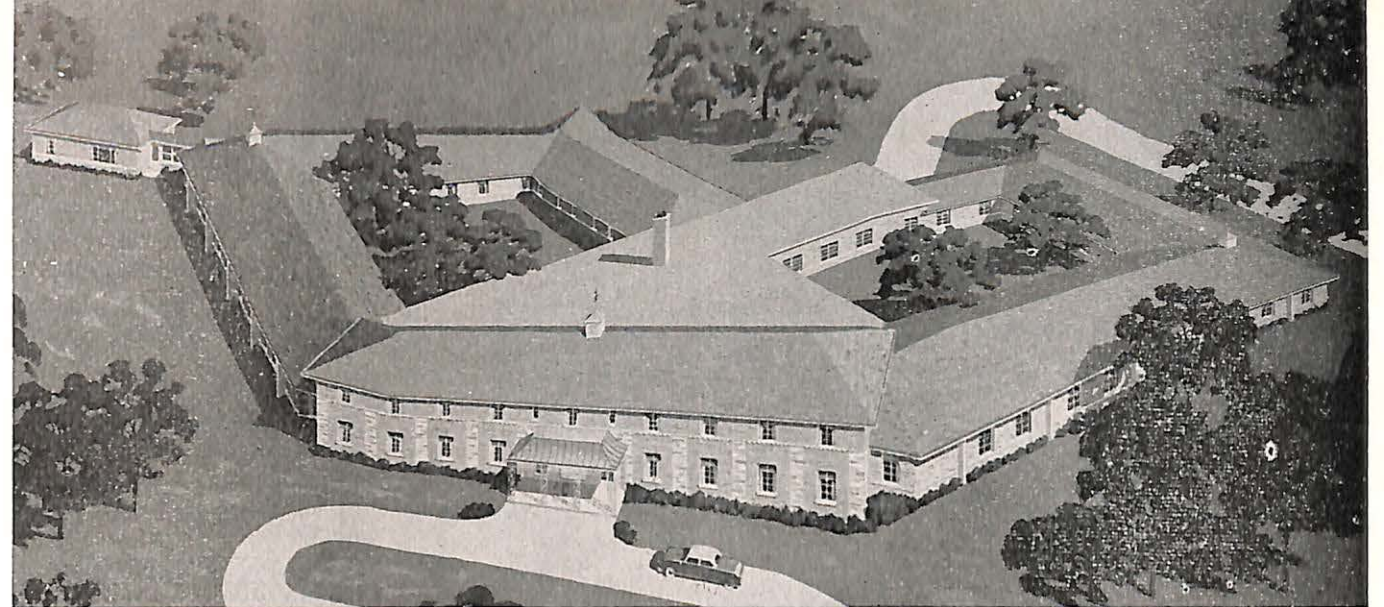
It was a great team effort for Christ on the part of Brother Hoover and those associated with him. With warm, friendly, encouraging words Mrs. Hoover spoke to many women's meetings. We listened attentively and reverently to the musical numbers played by

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The Hoover evangelistic party in Germany.

Left to right: John Pauls of Winnipeg, Man.; Darlene Hoover, pianist; Mrs. Hoover; Rev. William Hoover; Rev. Franz Luellau, evangelistic chairman; Harold Rau of Benton Harbor, Michigan.



The architect's sketch for the new proposed building of the Central Baptist Old People's Home of Chicago, Illinois.

Chicago Home Plans to Build

Announcement of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Chicago, Illinois

By REV. JOE SONNENBERG, Publicity Chairman

WE ARE LIVING in an era of tremendous changes. Many of them have affected our churches throughout our nation. New houses of worship are going up everywhere. Does this building boom have something to do with our spiritual awareness? We believe it does.

A building can contribute much toward the true worship of God. At least it can make us aware of beauty and holiness. If our building of new churches is due to our feeling that God today is seeking true worship and worshipers, then let it be said that this desire for new churches is due to stirrings within the human soul. There is a new spiritual awareness on foot, and it cannot be confined to church buildings. The fact is, it is not so confined.

BEST CHRISTIAN CARE

The Board of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged in Chicago, Ill., has not been excluded from this awareness. It is of the opinion that our aged folk deserve the best Christian consideration and care possible when they no longer can take care of themselves. The Board feels that God has entrusted it with a concern that shall not, cannot, and will not be ignored. This is to erect a new Home which will make possible a more pleasant atmosphere for our aged folk, which will put at their disposal and for their convenience modern facilities which the present Home never did and never could afford.

For some time this has been a dream to Board members. For its late chairman, Mr. Roland Ross, whose untimely death we all feel keenly, this dream was too real to ignore. It needed practical interpretation and action. The

members of the Board concurred wholeheartedly in this feeling. Therefore a ten-acre piece of land was purchased outside the crowded area of Chicago in Norwood Township in the western suburban area of our fast expanding city. It is on this plot of ground that the dream is to be realized in a modern, convenient, beautiful Home. The architect's drawing of the proposed building accompanying this article bears that out.

HOME FOR 125 GUESTS

To build such a Home requires more than the sacrifices and labors of a few. A Home to accommodate 125 guests is not easily erected. It requires the concern and sacrificial giving of many. The Central Baptist Home for the Aged is no exception. It is true, the churches of the Chicago area are and will make great sacrifices to finance the building project. However, we need desperately the help of churches in the Northwestern, Central, Southwestern, and Southern conferences. In fact, the interest shown by anyone in these conference areas through prayer and gifts, great and small, will be gratefully acknowledged.

The Board is presently active seeking to devise a plan whereby every person who is a member of our own North American Baptist General Conference churches in the conferences mentioned, and those who are not members, will be acquainted with our

needs and petitioned to do his part in sharing the burden of this concern for our fathers and mothers.

For all of us this could be a case of casting our bread upon the water, and having it return to us sevenfold just when we need it most!

EVANGELIST IN GERMANY

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Darlene Hoover. Mr. Harold Rau was a master at rendering his musical numbers and John Pauls knew how to make the people sing with all their hearts to the glory of God. In Germany we know little about spirited congregational singing, especially of choruses, but we found this singing to be a real blessing to us during the campaigns.

ABIDING BLESSINGS

We are especially grateful to God for the consecrated ministry of Brother Hoover as evangelist. With gripping illustrations and graphic experiences he dramatized the truths of God's Word and threw out the life belt of salvation to those in spiritual distress. We shall never forget the picture of this evangelist as he stood alongside his Christ and a soul, making the most decisive decision of his life!

We were also delighted to receive the greetings of our Baptist friends in America through Brother Hoover. We want to thank all who supported him in their prayers and especially his church, the Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., who can now rejoice with us over the spiritual victories that were won for Christ through these tent meetings in Germany last summer.

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Vignettes of Church History

By DONALD G. DAVIS, Ph.D.

21. THE BEGINNINGS OF MONASTICISM

THE MONASTIC IDEAL found its roots in the desire of the individual to get away from the corrupt world and the worldly Church into a place of quiet retreat where one could serve the Lord in entire separation from the world. Even before the Church settled down to an easy-going worldliness under Constantine and his successors there were many Christians who felt that a great lack of purity and separation from the world characterized the body of Christ.

St. Anthony (c. 251-356) at about the age of twenty forsook the securities of ordinary life and became a hermit, living very simply. After a few years he retired to the Egyptian desert and lived in complete solitude, spending his time in prayer, fasting, and self-denial. Many like-minded men followed his example and went off to live by themselves that they might serve God more acceptably.

These anchorites, or hermits, had little or no intercourse with others and spent their time in caves, trees, or other rude shelters. Their practices were ascetic in the extreme; they felt that the best way to develop the spiritual nature was to punish the body, even to torture. They seem to have had no sense of mission toward their

fellows, either in the preaching of the Gospel to the heathen, or the ministry of helpfulness toward the Christians.

Hermitism, however, was not productive, and so could not go on indefinitely. Pachomius (c. 292-346), a soldier when he became a Christian, initiated the communal ideal in monasticism when he established a monastery in Egypt about the year 320, after having tried without success to live as a hermit. The cenobites differed from the anchorites in that they lived a common life in a common house, although each monk had his individual cell. Their asceticism was mild, consisting largely of hard work—labor in the field, service in the kitchen, manuscript copying in the library, and any number of additional practical tasks. They developed a keen consciousness of mission toward humanity and soon were engaged in evangelization, preaching, teaching, and many other forms of Christian service.

Undoubtedly we are indebted to the monasteries of the early middle ages for the preservation, under God, of the Bible, as well as many early Christian writings. God's method, however, is not this type of separation from the world, for the monks found themselves facing problems from within just as serious and devastating as those without. (Cairns, 163-168; Newman, I, 316-319; Walker, 136-140.)

Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Evangelist

ENGAGEMENTS:

Nov. 27-Dec. 9—Olds, Alta., Canada, Rev. Fred Pahl, Pastor.

WE THANK GOD:

A pastor writes: "Dear Brother Fuchs: In remembrance of the blessed time we had at the meetings, I just wanted to send you this little snapshot of those who were baptized. It

was a wonderful experience on the previous Sunday, when they gave their testimonies of their conversions. There were many happy tears."

PRAYER REQUEST:

"He that winneth souls is wise." Let your life count for Christ in this winning ministry. Use the power of prayer!

MISSION IN TEXAS

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had mercy and given a work here in this part of the Garcias Ranch, to extend his beautiful word of the Gospel where as before there was no Gospel here. Now I feel happy because every week souls are coming to know him better. There are also services every week. May he bless this camp where we meet to labor and glorify his

name. The Lord has power and mercy. May the Lord give his blessing to every one of my brothers, and send workers to every part where they have not heard his word. All this I ask in the name of Jesus Christ, and with this text I give thanks to the Lord of glory and light. 'Awake you that sleep and arise from the dead and Christ shall give you light' (Eph. 5:14). My name is Eulalio de Lira Torres. I am from Mexico, but I

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke

Dec. 3 (Saturday)—Commission on Denominational Objectives and Organization at Forest Park, Ill.

Dec. 8-9—Sunday School Lessons Committee, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Rev. J. C. Gunst

Dec. 4 (Sunday)—East Side Church, Chicago, Illinois.

Dec. 11 (Sunday A.M.) — Avon, South Dakota.

Dec. 11 (Sunday P.M.)—Chancellor, South Dakota.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Dec. 3 (Saturday)—Commission on Denominational Objectives and Organization, Forest Park, Ill.

Dec. 8-9—Sunday School Lessons Committee, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, Rev. J. C. Gunst, and Dr. Frank H. Woyke also in attendance.

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work and live here in the states. Pray for my family who live in Mexico yet."

"I took the Lord as Savior October 31, 1954. I have not missed any services because I like to hear the Word of God and the stories of Jesus. Since I love Christ, I help our pastor clean the porch where we have our service. I pray for and to the Lord, that soon he will give me a beautiful chapel so I can clean it for him for services. Jose Angel Garcia—I am 13 years old."

"I and my family are happy for these missionaries who came to us so we might grow in his Word, and learn of the blessings that are ours, and also for a place for services. We are praying for a church of our own to be a lighthouse here among many who do not know him yet. Pray for my family—I and my wife and six children. Mr. C. Sanes."

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TREASURES IN THE HEART

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known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

All this points to our own responsibilities, to our children and to ourselves. They start, first of all, in our home life, where children are most impressively taught by instruction and example. And these responsibilities continue in our church life, in the various organizations there, such as Sunday Schools, young people's societies, and various other circles of activity. May we all be true to our responsibilities, whatever they are, and thereby build up real treasures in all our hearts!

THE GOOD SEED

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of the joints and marrow, and is the discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).



—Photo by H. Siemund
The Roger Williams Press display of Christian books, Bibles and plaques at the General Conference at Waco, Texas, showing Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Baumgartner (standing) and Miss Alma Krueger, seated.

The Prayer of the Triumphant

By BISHOP RALPH CUSHMAN

Keep me in peace!
Blessed Lord, my Redeemer,
Save me, O save,
From the grip of this world,
Give me thy grace
Through the day's occupation,
Keep me triumphant,
Thy banner unfurled.

Keep me in poise!
When tempers are straining,
And hot words are recklessly
Burning their way;
Then give me the calm
Of thy heavenly presence,
And keep me victorious
Forever, I pray.

Keep me in patience!
Dear Master triumphant,
When friends who have loved thee
Slip far from thy way;
Help me to seek them
To patiently find them,
Help me to love them,
And help me this day.

Keep me in power!
O thou, the Omnipotent,
Giver of grace
To thy servants who call,
Possess me and guide me,
And stay thou beside me,
O fill me with power,
My Savior, my all.

In Mambila the Word of God has pierced the curiosity, if not the hearts, of some of the Mohammedans and many of the local witch doctors. In 1954 four native witch doctors were won for the Lord Jesus Christ.

The interest in reading and the deeper study of the Bible have resulted in a steady growth in the number of Christians. Let us look at the record of those who have put their house in order (polygamy, witchcraft, native medicine, false practices, etc.), have accepted Jesus Christ as Savior, and have joined the church in baptism. Baptisms reported for 1952 were 73; for 1953 the number increased to 190; for 1954 in spite of difficulties, 240!

TEMPLES OF LIVING STONES

For the first time in the year of 1955, along with other areas, the Mambila churches have not needed financial aid from the mission. This

is cause for rejoicing! Warwar Church now meets in its new circular brick chapel built entirely by the Christians without aid from the Mission. Bang Church was the first in the area to build permanently. Yaji, Lip, Gembu, Lemi, Furumi, Titong, Durofi, Kilating, and Tamnyar have all built new chapels in the last two years. Mambila Church Extension goes forth to conquer by the Word of God.

Wherever Christians are being edified, taught and strengthened, new Christians and new chapels are springing up from the "good seed of the Word of God."

And so what may be considered a hindrance to the spread of the Gospel by some, has become a means of blessing and growth in Mambila. What has resulted is spontaneous and indigenous, and by the grace of God will grow into a "lively temple of living stones" for Christ!

We...the Women

By MRS. THOMAS D. LUTZ of Aberdeen, South Dakota, President

INTRODUCTION

YOU HAVE met all of the officers of our Woman's Missionary Union who were elected in Waco, Texas, on this page of the "Baptist Herald." We will now turn our attention to the newly appointed members of the Executive Committee of our Union. We are challenged to the utmost cooperation by the messages they bring.

Mrs. Harm Sherman of Aplington, Iowa, is chairman of our Missionary and Stewardship Education Committee and is hard at work on the Program Packet. She wants it ready for our use by the first of June.

She is a graduate of Aplington High School, Aplington, Iowa; Capital City Commercial College, Des Moines, Iowa; and Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Iowa. She was employed by the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company in Des Moines, Ia., and taught commercial subjects in various high schools in Iowa.

She was reared in a Christian home with three sisters and two brothers, and became aware of her need of a Savior as she listened to her mother read the Bible stories about Jesus and heaven. At the age of thirteen, during special meetings, as she heard a message given by her pastor, Rev. H. W. Wedel, on the subject, "Weighed in the balance and found wanting," she became convinced of her sins and found Christ as her personal Savior.

IN CHRIST'S SERVICE

Mrs. Snerman comes to us with rich experiences of service. She serves and loves her Sunday School class of 25 ladies, for she writes, "I think that I have the most wonderful class that anyone could ever hope to have." She has served as president of the W.M.U. of the Iowa Association, at present is treasurer of the W.M.U. of the Northwestern Conference, and for several years has been the director of the Aplington Community Vacation Bible School, with an enrollment this year of 330.

Her husband is employed by the Skelly Oil Company. Their interests are church, music and athletics.

We believe that she has chosen a fitting topic for us today. This is her testimony, "I have found that it pays to serve Jesus and my whole aim in life is that the radiance of Jesus may be reflected through my life."



Mrs. Harm Sherman of Aplington, Iowa, chairman of the Missionary and Stewardship Education Committee of the Woman's Missionary Union.

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES

By MRS. HARM SHERMAN
of Aplington, Iowa

For the past few months it has been my privilege to teach English to two ladies from Argentina. As we studied together, the thing that impressed me most was their eagerness to grasp every opportunity to become better acquainted with the language and the customs of our great land. The thought came to me as I worked with them, "Are we as eager to take advantage of every opportunity to learn about Jesus, our wonderful Lord, and carry out his commands?"

Several years ago I found the following quotation by Henry Drummond, "I expect to pass through this world but once; any good, therefore, that I can do, let me do it now; let me not defer it nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again." How true it is that we are but strangers here upon this earth, and heaven is our home. As Christians today, we need to talk and think more about heaven. We need to constantly remember, "There is but a step between me and death" (I Sam. 20:3).

The tendency of our day is to live too far away from eternity. If we could only come to the realization that "now" is the opportune time to take advantage of every opportunity and privilege that crosses our path-

way, would it not help us to make the most of today? The opportunity for salvation is "now"! "Now is the accepted time," the opportunity for service for God, for spreading the Truth, and for personal soul-winning! Christianity is not a long vacation.

We are permitted to be real, whole-hearted, genuine workers together with God. He calls to service, not ease. The first recorded words of Jesus are, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" We as Christians have a divine example to follow, and we too must be about our Father's business from day to day.

To make good use of the time and opportunity given us, more than human vision and wisdom are needed. It is no haphazard task, no trifling thing, but one demanding spiritual vision and divine wisdom. It is only as we walk in the light of the Lord's presence and under the guidance and control of the Holy Spirit, that we shall really and truly see the present opportunity and be enabled to grasp it. As we think of the word "grasp," various Bible passages come to mind that stress our authorization, our equipment, and our promise.

G—Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. (Mark 16:15).

R—Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer. (Romans 12:12).

A—Always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. (I Cor. 15:58).

S—Study to show thyself approved unto God, a worker that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (II Tim. 2:15).

P—Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. (Ephesians 6:11).

God does not require us to come to him already equipped with outstanding talents, though he will not frown on any special qualities offered humbly and sincerely. Their very dedication will enhance their value beyond anything we can imagine.

As I take up the duties as your chairman of the Missionary and Stewardship Education Committee, I covet your prayers. With God's help, and with your excellent co-operation by contributing to the Program Packet, yes, through our united efforts, may we women be found "grasping" every opportunity to do our part, whether great or small, for "little is much when God is in it."

AN ANNOUNCEMENT

PLEASE pay your Woman's Missionary Union dues of \$5.00 for the year 1955-1956 between January 1, 1956 and March 30, 1956, to Mrs. Edward Kary, 3010 East Overlook Road, Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio.

C.B.Y. Fellowship

By REV. LAWRENCE BIENERT, General Secretary

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

This is the month of joyous festivities, peace on earth, and good will toward all men. On behalf of the Executive Committee of our Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship and leaders at our Forest Park office, I want to wish you one and all a Blessed and Merry Christmas. Our prayer is that you may share the same joys that the shepherds and wise men experienced as they came to worship the new born King of kings and Lord of lords. May he live and reign supreme in your heart, not only during this Christmas season, but also throughout the years to come.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

During these days you will be busy buying gifts and Christmas cards, securing a tree with all of its decorations, and taking part in many festivities. Have you ever stopped to consider the origin of many of our Christmas customs? How often we accept traditional customs without discovering their background. Why not plan a program in which you will investigate the origin of many of our Christmas customs? Mrs. Florence Schoeffel has done an excellent job in preparing a program along this line. You will find this program in the September 1955 issue of "Youth Compass." It is entitled, "How Came Our Christmas?" This program is in the form of a play that is sure to be a blessing to all.

You could have a lot of fun at a "toy-fix-up" party. Besides the fun, you would be rendering a valuable service. Collect good used toys which could be made attractive and usable with a little paint or repair. Provide plenty of space for working and the necessary materials. When the toys have been repaired, set them aside to dry or harden as the case may be. The evening could be finished off with popcorn or some other refreshments. Of course, you will want some time for a devotional period too. The toys can later be taken to some orphanage, children's home, or given to the needy children in the community. Possibly the nursery and other departments of your Sunday School could use some of these toys for their tiny tots.

At this time you will want to remember the CBYF members away from home. A letter is always welcome, especially at Christmas. At your next CBYF meeting have paper and pens ready so that all the members can add

a note of greeting. Be sure to tell your absentee members about your activities and plans for the Christmas program. Also assure them of your continued prayers and interest.

During this Christmas season we again want to emphasize the family spirit in the home. Help mother serve a tray supper some evening. Sit in a semi-darkened room around the lighted Christmas tree. These are moments you will cherish after the Christmas season is past. After you have eaten your tray supper, while the room is still in subdued light, have father lead in a family devotion. Think especially of what Christmas has meant to you in the past year. Take part in the discussion as well as in prayer. These will truly be hallowed moments for you.

YOUTH WEEK THEME FOR 1956

January 29 to February 5, 1956 are the dates for Youth Week. You will want to make early plans for a glorious week of youth activities in your church. Our theme for this year is the same as our national CBY Fellowship theme, STRIVE TO WIN. An outline of program activities for the week will be mailed to all CBYF presidents. Additional material can be found in the September 1955 issue of the "Youth Compass."

'STRIVE TO WIN' POSTERS

New posters emphasizing our CBY Fellowship theme, STRIVE TO WIN, have been mailed out to all CBYF presidents and to pastors. If you have not received your poster please write us immediately. We shall be glad to mail one to you. Be sure to send us the name and address of your CBYF pres-

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ident. This is the only way we can send material out to the proper individuals.

Posters announcing your conference, state, or regional CBYF mission project have also been mailed to you. Frame these posters so that you can keep before you our theme and missionary goal.

KAKA AREA CONFERENCE

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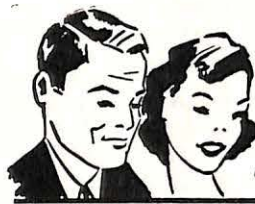
"The Spontaneous Expansion of the Christian Church in Africa." The first day he challenged us with the question, "In the New Testament we read that some of the very early Christians were from Africa or they were Africans. There was Simon who was named Niger, the Ethiopian, who came to Philip, and Simon of Cyrene who carried the cross for Jesus. Why is it that the Church of Christ in Africa did not grow as it did in other countries? Didn't these men go back to their countries and tell their countrymen about Christ?"

The discussions led to how many Africans even today think Christianity is only the white man's religion. This is due partially to some of the early missionary methods used in which Western and European Christianity was introduced in presenting the Gospel to the Africans. Today we realize that the Gospel is not a "white man's religion" but that it is for us as Africans. We can have our own Church of Christ that is indigenous, self-governing, self-supporting and self-propagating.

Then we were all challenged as to what we as school teachers are doing to help our indigenous church grow! Are we giving our time in teaching the pupils not only how to read the Bible and learn the Bible stories but by our very living show the children what Christ meant by being a disciple? Are we giving of our goods and money to help our Church of Christ grow so that the Gospel can be given to those who have not heard?

On the last day a lively discussion arose as to the self-support of the African Christian Church. The subject of tithing was discussed. One young teacher finally arose and said, "Unless one is converted to the principle of tithing, it is very difficult to tithe."

Surely, such a discussion will bear fruit. The young African Christian leaders are becoming very conscious that they are the leaders of the future African church and that, unless they fully dedicate themselves to this work, the Christian Church of Africa will fail. It is not the "white man's" church, but their own. May God bless these young men as they struggle in upholding the Church of Christ in a time of crisis when Africa is crying for self-government!



Sunday School Lessons

A LESSON PLAN

Date: December 11, 1955

Theme: WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

SCRIPTURE: Luke 10:25-37.

PURPOSE: To help us become good neighbors.

GETTING STARTED: The trouble with this lawyer was that he got his grammar all mixed up. For one thing, he didn't know how to use his pronouns. He wanted to know, "Who." But Jesus said, "You." For where neighborliness is concerned, the important question is not, "Who is my neighbor?" but "Am I a good neighbor?" The "Who" can be argued days on end without coming to an answer. But when the "You" is right, the "Who" takes care of itself.

For another thing, this lawyer got his verbs mixed up. He wanted to know what to do. Jesus pointed out what he should be; for what we do depends on what we are: and when I am a good neighbor with love for God and love for man in my heart, then I will be a good neighbor, regardless of who the neighbor might be.

For yet another thing, this lawyer got his mood all wrong. He was thinking in terms of the subjunctive mood—himself, his prejudices, justifying himself, excusing his lack of love. Jesus used the imperative mood—think of others, do good to them; for it is in action, not argument, that the true definition of neighborliness is established.

I. WHEREVER A NEED, THERE IS MY NEIGHBOR.

1. My relationship to other men is as wide and all-embracing as the fact of human need (v. 36).

2. Wherever there is a man in need, he can claim kinship to me, though he live on the other side of the earth—a claim I cannot escape.

II. WHEREVER A NEED, THERE I MUST BE A NEIGHBOR.

1. My relationship and duty to other men is not defined by some arbitrary standard, such as proximity of residence, or ties of blood, community, nation, race. The fact that men are human beings and have needs makes me a neighbor to all of them—regardless! (V. 30.)

2. Indifference in the face of need and suffering is un-Christian; and a religion that blinds men to the needs of others and leaves them unwilling to meet their needs is false (v. 31).

3. Likewise, a religion that is satisfied with sweet talk and lamenting over the tragedies and cruelties of the world and doesn't lead into positive action to meet human need is not worthy of the name of Christ (v. 32).

4. True religion is that which takes note of human need, recognizes its responsibility and then gives itself unstintingly to meet that need (vv. 33-35).

III. WHEREVER A NEED, THERE I WILL BE A NEIGHBOR, IF—

1. I have permitted the love of God so to take hold of me that in response I love him with my whole being and let his love flow through me into the lives of other people. Without the constraining and enabling power of God's love, I will not and cannot love others as I ought to (v. 27);

2. I have disciplined myself through persistent, definite effort to go beyond talk and sentiment and lend a helping hand whenever I meet up with need. For we learn to be good neighbors by being good neighbors (vv. 25-27, 37);

3. I do not hold myself to some arbitrary rule of conduct (v. 25) but do all I can to meet the situation as definite needs arise (vv. 33-35).

A LESSON PLAN

Date: December 18, 1955

Theme: JESUS, MAN OF PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: Luke 3:21-22; 4:42; 5:16; 6:12; 9:18, 28-29; 10:21-22; 11:1-4.

PURPOSE: To learn from Jesus how to pray.

I. WHY DID JESUS PRAY?

1. Jesus prayed because he needed to do so. Though Son of God, he was also man as we are men and therefore needed the help, the blessing, the guidance, the inspiration, the power which prayer alone could give him.

2. He prayed in order to keep himself in tune with God. Being the Son, he longed for and delighted in fellowship with his Heavenly Father, a fellowship that becomes most precious in prayer.

3. He prayed in order to open the way for the full power and blessing

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of God to flow into the lives and situations to which he gave himself with such selfless devotion.

4. For these reasons and others besides we, too, need to pray (Lk. 11:9).

II. WHEN DID JESUS PRAY?

Of him it must have been true that he "prayed without ceasing." Yet note some of the specific occasions listed in our lesson when Jesus prayed. He prayed—

1. At every time of crisis in his life when important decisions had to be made (3:21-22);

2. When his energies were spent and needed to be replenished (4:42);

3. When the pressures of life got too great and he needed the inner repose and stillness of soul that prayer alone can bring (5:16);

4. When he needed strength to stand up against fierce opposition and the hatred of men (6:12);

5. When he needed to keep his sense of balance and direction in the face of success and great acclaim (9:18);

6. When he needed guidance concerning the things that lay ahead (9:28-29);

7. When his heart was filled with joy and thanksgiving (10:21-22);

8. When he prayed just for the sheer privilege and joy of praying (11:1-4).

III. WHERE DID JESUS PRAY?

1. He prayed (a) in the midst of crowds (3:21); (b) when he was alone in the desert (4:42; 5:16) or on the mountain top (6:12); (c) when he was with his disciples (9:18; 11:1-4) or with a few trusted friends (9:28-29); (d) when he stood in the presence of a great congregation (10:21-22).

2. Thus we, too, can pray at any time, and in any place; for the place is not important. What matters is that we pray, and pray in the right spirit.

IV. HOW DID JESUS PRAY?

1. He prayed (a) in the silence of his own soul (3:21-22); (b) aloud or silently in a secret place (5:16; 6:12); (c) aloud in the presence of other people (11:1); (d) he prayed when he was kneeling down as in the Garden of Gethsemane, or (e) perhaps more often when he was standing and lifted his eyes unto heaven.

2. Thus for us, too, it doesn't matter what posture we are in when we pray, or whether we pray silently or aloud. What does matter is that we pray, and that we pray unto our Father who is in heaven and not to impress men!

What's Happening

Rev. and Mrs. Richard Lawrenz of North Freedom, Wisconsin, have announced the birth of a daughter on Sept. 16 who has been named Kathleen Lou. This is their second child. Rev. and Mrs. Erwin Strauss of Cleveland, Ohio, have announced the birth of a son, Calvin Dean, who was born on Oct. 7th. This is their second child.

The First Baptist Church of Sidney, Mont., has extended a call to Rev. Jacob Ehman of Bessie, Okla. He has resigned and announced that he has accepted the call of the Sidney Church and will begin his pastorate there on Sunday, Dec. 4. He has served as the minister of the Baptist Church of Bessie, Okla., since 1951. In Sidney he is succeeding Rev. Otto Fiesel, now of Washburn, N. Dakota.

Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern, missionary-appointees to Japan, spoke on Sunday, Nov. 20, in the Temple and First Baptist Churches of Lodi, Calif. On the previous Wednesday evening, Nov. 16, they brought their testimonies and inspirational messages at the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., and on Thursday evening, Nov. 17, at the Church Extension Chapel in Sacramento, Calif. They sailed for Japan on Nov. 23 on the "MS Hikawa Maru."

Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt of Toronto, Ontario, former director of our Baptist Mission in Austria, served as guest speaker at the annual meeting of the German Men's Fellowship of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 30. Mr. William Hoyer, president of the Fellowship, was in charge. Mr. Fuellbrandt also brought the message at the German worship service on that Sunday morning in the absence of the pastor, Rev. R. Kern, who was conducting evangelistic meetings in Hebron, North Dakota, at the time.

The pulpit of the Bethel Baptist Church, Sheboygan, Wis., is being supplied for the months of October, November and December by Dr. John Leyboldt, denominational supply and interim pastor. He has rendered this of Dr. M. Vanderbeck, former pastor, to the Humboldt Park Church of Chicago, Illinois. Any church desiring the services of Dr. Leyboldt as denominational supply pastor should address their inquiries to Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, at the denominational headquarters.

An evangelistic campaign was conducted in the New Leipzig Baptist Church, New Leipzig, N. Dak., Sept. 26 to Oct. 7. Rev. Richard A. Grenz of Underwood, N. Dak., served as evangelist. "Brother Grenz's messages were joyfully accepted by the congregation," as reported by the pastor, Rev. Emil Becker. Two persons surrendered their lives to Christ. The Harvest and Mission Festival of the church was held on Sunday, Sept. 25, with Rev. Lawrence Bienert, CBY Fellowship Secretary, as the guest speaker.

On Saturday evening, Oct. 15, "Christian Post" of the American Legion in Detroit, Mich., held a farewell reception for Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer and family in the Bethel Baptist Church of the city. Mr. Holzimmer joined the American Legion's Christian Post after three years of United States Army service and advanced from song leader to senior vice-commander before going to the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago for ministerial studies. He and his family have returned to the mission field in the British Cameroons of West Africa.

Special meetings known as "Bible Week" were held at the Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., from Nov. 7 to 13. Rev. R. C. MacCormack of Parkersburg, Iowa, was the guest speaker. Church Extension Sunday was observed on Oct. 23 with a special offering for that purpose received at that time. Members of the church worked hard on Oct. 24 and 25 with brooms, mops, scrub buckets, etc., to give the church auditorium and rooms their "fall cleaning." It was called "Church Cleaning Time" in the bulletins. Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom is pastor of the church.

Rev. Donald Patet of Randolph, Minn., was the guest speaker during two weeks of special meetings recently held at the Grace Baptist Church of Sheffield, Iowa, of which Rev. Vernon Link is the pastor. The guest musician was Mrs. Alvina Van Antwerp, St. Paul, Minn., who used her consecrated saxophone, accordion, solovox, marimba and soprano voice for the glory of God. Mr. Patet also ably assisted at the piano. Mr. Warren Schoepf, church secretary, reported: "The Gospel messages were plain and simple for the unsaved but edifying and challenging for the Christians. Eternity alone will reveal the fruit of this special endeavor."

Rev. Philip Grabke, missionary on the Indian Muscowpetung Reservation in Saskatchewan, Canada, is now studying at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, for his final year of studies. Mrs. Grabke and their son David have remained on the Muscowpetung Reserve. She is being assisted in the missionary program by Miss Lydia Albright of Minitonas, Manitoba who is helping her in the Sunday School and with the ladies' groups. Mr. B. Kramer is bringing the messages on Sundays at the Indian services as he did last year. A report about recent evangelistic meetings on the reserve appears elsewhere in this issue.

The Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., has announced the appointment of Rev. Kenneth Fisher as assistant pastor, effective Nov. 1. Mrs. Fisher has taken over the work in the church office and serves as secretary to the pastor, Rev. Berthold Jacksteit. Mr. Fisher is a senior student at the California Baptist Seminary in Covina and will graduate next spring with a Bachelor of Divinity degree. He is a graduate of Biola Bible Institute in Los Angeles and for two years served as minister of youth at the Florence Ave. Baptist Church of Los Angeles. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher are residing at 319 E. North Street, Anaheim, California.

The newly organized Grace Baptist Church of West Fargo, N. Dak., has extended a call to Rev. Bernard R. Fritzke of McLaughlin, S. Dak., to become its pastor, to which he has responded favorably. He is planning to begin his ministry in West Fargo on Sunday, Dec. 18. This is one of several very promising Church Extension projects which has recently been begun. Mr. Fritzke has served as pastor of the Baptist Church of McLaughlin since 1951. Rev. G. P. Schroeder has rendered a faithful ministry in supplying the pulpit of the West Fargo church since its beginning. He and his wife will leave for their home in Lodi, California, on December 12.

Rev. Alex H. Elsesser, pastor of the Shroyer Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio, since 1947, has announced his resignation, effective Dec. 31, 1955, to become director of Christian education for the state of Ohio of the American Baptist Convention. In Oct. 1949 ground was broken for the new Shroyer Road Baptist Church in Dayton and the structure was dedicated in Oct. 1951 under his leadership. In 1954 a new parsonage was built on adjoining church lots. Mr. and Mrs. Elsesser and family will move to Granville, O., to take up this new work the first of the year. He will be responsible for (Continued on Page 23)

Our Denomination in ACTION

Central Conference

Foster Ave. Church, Chicago, Ill., Enjoys "Camps Echoes" Program by Young People

The Sunday evening following camp the young people of the Foster Ave. Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., took charge of the service. They presented a program called "Camp Echoes." Through this program the rest of the church could get a glimpse of camp life and also hear about what the young people had learned while away at camp.

Paul Meister opened by leading the song service which was followed by the Scripture reading by Eva Eifert. The choir, made up of all the young people who were at camp, sang two selections, "Seeking the Lost" and "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder." The second selection, a Negro spiritual, was one of the songs learned at camp.

A great deal of the service was devoted to reports from individuals. The first report told of the camp newspaper, the "yellow ribbon," and other typical camp activities. This was followed by brief summaries of the classes—Knowing Christ Better, Rocket Ship Tour of the Bible, March of Eleven Men, Christianity vs. Communism, CBY Workshop, and Successful Marriage and Home Life. In addition to this, other young people told of the camp fires, the banquet and the devotional meetings.

At the close of the meeting the CBY officers for the coming year were installed. Rev. Joe Sonnenberg's message this evening was entitled, "A Young Men and His Dreams." He gave us the challenge to dream bigger and better dreams and stick with them and to work until our dreams come true.

Betty Zographos, Reporter.

One Hundredth Birthday Is Celebrated by Mrs. Rosalie Dier of Lansing, Michigan

Mrs. Rosalie Dier, charter member of the Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich., celebrated her 100th birthday on October 15th. Members of the church, together with Rev. and Mrs. A. Buhler, pastor of the church, and his wife, shared in the special occasion by singing German songs and choruses and reading from her family Bible during the devotional service. The large birthday cake, with its special decorations, was served for refreshments. The members of the family joined Mrs. Dier for the birthday dinner on Sunday, October 16th.

Mrs. Dier has been residing with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Pekrul, for more than 26

years. She has been healthy throughout her life except for one six-week illness more than three years ago, which was the last time she required a physician. Her husband, Mr. Ludwig Dier, passed away 26 years ago.

Reading of the Bible is a part of her daily routine. She became a believer in Christ in 1878 and was baptized by Rev. Alf of Poland. She came to America in 1900, and transferred her membership first to the Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., and later to the Holmes Street Baptist Church, now known as the Colonial Village Baptist Church of Lansing, Michigan. The activities in the church included regular attendance in the services until about 14 years ago when it became difficult for her to walk. She always had a very active part in the Woman's Missionary Society.

Mrs. Dier gave birth to nine children. All but two died in infancy before coming to the United States with her husband. Her son died in a runaway horse accident in 1915. Her two granddaughters are Mrs. R. M. Poole, of Lansing, Mich., and Mrs. G. K. Zimmerman of Maywood, Illinois. She has four great-grandchildren.

It is indeed through the special grace of God that she has attained this unusual age of 100 years. We trust that God will continue to bless her during these evening hours of her life.

G. K. Zimmerman, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Harvest and Mission Festival and Sunday School Training Course at Odessa, Washington

Sunday, October 9th, was a great day of blessing for the Odessa Baptist Church, Odessa, Wash., when our Harvest and Mission Festival was held. We



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were privileged to have Dr. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., editor of English publications, as our guest speaker who brought us two wonderful messages.

The topic for the morning service was "God's Riches For Our Abundance."

The evening messages was "The Cup of Salvation." In the evening he also showed a film "With Christ at Banjo." The pictures were very inspiring as we saw how our missionaries so gloriously carry on God's work in the Cameroons. Several special musical numbers were rendered both morning and evening giving praise and thanksgiving unto our Heavenly Father.

The CBY was in charge of decorating the church using the theme, "O Give Thanks Unto the Lord." They had a very nice display of fruits, vegetables and flowers expressing our thankfulness to our Lord who has so richly blessed us through this past year. The mission offering taken amounted to \$1,000, half of which was designated to the Church Extension Fund.

From October 10th to 12th Dr. M. L. Leuschner conducted a study course on the Sunday School's Purpose and Organization using "The Sunday School Handbook" by James DeForest Murch. He gave us various ideas and helpful suggestions in bettering our Sunday School. During these evenings he also showed films of the Baptist World Alliance in London, the General Conference at Waco, Texas, and others. There were as many as 26 persons in attendance.

Mrs. James Goetz, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Baptismal Service, Rally Day and Harvest Festival at Ebenezer Church, Shattuck, Oklahoma

On Sunday, Sept. 18, we of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Shattuck, Okla., held a baptismal service, when two persons in obedience to the Lord were baptized. We observed Rally and Promotion Day in our Sunday School on Sept. 25. Each class gave a number for a program instead of the regular classes that morning. A number of our children and young people received promotion certificates.

For our Harvest and Mission Festival, which took place the first Sunday of October, we had Professor Herbert Hiller from our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as our guest speaker. We enjoyed a fellowship dinner at noon and in the afternoon the children presented their program. After this Professor Hiller brought a message in German on "Thou Preparest a Table Before Me." The mission offering was \$378. We praise God for this blessing even though the harvest this year was very meager.

We also had the privilege of entertaining the Oklahoma Association from October 4 to 6.

Mrs. Oliver K. Ringering, Reporter.

Building Program, Harvest Festival and Baptism of 14 Converts at Durham, Kansas

The Lord has been pouring out his blessings upon the Durham Baptist Church, Durham, Kansas. A building and remodeling program has been making progress during the past year. However there is still much to be done to complete the plans. With the wing addition the sanctuary is much more spacious. With the use of modernistic accordion doors, it becomes a large class room or a room for general church work. The minister's study is a valuable asset to our church building. The new basement room has been designated as the Young People's Room. Not only will it serve as a classroom but it will be a room for many uses in the Lord's work.

Harvest Mission Festival was well attended by the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kans., and the Strassburg Church, as well as our home congregation on Sunday, Oct. 2. Dr. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., inspired us with his messages during the morning, afternoon, and evening services. Films concerning the Baptist Missions in Africa, the General Conference in Waco, Texas, and the Baptist World Conference in London, were most enlightening and educational. Beautiful musical numbers were rendered by the guest churches and home church. An offering of \$741.00 was received throughout the day to be used for missions.

On Sunday, October 16, fourteen of our young people were "buried" with Christ in baptism. They responded to the invitation and accepted Christ as their Savior. Classes have been conducted for this fine group by Rev. Norman Miller, pastor of the church. He received 15 new members into our church on October 23. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Mrs. Dorman C. Becker, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Harvest Festival, Building Plans and Church Roadside Signs at McLaughlin, South Dakota

At the Harvest and Mission Festival held by the First Baptist Church of McLaughlin, S. Dak., on Sunday, Oct. 16, Rev. Edward Oster of Hettinger, N. Dak., delivered two wonderful messages. At noon we all enjoyed a lunch in the church basement. Our church sanctuary was also decorated with the appropriate results of harvest.

During our morning service we heard from the children of the Junior and Intermediate classes who sang a number. The choir also rendered a song. There were two special numbers given at the evening service. "Each Step I Take" was sung as a duet. A solo, "Shall I Empty-Handed Be?" was sung. The total offering of the day, which will be divided into three parts, was \$1,338.28. Part of it will go into our Building Fund, another portion



Rev. B. R. Fritzke and the new bulletin board of the First Baptist Church, McLaughlin, S. Dak., are pictured at the right; and roadside signs are placed at highways leading into the city (left) by three laymen of the church.

into foreign missions and yet another part for the Old People's Home at Bismarck, North Dakota.

On Sunday, Sept. 25, our Sunday School scholars rendered a program during the morning worship service in the absence of our pastor, Rev. B. R. Fritzke. This program commemorated our first Sunday School Rally Day. Four scholars were promoted to the Primary class from the Beginners class, receiving certificates. All children from the various classes participated in the program.

At a recent business session, a Building-Planning Committee was selected to bring ideas and information on building a new church or remodeling and enlarging our present building, also to look into the matter of better arrangements for our crowded Sunday School classroom situation. This Planning Committee consists of the following members: E. D. Slater, R. E. Hale, John Schmidt, Delferd Strobel, and Reinhold Walker.

Roadside signs have been placed at the three highways leading into our fair city to advertise our church. Men who put signs up are (left to right in the picture): Emanuel Glaser, Reuben Schlenker, and Christ Aldinger. A church bulletin has also been put up in front of the church with electric lighting at night.

Mrs. C. E. Aldinger, Reporter.

South Dakota Association Plans for Home for the Aged in Sioux Falls

At the recent South Dakota Association meetings of North American Baptists held at the Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, S. Dak., the Association voted to erect a nursing home in the city of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

The newly elected Board of Directors met at the office of its chairman, Rev. Alfred Weisser, Parkston, S. Dak., on Oct. 11, 1955 and adopted building plans for a modern, one-story brick structure. From the center hub which will house the dining room and living room, three wings will extend, each containing 12 rooms. The plan is such that an additional wing and four similar units may be added. This

Home will provide nursing care for those requiring this type of care regardless of race, color or creed, and due to its central location would be available for the use of the tri-state area: South Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa.

A grant from the Federal Government, amounting to \$50,000.00, will assist in erecting this Home with the condition that these funds be matched by the people of this area. This project is sponsored by the North American Baptists of South Dakota, with solicitation to be made of individuals and churches in the Dakota Conference area.

To us of the South Dakota Association this appears to be a God-sent opportunity that will likely not be available again to be of service to those who have served him and have now come to the days of the setting sun.

The Executive Committee includes Rev. A. Weisser, chairman, Parkston; Rev. H. E. Weiss, vice-chairman, Sioux Falls; Mr. H. Bleeker, secretary, Alexandria; Mr. H. Lippert, treasurer, Tripp. The other Board members are: Rev. E. Kirstein, Wessington Springs; Rev. H. Lohr, Corona; Mr. J. Plucker, Sioux Falls; Mr. D. Decker, Emery; Mr. E. Wobig, Salem; Mrs. H. Hiller, Sioux Falls; and Mrs. A. Mehlhaff, Parkston; all of South Dakota.

Harold E. Weiss, Reporter.

Harvest and Mission Festival With Offering of \$1869.50 at Bismarck, North Dakota

On Sunday, Sept. 25th, the Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, N. Dak., observed its annual Harvest and Mission Festival. For the occasion we had the good fortune to have Rev. Bernard Fritzke of McLaughlin, S. Dak., with us as guest speaker. He brought us two wonderfully inspiring messages on the desirability and blessing of returning a portion of that with which the Lord so richly blesses his children. God's people responded marvelously and gave \$1869.50 to be used to further his Kingdom.

Our church building had been appropriately decorated for this autumn event by our young people. Brightly

colored leaves, flowers, and vegetables of various kinds were used in abundance to help portray the goodness of God in providing for his own. The ladies of our church arranged a very tasty supper in the church dining room where we met at 5:00 P.M. to enjoy the fellowship of friends and visitors.

The evening service was in the form of a special program. Boys and girls from the Sunday School sang and gave recitations. The young people gave their testimony in singing special numbers. The church choir served in both morning and evening services. This was truly a beautiful and inspiring day to encourage us to walk closer to our Creator and to serve him more fully.

Walter Aman, Clerk.

Annual Program of the Woman's Missionary Society, Rosenfeld Baptist Church, North Dakota

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church, near Anamoose, N. Dak., presented its annual program on Sunday evening, Oct. 9, under the faithful and capable leadership of our president, Mrs. Arthur A. Voigt.

Rev. Arthur A. Voigt led the song service and Mrs. Voigt led us in the devotions taken from 1 Timothy 1:11-17. Our vice-president, Mrs. Dieterle, led in the opening prayer. The church was filled to capacity and six of our neighboring churches were invited to be our guests. Our program featured songs by the society, vocal duet and trio, readings and a well-presented dialogue entitled, "The Fifty Dollar Bill." A fitting message by Mrs. Albert Krombein of Anamoose, N. Dak., was heart-inspiring and a challenge to us.

The secretarial report, indicated that our present membership is 13. As a society we remember our missionaries and their families with birthday greetings. The sick friends of the church and community were remembered with cards and visits. For our Bible programs at our monthly meetings we studied the important women of the Bible.

The treasurer gave her report and it further indicated that throughout the year we have helped support our mission fields and denominational institutions. We also contributed the necessary funds completely to redecorate the church auditorium, Sunday School rooms, nursery, church parlors and kitchen. Floor tile for the church auditorium was also purchased.

Mrs. Albert Isaak, Secretary.

Northwestern Conference

Vacation Bible School and Program of the Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

"Sailing with Christ" was the theme of the Vacation Bible School held August 1 to 5 by the Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn. Ses-

sions were held both morning and afternoon in order to cover the material in the one week period. The lunch hour was like a big picnic each noon as the children were able to be outside on the church lawn.

We had a total enrollment of 65 with an average attendance of 56. The pastor, Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom, was ably assisted by a fine staff of nine teachers and several others who furnished transportation.

An interesting program was held Friday evening with parents and friends in attendance. Our offerings for missions amounted to a total of \$67.17.

Miss Ida Glewwe, Reporter.

Temple Church, Milwaukee, Wis., Holds Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Woyke and Family

We at the Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., are happy to have had the privilege of welcoming our new pastor, Rev. Rudolph Woyke, and family, on Sunday evening, September 25th.

A packed church greeted the pastor's family. Greetings were expressed by Rev. J. C. Gunst from the North American Baptist General Conference, Dr. Ezra Roth from the Wisconsin Baptist State Convention and Rev. I. Craig from the Milwaukee Baptist Ministerial Association.

Four neighboring church pastors extended a warm welcome to Brother Woyke. Pastor Woyke and his wife responded in expressing their joy and appreciation for the Lord's guidance in bringing them to the Temple Church. We covet many happy and blessed years of service with the Woyke family.

Mrs. W. Nasgowitz, Reporter.

Baptismal Service, Prize Float and New Hymnals for Baptist Church, Sumner, Iowa

The infant of our Iowa churches, Sumner, again reports to the praise of Almighty God that new blessings have been recently experienced and others are anticipated. After two weeks of special meetings with our denominational evangelist, Rev. D. Fuchs, three adults were baptized by the pastor, Rev. Fred Mashner, on Sunday, October 9, in a joint baptismal service with the Elgin Baptist Church. On November 6th they were extended the right hand of fellowship.

We might also report here that the theme of our Vacation Bible School, "Sailing With Christ," was incorporated in a float prepared by our young people and which took second prize in the parade of floats on "Sumner Day," an annual local festive occasion.

New things always have their eager anticipations. So we are now anticipating the new North American Baptist Hymnal for our church. To our surprise, this supply of new hymnals was made possible as a gift contribution by the M. & A. Potratz Tithing Fund, a prominent family of the church, in memory of their heritage

of faith through their parents, the William Potratz family.

For the first time in our short history, we are eagerly anticipating the joys of entertaining the 1956 Iowa Association of North American Baptist churches. This, together with the acquiring of church and parsonage in recent years, is further proof that we have grown out of our infancy and can now take our stand side by side with other sister churches.

Fred W. Mashner, Pastor.

Inspirational Sessions of the Iowa Association at First Baptist Church, George, Iowa

"I Will Build My Church" (Matt. 16:18), was the theme for the Iowa Association held at the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa. In the absence of the moderator, Rev. W. G. Gerthe of Buffalo Center was elected to fill his place.

The various messages by the Iowa pastors were centered around the theme. Rev. Vernon Link of Sheffield opened the Conference Monday evening with the subject, "Christ, the Foundation of the Church." The topics and speakers for the following two days were: "The Textbook of the Church," Rev. John Vanderbeck of Elgin; "The Servants of the Church," Rev. Roy Seibel from the North American Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls; "The Support of the Church," Rev. Fred Mashner of Sumner; "The Purpose of the Local Church," Rev. Frank Veninga of Aplington; "Prayer, the Power of the Church," Rev. W. G. Gerthe of Buffalo Center; "The Inner Growth of the Church," Rev. M. C. McCormack of Parkersburg; and "Christ's Faithfulness to His Church," Rev. Alvin Wetter of Victor.

Rev. Roy Seibel of the North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., gave a challenging message for Youth Night and climaxed the Conference on the last evening as he spoke on Christ's coming, "The Hope of the Church."

The heart searching message at the Woman's Missionary service was given by Mrs. Asaph Tobert from Nigeria, Africa. (See accompanying report).

The speaker for the Laymen's Hour was the president, Mr. R. H. Mulder of Parkersburg. New officers elected for the men's organization are as follows: president, Herman Zimmerman, Baileyville, Ill.; vice-president, Carl Orthner, Burlington, Ia.; and secretary-treasurer, Don Lindeman, Aplington, Iowa.

A deep spiritual tone ran through the entire Conference. According to present plans, the next Conference will be held at Sumner, Iowa, in October, 1956. The new officers for the Association are as follows: moderator, Rev. J. J. Kroeker, Baileyville, Ill.; vice-moderator, Rev. John Vanderbeck, Elgin, Ia.; secretary, Rev. M. C. McCormack, Parkersburg, Ia.; and treasurer, Mr. Lou Johnson, Steamboat Rock, Iowa.

Herman L. Zimmerman, Reporter.

Sessions of the Iowa Woman's Missionary Union at First Church, George, Iowa

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Iowa Association met on Wednesday, October 5, at the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa, for a ladies' breakfast and business session. About 25 women attended.

During the business meeting the following officers were elected: president, Mrs. Harvey Schmidt, George, Iowa; vice-president, Miss Alma Schrick, George, Iowa; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. H. G. Bronlewe, Buffalo Center, Iowa.

In the afternoon a full house gathered for our missionary service. The Ladies' Chorus of the First Baptist Church of George, and a women's trio from the Buffalo Center Society provided the special music. Mrs. Asaph Tobert, a missionary on furlough from Nigeria, Africa, under the Sudan Interior Mission, brought conviction to our hearts and challenged us to greater service as she gave the missionary version of our Association theme, "I Will Build My Church." She portrayed Christ as the Master Builder, the Holy Spirit as the Mason and Carpenter, and we are but the tools.

The offering of the afternoon amounted to \$122, a portion of which was given to our missionary speaker, some to the Hebrew Mission, and the remainder designated for our Woman's Union Project. Rev. Vernon Link presented the new officers and led in the dedicatory and closing prayer.

Mrs. John Reimer, Reporter.

Challenging Sessions of the Minnesota Association at the Appleton Baptist Church

The Minnesota Association of North American Baptist churches was held from September 23 to 25 at the Appleton Baptist Church, Appleton, Minn. The theme was entitled, "A Challenge to the Churches." The Association opened on Friday evening with an address by the moderator, Rev. Adam Huber, on the theme, "I Will Build My Church."

The fellowship continued on Saturday with the devotional period led by Rev. Elton Bleeker. A definite challenge was given to us throughout the day by Rev. Elmo Tahrn, theme: "The Challenge of Evangelism"; Rev. Donald S. Ganstrom, theme: "Challenge of Missions"; and Rev. D. S. Wipf, theme: "The Challenge of Church Extension." The C.B.Y. banquet was held in the evening with Miss Martha Leypoldt speaking on the theme, "The Challenge of the C. B. Y."

A blessing was enjoyed on Sunday with Miss Martha Leypoldt giving "A Challenge of the Sunday School." Challenge of the Sunday School. Rev. Donald Ganstrom spoke again on "The Challenge of Missions." On Sunday afternoon the women's meeting met for their program with Mrs. Verna Ganstrom as their special speaker.

During the business session it was a joy to hear the reports from the various churches of the spiritual blessings of God upon each church and the progress made in building programs and additions to the churches. A marked spiritual growth was re-echoed by many of the churches. In the treasurer's report we found that in our missionary budget there was a sum of over \$330, and a motion was carried that \$300 be sent to the general Church Extension program in this year, 1955.

The results of the election were as follows: moderator, Rev. Adam Huber; vice-moderator, Rev. David S. Wipf; secretary, Rev. Elton Bleeker; treasurer, Reuben Glewwe; missionary, Rev. Donald Ganstrom. A challenge and blessing were enjoyed by all who attended this week-end of fellowship.

Elton Bleeker, Secretary.

Northern Conference

Wonderful Evangelistic Meetings for the Indians of the Muscowpetung Reservation in Saskatchewan

"Once an Indian, always an Indian." I heard a man say this not so long ago. However we, the missionaries of the Muscowpetung Indian Reservation of Saskatchewan, Canada, disagree, at least when spiritual regeneration takes place. During our recent evangelistic services, which took place from Sept. 26 to Oct. 9, we witnessed the transforming power of God in a number of lives. Five adults took their stand publicly and made their choice for Christ. Four of the five were from Catholic background. A young Catholic lady was saved one night and was earnestly praying for her brother and his wife the following night. Yes, we can say that with God all things are possible even to the transformation of an Indian life from darkness into the marvelous Light of Jesus Christ.

The truth was brought home to these converts by the soul-searching messages of Rev. R. Neuman, missionary to the Indians in Alberta and stirring messages in song by Mr. and Mrs. Neuman which will long ring in many ears. Our new church building was packed each evening and we were amazed at the attentiveness and reverence shown even by the small girls and boys who came eagerly to hear a story so vividly presented by Mrs. Neuman.

We rejoice with the angels in glory over the three young men who made their decisions for Christ on the final night of the meetings. We urge our readers to pray that God might use these three men as well as the others who have claimed Christ as Savior to win others into the fold of Jesus Christ. Rev. and Mrs. Philip Grabke serve as missionaries on this field.

Gladys Grabke, Reporter.

Sunday School Week Observed by the Lauderdale Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Sunday School week started for the congregation of the Lauderdale Baptist Church and Sunday School on Sept. 18 when the pastor, Rev. G. J. Thiessen, preached on "The Importance of Sunday School" during the morning service. Preparations had been made for all classes to take part in the services on Sept. 18 and 25. The Intermediate and Young People's departments gave us special numbers and Bible verses during the first evening service while the sermon was on "Search the Scriptures."

The week between the two Sundays was assigned for visitation time. But the Canadian weather was against us, so the work had to be postponed to the following week. On Sunday, Sept. 25, the other classes took part in the services, the adult class during the morning service and the others at night. To many people the work among the children has received a fuller meaning. The importance of this branch of our church work cannot be emphasized too often.

On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, the congregation observed "Thanksgiving Day." The church was beautifully decorated with the produce of the year. A specially constructed archway in front of the church with the pulpit in the middle was surrounded by the gifts of our God poured out upon us this year. The sermon was "Thou Crownest the Year With Thy Goodness." The evening was devoted to the program of the Sunday School. The children, young people and adults gave us a fine program of songs, recitations and music. How we praise God for the willingness of our people to serve!

G. J. Thiessen, Pastor.

Eastern Conference

Evangelistic Meetings, 96th Anniversary and Billy Graham Film in Neustadt, Ontario

Rev. H. Palfenier, our denominational evangelist, held evangelistic meetings in the Neustadt Baptist Church, Neustadt, Ont., from Sept. 11 to 23. The meetings were well attended and we all received great blessings. We as a church are very thankful to Brother Palfenier for the spiritual and uplifting messages which he brought each evening, and also the fine stories for the children. Much blessing will follow as a result of his ministry.

On Oct. 2 we as a church celebrated our 96th anniversary. Rev. George W. Zinz, Sr., a former minister brought inspirational messages, both morning and evening to well attended services.

On October 15 our young people sponsored the showing of the Billy Graham Film, "Souls in Conflict," in the Community Hall of Neustadt. This was well attended. Rev. G. McLean is the pastor.

R. Hahn, Clerk.



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Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt (behind pulpit in picture at left) installs Rev. Philipp Scherer as pastor of the German Baptist Church of Toronto, Ontario, with the family of Mrs. Scherer, two daughters and a son also shown; and (right) Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt is congratulated on his 75th birthday on the occasion of a double wedding celebration in the church.

German Baptist Church, Toronto, Ontario, Welcomes Rev. and Mrs. Philipp Scherer

For 15 months the German Baptist Church of Toronto, Ont., was without a minister. During the first months we were ministered to by visiting pastors. Rev. Dr. J. Leyboldt from Forest Park, Ill., visited us a few times, which we greatly appreciated and his sermons were a blessing to all of us.

In October 1954, Rev. and Mrs. Carl Fuellbrandt immigrated to Canada and the Lord led them to us in Toronto. Quite by surprise they appeared one Sunday in our church. We were pleased to have the opportunity to ask Mr. Fuellbrandt to be our minister. He refused to grant our request but declared himself willing to serve us for the time being, to guide and help us in finding a younger minister.

We held a faithful watch for a minister. Mr. Fuellbrandt was the man who kept our eyes on the goal, never tiring in the search for the right shepherd to lead the Toronto church. Of course, we met up with many obstacles, also battles inside and out, but the Lord showed himself strong in grace toward his true and faithful servant both behind the pulpit and in the leading of the congregation.

He called our attention to Rev. Philipp Scherer who to our dismay was in the far country of Brazil, South America. Now followed many discussions and problems. The Lord led us step by step and cleared the way for us. At last everything was overcome and Mr. Scherer with his family announced their arrival to be in Toronto on Sept. 19 by plane. We were all very happy and praised God for answering our prayers.

On Saturday, Sept. 24, we had a double wedding for Mr. and Mrs. Rottke and Mr. and Mrs. Mielke at which both ministers, Rev. Philipp Scherer and Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt, took part. The reception took place in the church basement, at which family Scherer took part in word and song. Helmut, their son, entertained the guests and wedding couples with a flute solo and a flute duet accomplished by playing two flutes at once.

The choir took advantage of the opportunity to surprise our senior minister, Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt, on his

75th birthday and also his departure from the ministry in our church with the song entitled, "The Lord Is My True Shepherd." At the conclusion of the choir song, Mr. Fuellbrandt was handed an envelope containing a recognition of his faithful work in our church by our choir leader.

Sunday, Sept. 25th, marked the big day on which Rev. Philipp Scherer was welcomed into our midst to become our minister. The Russian Church, in which we hold our meetings, gave us permission to hold our service the entire morning in the main auditorium. They even cancelled their meeting to be able to come to our service with their minister, Rev. D. Huc. The members of the church committee led Mr. Scherer and family into the church while the congregation stood. Mr. Fuellbrandt greeted the congregation in both languages, German and Russian, and brought the sermon for this occasion. It just so happened that Mr. Scherer and Mr. Fuellbrandt knew each other from Yugoslavia where Mr. Scherer was converted under the ministry of Mr. Fuellbrandt.

After the sermon, the choir sang a song of welcome, and then Mr. Fuellbrandt requested Rev. Philipp Scherer to come to the platform. All the members of the Toronto Church were asked to rise. Once more Mr. Fuellbrandt asked the church members if they were willing to work and stand by Brother Scherer, also to love him and pray with him for guidance in this new field of work. With a loud and happy "Yes" the members all agreed.

At the afternoon service our visiting neighbor churches with their ministers from Kitchener, Hamilton, St. Catharines and a few members from Windsor, Buffalo, and Rochester were present. Even our Hungarian friends joined us making it another well filled house. After a few welcoming words, Brother Scherer brought his first sermon based on Mark 6:30-43.

The various church groups then extended a few words of welcome. The first speaker was Rev. J. Wahl from Hamilton, also speaking for St. Catharines. Then came Estonian Rev. S. Marley who spoke for the Evangelical Church in Toronto. Two former Bible students of Mr. Fuellbrandt also extended words of welcome. Next came Rev. John Goetze from the Central

Church in Kitchener. There was also the representative from the German General Consulate of Toronto, who greeted the minister and the church. Many letters of greeting from U.S.A. and Canada including a telegram from our immigration secretaries, H. Streuber, R. Rapske, and Wm. Sturhahn from Winnipeg, arrived.

How good and true is our Lord who cares for his people. We can now speak with David, "He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for his name's sake." We are happy as a congregation for our good minister and also for the fact that Rev. and Mrs. Carl Fuellbrandt are going to remain with us. Verily, God builds Jerusalem! Erich Fiebig, Reporter.

Three Wedding Ceremonies in Our German Baptist Church of Toronto, Ontario

The services of our new minister, Rev. Philipp Scherer, began with us at the German Baptist Church of Toronto, Ont., with a happy event. On Saturday, Sept. 24th, we had a double wedding. Leo and Maria Mielke and Alfred and Lore Rottke were the couples who were married. This wedding took place even before the dedication of our minister. At the conclusion of the wedding, a reception was held in the basement of the church in the presence of many guests, friends, and relatives, even from the United States.

On Saturday, Oct. 15th, the third wedding took place in our church and the young couple, Werner and Margarete Kloeke, was united in marriage. This time the wedding reception was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gutsche. Our new minister did not have the license that enabled him to perform the marriage ceremonies, so the services were performed by Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt with Rev. Philipp Scherer assisting. The two young brides, who are now young wives, Mrs. Lore Rottke and Mrs. Margarete Kloeke, have recently arrived from Germany.

Our congregation took part with much love and happiness in these three weddings. The choir sang lovely songs for them. The Lord blessed us as well as the young couples.

C. Fuellbrandt, Reporter.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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the direction of camps and assemblies as well as assisting churches throughout Ohio.

● The Oak Street Church, Burlington, Iowa, dedicated its remodeled Sunday School rooms and furnishings on Sunday morning, Oct. 23. Among the new rooms dedicated was the Krueger Lounge in loving tribute to Dr. and Mrs. O. E. Krueger for their many sacrifices during their pastorates at the church from 1910 to 1925 and in 1953. This Krueger Lounge is used as the regular meeting place for the Young Adult Class of which Leo Bohlan is president. The Wurlitzer Spinnet piano in the room known as the Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Wittkamp Memorial and presented by the Wittkamp family, Herbert, Irvin and Esther, was also dedicated. Rev. Emanuel Wolff, pastor, and the chairmen of the various remodeling committees were in charge of the service.

● On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 2, the congregation of the Bethel Baptist Church of Harvey, N. Dak., with its pastor, Rev. John Kastelein, held a baptismal service in the Baptist Church of nearby Fessenden, N. Dak. Six converts were baptized. At the Harvest and Mission Festival of the church on Oct. 9 with its three services and fellowship supper, missionary offerings of \$731 were received. On Tuesday, Sept. 20, the ministers and their wives of the Northern North Dakota Association met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kastelein for a day of prayer. The day was profitably spent in prayer, table fellowship and discussion of mutual church problems. The following monthly meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 18, was held in Fessenden, N. Dak., in the parsonage of Rev. and Mrs. Martin De Boer.

● The Harvest and Mission Festival of the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., on Sunday evening, Oct. 9, was attended by 600 people. The Sunday School scholars presented their program in addition to a message by Rev. Henry Pfeiffer, pastor. On Tuesday evening, Oct. 11, a young people's program was held with Rev. Henry Schumacher of Westaskiwin, Alta., presenting motion pictures in color of his recent trip around the world. On Wednesday evening, Oct. 12, the anniversary program of the Woman's Missionary Union presented Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern, missionary-apointees of Japan, as the guest speakers. The Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, Oct. 16, was in charge of the German Youth Choir and Male Chorus. Rev. E. A. Hoffmann of the Wiesenthal Baptist Church of Alberta served as guest speaker.

OBITUARY

MRS. CHRISTINA KRAEMER of Missoula, Montana.

Mrs. Christina Kraemer of Missoula, Montana, was born on January 13, 1894 in Wishek, N. Dak., and passed away on Tuesday, September 20. As a girl of 19 she was saved and followed Jesus in the same year in baptism. In 1909 she was married to Adolph Kraemer and this happy union was blessed with 17 children of whom three preceded her in death. Mrs. Kraemer leaves to mourn her husband, 14 children, her father, 4 brothers and 2 sisters, 24 grandchildren and many friends.

Mrs. Kraemer was a real mother to her children and very interested in her church. We all shall miss her. May God continue to comfort those who mourn.

Bethel Baptist Church,
Missoula, Montana
C. T. REMPLE, Pastor.

MRS. MARY KALIN of Brooklyn, New York.

Mrs. Mary Kalin, nee Merschrod, of Brooklyn, New York, was born in Brooklyn on January 8, 1871, and died October 7, 1955. Through the ministry of the Gospel Tabernacle Mrs. Kalin experienced regeneration by the Spirit of God and was baptized upon confession of her faith. She was married to John Kalin in 1907. This union was blessed with two children, Mabel and John, Jr.

Having been preceded in death by her husband and her son, Mrs. Kalin is survived by her daughter, Mabel, and three grandchildren. Mrs. Kalin enjoyed an excellent record of service in the church for 48 years, particularly in the Woman's Missionary Society. She was possessed of a deep confidence in God by which she witnessed of the daily presence of God.

"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

Evergreen Baptist Church,
Brooklyn, New York
PAUL F. ZOSCHKE, Pastor.

MR. EDWARD KURTZ of Brooklyn, New York.

Mr. Edward Kurtz of Brooklyn, New York, was born in Brooklyn on December 8, 1914, and was called home to God on October 15, 1955. Having finished high school he went to work to earn his livelihood. But soon he contracted rheumatoid arthritis from which he suffered severely and was bedfast for several years. With great pain and under terrific handicap he tried to work again. Realizing that his body would never be normal again, and that his heart was greatly weakened, he enrolled in college and graduated "magna cum laude" with his Bachelor's degree in 1948 and with his Master's degree in 1949. Later Mr. Kurtz started working on his doctorate.

Another siege of illness laid him low again from which he never recovered. Before his first illness, Mr. Kurtz had experienced a vital faith in Christ as his Lord and Savior and was baptized and joined to the Evergreen Church. Not only did he prove himself faithful to his Lord, but also a zealous worker in the church, the Sunday School and the youth organization. His manly faith coupled with a gentle manner will be greatly missed in church life. May others of his spiritual caliber rise up to take his place.

Evergreen Baptist Church,
Brooklyn, New York
PAUL F. ZOSCHKE, Pastor.

MR. JOSEPH HERBERT HOFFMAN of Hope, Kansas.

Mr. Joseph Herbert Hoffman of Hope, Kansas, answered the call of his Lord at the Herington Hospital, Herington, Kansas at the age of 70 years, 10 months and 5 days. He was born to Charles and Ulla (Schmidt) Hoffman on October 16, 1884 on the farm southwest of Hope, Kansas,

where he spent his entire life with the exception of three years in Hope when a young man. On Dec. 4, 1907 he was wed to Lydia Bertha Rhodes of the College Hill community and this union was blessed with six daughters and one son.

He lived a full active life. In 1910 he became a member of the College Hill Presbyterian Church and later in 1952 after being baptized became a member of the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County, Elmo, Kansas.

He leaves to mourn his wife, Mrs. Lydia Hoffman; six daughters: Mrs. Pearl Howie, Abilene, Kansas; Mrs. Ula Beltz, Ramona, Kansas; Mrs. Evelyn Bielefeld, Hope, Kansas; Mrs. Grace Spicer, Elmo, Kansas; Mrs. Alice McIntosh, Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Mrs. Kathryn Mueller, Tampa, Kansas; and a son, Earl Hoffman, Roswell, New Mexico; two brothers, Will, of Roswell, New Mexico, and Walter of Wichita, Kansas; and a sister, Mrs. Theo. Fromm, of Herington, Kansas; also 22 grandchildren, many nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

Dickinson County Baptist Church,
Elmo, Kansas

WALTER L. WEBER, Pastor.

MRS. ANNA MARKLEIN of Brooklyn, New York.

Mrs. Anna Marklein of Brooklyn, New York, was born February 20, 1898, in Brooklyn as the daughter of Ernst H. G. and Annie Steinhoff, and was suddenly called to her eternal reward on September 22, 1955. In her girlhood she experienced a deep faith in Christ as her Savior and through baptism was joined to the Evergreen Baptist Church.

In 1923 she joined hand and heart with Mr. Walter R. Marklein as a devoted companion in life. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Marklein: Walter, Jr., James, William and Carol Ann, all residing in Brooklyn. Having been preceded in death by her husband Walter, Mrs. Marklein is survived by her four children; her father, Ernst Steinhoff; one sister, Minna (Mrs. Frank England); three brothers: Ernst, Jr., Herman and John; and three grandchildren.

Mrs. Marklein really distinguished herself in faithful service in the Kingdom of God. She was active in all branches of church life, such as youth organizations, Sunday School, women's organizations, and particularly in the realm of music. She ministered at the organ console of the Evergreen church for 18 years and of the Bushwick Baptist Church for seven years.

They who use their talents faithfully in the Kingdom of God shall hear the Lord's: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Evergreen Baptist Church,
Brooklyn, New York

PAUL F. ZOSCHKE, Pastor.

MR. WILLIAM F. KOHRS of Burlington, Iowa.

Mr. William F. Kohrs of Burlington, Ia., was born in Burlington on November 2, 1873, the son of Chris and Sophie Kohrs. On April 22, 1902 he was united in marriage with Helena Lehnhardt. Upon confession of his faith he was baptized by the Rev. W. Hoelzen on December 20, 1885 and was received into the fellowship of the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington.

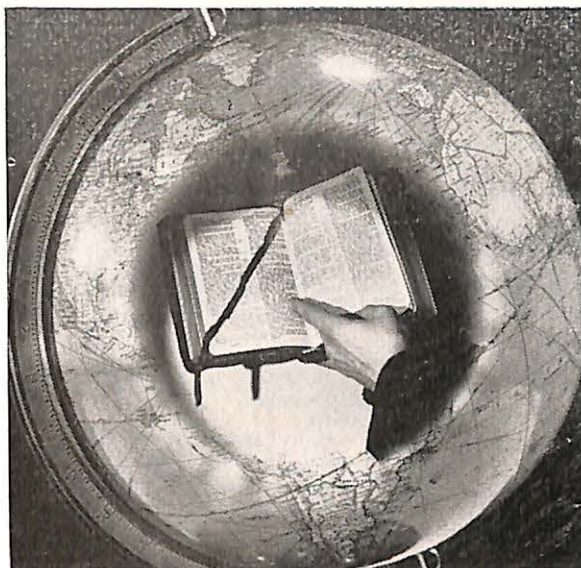
During the 70 years of membership in the church, he served as deacon, as chairman of the board of deacons, as Sunday School teacher, and as treasurer. In fact, his services were as broad and as inclusive as the needs of the church. To know Brother Kohrs was to love him; to work with him was always an encouragement and inspiration.

Brother Kohrs passed on to his heavenly home on September 11 of this year. He leaves to mourn his wife; a son, Vernon Kohrs of Moline, Ill.; a daughter, Mrs. Daniel Wheeler of Two Harbors, Minn.; three grandchildren; a great-grandchild; two brothers, Edward Kohrs of Santa Barbara, California, and Henry Kohrs of Burlington, Iowa.

Oak Street Baptist Church,
Burlington, Iowa

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