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# March of Events

● Emil Brunner, world-famous Swiss theologian now on the faculty of the Japan International Christian University, served as the Earl lecturer during the 33rd annual pastoral conference at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, Calif., Feb. 15-17. Dr. Brunner had never spoken in this area before, and he will deliver no other lectures during his visit to this country. Major attention during the conference was centered on his lecture theme, "Faith, Love and Hope as Problems of Theology," and on an enlarged program of classes, seminars and workshops. Methodist Bishop Gerald Kennedy of Los Angeles led the services of worship.

● Few entertainers have enjoyed the success of Dale Evans Rogers who, with her husband, Roy Rogers, enthrall millions via television, movies, radio, rodeos and records. Despite the demands of such success, the popular couple have devoted increasing attention to religious interests and Dale Evans Rogers' first book, "Angel Unaware," sold nearly 400,000 copies in less than two years. Now the popular entertainer has written an inspirational personal book, "My Spiritual Diary" which was issued February 14th by Fleming H. Revell Company, Westwood, N. J., publishers of "Angel Unaware," "Mr. Jones, Meet The Master" and other religious books. Like her first book, all royalties from the sale of "My Spiritual Diary" (\$2.00) will be contributed to a worthy cause—this time to the Clinic for the Study of Mental Retardation, Children's Hospital Society of Los Angeles, California.

● For the first time in 167 years of congressional history, Senate and House members this year will have a special, secluded room for quiet meditation at the national capitol, Washington, D. C. An office just off the Capitol rotunda—halfway between the House and Senate—has been remodeled for this purpose. It is only about 17 feet square. The room will feature a large blue and wine-colored stained glass window, lighted from behind; a scroll representing the Sermon on the Mount; and an open book, symbolizing the book of the law. A large plain oak altar stands in front of the window. Chairs, spaced along the soft blue walls, will be separated by small wood screens for more complete privacy. Clergymen of the Catholic, Jewish, Protestant and other faiths were consulted to see that members of all faiths would find the room suitable. The public will not be admitted.

● The 1954 Christmas season marked the publication of a new Japanese Hymn Book. Five years ago the Hymnal Commission was asked to make a study of the hymnal. They found that over a third of the hymns in the former hymnal (published 23 years ago) are rarely used, either because the tunes are not popular, or the words are too difficult. In the New Hymn Book 155 of the old hymns have been replaced by 117 new hymns. The trend has been to include

## Baptist Briefs

● Rev. William Axling, aged 81, an American Baptist missionary who went to Japan first in 1901, was one of four persons officially commended as "honorary citizens" of Tokyo before a crowd of 3,000 gathered recently at Hibiya public hall to commemorate an anniversary of the city. The other three were Japanese. Dr. Axling is the first foreigner to become an honorary citizen of Tokyo.

● A Pastors Convocation was held at Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., from January 10-12. The pastors of 5 states, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, and North and South Dakota, came together for conference, inspiration, and fellowship. They were taken care of on the campus and took their meals with the student body in the dining room. Among the outside speakers were Dr. John W. Bailey, professor emeritus of New Testament Interpretation at Berkeley Divinity School, California, and Dr. W. L. Jarvis, Baptist preacher of Australia.

● Enrollment in Southern Baptist Sunday Schools increased in 1954 at a rate double that averaged in the 1944-1953 decade. Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Convention's Sunday School Board, says that during the year the average gain for all Southern Baptist Sunday Schools was 20 pupils as compared to the average of 10 per year in the preceding decade and 2 per year in 1924-1934. Dr. Sullivan also reported major increases this year in the circulation of religious literature by the Board and its affiliates.

● With perhaps the highest standard of living in Latin America, Panama is a fruitful field of evangelism via radio, according to Paul Pretzig, radio station manager of HOXO, in "The

more Japanese Christian hymns. Terminology which is archaic or has no meaning to the average Japanese has been replaced by familiar words from the Japanese vernacular. The most controversial aspect of the new publication which may stand in the way of its rapid adoption is that the Japanese words are printed across the page from left to right instead of the usual top to bottom system. The "Japan Christian Activity News," published by the National Christian Council of Japan, express the hope "that the younger generation will gladly take to the new edition and will gradually bring about its adoption," though "rural and older people will find it difficult to adopt this new system."

Standard," Swedish Baptist weekly, U.S.A. HOXO, which went bankrupt as a commercial station, is now operated by two mission societies, and is one of five stations of the Pan-American Network. Billy Graham's "Hour of Decision" and other well-known gospel programs are transmitted to all parts of Latin America, from Panama.

● The Baptists of Beirut, Lebanon, enjoyed a day of international fellowship when the U. S. Sixth Fleet was in port. The laying of the cornerstone for the new Baptist church and school buildings had been scheduled for the day, but the unexpected presence of fifty American sailors at the ceremony greatly blessed the event. At the close of the ceremony, by means of an improvised baptism in the open air, Chaplain John Craven publicly baptized five of his men, all recent converts. Missionary Finlay M. Graham reports it was "a great testimony to Baptist teaching and practice."

● At a Baylor University chapel service on Dec. 14, Jack Hamm, Waco artist whose religious cartoons are syndicated weekly to 650 newspapers was presented with the American Legion's 1954 editorial award for cartooning. Hamm a former member of the Baylor art faculty, gives his full time to production of the religious drawings, distributing them on a cost basis to newspapers in all 48 states and in 23 foreign countries. He estimates the weekly congregation for his "sermon in print" at 15 million. The cartoon which won the highly competitive American Legion selection was titled "Back on the Foundation." It lauded the Legion's "Back to God" movement, showing a map of the United States off its base with a Legionnaire trying to straighten it.

# Editorial

## Into All the World!

THE BIBLE GOES FORTH into all the world, serving as God's messenger of truth and revelation to all people and presenting to them the way of salvation and life eternal. In the words of Henry van Dyke, "The Bible walks the ways of all the world with familiar feet and enters land after land to find its own everywhere. It has learned to speak in hundreds of languages to the heart of man." The Bible is a timeless message, for it is divinely inspired and divinely revealed. Therefore, it is God's Word for all the world, even as his love encompasses all the earth.

The Christian testifies to the enlightening power of the Bible. Its revelation of Christ as Savior has opened the Christian's eyes of faith to "the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world" (John 1:9). It is therefore his joy and duty as a Christian to send forth the Word into all the world in the assurance that it will illumine men's hearts everywhere, point them to the Savior, and save them from their sins. That is the power of light to penetrate the darkness and to illumine the steps of all who walk in its brightness.

Billy Graham, the evangelist, has called the Bible "the Book of Hope." "There is a hidden, unseen power in the Word of God that is a mystery to the unbelieving world. It has been my God-given privilege during these few years to witness this power that is in the Word of God. It is awe-inspiring. What we are witnessing in this twentieth century is another experience of the Word of God becoming vocal among men and women of the world."

That is another way of saying that the greatest missionary and evangelistic power in our day is the Bible. It is far greater than any Billy Graham or any missionary society, for these are only human agencies in God's mighty work of reconciling men unto himself through Christ Jesus. The Word is God speaking (becoming vocal) to men and women everywhere. John R. Mott, one of the greatest Christians and missionary statesmen of our time, has aptly said: "The Bible is one silent, universal, irresistible missionary upon whose influence the Church can always and everywhere absolutely depend."

This divine fact of the Bible's influence into all the world adds glory and meaning to our observance of Bible Day on Sunday, March 13. Our Publication Society renders a far greater ministry than that of printing the "Baptist Herald" and other papers and publishing our denominational literature. It is primarily devoted to a missionary outreach through the distribution of Bibles, New Testaments and Christian literature so that God's Word can touch lives everywhere with saving power. Toward this end, our Publication Society distributes annually without charge thousands of copies of this Word on our mission fields in the Cameroons, Japan, Austria, and among the Indians and the Spanish-Americans of this continent, as well as among the immigrants and displaced persons in European immigration camps before their sailing for America.

Remember therefore the observance of Bible Day on March 13 and this important work of our Publication Society. Through your gifts and prayers help it to send God's Word into all the world!

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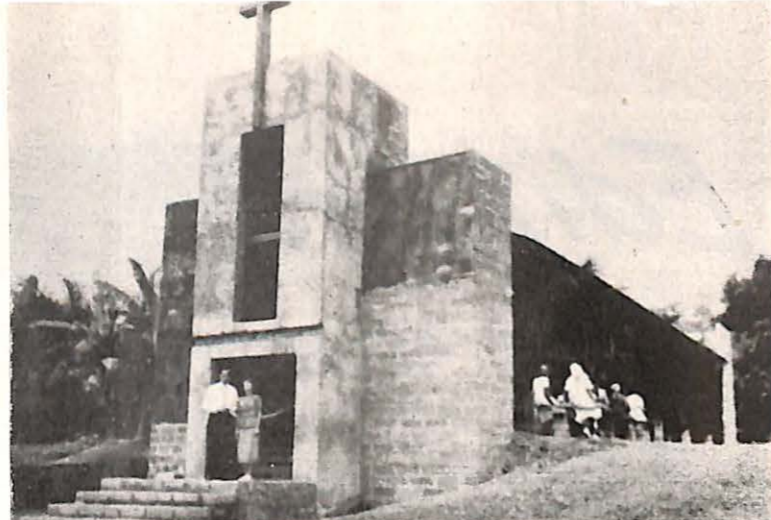
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## Another Baptist Chapel Rises Over Africa's Victoria

By DR. PAUL GEBAUER, Field Superintendent of the Cameroons Baptist Mission



In seven weeks from the cornerstone laying exercises to the dedication service, the Newtown Chapel was built as another milestone for our Cameroons Baptist Mission

ON OCTOBER 27, 1954, 57 Baptists gathered under Africa's sun on a piece of muddy ground, high above the din and dirt of a port town that was founded by a Baptist missionary about 100 years ago, to lay the cornerstone for another Baptist chapel in Baptistland. In front of this little group rolled the Atlantic. In the distance loomed the Island of Fernando Po. To the right toward the 13,000 feet of volcanic life called Mount Cameroon and back of the 57 Baptists stretched the green acres and red roofs that form your Victoria Baptist Mission. This beautiful setting on the tropical October morning could have run even Editor Leuschner out of superlatives.

### HISTORIC BEGINNINGS

The historic significance of this dedication would have moved all of you equally had you been here to know and experience it. Here British and Jamaican Baptists began almost 100 years ago. Here one lone missionary couple established a haven for freed slaves and the British Fleet. Here one man dreamed a dream of a great town to come and, accordingly, he pushed the tropical forest back from the

beach, laid out a town, built a chapel, mission station, homes for all who were persecuted for righteousness' sake and called the settlement after his queen, Victoria.

Here he settled the Baptists whom Jesuitic priestcraft had driven off the Island of Fernando Po. Here the Baptist Missionary Society of London sold out to Basel Mission in 1886. Here your own first missionaries, the Steffens of Trenton, Ill., in 1891 began their ministry to the Cameroonians. Here the first autonomous Baptist Church rose and fell and rose again. And out of that rising and falling group of Baptists came the foundations of all that your missionaries to the Cameroons glory in today. This is Baptist history in Baptistland!

Here 57 men and women gathered on Oct. 27, 1954, to lay a cornerstone for another Baptist Chapel of Victoria. Your general secretary, Rev. R. Schilke, was present as your witness. He preached the dedication sermon. He placed the box of records into a niche and sealed the spot with the cornerstone. It was a great morning for him and all of us.

It is one thing to dream dreams and quite another task to build upon it. This last task belongs to the Lawrences of Portland, Oregon. They are our chapel builders. In their two years on the African field they have rebuilt the historic Saker Memorial Chapel on Victoria's main street. They helped push Ndu chapel into existence. They helped erect Kumba chapel, and now they have put their shoulders to the Newtown dream. Newtown Baptists have grown out of their little thatched hut and need a better place of worship. They and your missionaries agree and sacrifice and labor together in this.

These chapel builders are a unique pair. Ben Lawrence has the knowledge, experience and drive. Margie Lawrence provides the high gear for the drive, the necessary output as secretary-treasurer, the mountains of food for ever-hungry Ben, and all the mothercraft to keep her two youngsters and Ben afloat and a-hopping in the tropics. Trinity Church of Portland did well when they sent the two. Your chapel builders are now at their height of fun in Victoria's Newtown in order that Secretary Schilke may have the honor of seeing Newtown Chapel under roof and be the first to preach in it before he leaves for home and you.

### THE DEDICATION SERVICE ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1954

THIS IS WRITTEN in the town of Victoria of West Africa, and the day is December 15, 1954.

About seven weeks ago your general secretary, Rev. R. Schilke, was here to lay the cornerstone for Newtown Chapel. Today he was here again to dedicate the completed building. It appeared fast work to him to build a modern chapel in seven weeks, and it is!

Seven weeks ago we saw the first row of cement blocks set into the wet, black soil. Today the structure is under a roof, held up by modern laminated arches. The square, solid tower rises high above the rows of thatched huts and doubtful streets. Its huge cross can

be seen by the incoming ships and the tower itself, once painted, may serve the pilots to bring their vessels safe into port.

### A MIND TO WORK

The cornerstone of seven weeks ago has turned into another milestone in Baptist history. Credit is due to the Baptists who worked hard and steady, who gave plenty of time and money. The larger share of this credit goes to the women—as always. Builder Lawrence proclaimed it publicly that any one of these African ladies was worth two men. (The men of this land of men did not appreciate the remark!)

Credit is due the singlemindedness of Deacon Carr, who pushed and pressed, plugged and preached and

### A GOLDEN ILLUSTRATION

A man came to the Rev. B. J. Howard, of Orange County, N. C., and told him of all the troubles he had had during the past year. He wound up with: "I tell you right now, preacher, it's enough to make a man lose his religion."

"Seems to me, Jim," Mr. Howard told him quietly, "it's enough to make a man USE his religion."

—Clifton's "Food for Thought,"

Los Angeles, Calif.

prayed for this chapel like the widow of old. But without the experienced guidance and actual help of Margie and Ben Lawrence, nothing would have happened in this place. Their remarkable record of two years of building everywhere in the Cameroons has been crowned with this achievement of the simple and modern place of worship in Newtown. More than credit is due to God who gave your Baptists "a mind to work."

With these words from Nehemiah, the prophet, Mr. Schilke, fittingly began his sermon of dedication, centered around these words from Leviticus 26: "I will set my tabernacle among you; and my soul shall not abhor you. And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people."

## Your Secretary in Africa

By DR. PAUL GEBAUER, Superintendent of the Cameroons Baptist Mission

YOU DID WELL IN dispatching your general missionary secretary to Africa. This personal contact between home and field will benefit you and us alike, and for Rev. R. Schilke it should provide certainty for the manifold decisions he has to make. You did well in sending him, and we thank you for this touch from home.

Let me say at the outset that your representative "thrived" on his African experience. He gained more than certainty and girth. No flies settled on him out here except for the five sand-flies that bit him at Soppo during the last day of his eight weeks among us. Some of us had expected him to be troubled by insects and missionaries, by roads and horses, by heat and cold.

Instead he declared the entire trip to have been one of his finest holidays. Though he observed all the precautions that travel in the tropics require, he was much at home in this Africa and only once did I find him slightly out of breath, climbing Rom Hill. Once, at least, he found me out of breath, and that happened during the crossing of the Vakkude swamp.

### TRAVEL IN AFRICA

Missionary Ken Goodman crossed the swamp first. He flipped off his horse and reached the other side with very wet trousers. I followed with feet firmly placed on the horse's mane and landed on the other shore with a very wet seat. Mrs. June Goodman, third in this experiment, made it on the strong shoulders of a tall carrier. She landed with a smile.

What followed here left me speechless. Your secretary on horseback—minus trousers! Having studied our three types of crossing, he decided on separation from his newly acquired khaki trousers to get them across bone dry. He succeeded. No photographic record of his success exists.

Ingenuity is one of your secretary's talents. Another is his ability to take in at one glance a given situation to re-organize it for its own good, if needed. A swift and often uncanny insight into human nature stood him in good stead out here. Missionaries are a peculiar lot, to say the least, and their Africans are equally rare specimens. To handle groups of them as well as individuals is a delicate assignment. He used his talent to an advantage.

### BENEFITS OF THE TRIP

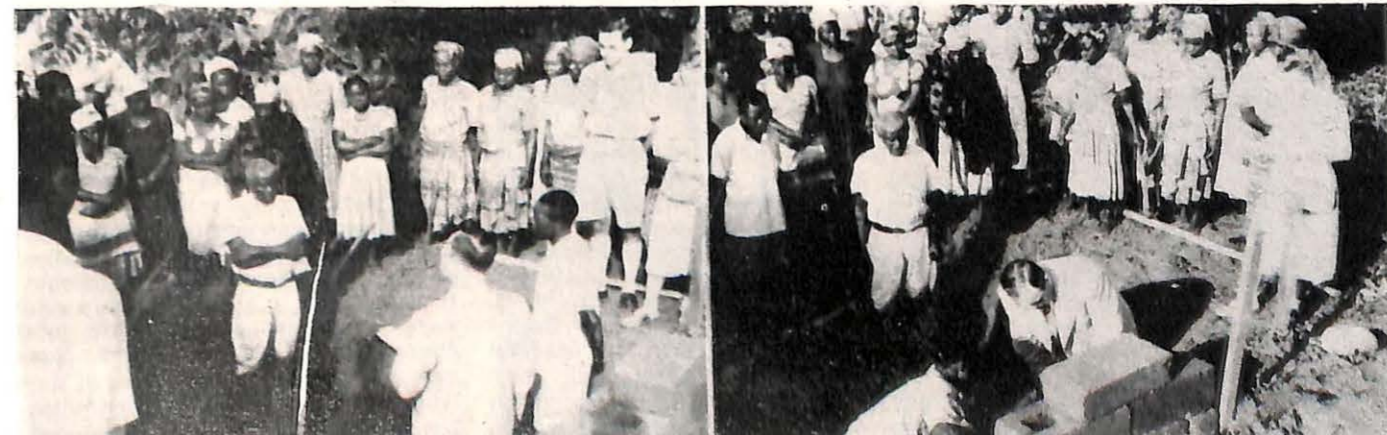
What are the net results of such a visit? The secretary will enumerate them for you, I hope, but I may here write of the benefits your African Mission received while he was among us. First and foremost rates this personal contact between him and the missionaries, between him and your African Baptists. This personal touch is indispensable in our years of the mechanization of all things. With it comes that personal knowledge of men and things, needs and places, of dreams and failures, without which no one can administer successfully a Mission as large as yours.

To have seen your vast investments in dollars and hopes will help your secretary in his recommendations. His opportunity to see each missionary in his own setting gave him the measure of each one of them. To have watched us at our Annual Conference and as Field Council provided him with the background material for the needed streamlining of our field organization.

Above all, Mr. Schilke had eight weeks of varied contacts and experiences to gain a most personal conviction about this African mission field, its personnel, its achievements and opportunities. Without such a conviction he should find his duties an ordeal, I would say. Send him again!



A baptismal service on the Belo field in the Cameroons, Africa, photographed by Rev. R. Schilke



Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, brings the message from God's Word at the cornerstone laying exercises for the Newtown Baptist Chapel in Africa before helping to put the cornerstone into place

# "Upon This Foundation!"

The first Cameroons Baptist Convention, held at Bamenda, British Cameroons, from Dec. 14 to 16, 1954, was an historic occasion

By REV. GILBERT SCHNEIDER, Missionary

THE FIRST OF the Annual Sessions of the Cameroons Baptist Convention is now recorded in history. It was held at Bamenda, British Cameroons, from December 14 to 16, 1954. It marked the beginning of a new era in our mission work here in the Cameroons. Dr. Paul Gebauer was unable to be present at this historic occasion and delegated me to be the Mission's representative.

The following, then, is an account of the proceedings of the convention.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

Mr. D. N. Williams brought the opening message from I Cor. 3:11, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." He challenged all present to be sure that the Convention was getting a good start and that the footing, or foundation, on which we were now building be Jesus Christ. The Convention can only stand firm and abide and expect a lasting reward if built upon this foundation. This was his apt advice.

After the welcome by Mr. A. N. Massa as temporary chairman, the roll call was heard. A total of 89 churches and 108 delegates responded. Each delegate was introduced to the Convention. All were glad indeed to be among those privileged to be at this first meeting.

Next on the program was the reading of the constitution. A special committee had been appointed earlier in the year and the first draft of the constitution, which represented their work, was now read and discussed. Rev. R. Schilke and Dr. Paul Gebauer had appointed me to present certain suggested changes in the constitution, and these were all approved after a lively discussion on several matters. A

unanimous vote was cast in favor of the constitution and everyone seemed pleased. In explaining the constitution, Mr. Haddison likened it to a "machine" which we must have in order to go ahead properly with the Convention.

## VOTING BY SLATES

The election of officers and committees was the next item on the program, and here several problems presented themselves. Many of the delegates could not read or write and the delegates all agreed that the election should be secret. They said that they wished no one to influence their voting and this would be impossible by a standing or hand vote.

Several small wooden "slates" were produced and each candidate for office came forward when the election for the office to which he was nominated was called. A clear symbol, such as a circle, triangle, parallel lines, a crooked line, was made on the slates. The candidates for office were each given a slate and the delegates made the mark or symbol which was held by the candidate of their choice. The elections were efficient and accurate and all were satisfied with this method of voting.

The following were elected as the first Executive Committee: president, Mr. A. N. Massa, Assistant School Manager, Ndu; vice-president, Mr. S. I. Ekema, School Manager, Soppo; secretary, Mr. D. Nyangangi, Bible School Student, Ndu; Treasurer, Mr. D. N. Williams, Teacher, Preliminary Training Center, Soppo. After the election of officers, committee reports were given on education and finance, which were well received by the Convention.

In the evening service five choirs were formed and each was given five

minutes to sing. Each choir represented a different field in the mission work: Belo, Mbem, Ndu, Bamenda and Soppo, and competition was indeed great with each group trying to surpass the other. Mr. Ndamsa closed the day's proceedings with a word from Ephesians 1:4 speaking on the theme, "We Are Chosen."

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Mr. D. N. Nyangangi, speaking on the thought, "Take up the Cross" from Matthew 16:24, suggested several ways in which the Cross is being carried today. Some drag it behind them; others hide it in their pocket; still others hug it to their breast and consider it too precious to share. None of these ways was suggested by Jesus. He said we must take it UP so that all could see the symbol of our witness. It is indeed a privilege to be a Cross-bearer in this life!

The Church Polity Committee next reported and brought the names of 14 young men for ordination. The procedure of ordination was discussed and a unanimous vote was cast to proceed with the first ordination of pastors in the life of the Cameroons Baptist Churches. Several older men had been ordained during the German times in the coastal area, but this is indeed a new venture in the life of the churches of the grasslands.

Another recommendation was also passed which will change the picture of our Baptist work in the Cameroons. It was decided to allow laymen in good standing, and appointed by the local church, to administer the Lord's Supper and baptism until such a time when we have enough ordained ministers to properly carry out these ordinances and reach all our churches frequently.

In the afternoon Rev. E. Ahrens addressed the Convention on the topic, "Principles of the Indigenous Church." He pointed out that a church to be properly rooted in the soil of its own environment must be self-governing, self-supporting and self-expending as a church. The missionary must allow the local church to gain and carry responsibility. It is time for the churches of the Cameroons to stand on their own feet and be counted. To build and preserve the Church, the people must consider it their own, which means it must be completely indigenous. Toward this end this Convention must labor.

## THE INDIGENOUS CHURCH

Mr. S. L. Ngando, speaking on the theme, "Our Program of Education," gave a historical picture of the work of education in the mission. He saw in the process of schooling a wonderful opportunity to bring the message of Jesus Christ to the lost and also to integrate that message into the very fabric of the everyday life of the pupil. He suggested to the Convention that they think seriously and pray towards the establishment of a Secondary School and a Girls' School in the Cameroons to meet our future needs of education.

## A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Be a hard master on yourself, and be lenient to everybody else." —Henry Ward Beecher

A question and answer period was held in which the delegates were allowed to become informed about anything which was not clear to them in the Convention and its procedure. Before the period was over, however, the old problems of polygamy, witchcraft and bribery were brought up as well. These questions were directed to the Church Polity Committee for discussion and suggestions to be heard at the next Convention meeting.

The evening meeting witnessed Rev. E. Ahrens in charge. Moving pictures of the various mission stations were shown and the public was invited. Many people saw their first movies and the noise and commotion could not be controlled. The people were allowed to express their feelings afterwards and many admitted that they were a bit afraid.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

"Lord, Lord," was the subject of a brief message by Mr. T. Kwenchi. He chose the passage found in Matthew 7:21 and admonished the delegates and the Convention to seek the will of God. He pointed out the fact that it is very easy to deceive our fellowmen, but it is utterly impossible to deceive the Father of us all. Outward piety also is a deceiver and only those who seek the will of God will be citizens of heaven.



Dr. Paul Gebauer takes pictures of the Baptist leaders who organized the Cameroons Baptist Convention at Bamenda in September 1954



# BIBLE DAY

Sunday, March 13, 1955

A Happy Observance  
by Sunday Schools  
and Churches

Programs and recitation  
material have been sent  
to all S.S. superintendents

Offerings for the distribution of Bibles and Christian literature to refugees and displaced persons in Germany, emigrating to America, and among the Spanish-Americans and Indians on our North American mission fields.

"THE BIBLE FOR TODAY" — SEND IT FORTH!

Mr. Williams, the Convention treasurer, brought several recommendations in reference to church financial participation and other related matters. The Convention voted that the next meeting should be held at Belo from December 13 to 15, 1955. Mr. Massa, the Convention president, brought the thanks of the Convention to the Bamenda church and Bamenda station. He also thanked the missionaries present for their suggestions and direction. Mr. D. N. Williams closed the Convention sessions with prayer

asking God's continued blessing on the work which was started here at Bamenda during these days.

It was a wonderful experience to be present at the first Convention sessions and to share in the blessings which all received. The Holy Spirit was indeed working, since a fine spirit of unity and fervor was evident throughout. Mr. Ahrens and I share the enthusiasm of Peter and John when they said, "We cannot but speak of the things which we have seen and heard."



Most of these Christian leaders who helped to organize the Cameroons Baptist Convention in September 1954 were also present at the first Cameroons Baptist Convention, including its president, Mr. Abel N. Massa (front row, extreme left).



Rev. R. Schilke addresses a large crowd of natives in Belo on his visit to the Cameroons Mission Field (left); and he dedicates the bronze plaque at the Girl's School in Soppo which was the mission project of the Temple Baptist Sunday School, Buffalo, N. Y.

## At the Cameroons Conference Table

By REV. R. SCHILKE, General Missionary Secretary

WHEN THE APOSTLE PAUL included Rome in his itinerary, he did not do so merely because he wanted to see that great metropolis, but rather "that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established" (Rom. 1.12). When the General Missionary Committee requested me to visit our mission field in the British Cameroons, I proposed that my visit should coincide with the convening of the Annual Missionary Conference in the British Cameroons in order that I might be of the greatest possible help in mutually discussing the work of missions with our missionaries and also imparting unto them, in the words of Paul, "some spiritual gift."

The latter was to be done through a series of Bible studies on Paul's letter to the Ephesians, accepting there-with an invitation by the chairman of the Conference, Dr. L. M. Chaffee, to choose, if possible, the letter of Ephesians for the daily Bible study period of the conference week. This annual conference convened at Banso from November 23-30, 1954.

### BEEHIVE OF ACTIVITY

Banso Baptist Hospital is truly a beehive of activity. Of this I became fully aware when in the company of our field superintendent, Dr. Paul Gebauer, I toured our various mission stations prior to the conference, and so on Nov. 5 came to Banso to get a preview of the setting of this year's missionary conference.

Pictures in color can familiarize you with a given setting in a most wonderful way. You do not feel strange in such a setting when you see it in reality. Yet it is then that you realize that pictures alone cannot tell the full story. Some 65 miles to the northeast of Bamenda, across mountains and valleys, around endless curves and past picturesque waterfalls, lies Banso Baptist Hospital. Its name with the cross greets the traveler on the highway and invites those in need to stop and find physical as well as spiritual healing at this place.

Leading to the left of the highway just past the entrance is the clinic and

out-patient ward which, for the time being until an operating theater is built, also includes the operating room. It is here where every morning people gather and wait for the doctor and nurses to appear and minister to them in their need. It is also here in the waiting room where the entire hospital personnel daily assembles for its devotions to gather spiritual strength for the tasks of the day.

This clinic and out-patient ward has been erected as a memorial to August Steffens, first American missionary to the Cameroons (1891-1893), and made possible by the generous gift of Mrs. Amelia Steffens, sister-in-law to this first American pioneer missionary.

Next, diagonally across from this clinic, you come to the men's ward consisting of 30 beds and usually filled beyond capacity. Parallel with it, but farther back, you come to the women's ward, also consisting of 30 beds. Extended to the left of this and similar in size is the children's ward of about 10 beds, the maternity ward of 12 beds and the maternity clinic and mothers' delivery room. To the left of the latter, and crossing at right angles, is a classroom and store room. This classroom served as the assembly room for the week of the conference.

### \$50,000 OF BUILDINGS

To the back of these hospital buildings and somewhat at a lower terrace-like elevation are several staff quarter buildings. To the right of the highway, leading up a flight of steps on a terrace-like plateau, with a mountain in the background, is the duplex nurses home, and at the left of it, several hundred feet away, on a still higher plateau is the doctor's home. There is still ample room for another nurses duplex to the right of the present one.

All of this has been erected at a total cost of about \$50,000, including much of the equipment. In comparison with other hospital centers in the Cameroons, this is a conservative expenditure and we are indeed indebted to the builder, Mr. Ernest Hildebrand, who in his two and one-half years of

service gave such a monumental service to our mission.

On June 15th these hospital grounds and buildings were dedicated to God amidst a colorful array of native authorities, government officials and missionary representatives. Thus began the second phase of our hospital ministry coinciding with the second term of service of Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee. Through this past year Doctor Chaffee was assisted by three missionary nurses and, in addition, the native personnel (the latter mostly the trainees).

When I arrived there on November 5th, there was only one missionary nurse—one having returned home on furlough and one having just left for England for additional required training. It appears that for the year ahead no additional help in missionary nurses can be placed at Banso, except for the hope of obtaining two native trained midwives.

A glimpse of the early arrival of many patients on the following day made me wonder how Doctor Chaffee in the midst of such a beehive of activity with his limited help would manage as chairman of the Annual Conference in not only keeping the program of the week in progress but also in satisfying the physical needs of conference guests, for the daily meals were served in the home of Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Chaffee.

### WEEK OF RETREAT

On November 23rd the missionaries arrived from north and south. All except one arrived safely and in time. To arrive both safely and in time after the unique experiences on Cameroons highways has a greater significance than at home and calls for special thankfulness for being released from the dusty, choking sensation when riding in the back of a one-ton pickup, as some must do, or for having been involuntarily bounced about, whether you ride in front or in the back of the vehicle. Mrs. Edwin Michelson of Soppo, having successfully endured the trip from Banso to Soppo, with her son having been born just three weeks prior to the conference, wisely decided that it might be better for her

and the children to forego the blessings of the conference than to risk another trip so soon.

In all, 26 missionaries, plus 14 missionary children, were present. Our 9 other missionaries were either home or going home on furlough.

A week of retreat in a missionary's life means more than just attending a conference. It provides much needed fellowship with the other missionaries to break the tendencies to isolation. It gives opportunity of sharing one's blessings and problems and seeking guidance in the counsel of many and by the experiences of others. It gives an opportunity for the various committees to look into the business affairs of missionary work without covering extra mileage in special trips. Yes, it also provides those moments of fun and joviality, which bring about a lessening of mental strain and a healthy relaxation for body and mind.

### OASIS AROUND THE WORD

As indicated above, I was asked by the chairman of the Conference to lead in a daily Bible study on the letter to the Ephesians. This study consisted of an hour each morning following the devotional period. I have always enjoyed holding such Bible study periods and have made considerable use of this method in weekly prayer meetings during the years of my ministry in the pastorate. But I have never had a more attentive and appreciative audience than this daily class.

We came together to feed our souls upon the Word of God, and each daily retreat found us resting in an oasis around the Word. It is a common saying that a teacher learns more than a student, and to me this study was no exception. But it was also richly rewarding in the knowledge that my humble and feeble expositions of God's truths as found in the letter of the Ephesians were so well received and added to the deepening and strengthening of faith as expressed by the missionaries themselves.

A healthy Christian life gives evidence of constant growth. Peter exhorted the Christians of his day to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." Paul humbly wrote concerning himself: "When I became a man, I put away childish things." The successful servant of God gives an abundance of evidence of a constant growth and progress in adaptation to the work in which he is particularly engaged. The best theoretical training must still be supplemented with the practical experiences of life and work. Missionaries, if they are successfully to meet the various problems confronting them on the mission field, must show an even greater measure of adaptability than the average servant of God. They are far from being prepared to cope with the varied problems when they first come to the mission field.

### AFRICA TRIP

This is the first of a series of three articles by Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, about his recent trip to the Cameroons mission field in Africa. They are important observations as recorded by a general secretary. Mr. Schilke has also provided us with many new pictures of our Cameroons missionaries and work.

EDITOR.

### THINGS TO BE LEARNED

The conference week gave expression to the need of further study and preparation, but it also gave much evidence of a healthy growth and progress among our missionaries in their adaptation to the various problems of missionary life and work. Many sessions of the conference were conducted in a seminar form by our missionaries during which the issues pertaining to evangelism, education, social customs and anthropology were dealt with in a masterly way.

New light was shed upon the question how one can best approach and win the heathen for Christ. It would be folly for any missionary to condemn all that the heathen believes. He must study his people in the light of their traditions, customs and beliefs, and so come to understand them and use that which is good and that which finds a ready application to the Christian life.

These things are not learned easily nor readily. They are sometimes learned after many mistakes and blunders on the part of the servant of God, although he need not lack in sincerity nor in consecration. It was gratifying to witness after several such sessions the desire for more knowledge and wisdom and tact. It was also gratifying to hear several say with reference to those seminar sessions: "This would not have been possible several years ago."

### CALMNESS FOR PROBLEMS

When all the hours between conference sessions are filled with committee meetings, there may not be sufficient time to fully realize all the blessings and challenges that await us. The song writer spoke from experience when he said, "Take time to be holy." But missionary business also requires time, and missionary work must be done with vision and orderly planning. To give me the best possible opportunity to observe and counsel, I requested that no two committee meetings be held simultaneously. I wanted to sit in on all of them and I did. It is needless to say that I had no spare time during the entire week.

In a united missionary enterprise no single missionary does that which might benefit his field only but that which benefits the work of all. On mis-

sion fields there are always more needs than can be supplied. Thus through the various committees our Cameroons Field Committee is able to hear the requests of all mission stations and present to its mission board a missionary program, not only according to the need but also within the range of possibility. This naturally means that not all requests from the individual mission stations can be met at once. Some must be deferred for a later time; some may never be approved, for they may not fit into the whole program.

The growth in number of our missionary personnel required also a change in organization on the field for more effective work. This, too, was accomplished in a spirit of understanding and harmony on the part of all. The responsibility of field work now rests with a committee whose majority consists of the chairmen of various standing committees appointed by the mission board and known as the Cameroons Field Committee. This Cameroons Field Committee is headed by the field superintendent, who supervises and directs through his committee. All new undertakings involving additional expenditures and all assignments of missionaries to fields of service must first be approved by the mission board before they can be undertaken or become effective.

### BACK TO ROUTINE

The conference was for all a week of delightful fellowship and a time of mental and spiritual challenge. Only too quickly the time of departure was at hand when all had to think of going back to their field of service and to apply that which had been learned and resolved. Breakup of camp took place on Wednesday morning, December 1st. Pickups and lorries were loaded with baggage and passengers, and the homeward trail was started. I had almost three weeks of touring left, and I looked forward to new experiences that were to be mine.

Before we left Banso, we received a glimpse of "back to routine" at the hospital. Though quite a number of sick folk came to see the doctor even during the week of the conference, many postponed their coming, for they had been told how busy the doctor would be during that week. In fact, the doctor and nurse were wondering how many would come that first day after the conference.

They expected a slight slack for the first few days, but to their surprise, and ours too, they were not given any time to relax from the conference days. They hardly had time to say farewell as the missionaries left, for the multitudes came early in the morning waiting for the doctor. Such a ministry was rendered with hearts filled with compassion and love for the sick and the lost. Observing this sent us forth with thoughts of service into our respective fields!

# Christ's Star Shines Over the Indians

By REV. REINHARD NEUMAN, Missionary on the Indian Bull Reserve

CHRISTMAS COMES once a year! So the saying goes. For the non-Christian Christmas lasts just for a short season, but for the true believer it is carried on throughout the year. The season with its festivities renews the believer's joy and spirit as it was originally with the Jesus' worshippers of old.

It must not be said of the Christian as it was told in a story to me recently. While walking along a street in town a little girl said to her mother, "Look mummy, they are putting Jesus away." "Yes, my dear, they are putting Jesus away until next Christmas." The manger scene that had been displayed in the store window, was now being gathered up and packed away just as the mother and girl were passing by.

## THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Surely, there are many things that are left behind and some things which we pack away after Christmas remain until the next season. But the most essential things of Christmas are a part of the true Christian's life throughout the year. Christ, the blessed and precious gift that God gave to the world; Christ, the Morning Star, who has shone in our hearts and who makes everything light; Christ, the Guiding Star, who leads us always aright—these remain ever the same! As I write these things, I am moved to describe the Christmas joys and blessings which we again experienced on the Bull Reserve near Wetaskiwin, Alberta, in the Benke Memorial Chapel among the Indians.

Oh, how the little church was crowded! Every available chair was brought in from the school and the mission home. People were standing in the hall, the aisle was full, and what the church could not hold was guided into the living room of the mission home. Yes, it was good to see so many people come. From start to finish the entire evening was a spiritual delight. It was wonderful and we were there to enjoy Christmas!

The program was brief and the boys and girls did a splendid job. I never heard or saw anything like it in all the years with the Indians. The parents were proud and rightly so. The visitors were amazed and expressed their delight over the progress in every way.

Just then an Indian, Mr. Joe White, came to the front and asked for a little time to say something. First, he went to the tree and picked up a large box filled with gifts. Holding it up, he said: "This box of gifts is for our missionaries from us Indians. We have given this to them because we love them and in this way we show it to them." You can be sure, we were truly moved within. It was a wonderful and delightful surprise.

The box which we as missionaries received contained a smoked ham, ten pounds of sugar, three pounds of butter, two pairs of socks for father, a towel set for mother, brooches for the girls and toys for the boys. This gift was highly appreciated for it manifested the Indian's gratitude for our services.

There are a few other blessings which we want to share with our readers. Several weeks before Christmas a team from the Zion Baptist Church of Drumheller, Alberta, motored to the Bull Reserve and presented a very fine program in the Benke Memorial Chapel on the Bull Reserve. Mrs. William Effa was in charge of the program. Rev. William Effa brought a very fine Christmas message. The team rendered musical numbers and after the program the Indian boys and girls received treats.

The Fred Bull family was visited where we had singing and prayer. This Christian Indian family was told by the Zion team that they will be on their prayer list continually throughout the New Year that God might find them faithful and true witnesses at home and wherever they go. On New Year's Eve this family bowed their heads and rose to their feet indicating that they were dedicating their lives to God for the new year. Do pray for them!

Shortly before Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kern of Leduc, Alberta, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Peters and their two children visited the Reserve and brought with them Christmas treats for the Indian children which were distributed on Christmas night. With this team we visited several homes on the Reserve. We blessed hearts and in turn we were blessed.

## THANK YOU ALL!

One Indian whom we visited lived in a little log shack in the woods. We buried him a week later, on Christmas Day. At another home, which is a fine Christian home, we visited a middle-aged couple whose little daughter is a polio victim. Here we shared the spirit of brotherly love and true Christian fellowship. These were glorious experiences of the Christmas season, and we thank our heavenly Father for Christian people everywhere and their fellowship. Other churches that helped to make Christmas more joyous were the Calvary Baptist Church of Wetaskiwin; the Baptist Church of Carbon; the Central Baptist Church and Lauderdale Church of Edmonton.

Christmas was a wonderful season around here on the Indian Reserves, and every year the Christmas season seems to become more meaningful. We say with the Indian Christians and with all, "Thank God for Jesus, the greatest of all gifts and thank you, dear people, for your interest, prayers, gifts and fellowship." We have been gifts and fellowship."

# Four Little Indians

Our Children's Home of St. Joseph, Michigan, has opened its doors of love to "the least of these little ones" in Jesus' Name!

By REV. AUGUST F. RUNTZ, Superintendent



—Olan Mills Studio  
The four little Indians at the Baptist Children's Home, St. Joseph, Michigan  
Left to right, front row: Larry and Richard Anawishki; back row: Virginia and Janis Anawishki

YOUR CHILDREN'S HOME in St. Joseph, Mich., has become a sort of "International Institution." The Buss children came from Canada. The parents of the Vizarra children came from Mexico. Since last April we have had a family of genuine Americans, four American Indian children. That does give the Home a sort of international aspect, does it not?

## DESERTED INDIAN CHILDREN

Early last March the welfare agent for this section of Michigan phoned and asked us if we would take six American Indian children. The father of these children was in an institution. The mother, who was receiving state aid, deserted her children, leaving them with fifty cents with which to buy some milk.

It seems that the living conditions of the family, at best, had been very poor. They lived in a one-room shack with one bed in it. The children slept on mats or blankets in a row on the floor, and a dirt floor at that. Such were the conditions in which the welfare people found these six deserted children. Surely, something had to be done for them.

When we were first approached about taking these children, we were somewhat hesitant for we did not know what to expect of them, coming out of circumstances such as these. We did not know how the schools would accept them, nor how the city as such would react. But here were children in dire need, and we had the room in the Home. The welfare agent told us later that he was really up against it, for he did not know of another Children's Home in Michigan that would take Indian children, neither could he find a suitable private home that would receive them.

So the chairman of our local Board, Mr. Henry Bartz, and your superintendent went to see the judge of the county in which the children lived, a distance of about 100 miles. We also

went to see the children, who were being housed in a Mission. We were favorably impressed, and so recommended to the local Board that the children be received. The Board favored this action, and a few days before Easter they were brought to the Home, that is, four of them were. We could not take the one year old baby, nor the 14-year-old boy.

## WONDERFUL EASTER SUNDAY

That meant some hurried last-minute shopping in order to be able to take them to church on Easter Sunday, decently dressed. The youngest of the family, Richard Anawishki, is a lad of four, a very nice little boy. The second youngest, Larry, is a boy of seven who always has a great big smile on his face. The next is a girl of nine, named Janis, who always wants to be putting her arms around you and loving you. The oldest girl, Virginia, is twelve, who seems rather mature for her age, and a very fine girl she is.

As you may surmise, the children now have quite a different appearance than when they came. They are neatly dressed and are slowly learning some rules of good behavior. (By the way, the State pays for their clothing, and gives the Home \$45 per month per child for their keep.) Only the oldest girl had ever attended Sunday School, and that very little.

So church and Sunday School were a new experience for them. But they like going there now. They enjoy memorizing Bible verses and prayers in the Home. If these children can be given just a little more time, there is no doubt but in due time they will accept Christ into their hearts and come into the church. Let us not forget what our Savior said about the value of a soul and the worth of a child.

Christmas is always a wonderful experience at the Children's Home, and

those who have been here a number of years look forward to it with keen anticipation. But imagine what it means to those who are here for the first time, and especially those who have known little of Christmas in their own homes. These Indian children had a tree, but no decorations and no lights and no gifts. Here at our Home they had such an abundance. Here they learned for the first time the real meaning of Christmas and why we exchange gifts.

## THEIR FIRST CHRISTMAS

However, the Christmas celebration began long before Christmas Day. On Dec. 10 the Service Guild had a supper at the church to which the Home family was invited. Then they came to the Home and presented each one with a gift. Even though most of the ladies live in or near St. Joseph, yet some had never been through the Home. So they went on a tour of inspection and were pleased with the roominess and beauty of our building.

There were other Christmas programs and parties, but the big event was Christmas Day. Beautifully made and well filled stockings hung by the fireplace. These had been made by one of our Chicago churches. When the children came for breakfast, there were the stockings and at each plate some "folding" money.

But the big surprise was still to come. After a very fine dinner and dishes had been washed and dried, we gathered in the living room for a short program. Then we went to the dining room where the gifts were stacked on the tables. That was an occasion for these Indian children which they will long remember. In fact, every one had a wonderful time!

The people of our churches have been most kind and thoughtful. You have done more than you realize for some of the least of these. May God bless you, and may this Home long continue to render service to children!



Young Indian Christians from the Montana and Samson Reservations of Alberta, Canada  
Left to right: Marvin Buffalo, Mr. and Mrs. Iver Crier, and Ida Crier



# Vignettes of Church History

By DONALD G. DAVIS, Ph.D.

## 5. PERSECUTION IN THE EARLY CHURCH

THERE HAS NEVER been an age in which the Church has not suffered persecution somewhere. Jesus assured his disciples that such affliction awaited them: "Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you; and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake" (Matt. 24:9). This persecution would continue until the end of the age; in the early Church it arose from three sources.

The earliest animosity toward the Church came from the Jews. They, through their rulers, had accomplished the death of her Savior, who had already told his followers: "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own; but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you" (John 15:18). Jewish hatred began when Peter and John witnessed for Christ in the Temple in Jerusalem (Acts 3) and led to the stoning of Stephen, the first Christian martyr (Acts 7:57-60).

The Jewish opposition to the Gospel of Christ followed the first apostles who carried the message into Asia Minor, Macedonia, and Greece. The second source of persecution can be seen in the local population who were stirred up against the apostles by the

Jews. The first such recorded incident is found in Acts 13:45, 50 where the Jews in Antioch in Pisidia provoked the natives to trouble Paul and Barnabas. The same type of trouble developed in Iconium, Lystra, Philippi and many other cities.

The Roman Empire took up the persecution of Christians sometime after the disastrous fire in Rome in 64 A.D., when they were falsely accused of having set the fire. The first two sources of persecution now paled into insignificance. Nine waves of violent repression swept over the Church. The Christians were accused of everything from cannibalism and immorality to atheism and causing earthquakes, floods, and droughts. Sometimes the persecutions were localized, sometimes empire-wide.

Christianity was not a legal Roman religion like Judaism and others. The penalties ranged from fines, loss of property, and imprisonment to torture and death. Christians were asked to surrender copies of the Scriptures and to offer sacrifice to the gods—thus they were freed. Many "lapsed" from the faith, but most faithful even unto death.

By the time of Constantine, Roman Emperor, the Christians had become numerous, and in 313 A.D. he proclaimed complete freedom of religion for the whole empire, having professed Christianity himself. (Walker, 33, 48ff, 111; Newman, I, 84ff, 170ff; Kuiper, 36f, 59ff.)

pernatural energy. With such heavenly backing and almost singlehandedly he was able to plant the Christian Church all over southern Europe, whence it spread over that continent and ours too. In II Corinthians 4:1 we read the text which held him up, "Seing we have this ministry . . . we faint not." In other words he could not quit nor despair because of the responsibility of delivering the Gospel. Though weary and worn, he was never exhausted.

Many are morally tired these days and wonder if they can keep on. Remember, by possessing Godly energy we too need not faint. Though disheartened and tempted to feel otherwise, victory is up ahead for the believing heart.

The rugged steadfastness of this remarkable man is due to one thing alone, the fact that God had moved into his life and had given him su-

## ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke

March 3 (Thursday)—Missionary Guild, Forest Park Church, Forest Park, Illinois.

March 4 (Friday)—Woman's Missionary Union of New York and Vicinity, Faith Church, West New York, New Jersey.

March 6 (Sunday)—Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pa. (Mortgage burning ceremony).

March 8-9—Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D. C.

Rev. R. Schilke

Feb. 25-27—Southern Texas, Alabama and Louisiana Association, Elberta, Alabama.

March 3-6—Northern Texas Association, Cottonwood Church, Texas.

March 7 (Monday) — Bethany Church, Vesper, Kansas.

March 9 (Wednesday) — Grace Church, Chicago, Illinois.

Rev. J. C. Gunst

Feb. 31-March 4—Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif. Leadership Training Course.

Rev. Lawrence Bienert

Feb. 28-March 4—Elk Grove, Calif. Leadership Training Course.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner

Feb. 27 (Sunday)—Bethel Baptist Church, Windsor, Ontario.

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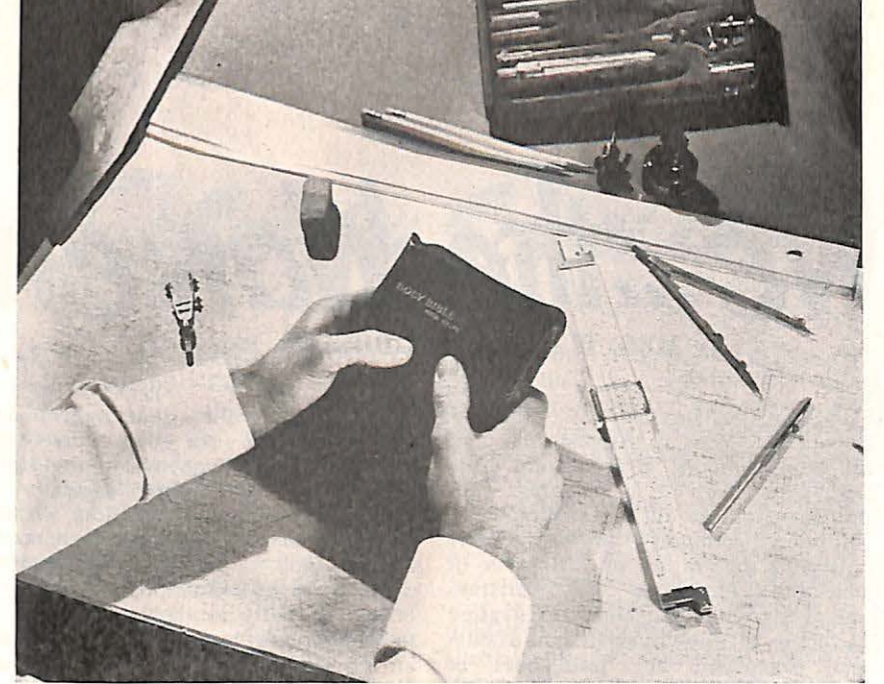
By REV. E. J. BAUMGARTNER

YOUR PUBLICATION Society has completed the printing and sending out of the Bible Day program material, prepared by Dr. M. L. Leuschner. Thousands of copies are sent out with a prayer that these program and recitation materials will help to create a desire and interest in presenting the Word of God to people everywhere.

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To all it offers life eternal and a Christian way of living because of the supreme sacrifice made by Jesus Christ. Herein is the main reason for the whirling and clanging of the printing presses at our Publication House. (Continued on Page 24)



## Word of God, Across the Ages

By FERDINAND Q. BLANCHARD

Word of God, across the ages  
Comes thy message to our life;  
Source of hope for ever present  
In our toil and fears and strife;  
Constant witness to God's mercy,  
Still our grace what-e'er befall,  
Guide unfailing, strength eternal,  
Offer'd freely to us all.

Story of man's wondrous journey  
From the shadows of the night;  
Garner'd truth of sage and prophet,  
Guiding forward into light;

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Words and deeds of Christ our Master,  
Pointing to the life and way,  
Still appealing, still inspiring,  
'Mid the struggles of today.

In the tongues of all the peoples  
May the message bless and heal,  
As devout and patient scholars  
More and more its depths reveal.  
Bless, O God, to wise and simple,  
All thy truth of ageless worth,  
Till all lands receive the witness  
And thy knowledge fills the earth.

## BOOK REVIEWS

**CHRISTIAN JOURNALISM FOR TODAY.** By Benjamin P. Browne, Editor. Judson Press. 252 pages. \$3.50.

Everyone wants to be a writer. Most of us make some adventures in the field of journalism by contributing poems, short stories or even a manuscript of a book to publishers or editors. The opportunities are legion in number for Christian journalists today but the training is woefully inadequate. An annual conference for Christian writers and editors is held at the Baptist Assembly in Green Lake, Wisconsin. This volume is actually a resource work for writers and editors and for those who would like to join that group, containing the addresses delivered at such a conference. It is not a short cut to journalistic success but

it is an invaluable course on writing techniques, how to do the job, and making the Gospel live in our writing. It is also a helpful book for preachers and church leaders. It is probably the best and most practical book now available in the field of Christian journalism.

**SEEKER, STORY OF ROGER WILLIAMS.** 32 pages. 25 cents.

Roger Williams is regarded by many as the first Baptist in America, and the First Baptist Church at Providence, Rhode Island, of which he served as pastor, is known as the oldest Baptist Church on the continent. It is certainly true that Roger Williams blazed a way for religious freedom in the wilderness, into which he was banished by (Continued on Page 23)

## Rev. D. Fuchs, Evangelist

### ENGAGEMENTS

Feb. 13-25, Immanuel Church, New York City. Rev. A. Husmann, Pastor.

March 6-18, Medicine Hat, Alta., Canada. Rev. E. Gutsche, Pastor.

March 27-April 8, Ebenezer Church, Elmo, Kansas. Rev. N. A. Berkan, Pastor.

### WE THANK GOD:

In each one of our churches we find those of God's people who indeed are the salt of the earth that has not lost its savour. They have not sold out to mere fun, frolic and froth. Their unceasing concern is for a genuine Holy Spirit revival.

### PRAYER REQUEST:

We need God's power in revival. Pray that the Holy Spirit might have his way at the above mentioned campaigns. We need God; God needs us!

# We...the Women

By MRS. WALTER W. GROSSER, President

**D**URING the Laymen's Conference, Green Lake, Wis., in August 1954, Dr. and Mrs. John W. Bradbury of New York City were in attendance. Dr. Bradbury, editor of the "Watchman Examiner," brought the daily Bible study and meditation on the book of Ephesians, enriching the spiritual lives of his listeners. His wife, Jeanne Bradbury, a known writer and editorial consultant for publishers of evangelical literature, brings us a timely message on prayer.

## JEANNE BRADBURY

Jeanne Bradbury has served on local, national and international committees producing and teaching missionary education material. Since her husband has left the active ministry to become an editor, she has been especially concerned with the production and use of devotional materials. Furthermore she reviews good books to recommend for reading.

As a young girl, Jeanne Bradbury received her religious education in the Roman Catholic Church in France. She had never seen a Bible until she was 21. Then came a great turn of events. Her work as interpreter in the Bank of France to do business with the American service men gave her that big moment when she met her husband for the first time. He was a voluntary chaplain with the A.E.F. in France during World War I. He not only lent her a Bible to read but led her to Christ. In 1919 the Bradburys were married and came to the United States.

The article, "When You Pray," is a meaningful meditation written by one who has become well informed by studying to show herself "approved unto God." Read it prayerfully.

## WHEN YOU PRAY

By JEANNE BRADBURY

Do we really pray, when we pray? Or do we, in the common practice of the day, fill an order blank and expect our Heavenly Father to function as the dispatcher in a warehouse where the realization of our desires is stored? Recently, I heard that the answer to one's prayer is the assurance on God's part that "... if we name it, we'll get it."

Such a casual approach to Almighty God is, to me, appalling. Common courtesy indicates that we make our presence known when entering a room, even if we have an appointment with the one inside. While Jesus promised that the door would be opened, he said, "Knock!" (Matt. 7:7;

Luke 11:9.) The door is opened through Christ. We come into God's presence. This is not a lengthy ceremony, for "our Father knows what things we have need of, before we ask him" (Matt. 7:8). But, are we ready to ask? Is it a case of what we need or of what we want?

This is really the secret of praying: to distinguish between the two and to let God decide. Prayer is more than "the soul's sincere desire, uttered or unexpressed, the motion of a hidden fire that trembles in the breast." It is, as Thomas Hastings indicates later, "... the contrite sinner's voice, ... the Christian's vital breath." It is the line of direct communication between man and God. Through Christ, we keep it inviolate. This implies that we maintain ourselves in the attitude of prayer: "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17). A life of prayer is not reserved only to such men as George Muller of Bristol, England. It is the privilege of every Christian.

Too many think that prayer is only asking. No, it is as intimated above, fellowship with God: "The highest result of prayer is not the securing of this or that gift, the avoiding of this or that danger. The last and highest result of prayer is the knowledge of God—the knowledge which is eternal

# Baptist Men in Action

By MR. ROLAND E. ROSS, Secretary-Treasurer of BAPTIST MEN

**G**REAT DISTANCES and remote associations very often lead us to believe that situations and circumstances are quite different than they actually may be. Then we read something or meet someone who has direct information, and we are often surprised how wrong our opinion might have been.

BAPTIST MEN, as an official organization of our General Conference has been at work for a number of years, primarily to encourage the men of each of our churches to formally organize for a more effective service in their own church, but even more important, in their own community. We cannot relate all the results from this undertaking, but they are undoubtedly far greater than even the officers and directors of BAPTIST MEN realize.

As an example, recently the secretary-treasurer of BAPTIST MEN was privileged to be the speaker at the Northern North Dakota Laymen's As-

sociation. To that time the existence of the association was unknown to him. They had had other meetings but this was the first fall rally promoted by this group of about 16 churches.

Upward of 100 men were present for a very fine dinner and program. There was a fine spirit and enthusiasm. At present, only three of the churches in this association have a laymen's organization, but we can well expect that more will be organized in the near future.

## 31 LAYMEN'S GROUPS

As a result of the promotional efforts of BAPTIST MEN, many more local groups have formed a Brotherhood, or Fellowship, or an old organization has been revitalized. We are happy that 31 laymen's organizations have joined BAPTIST MEN as dues paying members to help promote this worthwhile cause. There ought to be many more co-operating with this program, and as we pray for wis-

dom and guidance toward becoming more effective in our leadership, we also pray for stronger support from our laymen and their pastors in the promotion of what should be the pastor's most effective working force.

Recently one of the revitalized local church fellowships held a meeting with 40 men in attendance, whereas for years it had not been possible to get half that number out to such a meeting. The Board of Directors planned for services to be rendered by the members which should be a real impact on the men of the church and the community. This is only one example of the many that have been and could be experienced, where at least one or a few men in a church have a real appreciation of their gift of salvation and are anxious that it reaches other men who can be reached by a men's fellowship influence.

The "Baptist Herald" news items frequently tell of local men's organizational activities, as well as for the several of our regional conferences that are organized. Each year progress has been made toward getting all of our local conferences to form a laymen's organization. The most recent to formally organize were the men of the Central Conference.

As these men met at our Shroyer Road Church in Dayton, Ohio, last summer they enthusiastically voted to undertake an effective service as laymen. Six of our nine area conferences are organized. The Southern, Southwestern and Pacific Conferences are carrying on a very effective work. Within the conferences several associations have been formed for closer fellowship and encouragement.

## GENERAL CONFERENCE

As BAPTIST MEN we are now looking forward to the important meetings at our General Conference in Waco, Texas, from June 6 to 12, 1955. This will be our second official General Conference session, and every effort has been and is being made to have a good program and business session. Friday evening, June 10th, will be Laymen's Night. One of the outstanding laymen of our country will be the speaker, besides other fine program features.

On Thursday, June 9th, the laymen will have a luncheon, followed by the necessary business meeting, and then another worthwhile program just for men. We have indications that a large and enthusiastic group of men will come to Waco and share in these days of inspiration and fellowship.

Might we then ask, what are the men of your church doing as a part of this great movement; which is not only of our General Conference, but is even much more widely promoted and shared by the men of other conventions? Are the men of your church united into a fellowship for service? If so, have they joined with BAP-



By REV. J. C. GUNST, General Secretary

## TIME TO PLAN YOUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Annually every Sunday School is responsible for the Vacation Bible School in the church. There ought to be real concern even beyond the church program for Vacation Bible Schools where children who have no church home may be served through one of our Sunday Schools.

Some of our churches still do not consider the Vacation Bible School a great opportunity:

1. To teach the Word of God in a concentrated program for two weeks;
2. To reach the unchurched children in the community;
3. To aid in the development of leadership for other agencies in the church; or
4. To provide a desirable place for children's activities during their summer free time.

The figures below for 1954 undoubtedly speak for themselves. Possibly

## SUMMER STUDENT WORK

A moderate number of students from our churches may again be placed for summer student work during the summer months of 1955. Seminary, C.T.I., and college students interested in summer work should write immediately and not later than March 1st for student application blanks. Write to Rev. J. C. Gunst, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill.

The Summer Student Placement Committee acts on all applications on March 10th.

## DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT FOR 1954

Conferences	No. of Churches in Conference	No. Reporting DVBS	Enrollment	Attendance	Mission Offering	Conversion
Atlantic	24	7	720	307	\$ 81.03	56
Central	27	10	1120	947	500.11	28
Dakota	57	46	2040	1263	996.99	68
Eastern	16	5	399	315	80.95	8
Northern	48	20	1058	670	287.26	39
Northwestern	36	21	1676	1022	747.59	30
Pacific	31	16	1822	1335	615.48	58
Southern	12	9	586	354	202.60	37
Southwestern	23	17	711	618	207.60	37
Totals	274*	151	10132	6831	\$3719.61	346

\* 274 is the list of churches. In the 151 schools reported there were some mission schools included, so the exact percentages cannot be determined.

BAPTIST MEN for promotion of this service in the wider field? If your laymen are not organized, have you done your best to encourage such action?

Let us do our best for God, and for

your Sunday School held a Vacation Bible School last year and you failed to keep a record or to send in your report. Why not join the other schools this year to make the records at Forest Park one hundred per cent?

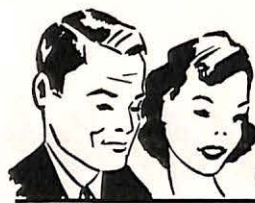
Good records are essential. Records give a true picture of our achievements. They constantly remind us of our contacts with children for whom we are responsible. They give us a unified picture of our larger work for Christ and our churches. Note the difference in the enrollment and attendance records in the general report of last year. Is it possible that the officers of our schools failed to report their attendance properly or to keep proper records?

Prepare now for a successful Vacation Bible School in your church this year. Have a meeting to plan your program, to select your leaders and teachers, and be sure to plan for proper facilities where you may hold your Vacation School. In addition, as soon as the teachers and leaders are appointed, have several planning and training sessions for these important workers. Be sure to place your order for materials in the month of March so that your teachers can be well acquainted with it well in advance of the time when they shall have to use it.

The Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio, will again be ready to take care of all your orders for the supplies you as leaders of the Vacation Bible Schools will need. Get your order in early. Please do not fail to fill in and return the record cards which you will receive from your general secretary in Forest Park, Illinois.

Christ, now. If you need any help or suggestions write to BAPTIST MEN, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois. May God give you, and every Christian man, a vision and a zeal for the work that needs to be done!





# Sunday School Lessons

## A LESSON PLAN

Date: March 6, 1955

### THEME: THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:42-47; Col. 3:12-16; 1 John 4:7-8.

PURPOSE: To show what we mean by the fellowship of Christian love.

GETTING STARTED: What is the church? How would you define it? Is it a building? An organization? A hierarchy? A body of belief?

It would be difficult to find a better definition than the one given in today's theme: The Fellowship of Christian Love. Isn't that essentially what a church—and THE CHURCH—is: a fellowship of Christians united in love around the person of Jesus Christ?

Such, at least, was the case in the early church: to such an extent, in fact, that the heathen world could not but be impressed and exclaim, "How these Christians love one another!"

### DEVELOPING THE THEME:

#### I. THE CHURCH IS A FELLOWSHIP.

1. These are some of the phrases the dictionary uses to define fellowship: the state of being a companion or fellow; the condition of being sharers or partakers; a body of persons associated by reason of a community of interests or experience.
2. Note how all these qualities were present in the early church (Acts 2:42-47):
  - a. They continued in fellowship, breaking of bread and prayers (v. 42).
  - b. They were together and had all things common (v. 44).
  - c. They continued with one accord in the temple, breaking bread at home, and took their food with gladness and singleness of heart (v. 46).

#### II. THE CHURCH IS A FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIANS.

1. The "they" who made up the fellowship were those "that believed" (Acts 2:44), "were saved" (Acts 2:47), were "God's elect, holy and beloved" (Col. 3:12), were "begotten of God" (1 John 4:7).
  - a. A true "fellowship of Christian love" is possible only among Christians, those who have been redeemed and regenerated.
  2. The "they" were also those who, because they had been redeemed, had put off an old way of life and put on a new one

(Col. 3:12-13), wherein they made it their aim to excel in every Christian virtue.

a. Thus true fellowship is possible only among those who "follow after righteousness" and walk "in newness of life."

#### III. THE CHURCH IS A FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIANS UNITED IN LOVE.

1. Love was the chief characteristic of the church in Jerusalem and the dynamic that led them to share so completely one another's needs (Acts 2:44-45).
2. Love is to be the distinguishing mark of the Christian, the goal of all his striving (Col. 3:14).
3. Love is the essential without which no Christian witness, if genuine, and without which the Christian fellowship cannot exist (1 John 4:7-8).

#### IV. THE CHURCH IS A FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIANS UNITED IN LOVE AROUND THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST.

1. In Jerusalem they continued in "the apostles' teaching" which was nothing other than the message of Christ (Acts 2:42).
2. Paul admonishes believers to let "the peace of Christ" and "the word of Christ" dwell in their hearts (Col. 3:15, 16).
3. Only as we keep Christ in the center of our fellowship and remain true to his word can our fellowship be rich and one that he can bless (Acts 2:47).

## A LESSON PLAN

Date: March 13, 1955

### THEME: PRAYER IN THE CHRISTIAN'S LIFE

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 6:5-8; 7:7-11; James 5:13-16.

PURPOSE: To help us find more meaning and power in prayer.

GETTING STARTED: In his review of a recently published book about prayer one of America's leading theologians speaks about "a rapidly growing prayer movement" in our country. One cannot but wonder what evidence there might be for such a statement. For if it is true, then it is one of the most hopeful signs that has yet appeared on the national scene and one that promises much for the strength and security of our land.

But does such "a rapidly growing prayer movement" actually exist? You might begin this lesson by asking that question and listing any evidence

that would give proof of its existence.

Should the facts show that there actually is such a movement, we as Christian leaders are faced with a great opportunity, namely, to give direction to this movement and help teach people to pray as they ought.

### DEVELOPING THE THEME:

#### I. THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER.

1. It is essential to the personal life of the Christian, for in no other way can he maintain his spiritual vitality, keep in tune with God, open his life to the empowering of God's Spirit.
2. It is essential to his effectiveness, for only prayer can empower him for service; and prayer is his most potent instrument for influencing people and moving men toward God.

#### II. THE METHOD OF PRAYER.

1. Its motive must be unselfish.
  - a. If it springs from a desire to gain man's favor (Matt. 6:5) or to move God and bend him to our will (Matt. 6:7-8) it cannot bring results.
  - b. The motive of prayer is right when it seeks—
    - 1) Communion and fellowship with God (Matt. 6:6);
    - 2) God's will and what he deems right and needed (Matt. 6:8);
    - 3) The welfare of others (James 5:13-15).
2. Its expression must be sincere.
  - a. If prayer is only a matter of making words (Matt. 6:7) and is not backed up by a consecrated life (James 5:16b), it has no power.
  - b. But when it is the sincere expression of the needs and desires of a life that seeks to honor God, it never fails to bring results.
3. Its attitude must be trustful.
  - a. If prayer is not accompanied by faith and trust, it can avail nothing.
  - b. If we pray in faith, trusting God for his ability and willingness to give what is good, there is no limit to what prayer can achieve (Matt. 7:7-11).

#### III. THE SCOPE OF PRAYER.

1. Its outreach is as wide as life itself and as inclusive as the needs of men. Nothing need be excluded from the prayer of faith (James 5:13-16).
2. Whatever we bring before God, we may be sure that he hears, will answer, and do even more than "we can ask or think."

# What's Happening

● At the Watchnight Service of the First Baptist Church, Corona, S. Dak., Rev. H. Lohr, pastor, baptized five Sunday School scholars. This was the first baptismal service to have been held in the newly rebuilt church since there was no baptistry in the former building. On Sunday, Jan. 2, these five were given the hand of fellowship together with another young lady who was received by letter.

● Miss Lois Lechner has resigned as our missionary in Japan some months ago and her resignation was accepted by the General Missionary Committee. She has remained in Japan and is now employed in some kind of a United States government position. It is hoped that a successor to Miss Lechner as a Christian teacher and missionary can soon be appointed by the General Missionary Committee.

● The Baptist Church of Forestburg, Alta., Can., has been served by Rev. Earl Silver as pastor since 1953. He was ordained by a small independent church group in British Columbia, as reported by Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Northern Conference Mission Secretary. He has given evidences of very satisfactory pastoral leadership, and the Forestburg Baptist Church is prospering under his ministry.

● Rev. Gordon Huisinga, pastor of the Spring Valley Church near Canisota, S. Dak., had the joy of baptizing six young people at the Watchnight Service on New Year's Eve. The hand of fellowship was extended to them at the Communion Service on January 2. Three others, who had been baptized earlier, were also received into the church's fellowship at this service, as reported by Mrs. John G. Buseman, church clerk.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Harvey, North Dakota, has announced that its pastor, Rev. Edgar R. Koons, ministry at the church. It is not known at the Forest Park headquarters what his plans for the future are. He served as pastor of the Harvey Church since 1952. Dr. John Leypoldt, interim promotional secretary, served the church on Sunday, January 16, and again on Sunday, January 30.

● Rev. Adam Huber, pastor of the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., appeared as a guest on the nationally televised program from Chicago, Ill., "Welcome Travelers," on Thursday, January 20. He told the story of his life, how he had overcome a speech ailment and had followed

God's call into the Christian ministry. He and his family received many fine prizes from Tommy Bartlett, the television program's master of ceremonies.

● On December 19 the CBY of the Baptist Church, Herreid, S. Dak., held its annual election with these results: Cecil Jahraus, president; Ervin Quenzer, vice-president; Pearl Huber, secretary; Lila Huber, treasurer; Mrs. Bischke, organist; song leaders, Eugene Quenzer and Sherman Bollinger; and reporter, Lauretta Naasz. The secretary wrote that "the CBY meetings have been well attended and the presence of God has been felt." Rev. E. S. Fenske is pastor of the church.

● Rev. R. G. Kaiser recently resigned as the pastor of the Baptist Church of Startup, Wash. On Sunday, January 9, he observed his 6th anniversary at the Startup church. His resignation will take effect on April 1. His plans for the future are still indefinite, as he stated: "I do not feel that I should take another church at present and therefore am waiting on the Lord for further leading." On Sunday, December 26, Mr. Kaiser baptized two young men in a service held at Snohomish Baptist Church.

● The Central Baptist Home for the Aged in Chicago, Ill., has purchased 10 acres of land on Lawrence Ave., about five miles directly north of our denominational headquarters building. The Home Board has authorized its Building Committee to proceed with building plans by consulting with architects. It is hoped that the building project can be started within a year. The present building of the Home for the Aged has been occupied for about 60 years. Mr. Roland E. Ross is president of the Board of Directors.

## BAPTIST CONGRESS

London, England

July 16 to 22, 1955

All travel plans and transportation arrangements must be completed at once with the Ridgewood Travel Bureau, 59-38 Myrtle Ave., Ridgewood, Brooklyn 27, N. Y.

Registration forms for the Congress can be secured from Dr. Frank H. Woyke, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois. They should be filled out as soon as possible and returned.

● The Canaan Baptist Church near Crawford, Texas, has called Rev. Joe Bob Alexander of Shreveport, La., as pastor. He has served the church for the past three months as interim pastor. He is a graduate of Baylor University, and at present is also attending Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander have three small children: Bobby, Diane and David. Mr. Alexander has begun his active pastorate at the Crawford Church, having succeeded Rev. J. K. Warkentin now of Corn, Oklahoma.

● Rev. Fred Holzimmer, Cameroons missionary now in the United States on furlough, enrolled at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on January 24. He and his family are living in Sioux Falls for the school semester. He will study at the Seminary for this semester only. Miss Laura Reddig, who arrived from the Cameroons on January 28 for her furlough, spent some time with friends and relatives in Cathay, S. Dak. and then enrolled at the Seminary in Sioux Falls for a few weeks of the spring semester. Both of these missionaries will report about their Cameroons experiences in forthcoming issues of the "Baptist Herald."

● On December 27 the members and friends of the Calvary Baptist Church, Wetaskiwin, Alberta, honored Mr. and Mrs. William C. Dickau on their silver wedding anniversary. Rev. H. Schumacher, pastor, was in charge of the program in which various representatives of the church took part by extending congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Dickau. After the program a luncheon was served by the ladies of the church in the dining room. At the impromptu program many had an opportunity to bring reminiscences as they affected Mr. and Mrs. Dickau, whose contributions to the church life have been outstanding. The church presented them with a set of silverware.

● On Sunday evening, January 2, Dr. Herbert Gezork, president of Andover-Newton Theological School, Newton Centre, Mass., served as guest speaker at the well-known Sunday Evening Club held in Orchestra Hall, Chicago, Ill. He spoke on "Christianity Today—Advance or Retreat?" His provocative and deeply spiritual message was applauded vigorously by the large audience. This was Dr. Gezork's first appearance at the Chicago Sunday Evening Club. Dr. Gezork was formerly pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, New York, N. Y., and General Secretary of the Baptist Youth Movement of Germany. He and Paul Gebauer, Cameroons Missionary, attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., from which they received their Bachelor of Divinity degrees.

# Our Denomination in ACTION

## Northwestern Conference

### Second Anniversary of Rev. D. S. Wipf's Ministry at Minnetrista Church, St. Bonifacius, Minn.

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 29, as the year 1954 approached its close, Rev. D. S. Wipf and members of the Minnetrista Baptist Church, St. Bonifacius, Minn., met for an evening of thanksgiving. The date marked the 2nd anniversary of the pastor's service with the church.

The early part of the evening was spent in song and praise during which representatives of the various departments of the church participated. Pictures of earlier events in the lives of our members were cast on a screen and later a time of testimony, prayer and refreshments was shared in the church parlors. May the Lord bless us as together we attempt to serve him in this year.

Mildred I. Krenke, Clerk.

### Baptismal Service and Missionary Program and Pictures at Victor, Iowa

Four young people were added to the fellowship of the Victor Baptist Church, Victor, Iowa, through baptism in a worshipful candlelight service on December 5th. They represent the fruit of last summer's Vacation Bible School.

The mission vision of the church was also enhanced recently on January 16 through the ministry of Dr. M. L. Leuschner. His visit was sponsored by the Victor C.B.Y. The evening mission offering of \$114.10 will help the Iowa C.B.Y. and Sunday School Union to meet their goal of \$2,500 to build a home for one of our missionary families in Japan.

Alvin Wetter, Pastor.

## Southern Conference

### Enthusiastic Youngsters, Elementary Department of Central Church, Waco, Texas, Enjoy Trip

Excitement mounted at the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, from the Sunday morning when the children decided to take a train trip (instead of the usual exchange of gifts) for their Christmas party until the eventful Saturday morning in December when they arrived at the MKT (Katy) Depot and boarded the "Texas Bluebonnet" for Temple, Texas. Only a very small percentage of the children had ridden a train before (too many autos), and therefore this was truly an adventure for them.

Mrs. Charles Marsteller, Jr., Elementary superintendent, made the arrangements and with the teachers, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Lippert, Mrs. Edwin Will, Mrs. Vernon Ekrot and Miss Mildred Johnson, chaperoned the group. Mrs. Ernest Steindam took colored slides of us as a representative of the railroad took us on a tour of the cars in the train and then led us to our special car. We departed the station at 12:55 P.M. and after three stops arrived in Temple at 1:45 P.M. We went to a nearby park for recreation and refreshments. We left Temple for our return trip at 2:45 P.M. arriving in Waco at 3:30 P.M.

After the children expressed their appreciation for the "swell trip," one Junior boy was overheard asking Mrs. Marsteller when she was going to take us on a plane trip. Well, we are waiting!

Mrs. Helen K. Ekrot, Ass't Supt.

## Southwestern Conference

### Seven Young People are Baptized at Baptist Church, Creston, Nebraska

On Sunday evening, Dec. 19, at the Baptist Church of Creston, Neb., seven young people were baptized upon confession of their faith in Christ in our newly installed baptistry. This was a happy occasion for us, not only because these new converts followed the Lord in baptism, but also that we were able to hold this service in our own sanctuary. This was the first baptismal service in our church building, made possible because of the generous donation of one of the brethren who felt the need of a baptistry. Our other brethren were only too willing to install it.



Four converts who were baptized by Rev. Alvin Wetter at the Victor Baptist Church, Victor, Iowa

Left to right: Linda Border, Ronnie Egert, Phyllis Davis and Douglas Fetzer

On Sunday, Jan. 2nd, at our regular communion service the hand of fellowship was extended to those who had been baptized. We deeply feel that the Lord has placed his hand upon these young people for definite service in his Kingdom. They are regular Sunday School pupils and attend prayer meeting as often as their parents bring them.

During these services the pastor, Rev. R. C. Stading, stressed the responsibilities of parents, church members, pastors and each individual as to the victories and fruitfulness of these new followers.

R. C. Stading, Pastor.

## Eastern Conference

### Eightieth Birthday Is Celebrated by Rev. W. S. Argow of Erie, Pennsylvania

On Jan. 2nd Rev. W. S. Argow of Erie, Pa., was remembered on his 80th birthday with a shower of 175 cards and with many congratulations by a host of friends. At the Sunday morning service of the Central Baptist Church of Erie, it was announced by Rev. Peter Pfeiffer, pastor, that the Oak Street Church, Burlington, Iowa, had sent the two gorgeous bouquets on the platform for the occasion. The Baptist Church of North Freedom, Wis., sent a purse of money. The Immanuel Church of Kankakee, Ill., and the West Center Street Church of Madison, S. Dak., sent scores of congratulatory cards. These are former churches served by Brother Argow.

In Mr. Argow's letter relating some of the joys of his birthday he stated: "What a flood of memories was opened to me as I read and re-read the messages. And to have them mention something said or done during our labors with them! We often sowed in tears and now we can reap with joy. This was especially true in those dark years when my beloved life's companion was under a cloud. But God still answers prayer, as he has done for Mrs. Argow. We are praying and hoping for a complete recovery. Mrs. Argow baked dozens of Christmas cookies, made candy and baked my birthday cake, as good as ever, which was something she had not been able to do for 20 years. The future is just as bright as the promises of God, and we are asking him to give us faith to stand on his promises with both feet and say: Lead on! I thank God for the many friends who have enriched my life!"

On Sunday, Jan. 16, Mr. Argow supplied the pulpit of the First United Presbyterian Church of Erie. He served that church for 4½ years some time ago as supply pastor.

The family of Brother Argow presented him with eight ten-dollar-bills to help defray his expenses to the General Conference in Waco, Texas, in June. Since graduation from our Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., in 1902 he has never missed a single General Conference, which is a noble record!

M. L. Leuschner, Editor.

## Spiritual Crusade Is Held by the Killaloe Baptist Churches of Ontario

The Killaloe Baptist Churches of Ontario experienced rich spiritual blessing in a series of special meetings from October 20 to 31. Rev. E. Arthur McAsh, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., led our churches in these meetings. We were greatly inspired and challenged by his spiritual messages.

These meetings were conducted for the deepening of the spiritual life of God's people. Many were drawn closer to God in daily experience as the result of Brother McAsh's ministry. At the close of the last service a great number of people presented themselves in dedication and re-dedication to God, and besides a number made professions of faith in Christ. We praise and thank God for the blessings of these meetings with Mr. McAsh.

Lawrence W. George, Pastor.

## Central Conference

### \$23,000 Parsonage Is Purchased by the White Ave. Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio

We are happy to report that the White Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, has taken the commendable step of purchasing a new parsonage, which is now being occupied by the pastor, Rev. Edward Kary, and his family. This "new" home, obtained for the purchase price of \$23,000, is not brand new but is one of the older, well-built and well-kept-up homes located on a beautiful street in the Cleveland Heights area. In arrangement and convenience, it is ideal as a parsonage.

It is indeed heartening when a church sees the need of improving the living quarters of its pastor and is willing to make the sacrifice that this entails. Surely, God will bless this venture of faith on the part of his children!

Recently four new members were accepted into the fellowship of the church. On Sunday, Dec. 19th, the Church Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Winifred Bessel, presented the Christmas cantata, "The World's True Light." Miss Charlotte Tebbe served as organist.

Mrs. Edward Kary, Reporter.

## Dakota Conference

### Ten Converts Baptized at Watchnight Service Held by Baptist Church, Herreid, S. Dak.

At the Watchnight Service held by the Baptist Church of Herreid, S. Dak., we had the joy of receiving twelve new members into the fellowship of our church, ten through baptism and two by letter. The ten con-



Rev. A. Krombein (right) of Eureka, S. Dak., and twenty-three converts whom he baptized at the Watchnight Service

verts who were baptized were saved in the evangelistic meetings which we conducted last fall. In Herreid Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, Alta., served as evangelist, and at our Gnadenfeld station Rev. Paul Galambos of Streeter, North Dakota. The services of both brethren were greatly appreciated by our people.

Our church with its different departments is enjoying peace and harmony and is looking forward to even greater blessings in 1955. During the Christmas season the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Fenske, were the recipients of many lovely gifts. The church also voted a financial raise of \$450 to help defray car and pension expenses for which we are grateful.

E. S. Fenske, Pastor.

### Twenty-three Converts are Baptized at Watchnight Service, Eureka, South Dakota

All the stations of the Baptist Church, Eureka, S. Dak., came to-

## CENTRAL CONFERENCE (Continued)

Another Central Conference area report from Benton Harbor, Mich., appears on page 22 of this issue.

gether on Dec. 31st for a special occasion. The church was filled to the last seat. For the opening we had a very impressive baptismal service. After an inspiring message on baptism, the pastor, Rev. A. Krombein, had the privilege of baptizing 23 candidates into the death of Jesus Christ. We thank the Lord for all those who are willing to follow Christ in baptism. Sixteen precious souls gave their hearts to Christ last October when Rev. Walter Stein of Tyndall, S. Dak., was our evangelist. One family of five persons came over to us from another denomination and were ready to follow Jesus Christ in baptism.

After this service, the church participated in the Lord's Supper. At that time all those who had been baptized and two others, who came by letter to us, received the hand of fellowship into the church. Then we had a social gathering with a light lunch served to all who are present and with new acquaintances made with strangers and visitors.

Again we gathered in the main room of the church for the closing hour of the old year. We heard a number of testimonies in which it was expressed how graciously God had guided us during the year. In earnest prayer on our knees we entered the new year.

A. Krombein, Pastor.



The \$23,000 "new" parsonage of the White Ave. Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, of which Rev. and Mrs. Edward Kary and family are the first occupants



The new building of the Baptist Church at Leola, S. Dak., a mission station of the Eureka Baptist Church, which was dedicated on Sunday, Dec. 19th

### Evangelistic Crusade and Christmas Candlelight Service at Plum Creek Church, Emery, S. Dak.

We of the Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, S. Dak., are grateful that the Lord has continued to pour out his blessings on us at our church. From November 2 to 14, we had our "Spiritual Advance Crusade" with Rev. A. Beaty, pastor of Chancellor, South Dakota. The Spirit of God manifested his presence in the decisions that were made for salvation and consecration.

Recently, we had the joy and privilege of "licensing to preach" Curtis Fauth, one of our boys attending Bethel Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., and also, Bert Itterman, who served us during May and June as interim pastor and is attending our Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 19, the Choir and the Junior CBY presented a Christmas Candlelight service which

was directed by Mrs. Willis Potratz. This service was appreciated by the many who attended. Rev. Willis Potratz is pastor of the church.

Mrs. Lester Jucht, Reporter.

### New Basement Church at Leola, S. Dak., a Mission of Eureka Church, Is Dedicated

During the past five years the Baptist Church of Eureka, S. Dak., has built two new churches. In 1950 we completed and dedicated our new church edifice in the town of Eureka. Our station, Hoffnungsfeld, was located in the country between Eureka and Leola. Since many of the people have moved to Leola, the Hoffnungsfeld station was dissolved a year ago and a new mission established in Leola. We also decided to build a new church there.

The Leola station planned to build a new edifice, 36 x 64 feet, and to put up the shell of the building, complet-

ing the basement and finishing the rest of the church as soon as possible. These plans have now been carried out successfully.

On Sunday, Dec. 5, the new basement church at Leola, S. Dak., was dedicated. It was a great day of rejoicing for our entire Eureka church. Our neighboring churches of Herreid, Ashley and Aberdeen had been invited and a capacity crowd was on hand. Mrs. A. Bibelheimer of Ashley, N. Dak., spoke to the Sunday School. Rev. A. Bibelheimer, Ashley, N. Dak., brought the dedication message, and Rev. A. Krombein, pastor, offered the prayer of dedication.

In the afternoon greetings were brought by several visiting ministers and reports given by members of the church. The treasurer of the Leola Church reported that thus far the new edifice has cost \$18,000. A loan of \$10,000 has been made from the denomination's Church and Loan Fund. In the evening service Rev. Thomas Lutz of Aberdeen, S. Dak., brought us a message of profound blessing. The Leola Church Choir rendered a beautiful selection. The offerings on this dedication day totaled \$1700.

A. Krombein, Pastor.

### Watchnight Service, Young People's Program and Building Plans, Turtle Lake, North Dakota

The Turtle Lake Baptist Church of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., held its annual business meeting prior to the Watchnight Service to usher in the year 1955. Following the customary election of officers, we retired to the church parlors for refreshments served by the ladies of the church. Upon returning to the sanctuary, Norman Schlafmann, Clinton Jesser and LaVerne Haas, students at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., brought brief but challenging messages from God's Word. Mrs. Richard Walcker of Riverdale, N. Dak., sang the inspiring selection, "The Holy City."

God has blessed us in this past year. Each Lord's Day brings new evidence of the need of a more adequate structure, and we are much in prayer for God's guidance as we undertake this challenge that he has set before us. Goals have been set, committees are prayerfully working, and we trust it will not be too long before we will realize our new "house of worship."

The young people of our church spent an evening caroling the Christmas message throughout the streets and homes of our city. Several numbers were also sung at the local hospital. Upon returning to the church parlors, they were greeted with steaming hot chocolate and sandwiches by several of the mothers. Just before the outing, they presented their Christmas program to a large audience. A short skit entitled, "I Wonder," bringing out the purpose of caroling was given, along with several readings and musical numbers.

We rejoice in the fellowship of our pastor, Rev. Herbert Schauer, his wife, and lovely children, and look forward to a blessed and fruitful time under their ministry.

Mrs. Arnold Franke, Reporter.

## Atlantic Conference

### C.B.Y. of Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pa., Sponsors the Watchnight Service

What a wonderful thing it is when young people give their hearts to Christ! Old things are passed away—all things are become new. We of the Calvary Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Pa., thank God for Christian young people who desire to welcome the New Year in the Lord's house with Christ. Such was the intention of the members of the CBY, as they planned a Watchnight Service to include the entire church and their friends.

The program began at 9:00 P.M. with the singing of hymns and prayer. A Christian film, "Reaching From Heaven," was shown. A social in the lower auditorium followed the film. The Fellowship Commission served cake and ice cream. Several members of the church submitted infant photos of their families. These were numbered so each individual present could try to guess whom each picture represented.

After the social, a service of prayer and praise was resumed in the upper sanctuary. Rev. Robert Cook was in charge of the latter part of the service, at which time hymns appropriate to close the old year and begin the new were sung. Individuals responded to the Holy Spirit by testifying of the answer to prayers and many blessings God had bestowed upon them in 1954. The girls quartet sang "Shine On Me," while Robert Lewis rendered a solo, "The Love of God." Pastor Cook presented a few challenging words for the year 1955 which was followed by silent prayer and closed in prayer by Helmuth Schreiber.

The conclusion of the program consisted of a large circle formed by every one present. Hands were clasped as "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" was sung.

Doris Dorozowski, Reporter.

## Northern Conference

### Calvary Church, Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Grants Pastor Leave of Absence for European Trip

The annual business meeting of the Calvary Baptist Church of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, was held on Wednesday, Dec. 29. Rev. H. Schumacher, our pastor, was the chairman and there was a fine report of the year's work by all departments. In spite of our building project, our missionary offerings have increased considerably over the last year.

One of the highlights of the meeting was that our pastor was granted a three months' leave of absence in order to go to Europe this summer. We as a church have much for which to praise the Lord.

Agnes Doering, Reporter.



The choir of the Baptist Church, Nokomis, Sask., with the Christmas decorations in the background

### New Pulpit and Inspirational Programs at the Baptist Church, Nokomis, Sask.

There have been many blessings that we of the Baptist Church, Nokomis, Sask., have recently enjoyed. From November 22 to December 3 we had evangelistic meetings with Rev. and Mrs. Walter Hoffman of Ebenezer, Sask. The meetings were well attended. The Lord richly blessed us in these days as two young people accepted him as Savior and many rededicated their lives to him for a closer walk.

On December 19th our pastor, Rev. Oscar Fritzke, greatly surprised the church by saying, "This is the last Sunday I am standing behind this pulpit." Of course, most of us had the idea that he was resigning only to be told that we were being offered another pulpit if we donated the present one to the new chapel being built on the Muscowpetung Indian Reserve. The Proseilo family donated a beautiful new pulpit to the church in memory of Marvin Jaster. In the evening we had our dedication service for the new pulpit.

The Sunday School presented their program on Christmas Eve. The choir presented their cantata, "Immanuel Forever," on Sunday evening, Dec. 26, for which we had a large attendance.

The C.B.Y. in church has also been active. They gave their annual program Dec. 31st and presented the play, "Church Bells." After the program, we had lunch and fellowship in the basement, coming back to the auditorium for our Watchnight Service. The old year was closed after testimony, praise and fellowship with a communion service. We praise God for being so precious to us during the past year. May he continue to lead us in this year!

Mrs. Oscar Fritzke, Reporter.

### Christmas Cantata Rendered by Church and Junior Choirs at Golden Prairie, Sask.

A sacred concert was given on Sunday, Dec. 19th, by the mixed and junior choirs of the First Baptist Church of Golden Prairie, Sask., with a large crowd in attendance. The program

consisted of a Christmas carol cantata, "Prepare Him Room," by Rosemary Hadler and published by the Lorenz Publishing Company. Beginning with the joyous proclamation, "The Savior reigns," on to the solos of the wise men who sang their homage to the Christ-child, the cantata was climaxed with the fortissimo acclamation of "Gloria, Gloria, Glory to the new born King."

The program included duets, quartets, solos, poems and a contemporary Christmas story. A manger-scene pageant was presented by the juniors. A beautiful scene of the town of Bethlehem with its bright star in the background was painted by Rev. A. Lamprecht. This centered our thoughts around that first Christmas Eve when our Savior was born on this earth. Under the able leadership of Mrs. Lamprecht this concert proved to be a blessing to everyone who attended.

We are grateful to God that we have Rev. and Mrs. A. Lamprecht to assist us in the work of the Lord here in our church. Our prayer in this year is that we as choir and young people may continue to serve our Master in song and word.

Inez Unrath, Secretary.

## Pacific Conference

### Christmas and New Year's Programs at the Bethel Baptist Church, Missoula, Montana

Many things of interest have been happening at the Bethel Baptist Church of Missoula, Mont. We held revival meetings from Nov. 30 to Dec. 12 with Rev. Ron Dalzell of Thief River Falls, Minn., as our evangelist. Several young people took a definite stand for Christ, and we praise God for them.

Our Christmas celebrations were many and varied. We held a German worship service on Christmas morning and on Christmas Eve the Sunday School presented a fine program. The youngsters sang and recited and the intermediate girls gave a short dialogue. Sunday after Christmas our pastor, Rev. C. T. Remple, gave us a short message in English about Christmas, and on Sunday evening we were favored with some beautiful songs rendered by our young ladies sextet.

New Year's Eve was also devoted in part to Christmas worship. The young people rendered a very inspiring Christmas dialogue and beautiful songs. Afterward, we were served refreshments by our ladies. At 11 o'clock we returned to the sanctuary, and our pastor served us at the communion table. The last fifteen minutes of the year were spent in prayer.

"We held our annual business meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 28. We elected Mr. Jacob Metzger to fill the vacancy of deacon left by our dear departed Brother Hintz. We gave our pastor a gift of money because we feel he is doing such a fine job. We are truly looking forward to a blessed year!" Mrs. Geraldine L. Noland, Reporter.



The choir and Junior CBY of the Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, S. Dak., at the Christmas Candlelight Service with Mrs. Willis Potratz, director, at the left

**Reception for Rev. and Mrs. G. Beutler by Victoria Ave. Church, Chilliwack, B. C.**

Friends and members of the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church, Chilliwack, B. C., gathered on Sunday evening, Dec. 5th, to welcome our new minister, Rev. and Mrs. G. Beutler and family. Dr. A. S. Felberg and Rev. Gerhard Gebauer and congregations from the Ebenezer and the Bethany Churches, Vancouver, B. C., had been invited to attend.

Congregational singing led by Dr. Felberg opened the evening service. Welcoming sermons were preached by Dr. Felberg in English and Mr. Gebauer in German. Rev. S. Wenham of the First Baptist Church of Chilliwack also spoke encouraging words of welcome as well as representatives from all organizations of our church, including our interim pastor, Mr. Hugo Jantz.

Although the evening was a very joyous one for all at this reception, we also bade farewell to our interim pastor, Mr. Hugo Jantz, and his wife. Mr. J. Dyck, deacon, expressed words of appreciation for the fine services rendered and the blessings we received through his ministry. We praise and thank God for sending Rev. G. Beutler to us and we are looking forward to a blessed time in the future as we labor hand in hand for our Master.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 26, the Woman's Missionary Society rendered a very interesting and inspiring program. Several vocal numbers by duets, trios and quartets as well as instrumental numbers were enjoyed. A heart stirring play entitled, "The Christmas Miracle," was rendered. Mr. Beutler spoke words of praise and encouragement to close the service.

Mrs. Henry A. Tepper, Reporter.

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**Bible Studies, Christmas Programs and Watchnight Service at Elk Grove, Calif.**

The First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., was privileged to have Dr. Vincent Bennett, well known Bible teacher and author, at our church from Nov. 28 to Dec. 5. Dr. Bennett's theme for the week was "Understanding Calvary." It was evident that God was present at these meetings, for at the last service many came forward, dedicating their lives to Christ.

A fine Christmas program was presented by the Sunday School on Christmas Eve, consisting of a pageant, recitations by the children and musical numbers. The offering of the evening was designated for the Korean children.

An inspiring program was also presented at the Watchnight Service. From 8:00 to 10:00 P.M. musical numbers were given by the choir, organist, church band, pianist, male quartet, men's octet and a musical reading. From 10:00 to 11:00 P.M. we enjoyed a time of fellowship. The last hour was the most blessed as we gathered around the Lord's Table to observe the Lord's Supper and also to listen to a challenging meditation by our pastor, Rev. W. W. Knauf.

Lillian Graf, Reporter.

**Central Conference**

**Twenty-three Converts Are Baptized at Clay Street Church, Benton Harbor, Michigan.**

A most inspirational Watchnight Service at the Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., epitomized an unprecedented year of success in the church's history. A fellowship dinner to initiate a Building Fund drive resulted in the raising of \$165,000 in cash and pledges. Approximately \$1500 was given for the denominational expansion program and a brand new 48 passenger bus was purchased for the Sunday School, together with many other noteworthy achievements.

The first hour of the three-hour Watchnight Service was a program rendered by our Christian Youth Fellowship. This featured solos, duets, musical numbers, climaxed by a very inspiring play entitled, "God's Gift" written by Vivian Hoover. This was a most wholesome setting for the reception of six new members and an impressive Communion Service which followed. Mr. Conrad Sommerfeld's faithful service as deacon of the church for twelve years was publicly recognized by the pastor, Rev. William Hoover. He is a charter member and has been a pillar of the church for 45 years, and is loved and respected by all. Due to a general church ruling he was not eligible for re-election.

With the close of the communion service, the congregation was invited to the dining parlors to fellowship around the tables. Our New Year's Eve services are becoming more popular and are drawing larger crowds each year. Testimonies interspersed with special numbers were given. The old year was closed and the new year greeted in intercessory prayer.

Already we have seen tangible results to our prayers. For the past two Sundays, souls have responded to the invitations by our pastor. On Sunday night, Jan 2, our pastor baptized 23 new converts and on Sunday, Jan. 9, 24 received the hand of fellowship, thus making it 30 new members since New Year's Eve. Among those baptized, there was one 75 years old and two over 70 years of age.

The Sunday School under the direction of Leo Spitzke and his personnel of 43 workers has reached new highs in attendance and giving during this past year. A budget of over \$7000 and a record attendance of 575 belong to the heretofore achievements. The old parsonage with its eleven rooms was taken over by the Sunday School and equipped for Sunday School purposes. The new bus which the Sunday School helped to purchase was a contributing factor in helping the Boy's Brigade win the trophy at the annual rally at Wheaton, Ill., in competing against four other states.

John H. McDonald, Reporter.

**Day of Prayer Friday, February 25**

**WE, THE WOMEN**

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faith, our will and our submission to God's will. All of us know of extraordinary happenings in our lives which are the working out of this principle. It devolves upon us that there should be more.

If we enlarge our vision of the potentiality of prayer, we join with others, whether it be in one place, at one time (Matt. 18:20) or in a wider fellowship, bound together for a purpose. As Baptist women, we have two stated occasions in which we engage in this ministry: The Baptist Women's Day of Prayer, usually observed in December, and the World Day of Prayer in which we join with Christian women in every clime and nation. This year, it is on February 25. We are asked to reflect on the theme: "Abide in Me" (John 15:4). We know that we cannot do this unless we believe and live out our Lord's words stated in the following verse (v. 5): "I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."

The result of this endeavor may never be computed in human reckoning. "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of. . . For so the whole round earth is every way bound by gold chains about the feet of God" (Alfred Tennyson).

In a recent letter from Dr. Gilbert Laws, a good friend and an eminent British Baptist minister, I find these significant lines, "The burden resting on governments all around the world is heavy; heart and conscience must be nigh overwhelmed. . . We can only pray for all such, including those who do not pray for themselves: these need it more."

Yes, in the words of Frank C. Luebach, "Prayer can be the mightiest force in the world."

Let us use it!

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**OBITUARY**

**MR. PETER DEMUTH**  
of Washington County, Texas.

Mr. Peter Demuth of Washington County, Texas, son of Anton and Augusta Schwenker Demuth, was born in Germany on September 24, 1905 and passed away on December 15, 1954 at his home after an illness of several months. He came to America with his parents at the age of 13 and settled in Washington County, Texas, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was married the first time to Miss Frieda Hodde who preceded him in death in 1942. On July 24, 1943 he married Miss Lydia Luedemann. His first wife bore him two daughters; the second union was blessed with four sons.

On May 28, 1950 Peter Demuth was baptized on profession of his faith in Christ and united with the Greenvine Baptist Church. He was a devoted husband and father as well as a good provider of the material necessities of life. He and his family made it a practice to be in God's house regularly. Last July Mr. Demuth had to have two brain operations which culminated in his death. He was at peace with God, having surrendered his all to him.

Survivors include his wife and the following children: Gertrude, student at the Rio Grande Bible Institute of Edinburg, Texas; Gloria; Harvey; Pete, Jr.; David; and Larry; all of Brenham; his mother, Mrs. Augusta Demuth; two brothers: Anton and Frank of Brenham and New Braunfels, Texas, respectively; and two sisters in Germany. The undersigned used the words of Job 1:21b as the basis for the funeral message.

Greenvine Baptist Church,  
Burton, Texas

FRANK ARMBRUSTER, Pastor.

**MRS. MARTHA SCHMELTEKOPF**  
of Kyle, Texas.

Mrs. Martha Schmeltekopf of Kyle, Texas, was born on April 6, 1873, at Reikensachsen, Hessen, Germany, and went to be with the Lord suddenly on December 20, 1954, while at the home of her daughter in Kyle, Texas, at the age of 81 years, 8 months and 14 days.

She came to this country with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Deiss, and settled in the Greenvine community near Burton, Texas, in the year of 1885. The following year she was converted and baptized by Rev. Frank Kiefer and became a member of the Greenvine Baptist Church.

In the year 1893 she was united in marriage to Herman Juerges who preceded her in death in 1919. Uniting in marriage with Henry Schmeltekopf of Kyle, she became the stepmother of nine children whom she loved and served until her death. Mr. Henry Schmeltekopf preceded her in death in 1924, also a daughter, Mrs. Otto Hill, in the year of 1925.

She leaves to mourn her passing six sons: W. C., Arthur, Henry, Emil, Walter and Charles, all of Kyle, Texas; two daughters: Mrs. Kurt Lengefeld, Kyle, Texas; and Mrs. Arthur Loewer, Branch, La.; 30 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews and a host of friends and fellow church members of the Immanuel Baptist Church, where she was a faithful member since 1920.

Rev. Edwin Kraemer of Gatesville, Texas, and the Rev. J. B. Holt of New Braunfels, Texas, assisted in the funeral services conducted by Rev. Eldon Schroeder, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church.

Immanuel Baptist Church,  
Kyle, Texas

ELDON G. SCHROEDER, Pastor.

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me" Jesus (John 14:1).

**MR. PHILIP WACKER**  
of Turtle Lake, North Dakota.

Mr. Philip Wacker of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., was born Nov. 2, 1871 in South Russia and died Dec. 31, 1954 at the Turtle Lake Hospital at the age of 83 years, 1 month and 29 days. The cause of his death was attributed to a growing tumor that could not be checked. He came to America at the age of 12, living near Long Lake, South Dakota. In 1899 he moved to Anamoose, N. Dak., where he homesteaded and in 1901 he moved to a farm southwest of Turtle Lake on which he lived until 1930. Since 1930 he had lived in the city of Turtle Lake.

He was married to Eva Mitliedner in 1899. To this union came eleven children. Seven of these preceded the father in death during infancy and early childhood. His first wife also passed to her eternal home in July, 1929. He was united in marriage to his second wife: Theresa Heissler on Nov. 30, 1930. She together with his four children remain to mourn his passing. The children are: Esther, Mrs. Chester Johnson, Turtle Lake; Edna, Mrs. Fred Wagner, Falkirk, N. Dak.; Edwin of Turtle Lake and Walter of Colorado Springs, Colorado. One step-son preceded him in death: two step-sons and three step-daughters still remain; also seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and many friends.

As a young man he made things right with his Maker and on confession of faith in Christ and baptism became a member of the Bethel Baptist Church, then located south of Turtle Lake. He was a charter member of this church. He served his Lord and church in many capacities through the years and his spirit of prayer and devotion will be missed by all. All his life and especially in the last year of suffering he faithfully lived up to his favorite Bible verse, which also was the text for the funeral message: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness" (2 Tim. 4:7-8).

Turtle Lake, North Dakota

H. SCHAUER, Pastor.

**MR. ARTHUR PENNER**  
of Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. Arthur Penner of Detroit, Mich., was born Dec. 8, 1902, in Poland, and departed from our midst quite suddenly Dec. 17, 1954, at his home in Detroit. He reached the age of 52 years. Mr. Penner's illness was a weak heart condition. On account of this, his wife and he planned a trip to Florida. Having enjoyed that climate for six weeks, they returned again to Detroit. On the third day at home the dear brother suffered a heart attack which brought his young life to a sudden close.

Mr. Penner was a sincere Christian. He served the Burns Ave. Baptist Church for many years as a member of the trustees, and he also was chosen as the president of the Men's Bible Class. He was always ready to give a testimony. So at the last prayer meeting before his departure he had a word of thanks for his Savior.

Mr. Penner had emigrated in his childhood with his parents to Canada. In 1919 the family came to Detroit. In 1925 he accepted Jesus as his Savior and was baptized by the Rev. B. Graf.

On Monday, Dec. 20, the funeral service too was held at the Burns Ave. Church. Many friends and relatives besides the members of the church were present to pay their last respect. There was a beautiful display of flowers all around the auditorium. Fitting songs were rendered by the men. The pastor in charge of the service based his message of comfort on John 14:1-3. After this comforting service the body was taken to the White Chapel Memorial Cemetery.

The deceased leaves to mourn his departure his sorrowing wife, Ida; the two sons: David and Frederick; his mother, Mrs. Johanna Penner; and four sisters: Mrs. Adolph Rossel, Mrs. Al Beard, Mrs. Roy Dymmel, and Mrs. Henry Raese, as well as many friends and relatives, and his church.

Burns Ave. Baptist Church,  
Detroit, Michigan

H. P. KAYSER, Correspondent.

# Spice of Life

Husband: "You must think automobiles grow on trees."

Wife: "Silly! Everybody knows they come from plants."

Customer: "Remember that cheese you sold me yesterday?"

Grocer: "Yes, madam."

Customer: "Did you say it was imported or deported from Switzerland?"

Hubby: "What are we having for dessert tonight, dear?"

The Mrs.: "Sponge cake. I sponged the eggs from Mrs. Brown, the flour from Mrs. Smith, and the milk from Mrs. Jones."

The boy's mother found him sobbing in the basement.

"Willy, darling, what's the matter?"

"The hammer fell on Daddy's toe."

"Why, that's nothing for you to cry about."

"I didn't cry. I laughed."

Son: "Why is Father singing so long tonight?"

Mother: "He wants to sing the baby to sleep."

Son: "Well, if I were the baby I'd pretend I was asleep."

The after-dinner speaker had talked for fifteen minutes.

"After partaking of such a meal," he continued, "I feel if I had eaten any more, I would be unable to talk."

From the far end of the table came an order to a waiter: "Give him a sandwich."

The celebrated soprano was in the middle of her solo when little Johnny said to his mother, referring to the conductor of the orchestra: "Why does this man hit at the woman with his stick?"

"He is not hitting at her," replied the mother. "Keep quiet."

"Well, then, why is she hollerin'?"

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