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**Chiefs, Kings and Pastors  
The BWA Golden Jubilee  
Church Extension in California**

# March of Events

● Chapel attendance of 60 million service personnel was reported by all branches of the military service in one year. Approximately 23,000 marriages and 35,000 baptisms were performed. Visiting clergymen participated in services registering an attendance of six million during the past year. Baptist chaplains render a vital service to this over-all ministry to service personnel.

—Watchman-Examiner

● "Time and Eternity" is the name of a new science film to be released by Moody Institute of Science, Dr. Irwin Moon, manager, this fall. The film deals with time as we know it and how time is related to space—in other words, the difficult but intriguing theory of relativity. Moody Institute of Science, a branch of Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill., is well known for its "Sermons from Science" films being shown all over the world, as well as its teacher-training and Bible story films.

● The new Head of Christ by Jacques Barosin will be introduced at the 23rd International Sunday School convention in Cleveland, Ohio, July 27-31. The picture is a part of the *Life of Christ* series of 75 water colors displayed widely throughout the country under the aegis of non-denominational and educational groups. Delegates from all denominations and other guests at the convention will have the opportunity of seeing not only the new Head of Christ, but the series of original paintings as well.

● Eastern Europe has been evangelized with some 10,000 balloons carrying Bible portions and tracts printed in Russian, Czech and Polish, launched from a site in Bavaria near the Czechoslovak frontier. Officials of the International Council of Christian Churches, which has sponsored the "Gospel Airlift" for the past two summers, expect to launch another 90,000 "Bible balloons" in the next four months. The project is supported by member groups in 45 non-Communist countries.

● A painting by Professor Richard West, of Bacone College, Muskogee, Okla., has been reproduced in color in the March 1955 issue of the "National Geographic Magazine." The painting appears as a part of a series entitled "America's First Painters." Mr. West has had his work exhibited in large art centers across the country. He is a graduate of the school he now serves as head of the art de-

partment. Bacone College, sponsored by the American Baptist Home Mission Society, is the only college dedicated to the Christian training of Indian youth in the United States.

—Watchman-Examiner

● The largest evangelical church building in the heart of Athens, Greece, even though not completely finished, is often packed to capacity with more than 1,500 people. Three

## Baptist Briefs

● **President F. Townley Lord** of the Baptist World Alliance and Dr. Ernest A. Payne, general secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, left London April 29 on a visit to Budapest, Hungary. They went at the invitation of the Baptist Union of Hungary. They expected to be away from London one week.

● **Telefolmin, a lonely outstation** of New Guinea, the scene of a massacre of two white patrolmen in November, 1953, which forced Australian Baptist missionaries to evacuate, has been re-occupied by the mission this spring. Expansion into the Taraua Valley area of New Guinea has been launched by the missionaries from Australia.

● **Billy Graham and his team** will conduct revival meetings in Frankfurt, Munich, Stuttgart, and Nuremberg, Germany, in late June after visiting Zurich and Geneva, Switzerland. They are scheduled for a rally June 30 in the largest stadium in the Netherlands, at Rotterdam, attracting an expected 65,000 from Holland and Belgium. They will be in Sweden for a gathering at Gothenberg July 3 and in Norway at Oslo July 5.

● **With a final rally** in Hampden Park stadium in Glasgow, Scotland, the largest in Europe, Evangelist Billy Graham concluded his six-weeks "Tell Scotland" campaign. Crusade officials said 805,000 persons attended the 40 meetings in Glasgow. The last service drew 100,000. By direct addresses, television, and telephonic relays, the evangelist's message reached 2,547,365, the greatest audience of his ministry. In his twelve-week campaign in London in 1954, 2,047,330 heard Billy Graham by relay or directly. In Glasgow 52,253 persons made their decisions for Christ, in London 38,477.

additional church buildings have been completed within the last year. This coming year the Fellowship of Free Evangelical Churches is confronted with the task of building ten more churches, widely scattered all over Greece. The next building on the program is at Patras. This church is in a continuous state of revival. The present meeting place is completely crowded out, and people stand outside to listen. According to Executive Secretary K. Paul Yphantis, one of the biggest problems of the evangelical work in Greece is space.

● Two other countries have joined the Philippine government in its ban (Continued on Page 11)

● **U. S. Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.**, pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church of New York City, attended the Asian-African Conference in Bandung, Indonesia, in April. "I am going to this conference," he said in a statement published in "The Baptist Leader" of Birmingham, Ala., "at my own expense, entirely unofficially. I hope that my presence there as an American and above all as a member of the colored peoples of the United States will be of some value for the peace, understanding, and strengthening of brotherhood of our world."

● **Church membership in British** Baptist churches decreased by 2,732 during 1954 to a total of 325,896. Dr. Ernest A. Payne, general secretary, so reported to the annual assembly of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, meeting in London. Sunday School enrollment also dropped during the past year from 328,988 to 325,597. The average salary paid to British Baptist preachers was 400 pounds, or \$1,120 last year. Many do not get as much as that.

● **Of the 6500 churches in the American Convention**, 50 per cent are located in small towns and open country. Of these, 1000 are in the open country, 1100 in villages up to 500 population and 1000 in communities of between 500 and 5000. Thirty per cent of the members of the American Convention churches are to be found in these churches and 22 per cent of these are in churches in communities of less than 2500. There are 1402 churches in the American Convention with a resident membership of 50 or less and 2710 with membership between 50 and 100. Thus over 40 per cent of the churches have a resident membership of 100 or less.

# Editorial

## Please Shut the Gate!

JESUS' WORDS that were first addressed to Martha are frequently heard by many of us in our day: "Thou art worried about many things" (John 10:41). We are "on pins and needles" about things that we think will happen to us. We worry about the world and try to carry its problems on our backs. We are scared out of our wits over the possible explosion of hydrogen bombs in our cities by an imaginary enemy.

The late Joseph Fort Newton in his devotional book, "Everyday Religious Living," relates an incident years ago when he walked in a lovely English estate from garden to garden and saw only one sign everywhere, "Please Shut the Gate!" These four words were recognized by Dr. Newton as "a whole philosophy and a wise strategy." David Lloyd George said that the secret of his success was that he learned early in life to close every gate through which he passed. Martha had to learn how to close her mind upon many anxieties in that hour when she was in the presence of Jesus and of his spiritual glory. It is a discipline which every Christian needs to practice even though it may seem difficult at first.

Shut the gate on old griefs and grievances, old blessings and blunders. They are gone; let them go! "Let the dead bury the dead," said Jesus. Why should we carry grudges of yesterday, the things of the past that cannot be recalled until we double our load and shed idle tears? Why should we gloat over our accomplishments of yesterday and idly bask in their glory when there are new tasks to perform and greater heights to attain? When you cast your cares upon Jesus, you shut the gate upon all the old things of yesterday and seek first and foremost his Kingdom and his righteousness!

The wisdom of the Apostle Paul was expressed in these words, "forgetting those things which are behind." There are all kinds of memories to bless and to haunt us. Some even hurt us and leave us spiritually paralyzed. A wise old saint prayed: "Lord, teach us to forget the things we ought not to remember, and to remember the things that we ought not to forget." In other words, we have to learn how to manage our memories. It is possible so to deal with these memories—the sad and the happy ones—in the light of God's purposes and promises for us that they serve only as a challenge and as a guide to better things for the future.

We must also shut the gate upon all the cares and anxieties, as we enter the garden of prayer. We practice the presence of God and enter "the little postern gate" of prayer only when we have shut the gate upon the things that make us fret and worry. Only those who are "anxious in nothing" can demonstrate the truth that God can supply all their need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Many Christians have learned the art of being joyful in the Lord by going out to serve others. They now serve him in green pastures and along the crowded highways of life with a song in their hearts—and with the gate shut upon all the cares of this world!

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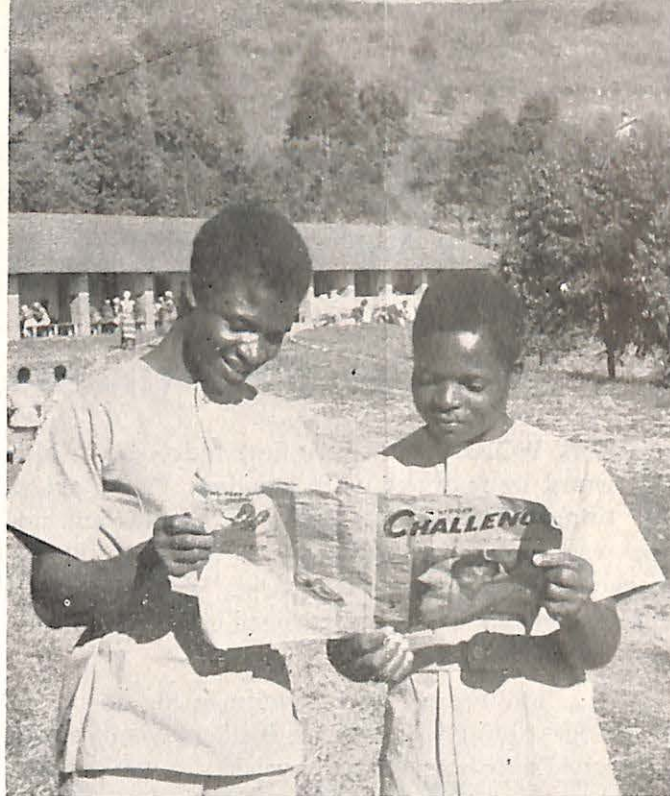
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# Chiefs, Kings and Pastors in Africa

By MISS BERNEICE WESTERMAN of Belo,  
British Cameroons, West Africa



Two Christian male nurses at the Bango Baptist Hospital (building in the background) read the latest issue of the "African Challenge," a popular English magazine in the Cameroons.

LAST YEAR I made a trip to Liakom, the village where the Chief of the Bekom people lives. In fact, no one lives there except the immediate family of the Chief and those who are his servants.

I found the old Chief very ill and was permitted to go into his room to see him. I could hardly see, for the smoke from the open fire caused my eyes to burn. Then, too, the room was so dark that even the farm lantern that was burning was not enough to help see the dark bodies of those caring for the Chief.

## CHIEF OF KOM

He was very sick, and because of his age I was quite certain that he would probably not be in this world very long. Robert Jam, our evangelist, was with me and I had asked him previously if the Chief knew God's plan for salvation. Robert assured me that he did know.

We left after a few words of encouragement to the Chief and about eight days later the report came to us at Belo that the Chief of Kom was dead. This news meant that the Kom people would have a new leader, and the question of who that was to be was on the lips of all the people.

There is one question, however, that I can not forget. When I returned to Belo from that trek to see the Kom Chief, one of the Belo Christians asked me: "Did you see our king?" That question was asked with pride. There was no shame in it!

I often wonder how many of us can ask with pride and gladness: Do you know Jesus? Have you been introduced to Christ? Do you know my King? Have you seen my KING?

Several months later Rev. R. Schilke was due to come to Belo to visit

the Mission station and as much of the area as possible in a very short time. At the same time we were also to be honored with the visit of the new Chief of Liakom. He was passing through Belo station and was stopping to see the Mission!

The Chief arrived riding on a horse. Just behind him were various chindas (servants) carrying his needed properties, one of which was a chair. Out in front of the Roth home, they placed the chair and the Chief sat down with the ceremonies that the natives know so very well. It was a king who was in our midst, and he was being paid KINGLY HONOR! Two more chairs were provided and Rev. R. Schilke and Rev. Howard Roth sat on either side of the Chief.

The most interesting part of that most eventful day was the fact that a group of very few people grew into an almost uncontrollable crowd of folk in such a very short time. I had not known that there were so very many people in all of Belo area until that day, when children, mothers, fathers, grandmothers, and grandfathers, in fact, all who could possibly walk, came to see the new Chief of Liakom.

Again a question came to me: Are we as eager to show respect and honor to our King as these Bekom folks are to show honor and respect to their king?

## THE CHRISTMAS DRAMATIZATION

At Christmas time I was blessed by the women of the Belo Church. It was the first time that they had tried to dramatize the Christmas story, but the joy that came to my heart as I saw them try to re-live the circumstances that are recorded in God's

Word about that "event controlling" narrative was a thrill. Herod became a ruler like their own Chief, while the script was changed to the Bekom language, but the Christmas story lived!

As the shepherds in the field watched their flocks, the music of "While Shepherd's Watched Their Flock by Night" was sung in the tongue known to these people (Bekom). The church was as full as it could be, and it touched my heart to experience a real reverence and awe from the audience as the women sang the last song of the program,

"Revive Thy Work, O Lord."

It was a real prayer for those who attended the service. God saw and heard and blessed the efforts that the women had made to glorify his Name!

## ORDINATION OF PASTORS

On February 24, 1955 the churches of Kom and Oku areas came to Belo to witness the ordination of three native pastors, Philip Nching, Joseph Ndukong Tangi, and Elias Tubuoh. These three men have been faithful in God's work for a number of years—some of them longer than I have been a Christian! I have witnessed other ordinations, but it seemed to me that this one was a bigger blessing.

Was it because I knew the great temptations that had already come to these and yet they had remained faithful? Yes, probably! It may have been too that I had heard their testimonies, and that I knew the people with whom they would be working and the problems that they would be facing.

But most of all, it thrilled me most when these statements were made: "You are now becoming members of a large fellowship, the fellowship of

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An exciting race is about to start at the Empire Day celebration on the Baptist Mission compound at Ndu, Brit. Cameroons, West Africa.

# Mambila's Empire Day Celebration

By MRS. JUNE GOODMAN of Warwar, British Cameroons, West Africa

CLIMAXING THE FIRST Sports Day in the history of Mambila at Gembu on March 5, 1955, district officers Lithe Watt and Kenwood Elmslie plus our missionaries Kenneth and June Goodman, tossed handfuls of wrapped candies into the crowd of school children of the Baptist Mission School of Mbanga and the government school of Gembu.

Everywhere little black hands reached out to catch the rewards. Scrambling for more with no more hands to spare, happy children trotted off down the path toward the village and the feast awaiting them.

## PROGRAM OF TEN EVENTS

At the request of the Touring Officer of Southern Adamawa, Mr. Kenwood Elmslie, a premature Empire Day was scheduled on March 5th. (It is regularly held throughout British Colonies and some Commonwealths on the 24th of May.) Eager headmasters, Mr. Peter Tabah of the Baptist Mission School and Mr. Isaiah Benke of the Gembu School, planned and carried out a program of ten events. The last event, a rugged football game, ended in a scoreless tie. For the day Gembu School nosed out Mbanga School with a final score of 43 to 42.

The challenge trophy, a shining leather encased sword, was awarded to Gembu School by the Mohammedan District Head, Mukkadas M. Usmanu. "Today we have met for a Sports Day, two schools in Mambila. Next year and in the years to come, we hope to have many schools—government and mission," explained the Mukkadas.

Recently the government policy changed in regard to schools in this area, especially mission schools. A few years ago mission schools were not encouraged. With the arrival of the present District Head in 1952, a

different attitude has been displayed. Immediately adult classes were started for the older ones and formal schools were given permission to open.

Mambila, located on the southern border of Adamawa Province, British Cameroons, is administered as part of the northern provinces of Nigeria, and as a whole has been slow to recognize the benefits of education. Missionaries visited the area as early as 1935, but the first mission school opened as late as February 1954. One government school got off to a feeble start in 1953 at Gembu. Another at Mayo Ndaga opened in 1955 with a conscripted enrollment of children.

In years past, Mambila children attending school had to walk several days into Bamenda Province before they could learn to read and write. Food had to be carried along for several weeks at a time. Children readily lost their enthusiasm and parents were easily discouraged.

The Empire Day Celebration at Gembu on March 5th opened the eyes of many parents. Eagerly they stood on the side line and swelled up with pride as their offspring dashed down the runway to win a race. Enrollment in all schools in the area is expected to take a sharp increase immediately.



The Chief of Liakom receives the homage of his people at Belo in the Cameroons with Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, holding an umbrella during a brief shower of rain.

# The Golden Jubilee of the Baptist World Congress

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A preview of the ninth Baptist World Congress,  
London, England, July 16-22, 1955

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By DR. ARNOLD T. OHRN, General Secretary



Houses of Parliament and clock tower which houses Big Ben in London, England, which Baptist World Congress delegates will view with delight.

WHEN THE BAPTIST battalions from many lands surge into the Royal Albert Hall in London on Saturday afternoon, July 16, for the opening session of the ninth Baptist World Congress, they will be meeting in the same famous auditorium where the closing session of the first world assembly took place one July night in 1905, fifty years before.

Through the preceding week, great men had appeared on the platform, and memorable words had been spoken. Our generation cannot completely have forgotten all those distinguished names from the opening of the century. There was the assembly president, Alexander Maclaren, with more than sixty shining years of Gospel ministry behind him.

## UNDAUNTED GOSPEL CHAMPIONS

There was John Clifford, undaunted champion of the freedom of the conscience, who was elected the first president of the Baptist World Alliance. There was saintly F. B. Meyer, and the fiery French orator, Reuben Saillens. There was that flaming young lawyer from Wales, destined to make an indelible mark in world history, David Lloyd George.

World-renowned missionaries were there, like Timothy Richard, of China, and Holman Bentley, of the Congo. K. O. Broady was there, dynamic Swedish leader, whose powerful preaching drew even members of the royal house to his services in simple Baptist Bethel.

We ought not to forget J. D. Freeman, of Toronto, whose splendid presentation of Baptist principles is of abiding worth; or J. N. Prestridge, of Kentucky, whom they called the "Father of the Congress," and whose speech from the chair the day he pre-

sided was a model of brevity and pungency: "There is a new thing in the world—a Baptist world consciousness." Think of E. Y. Mullins, later to become the third president of the alliance, whose address brought this tribute from Dr. Clifford: "That masterly paper, one of the finest things I have ever listened to."

## GLORIOUS MEMORIES

Do you not recognize the names of Henry C. Mabie and H. L. Morehouse, prominent missionary statesmen of their day? Deeply impressed on my own mind is the name of Augustus H. Strong, of Rochester, the congress preacher, whose profound theological sermon on "The Greatness and Claims of Christ" I laboriously ploughed my way through as a boy when the congress volume reached my home.

I am not likely to forget, either, that my own father was there, not one of the famous, just a simple Baptist preacher from Norway, who drank in the atmosphere and words and happenings of that Congress with all his soul, and who on his return

## A GOLDEN ILLUSTRATION

A western rancher had asked the district superintendent that a pastor be assigned to his community. "How big a man do you want?" asked the superintendent. "Well, Elder," the wiry man of tan replied, "we're not overly particular, but when he's on his knees we'd like to have him reach heaven."

—Sunday School Times.

instilled into his children something of that Baptist world consciousness of which London, 1905, marks the birth.

How pleasant it would be to dwell in similar fashion on names prominent at the seven congresses to follow! Take Philadelphia, 1911, where Dr. Clifford delivered his towering, monumental presidential address, and where Welshman Thomas Phillips, of London, preached that inspired sermon on the text: "The Lord will give grace and glory." (They called him ever after "Grace and Glory Phillips.")

Surely some of the readers of these lines must have memories of Stockholm, 1923, when J. H. Shakespeare preached in the ancient cathedral of Uppsala, and Archbishop Soderblom played the organ; of Toronto, 1928, where T. R. Glover gave that extraordinary address on Bunyan; of Berlin, 1934, where the congress spoke its forceful condemnation of racialism right in the face of Hitler's regime; of Atlanta, 1939, where the enormous audience in the ball park was thrilled to the core when Henry Prochazka of Czechoslovakia answered the roll call in behalf of his Nazi-occupied country, saying: "I come from a country which was, and is not, and yet shall be, in the eternal justice of God"; of Copenhagen, 1947, where refugee Rudolf Ekstein from Latvia struck this poignant note: "Jesus Christ was once a 'Displaced Person';" or, of Cleveland, 1950, where the congress, from beginning to end, felt blessed by the warm, genial, and dynamic personality of its president, C. Oscar Johnson.

## 21,000,000 BAPTISTS

We have much for which to give praise when we meet at the Jubilee Congress in London, July 16-22,

1955. Naturally, we shall look back to the blessings of five decades, and give thanks to God, who tripled our numbers in the course of half a century, bringing them from seven millions to twenty-one. We shall look at the world around us and think and pray together about its distressing problems. And we shall look confidently forward, believing that the future belongs to us because we belong to Christ. All this we shall do as we take our stance in the Scripture verse that gives us the central theme of the congress: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Our Lord is the Lord of the past, the present, and the future.

This note will be sounded in the keynote address at the opening session, by L. A. North, of New Zealand, on "The Changeless Christ in a Changing World." Other items at the same meeting will be welcome speeches by the president of the Baptist Union of Great Britain; by the archbishop of Canterbury, as chairman of the British Council of Churches; and by the president of the Free Church Federal Council.

## PRESIDENT HERBERT GEZORK

At the evening session President Herbert Gezork, of Andover Newton Theological School, will speak on our Baptist faith in the context of today's world. Likewise, we expect to complete the Roll Call of Nations, which will take its beginning in the afternoon.

The second day will be Sunday, July 17, the fiftieth anniversary of the birth of the Baptist World Alliance. In the morning, preachers from many lands will occupy pulpits in London and vicinity. (In 1905, our men spoke in 188 churches on congress Sunday.) In the afternoon the Golden Jubilee service will take place in the Royal Albert Hall. The jubilee address will be given by President F. Townley Lord.

In the evening, there will be a special service in the same hall, where an international and interracial team of youth, women, businessmen, will give their testimony concerning their personal experience of Christ. The brief closing message, on "The Fullness of Christ," will be given by President Josef Nordenhaug of the Baptist Theological Seminary at Rüschtikon-Zürich.

The five days to follow will be packed with good things. Plenary sessions will be held in Royal Albert Hall, forenoons and nights. The afternoons will be given over to sectional meetings, except on Wednesday. There will be sectional meetings for youth, for women, for laymen, for ministers, for theological teachers, for missionaries, for church historians, and other groups. One afternoon will be devoted to separate conferences for delegates from each of the world's continents.



Albert Hall in London, England, where many sessions of the Golden Jubilee Baptist World Congress will be held from July 16 to 22, 1955.

## THE "I WILL'S" OF CHRIST

The forenoon sessions follow, in general, a common pattern. Each day will begin with an address on one of Christ's *I will's*: "I will draw all men unto me"; "I will make you fishers of men"; "I will manifest myself"; "I will build my church"; "Lo, I am with you alway." Then will follow a series of glimpses of Baptist work in Asia, in Africa, in Latin America, etc., given by nationals from many lands. The final item each forenoon will be an address on some aspect of Christian faith and life.

Some speakers have already accepted invitations, others will answer shortly, but among those whom we confidently expect to speak are: Guy Moore, of Texas; Elmer A. Fridell, of New York; J. Williams Hughes, of Wales; Gilbert Laws, of Norwich; Johannes Arndt, of Germany; G. L. Prince, president of the National Baptist Convention of America; H. H. Rowley, of Manchester University, England; J. H. Jackson, president of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc.; Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge, president of the National Council of American Baptist Women; Mrs. Edgar Bates, of McMaster University, Canada; nationals from India, Burma, Japan, Korea, Nigeria, Congo,

## A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Where love is there riches be.  
Keep us all from poverty."  
—Medieval Prayer.

Cameroons, South Africa, and various European lands. Brethren from behind the Iron Curtain have been invited, and we have reasonable hope that some of them will come, and even speak.

## WORLD PEACE

Monday evening will be devoted to the great public issues of freedom and peace. President Walter Pope Binns, of William Jewell College, will be one of the speakers. Tuesday night the congress sermon will be delivered by Joao Soren, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Rio de Janeiro. Wednesday night will be given over to the pageant which our British brethren are preparing.

Thursday night will be devoted to world missions. Among the speakers will be: Erik Ruden, general secretary for home and foreign missions of the Swedish Baptists; W. M. P. Jayatunga, principal of Carey College, Ceylon; and John Middlebrook, general home secretary of the Baptist Missionary Society.

The closing session will be held in some great outdoor stadium. Among the speakers will be C. Oscar Johnson. The closing address will be given by Billy Graham, the evangelist.

To very many delegates the speeches are not the most important thing at a world congress, but the spirit of fellowship that seems to pervade the very atmosphere in a strangely exhilarating manner, and the many contacts with fellow Baptists from all parts of the globe. —Reprinted with permission from MISSIONS Magazine, February, 1955.

# Christian Training Institute, Edmonton

Report of the Bible School's Closing Exercises  
by MISS VERDA SCHEELER

COME WITH ME down the corridors of the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta. We ascend a flight of stairs, stop before a door. We knock—listen—but no one answers. Unbidden we enter the room. The sight that meets our eyes is one of barrenness. We listen as the room tells its own story:

## THE SCHOOL'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY

"You see me today stripped of all my beauty. I am but an empty shell, not because the material things have been taken away, but because my life and soul have left. I have been in royal company for the past four years. I have housed a child of the King of kings. This year she graduated from C.T.I. to enter the next school of learning, the university of life. Abandoned though I may appear, I still retain fond memories.

"In the fall of 1951 a shy young Christian hesitatingly entered my door. It has been a joy to watch that young life develop. The first week she threatened to desert me and go home. This spring she wept as she left me. What a tremendous growth in grace I witnessed during these four years!"

"The secret? I've not been just a room to live in; I've been a prayer room as well. The Living Bread has been fed upon daily, not only to prepare necessary assignments but for the soul's personal nourishment. Small wonder that our graduating class of this year could choose as its motto,

'For the Master's Use!' They are 'Ready' as their theme song suggests!"  
"SO SEND I YOU"

The years of training in the halls of the Christian Training Institute have sped too quickly for our beloved graduates. Now even the closing days of the Bible School year, so packed with good things for all in attendance, are but a memory. On Friday evening, April 8th, the twelve seniors of the Bible School and High School departments were honored at the annual banquet presented by the Junior Class. The entire banquet centered around the theme, "So Send I You." Each table was appropriately decorated to represent a different mission field with those serving dressed in native costumes of that particular land.

On Sunday afternoon, April 10th, our graduates solemnly marched up the aisles of the McKernan Baptist Church to begin the impressive baccalaureate service. The guest speaker, Rev. George Henderson, our Cameroons missionary, challenged not only the graduates but all who were present as he spoke on the text, "I am debtor."

Closing exercises continued during the next three days with many of the friends of the school partaking of the blessings of these festivities. Monday evening, under the most capable direction of Mrs. O. R. Schmidt, the students of C.T.I. presented the play, "Simon's Wife" by Francis Alwaise.

Mrs. Schmidt, the entire cast, together with those who worked so faithfully behind scenes are all to be congratulated on this excellent rendition.

A spiritual feast was enjoyed by all who attended the daytime services held at the school. The guest speakers, Professor Herbert Hiller from the Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson, together with Rev. Joe Sonnenberg of Chicago, Ill., Rev. Willy Muller of Carbon, Alta., and our Bible School graduates provided a bounteous menu of good food for the soul.

## COMMENCEMENT NIGHT

The sacred concert, always an unforgettable evening, was made even more so this year as it was climaxed by a missionary challenge. After Mr. Henderson again had forcefully presented "Missions" to the audience, the choir under Rev. Edward Link's "baton" effectively rendered the ensemble, "What of the Night, O Watchman?"

Many are the feelings which we sense as graduates, students and faculty march past the crowd on Commencement Night. A sense of triumph in the accomplishment of the graduates is suggested by the graduation march, but an undertone of sadness is also present. Later as the choir sings, everyone realizes that this is the last time that particular choir will sing together. May Professor Hiller's graduation message, "A Constant Pageant of Triumph," become a reality in the life of each graduate and student, even as they are now separated by many miles but ever united in the bond of Christian love and service.

## CHIEFS AND KINGS

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pastors. This fellowship extends around the world." It was then that I thought also of those from our own Seminary who have been ordained and set aside for God's work.

I could almost see in my mind the time when all of that fellowship will learn to know each other. For there will be some very beautiful "black saints" in heaven whom I shall be very happy to see there. God bless those in this land as well as those from our Seminary who have been set aside for HIS important work!

Those of you who are on speaking terms with God—may I ask you to pray for Joseph, Philip, and Elias as they labor in this land as ordained pastors?



Inspiring Sunday School crowd on Easter Sunday at the Zenith Ave. Baptist Sunday School, Santa Ana, Calif. (left), meeting in the home of Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Bartel, and the Easter Egg Hunt (right) in full swing on the property adjoining the Bartel home which the denominational Church Extension Committee has purchased for a new church project.

# Church Extension in California

The story of God's answers to prayer in the establishment of the Zenith Avenue Baptist Sunday School and the opening of the new denominational Church Extension project, the Santa Ana Heights Baptist Church near Costa Mesa, California

By REV. F. W. BARTEL of Santa Ana, California

WHEN GOD GETS READY to perform a new work of grace, he often touches some heart with the vision of an urgent need, and starts burdened hearts to praying. The pattern is set in Matthew 9:35-39, where our Lord Jesus, upon seeing the unshepherded multitudes, moved with compassion, started his disciples to praying. Very soon after they had begun to pray, the Twelve were sent forth into the whited harvest.

## ANSWERS TO PRAYER

In much the same manner, the First Baptist Church of Costa Mesa, California, led by Rev. P. G. Neumann, pastor, hardly having had time to become well established, even as God was opening many doors throughout the Costa Mesa area, and in the midst of a pressing building program to meet the needs of its growing Sunday School and congregation, became burdened about the need of a mission in the nearby Santa Ana Heights area. As they prayed about it, God heard and answered, for God delights to answer prayer.

As we came to Costa Mesa, and entered into the life and fellowship of the church, we soon learned of this burden of their hearts. When we were first driven through this subdivision and saw the streets alive with playing children, but without a sign of a church or Sunday School anywhere in the area, immediately we shared this burden with them and became prayer-partners. Very soon afterward we were asked to undertake this challenging mission project.

A survey showed that there was no building available suitable for Sunday School purposes. It became clear that if a new work was to be started, it would have to be in a home. Unwilling to wait until a suitable house

could be found, we began the work with a Children's Bible Hour on Fridays from 3:00 to 4:00 P.M. in the workshop of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Drew.

The beginning was small. After distributing 130 handbills in the immediate neighborhood, there were four children and six adults present at the first Bible Hour on March 18, 1954. However, the news spread and gradually the interest and attendance increased. Providentially, we were able, seven weeks later, to hold the last Bible Hour in the patio of our new home at 2301 Zenith Ave. with 27 children present, which proved an excellent preparation for the opening of our Zenith Avenue Baptist Sunday School on Mother's Day 1954 with 36 present.

## HIGH MARK OF 102

The blessing of God was manifest from the beginning, and the interest and attendance increased until we reached a high of 102, which taxed the capacity of our patio. However, dividing our school into two departments helped to ease the overcrowding and to improve the effectiveness of our school. The house to house distribution of "The Heights Reporter," a four-page bulletin, introducing us and our Sunday School to the constituent families of the area, a successful Vacation Bible School, a hay ride and a Hallowe'en party, all proved effective in bringing new children to our Sunday School and in bringing us into contact with an increasing number of interested families.

Plans were made to enter the nation-wide Sunday School Attendance Contest sponsored by "The Christian Life" magazine, with our eyes on the first prize of 75 steel folding chairs, when we learned that our Sunday

School must be at least a year old to compete for a prize.

We were led to challenge the Sunday School of our mother church (only five years old!) to reach an average attendance of 1005 before we would reach 205, and adopted as our motto, "205 before '55." While we did not reach this goal, it did help us to realize the inadequacies of our home and that the larger facilities of a chapel are essential adequately to care for the spiritual needs of this field.

The timely help of our denominational Extension Department in securing for us the choice adjoining lots, for which we had been praying from the beginning, was for us a wonderful answer to prayer. We also praise the Lord that when a public hearing was held before the Orange County Planning Board, our variance was approved without opposition.

## REACHING THE CHILDREN

In all this, prayer has played an important part. Every need of the new work was taken to the Lord in prayer. Many interested friends in our mother church continued to hold us up in prayer. It has been a thrilling experience to see how wonderfully we have been led step by step, and how faithfully our Lord has supplied all necessary equipment, piano, hymnals, chairs, tables, benches, and even a set of collection baskets from the Old Fashioned Revival in Long Beach, Calif., all coming from totally unexpected donors and devoted and separated teachers and workers as needed.

It has been a great joy to gather the children, practically all from unchurched homes, and to teach them Scripture verses, showing the way of

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Bible School and High School Department graduates of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, in the 1955 class.

Top row, left to right: Rose Anne Tiede, Eugeny Pranke, Frieda Freitag, Alice Henkelmann, and Mabel Steinert.

Bottom row: Walter Kerber, Arthur Patzja, Daniel Kolke, Arthur Gellert, and Gunter Rochow.

# God's Faithfulness in Missions

Report of the Annual Sessions of the General Missionary Committee  
by DR. M. L. LEUSCHNER, Editor

THE FAITHFULNESS of God is matched by the faith of our General Missionary Committee these days. At the recent annual sessions held from April 26 to 28 at the Forest Park headquarters the members of this Committee heard the testimonies of three new missionaries for the Cameroons and considered the possibility of appointing five other missionaries for the foreign field, adopted a tentative budget of \$359,600 (almost \$67,000 higher than last year), proposed new missionary advances and strengthened the home base through the Church Extension Projects and our evangelistic program. They were days of delightful fellowship, harmonious discussion and spiritual inspiration.

## NEW MISSIONARY APPOINTEES

Rev. John Wobig of Portland, Oregon, was elected chairman, and Rev. Elmer Strauss of Ellinwood, Kansas, vice-chairman. The agenda had been



Mrs. George W. Lang who was appointed with her husband by the General Missionary Committee as missionary to the Cameroons, Africa and commissioned with other missionary appointees at the General Conference sessions.

prepared in detail by Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, who also presented his annual report with its panoramic review of our extensive mission fields.

The stirring testimonies of Rev. and Mrs. George W. Lang of the Humboldt Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., were well received by the committee. Mr. Lang is the oldest son of Dr. and Mrs. George A. Lang of Sioux Falls, S. Dak. He has a M.A.

degree in education from the University of Chicago. Both are graduates of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. Mrs. Lang also has a registered nurse degree. They will be engaged in a teaching ministry at the Bible Training School at Ndu in the Cameroons Mission Field of Africa.

Miss Geraldine Glasenapp is a member of the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis. She has a B.S. degree from Wheaton College and a R.N. degree from West Suburban Hospital, Oak Park, Ill. In a quiet, convincing way she told the story of her conversion and God's call to the mission field. She will be another "ministering angel of the Lord" in the important work of the Great Physician, healing the bodies and souls of the Africans at the Basso Baptist Hospital. Articles about these new missionary appointees will appear later in the "Baptist Herald."

After the sessions of the General Council and General Conference in Waco, Texas, we shall be able to report about further appointments for the mission field. We thank God for his faithfulness in finding new recruits for his harvest fields of the world.

## NEW BUILDING PROJECTS

The General Missionary Committee also accepted the challenge of the Spanish-American field in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. A small chapel needs to be built at Rio Grande City where Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Castro are working. Another chapel has to be constructed at Del Norte, Colorado, for our Spanish-American work there. The Muscowpetung Indian Reserve in Saskatchewan, Canada, where Mr. and Mrs. Philip Grabke are serving as missionaries, requires more money for the completion of the chapel and the missionary's house. Additional chapels are needed in Austria. Another missionary home must be built on our Japan field. Extensive building programs must be continued on the Cameroons Mission Field in Africa. Giving assistance to new churches, which were begun by the Church Extension program, requires additional thousands of dollars. It took courage and faith to face these tremendous but challenging tasks and to recognize them as God's open doors for us, knowing that HE will supply every need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus!

The resignation of Dr. W. J. Appel as Church Extension worker was regretfully accepted. Dr. M. L. Leuschner as editor of English publications

was added to the Church Extension Committee. Two young graduates of the North American Baptist Seminary, Mr. Fred David and Mr. Clarence Walth, were appointed as workers for Church Extension fields.

It was also announced with great rejoicing that 62 new leprosy patients



Rev. George W. Lang of Chicago, Ill., who was recently appointed as missionary to the Cameroons, Africa, and commissioned at the General Conference, Waco, Texas.

had come to the Bamenda New Hope Settlement since the arrival of Dr. Kenneth Jones on the field (see his article in the May 19 issue of the "Baptist Herald") and there will probably be 200 leprosy patients at the settlement by the end of 1955. This is a sacrificial work for all those associated with the field, but it is also being marvelously blessed of God!

## GREAT MISSIONARY RALLY

On Wednesday evening, April 27, a well attended missionary rally was held at the Forest Park Baptist Church. The new missionary appointees brought brief testimonies. The members of the General Missionary Committee were introduced to the audience by the chairman of the evening, Rev. Elmer Strauss. The choir of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago, directed by Mr. Herbert Pankratz, rendered several inspirational numbers. Miss Laura E. Reddig introduced as "one of the veterans in foreign missionary service" thrilled the audience with her convincing story of God's choice of the mission field for her and of the

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# Publication Board Session

Report of Annual Sessions of the Board of Trustees of the Publication Society by REV. PAUL F. ZOSCHKE, Secretary

THE ANNUAL SESSION of the Board of Trustees of the Publication Society under the leadership of its president, Mr. Harold B. Johns, was held Friday, April 22, in the manager's office of the Roger Williams Press, Cleveland, Ohio.

The Board was happy to have again the two editors, Dr. Martin L. Leuschner and Rev. W. J. Luebeck, our member emeritus, Dr. Herman von Berge, our executive secretary, Dr. Frank Woyke, and Rev. Paul Wengel, chairman of the Hymnal Committee, present. Rev. Edward Kary of the White Avenue Baptist Church was also present upon invitation.

## A SUCCESSFUL PUBLICATION YEAR

The manager, Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, reported on another year of service in Christ's cause. It has been a blessed year, bearing good fruit in the Kingdom of God and yielding much satisfaction, even though it was fraught with extra difficulties.

The two editors, Dr. Martin L. Leuschner of the "Baptist Herald," and Rev. W. J. Luebeck of "Der Sendbote," spoke of their happiness in their respective publications. That the Lord has blessed their ministries through the printed page we all know, for we are partakers of God's riches through their efforts. We could only wish that there were more families in each of our churches availing themselves of this spiritual enrichment.

The trend of subscriptions was again upwards. With six churches still to report, the "Baptist Herald" may recover nearly all its loss of last year, and "Der Sendbote" likewise has regained considerable ground. A great share of this recovery we feel is due to the streamlining of the two papers with their new appearances

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salvation, Gospel hymns and choruses, and then to hear them eagerly repeat again and again in the family circle and at play everywhere. It is a wonderful joy to see these children from non-Christian families, upon hearing the story of Jesus and the way of salvation made plain, quietly come forward at the invitation to let Jesus come into their heart! More than 40 decisions for Christ have been recorded.

While it is comparatively easy to get children to come to Sunday School, it is not so easy to get the

and features bringing a greater variety of information and stimulation to the readers.

The Every Sunday Bulletin continues to be a popular promotional feature of high class. Not only do the well chosen pictures speak a language of their own, but the articles on the back page by Dr. Leuschner and the other secretaries as well as a number of pastors inspire our people every Sunday. A total of 16,500 go out every week.

## NEW DENOMINATIONAL HYMNAL

Rev. Paul Wengel reported on the work of the hymnal committee and its progress to date. We are eagerly anticipating the appearance of this new hymnbook. However, it might be necessary to set a later date for its debut because of delays beyond the control of either the hymnal committee or the Publication Board. We are happy, though, to say that the smaller Conference Hymnal, as a sample of the larger hymn collection, was ready for use at the General Conference in Waco, Texas. The hymnal committee has done a stupendous task in negotiating copyrights and accomplishing the terrific amount of detail work connected with such an undertaking.

In reply to recommendations of the manager and the editors, a committee was appointed to consider whether it would be feasible to publish some Sunday School quarterlies of our own. This would be a beneficial venture if the envisioned subscription would make it practicable.

These plus other routine matters, all very vital to the work of the Roger Williams Press in the life of our denomination, were the pleasant task of the Publication Board. The unanimity of spirit and the fraternal atmosphere once again marked this session of the Board as a pleasant experience.

parents out. Nearly all of these fine families in this area have some kind of Christian background, but most of them have gotten entirely out of touch with any Christian church.

While, by the grace of God, we have a flourishing Sunday School with a promising Adult Bible Class, we realize that we are far from even touching the spiritual need of this area. It will take time, much prayer and persistent personal work to reach and to win the parents for Christ.

We are praying that God may provide us with a younger man, a full time missionary pastor, who will go from house to house, to make Christ known to them who know him not.

Reports and Pictures  
about the  
**GENERAL CONFERENCE**  
at  
**WACO, TEXAS**  
will appear in the July 13th issue  
of the "Baptist Herald."

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Watch for this special **GENERAL CONFERENCE NUMBER!**

## MARCH OF EVENTS

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on the film "Martin Luther." The Supervigilance Board of Lima, Peru, and the censor board in Cairo, Egypt, both prohibit the showing of the film portraying events in the life of the reformer. As in the case of the Philippine ban, no reason was given by the Egyptian government, but in Peru a strong anti-Protestant stand was taken. Prior to the present banings, the film had been forbidden only in the Canadian province of Quebec where the Legion of Decency had placed the film in a special classification, advising Roman Catholics to avoid it as a biased account of the Reformation. "Martin Luther" has been shown in 28 countries, surprisingly enough finding a more enthusiastic reception in predominantly Roman Catholic countries than in staunchly Protestant areas. To date, the film which cost about \$500,000 to produce, has grossed \$3,000,000.

• The news of the appointment of the prominent Baptist layman, Mr. Harold Stassen, to be a special presidential assistant on disarmament with full cabinet rank was read with great interest across the nation. It is sincerely to be hoped that Christians all over the world will give much thought and prayer to the undergirding of this novel development in our nation's political life. To look at the appointment simply as the finding of a new job for Mr. Stassen, with the expiration of the Foreign Operations Administration due on June 30, or as the grasping of a propaganda opportunity, is to neglect the new status of war which has resulted from A- and H-bombs. Through the centuries past there have been gains to be had for some by means of war. For the first time in history self-interest now requires all peoples and all classes to be genuinely desirous that major wars be avoided. In the past all nations have spent enormous sums for defense and for war. What we and other nations will be willing to forego in order to have peace remains to be seen. At this point Mr. Stassen and America merit our concern in the first instance, then our interests must encompass the world.—C. Emanuel Carlson, "Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs."



# Vignettes of Church History

By DONALD G. DAVIS, Ph.D.

## 13. EARLY HERESIES—JUDAIZING SECTS

THE DESTRUCTION of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. ended the activities of the Judaizers of the Apostolic age, but some forty years later, during a period of revitalized Judaism, their interests were taken up by the Ebionites. The latter word is derived from the Hebrew and means "poor"—probably with the early Christians in view, "who were poor in earthly goods and poor in spirit."

The Ebionites were Jewish Christians with some additions from among the Gentiles. They recognized God, whose unity they stressed, as the Creator of the universe. They differed in their view of the Person of Christ, some holding him to have been virgin born but most looking upon him as a man who, because of his perfect keeping of the Mosaic Law, became the Messiah by God's will.

The Law of Moses was looked upon as the epitome of God's revelation to man, and its full observance was considered indispensable to salvation. This involved, of course, the adherents of Ebionism practically becoming Jews, if they were not such by birth.

## A Thought Starter

By REV. R. C. MacCORMACK, Parkersburg, Iowa

### A HEART OF GRANITE

YOU MUST HAVE read the best seller, "Pilgrim's Progress," and heard of its noble author, John Bunyan. Everyone loves and admires such a hero.

This "spinner of dreams" came from the lower ranks of English life, and finally he was to die in poverty, though his books have made millions of dollars throughout the past two and a half centuries. Macaulay said of him, "No writer has said more exactly what he meant to say."

He lived in a day when Gospel preaching was unpopular and for his insistence upon preaching he was made to serve many years in the squalid prisons of his time.

We recall his name today because he was a shining forerunner of modern religious liberty. He lived when such liberty did not exist and, but for

Peter and James (the brother of Jesus) were honored above the other apostles, and appeal was made to their writings in the New Testament. Paul and his letters they bitterly opposed, since the Law is set aside and grace exalted. Legalism was the keystone to Ebionite doctrine and practice.

As time went on the party divided into separate sects, such as the Nazarenes (not to be confused with the modern Wesleyan movement), the Elkesaites, and the Gnostic Judaizers, each with its own philosophical or theosophical emphasis. Legalism continued to be the unifying bond among them all.

Through the history of the Church Judaizing or legalistic sects have emerged from time to time. In our own day such movements as Seventh Day Adventism and Mormonism preach a legalism which insists that all Christians must become Jews. A study of church history reveals that from century to century the various forms of heresy and deviation from the norm of Christian doctrine tend to return and renew their claims. Thus a study of the early heresies prepares one to analyze modern sects as they appear. The author adds a new textbook for the reader's guidance, completely reliable: Earle E. Cairns, *Christianity Through the Centuries*. (Cairns, 104-05; Newman, I, 174-80; Walker, 39.)

him and others like him we would not have it as yet. Here was one of God's firebrands, a defender of the truth, who had courage to shout forth his convictions. One day the authorities asked Bunyan what he would do if released from prison. "If you let me out today," he replied with God given fortitude, "I should preach again tomorrow."

While others would have languished in self-pity in this vermin infested jail, he was spending his time in depicting, "Christian," "Worldly Wiseman" and the "Eternal City." Today with our advancement, sophistication and so-called superior civilization, most people hardly know what they believe and fail to take a stand for God if it might cost them something.

"Freedom to worship," hard-won and precious has been corrupted into "Freedom not to worship" and not to care much.

## BOOK REVIEWS

**THE BURDEN IS LIGHT.** By Eugenia Price. Revell Co. 219 pages. \$2.50.

The name of Eugenia Price is becoming well known in Christian circles, especially in the Middle West. She is the writer-director-producer of the radio program "Unshackled" which originates on Station WGN in Chicago, Ill., and is heard over some 150 stations throughout the country. She has dramatized the conversions of down-and-outers from Chicago's skid row. She has also been thrilling tens of thousands of people by her personal testimony and inspiring messages.

Now she tells her own life story—"the autobiography of a transformed pagan who took God at his Word!" And what an exciting, fascinating story this is! In August 1949 she was a tired, bored, radio writer with no belief in God. Six weeks later she was a relaxed, radiant child of God! The miracle in her life really started three years before in the life of Ellen Riley who wandered one night into the Calvary Church of New York City and there met Christ and then later met her old time friend, Eugenia Price. Through tears and laughter, stumbling and victory, from darkness to light, Eugenia Price tells in frank, faith-enriching narrative about her life journey, especially as a new born child of God. You will thrill to this true story of one who found that "the burden is light" in one of the most wonderful Christian autobiographies of our day. Get this book without fail!

**MISSION ON MAIN STREET.** By Helga Bender Henry. W. A. Wilde Co. 200 pages. \$2.75.

This is the thrilling story of the largest rescue mission in North America, located at 226 S. Main Street, Los Angeles, California. It is written by a daughter of the late Rev. Carl J. Bender and his wife, who were North American Baptist missionaries in the Cameroons of Africa. The author is the wife of Dr. Carl F. H. Henry who wrote the best-seller about a Chicago rescue mission, "The Pacific Garden Mission—A Doorway to Heaven."

In this book by Mrs. Henry you will be deeply stirred by the story of men and women who were lifted out of the miry clay by the grace of God that was proclaimed and practiced at this mission. You will also be amazed at the selfless services of Christian laymen who have supported the mission in good days and hard times. This "Mission on Main Street" had a part in the founding of the now famous Bible Institute (Biola) of Los Angeles. It has had a float in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses for the past several years. It conducts a 118-acre ranch in San Diego County as a boys' (Continued on Page 24)

Roger Williams Press

By REV. E. J. BAUMGARTNER

SEVERAL WEEKS ago a representative from a large business method corporation was here in the Publishing House making a survey of one particular part of our business operation. The idea was to find ways in which we could do this particular task more economically.

In the course of his work he noticed our large stock of Bibles and turning to me, he asked if we had a certain kind of Bible in stock. I told him we did and immediately he answered, "I want one, because beginning next Sunday, there is a new deal in our home. I have a five-year-old son and beginning next Sunday I am going to spend one hour each Sunday afternoon with my son and the Bible."

He bought the Bible at once and, as he left later in the day carrying the Bible, I was convinced that this man had taken a step in the right direction.

Considering the manner in which the normal five-year-old boys acts, the father certainly will be called upon to bring into play every bit of ingenuity he has to hold the interest of this boy for one hour.

Be that as it may, the high ideal and the lofty purpose this father had in mind is good in the sight of God and among men. For it is so noble to give a child the fellowship that only a father can give and the spiritual truth found in the Word of God.

## ENGAGEMENTS

**CONFERENCE GATHERINGS**  
(Also denominational representatives at these sessions)

June 22-26—Dakota Conference at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Rev. R. Schilke and Miss Laura E. Reddig.

June 23-26—Alberta Association at Olds, Alberta. Dr. Ralph E. Powell.

June 23-26—Manitoba Tri-Union Association at McDermot Avenue Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Rev. W. J. Luebeck and Rev. E. P. Wahl.

June 25-26—Baptist Youth Fellowship of New York and Vicinity at Bradley Beach, New Jersey. Rev. L. Bienert.

June 30-July 3—Alberta-Saskatchewan Association at Grace Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta. Dr. John Leypoldt and Rev. O. R. Schmidt.

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Rev. W. Helwig  
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Aerial view of London, England, looking west along the River Thames from the Tower Bridge (foreground). A section of the Tower and Tower Gardens can be seen in the bottom righthand corner. The group of bridges in order going up the river is: London Bridge, Southern Railway, Southwark, Southern Railway, Blackfriar's and (top left corner) Waterloo Bridge. Most obvious landmark is St. Paul's Cathedral (right at Southwark Bridge), Wren's masterpiece, the largest and most famous church in the city.

## God's Bridge

By CHARIS I. NEILSON

The majesty of myriad stars,  
The petals of a rose,  
The downy feathers of a bird,  
The way a river flows,  
The wheeling of a gull in flight,  
The ocean's ceaseless roar,  
The beauty of a mountain height,  
The honey's golden store,

The challenge of a mighty storm,  
The crystal white of snow,  
The mystery of human birth,  
Life's ceaseless ebb and flow—  
All these must have a master mind,  
Creator there must be;  
Such power, majesty and might  
Demand divinity.

Yet none of these can satisfy  
The hunger of the soul;  
There is within the human heart  
A need to be made whole.  
How marvelously this need is met  
Through God's eternal grace,  
Because our Savior chose the cross  
To save a dying race.

For by his death and sacrifice,  
In his eternal plan,  
Our Lord and Savior is in truth  
The bridge from God to man.

## CHURCH EXTENSION

- New leaflet available about the 15 Church Extension projects already started.
- Church Extension emphasis in all of our churches in October 1955.
- Campaign to complete the Church Extension Fund of \$250,000 by July 31, 1956.

Rev. Alfred Lueck  
1238 Pierre Avenue  
Windsor, Ontario, Canada

Rev. Bert Milner  
Springside, Sask., Canada

Rev. Lorimer Potratz  
Martin, North Dakota

Rev. R. H. Zepik  
Plevna, Montana

# We...the Women *Spice of Life*

By MRS. WALTER W. GROSSER, President

## AN OPEN LETTER

Dear North American Baptist Sisters:

It seems so short a time since the Executive Board of the Woman's Missionary Union met at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in 1949, and again in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1952. Now at Waco, Texas in 1955 your retiring officers will have served on the Executive Board for six years. An entirely new slate of officers was installed by the executive secretary of the General Conference, Dr. Frank H. Woyke, on June 10th.

We wish to extend to you, as newly elected officers, the hearty congratulations of the entire Woman's Union. You have accepted your offices as a challenge and blessing, as others before you have done. You will find that this work for Jesus Christ is joyous and has a contagious quality. It will call for a great measure of consecration, adaptability, native intelligence, good humor and understanding. In obtaining these qualities you will be supported with the interest and prayers of the nine local conference officers and the women in the local church societies.

Deep satisfaction that comes from Christ will be yours. During your period of service you will place your office and its responsibilities first in your life.

You have been chosen because your qualifications for office are as follows:

1. You have a deep spiritual commitment to Jesus Christ and want others to know him.

2. You are a good leader because you know how to cooperate with others.

3. You know how to be led as well as to lead.

4. You are interested in the full missionary outreach of the North American Baptist General Conference, and particularly in the Woman's Union goals.

5. You are interested in the meetings and conference of your denomination.

May God's will be done through you as you perform your tasks in partnership with your Lord!

The rewards will be many. As cousin Lenore Kruse so beautifully said in a letter, "There is such a sense of joy and pleasure in the human graces which keep life from being a rigidly balanced budget, but more like the flowing of the grace of God, 'who giveth liberally and upbraideth not.'"

Forward, then, you newly elected officers! The gavel has been given to

your abler hands. You have the prayers and best wishes of your predecessors as you work toward greater achievements in the Golden Jubilee triennium of the Woman's Missionary Union.

To the retiring Board I wish to express a sincere word of thanks. The teamwork and excellent cooperation you have given will never be forgotten. We cherish the work of all the noble women who labored in years gone by. It is upon their strong foundation of faith we continue to build.

To the missionaries on many home and foreign fields we continue as laborers together in Christ and go forward in his Name.

Thank you to one and all who made the past years of delightful service possible for me.

In Christian love  
Irma Grosser.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. M. L. LEUSCHNER

The Woman's Missionary Union wishes hereby to congratulate Dr. M. L. Leuschner upon his 20 years of faithful and outstanding services as editor of the "Baptist Herald." What a channel of blessing this publication has been!

For permitting the women to promote their missionary goals in the column, "We, the Women," they are also deeply grateful.

May God continue to bless Dr. Leuschner's gifted pen. The General Conference gave due recognition to him during the sessions at Waco, Texas.

## WHITE CROSS

During several months of summer many societies discontinue their White Cross work. There are several articles on the list which must be purchased. Why not send money donations to Headquarters in Forest Park, Ill., during the months that you are not doing handwork and in this way keep up your year-around White Cross work?

The money will be applied to purchase the most needed items on the White Cross list.

## DEDICATED TO ALL MOTHERS OF JUNE BRIDES

Trinity

She was so small so short a time ago,  
She lay against my heart, a baby  
thing,

Horace: "He made an unusually good after-dinner speech."

Rachel: "What did he say?"

Horace: "He said, 'Waiter, give me the check!'"

"How is it, Uncle," inquired little Ann, "that the hair on your head is grey but the hair in your beard is black?"

"Because, my little one, the hair on my head is 25 years older."

Cowboy: "What kind of saddle do you want—one with or without a horn?"

Dude: "Without a horn, I guess; there doesn't seem to be much traffic on these prairies."

A young lady stalled her car at a traffic light and couldn't get it started. She tried and tried, while behind her an impatient motorist honked his horn steadily. Finally she got out and walked back.

"I'm awfully sorry, but I can't start my car," she told the driver of the other car pleasantly. "If you'll go and start it for me, I'll stay here and lean on your horn."

Joan: "We're economizing at our house, and so we have hamburgers for Sunday dinner. It only costs a dollar for three of us."

Joe: "That's nothing! Our Sunday dinner costs 60 cents for six of us."

Joan: "How do you ever do it?"

Joe: "We take the bus out to Grandmother's."

And now I watch the lovely flush and glow

Illumine her—that only love can bring.

They told me I should feel hot, jealous pain

When first she turned to other arms from mine;

I have not found it so. Not loss, but gain

It is for me she's found a thing so fine.

I love him with a strange and tender love—

This tall, sweet boy, whose laughing, clear, young eyes,

Saw dreams come true in her, and sought to prove

Her not a child, but woman, woman wise.

They love absorbed. I see her wholly his

As he is hers until the end of time. And yet,—yet, I know that each one is

In some way wholly, deeply, sweetly mine.



By REV. J. C. GUNST, General Secretary

## THE SUMMERTIME SUNDAY SCHOOL

A great many Sunday School superintendents, workers, and parents eagerly look forward to Sunday School activities in the summertime. Often a great deal more can be accomplished during those months than during the long winter months.

The Sunday School program, as such, must not—dare not—suffer because teachers and officers relax from their duties. If anything, summertime Sunday School activities must be intensified. Keep up the class work of the departmental activities of the school. Take advantage of some unusual experiences which happen only during the summertime.

Keep an ear to the ground about possible visitors to your school during vacation time. Make visitors feel at home in the school. Present them to the school, department, or the class which they attend. Present them with some remembrance to take back to their own Sunday School. If nothing tangible by way of a visitor's card can be given them, then at least a good impression of capable leadership and a fine Christian spirit, which should be prevalent in every Sunday School, should attend them on their way.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

Summertime is outing or picnic time for the entire school. This should be the outstanding event of the year for every Sunday School scholar. To make it that, leaders and workers must give much time to planning every detailed activity for the day. Various committees are very essential. A date and place committee, the program committee, the transportation committee, a food committee, and a good recreation committee are all necessary. The chairmen of these committees should be hand picked. All must be enthusiastic about the Sunday School and eager to carry out the duty assigned to them.

They must be cooperative with the officers of the school and all chairmen of the other committees. All teachers ought to be present and mingle freely with scholars of each class. The Sunday School officers must be free to work with all committees and see to it that the entire program is well coordinated.

The children, and especially the parents, look forward to this once-a-year event. The family has the privilege of being together for the entire day under the planning and supervision of the finest Christian leaders of the church. This can definitely be a time of winning the confidence of scholars and

parents alike to more faithful support of the Sunday School program throughout the year. Only concerted effort, wise planning and much prayer will achieve the desired results of a good Sunday School picnic.

## A WORKERS' OUTING

The Sunday School superintendent, with the rest of the officers, will want to arrange for an outing or special gathering for all the teachers, officers, and workers of the school. This event, like the picnic, needs good leadership, proper planning and fine cooperation to make it successful. Get as many people as possible to have a part in carrying out the program for the day. Invite the families of the workers if that is practical and facilities are adequate. Besides having a time of recreation, eating, and fellowship, outline briefly the program for the Sunday School year. Present it with a punch!

Stress the privilege and responsibilities that Sunday School workers have in serving Christ in the school. Suggest plans on how they can expect help in their work during the year through the workers' conference where there will be sharing of ideas, inspiration, and fellowship. Recommend good literature and assure the workers of its availability. Make this a memorable but also an enjoyable day for that staff of faithful year-round workers.

## PLANNING AHEAD

Summertime is the time for the superintendent and officers to make detailed plans for the fall and winter months in the Sunday School program. Get together for prayer and planning during July and August but not later than August 15th. First of all make your plans as definite as possible for Sunday School Week. The date this year is September 18 to 25. Enlist your workers and leaders for the week but, above all, present the program for the week with the expected results.

Be sure that the best persons in the church are serving or will be enlisted as departmental officers and teachers. To do effective work they need your prayers, cooperation, proper materials to work with, and a program of training. See to it that all literature for each department and class is ordered well in advance. Plan those monthly Sunday School Workers' conferences with care and foresight. Each conference must serve to equip better your staff with greater zeal, knowledge, and enthusiasm for the task which they are to perform.

Above all else, plan well in advance for the teachers' training program for the year. Select your instructor and course or courses as early as possible. Publicize your training program. Alert every teacher, officer, and prospective worker for the course. Expect your people to take advantage of this training program. Speak to all or as many as possible personally about the importance of this phase of our Christian duty.

Then plan your over-all strategy of the Sunday School with regard to a program of visitation, evangelism, missionary outreach and Christian stewardship for the community. All your plans, program ideas and activities in general must definitely be integrated with the over-all church program for the sole purpose of winning people to Christ and into the church's fellowship. The Sunday School has the great responsibility to see that there is Christian growth evident in the life of each scholar through the study of the Bible and the practical application of the Christian ideals.

## Northwestern Conference Report

### "Spring Formal" for Young People of Watertown, Wisconsin, at First Baptist Church

The Commissioned Baptist Youth of Watertown, Wisconsin, have been busy in the service of our King and have counted it a great privilege to maintain the furtherance of God's work in our community. On April 22, the night of our local High School Prom, our group sponsored a "Spring Formal" for young people of our community who did not care to attend the Prom.

Our Fellowship Hall was made into an outdoor garden with an apple blossom covered archway and apple blossoms and candelabra on the tables. Before the banquet the king and queen of the evening were chosen and crowned. Joyce Anderson reigned as queen while Richard Rabenhorst was king. Both are members of our church and are Seniors in High School.

We were privileged to have as our guests a Gospel Team of five young men from Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, who had complete charge of the program. Their inspiring messages in song, word and instrumental music thrilled our hearts. The meditation of the evening was based on "Christian Joy." In order for young people to maintain this joy we must break the word down—Jesus first, Others second, and You last! About 60 people attended from various denominations and we trust that, as we continue this project from year to year, our group will grow even more.

Donna Mae Rabenhorst,  
Reporter





# Sunday School Lessons

## A LESSON PLAN

Date: June 26, 1955

Theme: GOD AND THE NATIONS

SCRIPTURE: Zephaniah 3:1-5, 14-20.

PURPOSE: To indicate God's place in the life of nations.

GETTING STARTED: Which would you consider to be the most important single fact on the world scene today? Is it the H-bomb? The United Nations? The Cold War? The World Missionary Movement?

That these are all facts of supreme moment at this juncture of the world's history, no one would deny. Yet none of them can rate as the most important single fact on the world scene. That distinction belongs to another fact—a fact usually missed, because it isn't self-evident, often rejected, generally ignored and sometimes scorned and ridiculed; yet a fact that cannot be gotten rid of and that always has to be reckoned with in the end. That fact is set forth in verse five of today's lesson. It is the fact of God—God in the midst of the nations—God, the fulcrum on which all history turns—God, the hinge on which the destiny of nations swings—God, the fact that is our judgment, our voice crying in the wilderness, our hope.

### Developing the Theme:

#### I. GOD, THE JUDGE OF THE NATIONS.

1. His nature is unchanging; his law is absolute, impartial, forever established; his dealings with men are just and righteous altogether. Amid the changes of history, he stands as the eternal, inescapable Rock (v. 5).

2. He demands of men reverence and obedience (v. 2).

3. Where men disobey and ignore him, political, economic, moral, and spiritual corruption sets in and increases until final ruin overwhelms nations (vv. 1-4, 8).

#### II. GOD, THE SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS.

1. He has not left men in the dark but has spoken to them times without number and in unmistakable terms (v. 2).

2. He has been patient, warning them time and time again (v. 7).

3. At infinite cost to himself, he has provided in Christ the way of salvation for men and nations (v. 15).

4. Even in judgment he has kept a saving remnant that they might inherit his promises (vv. 12-13).

## COLLECTION PLATE

The bills may hide it  
From our sight,  
But God still sees  
The widow's mite.

—Elinor K. Rose.

5. His patience, however, demands of men that they repent and turn to him and walk in his ways (v. 2).

### III. GOD, THE REWARDER OF NATIONS.

1. Nations that honor God, serve him and walk in his ways are blessed by him (v. 17).

2. He blesses such nations with peace and security (vv. 13, 15); with prosperity (v. 16b); with unity (v. 18); with good will and respect of other nations and peoples (v. 20); and makes them a source of blessing to all the rest of the world.

### Applying the Lesson:

1. To what extent are the conditions described in verses 3 and 4 reflected in the life of our nation today?

2. What dangers do great national prosperity and power bring with them?

## A LESSON PLAN

Date: July 3, 1955

Theme: SIGNS OF NATIONAL DECAY

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 22:1-9, 24-25.

PURPOSE: To call attention to the elements that make for national strength.

GETTING STARTED: One of the popular slogans of our day is, "Keep America Strong." And the world situation being what it is, there is no endeavor that needs more serious consideration than this. The question is, however: What is it that makes and keeps America strong? In evaluating our national strength, we are want to speak of our economic wealth, our industrial skill, our scientific advances, our military might, our atomic advantage, our position of world leadership. But are these the factors that

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make for real and lasting strength, or are there others that we generally miss but that spell the difference between supposed strength and actual weakness? Are we really as strong as we think we are, or are there signs that speak of decay and basic weakness?

### Developing the Theme:

#### I. ELEMENTS THAT MAKE FOR NATIONAL STRENGTH.

1. Economic wealth, industrial skill, scientific advances, military might—all these are important elements in a nation's strength and well-being.

2. Jeremiah points out, however, that all these come to nothing in the end, if the following elements are lacking in the life of a nation:

a) Vital religion—expressing itself in reverence for God, a sincere desire to honor and serve him, and obedience to his commandments (v. 9).

b) Social justice—where every man is dealt with justly and according to what is right (v. 3).

c) Political integrity—where none shall be oppressed or discriminated against (v. 3).

d) Economic fair play—where labor receives fair compensation and wealth is equitably distributed (v. 13).

e) Social concern—that seeks to minister to the needs of all (v. 3).

f) Reverence for the life of every individual (v. 3).

g) High personal and social morality.

#### II. ELEMENTS THAT INDICATE NATIONAL DECAY AND WEAKNESS.

1. Irreligion, or religion that is nothing more than empty form and honors God with the lips but disregards his commandments (v. 9).

2. A materialistic philosophy of life that makes the getting of wealth the prime aim of life regardless of how it is gotten (vv. 13-14, 17).

3. Unfair labor practices (v. 13).

4. Discrimination against individuals and groups (v. 3).

5. The cheapening of human life where the integrity of the individual is lost sight of and he is treated only as a cog in a machine (vv. 3, 17).

6. Sagging private and public morals.

### Applying the Lesson:

To what extent are the signs of national decay present in the life of our country?

# What's Happening

● The Baptist Church of Anamoose, N. Dak., has extended a call to Rev. A. Krombein of Eureka, South Dakota. He has accepted the call tendered him and will begin his ministry in Anamoose on July 10, succeeding Rev. Fred Fuchs, now of La Salle, Colorado. Mr. Krombein has served the Baptist Church of Eureka, S. Dak., and its mission stations of Leola and Java for the past twelve years.

● Rev. William Kershaw, pastor of the Rock Hill Baptist Church, Jamaica Plain, Mass., since 1950 has announced his resignation effective in July. He has accepted a position to serve on the teaching staff of Gordon College of Theology and Missions, Boston, Massachusetts. He will continue his membership in the Rock Hill Baptist Church while serving on the faculty of Gordon College.

● The Baptist Church of Springside, Sask., and the West Ebenezer Baptist Church near Ebenezer, Sask., have extended a call to Rev. Bert Milner of Moosehorn, Manitoba, to which he has responded favorably. He will begin his pastorate on this field on July 3rd, serving both of these churches and succeeding Rev. Martin DeBoer, now of Fessenden, North Dakota. Mr. Milner served as minister in Moosehorn, Man., since 1953.

● The pulpit of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., was supplied on Sunday morning, May 2, by Rev. Milton R. Schroeder of the church. On Sunday, May 1, the pastor, Rev. Peter M. Kemper received seven new members by baptism and letter. On Mother's Day, May 8, he conducted an impressive service with the dedication of several parents and their little children.

● Rev. Rudolph Woyke recently announced his resignation as pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, Ore., which he had served since 1948. He brought his ministry there to a close early in June. His plans for the future, still to be determined, will be announced in a forthcoming issue of the "Baptist Herald." Rev. Albert Wardin, a recent graduate of Western Baptist Seminary in Portland and at present a teacher of Salem Academy is serving as interim pastor.

● Dr. William J. Appel, Church Extension worker since August 1953, presented his resignation to the General Missionary Committee at its annual session in Forest Park, Ill., in

April 1955. He has felt that he ought to retire from the active ministry. His resignation, effective July 31st, was accepted with sincere regrets, since both Dr. and Mrs. Appel have rendered an invaluable service canvassing new communities, making church extension surveys, and laying the ground work for new Church Extension projects. Their plans for retirement have not been completed as yet.

● Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago, Ill., held its commencement exercises on Monday evening, May 23, at Orchestra Hall. Among the graduates were Mrs. George W. Lang, an appointee to the Cameroons mission field with her husband; Mr. David Draewell of Detroit, Mich., who has accepted the appointment of the Ebenezer Church of Detroit as its youth director; and Mr. Arnold Rapske of Morris, Man., Canada. Mrs. Lang received the Bachelor of Religious Education degree and the two young men received with others the Bachelor of Divinity degree.

● The Evangel Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., has recently received Rev. and Mrs. Isaac Finestone into its membership. They are engaged in an evangelistic ministry among the Jews in the metropolitan area of Newark. The organization is known as "The Messengers of the New Covenant, Inc." They live at 109 Treacy Ave., Newark, New Jersey. Previously they were situated in Canada, as reported by Rev. G. Harold Hill, pastor. Miss Grace Kettenburg, a member of the church, is serving as proofreader at the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C., in helping to prepare Braille material for the blind.

● Dr. John Leypoldt of Forest Park, Ill., is bringing his ministry as interim promotional secretary to a close on June 30. He has ably served for almost two years in this capacity. He has received the appointment of the General Council at its session early in June as Interim Pastor for our churches and will supply the pulpits of our pastorless churches for various periods of time, depending on the arrangements to be made between the church and Dr. Leypoldt. Any churches that are interested in his services should get in touch with Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, at 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois.

● Rev. William Hoover, pastor of the Clay Street Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich., has been officially invited by the Committee on Evangel-

ism of the Baptist Union of Germany to conduct tent evangelistic campaigns during July and August 1955 in Germany. His first campaign will be in Frankfurt, followed by two campaigns in Berlin and, if possible, also in Hamburg. The Benton Harbor church has granted him two months leave of absence for this worthy mission. Mr. Hoover will leave for Germany on July 4th. He solicits the prayers of God's people for this memorable ministry.

● The choir members of the First Baptist Church, Arnprior, Ont., recently honored Mrs. Bertha Woermke, a member of the choir for 51 years. Mr. Leslie Kauffeldt in presenting her with a rocking chair and Kenneth Blanket paid tribute to her as follows: "To have given 51 years of loyal and faithful service to one branch of the church is something that not many people have the opportunity to do. You took your place at the head of the soprano row for all these years and through stress and storm gave your best to help beautify our church services." Rev. Walter Schmidt, pastor, offered a prayer of gratitude to God for Mrs. Woermke's faithful services.

● Rev. Charles J. Anderson, former pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wisconsin, was appointed recently as mid-west director of the National Association of Evangelicals, and will be in charge of the direction of the work of that organization in the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and southern and eastern Wisconsin. He will continue to be available for a limited number of evangelistic campaigns in these states. Mr. Anderson expects to retain his residence in Kenosha, at least for the time being, and will commute to his new office in the Chicago loop about two weeks out of an average month, spending the remainder of the time on the field.

● Mr. Knud Koester, son of Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Koester, of Vienna, Austria, completed his work on the Master of Theology degree at the University of Chicago, Ill., and returned to Europe on May 18 on the "SS Queen Elizabeth." The first of his two years in the United States was spent in graduate studies at the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago. He also served as the teacher of the German Bible Class at the Forest Park Baptist Church. On Sunday evening, May 8, he brought "A Tribute to Mother" at a Mother's Day youth program. In Austria he will conduct Baptist youth camps in June and July and then probably take over the pastorate of a Baptist church in that country.

● At the Founders' Day banquet of the Baptist Missionary Training School, Chicago, Ill., on April 19, Mrs. (Continued on Page 24)

# Our Denomination in ACTION

## Northwestern Conference

### Seventieth Anniversary Festivities Held at the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

We of the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., have experienced much joy in the Master's service. Through the years our church has been signally blessed of God. This fact again became evident in our days of anniversary festivities at the beginning of March. It was March 1, 1885 that our church was organized, and in these past 70 years it has grown in spiritual stature as well as in membership.

Our anniversary festivities began on Wednesday, March 3rd, with an anniversary prayer meeting. Friday was Family Night when we gathered for a church supper and an informal picture review of events and personalities of the past. We were again reminded of the value of consecrated lives in the Master's service.

On Sunday, March 6th, we formally observed our anniversary with Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., as special guest. The atmosphere was sparked with a sense of praise and thanksgiving as our speaker, sensing this mood, very fittingly and ably presented his messages on the themes, "The Unfinished Chapter" and "A Crown of Glory." We are thankful for Dr. Leuschner's services and also for the opportunity of marking the 70th milestone in the service of our church.

A. Huber, Pastor

### Seventeen Converts Baptized on Easter Sunday at the Immanuel Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Easter Sunday, April 10, was a blessed day for members of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis. The young people of the church met for a sunrise service and breakfast. Prof. J. Burton Mark of Northern Seminary in Chicago, Ill., who has supplied our pulpit many times in recent months, and Mr. E. C. Quade as representative of the church brought brief messages at this inspirational service.

"Resurrection Assurance" was the message of Prof. Mark at the Easter morning worship service. We were privileged to have 17 Sunday School scholars follow the Lord in baptism at this service. We do thank God for this manifestation of his love and pray that these young people may grow in God's grace and become pillars in the church of Jesus Christ.

Many plans are being made for the 100th anniversary of the church which we will celebrate in November 1955.

Mrs. Lloyd Buening, Reporter

### Mother-Daughter Banquet at Grace Church, Sheffield, Iowa, Attended by 84 Persons

On Tuesday evening, May 3, a total of 84 mothers and daughters of the Grace Baptist Church, Sheffield, Ia., met at the beautifully decorated banquet tables in the basement room of the church. This Mothers' and Daughters' Banquet was sponsored by the Women's Missionary Society and the Mary and Martha Fellowship of the church. It was ably served by a large group of the fathers and sons.

A program designed especially to honor the Christian mothers was led by Mrs. Harley Koenigsberg. The "Toast to the Mothers" was given by Lois Koenigsberg and the "Mother's Response" by Mrs. Henry Boehlje. After several selections in prose and song by daughters, both younger and elder, a fine inspirational message on Hannah, the mother of Samuel, was presented by Mrs. Frank Moninger of Clear Lake, Iowa.

The evening was concluded with the repeating of a special Mother's and Daughter's Pledge in a candle-lighting ceremony. Much appreciation was expressed for all the hours spent in preparation by the various committees, and with the fervent hope that through it all the Lord himself might receive the glory.

Mrs. Harley Koenigsberg, Reporter



Mrs. Grace Wood, deaconess of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., and 17 Sunday School scholars who were baptized on Easter Sunday.

### Education Night and Radio Rally at First Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa

Education Night was featured at First Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa, on Sunday, April 24, with teachers of the Elgin-Clermont Consolidated Schools as guests. James Schaer presided and the following program was presented by the CBY: Welcome, Doris Orth; cornet trio, Mrs. Kenton Krueger, Carleton Krueger, Tony Habeger; Scripture, Evelyn Orth;

prayer, Marilyn Schaer; boys' trio, Wendell Baechler, Paul Hackmann, Leland Probert; selection by the Junior Choir; poems, Mrs. Guy Probert; vocal duet, Beverly Trautman and Colleen Boleyn; meditation, Rev. H. John Vanderbeck; anthem, youth choir; closing prayer, Paul Hackmann. Mary Ann Schaer was the pianist, Wendell Baechler, organist, and ushers were Colleen Howard, Janet and Jeanette Krueger. Refreshments were served by the Tabitha society.

A radio rally was held in the First Baptist Church on Thursday evening, April 28, to acquaint us with the work of KNWS, Christian radio station of Waterloo, Iowa. The program consisted of musical numbers, testimony time, and a message by R. Dale Golding, program director of the station.

Mrs. Fred Schaer, Reporter

### Annual Business Meeting of the Calvary Baptist Church, Parkersburg, Iowa

The end of another fine year at the Calvary Baptist Church, Parkersburg, Iowa, was marked by the annual business meeting on April 14th. The pastor, Rev. Ronald C. MacCormack, presided. A 3-page printed financial report showed that a total of \$16,698 had been received by all organizations. Of this amount \$6,056 had gone for missions, primarily North American Baptist missions. Two evangelistic series had been conducted during the year, the speakers being Dr. Ferris Whitesell of Chicago and Rev. Cedric Sears of Wheaton, Illinois. A total of 18 persons joined the church in the year, 17 of these coming by baptism. The present church membership is 197, the highest in its history.

During the year, the parsonage kitchen had been enlarged and beautified; linoleum tile had been laid on the church auditorium floor. We thank the Lord for the faithfulness and consecration of our members.

By action of the church, the pastor was granted a \$300 car expense allowance. It was voted to redecorate the parsonage interior, and to meet the cost of Mrs. MacCormack's trip to the Waco General Conference along with that of the pastor. Plans were made for planting shrubbery around the church edifice, and for utilizing the fine parking lot for recreational facilities.

Officers elected were: R. H. Mulder, clerk; Bert Heerts, treasurer; Alvin Lindaman and Fred Junker, deacons (five on the board); Fred Everts, trustee (three on the board); Louis Dreyer and Orville VanLengen, superintendent of Sunday School and assistant; George Thorne and Mrs. William Heerts, organist and assistant; Edward Hayes and Arnold Frey, Sunday School secretary and assistant; Marion Arends, Mrs. John Goldhorn, and Mrs. William Heerts, music committee; Dr. M. O. Hoogstraat, Robert Lohr and Ben VanLengen, auditors.

R. C. MacCormack, Pastor

### Wonderful Evangelistic Services Are Held at the Baptist Church, North Freedom, Wisconsin

God is faithful! God did marvelous and wonderful things at the Baptist Church of North Freedom, Wisconsin, from April 26 to May 8, the period of our spring evangelistic services held here in the Baptist Church. The evangelist, Edie Wagner, a Southern Baptist from Little Rock, Arkansas, was greatly used of God. Evangelist Wagner preached powerful Christ-centered Biblical messages each evening.

The following are the open decisions made in the revival campaign: for salvation, 30 persons; for rededication of life, 40; for tithing, 15; for family altar, 40; and other decisions by Christians, 78. Several members of the church made a house-to-house canvass of the village three days before the services began. This, we are told, was the first house-to-house survey of the community made for an evangelistic campaign in over 20 years.

Before the campaign started, the pastor, Rev. Richard Lawrenz, asked God for twelve souls. After we had reached this goal, the pastor was led to declare publicly that if every Christian did his or her part, we could have 30 souls won to Christ before the campaign ended. God was faithful because in the last service of the campaign seven persons came to receive Christ as Savior, making a grand total of 30 who came for salvation of their souls.

The Lord was in the campaign from beginning to end for we received one week of free radio time and also free newspaper advertising. The attendance was the best it has been for some years. All in all we would say with the Psalmist, "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name" (Psalm 29:2).

Richard Lawrenz, Pastor

## Dakota Conference

### Men's Brotherhood of Sixteen Members at the Baptist Church, Herreid, South Dakota

The Brotherhood of the Herreid Baptist Church, Herreid, S. Dak., is a new organization, and yet we feel God's presence at our meetings. We only have an enrollment of 16 members, but we pray for more to join. We as a group, under the able teaching of Rev. E. S. Fenske, have decided to go through the book of 1 Corinthians in our meetings. We do have a blessed time together, and feel that our time is well spent. We meet every first Sunday of the month, and every fifth Sunday evening we give a program in our evening church service.

We need your prayers, so pray for us and we will pray for you, and by so doing God will work wonders through us. We are a member organization of BAPTIST MEN of our



Rev. Richard Lawrenz of North Freedom, Wis., and five converts whom he baptized on Easter Sunday at the North Freedom Baptist Church.

North American Baptist General Conference.

Eugene Quenzer, Secretary

### Seventeen Persons Are Baptized at Grace Church, Gackle and Alfred, North Dakota

On February 14 we of the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle and Alfred, N. Dak., began our special meetings at the Alfred Baptist Church with Rev. Bernard Fritzke as our guest speaker. In spite of storms the people were faithful in their attendance. Mr. Fritzke inspired us with his practical messages and Mrs. Fritzke brought the messages to the children during Story Time. Several were saved through this ministry.

On Palm Sunday evening the pastor of the Grace Church of Gackle and Alfred, Rev. M. Wolff, was privileged to baptize 17 persons, twelve from the Alfred Church and five from Gackle. Following the baptismal service we gathered about the Lord's Table. The candidates were welcomed into the church by the pastor and the deacon-at-large, Mr. Harry DeWitt. Then we partook of the elements remembering what the Lord had done for us.

M. Wolff, Pastor.



Seventeen converts who were baptized on Palm Sunday by Rev. M. Wolff (left, back row) and received into the Grace Church of Gackle and Alfred, North Dakota.

### Wonderful Evangelistic Meetings at the First Baptist Church, Chancellor, South Dakota

We of the First Baptist Church, Chancellor, S. Dak., had a very blessed series of meetings from April 3rd to 22nd with Rev. H. Palfenier as our evangelist. The services were on a very high spiritual plane. The house was filled for all the services but one and that because of a storm. Two persons came to be baptized, and about 20 were in the altar the closing night for a consecration service. One new family pledged to begin a family altar. The children's program which was a part of the regular service was attended by about 50 boys and girls.

I want to say as pastor that it was a real joy and privilege to have Brother Palfenier as our evangelist. He is very cooperative and so easy to fellowship with. He has a pastor's understanding of the needs of a church. Our denomination is fortunate indeed to have such a man as its evangelist. He is sound doctrinally and in methods of evangelism. We thank God for having had him with us.

Arthur E. Beaty, Pastor.

### Ordination of Rev. August Bertsch at the Zion Baptist Church, Vida, Montana

On Tuesday afternoon, April 12, a group of pastors and laymen from parts of North Dakota and Montana gathered with the Zion Baptist Church of Vida, Mont., to advise in the ordination of Mr. August Bertsch, pastor of the Zion Church, for the Gospel ministry. The invited churches were: Grace Church, Hettinger, N. Dak.; Calvary Church, Carrington, N. Dak.; Baptist Church, Mott, N. Dak.; and Baptist Church, Sidney, Montana.

The deacon of the Zion Church, Mr. Martin Leuenberger, opened the council meeting after which Rev. Otto Fiesel, the moderator of the council, took charge.

After the preliminaries of establishing the council the candidate presented his statement of his Christian experience, his call to the ministry and his doctrinal beliefs. After this presentation was completed, a period of questioning followed on various details of doctrine. Having answered the questions satisfactorily the council recessed to decide on the advisability of ordaining the candidate. After careful Christian consideration the council decided by a unanimous vote to advise the Zion Baptist Church to ordain Mr. August Bertsch for the Gospel ministry.

The ordination service was held that evening. The ordination message was given by Rev. Carl Weisser, present secretary of the Dakota mission committee. Rev. Otto Fiesel led in the ordination prayer and also extended the hand of fellowship to Mr. Bertsch into the Gospel ministry. Rev. Le Roy Schauer gave the charge to the candidate, and Rev. Edward Oster gave the charge to the church. Rev. August Bertsch led in the closing prayer.

Le Roy Schauer, Council Sec'y.

### Easter Cantata and Farewell for Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Giedt at Hebron, North Dakota

The First Baptist Church Choir of Hebron, N. Dak., rendered the cantata, "Gethsemane to Calvary," on Good Friday evening at the Baptist Church in Beulah, N. Dak., and at the home church on Easter Sunday evening. Both programs attracted large congregations.

We are very grateful for the service our choir is rendering. They worked diligently for weeks under the able direction of Dr. C. H. Seecamp and Mrs. Rueben Walth as organist to bring us this cantata in such a deeply moving way. The total offering received on Easter Sunday amounted to \$351.92.

Dr. Seecamp also directs the Hebron Community Chorus consisting of over 20 men's voices from in and around Hebron. Recently this choir rendered a concert in Hebron and in several neighboring towns.

On April 27 our church held its mid-year business meeting at which time Mr. I. E. Giedt announced his resignation as deacon. Mr. and Mrs. Giedt have been with our church for over 25 years and have been very faithful in so many ways. They plan to make their future home in California where they can be near their children. Our church will miss them immensely. Mr. Mike Diede has been elected to serve as our new deacon.

Mrs. John Stading, Reporter.



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schieve of Odessa, Wash., on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

open house on Saturday, March 5, from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M.

Mr. and Mrs. Schieve had been members of the Odessa Baptist Church for the entire 50 years of their married life. They were honored at the Baptist church on Sunday morning, March 6, with appropriate remarks made by their pastor, Rev. Orville Meth. On Sunday afternoon their only child, Mrs. Glenn E. Jolliffe, her husband and their two daughters, Glennette and VonDell Jolliffe, held a family banquet in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Schieve at Vonette's Restaurant in Ephrata, which

gave their yearly report. After several musical numbers, Mrs. Dave Hiebert, a returned missionary from Iquitos, Peru, South America, gave an interesting talk on the mission field. Rev. D. Hiebert was converted and baptized in the Salt Creek Church and early felt the call to special service. The Hieberts served four years in South America and will be returning in the early part of next year.

Several ladies from the Bethel Church of Salem, Ore., also attended and enjoyed the program as well as the refreshments served later in the evening. The offering was equally divided between our Oregon Baptist League Youth Camp and Banso Hospital.

The new officers for the year are: Mrs. Lydia Tilgner, president; Mrs. Melba Penner, vice-president; Mrs. Ella Lange, secretary; Mrs. Jessie Darrow, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Louise Nallinger, treasurer; and Mrs. Minnie Voth, assistant treasurer; Mrs. Florence Schmitke, pianist; and Mrs. Sarah Wiebe, assistant pianist.

Mrs. Agnes Voth, Corresp. Sec'y.

### Cornerstone Laying Exercises for \$250,000 New Edifice, Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, B. C.

Only five months have elapsed between the time when the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, B. C., dedicated the grounds upon which the new church was to be built and the cornerstone laying ceremonies which were held on Sunday afternoon, April 17th. The service commenced with the reading of Psalm 132:4-13 and 1 Cor. 3:11-12. Dr. A. S. Felberg, our pastor, drew our attention to the fact that it is the Lord who builds the house and gives us strength and wisdom to carry on.

Among the items placed in the cornerstone were a copy of our Church Constitution, a brief history of the church, a copy of the minutes pertaining to the purchase of the property, an up-to-date church roll, a Bible, a copy of our denominational church publication, and samples of the present currency up to \$1.00.

Prior to the laying of the cornerstone, words of recognition were spoken to our general supervisor, Mr. A. Klassen; foreman Mr. B. Wolfe; and foreman of masonry work, Mr. H. Meger. With words of dedication Dr. Felberg placed the cornerstone and contents into the prepared opening.

Thus far we have spent approximately \$150,000 for the construction of our new church building of which \$45,000 has been borrowed. We hope that another \$100,000 will complete our project. June 19th has been set as the date when we intend to utilize the lower auditorium of our new church. We also anticipate the holding of two consecutive Sunday morning services, one in the German and one in the English language, as well as our regular evening service.

We would pay tribute to our pastor and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Felberg, for their capable leadership and untiring efforts in this undertaking. Mrs. Eugen Lueck, Reporter.

### Dedication of \$2,800 Hammond Organ and Easter Services at Missoula, Montana

We as the Bethel Baptist Church, Missoula, Mont., are thrilled to announce the purchase of a \$2,800 Hammond organ. We had a special dedication service for this organ on Easter Sunday evening, which seemed very fitting. The day was an eventful one for us, beginning at 6:30 A.M. with a sunrise service and Easter breakfast presented by our CBY.

The evening service began at 7:15 P.M. with a half hour of organ music, rendered by Mrs. Ernestine Hess, followed by special choir and vocal numbers. The dedication prayer was offered by a visiting minister, Rev. S. Peterson, from Billings, Montana. The offerings for missions and the organ fund amounted to over \$900 with a total attendance of about 400 people. We are proud of our young people, who have had complete charge of the organ fund. They have done a wonderful job in promoting it, and we congratulate them!

Candidates for baptism gave their testimonies at our quarterly business meeting on April 20, and the baptismal service was held on Sunday evening, April 24. The Emmanuel Baptist Church joined us in this service, and their candidates were baptized with ours.

Geraldine Noland, Reporter.

### Northern Conference

#### Seventeen Converts Are Baptized at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Morris, Manitoba

The Emmanuel Baptist Church of Morris, Man., Canada, was blessed with the ministry of our denominational evangelist, Rev. H. Palfenier, who conducted revival meetings from November 9 to 21, 1954. The meetings were well attended, and the response very encouraging. Seventeen individuals later expressed their desire to be baptized.

Easter Sunday was indeed an eventful and memorable day, since it served a two-fold purpose in our church. Not only was it the day of the Lord's triumph over death, sin and the grave, but it was also a day when 17 baptismal candidates entered the waters of baptism.

Rev. W. Laser of the Winnipeg Baptist Mission Church was the guest speaker. He spoke in German using Romans 6:3 and 4 as his text. This was the first baptismal service in our new church. It was interesting to observe the service as it took place in the front of the church, above and behind the choir loft, with a background of mountains, trees and lakes. The background was painted by our minister's wife, Mrs. R. Kannwischer.

Immediately following the baptismal service, we observed the Lord's Supper, at which time our pastor extended a welcome to the candidates



Mrs. Ernestine Hess, organist, at the keyboard of the new Hammond organ of the Bethel Baptist Church, Missoula, Montana.

as members into the fellowship of the church.

Easter Sunday was fittingly brought to a close by the presentation of an Easter cantata by the CBY choir.

Melvin Bergstresser, Reporter.

#### The Play, "A Good Steward," Presented by McDermot Avenue CBY, Winnipeg, Manitoba

"A Good Steward" was the title of a play presented on March 27th in Winnipeg, Man., and April 24th in Oak Bank by the English CBY of the McDermot Ave. Church, directed by Adina Tulman.

It is the story of an editorial writer's (Ernie Rogalski) human interest slant on the life of the deceased president of a local firm (who believed and acted on his belief that he was simply a trustee of everything he had, and made a Christian use of his material possessions), and his persuasion points to convince the editor (Harold Luebeck) that religion plays a most important roll in everyday living; and how this editorial challenges the lives of the new president (Joachim Tonn) and wife (Frieda Ponto). It is the about-face of a businessman (Norman Patzia) while recuperating after an accident in the home of Christians



Rev. R. Kanwischer, pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Morris, Man., and 17 converts whom he recently baptized.

(Lorraine Goltz and Herbert Grieger), who give to God in proportion to their income, and the difficulty which arises in his relationship to his wife (Erna Redlich) and business-partner (Seno Rist) when he takes a firm stand for his new-found faith, wholeheartedly supported by his son (Robert Berthin), who also convinces his girl friend (Lenora Buss) that the most worthwhile life is the life dedicated to God. A clerk in the Milliner shop (Myrtle Reschke) and a town woman (Lois Effa) contribute to the play.

The offerings of the evenings were designated to our Tri-Union project of supporting the Bible School at Ndu, Camerouns, Africa.

Miss Erna Redlich, Reporter.

#### Farewell by West Ebenezer Baptist Church, Saskatchewan, for Rev. and Mrs. Martin De Boer

A farewell reception and banquet in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Martin De Boer was held by the West Ebenezer Baptist Church, Ebenezer, Sask., on Sunday, April 10, prior to their departure to Fessenden, North Dakota. Having served the local church for four years, it was with genuine regret that the congregation bade farewell to the De Boers.

Mr. J. Knoll acted as chairman for the occasion. The program consisted of numbers by the Sunday School classes and selections by the orchestra, and brief talks by the Sunday School superintendent, deacons and Ladies' Aid. Then on behalf of the Junior young people Mrs. DeBoer was presented with a gift by Rene Badke. Mr. Paul Hoffman, on behalf of the congregation, presented Mr. and Mrs. De Boer with a gift in appreciation of the work they had so faithfully done. Mr. and Mrs. De Boer gave short talks pertaining to the years spent with us and the spirit of cooperation and harmony that existed between us.

After the close of the program a banquet was served. We wish the De Boers every success in their new field. Irving Badke, Reporter.



The choir of the Baptist Church, Hebron, N. Dak., with Dr. C. H. Seecamp as director.

### Pacific Conference

#### Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schieve of Odessa, Washington

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schieve of Odessa, Wash., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 5. They were married at Odessa, Wash., on March 5, 1905 by Rev. F. J. Reichle who is still living and resides in Fresno, California. Mr. and Mrs. Schieve held

is owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. Jolliffe.

May God continue to bless this couple in the work of his Kingdom and to the glory of his Name!

Mrs. Glenn E. Jolliffe, Reporter.

#### Annual Program of the Salt Creek Woman's Missionary Society of Dallas, Oregon

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Salt Creek Baptist Church near Dallas, Oregon, held its annual program on Friday evening, March 18. Mrs. Mable Voth, president, was in charge. The secretary and treasurer



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club and camp. Its radio ministry through the years and at the present time on stations KPOL, KFWB and KFVD is the amazing story of a radio outreach with remarkable energy. Dr. Wilbur Smith in his preface calls the book "the most comprehensive work of its kind, recording the history of a rescue mission of our century, that has yet appeared." It's an inspiring book for everyone who loves to sing, "Rescue the Perishing!"

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boundless resources that have been hers throughout the 17 years of her missionary labors in Africa. A time of delightful fellowship in the downstairs auditorium of the church followed.

The General Missionary Committee announced with thankfulness to God that 74 missionaries are now under appointment on the world-encircling mission fields of our denomination. Tremendous budget needs will have to be met, and the loyal sacrificial support of every North American Baptist will be needed. But great is God's faithfulness! And therefore we can say with faith: "All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—Lord, unto me!"

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Emma Kampfer of the class of 1904 was awarded the 25-year pin of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society for 25 years of service faithful and devotedly given in the interest of American Baptist missions. Miss Alethea D. Kose, head of the Christian Education department, offered the prayer. Mrs. Kampfer is widely known in the Chicago area and through large parts of the denomination for her inspirational messages, radiant Christian spirit and missionary record. For many years she was the director of Aiken Institute in Chicago. At the Founders Day banquet Dr. John C. Slep of New York, N. Y., editor of "Missions," spoke on "The Mission is Here."

● The Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kans., conducted a spring revival crusade with Rev. J. K. Warkentin of Corn, Okla., as the crusade speaker. Mr. Warkentin's ministry was well received and proved to be a blessing to the church and community. The choir and other musical groups of the church served during the meetings, as well as groups from the Strassburg and Ebenezer Baptist churches. On Sunday evening, May 8, the Tabor

College Choir of Hillsboro, Kans., presented a concert in the Marion City Auditorium under the sponsorship of the Emmanuel Church. The choir, directed by Prof. Herbert C. Richert, presented an outstanding program of music which was appreciated by all. The Marion Music Week Committee cooperated with the Emmanuel Baptist Church in this presentation.

● During the Sunday School hour of the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, 20 parents came forward to dedicate eleven children and themselves to the Lord. Rev. Edgar W. Klatt of the Christian Training Institute spoke on "The Foundation of a Christian Home." During the worship service the German young people presented a plant to the oldest mother present. Mrs. Margaret Glanz, 81 years of age, was the recipient, and Mr. Heinz Kleiber, president of the group, spoke briefly. Mrs. Irmgard Stricker, as the youngest mother present, was also presented a flower. During the evening service the English speaking young people likewise presented a flowering plant to the oldest mother who is Mrs. Gustav Arndt, 78 years of age. Mrs. Gloreen Ortlieb as the youngest mother present also received a plant. Rev. Henry Pfeifer is the pastor.

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