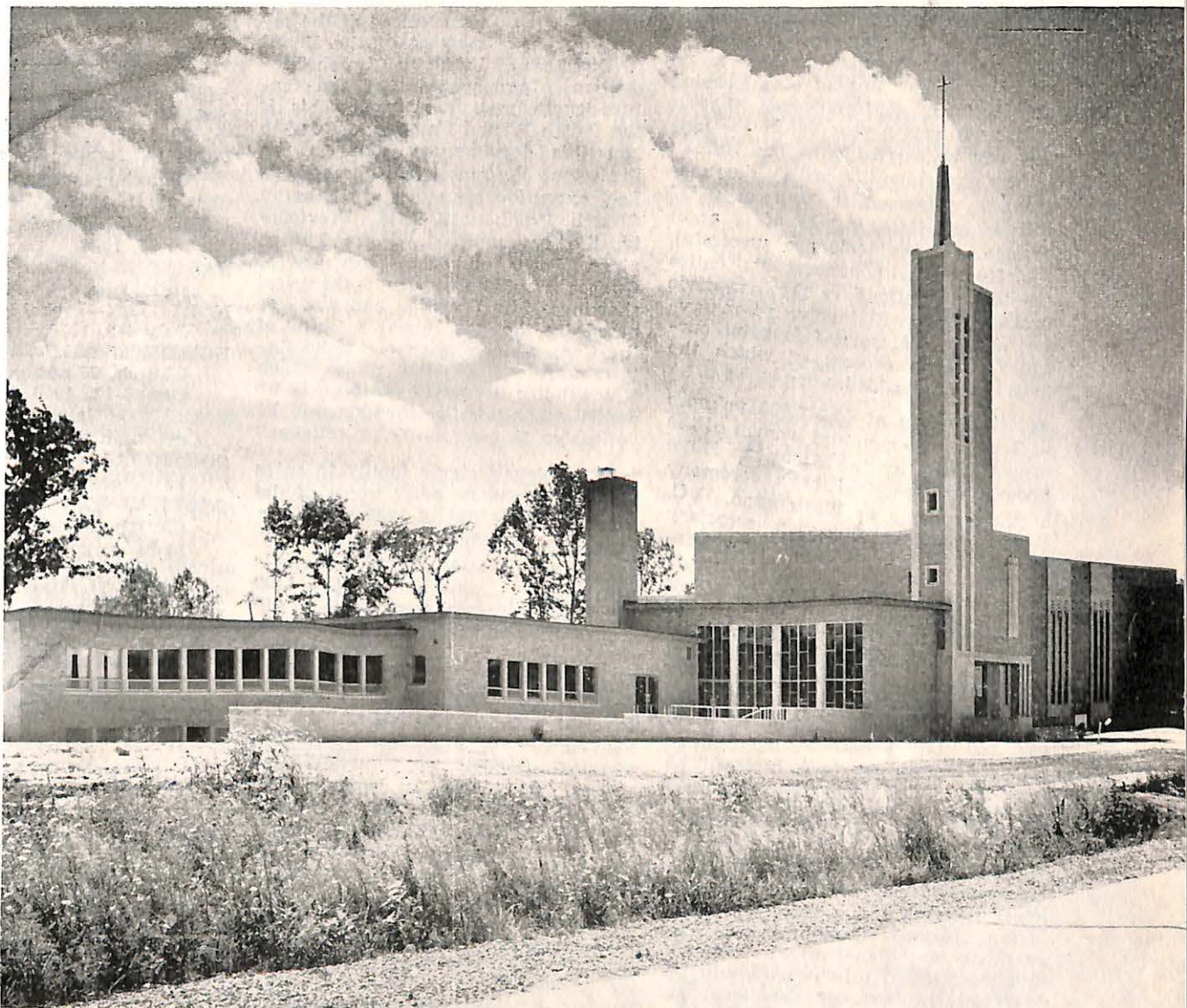


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*The Newly Dedicated Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan*

**God's Open Doors**  
**The Bible and Children**  
**Graduation Day at New Hope**



# March of Events

Five British Quakers left London by plane September 27 on a goodwill mission to Communist China. They were invited there by the Chinese Peace Committee. Officials of the British Society of Friends said they regard the trip as "a natural sequel to the Quaker Mission to Moscow in 1951." It is hoped the mission will be able to contact members of Christian bodies in China and talk with government and other leaders on ways of reducing international tension.

President Eisenhower signed a bill to require that the motto "In God We Trust" appear on all United States paper currency, as well as on all coins. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing said, however, that it will be at least a year before the new law can be carried out. The Bureau is now experimenting with a new mechanical press which will print 32 bills at one time, instead of 18 as at present. If the tests are successful, the Bureau will convert its entire printing operations to the new-style presses. This will involve re-engraving all the plates used to print currency, in the process of which the motto will be added.

Distribution of 40,000,000 volumes of Scripture to men and women of the armed forces by the American Bible Society was marked in a ceremony at the Pentagon in Washington, D. C. Rev. Richard H. Ellingson, secretary of the society, presented a New Testament to Adm. Arthur W. Bradford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Chaplains of all branches of the armed forces and local national church leaders were present. Admiral Radford praised the cooperation of many denominations in the distribution of the 40,000,000 volumes over the last 138 years. "Our ultimate strength lies in our faith in God," he said, "the same faith that sustained our ancestors against the perils of their time."

India's new policy restricting foreign missionaries is set forth in the latest issue of the government yearbook published in New Delhi. The yearbook states that the issuance of visas to foreign missionaries will be governed by two considerations: 1. No new missionaries will be permitted to enter India, either as replacements or additional members of missions, unless Indian missionaries are not available to fill the positions. 2. While foreign missionaries already in India will be allowed to carry on their present activity, new missionaries will not be welcome if they plan

**FRONT COVER**  
The colorful report about the dedication of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., with Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, pastor, appears on page 12 of this issue.

to devote themselves entirely to the propagation of the gospel. They should, in addition, have suitable qualifications as educators or social workers.

The film, "Martin Luther," has been banned from theatrical showings in Brazil, it was announced at the recent quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of Lutheran Church Productions, Inc., sponsors of the feature-length motion picture. This is the fourth Roman Catholic country to ban this documentary film on the Protestant Reformation, Robert E. A. Lee, executive secretary of Lutheran Church Productions, said. Previously, the governments of the Philippines, Peru, and the Province of Quebec would not permit theatrical showings. The Brazilian ban was imposed by the government's Chief of the Censorship Service of Public Entertainments who cited a law which states that a license to exhibit will be denied whenever the showing will be "offensive to community or religion."

The biggest single family to enter the United States under terms of the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 arrived in New York in September. The Rev. and Mrs. Johannes Wessel and their nine children were among the 1100 German emigrants aboard the U. S. Troop Transport General W. C. Langfitt when it docked in New York, Monday, Sept. 26, after a crossing from Bremerhaven, Germany. Brought to the United States with the help of Church World Service of the National Council of Churches, the Wessel family will be sponsored in this country as permanent residents by the Rev. Warner Lundberg, Swedish Baptist pastor of Akron, Ohio. Mr. Wessel was born in Russia of German parents. He was expelled from that country in 1936 because of his religious beliefs. In 1939 he was drafted into the German army and served as a member of an ambulance corps and interpreter until the end of the war. Since 1950 he has been minister of a Baptist church in Marburg, Germany. Mrs. Wessel is a native of Germany. Their nine children, five sons and four daughters, range in age from their 22-year-old son Willibald, to their four-year-old daughter Ehrengard.

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## 1956 CONFERENCES

ATLANTIC—West Baltimore Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md., May 17-20, 1956.

CENTRAL—Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich., June 29-July 1, 1956.

DAKOTA—Bismarck, N. Dak., June 20-24, 1956.

EASTERN—Neustadt, Ontario. (Time still to be determined.)

NORTHERN—Probably Regina, Sask., July 4-8, 1956.

NORTHWESTERN—Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., August 8-12, 1956 (suggested date).

PACIFIC—(Time and Place still to be determined.)

SOUTHERN—(Time and Place still to be determined.)

SOUTHWESTERN—West Side Baptist Church, Beatrice, Neb. (Time still to be determined.)

## ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke  
Nov. 13 (Sunday)—Bessie, Okla.  
Nov. 20 (Sunday)—Immanuel Church, Milwaukee, Wis. (Centennial Program).

Rev. Richard Schilke  
Nov. 13 (Sunday)—Berlin Church, Fredonia, North Dakota.  
Nov. 20 (Sunday)—Kitchener, Ont. Dedication of New Church.

Rev. J. C. Gunst  
Nov. 6-9—Appleton, Minn., Sunday services and Leadership Training Course.  
Nov. 13 (Sunday)—Pound, Wis.  
Nov. 20 (Sunday)—Victor, Iowa.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner  
Nov. 13. (Sunday)—La Salle, Colo.  
Nov. 20 (Sunday)—Paul, Idaho.

## CONFERENCE DATE

Nov. 10-13—Oregon Association at Trinity Church, Portland, Ore. Dr. George A. Lang and Rev. and Mrs. Howard Roth, Guest Speakers.

# Editorial

## The Great Surprise!

THE GREATEST SURPRISE of the Christian life is experienced by those who render a service in Christ's Name to someone in need and then discover unexpectedly that they have entertained "angels unawares" or have ministered to the Lord Jesus Christ. This truth is dramatized for us in Jesus' parables, in some of the great stories and legends of Christianity, and in some of our most meaningful experiences. It is brought forcefully to our attention in Hebrews 13:1-2. "Let love of brethren continue. Forget not to show love unto strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

That which characterizes any service of love or expression of thanksgiving as truly Christian is that it is rendered "for Jesus' sake" with no selfish thought of personal returns. We love Christ (and the brethren) because he first loved us! We follow Macedonian calls to help others because it is the new nature of Christ in us. Gratitude is the overflow of joy in a Christian's life, looking only at Jesus as the object of our affection and thanksgiving for what he has done for us, and not at ourselves how we shall be benefited thereby.

That spirit of love looks for opportunities to serve others, for those who have fallen by the wayside and need our help, for places of God's appointment where we can show to others what Christ has meant to us. Every service we render is the payment of a debt of gratitude to our God. We are merely doing what we as unprofitable servants are duty-bound to do in our love to Christ!

Then comes the big surprise! You will miss it if you look for it. It will pass you by if you expect it. But to those whose thankfulness is like the radiance of Moses' countenance, when he did not know that the glory of God shown in his face, there comes a surprise of God's blessing, exceeding abundantly above all that we could ask or think. Your gifts, your service, your deeds of love have gone out to bless others who are unexpectedly seen as "angels unawares," as saints who are close to the heart of God, as the Lord Jesus Christ himself. Instead of having given the "cup of cold water" to a stranger along the road, you have ministered to none other than the King himself.

This means that any service or gift of love rendered in Jesus' Name unselfishly and with overflowing thanksgiving starts an avalanche of blessings that no one can stop. It is like the beautiful custom that prevails in some of the Alpine districts of Switzerland. At eventide, as the last rays still touch the crests of the mountain ridges, the shepherd living highest up on the mountainside uses his alpine horn as a trumpet. He calls into the valley below him, "Praise God, the Lord!" Each shepherd, as the cry reaches his ears, repeats it. For many minutes the quiet glen and the mountainside echo with the cry, "Praise God, the Lord!"

That is God's surprise for those thankful souls who go forth to serve him with selfless, sacrificial zeal. His blessings are around the corner in an encounter with "angels unawares," with noble saints of God, with Jesus Christ, the King!

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It is because of the faith and love displayed and exercised by his disciples which causes God to open doors and to keep them open.

## Our Thanksgiving for God's Open Doors

A Message for Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week,  
November 20-27, 1955

By REV. J. C. GUNST, Promotional Secretary

HOW AND FOR WHAT shall we express our gratefulness during the Thanksgiving Season this year? As God's blessings which were enjoyed during the year are enumerated, every disciple of the Lord Jesus will find some real reason for humble yet abounding thanksgiving. In various passages in the Bible mention is made of incidents where God's people had good reason to give thanksgiving.

Any number of these Bible passages expressing gratitude can readily be related to our own experiences, thus giving ample cause for us to respond with thanksgiving. Turn to some of these passages and read them: Psalm 100:4; Luke 17:11-20; Luke 18:9-14; John 6:1-13; 1 Cor. 1:4, and Eph. 1:15-23. Every reader will recall from his Bible readings other passages stressing thanksgiving.

### REASON FOR THANKSGIVING

In addition to these profound truths related from the experiences of the early disciples, and in addition to gratitude prompted by one's own experiences, under God's guidance, there is still another greater reason for our people to be thankful at this time. Attention is being called to "Our Thanksgiving for God's Open Doors". The Apostle Paul in his day, when writing to the Ephesians, also had special reason to give thanks when he stated: "Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto the saints, cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers" (Eph. 1:15-16).

Paul found a dynamic faith, a living and working faith, among the believers. That was a good reason for

him to give thanks. Paul also found a sincere, abiding and expressive love, genuine love, among the believers. Here was his second good reason to be thankful. Without faith in a living Christ and genuine love for the brethren (saints), the Church of Christ cannot be built. Neither will it be able to move forward progressively.

As in Paul's time, so in our time, there are followers of Christ who are manifesting a dynamic faith in the Lord's cause. At the same time a genuine love for the "saints" is also evident. This should move all of God's people in the North American Baptist churches to sincere thanksgiving.



Rev. J. C. Gunst, Promotional Secretary.

More specifically, however, may we ask how is this faith in God, this love for the "saints", which must move us to express gratitude, come to be recognized as part of us? What are God's open doors for his people? Is there real cause for thanksgiving for those open doors? We must, after realizing God's abundant care for us, say yes to these questions. Let us briefly enumerate what we believe are God's open doors for us.

### OUR HOME MISSION FIELDS

God has opened unlimited doors to our fellowship right here on the home field. The several most important doors opened to us present a most challenging and unusual opportunity to our people. There is God's open door to the Cree Indian mission field in Canada. Our Indian mission work extends into two provinces in Canada. Two fields are in Alberta province and one in the province of Saskatchewan. Three missionary couples are in charge of these three fields.

A chapel has been provided for each one of these fields for a place of worship and a place where the Word of God may be taught. Here our Indian friends gather to sing praises unto the living God. These are sacred places where many of the American continent red-skinned people have come to know the Lord Jesus as Savior and where they now learn to serve him.

The field is still ripe unto harvest. More of the Indians must be won to the Lord Jesus and his cause, "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you". God has opened a wonderful door to us to serve these people for which we ought to be extremely grateful.



Leper boys of the New Hope Settlement, Mbingo, Africa, dramatize the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem by riding a home-made Palm Sunday colt.

There is also the great door God has opened to us among the Spanish-American people in the United States. Here again God has opened the door to three mission stations in Colorado. There one missionary couple and two single missionaries are serving the Lord faithfully. Furthermore, there is a new work among the Spanish-Americans in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. There, too, a missionary couple is in charge serving those people who need the Gospel of Christ. Realizing these open doors, is there not real cause humbly to bow before God in sincere thanksgiving, knowing that God has entrusted these home mission fields to us for supervision, to pray for them, and to give the much needed material gifts so that these fields will prosper spiritually as well as numerically?

### OUR FOREIGN MISSION FIELDS

When our attention is directed to God's open doors in the foreign mission fields, one must of necessity say that thanksgiving once a year is not enough. Here truly is real reason for continuous gratitude. Our Cameroons Baptist Mission in West Africa is "a great door and effectual is opened unto" our denomination. The 1953 statistics from the Cameroons Mission Field revealed amazing figures of progress. On the eight mission fields 38 missionaries, including 2 medical doctors are laboring. In 1953 there were 192 churches, with 2,232 baptisms reported. There was a church membership of 10,896 with a list of 5,989 inquirers.

There are other striking facts about the mission field which are nearly always overlooked. In the Cameroons Baptist Mission a strong program of Christian education is carried on. In 1953 there were 145 Sunday Schools with an attendance of 9,193 Sunday School pupils. There were 40 English day schools with an

attendance of 3,345 pupils in attendance. Figures for the organized youth groups were not available, but a strong youth program is in progress.

Today these figures in all branches of the service on the Cameroons Baptist Mission Field can be revised upward considerably. To be added to the above ministry are the two hospitals—the Banso 60-bed hospital and the New Hope Settlement 30-bed hospital. The Bible School with an enrollment of 52 promising young men preparing for the Christian leadership in the native churches dare not be overlooked. Such faith in the Lord Jesus Christ in whose power these things are accomplished, such unbounding genuine Christian love, ought to move all his people to overwhelming gratitude. Who can refrain from humbly going on bended knee for thanksgiving for such open doors?

### OPEN DOOR TO JAPAN

Again let us turn to still another one of the many open doors God has so marvelously opened to his people. There is the open door to Japan. Our mission field there is still quite new. The door has so recently opened to us that many of our people have not yet become accustomed to the fact that this is an open door for the churches of our denomination. The field is assigned to us by none other than God himself. Here, too, the fields are white unto harvest, but so few are the laborers who have been able to enter into this inviting open door.

Nevertheless, workers are on the field. Two consecrated missionary couples and one single missionary are serving faithfully on the field. A third couple, appointed at the General Conference in June, is on its way to the field. Mission centers to carry on the ministry which the Lord has commanded have been established. Preparations for the leadership have

been made. Slowly but surely, God's plan of salvation is brought to the attention of the Japanese people who need the Christ, while those who need to be trained for service are receiving instructions.

All that which has been mentioned above is only part of the picture, really only a few of God's open doors to us. But to be sure, already there is much to be thankful for. Lest we forget, God is not limited in his blessings; these abound everywhere and are endless. God's field is the world. He opens doors as long as his people will be faithful, grateful, and obedient to his call. Always there are God's open doors near us which can be easily reached and easily entered into if we but enter.

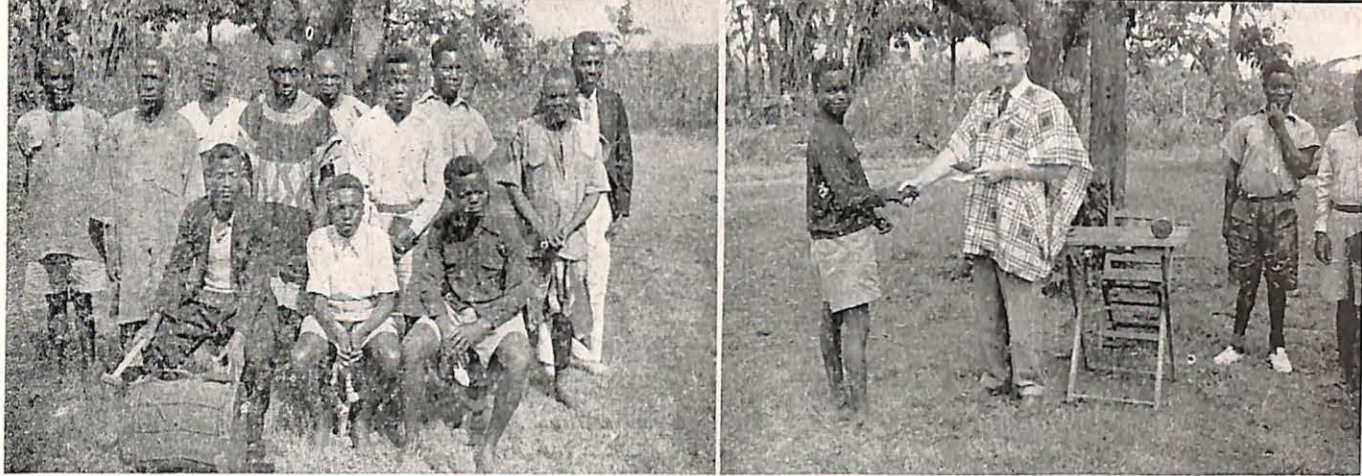
### INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING

There have been for many years open doors for the training of our young people for Christian service. Specifically two definite doors stand wide open to the people of our churches. One of these doors is the Christian Training Institute of Alberta, Canada. There Christian young people had and are having an opportunity for training in Christian service and leadership for the local church. Another such open door is the North American Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. God has opened the door of these institutions specifically to train our young men and young women to be teachers, preachers, messengers of the Good News, and dynamic Christian leaders in his churches.

All members of the North American Baptist fellowship, and not only those families who have young people at these institutions of learning, have reason for untiring thankfulness to God for these open doors. Furthermore, would not every organized body or unit in God's Kingdom work,

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Twelve of the 14 Africans who were recently discharged from the New Hope Settlement as cleansed from leprosy, and (right) Dr. Kenneth Jones, medical missionary, hands Semi Jam his discharge certificate after having spent two years at the Settlement.

## Graduation Day at New Hope

By REV. HOWARD W. ROTH, Missionary, Now on Furlough in Portland, Oregon

**GRADUATION DAY!** What school child or adult does not look forward to this day? What day is it in the life of a person which holds as fond memories as the day when he received his diploma saying he had finished his schooling and might now go out into the world and make good?

We had such a "graduation day" at Bamenda New Hope Settlement in the Cameroons, Africa, on the 26th of June, only we called it "Discharge Day" rather than graduation day. It is a day long to be remembered, for it was the first time since the camp was opened more than three years ago that leprosy patients have been discharged as probable cures.

### PROGRAM PLANS

We awoke on that Sunday morning to the sound of rain on the zinc roof over our heads. We did not know just how nice the day would be since June is in the rainy season. We were hoping for a fine day, especially since the service was to be held out-of-doors on the lawn in front of the administration building.

The place had been arranged the day before. Empty cement drums were laid on their sides and two-by-twelve planks were placed across them to serve as benches. When the limited supply of planks was used, empty drums were placed end to end. A table was placed under a tree to serve as a pulpit.

About seven o'clock the rain stopped and by service time the weather looked pretty cheerful, although there wasn't enough sun for good colored pictures!

Those who were to be discharged were informed several weeks in advance by Dr. Kenneth Jones, medical minister. The station manager, Rev. Gilbert Schneider, informed them that they were to have the program of the morning. One of their number was placed in charge of arranging the

program, or at least, to take charge and see that there would be one.

Joshua Akumbo, who was in charge, brought discouraging reports that no one would co-operate and take part. He was told to keep trying and do the best he could.

Just before nine o'clock the patients began to arrive. Many came who do not ordinarily attend the services. We wanted all to be present for what they would see and hear would be a great morale booster, especially to those who might be discouraged because of their illness.

### TWELVE GRATEFUL SPEAKERS

The response Joshua received from his "graduating classmates" would be a delight to every pastor and young people's president in America. He had no trouble enlisting those who would make speeches, although it had seemed for a while that they were unwilling to take part. Not one whom he asked turned him down!

On the program TWELVE speakers were listed besides the various songs and the message of the morning! Each one wanted to tell of his experiences. It was heart-warming to listen to them praising God and thanking him for sending the missionaries to Africa to help make them well. (Of the 14 discharged, seven were already Christians upon entering the camp and four accepted Christ while there).

All of them told nearly the same story for their experiences were so much alike. They told how, upon learning they had leprosy, they were shunned and driven by those who were "clean" and of their great discouragement of not being wanted by anyone. They told of their experiences upon entering the New Hope Settlement and their years spent there. It was not easy for any of them, but as they busied themselves around the settlement doing work as-

signed to them or making their own farms they found that life was more endurable.

To be among people who had their own illness and to learn that there were those who cared about them gave them new courage, and today they were standing before those many, many diseased ones relating to them their experiences and urging them to have courage, for there is hope for them as well.

### THE LEPER WHO WOULDN'T GO!

One of these fourteen was not present at the service. His name is Ngariba, an older man who felt so much at home at New Hope Settlement and enjoyed his stay so well that he didn't want to get well. He knew that if he got well he would have to leave. Often, during his years at the camp, he would not come for treatment for this very reason. In spite of his laxity in taking his medicine he recovered.

He was disappointed to learn he was being discharged, and in one last demonstration of protest he stayed away from the service so he wouldn't get his certificate. However, Dr. Jones kept Ngariba's certificate with him wherever he went about the camp and several days later saw Ngariba and presented him with it.

Rev. Gilbert Schneider brought a few words of encouragement. He took for his text the very fitting story in the Gospel of Luke concerning the ten lepers who were healed by Christ and how, of the ten, only one returned to thank him. He reminded all present that it was God who made them well although he used man and his medicine to do it. It was God who gave man the wisdom to discover the medicine. It was God who gave the Cameroons the Leper Settlement through the gifts and prayers of the people in America and the gifts of the British government and the African

nationals. The way they could show God that they were truly thankful for what he had done was never to tire in telling people of him and that the dreaded leprosy can now be conquered.

Missionary Schneider urged these men as they left the settlement to return to their homes, to present themselves to their own people and to show them they are no longer to be feared and driven, but that they are well and have returned to take their rightful place once again in society. They were to be witnesses to the fact that there is a cure for leprosy and no longer should people fear the disease.

Those who are Christians were urged also to witness to the saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ, no matter what the consequences might be. In both things they need never be ashamed. To have leprosy is no shame; neither to belong to Christ.

### HEALING FOR THEIR SOULS

Just before the benediction, Dr. Jones presented these men with their discharge certificates. They are to



Robert Jam, Cameroons evangelist (right), and his son, Semi, after the discharge service, a real day of rejoicing for them!

return to the camp in six months for an examination to make sure the leprosy has not shown itself again. There is this possibility, and it must not be overlooked.

These fourteen cleansed lepers are not the only ones who are ready for discharge. There are others, but for one reason or another Dr. Jones wanted to keep them on for a while. As the months go by, these and many others will be sent to their homes. Soon so many will be discharged at the same time that not all will have an opportunity to speak at the service—time would not permit!

Yet, their story will be the same: God has healed their bodies. Many will also be able to say God has

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## God's Promises in Africa

By MISS RUBY SALZMAN, Cameroons Missionary

ON THIS DRIZZLY Sunday afternoon I would like to share a few of my thoughts and experiences of the past weeks with you. One of the blessed promises that I have tried to use as my sword of the Spirit in the past few weeks has been the old favorite of Christians everywhere: "The Lord IS my shepherd."

Just last week I took a tedious journey to the French Cameroons with three natives, all of us needing medical aid for our eyes. In miles the journey was short, being only approximately 125 miles one way—but we used five means of transport and three days of travel to reach our destination.

### A SCRIPTURE VERSE

Misinformation on passports for the natives delayed us at Kumba one whole day. Constant rain called for chains on top of mud tires. A native kit-car left in the middle of a one-way road and minus one front wheel made us uncomfortable at 5:30 a.m. The absence of a man to paddle a canoe across the Mungo River, the hour's trek over slippery, muddy bush paths, the comfortable train ride on the French side and last but not least fearful, the taxi ride to the General Hospital made those 125 miles most interesting to the natives with me and tried my patience to the nth degree. Had it not been for those five words that I kept repeating to myself, "The Lord IS my shepherd", I would have turned back in the middle of the trip.

In our morning service at Soppo this morning Thomas Kwenchi, one of our third-year Bible School trained young men, gave a message on tithing plus the giving of offerings. It was interesting to note how quiet the congregation remained and how attentive, yet when he closed his message with, "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear", I wondered if any would and did really hear. We are glad that a number of our Cameroons Christians do fit the and that their testimony rings clear; if only others would take the step in faith and experience the joy that comes from giving to God what belongs to him!

Some time ago I read the following statement in one of our missionary study books: "One can become a Christian in a moment, but it takes a life-time to become Christlike." The Soppo woman who was in our party to the French Cameroons said on the way home, "Yango, we still need missionaries badly, for they are like the engine that keeps pushing us along."

Yes, we missionaries do get tired of "pushing" our native Christians, but if in the process of pushing we can help them to become more Christlike, then it behooves us to keep pushing.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Another way in which we hope to improve our "pushing" is in having a new set of textbooks for our "Education in Christian Living" course in our Christian Day Schools. The outline of this course is very similar to the one we have been using, but the teachers will have much more material to help them in their teaching.

In our discussion in the Coastal Teachers Conference about our E.C.L. course we gave the teachers this simple definition of Christian Education, "Christian Education means teaching children to behave like Christ." One of our older teachers added this statement, "Education without religion is like a motor without brakes." In this mountainous country where transport is only via natives, three-ton trucks, these words carry real meaning for our teachers.

The prayers of our Christians in the homeland are needed for the 5,000 children and 220 teachers in our 48 day schools and our Teacher Training Center, that all of them in their lifetime will become Christlike, and will grasp the true answer of "What must I do to be saved?" In our entrance examination to our Training Center held last week, twenty applicants here at Soppo were from outside our Mission group.

In our Religious Knowledge examination was this question: "What is the way of salvation?" One young lad who has attended only non-mission schools wrote: "The way of salvation is in the grave." Another wrote at the end of his paper, "Attempted some just by experience, not taught." As I glanced at some of these answers, I said to Thomas Kwenchi who had helped me invigilate: "There is still missionary work to be done!"

### AFRICAN CHURCH EXTENSION

Another avenue of service has opened for our Soppo Christians. On what was just a few months ago an open field, there arises now several city blocks of government clerks' quarters or homes. In the Soppo women's meeting last week we attempted to challenge the members of the group with the needs of these families that would soon be moving into these new homes. Many come from large Nigerian towns and find themselves strangers in a strange land.

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—Eva Luoma Photo

# The Bible and Children

To assist children in becoming acquainted with the Bible we as a denomination are providing the Scripture Memory Course

By MISS RUTH BATHAUER of Forest Park, Illinois,  
Denominational Children's Worker

"Thy Word is like a garden, Lord,  
with flowers bright and fair;  
And every one who seeks may  
pluck a lovely cluster there.  
Thy word is like a deep, deep  
mine; and jewels rich and rare  
Are hidden in its mighty depths  
for every searcher there."

—Edwin Hodder

IF WE ARE TO GIVE boys and girls their rightful heritage, the Bible must be basic in our teaching. As a Sunday School teacher, as a Scripture Memory sponsor, or as a leader in the children's department, have you ever asked yourself the question, "Why do we teach the Bible to children when the Bible is primarily an adult book written by adults?"

Perhaps you are shocked at the thought of this question, because surely it is important to teach the Word of God to children. To do effective teaching one must have clear objectives in mind to give guidance in teaching. The objectives of teaching the Bible to children are many but certainly there are a few which we should bear in mind.

## OBJECTIVES

1. Through Bible study we want children to learn to know God better.
2. We want them to recognize the Bible as a special book through which God might speak to us.
3. Through the study of the Bible we want them to learn to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their own personal Savior.
4. We want them to realize that the Bible contains standards for their own conduct.
5. They should know that the Bible is a record of God's love seeking to

win people and of the religious experience of people who respond to God's seeking them.

There are many goals to keep in mind in teaching the Scriptures to boys and girls but these are some of the basic ones. Are we accomplishing these goals in our teaching?

There are several ways in which children learn to use the Bible and to become better acquainted with its contents. One way is through memorizing portions of Scripture. To assist them in this we as a denomination are providing the Scripture Memory Course.

The Scripture Memory Course has now been revised into a three-year course. The course has been depart-



Miss Ruth Bathauer of Forest Park, Ill., the denominational Children's Worker.

mentalized or group-graded. Course I was used last year and this fall Course II is being used. Now after a year of using the course it has been most interesting to see the response. Again and again notes of encouragement have been included with the yearly reports mailed to our office stating how much the memorizers have enjoyed the course.

## SCRIPTURE MEMORY COURSE

Another note of encouragement in evaluating the course at the end of one term is the high percentage of memorizers enrolled who completed the course last term. The percentage is higher this year than ever before. The large amount of Scripture Memory supplies mailed out to churches this fall would indicate another large enrollment.

Early this past spring the question, "How has the revised Scripture Memory Course worked out in your church?" was given to several sponsors. Below are the answers to that question. The first answer is from Mrs. C. R. Siemens, sponsor in the Calvary Baptist Church, Corn, Oklahoma.

"Each fall we can sense the eagerness in the children and their teachers as we anticipate another Scripture Memory year, but this year I definitely noticed some added enthusiasm. We were all anxious to begin our new revised course. Looking back over the year's work we can see this enthusiasm was well justified.

"In the Primary department five souls gave their hearts to the Lord Jesus Christ one night. The Scripture verse for the particular evening was 'Thou, Lord, art good and ready to forgive' (Psalm 86:5a). God proved himself to the children that night.

"The memorizers liked the revised course because 'the verses are shorter and easier to say' and 'because we learn to know the meaning of different words, like faith'. The teachers all agreed that with fewer verses to learn more opportunity was given for review. The departmental groups are especially adaptable to our smaller churches since fewer helpers are needed. I like having the children learn some of the old loved hymns. The songs selected are so teachable and therefore easier to learn."

## ANOTHER ENTHUSIASTIC LETTER

A Scripture Memory sponsor from the Northern Conference, Mrs. Isador Faszler, Minitonas, Manitoba, shares her enthusiasm in this way:

"The revised Scripture Memory course is well liked in Minitonas. We have 94 boys and girls enrolled in the course this year. Although we have had a good response in the past, the enthusiasm seems to have gone up considerably this year. I believe the interest is maintained because of the variety of topics. Some of the group leaders memorized the verses with the children too.

"Those who finished their verses on time at the end of the first two months received a small award. In February on a Sunday evening we had a fine program with all the children taking part. It was so good to hear them sing the hymns which were included in the course this year. At the end of May we held a picnic for all those who finished their course this term.

"It is the sincere desire of the sponsor and leaders to help the children of our church to hide the Word of God in their hearts, and it is our prayer that it will bear fruit for the Master in years to come."

From Goodrich, North Dakota, comes this report from the sponsor, Mrs. Walter Schmidt.

"The revision has proven itself a success in our church. In smaller



"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path . . . Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold" (Psalm 119:105 and 127).



Junior Camp for the Oregon Baptist League held at the Oregon Baptist Conference Grounds with many of the children attending representing Scripture memorizers in their churches.

churches such as ours some children were memorizing with only one or two companions. By departmentalizing the course our groups now total from 8 to 17 memorizers per department. Larger groups prove much more interesting to the children as well as to their leaders.

"Not only is there an increased enthusiasm but greater results are being realized. Previously from four to six children failed to complete the assignments of the first two-month period. However, under the new plan 100 per cent of the children enrolled last fall finished their first period. A few children who had never completed a year's work before will finish with the others this year. Watching their happiness at 'keeping up' too is a reward in itself for all of us."

## USE OF THE HYMNS

The above comments reveal something of the general feeling of the sponsors in our churches. May we encourage sponsors again to use the Scripture verses in connection with the current unit of study. Use the worship verses which they are to learn during the worship services of

the Sunday School. It is advisable to use memorized portions of Scripture as often as possible in worship services, thus making them more and more a part of the experience of the pupil.

If the children in the Junior department have a unit of study on prayer in October and November, we would suggest that the verses prescribed for December-January in the Scripture Memory course be discussed and learned in October and November in connection with that unit of study.

The hymns which are included in the course are not to replace Scripture verses, but are in addition to the Scripture. The songs for the Primary Course are standard children's songs, and in the case of unfamiliar words, tunes suggested are those of well-known church hymns. The songs for the Junior and Junior High Courses are hymns which every young person should know. We trust this will help the children to develop a love and appreciation for the beautiful hymns of the church.

We would suggest that the hymns be taught to the entire group of memorizers instead of having each child repeat the words. The hymns will have a richer meaning for the children if the words are discussed and explained where necessary.

## USING THE BIBLE WITH CHILDREN

There is no single way of learning in other realms, neither is there just one way of learning to know the Bible better. There are many ways in addition to the way just mentioned which was memorization. Perhaps one of the most frequent methods is the use of the story. For variety allow the children to tell some of the familiar Bible stories. In addition to the stories, encourage the children to act out some of the stories they have told. In this case the teacher is merely the advisor and counselor and the children do the planning.

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The new church sign for the Church Extension project in Sacramento, Calif. (left), is flanked by Emil Grenz and Clarence H. Walth, John Wright and Art Doctor; and (right) some of the people who attend the weekly prayer meetings of the Sacramento Church Extension project.



## A Call from California!

Church Extension needs in California described by REV. CLARENCE H. WALTH of Sacramento, Calif.

IN EARLIER YEARS the entire area of the United States between the Pacific Ocean and the Allegheny Mountains was referred to as the "west". Whenever the surroundings felt too confining, and the cry for adventure and excitement grew strong, there would be some who would pack their belongings and obey the call to "go west, young man, go west!" Numerous are the legends that came out of that early history of our country... stories of war and enterprise... of love and valor.

### WHO WILL ANSWER?

The cry of "go west, young man, go west" is still ringing across the hills today. In response to this call, who will answer? Who among you will step out from where you are and say, "I will come over and help you"? The cry for Church Extension in new fields has been sounded with increasing volume. Has the Lord laid it upon your heart to see propagated among the many people of this vast nation the Gospel of salvation, which is by personal faith in Jesus Christ?

Our Lord commands us to "love our neighbors as ourselves" and to "preach the Gospel to every creature." Our reason as well as our sense of fairness urge that we should send to others that which we ourselves have received from others.

In a period of history much earlier than the American epoch, there developed in Europe a situation of similar character. In the Book of Acts, chapter 16, we find recorded the experience of four Christians who heard and responded to the cry, "Go west, young man, go west." This group of Christians was made up of Paul and his companions, Silas, Timothy and Luke.

When we consider the outcome, had Paul and his companions refused to answer the call, we are impressed by the exceeding value of the Gospel. The Holy Spirit had urged them on west toward Troas... more than once the guiding Spirit had kept them from going to the north or to the south... always they were happiest when they continued westward. Finally, all that separated them from the shores of Europe was the shining water of the Hellespont.

That night as the others lay sleeping, it was made clear to Paul why

the Spirit had suffered him to go west: "And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; there stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, come over into Macedonia, and help us." The figure Paul saw in the vision represented Europe and its need for Christ.

As this vision of the man of Macedonia calling for help was given to Paul, so are there calls of the same kind continually made upon all Christian people. The tremendous need for Church Extension on our

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## Impressive Ground Breaking Service

The start of a new Church Extension project at Sacramento, California  
By MISS LILLIAN GRAF of Elk Grove, California

UNTO THEE, O GOD, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks; for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare." It was with these thoughts of the Psalmist that we entered into the ground breaking service in Sacramento, Calif., on Sunday afternoon, August 28.

The program consisted of a prelude by the church orchestra, composed of Mrs. Norma Wolff, Rev. G. W. Rutsch, Messrs. W. W. Rueb, Ronald Stabbert and James Knauff. This was followed by the song service led by Rev. C. H. Walth, the pastor of the new church in Sacramento.

Scripture was read by Rev. W. W. Knauff, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif. Rev. G. W. Rutsch then led in prayer. Special music was furnished by the Royal Bards, a group of Christian businessmen from San Jose, Calif., who magnify the Lord by the hymns they sing.

Rev. Robert Schreiber, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi,

Calif., brought the message, emphasizing the fact that we are to catch the vision of the needy harvest field in the area of the new church site. He said we permit circumstances to distress us, such as bare land, or we say we are a weak group, and we ask the question, "Why have we undertaken this project?" We must realize that the foundation is Christ. We are laborers together with him.

Those taking part in the ground breaking ceremony were the deacons and pastors of the Elk Grove Church, Temple and First Baptist Churches of Lodi, the new church committee members and Mr. I. E. Giedt, formerly deacon of the Baptist Church in Hebron, N. Dak., now of Lodi, Calif.

A fine offering of \$216.95 was received. Rev. C. H. Walth led in the closing prayer. With the singing of "Blest Be the Tie" we concluded our service. We are looking to God for many blessings in the days to come!

# Church Extension Fields in Ontario

By REV. G. E. Friedenberg of Buffalo, New York

SINCE THE END of World War II, great numbers of God-fearing people, uprooted and displaced by a long and horrible war, have come to the shores of the North American continent to make a new beginning. Among them have come hundreds of German-speaking Baptists—from East Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria, Rumania, Russia—to begin again in this land of liberty and opportunity and to enjoy the blessings of the privilege to worship God and to serve him within the fellowship of the Church of Jesus Christ.

### NEW BEGINNINGS

As a member and pastor of one of the churches in the Eastern Conference, I am delighted to see that our Church Extension program—within three short years—has already borne such rich fruits among German-speaking immigrants in the province of Ontario, Canada, across the border from Buffalo, New York.

It is always fascinating to be a part of and to observe a new beginning. From the very first contacts with our German-speaking brothers and sisters who settled in Toronto, Kitchener, and Hamilton, it was obvious that the desire of each group to become a church was strong. These earnest Christians strove for that end, but they needed help.

The Ontario Quebec Baptist Convention gave the newcomers what help they could, but there was the mutual

handicap of a language barrier. As one German brother, newly arrived, put it, "Wir lieben diese Brüder sehr, aber wir verstehen nicht, was sie uns sagen wollen." (We love these brethren, but we cannot understand what they want to tell us!)

Naturally, God had a way to minister to our Christian brethren. There were among us, in our conference, those who could speak German, and so it is that through the preaching and visiting of a number of these brethren, the wise counsel of our general mission secretary, Rev. Richard Schilke, and the material support of the General Missionary Committee, we now have three new churches in the area of the Eastern Conference.

### THE CHURCH IN HAMILTON

The youngest of these three young churches is the one at Hamilton, founded in 1954. Under the leadership of their pastor, Rev. John Wahl, this church is making good progress. With the help of Church Extension funds, they have been able to buy a lovely little church building with complete furnishings on the western side of the city and are equipped to serve in an inviting way.

On August 31, 1955, this church called a council to consider the propriety of recognizing them as a sister Baptist church of the North American General Baptist Conference. Representing the churches in the Eastern Conference and meeting in Hamilton, were Rev. Peter Pfeiffer, Central

Church, Erie, Pa.; Rev. Arthur Weisser, conference mission secretary, Andrews Street Church, Rochester, N. Y.; Rev. G. E. Friedenberg, Temple Church, Buffalo, N. Y.; Rev. John Goetze and Mr. George Holzapfel, Central Church, Kitchener; and Rev. and Mrs. Carl Fuellbrandt, German Church, Toronto.

Representing the Hamilton church, including its station at St. Catharines, were Rev. John Wahl and John Gutsche, Mr. Fuhrmann, Mr. Nickel, Mr. Mayer, Mr. Faul, Miss Felitz, and Mrs. Henschel. The Rev. G. E. Friedenberg was elected moderator, and Rev. John Goetze was elected clerk.

Being completely satisfied with the spirit and intentions of the church at Hamilton, the council voted enthusiastically for their recognition as a member church of our fellowship in the Lord Jesus Christ. At the annual meeting of the Eastern Conference in Buffalo during the following week, this new church with 35 members living in Hamilton and 15 members living in St. Catharines was received into the conference.

### CENTRAL CHURCH, KITCHENER

Before returning home from the Hamilton council meeting, three members of the Eastern Conference mission committee, Reverends P. Pfeiffer, A. Weisser, and G. E. Friedenberg, traveled to Kitchener to see how much progress the Central Baptist Church there, founded in 1953 with the help of the conference, has made on the construction of its church building.

Barnabas could not have had more joy over what, by the grace of God, had been accomplished among those early Christians than we had in seeing how much progress the church at Kitchener is making. What we saw was evidence of faith bearing the fruits of good works of enthusiasm, loyalty, and sacrifice. We have a feeling that the Central Church in Kitchener will prosper.

### NEW CHURCH AT TORONTO

The German Church at Toronto is coming into its own. From the beginning, the complexities and difficulties of life in that great city made work among the German-speaking Baptists rather difficult. The people were spread out into all parts of Greater Toronto, and there was the further problem of finding a suitable place to worship at a price which would not overburden the little group of Christians. At the present time the congregation worships in the edifice of one of the Russian Baptist churches,

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Pastors, deacons and new church committee members at the ground breaking service in Sacramento, California.





The sanctuary in the new worshipful edifice of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan.

## Dedication Week

### Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.



By MRS. GORDON ERNST, Reporter

"THE LORD HATH DONE great things for us, whereof we are glad." Truly the members of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan, can say this most sincerely. What a thrill and joy it was for us to enter for the first time into this House of Worship on Easter Sunday to begin our new work in this community.

The church is located on a six-acre plot of ground on Baseline Road and Mack Avenue in beautiful Grosse Pointe Woods. It is of contemporary style in architecture, consisting of a beautiful sanctuary seating 650 with a balcony choir and a lovely Sonatina organ; Sunday School rooms for the Toddlers, Beginners, Primary, Junior, Junior High, Senior and Adult; a Nursery; church parlor with fireplace and small kitchen; Junior High Fellowship room with fireplace and kitchenette; large dining hall; modern kitchen and serving room; chapel; three offices and printing room; and music room for broadcasting the "Echoes of Heaven" program.

Our Week of Dedication was held from Sept. 18-25th. Most fittingly we were privileged to have Dr. Martin Leuschner with us for our first Sunday of Dedication. He challenged us with his inspirational words, both at the morning and evening services. During the evening service the keys to the church were formally presented to our Board of Trustees by Mr. Fred Bruner, representing the Campbell Construction Company. Mr. Earl Confer, the architect, also brought words of greeting. Then Mr. Edward J. Russell, Sr., Chairman of the Board, presented these gentlemen with a gift in recognition of their splendid work to make our church a most delightful and workable building for the Lord's glory. Baskets of

flowers were sent by Mr. and Mrs. Confer and the Campbell Construction Company.

Tuesday evening was called "Denominational Night" at which service the pastors of our North American Conference in the Detroit area brought greetings and words of congratulation. These pastors included Rev. A. Braun of Centerline; Rev. E. A. McAsh of Ebenezer; Rev. W. S. Sommerschild of Bethel; Rev. O. Patzia of Conner; Rev. Dwight M. Fry of Utica; and Mr. Grapentine of Wayne, formerly a member of our church. The Bethel Baptist choir delighted us with three special numbers. Our speaker for the evening was Dr. Frank Woyke who reminded us that the building was not the church but the people who worshipped therein and were bought by the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Wednesday night was a splendid occasion of family fellowship at which time a wonderful dinner was served to over 400 people. Special musical selections were brought by members of our own families. A memorial was held for all those who passed away during the planning and construction of our building. Dr. A. Dale Ihrie acknowledged the presence of Mr. O. Zeidler, who came from Florida to be with us for our Dedication Week. He is one of the two remaining charter members. Mrs. L. Mielke, because of her age, could not be present. Dr. Warner Cole, pastor of the Covenant Baptist Church of Detroit and president of Detroit's Council of Churches, brought a stirring message on the subject, "The Church of My Dream."

On Thursday evening, Community Night, a special privilege was afforded us when civic leaders and pastors of the surrounding communi-

ties were with us and brought words of greeting. General Maitland represented Governor Williams for the state of Michigan. A telegram of congratulation was read from the Governor. The mayors of Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe Shores, Harper Woods, St. Clair Shores and the Director of Public Safety were represented. Pastors from these areas also brought special congratulations to the congregation. The "Echoes of Heaven" male quartet and the mixed choir brought special numbers. Dr. Albert Gage of the Detroit Baptist Missionary Society brought the message.

Friday evening was Young People's and Sunday School Night. The male quartet and Gary Moore of Detroit's V.C.Y. favored us with vocal selections and Mr. Ed Darling, director of V.C.Y., brought greetings. Our children's choir also sang for us. At this service, Rev. Victor Priebe, a graduate of the North American Seminary, was officially installed as Assistant to the Pastor and Youth Director. He has already endeared himself to our congregation. Rev. Aaron Buhler of Lansing, Mich., addressed us by challenging us to be good stewards of our time, tithe and talent. Refreshments were served in the Fellowship Hall of the church after the service.

On the last Sunday morning of Dedication, Rev. Owen Miller brought us an inspiring message on the Tabernacle and the Holy of Holies, showing us the love of God. In the evening, he brought the message again, after which the various officials, Sunday School teachers, musical groups, and pastors stood on the platform as the entire congregation was led in the Litany of Dedication by our pastor, Dale Ihrie. We closed our Week of Dedication by re-dedicating our lives to the Lord's work.



Men of the Christian Fellowship Club of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois, at the time of the Club's 25th anniversary.

## A Men's Fellowship Across 25 Years

The thrilling story of the Christian Fellowship Club of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.

By MR. WALTER C. PANKRATZ of Chicago, Illinois

THE CHRISTIAN Fellowship Club of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., this year passed its 25th milestone. Assembling on May 24, 1930 as members of an unorganized Sunday School class of the former First German Baptist Church, 24 young men that evening envisioned possibilities for service far beyond the borders of a Sunday School class, and adopted a three-fold aim—the development of body, mind and soul. A constitution was later adopted and membership extended to any young man, aged 16 or over, who subscribed to the aims of the constitution and by-laws.

The C.F.C. was born shortly after the start of the great depression, when jobs were scarce and time was plentiful. These conditions favored the club's progress, for members channelled their abundant free time into various forms of Christian endeavor, of which the monthly meeting was the highpoint. They enjoyed music, and from the first, their meetings were marked by enthusiastic singing. This led to the organization of a male chorus, which sang occasionally at church services, and soon received many invitations to sing elsewhere. In 1932, the chorus gave its first local concert, and since then has given many concerts locally and out of town. The members were honored in 1940 to participate in the program of the denomination's General Conference at Burlington, Iowa.

### PRINTING PRESS AND PROGRAMS

In 1933, the Club purchased a small hand printing press and six cases of type to provide the church with a printed Sunday bulletin. Every letter had to be set by hand, and about

a dozen men learned type-setting and printing, taking turns in producing the bulletin. They worked many hours, often late into the night, and instances of "pied" or spilled type were not uncommon. Printing gave way to mimeographing after three years, because of increasing demands upon the time of the men. The little press was used long afterward, however, for a variety of print jobs, and soon paid for itself.

Since May, 1930, monthly meetings have been held without exception, consisting of singing, devotions, discussion of business, presentation of a stimulating topic and refreshments. Attendance has averaged 25 to 30, with special meetings attended by as many as 60 men. An amazing variety of topics—scientific, historical, biographical, religious and otherwise—as well as a number of debates—have been presented, and all the material discussed through the 25 years would, indeed, constitute a liberal education. Outside speakers have been rare, and most topics, devotional and secular, have been presented by the members—a reason, we feel, for their continuing lively interest. Visitors have been impressed to witness a group of men engaging in reverent worship, and then, with complete naturalness, go over into a period of joyous and mentally stimulating fellowship. Most meetings have been held in homes—the others at church.

Despite the drain of manpower during the war, monthly meetings and male chorus activities were continued, the chorus actually doing more singing during these years than at any other time. A news sheet, the "C.F.C. Chronicle," was published for

servicemen, and a letter-writing schedule set up and maintained for the duration.

### CAMPS AND SKID ROW MEETINGS

Since 1934, the C.F.C. has held annual overnight camps in a forest preserve, usually in early fall. These camps have brought men and boys together in a comradeship hardly possible in other church activities. They cook hot meals (usually prepared in advance by the wives), reduce dead trees to logs, and maintain a roaring campfire into the crisp autumn night, as they gather around to sing or engage in animated discussions. During the day, they participate in various sports and pastimes, as well as a period of devotions. After a night in the open, the aroma of frying bacon and eggs is most tantalizing! Camping equipment includes two tents, gasoline stoves and lanterns, and a large tarpaulin to shelter the "kitchen" in case of rain. Rain and cold have failed to dampen the ardor of the men, and no camp has ever been cancelled.

From time to time the C.F.C. has participated in "Skid Row" mission services, and has also sung in the corridors and wards of the huge Cook County Hospital. Only eternity will reveal the lasting results, but we know that our own men have been spiritually strengthened. Such experiences make us realize how seldom we use our many opportunities to witness to the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and what smug, self-satisfied lives most Christians are content to live.

The Club remains closely knit by bonds of Christian love and by mu-

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# We...the Women

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

## INTRODUCTION

PERHAPS MANY OF YOU have met the Council Representative of our Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. Frank Veninga of Aplington, Ia. You may have seen her before a group leading the singing, singing a solo or speaking. She has the ability and a willingness to use these talents.

She received her education at the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill., and at Wheaton College. She worked for the Extension Division of the Moody Bible Institute, traveling extensively as a member of a Girls' Trio. These travels took her to most of the states of the Union.

For the past fifteen years she has had much joy and satisfaction in working in the churches of which her husband has been called to minister, Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wis.; Peoria, Ill.; and Aplington, Ia. He is now the pastor-elect of the Temple Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

She is the mother of three children: Robert, James and Joyce. As a family they enjoy taking trips and playing with their family pets, which consist of tropical fish, a parakeet and "Bambi," their faithful dog.

She gives her testimony by saying, "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof I am glad."

Let us meditate upon the message she presents to us on our "We, the Women" page.

## "ARISE, LET US GO HENCE"

By MRS. FRANK VENINGA of Aplington, Iowa

In recent months the eyes of the world were focused on the great Geneva Conference. Many reports came into our homes by means of radio, newspaper and television, giving information concerning this great Summit meeting. We followed this conference with prayerful interest. There have been many other gatherings of great importance by the leaders of the world throughout the ages.

The Geneva Conference, however, had greater significance than most others, for the destiny of millions of people was at stake. Could it be that man is beginning to realize his helplessness in this scientific age and is thus trying to find help to cope with the problems that this present age has created?

Even though the Geneva Conference was great in its scope, I am thinking of another Summit meeting infinitely greater. This meeting took

place in the Upper Room in Jerusalem. The greatest of men was having a final meeting with his followers. The conditions of the world were dark and sinful. Man was pitted against God and a Savior was needed.

The Deliverer was on hand and he spoke matchless words of wisdom to his beaten and bewildered disciples. As a warrior facing battle, he arose from this Summit meeting saying, "Arise, let us go hence." These words spelled courage and confidence. Our Christ knew the hour was at hand when he would have to suffer, to pay the supreme price for the redemption of the world, and for this task he was ready. The statement indicates:

## A CALL TO SERVICE

Our Master had intimate talks with his followers in the Passover chamber. He had revealed much to them, but now the time was at hand when action was needed. No longer could they linger in the secluded room. Through the years our Lord was always obedient to that call of service. His entire life was filled with service to others.

He made the blind to see, the deaf to hear, and the lame to walk. No task was too great or small. Unafraid he ventured forth to serve his Father and man. Certainly this act of our Lord should strengthen us and



Mrs. Frank Veninga of Aplington, Iowa, Council Representative of the Woman's Missionary Union.

encourage us to carry on in his service regardless of what that task might be. How obedient are we to this call of service?

## A CALL TO SACRIFICE

Not only did our Lord serve mankind but he was willing to sacrifice his life. He said, "Arise, let us go hence," even though it meant facing a cruel and bitter cross. We are not called upon to die upon a rugged cross, but we are asked to live for the One Who died. We as Christian women have a peculiar ministry to render. There are many demands on our lives as Christian mothers, leaders in our churches, school and community. In order to carry on our Lord's work effectively, we will have to sacrifice more of time, talent and substance.

At our recent General Conference in Waco, Texas, we accepted new goals for this triennium. Some may say we set our goals too high. If such doubts assail you, then remember the words of the Apostle Paul, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Have we perhaps forgotten to re-echo that slogan for ourselves?

Paul's favorite expression was "I can," and too often we say, "I can't." We will find strength in our determination to do great things for God. As we look back over the records of the last three years, we stand in amazement what God was able to do through the women of our denomination. It was accomplished only because so many were willing to sacrifice.

Though our achievements were great, we cannot be satisfied with the past but must press on to greater attainments. Let us go forth determined to sacrifice more in order to meet the new challenges. Let us "Arise, and go hence" to where God would lead.

## GRADUATION DAY

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healed their souls. This is what we are after. The complete program of the camp is so set up with this one purpose in mind: that as they receive medicine and treatment for bodies, the leprosy patients will also receive the old, yet ever new story that there is a balm in Gilead—a healing for their sin-sick souls.

## GOD'S PROMISE

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The situation is a midget picture of the work of our Church Extension Program at home, but with the Soppo church at hand a new building is not needed—only workers who will give of their time and friendship to bring in the many who need Christ. May the Lord give the missionaries at Soppo the wisdom to "push" the Soppo women in the right direction!

# C.B.Y. Fellowship

By REV. LAWRENCE BIENERT, General Secretary

THERE WILL BE many prayers of thanksgiving which will ascend to the throne of grace during this Thanksgiving season. That is the way it should be—not only on special occasions, but every day.

Besides enjoying the specially prepared turkey and all of the trimmings you will also be mindful of the blessings which have been yours. You will count them and agree that the Lord has been good to you. Have you ever thought of how you would really show that you are thankful? Maybe a few suggestions will be welcome.

As you consider your good fortune in having financial security remember those who have not as you have. The Thanksgiving Offering should be larger than ever this year because YOU gave out of the fulness of your heart.

Are you enjoying good health? How about singing for the sick and shut-ins? A visit to some lonely folks in the hospital should not be forgotten either. Think of the joy you will share when others give thanks because of you and the service you rendered.

We all appreciate our church and pastor. Often we take them too much for granted. Will you express your gratitude by attending and taking part in the worship services, the CBY Fellowship, and prayer meeting?

When was the last time that you thanked your pastor for his services? The young people of the Pacific Northwest expressed their feeling of gratitude through a letter written by Mrs. Paul Krueger of Colfax, Wash., and published in "The Reporter." Perhaps you too would like to write your pastor a note of appreciation. Mrs. Krueger has given us permission to print this letter. Here it is.

## A LETTER TO OUR PASTOR

Dear Friend:

We are writing you this letter today to say "Thank you." We can almost hear you say, "For what?" Thanks for a score of things that we have learned to take for granted.

Thank you for being more than a friend, for offering kindly counsel and guidance instead of sarcastic criticism when we stray from the "straight and narrow" path;—for helping us to plan our meetings and activities, and somehow always finding the time to take part in them;—for making us feel important and "needed" in the church;—for being patient when your own plans

are interrupted by a visitor at the parsonage, or a summons for assistance, or when your own sleep is disturbed by someone who needs you;—for the dozens of calls you make, especially upon those who are ill or aged, or lonely.

Thanks for the sermons you prepare just for us, yet in such a way that we will not feel we are being "preached to." Thank you, Rev. F. E. Klein, Rev. Robert Hess, Rev. John Broeder, Rev. C. T. Remple, Rev. Orville Meth, Rev. Walter Berkan, and Rev. Walter Dingfield, for your concern for our souls.

You have helped us to see the glory of Christian service. When we think that our little lives, with their uncertainty of duration and comparative insignificance, can be useful to GOD, then we are conscious of the dignity of OUR service.

YOU HAVE NO PASTOR—no one to turn to when YOUR days are dark. We want you to know that we will be your FRIEND, we will pray for you, and will try to give YOU sympathy and understanding.

In Christian love,  
The Young People  
of your Church.

Perhaps a letter to your parents would be in order as well. Make a list of all the fine things they have done for you. Give them a special "Thank You." They deserve it. Show your appreciation by showering them with love and obedience.

Read and re-read some Psalm of thanksgiving until it becomes a part of you. Memorize some of the verses. This will be a special help to you in expressing your thanks to our heavenly Father. A few thanksgiving songs and choruses could be used along with your family and private devotions.

Your September, 1955, issue of YOUTH COMPASS has a program to be used for the Thanksgiving season. Read it over carefully and adapt it to meet your own local needs.

## A WATCHNIGHT PLAY

Are you looking for a good play which you can use for your Watchnight service? Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, who has written a number of successful plays, has again written a play especially for you. Its title is MIRACLE AT MIDNIGHT. This is a Watchnight play with a religious em-

phasis. It is the story of an 18-year-old young man, who although raised in a Christian home and trained in church service, fell victim to worldly influences. He also attempts to lead his old friends from the church into his own way of thinking and acting. The kindness and patience of his grandparents, the skill of the family doctor, and the deep concern of his friends, all helped to lead him to experience a MIRACLE AT MIDNIGHT.

The cast requires 13 or more characters of which seven are male and six female. The play is in mimeographed form and is available from the Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio. The cost is 30 cents per copy, or 25 cents per copy if ten or more copies are ordered.

## OUR THANKSGIVING

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such as the church, the Sunday School, the C.B.Y. Fellowship and local conferences, the youth camp groups, and every Christian home be an open door for which God's children should be extremely grateful?

## CHURCH EXTENSION PROGRAM

There is still another door God has opened to us. It's possibly the most challenging door of recent years—the Church Extension Program. In the last three years nine new churches have been organized through the Church Extension Program. Prospects are most promising for additional churches to be organized as God's people will be willing to pray, to share, and to make such outreach possible.

God's way of opening doors seems unlimited. He will not open doors sooner than he will find willing servants to enter and to take possession of the fields to which the open doors lead. He will also close doors where his people will not do his work, where they will not be grateful for the open doors and fields for which they have been made responsible.

Thinking of the large work God has entrusted to us, we should say with Paul, "We cease not to give thanks for you,—(and) your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and love unto all the saints". It is because of the faith and the love displayed and exercised by his disciples which causes God to open doors and to keep them open. May his people everywhere unite this season of the year, in a glorious "Thanksgiving for God's Open Doors" everywhere.

May the Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week services and offerings be a genuine expression of gratitude on every believer's part for what God has wrought through his people! May he be well pleased with the faith and love of his people in all of his churches everywhere!





## Let There Be Praise!

By GRACE NOLL CROWELL

We have been given much, too much for hoarding;  
Too much to keep without our joyous praise  
Lifting to God, the Maker and the Giver  
Of all the gifts that overflow our days.

Let there be praise, therefore, and true thanksgiving,  
Rising like incense from the earth's worn sod.  
Let there be gratitude and glad rejoicing,  
Acknowledging the mercies of our God.

And may there be no selfishness, no keeping  
In darkened places gifts we should not hoard;  
May we be godlike in our outgiving;  
May we be merciful as is our Lord.

For thus alone will he accept our praising,  
And, thus repaid, his hand will not withhold  
The sun and shower, and the strength for toiling,  
The needed garments, and the wheat's pure gold.

—Christian Standard

### A MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

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tual interests. Older members have long since assumed positions of leadership and responsibility in the church without losing interest in the Club. The Club's original aims and activities, as well as the pattern of its meetings, have undergone little

change—proof of the soundness and workability of the program as originally conceived.

Realizing the need for a work among younger boys, the members about two years ago sponsored a Boys' Brigade. Certain of the men have devoted much time to providing periods of wholesome recreation, handcraft and devotions each week

### "WALKING WHERE JESUS WALKED"

Rev. Frederick J. Berger, D.D., will again conduct a tour to the Bible lands during the summer of 1956. Cost will be low and all inclusive—23 days by air.

### A Spiritual Adventure to Be Long Remembered!

Write for free information to 6123 Alcott St., Los Angeles 35, Calif.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGE

The manuscript for the Sunday School lessons for November 13 and 20, 1955, were not received in time for publication in this issue. The editors express their sincere regrets to all readers for this omission. The Sunday School lessons for succeeding Sundays will appear in the next number.

for the boys. This is admittedly a difficult task in our day, but the leaders have done excellent work. Other Club projects, which were many, included the building of a garage on the parsonage grounds, and the purchase of a good sound movie projector, which has found wide use.

### ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

At the 25th anniversary celebration, the guest speaker was Dr. John Herrmann, dynamic vice-president of Tennessee Temple Schools, Chattanooga, Tenn., who challenged us with stirring messages. There was a most absorbing anniversary exhibit, featuring snapshots and photographs of past activities; a year by year calendar of events; a concert exhibit; a printing exhibit; and a servicemen's exhibit. Friday was devoted to informal fellowship, with movies and slides of past events, and a message by Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, our pastor.

The celebration continued Saturday evening with an anniversary banquet, Dr. Herrmann speaking on "Our Christian Challenge in this World Crisis," and throughout Sunday with the following messages: Sunday School, "The Present World Revolution—A Biblical Analysis" by Dr. Herrmann; morning worship, "The Big Issue Before Us," by Dr. Herrmann; afternoon rally, "Stout-hearted Men" by Rev. Joe Sonnenberg; and evening service, "Can We Save America from Communist Revolution?" by Dr. Herrmann. The male chorus of about 35 voices sang at all Sunday services. In closing, Dr. Herrmann challenged all men to re-dedicate themselves to Christ and his Kingdom work, and about fifty responded.

We recognize the guidance and blessing of the Lord in the past 25 years, and pray that we may be more greatly used in his service in the years before us. We hope, too, that the efforts of other men's groups in our denomination will bear rich fruit, and that churches which as yet have no men's organization will lose no time in banding together to experience the joy of service and the rich fellowship which a consecrated men's group affords.

The present officers of the C.F.C. are Fred Hoffman, president; Gerald Kiffel, vice-president; Wilbur Reich, secretary; and Walter Swanson, treasurer. Herbert R. Pankratz is the chorus director.

# What's Happening

● Rev. David Littke resigned as pastor of the Baptist Church of Bison, Kans., in August. He and his family have already left the field and are now residing in Billings, Mont., where Mr. Littke is engaged in the building business. He served as pastor of the Bison Baptist Church for the past two years.

● A Spiritual Life Crusade was held by the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., from Oct. 2 to 9, with Dr. Frank Kepner, executive secretary of the Southern California Baptist Convention, serving as the preacher. The singer, Mr. John Gustafson. Rally Day on Sept. 25 marked the beginning of the Year of Baptist Achievement in the church. The first step was an "Every Family Enlistment Visitation" from Sept. 25 to Oct. 2. Rev. Berthold Jacksteit is pastor of the church.

● Dr. Otto Nallinger of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., for the past four years the executive secretary of the South Dakota Convention of the American Baptist Convention, recently resigned to become the assistant director of theological education with the Board of Education and Publication. He began his new work on September 16 with his office in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was formerly pastor of several North American General Conference churches and also served as a director of relief in Germany for the Baptist World Alliance.

● On Sunday, September 25, the Emery Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., held its Rally Day and Promotion Program. Promotion certificates were presented to those who advanced to new classes, and awards were given for record attendance. The new teachers and officers were installed by Rev. Edwin Kern, who was also the guest speaker. The Emery Sunday School has voted to support the Kerns and an offering of \$425.88 was given to them to help pay for their equipment. Rev. Leland Friesen of Okeene, Okla., is the pastor-elect of the church.

● Rev. Julius Ehrhorn of Waco, Texas, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 29, as the result of a heart attack. He was a retired minister of our Conference with membership in the Central Baptist Church. The memorial service was held on Friday, Sept. 30, at the Central Church with Rev. Louis R. Johnson, pastor, and Rev. Howard Schenk of the Cottonwood Baptist Church officiating. He was buried in the Grove Hill Cemetery of Dallas,

Texas. The obituary and tribute to his long, fruitful ministry will appear in a forthcoming issue.

● Special meetings with an evangelistic emphasis were held at the Muscowpetung Baptist Indian Church on the Muscowpetung Reserve of Edenwold, Sask., from Sept. 26 to Oct. 9. Rev. Reinhard Neuman, missionary to the Cree Indians on the Bull Reserve near Wetaskiwin, Alta., served as God's messenger. Music was provided by neighboring Baptist churches and the Baptist Church band from Edenwold, Saskatchewan. Mr. Philip Grabke, missionary, was in charge of the services. It was hoped that additional work could be done on the Baptist Chapel as soon as the harvest was over.

● On Sunday, Oct. 2, Rev. Ben Lawrence, Cameroons missionary, spoke in the Pilgrim Church of Philadelphia, Pa., which is helping to support him and his wife in the Cameroons Mission field. Soon thereafter he sailed for London, England, where he has enrolled in London University for a year of studies. On November 3 Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson are sailing from New York City on the "SS Britannic" for Africa for another term of missionary service. On November 17 Miss Laura E. Reddig, Miss Margaret Kittlitz and Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer will be sailing from New York bound for the Cameroons Mission field via England.



Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern, missionary-appointees for Japan, who are sailing for the mission field in Japan in November.

● On the five Sunday evenings of October the CBY of the Foster Avenue Church, Chicago, Ill., followed with interest the study course on "How We Got Our Bible." The course for young people was conducted by Rev. Bruno Schreiber of Forest Park, Illinois. The Christian Fellowship Chorus of the church sang at the Chicago United Mission of Chicago, Ill., on Monday evening, Oct. 3. An article about the Club's 25th Anniversary appears on page 13 of this issue. On Sunday evening, Oct. 16, Dr. M. L. Leuschner, editor of the "Baptist Herald," showed films of the Baptist World Alliance Congress in London, England, and of our mission fields in Austria visited last summer.

● Two well-known, faithful members of the Andrews Street Baptist Church, Rochester, N. Y., were called home to glory on successive days in September. On Friday morning, September 23, Mrs. F. W. C. Meyer passed away and was laid to rest following a memorial service at the church on September 26. She was the widow of the late Professor F. W. C. Meyer who served as professor at the North American Baptist Seminary for many years. On September 24, Mr. Adolf Kannwischer was called to his heavenly home. He was the father of Mrs. William Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Manitoba, of Mrs. John Heer of Rochester, New York, and of Dr. Arthur Kannwischer of New Kensington, Pa., in our denominational family.

● On Sunday evening, Sept. 18, the members and friends of the Forest Baptist Church, Munson, Pa., held a surprise celebration for their pastor, Rev. George W. Zinz, Sr., and his wife on the 15th anniversary of their ministry at the church. In the Sunday School room a program was held following the service which featured messages of appreciation by representatives of the church and its organizations and musical numbers. The church presented Mr. and Mrs. Zinz with a gift of a Dormeyer silver chef electric food mixer with electric food grinder. Mr. Zinz stated in response that "this past conference year has been the best year in the history of the church."

● On Sept. 8th many friends of Rev. and Mrs. Otto Fiesel of Sidney, Mont., met at the parsonage to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. A silver purse and beautiful gifts were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Fiesel. The beautiful wedding cake was served by the ladies of the church along with the other refreshments. At the close of the evening devotions were held and blessings were asked in behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Fiesel and their two daughters for their coming years of service in the Lord's work. After 13 years of service in the Sidney Baptist (Continued on Page 22)



# Our Denomination in ACTION

## Southwestern Conference

### Strassburg Baptist Church of Kansas Holds Its Harvest and Mission Festival

The Strassburg Baptist Church held its annual Harvest and Mission Festival Sunday, September 25, with the Durham First Baptist Church and the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kans., guests.

Dr. George S. Hixson, Professor of Religious Education at the Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Kans., served as the guest speaker. Dr. Hixson is a warm friend of North American Baptists and his messages were well received.

Three services were held during the day; a thanks service in the morning, a mission service in the afternoon with a praise and prayer service with the audience participating, and a musical and mission program in the evening. A fine crowd was present at each service. In spite of the severe drought, a generous missionary offering was given. An added blessing was a soaking rain that ended the severe summer drought.

The guests were invited to a fried chicken dinner at noon and to a lunch in the evening. We all enjoyed a spiritual blessing as well as a fine time of fellowship with each other.

Leonard B. Hinz, Pastor.

## Northwestern Conference

### Party for Cradle Roll Department and Nursery Class at Central Church, George, Iowa

On Saturday afternoon, Sept. 10, about 25 mothers and 30 small children met in the parlors of Central Baptist Church, George, Iowa, and enjoyed a very interesting program prepared by Mrs. Etta Dreesman, Cradle Roll superintendent, and Mrs. Francine Bartels, teacher of the Nursery Class. The meeting was opened by the group singing several songs and Scripture reading by Mrs. Etta Dreesman.

We were then favored with a vocal solo, "He Will Pilot Me," by Mrs. Janelle Kroon. Mrs. Francine Bartels led the group of small children in singing choruses which they had learned in Sunday School. George and Grace Kaiser of Nemaka, Iowa, showed two films, "Mr. Squirrel's Lesson" and "Uncle Mel Visits Africa," which the children enjoyed very much.

Mrs. Kaiser also gave an inspiring message to the mothers while the children were listening to some stories told them in a separate room. Mrs. Bartels closed the program by giving a welcome to the Sunday School. The

mothers enjoyed coffee and cookies and were presented with fancy pot-holders as favors while the children were served orange juice and boxes of animal cookies. The mothers as well as the children wish to express thanks to Mrs. Dreesman and Mrs. Bartels for the fine work they have done and are rendering with the Cradle Roll and Nursery Departments.

Mrs. Kenneth Harms, Reporter.

### Faith Church of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Holds Vacation Bible School With 125 Pupils

The Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., has successfully completed another Vacation Bible School held from August 8 to 19. Mrs. Henry Fluth served as coordinator for the entire Bible School. A total of 125 pupils were enrolled with the average attendance of 92 with 29 teachers and helpers. A suitable pin was presented to the 40 children having perfect attendance.

The theme of our school was "Sailing With Christ," this theme being carried out in our Bible study, memory, craft, and choruses. The entire Bible School met as group each morning for the opening worship service with Mrs. Fluth, coordinator, in charge. One morning we were privileged to have Miss Margaret Lang, missionary to Nigeria, tell of some of her experiences on the mission field. An enjoyable highlight each day was the chorus singing under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. A. Huber.

Open house was held before the closing program on Thursday, August 18, enabling the parents and friends to see the display of workbooks and craft accomplished during the two weeks. The program consisted of singing by the entire group and each department demonstrating a portion of their daily activities. One of the special features of the program was a court scene given by the 12-14-age group. The offering in the evening amounted to \$66.91, with the daily offering \$65.31, making a total of \$132.22, which was designated for the building of huts in the New Hope Settlement.

We thank the Lord for his many blessings on our Bible School and it was proven again to be a blessing to both teachers and pupils. It was indeed a great thrill to know that a number of the pupils took their stand for Jesus Christ.

Mrs. Karl Duemke, Reporter.

### A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Stewardship is the acceptance from God of personal responsibility for all of life.

—Roswell C. Long.

### Bethel Church, Sheboygan, Wis., Holds Farewell Reception for Dr. and Mrs. M. Vanderbeck

A capacity crowd of 106 members and friends of the Bethel Baptist Church, Sheboygan, Wis., gathered in the dining hall on Monday evening, September 19, for a Family Night service and farewell reception for Dr. and Mrs. M. Vanderbeck. A fine dinner was served under the chairmanship of Mrs. C. Finch with Etta Guenther and Edna Ramaker working on the Committee.

Mr. Francis Guenther served as toastmaster, introducing the program numbers and expressing his sadness at the leaving of the Vanderbecks after a memorable ministry of seven years and three months in the church's leadership. Musical numbers were rendered by James Joslyn, Timothy Hammelmann, Grace Gibson, Patricia Speener, Virginia and Frank Schulze, Mrs. Reuben Rabe, Francis H. Guenther, and Donald Vasselos. Representatives of the church and its organizations spoke highly of the many achievements of Dr. Vanderbeck's ministry at the church as follows: Mr. Arno Dechan for the church; Francis H. Guenther for the Sunday School; Mrs. Francis H. Guenther for the Woman's Missionary Society; James Joslyn for the young people's society; and Chester Speener for the "Willing Workers."

Rev. Clarence Koehler spoke as president of the Sheboygan County Ministerial Association. Dr. M. L. Leuschner, editor of the "Baptist Herald," brought a brief address and a tribute to Dr. and Mrs. Vanderbeck for their labors at the Sheboygan Church. Gifts to the Vanderbecks were presented by Chester Speener and Mrs. Elsie Schulze.

Mr. Guenther called attention to some of the highlights of Dr. Vanderbeck's ministry which included the purchase of a new Hammond two-manual organ, a new Lennox oil-burning furnace, extensive renovations in the basement, kitchen improvements, new light fixtures for the church auditorium, new pulpit rug, new plastic floor in the church and Sunday School rooms, and many other physical improvements to the church property. In addition, the Sunday School membership has grown from 35 to 90. The church has grown spiritually in grace and in the knowledge of God's Word. The young people's work is graded and the Sunday School has a graded, all-Bible Study Course. Dr. Vanderbeck has found time to speak weekly on the radio through the Prophetic Hour, his own project. The Bethel Church has changed from a mission-supported church to a mission-giving church during these years. Even Sheboygan is a better place because Dr. and Mrs. Vanderbeck walked and served among us!

Dr. Vanderbeck preached his farewell sermon on Sunday, September 28, prior to his going to his new pastorate at the Humboldt Park Church of Chicago, Illinois.

Francis H. Guenther, Reporter.

## Dakota Conference

### Dedication of \$20,000 New Baptist Parsonage at McIntosh, South Dakota

On Sunday, August 7, a large number of friends from neighboring churches gathered at the First Baptist Church, McIntosh, S. Dak., for the dedication service of the newly built parsonage. We met in the church for the main service. Prof. Herbert Hiller from the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., brought a very timely and stirring message. The visiting pastors, Rev. Bernard Fritzke, Rev. Edward Oster, Rev. Leroy Schauer, Rev. Herbert Vetter, and Rev. Bernard Edinger, as well as the former pastor, Rev. Ervin Gerlitz of Sherwood, Ore., took part in the service. The building fund treasurer, Mr. William Brenner, gave the financial report. The local church choir favored us with a message in song entitled, "Mighty God, We Worship Thee."

The Lord gave us a wonderful day, making it possible for the church members and friends to gather at the front door of the new parsonage at the close of the service. After singing a hymn, our senior deacon, Mr. William Moser, presented the key to the pastor, Rev. Walter H. Klempel. Miss Sheila Brenner then cut the ribbon in front of the door and Miss Shirley Moser sang a solo, "Bless This House." Then the parsonage was formally dedicated for the service of our Lord as the Rev. Herbert Vetter led in the dedicatory prayer.

The pastor unlocked the door and all present were given an opportunity to enter the parsonage and view the interior. After that the ladies of the church served light refreshments.

The overall dimensions of the new parsonage are 30 feet by 58 feet which includes a 12-foot garage. It has a study, a kitchen, three bedrooms, a bathroom, powder room, combined dining and living room and full basement. The contract bids were in excess of \$20,000, but by the members themselves doing the greatest share of the labor they held the cost to around \$12,000.

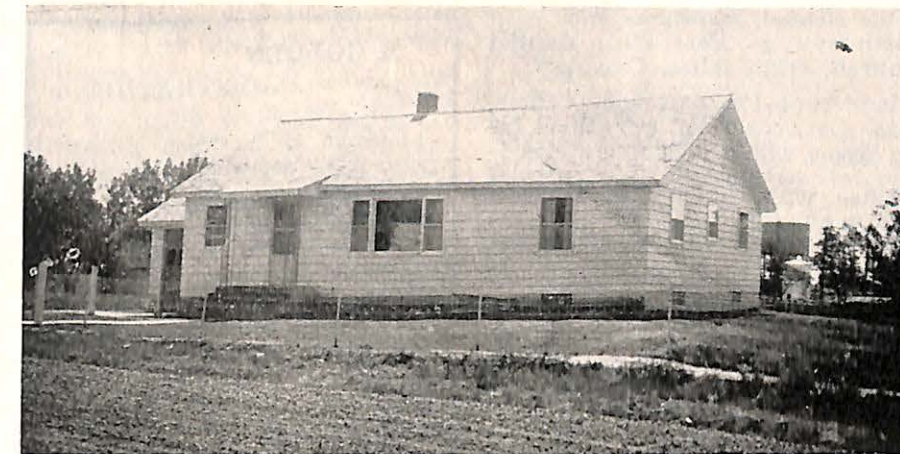
Mrs. Lucille Wagner, Reporter.

## Northern Conference

### Vacation Bible School at Lashburn, Saskatchewan, With 61 Children Enrolled

July 18th was an exciting day for the children of the Lashburn Baptist Church at Lashburn, Sask., for it was the beginning of our Vacation Bible School. Children from near and far gathered to go "Sailing with Christ." It was our privilege to enroll 57 children during the first day with a total enrollment of 61 during the two weeks from July 18 to July 29.

A real missionary spirit was shown by the children as they gave their



The newly dedicated, \$20,000 parsonage of the Baptist Church, McIntosh, S. Dak., in which Rev. and Mrs. Walter Klempel and family are living.

money at the daily offerings. These totalled \$18.21 which was designated for the mission work on the Muscowpetung Indian Reserve in Saskatchewan. Much credit must be given to the nine teachers and helpers who gave of their time and talents to tell the children of Christ our Pilot. The men did their part effectively as seven cars went out daily to take children to and from their homes.

On July 29 we had our closing program at which time the certificates were given for the fine work and attendance of the children. The school was under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. John Wollenburg, student pastor, who served our church during the summer months.

D. Schaffer, S.S. Supt.

### Vacation Bible School and Baptismal Service at Temple Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta., Canada

Spiritual blessings have been many for the members of the Temple Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta. From August 1 to 12 our Vacation Bible School was conducted under the able supervision of our pastor's wife, Mrs. Haire. Scripture Press material was used. The average attendance was between 55 and 60 each day. The School was divided into four classes, with the teachers being Olga Ohlmann, Gwenyth Fitz, Mrs. L. Dickau, Bernice Huber, Mrs. Haire, Mrs. Fleck, and Eunice Kern. Several offerings were taken during the course of the school, which are being designated toward our work in Japan.

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REV. A. HART,  
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Prince Rupert, B. C., Canada.

We were happy to see several of the children accept Christ as their personal Savior during the course of the school. On Friday, August 12, the closing program was held with parents and friends in attendance.

On Sunday, August 21, our annual Flower Day was held. The Ladies' Mission Circle was in charge of the evening service. Again we saw God's great handiwork even in a small flower.

On Sunday, September 4, we again observed the ordinance of baptism at which time nine converts entered the baptismal waters. Following this service the Lord's Supper was also observed at which time 13 new members were accepted into our church fellowship.

Eunice Kern, Reporter.

### Evangelistic Meetings at the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man., Canada

From September 5 to 16 evangelistic meetings were conducted at the McDermot Avenue Church, Winnipeg, Man., in the German language with Rev. H. J. Waltereit, our pastor, as evangelist. Every evening before the service the young people gathered for a season of prayer, and the working of the Holy Spirit was truly felt in our midst. The large attendance every evening was a sign that the people were interested and the number of souls who accepted Christ was the result of the God-inspired messages, brought in all simplicity and power.

Mr. Herman Effa, our assistant student pastor, was responsible for the opening exercises. The mixed, male, youth and guitar choirs, together with soloists, favored us with musical numbers. A story, with special emphasis on the necessity of accepting Christ as Savior, was told especially to the boys and girls every evening by one of the Sunday School teachers, which was received with much interest and attentiveness by young and old alike.

Although the meetings are now over, we pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to work on the hearts of the people, so that many more will still come to the saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Miss E. Redlich, Reporter.



## Bible School, Baptisms and Birthdays at East Olds Baptist Church, Olds, Alta., Canada

In August the East Olds Church, Olds, Alta., conducted a Vacation Bible School with a high record attendance of forty pupils. The popular "Sailing With Christ" lessons were used in our teaching. However, many new ideas were put into effect this year. Each day a different mother came to the church to help along with the Beginners' Class. This not only proved to be an aid to the teacher, but gave an opportunity for mothers, who could not help full-time, to have a part in the Lord's work, and more fully to understand what the teacher was trying to accomplish.

The Beginner and Primary sections followed their own time schedules, and were kept separately from the Junior and Intermediate groups. Thus each age group had more specialized training fitted to their understanding. The rhythm band proved to be popular with old and young alike. The following are the teachers who worked so faithfully: Beginners, Mrs. Kenneth Unger; Primary, Miss Linda Lutz; Junior, Miss Manetta Froehlich; Intermediate, Rev. F. W. Pahl; Object lessons, handwork, program planning: Mrs. V. Pahl.

On the second Sunday of September the morning service was crowned with the beautiful ordinance of the baptism of two young people, Leonard Huber and Eleanor Witt. The hand of fellowship was also extended to three others. The total number received into the church since January is now eight members.

After the evening service of that same day the members and friends of the church gathered to surprise Rev. and Mrs. Fred Pahl on the occasion of their birthdays which fall on the same date. The deacon, Mr. Fred Unger, conducted the special birthday program. Words of congratulations were given by Mr. H. Weidman on behalf of the church; Mr. Harry Unger on behalf of the young people's society; Mrs. B. Falkenberg represented the Woman's Society, and Mr. H. Fried, the Sunday School. Gifts of money were presented to the birthday couple by the church, Sunday School and Women's Society. Special numbers were rendered by a ladies' quartet, Eleanor Witt with an accordion solo, Selma Gerwin an organ solo, and a beautiful poem was read by Mrs. B. Falkenberg. It was a most happy occasion that was very much appreciated by the pastor and wife.

V. A. Pahl, Reporter.

## Central Conference

### Spiritual Highlights

#### of the summer at the Round Lake Church, Gladwin, Michigan

The summer schedule of services began at the Round Lake Church of Gladwin, Mich., with a baptismal service on June 5. It was again our

## A GOLDEN ILLUSTRATION

When Woodrow Wilson was a professor at Wesleyan University, D. L. Moody went there for an evangelistic meeting. "I was sitting in a chair in a barber shop," wrote Mr. Wilson, "when I became aware that a personality had entered the room. A man had come quietly in and sat in the chair next to me. Every word uttered showed a personal and vital interest in the man who was serving him, and . . . I was aware that I had attended an evangelistic service because Mr. Moody was in the next chair."

Such was the result of the presence of a man whose life was wholly God's.

privilege to use the church and baptismal facilities of our sister Beaver Baptist Church. A successful Vacation Bible School was conducted June 6 to 17, under the direction of our pastor, Rev. Albert Fadenrecht. We reached a total enrollment of 70, the largest in the history of the church. The theme of our school was "Sailing With Christ," and a fine demonstration program was given on Sunday evening, June 19.

Another memorable occasion was the dedication of new church hymnals and a new piano. Less than a year ago the Lord provided a new Hammond organ, but little did we realize that he would also, so soon, give us a new piano.

The Sunday School maintained a high record of attendance for the entire season, and no "summer slump" was experienced. An unusually well planned Sunday School picnic, under the direction of our superintendent, Harold Friesen, was enjoyed on Saturday, July 17, at the Gladwin State Park.

On Friday evening, July 22, a Marriage Anniversary Service was held in honor of all married couples. A short message and film on "The Christian Home" and the renewal of marriage vows were features of the program. Six host couples presided at the refreshment tables in the church dining room.

Other important services were: a presentation of the work done by the Bible Meditation League by the Michigan representative, Rev. Perry Temple; the Tri-Church Rally, August 6-7, at the Beaver Baptist Church, with Mrs. Alma Henderson, missionary to the Cameroons, as the main speaker. The beautiful weddings of Doris Doede and John Friesen (August 13), and Joan Doede and Thomas Barth (August 27) were also events of the month.

One of the most blessed events of the season was the Missionary Sunday (August 28) with our beloved missionaries, Fred and Dorothy Holz-immer and their daughters. Brother

Holzimmer brought us a challenging message in the morning worship service. At 7:30 P.M. the missionaries spoke, showed pictures of their work in the Cameroons, and their daughters sang songs which the natives love to sing in Africa.

At 8:30 P.M. the congregation assembled in the church dining room to enjoy a Missionary Christmas Party in honor of the Holzimmers. This was sponsored by the Ladies' Missionary Society. The dining room was replete with Christmas decorations, including a beautifully lighted tree, under which were gaily wrapped personal gifts for the missionary family. Following refreshments there was a Christmas program of carols, the Christmas story from Luke 2, an account of Christmas in the Cameroons by Mrs. Holzimmer, and the distribution of gifts. It was a most blessed day!

Mrs. Harriet Schindler, Reporter

## Central Conference CBY Camp at Tower Hill Camp, Sawyer, Michigan

The annual Central Conference CBY Camp was held again this year at Tower Hill Camp, Sawyer, Mich., with a registration of 198 young people. It was our privilege to have Rev. and Mrs. Holzimmer, Joy and Miriam, with us these days. We heard from them at Chapel and Vesper Services and through their experiences in the Cameroons, Africa, they challenged us anew to give "ALL FOR CHRIST."

The morning hours were given to class sessions for Juniors and Seniors. Junior classes were "Effective Christian Witnessing," "Rocket Ship Tour of the Bible," "The March of Eleven Men," and "What Christians Believe and Why." The Senior groups were instructed in "Knowing Christ Better," "CBY Planning," "Successful Marriage and Home Life," and "Christianity vs. Communism." We thank Rev. J. C. Gunst and all our pastors for their instructions and the knowledge received will certainly make us improved Christian citizens.

Morning chapel and evening vesper services were led by our Camp pastor, Dr. A. Dale Irie. All the speakers helped to enrich our spiritual lives, and we were blessed by the inspiring and practical lessons brought to us by them. Vocal musical selections by the campers added much to each service as did the music rendered by the camp choir each evening under the leadership of Mr. H. Pankratz of our Foster Ave. Church in Chicago, Ill.

The Thursday evening meeting included the installation of the newly elected CBY officers who are as follows: president, Stanley Wolfe; vice-president, Norman Wolfe; secretary, Ruth Patzia; treasurer, Joan Geiser; project promoter, Marvin Gertz.

Camp officers elected for the coming year are camp director, Dr. D. Irie; camp pastor, Rev. J. Sonnenberg; camp dean, Rev. E. Wesner; secretary and dean of women, LaVerna Mehlhaff; dean of men, Rev. A. Braun; and registrar, Mildred Wolfe.

Mildred Wolfe, Reporter.

## Pacific Conference

### Dedication of New Parsonage at Victoria Ave. Church, Chilliwack, British Columbia

For the last several months members and friends of the Victoria Ave. Baptist Church, Chilliwack, B. C., have been busy erecting a new parsonage. The house is 46 x 30 x 36 feet with three bedrooms plus study, living and dining rooms, kitchen, utility room and bathroom with built-on garage and full basement with automatic oil furnace. A new electric range was also installed. Lovely drapes for the living and dining rooms were donated by the families, the Dave Falkenbergs, the Leon Wilkies and the Helmut Blessins.

On Sunday, Aug. 21, impressive dedication services were held. Rev. A. Kujath of Kelowna was guest speaker for the morning service, and the church choir under the direction of Mr. H. Blessin sang appropriate anthems.

At the close of the morning service the congregation gathered in front of the new home. Following a dedicatory prayer by Mr. Kujath, Mr. E. Schinkel, supervisor of the building project, cut the ribbon and officially presented the key to the pastor, Rev. G. Beutler. The ladies of the church had provided a delicious luncheon. For the afternoon service Rev. J. B. Kornalewski of Kelowna served as guest speaker.

Rev. I. H. Schmuland of Goodrich, N. Dak., a visitor of the day, also brought a brief and very fitting message. Special music was a duet by Mrs. Ed Schinkel and Mrs. Ted Fishbook, also a double duet by Hildegard and Erica Lau and Erica and Margaret Schultz with guitar accompaniment. Miss Mildred Bresch sang the very fitting song, "Bless This House," with Joyce Ratke as accompanist.

Reports on the building were given by the treasurer, Mr. A. Jacobi and Mr. E. Schinkel, supervisor, showing free labor contributions valued at \$3787.50 plus cost for materials amounting to \$7631.45. Offerings received for this day amounted to \$341.00.

Mr. E. Wurtz, church deacon, commended members and friends for their fine co-operation and help. Mr. and Mrs. Beutler expressed their thanks to the church for the lovely modern home which they have constructed for them as well as for ministers of the future.

Mrs. Henry A. Tepper, Reporter.

### Enrollment of 285 Children at Bethel Baptist Vacation Bible School, Anaheim, California

Launched and nourished by the prayers and faithful work of teachers and friends behind the scenes, the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., held a Vacation Bible School from August 8 to 18, with Mrs. Vera Hood as Skipper. Despite two churches within a mile radius conducting similar sessions with the same material, Bethel Church's enrollment of 285

averaged 237 in daily attendance. The Sunday School bus was a vital factor in maintaining this record.

With many children coming from families recently moved into Anaheim, this gives us real opportunity to put into practice some of the fine instruction given us in the personal evangelism class conducted by Rev. J. C. Gunst for church and Sunday School workers. The total offering of \$97.38 is to be apportioned to missionaries whose fields were used as department missionary projects and displays.

This year's theme, "Sailing With Christ," centered around the hymn, "Christ Will Our Pilot Be." Fascinating handcraft captivated both teachers and pupils. A new crop of children's songs was most refreshing and words set to old church melodies stressed Christ ready to be the Pilot of our lives on "life's tempestuous sea."

The closing program on Friday evening, August 19, and which ended in an unexpected climax, was held in the church sanctuary with each department presenting some phase of study or handcraft of the two weeks' work. An open house was planned to follow directly afterwards in the new educational building for parents and friends where all classes had diligently prepared attractive table and wall displays. However, just as the church program closed, an electrical power line failure in the block plunged the building into darkness. Corridors were filled with milling families and distracted teachers. Deacons dashed about finally producing flashlights and candles. By these, parents who had not gone home already viewed the classroom displays. Some classes held an impromptu sing in the dark which lasted well over an hour. The church lights, on another circuit, were kept on thereby preventing real difficulties with so many small children present.

Our pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Berthold Jacksteit, took time from their vacation to attend the program. It was good to see them and their presence added the final touch to a wonderful two weeks and a program which honored the Lord whom we all love. We did miss Martha Ley-poldt but we are happy for her call into higher service for Christ and his work.

Mrs. Ruth Mellen, Reporter.

## Eastern Conference

### Rev. Paul E. Loth Closes His Ministry at Bethel Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York

To the well-filled sanctuary of the Bethel Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y., at both the morning and evening services Rev. Paul E. Loth brought stirring and challenging messages in closing his ministry of approximately 12½ years on Sunday, Sept. 11th.

He based his closing message in the evening on: "What is necessary for a man or a woman who is going to have an abundant life to honor the Lord

Jesus Christ?" He said it is to set plans as to how he or she is going about to approach that goal.

Our pastor said: "The responsibility of believers is something which cannot be lightly looked upon. I believe that too many of us have too much or too little—too much of outside attractions and too little spirituality to receive actually from the Lord what he has for us. Our desire should be to exalt continually the Lord Jesus Christ." He closed his message with: "My sincere prayer for each one of us who knows the Lord Jesus Christ is that these three goals might be real to each one of us."

After his message a number of gifts were presented: a check from the church by the president of the Board of Trustees; an onyx-base fountain pen by the Men's Bible Class presented by the president of the class. Also gifts were presented by the Ladies' Missionary Society, the young people and the Sunday School. All the members of the family were remembered with gifts.

A lovely time of fellowship followed in the basement of the church where refreshments were served and the opportunity was taken by the members to express their appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Loth for the many blessings received under their ministry. Sincere good wishes and God's richest blessings upon him in his new field of labor—the faculty of the Philadelphia Bible Institute—were the parting words expressed by all.

Helmuth Wobig, Reporter.

### Sessions of the Eastern Conference at the Bethel Church, Buffalo, New York

Members and friends from 13 of our Eastern Conference churches met at the Bethel Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., from Thursday evening, Sept. 1st, through Sunday afternoon, Sept. 4th, to attend the 104th session of the Eastern Conference. We were fortunate to have with us Dr. O. E. Krueger and praise God that he was sufficiently restored to health to fellowship with us.

Rev. George Zinz, Sr., a beloved pastor, serving for many years within our conference group, brought the introductory message on the theme, "With One Accord," considering the thought of our text for these days taken from Acts 2:1. His subject was: "The Place Where God Meets His Devout People."

Dr. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., in his reports and messages impressed upon us the importance of our North American Baptist General Conference in world leadership. He challenged us with tasks that are our special privilege and responsibility to accomplish. We were reminded that we have good reason to give thanks unto God for his goodness.

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer, missionaries in the Cameroons, Africa, challenged us to answer the call of God to whatever service he asks of us. They impressed on us the need of doing now what we can for missions

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# Millions Will Read the Bibel

Announcement by the American Bible Society

LED BY CITIZENS of the United States, people in over forty countries will follow the 12th annual observance of Worldwide Bible Reading, sponsored each year by the American Bible Society.

Starting Thanksgiving Day, November 24, and continuing through Christmas, thousands of families will be reading identical passages of Scripture from the greatest chapters in the Bible. Lists of the passages, in convenient bookmark form, are provided by the American Bible Society, free of charge, to all who will use them. (Send to the editor, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill., for your copy or copies.) Again this year the Society has prepared the passages in Braille so that sightless people may join with others in following the readings.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who is honorary chairman of a national sponsoring committee of laymen, has issued a strong endorsement of the observance, as follows:

"Please accept my best wishes for the greatest possible success for

this year's Worldwide Bible Reading Campaign, to take place between Thanksgiving and Christmas. In this period between the two holidays, when Americans give thanks for their blessings and renew their hopes for a just and lasting peace in the world, all of us, of whatever religious belief, may well turn to the Bible for guidance and inspiration for the tasks which lie ahead. I hope that many individuals and many families will do so, and that they will continue this practice in the New Year, joined by men and women of faith and good will in other lands."

The peak of the observance comes on Universal Bible Sunday, December 11. Churches of every Protestant denomination by the thousands observe the day throughout the United States and overseas. Posters, responsive readings, book-marks and other material to assist pastors in the observance were mailed early in September to approximately 170,000 ministers.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING NEWS

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Church, Mr. Fiesel has resigned his pastorate. He brought his work to a close on Oct. 9th, and began his pastorate at Washburn, N. Dak., on October 16th.

● Dr. Frederick J. Berger of Los Angeles, Calif., director of Jewish Friendship and Evangelization for the Los Angeles Baptist City Mission Society, will again conduct a tour to the Bible lands during the summer of 1956. The countries of Italy, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Israel, Turkey, and Greece will be visited. Mrs. Berger, the former Miss Lois Schroeder of Anaheim, Calif., will probably accompany her husband on this tour. Dr. Berger has frequently visited the Holy Land and is well acquainted with the history and spiritual significance of the Near East. An advertisement about the plans for the tour appears elsewhere in this issue. The trip can be highly recommended to "Baptist Herald" readers.

● The Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., has extended a call to Rev. Frank Veninga of Aplington, Iowa, to which a favorable response has been given. He will begin his pastorate in Pittsburgh on January 15, 1956, when he will succeed Rev. L. B. Holzer, at present the assistant pastor at the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church of Pittsburgh. Mr. Veninga has been the minister of the Aplington Baptist

Church since 1951. He expressed his sincere regret at leaving the Aplington Church in this statement: "The delightful fellowship in Aplington, the harmonious spirit of our people, and the numerous blessings we have enjoyed, plus the kindness of our people, make our leaving rather difficult, but we believe this change in pastorates to be in accordance with God's will for our lives."

● Evangelistic meetings were held by the Baptist Church of Napoleon, N. Dak., from Oct. 2 to 14 with Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, Alta., president of the Christian Training Institute, serving as evangelist. On Sunday, Sept. 25, the church observed its Harvest and Mission Festival with three services. Dr. M. L. Leuschner, editor of the "Baptist Herald," preached at the morning and afternoon meetings and showed pictures of the Baptist World Congress in London, the General Conference in Waco, Texas, and our mission field in Austria. The missionary offerings of the day amounted to \$914.13. The annual birthday program of the Woman's Missionary Society was held on September 30 with Mrs. Henry Lang, president, in charge. The pastor, Rev. Henry Lang, reported that the church gave \$105 towards the Dakota Conference Camp Project on Sunday, Sept. 18.

## Spice of Life

"You don't make very good music with that instrument," said a bystander to the man with the bass drum, as the band ceased to play.

"No," admitted the man, "I know I don't; but I drown a heap of bad music."

The instructor was asking the class a few questions. "Now, how do bees dispose of their honey?" he inquired. "Please, sir, they cell it," announced the clever boy of the class.

"Fine twins ye have there, Mrs. Murphy, but tell me, how do ye iver know thim apart?"

"Faith, an' that's aisy, Mrs. O'Flaherty," said Mrs. Murphy. "Oi put me finger in Dennis' mouth, and if he bites, it's Mike."

Grocer: "Now that you've come in for a little money, I hope you'll pay me what you owe me."

Owen Much: "Let's see, your name is Zimmermann, isn't it? Sorry, old man, but I'm paying off all my creditors in alphabetical order."

"The mule," wrote the schoolboy, "is harder than a goose or turkey, and different. He wears his wings on the side of his head. He has two legs to walk with, two more to kick with, and is backward about going forward."

An Englishman was startled when he heard a weird scream in the night. "What was that?" he asked. "An owl," was the reply. "Yes, I know, but what was it that was 'owling?'"

Jack: "I'm afraid to take home my report card. My grades are under water."

Don: "Never heard of that. Under water?"

Jack: "Sure! Below C level."

"Many a married couple is like a team of horses—parted by a tongue."

"If you wash your face, I'll give you a piece of candy," said grandpa; "and if you wash behind your ears, I'll give you two pieces."

"Grandpa," said the small boy, hopefully, "suppose I have a bath!"

There was a sudden knock on the door. The robber and his accomplice dashed to the window. "Quick! Jump out the window," said one.

The other robber gasped. "But we're 13 stories up!"

"This is a fine time to get superstitious!" was the reply.

## CALIFORNIA CALL

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home soil has become convincingly real to some of us. As you read these words that come to you from across the miles, bear in mind that we represent the Macedonian man standing on the distant shore crying, "Come over into Macedonia and help us."

### CHURCH EXTENSION GIFTS

The only difference in the wording of that cry, and we're struck by the uniqueness of the similarity, is in the words *Macedonia* and *California*. Our cry from the western shore of America is, "Come over into California and help us."

Now, we realize that not everyone feels led of God to respond to this call in the way that Paul did. Nor is it reasonable to think that this is the only way that we can help. By your prayers and by your contributions you can openly show the response of your heartfelt desire to help us over here.

Why should you listen to this cry? The urgency to recover the heathen world for Jesus Christ is the reason. Ordinary gratitude for mercy received, if not love to Jesus Christ, should impel the Christian Church to respond to this cry for help.

## EASTERN CONFERENCE SESSIONS

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while the opportunity is still ours. Their personal testimony thrilled us all as it gave evidence of God's leading in their lives.

We gathered together for devotions and prayer both Friday and Saturday morning under the leadership of Rev. G. A. McLean and Mr. Merle Gibbens, respectively. Rev. Dale Chaddock spoke to us on the theme: "Christ In Us the Hope of Glory."

Meeting simultaneously with the CBY we were blessed by fellowship with the young people and at the CBY banquet on Saturday evening when 150 of us shared in the blessings of this program presented by the CBY.

Reports indicated that the churches of our Eastern Conference are going forward financially, numerically, and especially spiritually. We were happy to welcome another church into our fellowship. Our new church at Hamilton, Ont., with Rev. John Wahl, pastor, upon request, was accepted as a member church of the Eastern Conference. We were also happy to have with us representatives from our church at Kitchener, Ont., including its pastor, Rev. John Goetze. This church was accepted into our fellowship last year.

We express thanks to members and friends of the Bethel Church and the Temple Church of Buffalo for making possible these sessions with the inspiration given to us all.

Walter Schmidt, Reporter.

## OBITUARY

MR. PAUL DOMKE  
of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mr. Paul Odo Domke of Grand Rapids, Mich., son of Rev. and Mrs. Martin Domke, was born on May 13, 1878 and died on July 25, 1955 at the age of 77 years, 3 months. In his early youth he was baptized by his father at Wausau, Wisconsin.

Paul Odo Domke was married to Miss Margaretha Giese at the First German Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois, with Rev. Jacob Meier officiating. He was married for 53 years, 10 months. The union was blessed by four children, two of whom preceded him in death.

He leaves to mourn his widow, Margaretha; two sons: Harold and Clifford; an adopted daughter, Mrs. Gerald Barnes; 7 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and many friends. Dr. Duncan Littlefair of the Fountain Street Baptist Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan, brought a comforting message on Psalms 92 and 23.

Funeral services were held at the Zaagmore Mortuary. The body was laid to its final resting place in Graceland Mausoleum, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Grand Rapids, Michigan

The Family.

MR. PETER YUNG  
of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Peter Yung of Philadelphia, Pa., was born in Gross Szent, Miklos, Hungary. He went to be with his Lord August 15, 1955, at the age of 82 years. He was united in marriage in 1898 to Katarina Blickling who shared the joys and sorrows of life with him for 57 happy years. In 1907 he came to this country and two years later he returned to his native land in order to bring his wife and children to the United States. They settled in Egg Harbor, N. J. Here, about one year later, Mr. Yung was born again under the faithful ministry of Rev. John Linker. He was baptized and became a very faithful and active member of the Egg Harbor Church. For a period of time he served as deacon and helped wherever he could. He united with the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia in the year 1916 where he remained a faithful member until his death.

He leaves to mourn his loving wife, Katarina; a son, Adam, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; two daughters at home: Eva, and Katherine; two grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

In the absence of his pastor, Rev. Peter Kemper of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia officiated at the funeral service. The attendance at the service, the floral tributes and the memorial gift to the church testified to the high esteem in which our brother was held by all who knew him.

Pilgrim Baptist Church,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

WALTER C. DAMRAU, Pastor.

MR. HUMMON WAGENAAR  
of George, Iowa.

Mr. Hummon Wagenaar of George, Ia., was born on April 6, 1885, in Visquard, Germany. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wagenaar. Mr. Wagenaar immigrated to the United States of America on April 21, 1910. In 1914 he and Miss Tena Jurens were joined in holy wedlock. To this union 13 children were born, of whom two have preceded the father in death. For the first 14 years Mr. and Mrs. Hummon Wagenaar farmed near George, Iowa. They then purchased farms west of Adrian, Minnesota, and moved there with their family. They lived and prospered there for 27 years.

Brother Wagenaar was a stalwart and staunch Christian. He confessed his faith in Christ in the year 1921, and was baptized and received into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa, by the Rev. J. J. Jordan.

Brother Wagenaar went to be with the Lord on September 11, 1955. He leaves to mourn his sudden death, his wife, Mrs. Hummon A. Wagenaar; 5 brothers and 3 sisters; 4 brothers and 2 sisters in Ger-

many; his brother, Andrew, at Little Rock, Iowa; and one sister at Spencer, Ia. The children are: Gertrude, Mrs. Helmer Schneidermann, George, Iowa; John of Magnolia, Minn.; Anna, Mrs. Frank Mess, also of Magnolia, Minn.; Elizabeth, Mrs. Bernard Fursee of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; Martha, Mrs. John Mess of Kenneth, Minn.; Clara, Mrs. Andrew Bosch of Rock Rapids, Iowa; Enno, Henrietta, Hemmo, Ubbe, and Andrew of Adrian, Minnesota. First Baptist Church, George, Iowa

JOHN REIMER, Pastor.

WAYNE HOFFMAN  
of Morris, Manitoba.

Wayne Hoffman of Morris, Manitoba, was born November 16, 1945, at Morris. He was the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hoffman of Morris, Manitoba, and truly the pride of his parents. Even though he was quiet mannered, he was true and brave like a little soldier. His bravery was especially shown in the attempt to save his younger brother from drowning, but by which he himself lost his life. The accident happened while the family spent a holiday at Nutimik Lake, Manitoba.

At the age of eight Wayne accepted Christ as his personal Savior and confessed him by word and deed. He was a member of the Junior Church Choir and beloved by church and Sunday School. This was revealed by the very large attendance at the funeral service and the many beautiful flowers. The memorial service was held in the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Morris, with the pastor officiating and the Rev. H. Schatz assisting, bringing words of comfort in German.

Wayne's life ended on July 31, 1955, reaching only the age of 9 years, 8 months and 15 days. His sudden departure brought great sorrow to his bereaved parents, his sister Daphne, age seven and little brother Dale, age six years. He is also survived by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Perman of Carbon, Alberta; the grandfather, Wm. Hoffman of Morris, Manitoba.

Emmanuel Baptist Church,  
Morris, Manitoba

R. KANWISCHER, Pastor.

MR. JOHN ARANDS  
of Ellsworth, Minnesota.

Mr. John Arands of Ellsworth, Minnesota, was born in Kreis Werner, Germany, on Jan. 12, 1877. He came to the United States with his parents in 1889. The family settled in Lyon County and lived there with the exception of two years which were lived in Texas. For a time Mr. Arands lived in the town of Little Rock, Iowa, and was in the lumber business with some others.

On September 10, 1918, he and Miss Mary Johnson were joined in marriage. To this union six sons and three daughters were born. Soon after their marriage they moved to Brookings, S. Dak., where they resided for 13 years. In 1932 the Arands moved to Adrian, Mich., and lived there until 1941 and then changed their residence to a district at Ellsworth, Minn., where he made his home until his decease.

John Arands learned to know Jesus Christ as his Savior in 1910, and in the following year on May 7th he was baptized by the Rev. J. J. Jordan and given the hand of fellowship into the First Baptist Church where he remained a member in good standing until his death. He reached the age of 78 years, 8 months and 6 days. He passed away on September 18, 1955.

He leaves to mourn his departure, his brother, George Arands of Little Rock, Iowa; six sons and three daughters, and 23 grandchildren. His wife preceded him in death in 1948. His sons are: Harry, Sweer and Raymond of Ellsworth, Minn.; John of Adrian, Minn.; George of George, Iowa; and Henry of Little Rock, Iowa. The daughters are: Ann, Mrs. Edward Krull of Rock Rapids, Iowa; Hikalena, Mrs. Sylvester Harms of George, Iowa; Mary, Mrs. Herman Kramer of Rushmore, Minn. The members of the First Baptist Church join their pastor in expressing their deep-felt sympathy and sorrow because of the loss of a loved one.

First Baptist Church,  
George, Iowa

JOHN REIMER, Pastor.



## BIBLE AND CHILDREN

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Children come to an age where they enjoy keeping a record of events. Use this characteristic of theirs by making a booklet or note-book about some Bible character giving specific things to include in the note-book. Sometime you might keep a bulletin board of materials on your unit of study. Again allow the children to assist you with the board or allow the children to plan it completely.

Most children enjoy reading, and there would be an advantage to organize Daily Bible Reading Clubs. Give suggested Scripture passages which would be suited to that particular age group and some guidance as to what to look for in the reading to stimulate interest.

Junior High pupils will enjoy comparing Bible verses in different versions. Again guidance is necessary in this matter. Use that boundless energy which children have and carry out projects. Projects must be well planned to become a teaching aid. Suggested projects might include dioramas, shepherd life scenes, Oriental homes and murals. Children enjoy drawing the Bible story they have just read or heard.

### AIDS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN

A browsing table in the Sunday School room which will give additional information about the Bible will often add interest and meaning to Bible study. A great number of books have been written now for pu-

## THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK

November 20-27, 1955

All offerings for our North American Baptist missionary advance and denominational enterprise.

"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so" with gratitude to God for all of his blessings and for his many open doors to proclaim the unsearchable riches of his Gospel.

pils as young as juniors containing excellent material on Bible background and should definitely be used. These books should be used in connection with a specific assignment, such as how ancient books were written, various ways of the life of the early fisherman, etc. Naturally you would not try to cover the whole field of Biblical life and literature.

In this day of travel many current magazines contain excellent pictures of Biblical times and customs. Build up a file of these magazine articles and pictures to be used in your Bible study.

Some guidance should be given to each child in the use of their own Bibles. Children's Bibles should contain readable print but they should also have helps which might be used by the child. Some Bibles contain a concordance and children should be taught to use that to aid them in their

Bible study. Teachers and pupils might work together in using a Bible dictionary to find interesting information about some of the names and incidents in the Bible.

### THE BIBLE, A LIVING BOOK

These are some suggestions to make Bible study more interesting to boys and girls. The more we work and study with the children the more their interest in the Bible will grow. They are quick to sense your attitude toward the Bible and its meaning to you. Through helpful daily use, the Bible will become a living book to them. Through its pages the Holy Spirit may then direct the lives of those boys and girls who have been under your guidance.

## CHURCH EXTENSION, ONTARIO

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with Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt having served as interim pastor for a number of months.

This church welcomed its pastorelect, Rev. Philip Scherer, from Brazil, South America, on Sunday, Sept. 25. Invitations had been issued to some of the churches to attend the installation service and reception of the Scherers on this Sunday afternoon. It was a happy occasion with much promise for the future.

We are glad to live in a time of opportunity and to have a vital part in the ministry of God through Jesus Christ in establishing the Church.

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