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Don't Forget the Church!**



# The Jubilee Baptist Congress

Baptist World Alliance Sessions, London, England, July 16 to 22, 1955

④ The Baptist Jubilee Congress convening in London, England, from July 16 to 22, 1955 was a thrilling gathering of almost 9,000 Baptists from more than 60 countries of the world, including Soviet Russia! God granted wonderful days of warm, bright sunshine for most of the Congress, which was "unusual weather" for London. The highlights of the program and the warmth of Baptist fellowship are depicted in this issue. Other articles about this great Congress will follow in the "Baptist Herald" and in the 1956 ANNUAL.

⑤ Baptists at the Jubilee Congress were welcomed in royal fashion in keeping with the best British traditions. Rev. Henry Cook, president of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, brought his welcome in various languages of the world with Baptist warmth and Christian fervor. It was a most unusual honor for the Congress to be addressed for the first time in the Alliance's history by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the president of the British Council of Churches, Geoffrey Francis Fisher. Rev. F. P. Simmons, moderator of the Free Church Federal Council, touched our hearts by his hearty endorsement of the Baptist evangelistic witness. Dr. Louie D. Newton of Atlanta, Ga., brought a fitting response before the roll call of nations began.

⑥ Only one offering was held during the Congress Week, and that was for a very worthy cause. The library at Serampore College, India, founded by the great Baptist missionary pioneer, William Carey, and the nearby cemetery in which his body is buried are in great need of repair. The offering toward this purpose amounted to over 500 pounds which amounts to about \$1,350. An oil portrait of Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, former BWA secretary and president, was unveiled at the close of the executive committee meeting by his daughter, Mrs. Forbes Taylor. The portrait is by the artist Robert Swan. It has been removed to Washington, D.C., where it will hang in the office room of the Baptist World Alliance's secretary, Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn.

⑦ American Baptists found it somewhat difficult at first to become attuned to the accustomed British singing. The words of the hymns were all familiar, but not so the tunes! However, they soon learned the new melodies and found them to be wonderfully sweet and inspiring. Some new hymns were also learned such as John Bunyan's Pilgrim Song, "Who would true

valour see?" But it was interesting to note that the hymn, "All Hail, the Power of Jesus' Name," is sung to the same familiar tunes the world over!

⑧ In London we were surrounded by a great cloud of spiritual witnesses as we visited some of the nearby literary landmarks, missionary shrines and historical monuments. Only a few miles from London we entered the John Bunyan country and the places associated with the name of William Carey. We stood at the grave of John Bunyan in Bunhill Fields Cemetery and shall prepare an article for the 1956 ANNUAL about the thrilling story of John Bunyan's writing his immortal "Pilgrim's Progress." Some of us visited the John Wesley Chapel and house where the great preacher worked for so many years, as well as his grave in the beautiful garden at the back of the chapel. In Westminster Abbey we stood reverently at the memorials of England's great heroes, but we were especially touched by the words at David Livingstone's grave: "May Heaven's rich blessing come down on every one, American, English or Turk, who will help to heal this open sore of the world." In the British Museum we saw manuscripts, first editions and priceless treasures by the hundreds that unfolded to us the world's literary history, but the greatest thrill of all was to see the oldest Bible manuscript, the Codex Sinaiticus, written in the 4th century, and alongside it the Codex Alexandrinus that has been dated in the first half of the 5th century.

⑨ It was amazing to realize that almost 100 North American Baptists were present at the Jubilee Congress in London. More than 50 of these made the tour of Europe afterwards with the Ridgewood Travel Bureau. Among these present at the Congress from our North American Baptist Conference were Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary; Dr. George A. Lang, Seminary president; Rev. J. C. Gunst, promotional secretary; Rev. Herman

## BAPTIST CONGRESS BOOKS

"James Henry Rushbrooke"  
(The Life-story of a Baptist Greatheart) by Ernest A. Payne. \$1.00

"Baptist World Fellowship"  
(A new history of the Baptist World Alliance) by F. Townley Cord. To be reviewed in the "Baptist Herald."

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Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain who sent official greetings to the Baptist World Congress convening in London from July 16 to 22.

## MESSAGE TO HER MAJESTY, QUEEN ELIZABETH FROM THE BAPTIST WORLD CONGRESS

May it please your Majesty:

We, the 8,000 delegates from sixty nations gathered in the Royal Albert Hall for the Jubilee Congress of the Baptist World Alliance send our sincere greetings. Many of us are your Majesty's devoted subjects, while others are from nations outside the British Commonwealth of nations. But we all rejoice in the Divine blessing which has already attended your reign. We pray that God may richly bless you in your home, in the sustained fortunes of the British nation and Commonwealth and in the wider life of the world.

Signed:

F. Townley Lord,  
President, Baptist World  
Alliance.  
Arnold T. Ohrn,  
General Secretary  
Baptist World Alliance.

Palfenier, denominational evangelist; Dr. M. L. Leuschner, editor of publications; Mr. Fred A. Grosser, denominational treasurer; Mr. Arthur Schweirin, chairman of the Finance Committee; Mr. Richard Mulder, former chairman of the Seminary Board; and the following ministers: Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, Detroit, Mich.; Rev. Paul Wengel, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. William Sturhahn, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Rev. Herman Kuhl, Union City, N. J.; Rev. Walter Stein, Grand Forks, N. Dak.; Rev. H. J. Waltereit, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Rev. William Hoover, Benton Harbor, Mich.; Rev. Henry Schumacher, Wetaskiwin, Alberta; and Rev. Arthur Kannwischer, New Kensington, Pennsylvania.

# Editorial

## Distinguished in Life and Service!

OUR DENOMINATIONAL FELLOWSHIP has suffered a great loss in the homegoing of Henry P. Donner of Cleveland, Ohio, and of Roland E. Ross of Forest Park, Illinois. Mr. Donner was called home by his heavenly Father on July 6 in his 95th year. Mr. Ross died at the untimely early age of 59 years on August 1st. The news of both homegoings had to be cabled to members of the secretarial staff on their trip to the Baptist World Congress in London, England, and while visiting the continent of Europe. The realization that we would never see again our dear friends here on earth came like a shock wave to us thousands of miles from home.

Brother Donner served as business manager of our Publication Society for 33 years. He came to this important position from a lucrative post in the business world. In all of his life from his parental home with the influence of his devoted father, Rev. Ludwig Donner, to his full years of retirement, he practiced the fine art of sacrificing himself for Christ, his Lord. He loved to witness for his Savior and was in frequent demand as a speaker at conferences, assemblies and churches. Many people thought of him as an ordained minister.

Brother Donner was a Christian of firm convictions and single-mindedness, but he was also gentle and patient and forbearing toward those who differed with him but whom he loved as brethren. Many of our ministers and leaders have had their arms upheld in service by the passionate intercessory prayers of this spiritual warrior at God's Throne. He was an earnest student of God's Word, who was always gleaming more profound truths from the reading of the Bible.

He laid down the spiritual foundations for our Publication Society which still stand today. The building of the Publication House at 3734 Payne Avenue in Cleveland was constructed during his administration. He gave himself unstintingly to the ministry of the printed word, and as long as the Gospel of Christ is proclaimed through our publications, the distinguished life and spirit of Henry P. Donner will be indelibly stamped upon that ministry!

Brother Ross was called home in the midst of his multitudinous activities in behalf of his Lord and of our denomination. As comptroller for the past 15 years he distinguished himself for his well kept business records of the denomination, for his monumental assistance to various cooperating societies in preparing their budgets and monetary records, and for his influential participation in numerous denominational committees. As secretary-treasurer of "Baptist Men" he was a leading figure in bringing this laymen's organization into being and in planning for several successful laymen's conferences at Green Lake, Wisconsin.

As president of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged board of Chicago, Ill., he spearheaded the ambitious plans for a new \$500,000 building for the Home soon to be constructed. As a leader in the Forest Park Baptist Church, as a genial friend to all who knew him, and as a Christian with business acumen and with visionary faith Roland E. Ross distinguished himself in his devoted service until it now seems almost impossible to think of our denominational work being done without him!

If our denomination gave any tangible honors, both of these laymen, Henry P. Donner and Roland E. Ross, would richly deserve our distinguished medal for services rendered in Christ's Name!

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# The Tie That Binds Our Hearts

Baptist Congress Message by the REV. G. H. BLACKBURN,  
General Secretary of the Baptist Union of Australia

IT IS THIS THOUGHT of Baptists being a family that I wish to emphasize, and we shall use the analogy of the human family as our address develops. We notice that in every happy family there is always **obedience to the head of the family**. We as Baptists are bound to one another because we are bound to Christ.

There are no visible ties that constrain us. We owe no allegiance to any Pope or earthly head of a church, but we do acknowledge the Lord Jesus Christ as the great Head of the Church, and in our allegiance to him we discover the strongest of the ties that bind us together.

## THE NEW BIRTH

Entrance into the human family is by the process of birth. As Baptists we believe most firmly that the only way man can enter into the family of Christ is by the NEW BIRTH. This truth underlies all Baptist teaching. This truth is proclaimed from every Baptist pulpit. This truth goes forth every day in almost every language and in every land. This truth ensures that every Baptist is born again and has made a personal committal of his life to the Lord Jesus Christ.

His faith is no form, no convention, no mere tradition—his faith is vital and is born of conviction. This binds Baptists together. We immediately feel a kinship with one another, for we are people who have had the same experience of the saving grace of Christ. We can truly say: "I know whom I have believed."

As members of Christ's family, having entered it by the process of the new birth, we owe allegiance to only one Head of the Church, the Lord

Jesus Christ. It is this allegiance to Christ that binds our hearts together. We have no constitution or creed that must be accepted. We have no visible ties that bind us, but we are bound together as fellow-Baptists because we are bound to him.

We cannot too strongly emphasize this truth as the most important tie binding our hearts. Let us realize again that it is the Lord Jesus Christ who binds us together. However important the other ties may be, this is the most important of all.

## THE OPEN BIBLE

Another tie that binds Baptists is that we are a PEOPLE OF THE BOOK, THE BIBLE. It would be foolish and presumptuous to suggest that we are the only branch of the Christian Church of whom this can be said. But to us the Bible is precious. It is above the creeds, the confessions, the writings of the Fathers, the traditions of men. It is to us the Word of God and in its pages we meet Christ himself and hear him speak to us.

The ordinance of believers' baptism, which is of course followed by all Baptist people in every land, has its authority in this Book. It was ordained by Christ and practised by the apostles and comes to us on the authority of his Word.

Whatever subsequent generations may have thought and practised, the early followers of Christ practised believers' baptism. The Bible clearly teaches this and so another tie that binds our hearts as Baptists is the Word of God—honored, read, and obeyed by us all. In every Baptist Church the open Bible is the symbol of our faith, and in every truly Bap-

tist home the Bible should be not only a treasured possession but a daily companion, the inspiration of whose pages should guide the steps of all.

In the Bible we find our theology, our church polity, our ordinances. In it we meet Christ himself. Our forefathers have found inspiration for living and comfort in death from its pages.

## THE BOND OF LOVE

Another tie that binds our hearts is our LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER. Of course, this can and should be said of all Christians, but there is a special sense in which it can be said of us and must be said of us if we are to maintain our witness in the world.

As Baptists we are not bound together by a rigid system of church government. We have no over-ruling synod or presbytery or council that governs our affairs and that binds us together. Every Baptist church is free and independent, owing no allegiance save to Jesus Christ, the great Head of the Church, and yet these independent churches are bound together in joint enterprises for the extension of God's Kingdom. Why? Because we have love for one another. We are members of a family, and as such we work together.

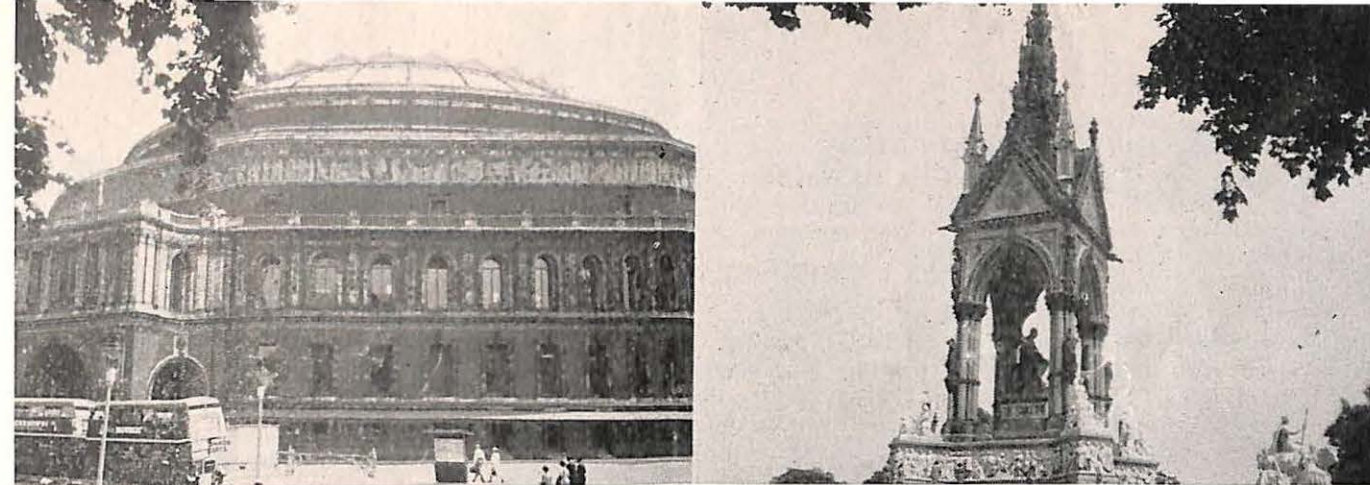
Some churches are bound together by their ancient liturgy or by their common creed or by their polity, but not so with us as Baptists. Our love for one another as brothers and sisters in Christ is a tie binding us together.

There are diversities among us. There are differences of emphasis. There are differences of interpretation, but with it all there is a oneness in

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Two American delegates to the Baptist Jubilee Congress in London, England, secure the signature of a Baptist delegate from Pakistan (left), and several Baptist deaconesses from Germany smile happily at the many cameras that take their picture.



Royal Albert Hall (left) in London, England, meetingplace of the Baptist Jubilee Congress, and the famous statue of Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, across the street from Albert Hall.

# Baptists at Their Summit

Report of the Baptist Jubilee Congress in London, England, from July 16  
to 22 Representing 21,000,000 Baptists of the World  
by DR. M. L. LEUSCHNER, Editor

THE BAPTIST WORLD Alliance has stretched out its hands of fellowship to enfold some 21,000,000 Baptists around the globe and to fuse them in Christ's Name into a mighty band of witnesses for the Gospel. This 50-year-long ministry of the Alliance was dramatized sincerely and spectacularly at the Jubilee Congress held in London, England, from July 16 to 22.

During the same days that the political leaders of the world's greatest powers held their Summit meetings in Geneva, Switzerland, more than 8,700 Baptists gathered for even more momentous spiritual Summit sessions in London in the largest gathering of Baptists ever held in Europe and in the most representative Baptist Congress of the Alliance's history.

## A REMARKABLE FELLOWSHIP

Dr. Emanuel Carlson of Washington, D. C., characterized the Congress at the close of a week of inspirational addresses and spiritual highlights as "a remarkable unity greater than the Geneva Summit meetings." "We have become aware," he said, "that when human souls unite power grows and vastly increases the potential curse or blessing which accrues to the people themselves, to other nations, and to other generations yet to come. The Christian lives the love of God, and he spreads the glory and fame of God. This cannot be except Christ be in them, nor can this fail when he is there."

Royal Albert Hall with its great circular auditorium seating 8,000 persons in its three horseshoe balconies and spacious lower floor, all regally decorated and draped with the flags and banners bearing the names of Baptist Missionary Society stations, was the colorful setting for the Con-

gress. Above the platform hung an enormous blue, red, and gold emblem of the Baptist World Alliance, flanked on either side by the words of the Congress theme, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and for ever."

## JUBILEE CONGRESS

With the authoritative rap of Dr. F. Townley Lord's presidential gavel, the 50th Jubilee Congress opened on Saturday afternoon, July 16, with the stirring singing of John Rippon's hymn, "All Hail, the Power of Jesus' Name." It was this Baptist editor who in 1790 made the first suggestion for a world gathering of Baptists in an issue of "The Baptist Registrar." But 115 years were to pass before the Baptist World Alliance came into being and the first Congress was held at the old Essex Hall on the Strand and in the Royal Albert Hall in London. This was now even 50 years later at the Jubilee Congress with its review of tremendous Baptist expansion and missionary progress.

Nearly 4,000 delegates came from the American continent, from the United States, Canada, and from many of the Latin-American countries. Great Britain was represented with about 1,600. Australia and New Zealand had 380 delegates present who came by a specially chartered steamer, "The Esperance Bay." The 68 delegates from Africa included men and women from South Africa, the Rhodesias, the Congo, Nigeria, the Cameroons, and Ethiopia. Commonwealth countries, besides Burma, Japan and Korea, were represented in a contingent of 70 from the Far East.

The two largest groups from the European continent were from Sweden (273) and Germany (270 including 14 from the East Zone in Germany). The delegation of nine Baptists from

Soviet Russia were greeted vociferously by the Congress since this was the first time since 1928 that Russian Baptists could be present at a Baptist Congress. Repeatedly the Baptist national anthem, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," was sung in various languages and dialects to remind us of these golden ties of fellowship across the face of the globe.

## ROLL CALL OF NATIONS

The story of this fellowship was colorfully dramatized in the Roll Call of Nations with responses by Baptist delegates from more than 60 nations. At Dr. Ohn's announcement a representative of each nation stepped forward to the pulpit and to the flashing of innumerable camera lights, uttered a brief greeting and received a warm handshake from President Lord. Switzerland was called "the cradle of the Anabaptist movement" and Norway "the northernmost Baptist work in the world." Prolonged applause greeted the impressive figure of the Rev. J. I. Zhidkov, leader of the delegation from the Soviet Union.

Some of the representatives and groups were dressed in the bright costumes of their countries. New Zealand as the "last, loneliest, and loveliest land beyond the seas" was represented by Mr. Horner, who told the Congress that the Baptist president of New Zealand, Mr. William Carey, is a great-grandson of his renowned namesake. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, our executive secretary, spoke for the eight conventions and 18 million Baptists of the United States in well chosen words of greeting. The larger part of two sessions on Saturday, July 16, was well spent in this unfolding panorama of the Baptist Roll Call.

Fellowship also consists of waiting on the Holy Spirit and gathering around



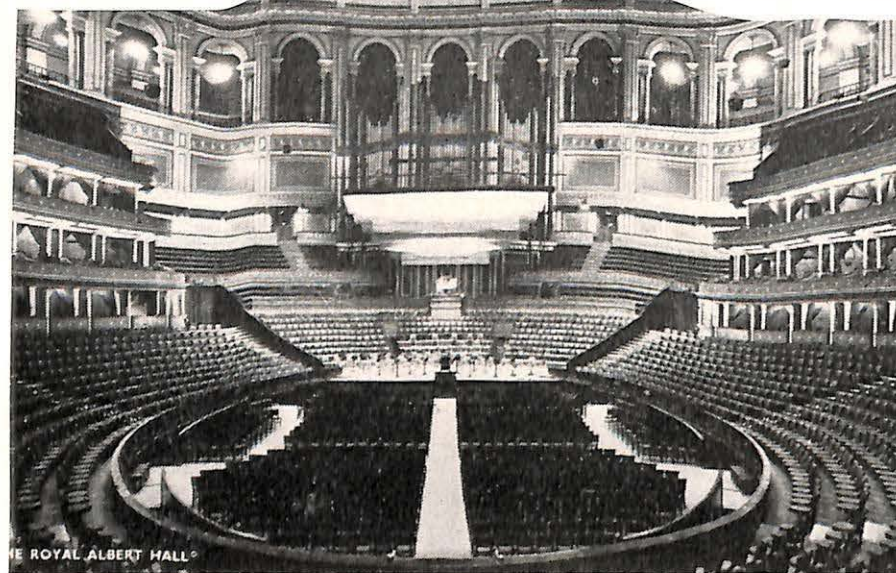
the Word of God. The Congress program was highlighted by great addresses, even though not always delivered with oratorical fervor. One of these highlights was the message of Saturday night, July 16, on "Our Baptist Faith in the World of Today" by Dr. Herbert Gezork, president of Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, Newton Centre, Mass., known to many North American Baptists. He emphasized the distinctives of the Baptist witness and what they were to become again, a little flock, in New Testament times, for evangelism, with a great passion for the Word, and for the revealed truth in the world for a fearless witness was about them. That same evening was made even more momentous by the fine message on, "The Tie That Binds Our Hearts" by the Rev. G. H. Blackburn, general secretary of the Baptist Union of Australia (see page 4 of this issue).

to be studied by every Baptist. It was an "all-encompassing and world-girdling message" which described the immensity of the Baptist witness and glorified the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

#### HISTORICAL PAGEANT

The highlights of Baptist history and the gigantic stature of Baptist leaders of yesteryear were deeply impressed on the delegates. We were away from the grave of John Bunyan, ren, the first Congress president, in 340 years before Thomas Helwys and his brave little band arrived back from exile in Holland to organize the first Baptist church in the English-speaking world.

On Wednesday evening, July 20, Albert Hall was packed beyond capacity to witness the thrilling pageant,



The interior of the Royal Albert Hall, London, England, where the principal sessions of the Baptist Jubilee Congress were held from July 16 to 22.

Sunday afternoon, July 17, was another Congress highlight, with the observance of the 50th Jubilee session. Dr. C. Oscar Johnson of St. Louis, Mo., the Alliance's past president, led this festive program in his usual inimitable manner. He presented the 16 persons who had attended the 1905 Congress and who now sat in places of honor on the platform. He thrilled the great audience by saying, "You sing because you are happy!" Humorously he introduced the president of the Alliance with these words: "We as Baptists don't have a pope or an archbishop, but we do have **the Lord.**"

Then Dr. F. Townley Lord brought his 50-minute Jubilee address on, "The Baptist World Alliance in Retrospect and Prospect." No Baptist World Alliance president has traveled so widely in its service or has been more gracious and genial in presenting the Baptist story to fellow-believers around the globe as Dr. Lord. His recent book on the Alliance deserves

"And There's Another Country," a story of Baptist heroic deeds, presented by 300 performers and by a choir of 200. This pageant written and directed by Dr. Arthur C. Davies, Baptist minister of Canonbury, London, pictured the great hours and spiritual giants of Baptist history from the reformation cradle, out of which the Baptist movement came, to the Jubilee year of the Alliance.

In colorful succession these Baptist heroes marched across the platform and left their story indelibly impressed upon our hearts: Balthasar Hubmaier, the Baptist martyr; John Bunyan, who in a Bedford prison wrote "Pilgrim's Progress"; Roger Williams and his proclamation of religious freedom; William Carey and the opening of mission doors upon the world; Luther Rice and Adoniram Judson, the architects of American missions; Moses Baker and his great work in Jamaica; William Knibb and his unflinching advocacy of immediate emancipation of

all slaves wherever the British flag was to be found; Oncken's monumental witness in Germany and Europe; Vasiti Pavloff in Russia; J. J. Doke's influence on a young Hindu lawyer, Gandhi; William Peet's blazing of the Gospel in Canada; the founding of the Baptist World Alliance and its more recent relief and immigration ministry to Baptists in need.

In a blaze of glory and lights with all the hundreds of participants on the platform, the pageant reached its thrilling finale.

"Here the prophets lift their torches, Here the martyrs won their crown, Here are saints, and here are singers Of the deeds of old renown; Heroes named in famous story, Heroes, too, by fame unknown, Down the sacred way have followed, Where the feet of Christ have gone."

#### FROM BAPTIST MISSION FIELDS

This Congress program was also highlighted by the deeply moving messages of Baptist nationals from many of the far-flung mission fields of the world. No other Congress has so effectively presented the story of Baptist missions around the world. The Honorable E. K. Martin of Victoria, a member of the Cameroons Parliament, brought a remarkably lucid and informative message about our Cameroons Baptist Mission in West Africa. (His message will appear in full with illustrations in the 1956 ANNUAL.) Rev. J. T. Ayorinda spoke for the Baptists of Nigeria and its 32 million people. Rev. Samuel Koli described the Baptist work in the Belgian Congo. "The Cry of Africa" was pictured graphically by Missionary I. N. Patterson.

Glimpses of the Baptist work in India were given by Rev. Devarapalli Reuben Isaac. "The Challenge of Asia" came to us through the Rev. W. M. P. Jayatunga of Ceylon. "The Emerging Philippines," where East meets West in a rendezvous with destiny, was portrayed by Rev. J. T. Valflo. Christ's ministry in "The Healing of the Nations" was described fervently by Miss Daw Hla Shein of Rangoon, Burma. In equally effective testimonies by nationals, the Baptist work was also pictured in such places as Korea, Hong Kong, Japan, Assam, Jamaica, Latin American countries and the continent of Europe, including Soviet Russia.

#### OTHER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Many other Baptist speakers had the spotlight thrown on them for their brief but impressive appearances. The keynote address, "The Changeless Christ in a Changing World," was delivered by Rev. Lawrence A. North of New Zealand. The doctrinal Congress sermon by Dr. Joao Soren of Brazil was a profound presentation of the

Gospel light in Christ Jesus. Rev. H. H. Rowley of Manchester, England, spoke on "Christ in the Bible," and Dr. J. H. Jackson (Negro) of Chicago, Ill., on "Christ in Everyday Life."

A thought-provoking address on "Christ and Freedom" by Dr. William Pope Binns, president of William Jewell College (U.S.A.), received the attention of the Congress on Monday evening, July 18, following a brilliant message on "Christ and Justice" by Mrs. Edgar Bates of Hamilton, Ontario. The Sunday evening sermon on "The Fullness of Christ" by Dr. Josef Nordenhaug of the Baptist Seminary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, was another uplifting message. The impressive story of "Baptist World Relief" was given by Dr. R. Paul Caudill of Memphis, Tenn., before Walter O. Lewis, European secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, opened his heart and described Christ's ministry to the refugees of the world.

#### BILLY GRAHAM

But the best, at least the most dramatic, was left for the closing session on Friday evening, July 22. Thousands of Baptists and other evangelicals from London and nearby towns joined the Congress delegates in filling Arsenal Stadium under the cloudless evening skies until 55,000 people breathlessly awaited the thrilling program. The crowd sang like an angelic choir under the leadership of "Pearly" Gates. They listened attentively to the well chosen remarks by Dr. Theodore F. Adams of Richmond, Va., the new president of the Baptist World Alliance, as well as to the address by Dr. Erik Ruden of Sweden on "Truth Is Immortal." They were thrilled by the exciting singing of Negro spirituals by a Baptist group from the United States.

But that great audience was lifted to even greater heights of spiritual ecstasy when Billy Graham, God's bright torch of evangelism, who had



North American Baptists from the British Cameroons, Africa, at London, England. Left to right: Honorable E. K. Martin, Missionary Eleanor Weisenburger, daughter of Mr. E. K. Martin, and Dr. Paul Gebauer.

come fresh from campaigns on the continent and from a special prayer meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, stood up and out of the fullness of his heart brought the coronation message on "Crown Him Lord of All." The blessings of that great closing meeting were evident for three hours afterwards when a mile long line of people, four and five abreast, waited to enter the underground (subway) singing hymns, until the streets resounded with the music, and the people kept shouting greetings in various languages of the world to one another. The London bobbies called it the most remarkable and orderly crowd they had ever seen, and those of us who were caught in the jam felt the surging power of God's Spirit as the aftermath of a glorious revival service!

#### OUR CONFERENCE REPRESENTATION

We as North American Baptists were accorded every possible consideration by the Congress. About 100 North American Baptists were present in London, England, for the ses-

sions. That in itself was quite a record for our conference! For the first time our executive secretary, Dr. Frank H. Woyke, is definitely an elected member of the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee. He also represented the millions of the Baptists of the U.S.A. at the roll call program and spoke at one of the panel sessions.

Dr. Paul Gebauer and the Honorable E. K. Martin were on the Congress program, presenting the story of our Cameroons Baptist Mission. The Rev. J. C. Gunst and Dr. George A. Lang had a part in the afternoon panel discussions. Dr. M. L. Leuschner served as a member of the important nominating committee of the Alliance. The North American Baptist exhibit was given a distinctive place of honor on the stage of the Exhibit Hall, where our Cameroons Baptist Chapel (sent to London from Waco, Texas, from the General Conference) could be easily seen by all.

The music of the Congress program was superb. The spirited singing of (Continued on Page 15)



A portion of the large crowd of 55,000 persons in Arsenal Stadium of London, England, in the huge bleachers facing each other, listening to Billy Graham give the coronation address in the closing session of the Baptist World Congress.



# Baptist Young People in London

The Story of Youth at the Baptist World Congress in London, England,  
by REV. J. C. GUNST, Promotional Secretary

THE JUBILEE Congress of the Baptist World Alliance in London was great, indeed, far beyond my expectations. It was most fitting that London, where the Baptist World Alliance was founded fifty years ago, should be the meeting place for the Jubilee Congress this year. London is not only the largest city in the world, but it is a city teeming with activities which are fascinating and thrilling because she is so rich in tradition and bursting at the seams with great historical places and facts.

The Program Committee of the Baptist World Congress arranged a unique program, yet so different from programs of the previous Congresses, because it was necessary for delegates to meet at many different places, simultaneously, in order to accommodate all delegates and visitors. No one hall or auditorium in London was large enough to accommodate all delegates and visitors at one time.

## CROWDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE

As always, at Baptist gatherings, the young people played a vital part in the program to add interest, color, and life to the meetings. Young people had a part in the arrangements and in the program itself. The young people were prominent in the great and impressive pageant, "And There's An-

other Country," portraying scenes from Baptist history. Youth had a prominent part in the regular program. Two sectional meetings on two different afternoons were devoted to young people's work, fellowship, planning, and spiritual inspiration.

It is significant that the chairman of the Youth Committee, Mr. Bob Denny, stated in his welcoming remarks: "We expected 400 young people at the meeting. I have just been informed that 1,400 are present." Their enthusiastic singing, where Baptist young people from around the world joined heartily, and their vibrating applause after the heart-stirring message by the Youth Secretary, Rev. Joel Sorenson of Stockholm, Sweden, were indications of devoted interest in the cause of Christ and a demonstration that youth are present to support any great Baptist cause and witness.

The roll call of the various nations, with a hearty and numerical large response, was dramatic and heart-stirring. The messages by youth leaders from around the world were indications that Baptist youth is on the march for Christ. Youth is being won to Christ. Youth is being trained for Christian service, and there is able leadership everywhere. Also there is proof that youth is pledged to fall in

line with Baptist principles and the Baptist faith, preparing to be dynamic witnesses to the ends of the world.

In the two sectional meetings for young people, one meeting was devoted to fellowship and inspiration with a challenging message by the Youth Secretary, Rev. Joel Sorenson. One meeting was devoted to election of a Youth Committee and to the transacting of important and necessary business. In the Baptist World Alliance a Youth Committee of 31 members functions to keep alive interest in, to study and to plan Baptist youth work for all of the affiliated organizations in the various nations.

## YOUTH COMMITTEE

The members on this particular Committee are elected in such a manner that as many nations, or Baptist youth groups, are represented on the committee as possible. The purpose is to keep alive in all nations the witnessing spirit of evangelism, Bible study, missions, and the Baptist fellowship. Elected as Youth Secretary for the next five years for the Baptist World Alliance was Mr. Robert Denny of Nashville, Tennessee. He succeeds the Rev. Joel Sorenson, who served as the first Youth Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance and who did such an outstanding job in making known the Baptist World Alliance youth program to Baptist youth around the world, thus being instrumental in uniting Baptist youth in the great cause of Christ. Rev. Joel Sorenson, who will now be pastor of the First Baptist Church at Stockholm, Sweden, has been elected chairman of the new Youth Committee.

In order to keep in close touch with youth in the various European countries, the Rev. Guenther Wieske of Hamburg, Germany, was elected European Youth Representative. He will visit the United States next year. The youth leaders of our fellowship will do well to invite Brother Wieske for meetings in certain areas, to get acquainted with him and the Youth Work of the Baptist World Alliance through him.

In the business sessions it was decided to continue the publishing of the "B.W.A. Youth News" of which Joel Sorenson was the originator and editor. Our young people's groups will do well to order at least one copy of the "B.W.A. Youth News" for each C.B.Y.F. library.

It was significant that a goodly number of our own young people from the

States and Canada attended the Baptist World Alliance Congress and were present to share in the various Youth Committee meetings and sessions. Some of these young people will give their impressions and their experiences in another issue of the "Baptist Herald."

## SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Another significant sectional meeting at the London Congress was that of the Sunday School Committee. This is probably the first time at a Baptist World Alliance Congress when the program committee made provision for a meeting for those interested in Sunday School work. The response and enthusiasm for Sunday School emphasis at a sectional meeting are indeed of great significance.

Long before the hour when the meeting was to start, the auditorium of the church, where the meeting was held, was filled to capacity. An additional hall for the overflow crowd was secured but that, too, was soon filled to capacity. Many of the delegates were unable to attend either one of the sessions because of the lack of space. Many stood on their feet through the two-hour sessions; some sat on the floor; some on the window-sills, the platform and the stairways to get a glimpse of the speakers and to hear what was being said and done about Sunday School work.

The result of the meetings was that two important resolutions were presented which were unanimously and enthusiastically adopted by the groups. One resolution was to the effect that the Program Committee of the next Baptist World Congress be instructed by the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee to arrange for a Sunday School Program Emphasis on the regular Baptist World Alliance program. It is expected that at least one-half a day be devoted to the Sunday School work at which time all of the delegates to the Baptist World Congress can participate.

## TOMORROW'S LEADERS

The other resolution was to the effect that a Sunday School Committee, similar to the Youth Committee and the Women's Committee, be appointed to study, foster and propagate the Sunday School program and interests in all nations affiliated with the Baptist World Alliance. It was hoped and prayers will be offered by the hundreds of those delegates present at the Sunday School Committee session that the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance will realize the importance of the Sunday School work in our day and that the resolutions submitted will be carried out.

Anyone interested in youth, attending the sessions of the Baptist World Alliance Congress, will soon realize that Baptists have a great host of



Piccadilly Circus in the heart of London, England, with Eros in the center and London's traffic circling around. The inevitable "flower girl" can be seen sitting on the steps.

young people interested in the Christian faith and the Baptist cause. One will also realize that these are choice young people, talented, consecrated, trained, and committed as true witnesses for Christ and his teachings.

It will be well with the Baptist World Alliance as a great world-wide movement and dynamic Christian wit-

ness if the leaders will continue to train youth and continue to give them their rightful place, not only through participation in the program of the Baptist World Congress but in every conference and convention and in every local church. We must always remember that Baptist youth of today will be Baptist leaders of tomorrow.

## THE TIE THAT BINDS OUR HEARTS

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Christ that binds us to him and to one another. It is our love for the brethren, so that of us it can be said: "See how these Christians love one another."

## SUFFERING TOGETHER

This leads to our final thought that SUFFERING is also a tie binding our hearts. Many will recall how at the Baptist World Alliance Congress in Copenhagen in 1947 the program for Baptist World Relief was launched. At the close of the war various Baptist conventions and unions had sent help to Europe, but at Copenhagen it was decided to co-ordinate and extend this help to our brethren in Europe and Asia who were suffering as an aftermath of war.

A huge world-wide program of relief was launched and food and clothing and money came pouring in. Baptists in lands where there was plenty wanted to share their bounty. Baptists in lands where there was want still found it possible to share with others. And so from the four corners of the globe relief came. It was necessary to appoint field workers to assist in distribution. Gradually the

scars of war began to disappear and hope again rose in human hearts.

At the close of the Korean war the call came from the Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee to us in Australia to send help to Korea. It came as a challenge and like the Macedonian call of old to Paul: "Come over and help us." So we answered the call and sent workers and money and food and clothing to Korea. Again suffering has been binding the hearts of the Baptists of Australia and Korea.

## BINDING BAPTIST HEARTS

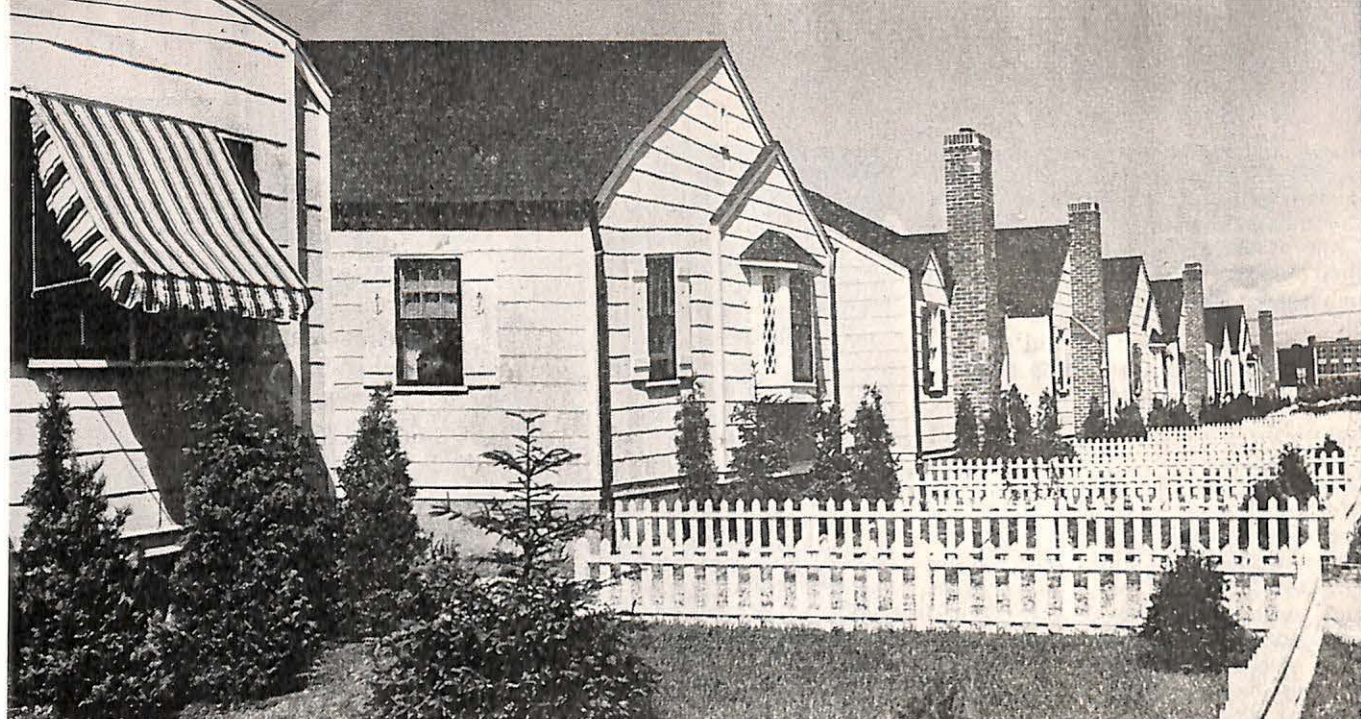
Now that is true of all other countries. From all around the world the cry has come: "Come over and help us," and it has not been unheeded. From England, U.S.A., Canada, Scandinavia and other countries help has been forthcoming. Suffering has been binding the hearts of the Baptists of the world.

In every true family the stronger members of the family help the weaker, the fortunate help the unfortunate and it is such experiences that make for family solidarity. So likewise in our Baptist family.



St. Paul's Cathedral in London, England, which was built after the Great Fire of 1666 by Christopher Wren on the site of Old St. Paul's. Work was completed in 1710. The Cathedral was heavily bombed during World War II.





—Ewing Galloway Photo

Church Extension means not only to pray and give for those who are far away; it means to witness for Christ to those who are near at hand!

## Our Needs in Church Extension

By REV. R. SCHILKE, General Missionary Secretary

THREE YEARS AGO the General Conference in Philadelphia, Pa., gave a directive to the present method of church extension in our denomination. I say "present method," for I do not want to be understood as if church extension had not been carried on before that time. It was, but it was mainly left to the local church which started Sunday Schools and missions in the neighboring community, which in turn developed in the course of time into churches. This method is still carried on very successfully. But in addition to that, the directive was to the effect that from the headquarters of our denomination more direction and more financial assistance should be given to church extension.

### WHEELS IN MOTION

In one of my first remarks in response to this directive I said: "Give us a minimum of \$100,000 per year and we will be able to undertake and carry out this new method of church extension." We realized without any doubt on our part that there was much more than money involved. The personnel was needed, and most of all the guidance and blessing of God's Holy Spirit had to be sought. Prayerfully the wheels were set in motion even before that General Conference adjourned.

During the past triennium two church extension workers were appointed who together gave three-and-one-half years of service. They surveyed areas. They organized churches in several instances. They reported

about the wonderful opportunities that existed for the beginning of new churches in new areas of population.

During the past triennium a goal of \$250,000 for church extension was set. Our churches were solicited and asked to support this new program of church extension. The moral response from most of our churches was gratifying. The financial response, however, fell somewhat short. Many of our churches had recently completed an expansion program of their own and were heavily obligated with the payment of debts. Others were in the midst of an expansion program; still others were anticipating one. In addition to their local and missionary giving, they could not also contribute large sums of money toward this new goal, much as they would have liked to have done so. The result was that about \$140,000 in cash and pledges was raised toward this goal of church extension.

### WE ARE ON THE WAY

At the recent General Conference at Waco, Texas, we were able to report that about 15 new projects were being launched of which 13 by that date had received financial assistance. In ten places churches had actually been organized or Sunday Schools started. At three places only the building site was purchased but further plans were under way. What a thrilling story each one of these places provides!

Each place also needs a servant of God to launch the project, to gather a

nucleus of God's people, to evangelize the community and to establish an evangelical testimony to the glory of God in that community. Would there be a response to that need? Did not Jesus already in his day say: "The laborers are few"? Yes, but he also said: "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest" (Luke 10:3).

This type of ministry is not an easy one. It has many uncertainties and many problems, but it also offers a great challenge. We praise God for those who respond to this challenge and stand ready to be sent forth.

### A TEMPORARY HALT

In May of this year the Church Extension Committee met to review its undertakings and to get a clear perspective of that which lies ahead. In that meeting the committee realized several things. First, it realized that the opportunities for new churches were more plentiful than what had been thought possible. Second, it realized that the number of requests for assistance was just overwhelming. Third, it found the ready response of several of God's servants to go into just such new areas if sent. Fourth, it faced the stark reality that all of the \$140,000 of cash and pledges was committed and more was needed to carry to a successful ending these projects already launched.

What about new projects? What about the many requests for assistance? A temporary halt had to be made of necessity!

God has answered our prayers in giving us the open doors in church extension. He has answered our prayers in giving us laborers whom he would send forth into this great harvest. He will also answer the prayers when it comes to supplying the material needs. Paul had a victorious faith when he wrote to the Philippian Church: "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19). But how does God supply? He supplies through you and me by showing us the need and moving our hearts to a ready response.

### WHITHER NOW?

In these fall months we are once again appealing to our churches and to those who love the Lord. Not only do we want to carry to a successful conclusion those projects in church extension which have been launched, but we desire to continue to launch new projects. Not only do we want to reach the original goal. We desire to make church extension a perpetual undertaking.

Only as we grow at home can we continue to grow in our foreign outreach. Church extension is the undergirding program of our missionary interest and missionary outreach. It means not only to pray and give for those who are far away; it means to witness to those who are near at hand. "And ye shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem . . ." That is often the hardest assignment but it is an assignment of our Lord for you and me. What shall our answer be?

For additional  
**CHURCH EXTENSION**  
information or leaflets write to  
North American Baptist Headquarters,  
7308 Madison Street,  
Forest Park, Illinois.



The promising beginning of another Church Extension project in the German Baptist Mission Church, Hamilton, Ontario, of which Rev. John Wahl (standing, front row, center) is the pastor.

## CHURCH EXTENSION CAMPAIGN

- Objective of \$250,000 to be reached by July 31, 1956.
- Church Extension Program and Offering in every church during the month of OCTOBER 1955.
- Secure an attractive Church Extension Coin Folder with space for 16 quarters from your pastor. "Your happy share in a worthy project!"
- Pray that God will bless this united effort and send forth laborers into his harvest field!

## Don't Forget the Church!

A Stirring Challenge on Church Extension by the REV. CLARENCE WALTH, Church Extension Pastor of Sacramento, California

THE WISE citizens of our nation understand and appreciate the efforts of fellow-citizens who do their utmost toward "making our communities whole." In many areas the homebuilding industry of our land has been disappointingly negligent in planning for churches when the blueprints for new communities are developed.

In many cases, the first information obtainable from the Homebuilding Industry comes from reading in the press that the property has already been subdivided. This, of course, does not eliminate the churches but it does mean that it becomes necessary to buy the property by the lot, and at prices that have become greatly inflated. When the prices are compared with the cost for which it might have been acquired before the subdividing, we see a sizeable difference.

Giving the church groups early access to the property would, in reality,

give added value to adjoining property. When the churches are able to establish facilities for the potential home-buyers, it becomes an attraction that helps sell homes. Nevertheless, many builders fail to see this point.

The problem is particularly pressing because of the tremendous homebuilding boom that has been, and is going on in many heavily populated areas of our country. The homebuilder builds for man, and one of man's greatest needs and greatest interests is the church. To ignore the needs of man and his children is tragic.

In the city of Sacramento the building activities are tremendous. A number of religious leaders in this city of over 150,000 people have become aware of the great need that exists here. Monsignor Kirby, Chancellor of the Catholic diocese of Sacramento, recently pointed out how alarming the situation appeared to him. He said that "the problem has become so acute that it cannot be ignored." Furthermore, his prediction is that "it will become more and more acute because Sacramento is on the threshold of its greatest growth."

It seems apparent that the greatest share of the expense toward Church Extension has been shouldered by a small number of Baptist brethren. Due to the existing conditions in the new fields, we see no immediate relief for this situation. Therefore, it invokes us to lean even more heavily upon those of you who already have done so much.

We thank God for you and praise him for the faithful little band of believers who are taking their places here in this great field that is "ripe unto harvest." What more can we say to you that are separated from us by many miles than, "Give and it shall be given unto you" (Luke 6:38)?



# Roland E. Ross, Denominational Comptroller

Memorial Tributes to a Faithful Denominational Servant

**ROLAND E. ROSS,**  
Denominational Comptroller

By **DR. M. L. LEUSCHNER**, Editor

**MR. ROLAND E. ROSS** of River Forest, Ill., was born on July 10, 1896 in Oak Park, Ill. He was baptized at 11 years of age by the Rev. August Pistor and received into the fellowship of the Forest Park Baptist Church. On Sept. 6, 1922 he was married to Marie Fliege. He lived in the suburban area of Chicago all his life and for the past 12 years made his home in River Forest.

He was an active member of the Forest Park Church of which his parents were charter members. His many church activities included positions such as general secretary of the Sunday School for 20 years, superintendent and teacher of the Cicero Mission Sunday School, chairman of the board of trustees for 20 years, active member and president of the Men's Baraca Class, and various offices in the local young people's society and the Central Conference Young People's and Sunday School Workers Union. He was blessed of God with a fine tenor voice which he used to the glory of God for 35 years in the church choir. At the time of his death he was a deacon of the church.

Since 1943 he served as president of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged of Chicago, Ill. He inaugurated and spearheaded the plans for the new \$500,000 building for the Home. He was the secretary-treasurer of "Baptist Men", and gave his leadership to the planning of several very successful Laymen's Conferences at Green Lake, Wis.

He began his ministry at the denominational headquarters of Forest Park, Ill., on March 3, 1941 where he served faithfully and diligently as comptroller. For almost 15 years he prepared the financial records, budgets, and statements of the denomination and of its cooperating societies to everyone's fullest satisfaction. He served as a member of the headquarters secretarial staff and frequently reported concerning his stewardship to General Conference sessions.

He was called to his heavenly home unexpectedly on August 1st at the untimely early age of 59 years. The circumstances of his passing are described by his widow at the close of this obituary. Survivors include his widow, Marie; two sisters: Mrs. Emma R. Hildebrandt of Forest Park, Ill.; and Miss Leona Ross, our former missionary to China. Four brothers preceded him in death: Walter R., Harry E., Paul L., and Howard Ross.

The memorial service for Roland E. Ross was held at the Forest Park Baptist Church on Thursday afternoon, August 4. The well attended service was in charge of the Rev. Rubin Kern, pastor. Dr. John Leyboldt offered the prayer, and Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, brought the message of comfort and consolation. Miss Lydia Mihm, a neighbor of Mr. and Mrs. Ross, sang two beautiful selections. Some of the secretaries of the headquarters office were in Europe at the time and could not be present at the service. Deacons of the Forest Park Church served as pallbearers. Interment was in Mount Emblem Cemetery near Elmhurst, Ill. A memorial fund has been set up by friends with plans for a memorial to Mr. Ross to be placed in the projected new building of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged.

Because of the unexpected death of Brother Ross, his widow has prepared the following account upon request concerning the last few days of his earthly pilgrimage:

"Four days before Roland had the severe heart attack, he mentioned having some pain in the chest area, which he thought might be ulcers. I asked him to go for a check-up at once. He could not go that day, but we made an appointment for the following Tuesday for a complete physical examination. He called me at 6:00 o'clock early Monday morning and asked me to send for the doctor. By 6:30 A.M. he had to be taken to the hospital in an ambulance. The cardiograph showed a coronary thrombosis condition. On Tuesday night pneumonia set in—not the regular pneumonia but a type that often comes with coronary heart condition. He was in a critical condition from then on, running 105 degree temperature constantly by the end of the week, which caused him to be only slightly delirious. He was conscious to the very end.

"I was at his bedside all day and evening and had a private nurse for the night. Everything was done for his recovery that could be done. When I came at 9 o'clock on Monday morning, just one week after he had entered the hospital, he recognized me but in trying to talk his lips just quivered. After half an hour, and I was alone with him, very peacefully he passed on. It is a comfort to me that I could be with him that entire week and at the time of his home-going.

"There was very much prayer for his recovery and I believed till the very last moment that God could perform a miracle and heal his heart completely if that was his will for

Roland. God answered our prayers, but it was "no". Knowing that God never makes a mistake and that he knows not only the beginning but also the end, we believe his way to be the best way. In this time of testing, I have found great comfort in his precious promises and, by accepting them, they have become very real and I truly have experienced a calm and peace that passeth all understanding!"

## TO LIVE IS CHRIST

Tribute to Roland E. Ross

By **DR. FRANK H. WOYKE**,  
Executive Secretary

For nine years it was my privilege to labor side by side in close fellowship with Brother Roland E. Ross, our Comptroller, who has now been called to his heavenly reward.

Brother Ross was a servant of God who could say with the Apostle Paul: "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." As comptroller of our denomination, as an officer of his local church, as president of the Board of Trustees of the Central Home for the Aged and as secretary of "Baptist Men," his one desire was to live for and to serve Christ.

**He was a consecrated man.** This is, after all, the most important requisite for anyone who would serve God. Brother Ross often expressed, especially in our weekly prayer circle, a deep desire for complete devotion to his Lord. Although he was a very busy man, he was never too busy to help someone else, especially in matters relating to financial or property matters. That Christ might live in him and that he might live for Christ—this was his primary concern!

**He was a conscientious man.** It was characteristic of Brother Ross that he performed every assigned task with the utmost thoroughness and attention to detail. All who became acquainted with the financial records of our denomination immediately recognized the high quality of his work. Not everyone knew, however, that these records had to be prepared with painstaking care and that Brother Ross often sat at his desk until late at night in order to accomplish his task. He set very high standards for himself and he spared no effort to live up to them.

Our Conference offers profound gratitude to God for the valuable service rendered by Brother Ross. As long as our fellowship produces workers of this type, God will have tasks for us to perform.

## A FAITHFUL CHURCH MEMBER

By **REV. RUBIN KERN**, Pastor of the  
Forest Park Baptist Church,  
Forest Park, Ill.

It is never easy for a church to yield completely to the loss of a faithful, life-long member. Our brother, Roland E. Ross, accepted Christ as his Savior in his early youth, was baptized upon confession of his faith by Rev. A. Pistor, was received into the fellowship of the Forest Park Baptist Church and remained an active member until the time of his death.

Besides being keenly interested in every phase of the church's development, Brother Ross served the departments of the church in various capacities: in the Sunday School as secretary and teacher; in the Music Department as a member of the choir and West Suburban Male Quartet; for 20 years as chairman of the Board of Trustees, an office from which he retired two years ago. At the time of his death he was one of the church's ten deacons.

Because of his interest, ability and faithfulness in the Lord's work, we hesitate to state that he is a loss to our church. To be sure, we will miss his services. His sudden departure leaves vacancies. However, as we look back upon the many years of service, we can say that he has been profitable to the advancement of the Lord's work.

His Christian testimony was made known outside the church as well as within her ranks. Even to his dying hour hospital attendants remarked concerning his implicit faith in Christ and his witness for him.

## A LIFE-LONG FRIENDSHIP

By **MR. FRED A. GROSSER**  
of River Forest, Illinois,  
Denominational Treasurer

It was a few days before leaving for Europe that I visited our headquarters office. Dr. Woyke had already left for the east with his family. Dr. Leuschner and Rev. J. C. Gunst also were actively preparing to leave for London, England, and the Reverends R. Schilke and L. Bienert were away on field work.

Roland Ross was holding the fort, so to speak. When I shook his hand in saying "Good-bye," he replied rather plaintively, "Well, I wish you fellows all a good time and a pleasant voyage, but I guess I'll have to carry on here pretty much alone for a while." Little did either of us realize that this was to be our last conversation this side of glory!

The first word regarding Roland's illness was received by us by air mail letter at Rome, Italy, and the shocking news of his death came to us on arrival in Paris about a week later. Naturally, our prayers went up to the Throne of grace for Marie, Roland's



Mr. Roland E. Ross of River Forest, Illinois, Denominational Comptroller for 15 years, who was called Home on August 1, 1955.

wife, in her great sorrow and bereavement.

Mr. Roland E. Ross was a faithful steward. He was especially qualified for the duties as comptroller of our Conference. Coming into the work at the time of reorganization, his talents as accountant were especially valuable. He was indefatigable in his efforts and on various occasions expressed the conviction that the work he was doing was the work to which God had called him.

Roland and I have had many long years of close association. In 1912

## APPRECIATION BY MRS. ROLAND E. ROSS

"To all of our churches, pastors, missionaries, and Christian friends, who have upheld me in their prayers these days . . . directed me to beautiful and helpful Scripture promises . . . sent many expressions of sincere sympathy and tribute in memory of my beloved husband, Roland E. Ross, I want to say: Thank you for each prayer, each act of kindness and thoughtfulness! God has sustained me in a remarkable and wonderful way, and I have experienced a calm and peace that passeth all understanding. I do need and covet your continued prayers."

Walter Staub, then a member of the Forest Park Church, was elected to the superintendency of our Bible School, and I succeeded him as teacher of a fine class of boys. Roland Ross was one of that class.

For some seven years, teacher and boys met for the study of God's Word each Sunday morning and monthly for a social evening for fun, to eat and for singing. Roland's fine tenor voice was pivotal in that group and many were the occasions when the young men were privileged to make use of their talents in the church and at social gatherings.

Later we were able to work together as Bible School superintendent and general secretary, and what a secretary he was! Graphic charts of our enrollment, attendance, offerings, etc., were wall decorations, and they probably are still extant. The graphs were exhibits of what is possible along that line.

When I became treasurer of our Conference, Roland had already preceded me as comptroller, and thus we were associated together in those capacities also for many years, a relationship that has been a most happy one. God has removed a most faithful and efficient workman from our midst.

Among the songs we learned and sang as a singing group were several  
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Baptist delegates from Sweden at the Baptist Jubilee Congress (left) are beautifully dressed in their national costume; and two of the Baptist deaconesses from Germany (right) are delighted to become acquainted with Americans!

## Women's Meetings at the London Congress

By MRS. FRANK H. WOYKE, Representative of our Woman's Missionary Union to the Women's Meetings at the Baptist World Congress, London, England

WHEN 8,000 PEOPLE gather together in one large hall that, in any man's language constitutes a crowd. But when those 8,000 people are Baptists, representing Baptist denominations all over the world, that constitutes not only a crowd, but a rather distinctive one!

It was a thrill to sit in one of the red plush Victorian chairs in historic Royal Albert Hall of London, England, and watch the Baptist delegates threading their way through the many aisles to their seats.

The platform, beautifully decorated with floral arrangements, was crowded from day to day, with various important Baptist personalities from all parts of the world. The man who presided so admirably throughout the general meetings of the Congress, was the president of the Alliance, Dr. F. Townley Lord.

### SPECIAL WOMEN'S MEETING

The Congress opened officially on Saturday afternoon, July 16, but the women of North America were busy before that. The North American Women's Union Congress had a meeting on the morning of July 16. Mrs. Edgar Bates, the chairman of this large organization, presided at this meeting.

Devotions were led by Mrs. Frank C. Wigginton, the secretary-treasurer. "Women," she said in part, "must be concerned with the NOW of opportunity. Jesus said, 'I am with thee TODAY; fear not, my child!'"

In the business meeting that followed some important changes were made in the Constitution, chief among these being the division of the office of secretary-treasurer to two separate offices. Jamaica, British Honduras, and Bermuda were admitted as new members.

An invitation to hold the next meeting in Toronto, Canada, on November

5, 6, 7, 1957, was accepted by the group. The new chairman elected at this meeting, and to take the place of Mrs. Edgar Bates, was Mrs. M. B. Hodge of Portland, Oregon.

### BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORK

Mrs. Bates called upon nine women, representing that number of denominational groups in North America, to give brief reports on their work. The following women spoke, giving a bird's-eye view of the women's work in their denominations: Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge, speaking for the National Council of American Baptist Women; Mrs. George R. Martin, speaking for the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention; Mrs. W. C. Smalley, for the Baptist Union of

Western Canada; Mrs. I. Judson Levy, for the United Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of the Maritime Provinces; Dr. Nannie H. Burroughs for the Woman's Auxiliary, National Baptist Convention of America; Mrs. W. L. Ransome for the Lott Carey Baptists; Mrs. C. W. Dengate for the Women's Missionary Society, Ontario and Quebec; and Mrs. Frank Woyke for the Woman's Missionary Union, North American General Conference.

The various reports were interesting and stimulating. Mrs. Martin reported that in their two "Sunbeam" missionary offerings the women of the Southern Baptist Convention had collected the breath-taking sum of \$5,000,000! How tiny is our work by comparison, but how comforting it is to know that God honors the widow's mite also! The Canadian reports were very fine. Mrs. Levy pointed out that the first Baptist group in Canada was organized in New Brunswick.

Dr. Burroughs of the United States, who could not be with us, but had a representative, had cabled us, "May we have a 20th Century Pentecost after London!" Dr. Fuller in her report said that their special emphasis had been not only to have a workable program but "to put every woman to work." The meeting was adjourned with all of us standing, hands joined, and singing the always stirring "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

### GENERAL WOMEN'S MEETING

On the following Monday afternoon, July 18, the first general women's meeting was held. It was the Women's Conference meeting of the Baptist World Alliance and it was held at the Royal Albert Hall. The chairman, and a very able, efficient, clear-spoken one, was Mrs. George R. Martin of Norfolk, Virginia. Miss Daw Hla Shein of Rangoon, Burma, gave a fine Bible meditation.

Brief messages were heard from the women representing the Continental Unions: Australia, Europe, North America, Latin America, and Africa. An inspiring address, "Expect great things from God," was given by the Rev. Theodore Adams, D. D., of Richmond, Va., who was later elected to the presidency of the Baptist World Alliance.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The second Women's Conference was held on Tuesday afternoon, July 19, with Mrs. George Martin presiding. The election of officers to the Women's Committee of the Baptist World Alliance took place at this meeting and the following were elected: chairman, Mrs. George R. Martin, Norfolk, Va.; secretary, Miss Eunice Lois Chapple, London; treasurer, Mrs. Edgar Bates, Canada; Africa, Mrs. J. Ayorinde, Nigeria; Latin America, Dona Ester Silver, Diaz, Brazil; North America, Mrs. M. B. Hodge, U.S.A.; Australasia, Mrs. A. C. Church, Australia; Europe, Mrs. F. F. Pepper, England. The two representatives nominated to the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee were Mrs. G. R. Martin, U.S.A., and Miss Lois Chapple, England.

After the election of officers, a stirring message, "Attempt great things for God," was given by Eva Hertzer of Berlin, Germany. On Monday, Dr. Adams had exhorted us to expect great things from God, to have the vision for great things, and "Sister Eva" now showed us how to put these great expectations into practice. The formula, she pointed out, was the simple, ageless, never-changing one of LOVE. We can both expect and attempt great things for God if we but remember to employ true Christian love to every phase of our daily living.

### QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GREETINGS

Toward the end of the Congress week, a message was received from Buckingham Palace. It read:—

#### Buckingham Palace

Dr. F. Townley Lord  
Royal Albert Hall, S.W.7

I have received with much pleasure the kind message of greetings, which you have sent to me on behalf of the delegates to the Jubilee Congress of the Baptist World Alliance. Please inform them of my sincere appreciation of their thoughts and prayers and of my hope that God's blessing will rest upon their deliberations.

18th July, 1955

Elizabeth R.

We left the Congress echoing the Queen's hope in our hearts:—that God had truly blessed our deliberations and that he had also blessed our Christian fellowship which we knew from the feeling of joy and gratitude in all our hearts.

## BAPTISTS AT THEIR SUMMIT IN LONDON

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the audience was well led by Dr. George Beasley-Murray, a professor at Spurgeon's College in London. The Atlanta Baptist Association Choir of Georgia with 74 voices and many instruments of trumpets, trombones, harp, and drum, thrilled the Congress again and again with its remarkable musical renditions, such as "The Creation" and "Crown Him With Many Crowns." Consecrated opera singers, Negro spiritual groups and other instrumentalists contributed much to the golden moments of music during the week.

### PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Every afternoon sectional meetings were held in the nature of panel discussions, considering almost every phase of Baptist life and thought. On some afternoons we met in groups for women, young people, ministers, and laymen. Other groups gathered to consider religious liberty, the theological trends of our day, Bible Study, and Sunday School work. One afternoon was devoted to the problems, needs, resources, and strategy of Baptist work in Europe, North America, Latin-America, Africa, Asia, and Australasia. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, our executive secretary, was one of the speakers at the North American meeting held in Westminster Chapel. At a well attended "Conference of Missionaries and Board Secretaries" one of the principal speakers was Dr. Paul Gebauer, the superintendent of our Cameroons Baptist Mission, who gave a remarkable reappraisal of modern missionary attitudes. Other conferences were held for Baptist historians and librarians, on radio and television, and for Baptist deaconesses.

Even though the Baptist World Alliance is largely organized for purposes of fellowship, some far-reaching resolutions were approved which sound like the prophetic declarations of Baptist giants of yesterday, such as Roger Williams, John Bunyan and others.

"We as Baptists declare our conviction that war is not the will of God, the Father of all men, who in Christ Jesus has broken down barriers between individuals, groups, nations, and races and established instead fellowship and brotherly love. We believe that fear and hate can only be dispelled by trust and love, not by misunderstanding and suspicions of truth, reliance on armaments and physical force, but by the experience of the power of God who at last will bring all things into line with his purpose."

The newly elected president of the Baptist World Alliance is Dr. Theodore F. Adams, pastor of the First

Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., since 1936, a church with a membership of over 6,000. Among the vice-presidents are Mr. J. T. Ayorinda of Africa, Dr. Jacob Meister of Germany, and Rev. J. I. Zhidkov of Russia. Mr. Robert S. Denny was elected associate secretary for youth work replacing Dr. Joel Sorenson. An associate secretary for Europe will be appointed later who will succeed Dr. Walter O. Lewis who has retired from active service.

Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn was re-elected general secretary of the B.W.A. Important constitutional changes were made, giving better representation to small countries and Baptist Conference groups. It can be stated that the Baptist Alliance is now more effectively organized and prepared to cope with some of the difficult problems and issues of our day, dealing with the rights of minority groups, world relief, refugees and missionary outreach.

Invitations for the 1960 Baptist Congress have been received from Sydney, Australia; Tokyo, Japan; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Havana, Cuba; and Miami, Florida. All of these invitations will be considered by the newly appointed executive committee.

### THE BAPTIST WITNESS

There are many other observations to be made on this impressive Jubilee Congress but space will not permit. The story of the warm welcome extended to Congress delegates at the opening session, of things that happened behind the scenes, of adventures in the great city of London, of the unusual greeting sent to the Queen and other things which made this London Congress so exciting appears on page 2 of this issue as an introduction.

The Baptist witness is the bright light of the Gospel shining radiantly through the lives of 21 million people in almost every part of the world. This light was focused on the fellowship of the Baptist Congress in London for this wonderful week. It is now going forth into all the world in the declaration that "we believe that the right to be free is a gift from God to all men of whatever race. A person is not physically born into a religious faith, but must of his own free will enter upon his inheritance as a child of God. Therefore we who represent Baptist churches of the world humbly pray that strength and courage may be given to us to hold fast our heritage of freedom and to carry forward the task committed to us."

From their Summit meetings at London, Baptists must march forward and carry on for Christ, facing and seizing the greatest, God-given opportunity to witness for the Gospel that they have ever enjoyed.





# Sunday School Lessons

## A LESSON PLAN

Date: October 2, 1955

### Theme: THE WORLD INTO WHICH JESUS CAME

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:1-14.

PURPOSE: To help us understand the world into which Jesus was born.

GETTING STARTED: If you had lived at the time of Jesus' birth and had been given the responsibility of choosing "the man of the hour"—the most important and influential man of the day, the one whose life was destined to shape the course of history more than that of any other man—whom would you have chosen? Caesar Augustus, or Jesus? If you had been a sensible man, you would have, without a moment's hesitation, chosen Caesar Augustus. And every fragment of proof would have justified—in fact, demanded that choice. And yet you would have been dead wrong! For contrary to all that men call reasonable and common sense, the most important element in any particular moment of history is not the persons or the situations that to us seem to be the shapers of destiny but rather what God is doing and the direction in which he is moving. Thus—

#### I. THE MOST IMPORTANT FACT ABOUT THE WORLD INTO WHICH JESUS CAME WAS THE FACT THAT GOD WAS MOVING IN IT (2:9-14).

1. God is always at work in the world and moving in history.
2. But here in the birth of Christ he broke into history in a unique way in order to shape and direct it.

#### II. LESS IMPORTANT, YET HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT, FACTS ABOUT THE WORLD INTO WHICH JESUS CAME WERE THESE:

1. Worldly power had achieved its greatest success; for the Roman Empire was at its zenith of glory, its authority absolute, and the world lay united and prostrate at its feet (2:1-3);
2. Man's pretensions had reached out to the ultimate in self-exaltation; for Caesar Augustus had made himself god, thus putting himself in the place of God and demanding the worship of men (2:1);
3. Men had lost their sense of values, much concerned about the material things of life, but having no time, no room, no inclination for the things of God (2:7b).

4. Men were so spiritually blinded, even the most religious of them, that they could not even recognize God's Son when he came (John 1:9-11);

5. As a result, men were confused and held in the bondage of sin and fear. Their world was falling apart morally and spiritually and was desperately in need of a Savior (2:10-11);

6. Nonetheless, amid the general moral decay and spiritual blindness, there were devout and humble souls who looked eagerly for the salvation of God, who were willing to be used of him and ready to receive his gifts (2:5, 8-20);

7. Because of political, social, and economic conditions the world was physically ready for the spread of the gospel.

#### Applying the Lesson:

1. Wherein does our world today resemble the world into which Jesus came?
2. What are the signs of hope that point to a special moving of God's Spirit in our time?

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## A LESSON PLAN

Date: October 9, 1955

### Theme: BOYHOOD OF JESUS

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:41-52.

PURPOSE: To note the things that make for growth toward Christian maturity.

GETTING STARTED: Earl L. Douglas suggests that the keyword in today's lesson is "normality." And he's right. For everything that the Gospel record suggests concerning the boyhood of Jesus indicates that it was a very normal one; so normal, in fact, that those who grew up with him, later on, found it difficult to believe that he was not merely a man as they were men but rather the Son of God. Thus all the things that belong to the life of a normal boy were his: the fun, the laughter, the tears, the heartaches, the hopes, the dreams, the growing pains. All these were his—except one: he did not sin. And since his boyhood

was such a normal one, we can learn much from it concerning the influence and factors that help children and young people grow up into strong and noble and godly maturity.

#### I. JESUS GREW UP IN A HOME IN WHICH—

1. Religion played a vital role; for both Joseph and Mary took their religion seriously and instilled in their children respect and love for the things of God (2:41-42);

2. Love and harmony reigned, and in which there was the give and take of happy, normal family life; for otherwise Jesus could not have spoken so beautifully of love, home, family, parents, and children.

3. Neighborliness was practiced, for all his life Jesus went about doing good and practicing and preaching love for one's neighbors;

4. There was loving, yet firm discipline (2:51);

5. There was respect and freedom for the individual child to be himself and to follow his own bent (2:43-50);

6. Industry and responsibility were expected of every child; for such was the pattern in the average Jewish home.

#### II. THUS EARLY IN LIFE JESUS—

1. Learned the meaning of:
  - a) Love for God and loyalty to him and his cause (2:46-49);
  - b) Love and respect for his parents and obedience to them—obedience expressed most perfectly in his obedience to his Heavenly Father (2:51);
  - c) Disciplined living;
  - d) Faithfulness to the call of duty (2:49);
  - e) Hard work and of dedicated and untiring mental, physical, and spiritual effort (2:46b, 52).
2. Was led to commit his life completely unto God (2:49).

#### III. HEREIN, THEN, AS IN ALL THINGS, JESUS IS OUR PERFECT EXAMPLE IN HOW YOUNG LIVES OUGHT TO AND CAN BE LED TO GROW PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY, SPIRITUALLY, AND SOCIALLY INTO CHRISTIAN MATURITY (2:52).

#### Applying the Lesson:

1. Which are the most important factors in the growth and development of young lives into Christian maturity?
2. Which of those factors are we most lacking in today?

### SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON EDITOR

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# What's Happening

● On July 21st many friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. John Schilberg of Bessie, Okla., gathered at the First Baptist Church of Bessie to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. The program was in charge of the pastor, Rev. Jacob Ehman. Musical numbers were rendered by the Ed Brown family, Mr. Nightengale, Miss Carolyn Balzer and Mrs. Bill Lax. The pastor spoke on "The Meaning of Marriage". Many beautiful gifts were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Schilberg who have been associated prominently with the Bessie Baptist Church for many years.

● The Immanuel Baptist Church of Loyal, Oklahoma, has extended a call to Mr. Eleon L. Sandau of LaCrescent, Minn., a 1955 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., to become its pastor. He has responded favorably and plans to begin his ministry at the church on Oct. 16, 1955. He is a member of the Mound Prairie Baptist Church of Minnesota. He will succeed the Rev. G. W. Blackburn, now of Pound, Wisconsin.

● The August 11 issue of the "Baptist Herald" incorrectly announced that the Rev. Everett Barker of Newark, N. J., had accepted the call of the Oregon Baptist Church of Salem, assistant pastor of the Clinton Hill Church of Newark, N. J. The Bethel Church of Salem, Oregon, is continuing its earnest effort to secure a successor to the Rev. Rudolph Woyke, now pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

● Rev. Paul Loth, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y., since 1943, has resigned his pastorate and announced that he had accepted a position on the faculty of the Philadelphia Bible Institute, Philadelphia, Pa. He left for his new teaching position shortly after Labor Day in September. He and his wife will continue their membership in the Bethel Baptist Church of Buffalo. His change of address will appear in the next issue. The Bethel Church of Buffalo served as host to the Eastern Conference from September 1 to 4.

● The Rev. Edwin Kraemer terminated his ministry at the Bethel Heights Baptist Church of Gatesville, Texas, on July 31st. The farewell reported elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Kraemer served the Gatesville Church for three and one-half years.

He and his family have moved to San Antonio, Texas, where they are teaching school and where they hope to render some kind of missionary work, especially among the Latin-Americans of the state.

● On Sunday afternoon, July 31st, Rev. Elton Bleeker, pastor of the Jeffers Baptist Church of Minnesota, baptized five converts in an impressive service held at Lake Shetek. These and one other person received by letter were given the hand of fellowship into the church at the communion service on Sunday, August 7th. On August 14th the guest speaker for the day was Miss Marcella Carlson, a missionary-appointee to Africa by the Sudan Interior Mission. Special evangelistic meetings were held at the Jeffers Church from August 28 to Sept. 11 with Rev. Clarence E. Sharer of Anoka, Minn., as evangelist.

● The Humboldt Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois, has called Dr. M. Vanderbeck, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wis., to which a favorable response has been given. Dr. Vanderbeck has announced that he will bring his pastorate of seven years at the Sheboygan Church to a close on Sept. 25 and will begin his ministry in the Chicago church on Oct. 3. In the Humboldt Park Church of Chicago, he will succeed the Rev. George W. Lang, who is an appointee for the Cameroons Mission Field in Africa, and who hopes to sail with his family for the mission field before the close of 1955.

● The Baptist Woman's Missionary Society of Venturia, N. Dak., held its 35th anniversary program on a recent Sunday evening. One of the three charter members spoke on what the society has meant to them through the years. Candles were lighted to honor the 18 charter members, only three of whom are still living. Mrs. George W. Breitzkreuz of Lehr, N. Dak., served as guest speaker and brought the message on "How Jesus Honored Women". Mrs. Asaph Haas brought the secretary's report. Rev. Raymond Dickau is the pastor.

● The Grace Baptist Church of West Fargo, N. Dak., was organized at a recent business meeting. Mr. John Albrecht was elected deacon, Mr. Otto Bertsch the treasurer and Sunday School superintendent, and Mrs. Royal Diederich the church clerk. On Friday, Sept. 16, a council of recogni-

tion was held with representatives from the Dakota Conference churches and Rev. Richard Schilke, general missionary secretary, present. Rev. G. P. Schroeder has been serving as the interim pastor of the church. Attendance at the church services has been about 40 to 45. On a recent Sunday afternoon a picnic and service were held at Oak Grove Park with 85 children and adults present. The church is considering a more permanent location for its meetings and seeking a pastor for the field. For the present the services are being held in the North Side Grade School of West Fargo.

● The Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has extended a call to Rev. Harold J. Tietjen of Hammond, Indiana, to which he has responded favorably. He began his ministry at the church on the first Sunday in August, succeeding Rev. A. J. Espersen. Mr. Tietjen formerly served as associate pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hammond, of which Rev. Owen Miller is the minister. Mr. and Mrs. Tietjen and their two children are already living in the parsonage. Prof. Burton J. Marks of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago, Ill., was the interim pastor of the Immanuel Church. A reception for Rev. and Mrs. Harold J. Tietjen was held on Sunday evening, Sept. 11.

● Miss Eleanor Weisenburger, one of our Cameroons missionary-nurses, has been studying in the area of London, England, since June 1st. She has been enrolled in a course of midwifery at Hitchin, Hertfordshire, 35 miles from London. She will continue her studies and practice nursing in the London area until December, when examinations will be held and she will return with important British certificates to the Cameroons, West Africa. Miss Weisenburger was able to attend several of the sessions of the Baptist World Congress in London from July 16 to 22 and to meet North American Baptist delegates.

● The recognition service for the German Baptist Mission Church of Hamilton, Ontario, was held on Wednesday evening, August 31st, with the pastor, Rev. John Wahl, in charge. Among the representatives who brought greetings was the Rev. Peter Pfeiffer of Erie, Pa., moderator of the Eastern Conference. The church is located at North Oval and Sterling Streets near King Street West, Hamilton, Ontario. A more detailed report about the recognition service will appear in a forthcoming issue.

● The Central Valley Baptist Church of Donna, Texas, has announced that its pastor, Rev. Oliver L. Whitson, (Continued on Page 23)



# Our Denomination in ACTION

## Dakota Conference

### Vacation Bible School With 27 Children at New Leipzig, North Dakota

We of the Ebenezer Baptist Church at New Leipzig, N. Dak., enjoyed God's blessings during our Daily Vacation Bible School. Lavern Hintz and Lavern Roehl, students at the Moody Bible Institute, were teachers, along with Ramona Roehl and Shirley Okken. There were 27 children enrolled in the four classes. Mrs. Emil Becker helped out in devotions and handiwork.

On Friday evening the program was given with each class singing the songs they had learned and reciting Bible verses and stories. The parents and visitors then looked at the exhibits of the handwork that had been made.

Shirley Okken, Reporter.

### Plum Creek Church of South Dakota Holds Baptismal Service for Seven Converts

On Sunday, July 17, seven young people followed the Lord in baptism at Lake Hanson in a service held by the Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, South Dakota. Before the baptism the congregation sang several songs and the Men's Chorus rendered a special number. Rev. Willis Potratz led in prayer, and brought a brief sermon about the meaning and purpose of baptism. After the baptism Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson of Elgin, Iowa, gave a special number.

On July 31 we observed the Lord's Supper, and the new members were welcomed into the church. We rejoice with those who have taken this step of obedience and have joined our fellowship.

Mrs. Lester Jucht, Reporter.



Vacation Bible School children and teachers at New Leipzig, North Dakota.

### Thirty-nine Dedications at the Dakota Conference Youth Camp at Crystal Springs

An inspiring week of the Dakota Conference Youth Camp at the new North Dakota camp site at Crystal Springs resulted in many decisions for full-time service for our Lord and Master. Several responded to the call for consecration held at the Wednesday evening service at which our beloved missionary, Laura Reddig, spoke. There was no need of excessive urging by man, for each of the campers could hear the still small voice of God quietly urging and speaking. Several more responded on Thursday evening when Rev. Roy Seibel challenged us to say—"I'd Rather Have Jesus."

Sunday morning at 7:00 o'clock all who had before or at camp dedicated their lives for Christian service met for devotions with Mr. Seibel and Miss Reddig. Thirty-seven were present at this joyous occasion. In the afternoon they all were present again

for a time of fellowship and a sharing of favorite Bible verses as we met beside the beautiful lake on the camp-site.

On Sunday evening two more young people answered Christ's call making a total of thirty-nine. The joy of those who had surrendered their lives was radiated on their faces. Truly, there was the spirit of Christ permeating the lives of all present.

Ruth De Boer, Reporter.

### Vacation Bible School With 65 Children at Baptist Church, Herreid, South Dakota

A successful Vacation Bible School was conducted at the Herreid Baptist Church of Herreid, S. Dak., from July 11 to 15. The school began each day at 9:00 a.m. and lasted until 4:00 p.m. Four teachers graciously gave their time. They were as follows: Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Fenske, Mrs. Ernest Bischoke, and Mrs. Herbert Rudolph, with Miss Phyllis Quenzer and Miss Lenora Goehring assisting. There were 65 children attending.

Our theme, Sailing with Christ, proved to be a blessing and was enjoyed by all. On Sunday, July 17, we presented our closing program to a large audience. Everyone marvelled at how well and how much the children had learned during the one week. Many were interested in the children's handwork, which was on display after the program.

A mission offering was taken daily. This was sent to our denominational headquarters. May the seeds that were scattered, have fallen on good ground and in due season bring forth its fruit.

Lenora Goehring, Reporter.

### The Northside Baptist Church Vacation Bible School at Sioux Falls, South Dakota

We at the Northside Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., praise the Lord for two wonderful weeks of Vacation Bible School. We set our goal for an enrollment of one hundred. In the past two years our enrollment has been only 75, so we wondered if we had set it too high, but God blessed us with a total of 120 children.

The school was divided into seven classes with Mrs. Ruebin Gruenich and Mrs. Harold Weiss teaching the Nursery classes, Oma Beehler and Delana Saylor teaching the Primary classes. Mrs. Ray Harsch and Mrs. Elmer Westerman taught the Junior classes, and Darlene Hartman taught the Intermediates. Rev. Harold Weiss was the superintendent and was assisted by Mrs. Draves who took care of ordering and securing supplies.

Before the close of our school we had a film, "A New Heart for Donna," in which the plan of salvation was presented very clearly. An invitation was given after this and God blessed us with 45 souls for Christ. Many of these boys and girls come from homes where their parents are not Christians. It is our prayer that these may grow in the Lord and serve him throughout their lives.



Young people, pastors and guest speakers at the Dakota Conference Youth Camp held in the newly completed building of Crystal Springs Camp, property of the Dakota Conference churches.

On the closing day a picnic was held at a nearby park. The Sunday night following the close of our school we had a program for the parents. The church was decorated in accordance with the theme which was "Sailing With Christ." Mr. Weiss wore a uniform of a captain of the Navy, and all the boys and girls wore sailor hats made during Bible School. Each class gave a short summary of the things they had learned. During the program each of the teachers and helpers was presented with a certificate and a flower in appreciation.

Mrs. Elmer Westerman, Reporter.

### Intermediate Youth Camp at Crystal Springs, North Dakota, Attended by 165 Persons

From July 18 to 24 about 165 boys and girls from the Badlands, Central, and Northern Dakota Association churches attended the Intermediate Youth Camp at our new camp site at Crystal Springs, North Dakota.

The theme for the camp was "Fishers of Men," and during the week Rev. B. Edinger, Rev. L. Bienert, and Dr. R. Powell taught the boys and girls how they could be fishers of men in their own communities. The young people also learned many things about mission work from Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer, our missionaries to the Cameroons, Africa.

Not only did they have a good time in Christian fun and fellowship with other young people, but the intermediates also received many spiritual blessings from the devotional times, chapel talks, and the evening messages brought by the camp pastor, Rev. Bernard Fritzke.

Nine boys and girls accepted Christ as their Savior during the week of camp and many dedicated their lives to the Lord.

Wilma Binder, Reporter.

### Dakota Senior Baptist Youth Camp at Crystal Springs Has Registration of 159

The Northern, Badlands and Central CBY Associations combined in holding their first Senior Camp at our new camp grounds at Crystal Springs from July 11 to 18. Registration was held Monday noon with 159 registering for

the entire week, besides many others who came for the weekend and the evening services.

One of the main aims of our gathering, that of training for better service, had a large part on our program. Two credit courses were taught: The Art of Teaching, Rev. Lawrence Bienert, Forest Park, Ill.; Bible, Dr. C. H. Seecamp, Hebron, N. Dak.; besides two non-credit courses: Christian Growth, Rev. Roy Seibel, Emery, S. Dak.; Winning Others to Christ, Rev. Richard Grenz, Underwood, North Dakota. The mission period was in charge of Miss Laura Reddig, known to us as "our own missionary from the Cameroons."

Almost every minute of our time was taken up with vesper services, special meetings, evening services, camp fire and recreational hours. Throughout the camp music was furnished by representatives of the various societies and our camp choir under the able direction of Rev. Raymond Dickau of Venturia. On Saturday evening we had our talent night, consisting of solos, duets, quartets, and stunts.

The newly elected officers are: camp dean, Rev. Bernard Fritzke; president, Dorothy Michaelsohn; vice-president, Howard Fode; secretary-treasurer, John Kastelein; dean of men, Rev. George W. Breitzkreuz; dean of women, Mrs. George W. Breitzkreuz; director of music, Rev. R. Dickau; director of recreation, Rev. M. Wolff; camp pastor, Rev. A. J. Fischer.

Marilyn Saylor, Reporter.

## Northwestern Conference

### Radio und Missionary Programs and Youth Caravan Service at Elgin, Iowa

The CBY of the First Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa, presented a miscellaneous program known as "Teen Talent Time" over KNWS, Christian radio station, Waterloo, Iowa, on July 9.

Mr. Harold Johns of Oak Park, Ill., was a guest at the evening service on July 10. His colored slides in his illustrated lecture gave us a better understanding of the work on the mission

field, especially from the layman's viewpoint.

On Monday evening, July 25, a group from William Jennings Bryan University, Dayton, Tenn., presented a program of vocal numbers by a girls' quartet and testimony time.

On Sunday evening, August 7, a "Youth Caravan" went to the Dairydale Baptist Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to take part in the service in the absence of their regular pastor. Rev. H. John Vanderbeck gave a short meditation in addition to program numbers by the CBY members.

Mrs. Fred Schaer, Reporter.

### Vacation Bible School, Missionary Service and Church Improve- ments at Watertown, Wisconsin

Led by our pastor, Rev. J. G. Benke, we have felt the Lord's nearness and guidance in the ministry of the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wisconsin. A staff of 16 consecrated teachers worked diligently to bring the Gospel message through every phase of our Vacation Bible School to the 118 pupils enrolled. We are happy for six pupils who made their decision for Christ as Savior.

In her own inimitable way, Miss Laura Reddig, Cameroons missionary, captured the hearts of her listeners as she spoke and showed colored slides at our annual King's Daughters guest night. We were inspired anew to support the leper work in our Cameroons field which the Lord has entrusted to our care.

Our Ladies' Aid and King's Daughters Societies, respectively, are responsible for the new carpeting and draperies which beautify our church sanctuary and help lend a more worshipful atmosphere. An efficient new heating plant has been installed in the church, and the parsonage bathroom has been completely remodeled and redecorated. Upon completion of this project the King's Daughters Society surprised the occupants of the parsonage with a generous bathroom shower.

During August while the pastor and his family were vacationing in the sunny province of Alberta, Canada, Mr. Dave Nasgowitz of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, supplied the pulpit.

Elfriede Benke, Reporter.



Young People of the Dakota Conference Youth Camp at Crystal Springs who dedicated themselves for full-time Christian service with Missionary Laura E. Reddig at the left and Rev. Roy W. Seibel, 2nd from right, back row.



## Special Programs, Guest Speakers and Returned Missionaries at Baileyville, Illinois

During the month of July our church at Baileyville, Ill., has been greatly blessed by the special meeting we have been privileged to have. The Men's Fellowship sponsored a "Family Night" and a program of sacred music was given by the St. Paul's Baptist Choir of Freeport, Ill.

We were privileged to have Rev. and Mrs. Harvey Allison speak to us. Both are graduates of the Cook Training School in Arizona. Mr. Allison is an American Navajo Indian evangelist.

We have had a most blessed week with our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Asaph Tobert, and their three children. Our hearts have been thrilled as we have had them in our homes and have been able to ask them questions concerning their mission work.

Mrs. H. Renkema, Church Clerk.

## Vacation Bible School at Victor, Iowa, With Enrollment of Sixty-five Children

A Vacation Bible School was held from July 25 to August 5 at the Victor Baptist Church, Victor, Iowa. The school was well attended, with a total enrollment of 65 and an average attendance of 56. There were classes for children and young people from ages, 3 to 14 years.

The Evangelical Welfare Association of Chicago, a non-denominational Christian child placement agency licensed to operate in Iowa, was adopted as the mission project.

Instead of the usual program on the closing Friday night of the school a pot-luck supper was enjoyed. Opportunity was given for the parents to view the handwork and workbook materials of the pupils, and a short film, "David and Saul," was shown for the enjoyment and benefit of the children. The offering taken on that evening to help defray the cost of the Bible School was \$37.

Rev. Alvin Wetter, pastor, was director and Junior teacher, and Marcellus Langheim acted as treasurer and assisted in the Junior Department. Other teachers were: Doris Salzbrener and Kathleen Eggert, Intermediates; Freda Beltz and Raymo Davis, Primary; Edna McAdam and Elizabeth Muller, Beginners; Mary Bohstedt, Netha Langheim, and Maxine Fetzner, Nursery; Margaret and Sherie Daniels, Music in lower classes.

Mrs. M. Betz, Reporter.

## Northern Conference

### Baptismal Service for Eleven Converts of the Whitemouth Baptist Church of Manitoba

On Sunday morning, July 3, members and friends of the Whitemouth Baptist Church, Whitemouth, Man., met on the banks of the Whitemouth River under ideal weather conditions for a very special occasion. It was



Vacation Bible School group of the Clover Lawn Mission, a station of the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta.

here that the local pastor, Rev. J. Kuehn, had the joy of baptizing eleven converts on confession of their faith in Christ. These and four others were given the hand of fellowship and received into the church during the communion service on the same afternoon.

May God continue to use us as a church so that souls may be brought into his fold!

Mrs. J. Kuehn, Reporter.

## Anniversary Program of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society of Whitemouth, Manitoba

On Sunday evening, June 5, we of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Whitemouth Baptist Church near River Hills, Man., held our anniversary program. Mrs. John Kuehn, our president, was in charge. Several songs, recitations, and musical numbers were followed by a German dialogue. Our pastor, Rev. John Kuehn, closed the program with prayer. Officers for the coming year are: president, Mrs. John Kuehn; secretary, Mrs. W. Kretschmir; treasurer, Mrs. Grabke.

We have 25 members in our Ladies' Aid. During the past year we held seven Bible studies, five mission programs, four prayer services and five evening programs. A total of \$444.85 was received by our society of which \$220 was sent to Africa to the Cameroons mission field.

On June 7 we held a pleasant birthday surprise for all the women of our



Rev. John Kuehn (back row, 2nd from right), pastor of Whitemouth Baptist Church of Manitoba, and eleven converts whom he baptized.

Society and their husbands. Each woman was handed a slip of paper with a request for the entertainment of the evening. It was a pleasant program for all in attendance. Our motto for the past year was Revelation 2:10, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give them a crown of life."

Mrs. L. Knopf, Reporter.

## Vacation Bible School of the Clover Lawn Mission Station, Leduc, Alberta, Canada

A successful Vacation Bible School was held at the Clover Lawn Baptist Church, a mission of the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta., from July 4 to 8 with both morning and afternoon sessions. There were 29 pupils enrolled. Two of the teachers, Miss Irene Sommers and Miss Martha Wiebe, students from our Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, and Joan McKennie from our own group, did effective work. On the last day of the school a demonstration program and a picnic were held to the enjoyment of all present. It is our prayer that the precious seed of God's Word and the messages of song and stories will bear much fruit for his Kingdom.

J. C. Kraenzler, Pastor.

## Vacation Bible School in the Lauderdale Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta

The days of July 4 to 15 were packed with activity in the Lauderdale Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta. During this time the church held its Vacation Bible School. Months of planning had gone into the work with teachers' meetings held every third Monday of the month.

The Lord gave us a group of 14 consecrated teachers and helpers. These had their hands more than full with the children who came. The attendance reached the 114 mark. There was an average attendance of over 110 children. The lessons, taken from the Scripture Press series proved very helpful both to teachers and pupils.

The closing program was held on Sunday, July 17. The church was well filled and the individual presentations of the children proved to be a blessing to all present. We praise our Father in heaven for his wonderful opportunity to teach many children and young people. The seed of God's Word sown will bring a great harvest of souls in days to come.

G. Thiessen, Pastor.

## Ordination Service of the Rev. Victor Priebe at First Church, Leduc, Alberta

On July 28, 23 delegates representing nine Baptist churches of Alberta met in response to the invitation of the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta., to examine and then to counsel the local church as to the advisability of setting apart to the Gospel ministry Victor Priebe, a member of the First Baptist Church. Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, pastor of the host church, opened the service and read selected portions from 2 Timothy, chapter 2.

Mr. Kraenzler then stated the purpose of the meeting. Following this the letter of invitation was read. Rev. H. Pfeifer of the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton was elected as chairman and Rev. E. A. Hoffmann served as clerk.

After granting Rev. L. Bienert, our CBY Secretary, the rights of delegate, we proceeded with the examination of the candidate. Mr. Victor Priebe, the candidate, related his early training in a Christian home and Sunday School, his conversion experience and call to the ministry. Brother Priebe graduated from the North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls this spring with a B.D. degree. He then stated with sincerity and conviction and to the satisfaction of all present his beliefs regarding the doctrines of the Bible.

Following a question period, in which the candidate explained more fully some of the points which he had previously given, the ordination council withdrew for a short conference, during which time several of the delegates expressed their joy in hearing our candidate express his faith.

On the evening of the same day an impressive ordination service was witnessed by all who were present. Rev. E. A. Hoffmann led in the song service, Rev. T. Haire read Scripture and Rev. Fred Schimke led in prayer. The choir of the host church rendered two beautiful numbers. Rev. E. Link preached the ordination sermon. Rev. G. J. Thiessen gave the charge to the candidate and Rev. L. Bienert gave the charge to the churches. Rev. H. Pfeifer led in the ordination prayer.

The candidate thanked his parents and church for the part they had in molding his life. After singing the hymn, "I Would Be True," Rev. Victor Priebe closed the service with the benediction. He has begun his ministry as the associate pastor of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan.

E. A. Hoffmann, Clerk.

## Vacation Bible School at the Wiesenthal Baptist Church Near Millet, Alberta

July 18 to 22 were the days for the Vacation Bible School held at the Wiesenthal Baptist Church near Millet, Alberta. An average of 45 students were enrolled to study God's Word and enjoy recreational activities. Scripture Press material was used throughout the week. Visual aid material added much in depicting the various stories. Two memory verses were learned each day.

Those challenged with the duty of instructing were Mrs. Alice Meyers and Darlene Zielke, Beginners; Marlene Dojahr and Shirley Neuman, Primary Class; Verda Scheeler and Arlene Ohlman, Juniors; and Rev. E. A. Hoffmann and Maxine Ertman, Intermediates. The handwork proved constructive and included leather key-holders, bottled ships, pictures, and clothespin kangaroos pertaining to the story of Noah and the Ark.

A closing program was prepared and presented on Friday evening, July 22.



Young people of the Bethany Baptist Church, Lethbridge, Alberta, on a summer outing planned by the church.

Pantomimes depicting the various Biblical stories were the main feature. The boys and girls very ably presented to their parents, friends, and teachers the knowledge they had gained.

Shirley Neuman, Reporter.

## Third Anniversary and Dedication Service for Bethany Baptist Church, Lethbridge, Alberta

Sunday, June 26th, marked an important event in the life of our Bethany Baptist congregation in Lethbridge, Alberta. It was a wonderful day of many blessings for us. This Sunday was our 3rd anniversary and also the dedication day of our new church. The anniversary service started Sunday morning with Dr. J. Leypoldt as our guest speaker, who spoke to all Sunday School classes in the main auditorium. At the morning worship service an inspiring and heart-stirring message was brought again by Dr. J. Leypoldt, speaking to a congregation of 300 people.

The dedication service in the afternoon opened with the Calgary young people's orchestra playing beautifully under the leadership of Mr. K. Oelke. Approximately 500 people came to this service and many of the former members of the church were present. Words of hearty welcome were spoken by the pastor, Rev. O. A. Ertis. Rev. R. Milbrandt led us in prayer. Many

congratulations from former members, friends and churches were brought. The church choir sang under the leadership of Mr. M. Lemke.

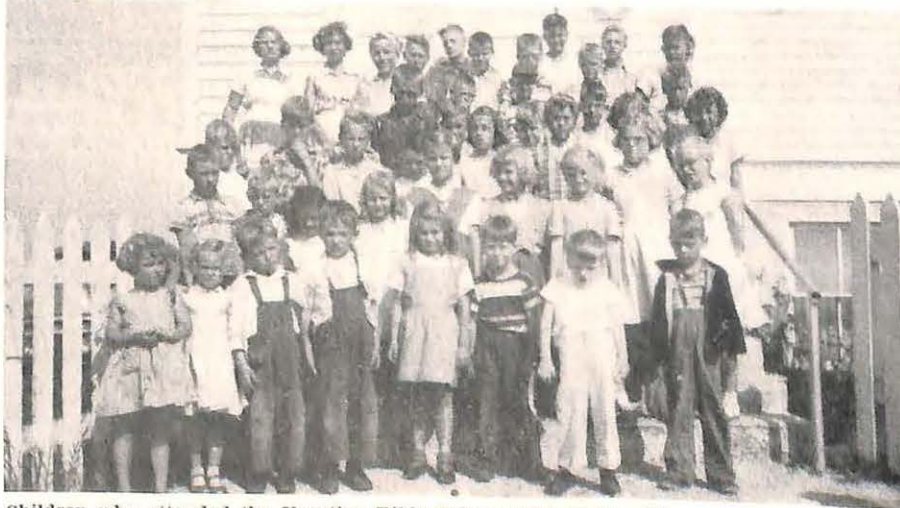
Dr. J. Leypoldt then climaxed the program with his fresh, inspiring and spirit-filled message on the theme, "The gates of the hell shall not prevail." The offering brought on this Sunday of \$705 went toward the building fund of the church.

We started the building on March 17, 1953. Our membership then was 97; now we have 228 members. The over-all cost of the church, not included pulpit, pews and communion table, amounted to \$52,000. The new church accommodates about 450 people, included the choir. The contributions of our people were beyond our best expectations, as well as the donated labor toward the building and household amounting to \$27,000.

We praise the Lord for his wonderful way of blessings bestowed so abundantly in these short years of work and services here. Three years ago we as a denomination had no mission nor church in Lethbridge.

Today there is an active, fine congregation with a wide mission field and a new church building, surrounded by 21 families who have their own homes and others, who are still working in Lethbridge. May the Lord keep us and help us to be trustworthy in his service under all circumstances.

O. Ertis, Pastor.



Children who attended the Vacation Bible School held by the Wiesenthal Baptist Church near Millet, Alberta.



## Central Conference

### Reception and Installation for Pastor Ervin Strauss and Family at Erin Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio

On Sunday, July 3rd, the Erin Ave. Baptist Church welcomed our assistant pastor and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Strauss and son David. The scripture was read from Acts 6 and the anthem, "Thou Hast Been Kind to Me, O Lord," by Rasley was rendered by the choir. The vocal selection "My Task" was sung by Mr. Edwin Schwer and dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. Strauss. The message, "The Christian Ministry," was given by Rev. Edwin Miller after which Mr. Strauss responded. Personal testimonies were given by Mr. and Mrs. Strauss, after which they were received into the fellowship of the church. The Lord's Supper was observed and the service concluded with, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and the benediction by Pastor Strauss.

On Friday evening, July 8th, a reception was held. Congregational singing, led by Mr. Anthony Perez, opened the service followed by an introduction and welcome of Mr. and Mrs. Strauss and David. Pastor Miller spoke from 1 Corinthians 3:9, "Laborers together with God" and followed with prayer.

Mrs. W. J. Luebeck, president of the Woman's Missionary Society, presented Mrs. Strauss a corsage.

The choir, under the direction of Miss Gerda Markowski, rendered the anthem, "Praise Be O Lord, To Thee," by Lee Rogers. Words of welcome were given in German by Rev. W. J. Luebeck, editor of "Der Sendbote." Rev. Edward Kary, pastor of the White Avenue Baptist Church, ex-



Rev. and Mrs. Ervin Strauss and their son David of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Strauss is the assistant pastor of the Erin Ave. and Parma Heights Baptist Church.

tended a warm welcome and he also spoke in behalf of Rev. Elmer Baumgartner, Manager of Roger Williams Press. Miss Laverna Mehlhoff spoke a few minutes on, "Looking into the future."

Pastor Ervin Strauss responded for his wife and himself, expressing their joy and appreciation for the Lord's guidance in bringing them to Cleveland. The program was closed with the consecration hymn, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord," and the benediction by Pastor Strauss.

After the program everyone was invited to the church basement for a time of fellowship, and a brief program consisting of a skit, special music, recitations and refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Strauss were presented with a gift of money. The Woman's Missionary Society also had a pantry

shower for them before their arrival. A new stove and refrigerator were purchased for the parsonage and also the parsonage was redecorated.

Pastor Strauss was born in Gronau, Westfalen, Germany, on September 2, 1926, and came to Canada at the age of two. Mrs. Strauss was born in Trochu, Alta., Canada. They have one son, David, who is one year old.

Pastor Strauss studied at the Christian Training Institute, at Sioux Falls College, and at North American Baptist Seminary. Mrs. Strauss also was a student at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton.

Pastor Strauss has served in the following capacities during his academic years: singing in the Master's Messenger Quartet, student pastor at Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, and pastor of Sioux Valley Baptist Church in South Dakota.

Mrs. Strauss, who has both vocal and instrumental abilities in the field of music, served as pianist for the mixed quartet one summer of the Christian Training Institute.

We are very grateful that God has answered our prayers by sending us a bilingual pastor who will also care for the needs of the German folk. We covet many happy and blessed years of service with Pastor and Mrs. Strauss.

Delores Ziemann, Reporter.

## Pacific Conference

### Vacation Bible School and Special Services, First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, California

A Vacation Bible School was conducted at the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., July 11 to 22. A fine staff of teachers were on hand to teach the 185 children enrolled.

The teachers and those acting as superintendents in the various departments were: Pre-School: superintend-

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## OBITUARY

### MRS. WILDA SCHIEL of Portland, Oregon.

Mrs. Wilda Schiel, nee Frey, of Portland, Oregon, was born at Yankton, S. Dak., on Sept. 9, 1884 and died at Portland, Oregon, after a long and lingering illness on Aug. 9, 1955 at the age of 70 years, 11 months, and 8 days. She came to Portland with her parents during her infant years and lived near or in Portland all the rest of her life.

On June 16, 1903 she was united in marriage to Theodore Schiel. One son, Clifford, was born to this union.

Our sister was converted and baptized under the ministry of the Rev. Kliever in 1894 and became a member of Trinity Baptist Church. She also held membership at Hinson Memorial Baptist Church but during the last years of her life joined Trinity again. She remained a faithful follower of the Lord Jesus Christ in whom she put her trust and for many years served as a worker in the Bible School. She now has the joy of beholding him face to face whom she for these many years beheld by faith.

She leaves to mourn her departure her son, Clifford; and two grandchildren; two brothers: the Rev. Theodore Frey of St. Johns, Kansas, and Charles E. Frey of Portland; five sisters: Mrs. Pauline Neubert, Mrs. Rebecca Kleinau, Miss Lydia Frey, Mrs. Otto Boehl, and Mrs. Rosa McAdams, all of Portland, Ore.; also many other relatives and friends.

May the Lord comfort all those who mourn her passing with the blessed hope of life eternal. A favorite Psalm of hers, Ps. 46, served as a text for the memorial service.

Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon

JOHN WOBIG, Pastor.

### MR. JACOB J. ROTT of Lodi, California.

Mr. Jacob J. Rott of Lodi, California, was born on April 6, 1882, in South Russia. In his early childhood he came to America and was reared and educated in North Dakota where for many years he was engaged in the banking business. In 1936 he came to Lodi and was associated in business with his son, Walter, in the Lodi Tractor Company. He retired from the active business life in 1949.

In 1906 he united in marriage with Eva Meidinger, his now bereaved widow. This union was blessed with five children, two sons and three daughters, two of whom preceded their father in death. One son died in infancy and the daughter, Leona, at the age of 21.

Mr. Rott was converted in 1918 and baptized on profession of his faith in Christ by Rev. August Heringer, and united with the Baptist Church of Napoleon, N. Dak. He was very active in his church life and served his Lord in many capacities. In 1936 he became a member of the First Baptist Church of Lodi. For the last six years he served as church treasurer. He loved the house of the Lord and was faithful in attending the services and prayer meetings. He was a loving father to his children and a good husband to his beloved wife. His words of appreciation to his pastor at the close of a service were frequent.

It pleased the Lord to call him into the heavenly home above on Thursday evening, August 11, at the age of 73 years, four months, and 5 days. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Eva Rott; three children: Walter Rott, Lodi, Calif.; Mrs. Edna C. Martin, Stockton, Calif.; and Mrs. Vivian R. Allen, San Francisco, Calif. He was the brother of August Rott of Canada, of Adam Rott of Lodi, of Charles Rott of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., of Harold E. Rott of Hackensack, N. J., and of the late Fred Rott of Lodi. He also leaves to mourn his departure many nieces and nephews, his church, and a host of friends.

First Baptist Church, Lodi, California

G. G. RAUSER, Pastor.

### MR. JOHN FREDERICK SIEVERS of Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. John Frederick Sievers of Kansas City, Mo., third child of the late Rev. John and Mrs. Marie Lundius Sievers, was born in Schleswig, Germany, September 9, 1880. He died unexpectedly, probably while asleep, of coronary thrombosis, in his apartment at the Ambassador Hotel in Kansas City, Mo., June 30, 1955. He had planned to leave the following morning for Marion, Kansas, for a brief visit with his sisters.

When he was but a lad the family emigrated to America, settling in Ellinwood, Kansas. John was converted at the age of 13, baptized by his father, and united with the then existent German Baptist church of Hillsboro, Kansas. At the time of his death he was a member of the First Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo., and served on the finance committee there.

The deceased had prepared himself for a life of teaching. Beginning this career at 17 years of age, he was elected a high school principal at 21 years. His major subjects were in the fields of modern languages, history, and education. From the University of Missouri he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and there he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. His alma mater awarded him an instructorship in German the year following his graduation.

The next four years were spent as graduate student and instructor in the East, two at Harvard University, one at Brown University, and a final year at Harvard. He earned two further degrees at Harvard University, that of Master of Arts in 1910, and that of Doctor of Philosophy in 1916. During these years his elder brother and several of his sisters often encouraged him with financial assistance.

For three years he was professor of German at Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia. In 1916 he accepted a position as assistant general editor of Heath's Modern Language Series, with D. C. Heath & Co. in New York, and about a year later was advanced to the general editorship of this series, which comprised over 500 titles. During this time he traveled extensively in an endeavor to establish a personal contact between the leading colleges all over the country and the publishing house, and came to know many leading educators personally.

In 1919 he resigned his position with D. C. Heath & Co. to take charge of the Downey (Idaho) State Bank which his brother, Gustav, had been largely instrumental in founding, and which the latter was leaving for a position in Kansas City, Missouri. During the summers of 1924-25 he felt free to give courses at the State Normal College of the University of Montana at Dillon, as well as to look after his business interests in Idaho.

The longing to return to his chosen field grew stronger with the passing years, but that longing was not to be satisfied. When, in 1935, his elder brother passed away, he was called to take a position in the Southeast State Bank, Kansas City, Mo., of which his brother had been president. He became president of the same bank in 1945. He was also a member of the board of directors of the Concordia Bank, Concordia, Mo.

A beautiful memorial service was held in Kansas City on July 2, conducted by his pastor, Dr. R. I. Wilson, which was attended by many friends of the deceased. A second service was held on Sunday, July 3, at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas. Dr. D. Edmund Hiebert, a long-time friend, conducted the service, assisted by the local pastor, the Rev. F. J. Knalson. A number of friends from Kansas City, as well as others from near-by towns, attended this service. Interment was in Marion Cemetery, Marion, Kans.

Those who mourn his sudden departure are the sisters: Mrs. Anna Schermersey, Miss Hannah Sievers and Miss Esther Sievers, Marion, Kansas; Mrs. Elisabeth Neve, Enterprise, Kansas, and a brother, Fred H. Sievers, Portland, Oregon; one brother-in-law; 12 nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas

THE FAMILY.

### MR. CONRAD HOLZIMMER of Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. Conrad Holzimmer of Detroit, Mich., was born Jan. 29, 1880, at Semelek, Hungary, and passed away quietly at his home in Detroit on Aug. 2, and thus reached the age of 75 years. On Feb. 20, 1902, he was united in marriage to Catherine Schilling at Semelek, Hungary. This union was blessed with five children, of whom three died in infancy.

Our brother had been sick for a number of years, but he was trusting the Lord. During his lengthy illness, he was faithfully attended by his dear wife. As long as he was able, he appeared in the house of God to worship.

In 1906 the family emigrated to Winnipeg, Canada, and in 1917 they moved to Detroit, Mich. Here Mr. Holzimmer received Jesus as his Savior, and was baptized in 1922 by Rev. B. Graf and thus became a member of the Burns Ave. Baptist Church, which in due time had chosen him to be a deacon for a number of years.

The funeral service was at Harris Funeral Home on Aug. 12. Dr. Dale Ihrie spoke words of comfort. The interment took place at the Forrester Lawn Cemetery of Detroit Mich.

The deceased leaves to mourn his departure: his wife; two sons: Henry of Detroit and Fred of our Camerons Mission Field in Africa; five grandchildren; one brother, Stephen of Rochester, N. Y.; and one sister, Catherine Hirsch, Hermanstadt, Rumania. May the Lord richly comfort the bereaved family!

Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan

H. P. KAYSER, Correspondent.

## A LIFE-LONG FRIENDSHIP WITH ROLAND E. ROSS

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favorites, among them "Where Are the Boys of the Old Brigade?" and "Still, Still With Thee". It is the words of the latter song which seem singularly appropriate as I ponder the sudden death of our brother and friend:—

"When sinks the soul, subdued by toil, to slumber,  
Its closing eyes look up to thee in prayer;  
Sweet the repose beneath thy wings o'ershading,  
But sweeter still to wake and find thee there.

"So shall it be at last, in that bright morning  
When the soul waketh and life's shadows flee;  
Oh, in that hour, fairer than daylight dawning  
Shall rise the glorious thought—I am with thee."

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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has resigned in order to give his full time to his teaching ministry at the Rio Grande Bible Institute of Edinburg, Texas. He has been pastor of the Central Valley Church on a part-time basis since 1949. This church, deep in the heart of the Rio Grande Valley, only a few miles from the Rio Grande River and the Mexican border, is seeking to secure a successor to Brother Whitson.

## JULY CONTRIBUTIONS—NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	July, 1955	July, 1954	July, 1953
Atlantic .....	\$ 2,619.59	\$ 1,597.46	\$ 4,203.49
Central .....	6,425.23	3,348.18	7,251.19
Dakota .....	4,587.73	4,365.22	5,396.10
Eastern .....	1,673.01	1,265.27	2,822.74
Northern .....	7,263.40	7,751.78	4,269.13
Northwestern .....	2,786.34	4,273.75	4,526.11
Pacific .....	4,807.72	7,811.86	6,269.90
Southern .....	1,522.83	937.70	2,447.62
Southwestern .....	4,764.78	4,284.63	2,669.91
Inter-Conference .....		51.00	

Total Contributions .....\$36,450.62 \$35,666.85 \$39,856.19

### CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of July, 1955 .....	\$33,182.66	\$ 3,267.96	\$36,450.62
For the month of July, 1954 .....	34,958.20	708.65	35,666.85
For the month of July, 1953 .....	36,889.16	2,967.03	39,856.19

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1955 to July 31, 1955 .....	\$145,777.77	\$14,841.75	\$160,619.52
April 1, 1954 to July 31, 1954 .....	165,920.87	3,546.09	169,466.96
April 1, 1953 to July 31, 1953 .....	173,929.74	10,097.76	184,027.50

### CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE TRIENNium

Same as for the "Fiscal Year."



## PACIFIC COAST REPORTS

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ent, Stella V. Adam; helpers: Sini Stabbert, Doris Littke, Arlis Grenz; Primary; superintendent, Ruth Kammerer; teachers: Viola Wright, Norma Wolff, Violet Rau; helpers: Laura Mantz, Diane Meyer, Marlene Neher; Juniors: superintendent, Mavis Wage- man; teachers: Minnie Mantz, Anadora Fandrich, Elsie Heitzman; helpers: Alma Rueb, Lorraine Dockter, Luella Kammerer; Junior High: superintend- ent, Laura Schuh; teachers: Marjorie Meyer, Arlene Dalton, Rev. C. Walth; helpers: Aline Schmidt, Milton Kam- merer, Marie Baldwin.

At the conclusion of the Bible School a fine program was presented. A mission offering of \$80.45 was laid on the altar.

A unified Sunday School and wor- ship service was held in the Elk Grove Park on July 11. Rev. Max Zimmer- man, director of the Mission to Shut- ins in Los Angeles, Calif., was the speaker at the morning service. Rev. Clarence Walth, Church Extension pastor of Sacramento, was the speaker at the 3:00 P.M. service.

Missionary Laura Reddig spoke to us on Sunday evening, July 31, tell- ing us what God is doing in the Cam- eroons. She also showed pictures of the work in that field.

Lillian Graf, Reporter.

### California Young People's Assembly at Hume Lake, Calif., With 371 Present

Hearts and lives were changed at the California CBY and Sunday School Assembly as decisions were made for Jesus Christ this year at Hume Lake, California. A large group of 371

### Appreciation!

The editor of the "Baptist Herald" has returned from the inspirational trip to London, England, and to Europe with its blessings of a restful vacation. He is deeply grateful for the splendid work that was done in the preparation of the "Herald" during his absence by the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, business manager, and Miss Evelyn Woodrich, the editor's office secretary.

M. L. Leuschner, Editor.

crowded the beautiful camp site of Hume Lake for the blessings that united them there as the assembly met from July 23 to 30.

As there were many boys and girls, Junior high, high school, college, and adult classes were held in four di- visions. The Primary and Juniors were under the direction of Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Bartel from Costa Mesa. After two morning classes, everyone joined together for the missionary hour where we were privileged to have Missionary Laura Reddig with us.

The classes were arranged in the following manner: Junior High Bible for the first hour and these electives during the second, "Personal Soul Winning" and "Problems in Personal Living." The High School and College had the choice of "Teaching Primary Children," "Teaching Juniors," "Teach- ing Junior High's," "Personal Soul Winning" and "The Spirit Filled Life." The adults likewise had the privilege of choosing between "Teaching Primary Children" or "The Doctrine of Sal- vation."

The following were the teachers for these classes: Bill Acton, Minister of Youth, Costa Mesa; Rev. and Mrs.

F. W. Bartel, Costa Mesa; Rev. Henry Hengstler, pastor, Los Angeles; Rev. W. W. Knauf, pastor, Elk Grove; Paul Jungkeit, Anaheim; Miss Martha Ley- poldt, Director of Christian Education, Anaheim; Rev. P. G. Neumann, pas- tor, Costa Mesa; Rev. G. G. Rauser, pastor, Lodi; Rev. Robert Schreiber, pastor, Lodi; and Mr. and Mrs. Clar- ence Twigg, Fuller Theological Semi- nary, Costa Mesa.

The evening service was truly a time of blessing for all under the min- istry of Rev. G. G. Rauser from Lodi. This was a time of inspiration for all. Something was always planned for the young people after the evening service, sometimes a hike, watermelon feed, moving pictures, and a good sing around the fire.

Much praise should go to our dean, Rev. Berthold Jacksteit of Anaheim; our president, LeRoy Grauer, Costa Mesa; our registrar, Paul Jungkeit, Anaheim, and all the other officers who worked so faithfully to make this the biggest and best camp ever. The as- sembly has voted that half of our project money should be used for California Church Extension work and the other half for our work in Japan. The amount to be divided is \$1874.63.

The newly elected officers are: Rev. Robert Schreiber, dean, Lodi; Leroy Grauer, president, Costa Mesa; 1st vice-president, Odell Davis, Lodi; sec- ond vice-president, Henry Walpus, Los Angeles; secretary, June Jungkeit, Anaheim; treasurer, Marvin Renke, Lodi; registrar, Paul Jungkeit, Ana- heim; camp hostess, Gertrude Berk- witz, Costa Mesa; representative at large: Glenn Fleming, Ebenezer, Los Angeles; Gordon Davis, Berean Church, Los Angeles; and Diana Meyer, Elk Grove.

Violet Rau, Secretary.

## CHRISTMAS ITEMS

Description	Order Number	Cards per Box	Retail Price	
Bible Verse .....	5519	21	\$1.00	Bible Verse Assortment
Sunshine .....	8555	21	1.00	Feature Assortment
Sunshine .....	8505	21	1.00	Variety Assortment
Sunshine .....	8535	20	1.00	Color Etchings Assortment
Sunshine .....	8955	14	1.25	Scented Folders
Sunshine .....	8905	16	1.25	Adoration Assortment
Sunshine .....	8705	16	1.25	Parchment Carols
Sunshine .....	8305	12	.65	Christmas Assortment
Children's Assortment .....	8105	16	.65	Children's Assortment
German Christmas .....	1055	10	.60	Colorful folders describing
Christmas Gift Wrap .....	8043		1.00	these cards will gladly be
(8 sheets 20 x 30 — 8 sheets 20 x 15)				sent to you upon request.
Christmas Story .....	4160		\$1.50	In these cards you will find the

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