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Cast Your Burdens on the Lord!

**A Vacation at Green Lake
The Outlook of a Shut-in
Little People Doing Great Things**

March of Events

● Rev. John P. W. Schweitzer, oldest active minister of Philadelphia, Pa., received a congratulatory telegram from President Eisenhower as part of the celebration of his 90th birthday. He has been pastor of the Corinthian Avenue Presbyterian Church for 62 years, believed to be a record pastorate. Mr. Schweitzer was honored by his congregation at a regular Sunday School service.

● The unveiling of a mural depicting the sinking of the U.S.S. Dorchester in 1943 and the four chaplains who gave up their lifebelts to others aboard lent unusual significance to Brotherhood Week in Pittsburgh, Pa., this year. Friends of Hyman Rogal, prominent Jewish civic leader, raised funds for the mural (the work of W. Dean Faussett) and for a "brotherhood room" in Mr. Rogal's honor at the Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association. Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Ryan, U.S. army chief of chaplains, was guest of honor at the dedication on February 19.

● This summer two of the nation's leading seminaries will join in the first major American archaeological expedition into Palestine since World War II. Last month President Robert Worth Frank of McCormick Seminary (Presbyterian U.S.A.) in Chicago and President Fred G. Holloway of Drew Seminary (Methodist) in Madison, N. J., jointly announced the expedition, which will be carried out in three phases during the next five years. Target site of the exploration will be the ancient city of Shechem in Jordan. The project will be headed by Dr. George Ernest Wright, professor of Old Testament at McCormick and editor of "The Biblical Archaeologist." Major campaigns in the expeditions are planned for 1957, 1959, and 1961.

● Evangelist Billy Graham will head the roster of speakers at the annual convention of Youth for Christ International, to be held at Winona Lake, Ind., July 1 to 15. Other well-known evangelists slated to speak are Eob Cook, Jack Shuler, Bob Pierce, T. W. Wilson, Cedric Sears, Jack Cochran, Carl Bihl, Joe Weatherly, Sam Wolgemuth, and Bob Savage. The new teen-age dramatic film, "Seventeen," produced by Youth for Christ, will be premiered during the convention. Another highlight will be the national high school Bible quiz contests, and the national finals of the teen-age speaking and musical talent contests. Thousands of teen-agers now are participating in local rally Bible quizzes and talent contests, later to compete in regional finals in hopes of win-

ning the right to compete in the national finals at Winona Lake.

● Morgan S. Odell, president of Presbyterian-affiliated Lewis and Clark College of Portland, Ore., was presented with Portland's 27th annual First Citizen award at a banquet attended by 500 community leaders. Coming to the then Albany College 13 years ago when it had a faculty of 14 and a student body of 135 and was housed in poor quarters in downtown Portland, Dr. Odell not only saw the college change its name but has led it to the point where it boasts a faculty

Baptist Briefs

● Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, of the Third Church, St. Louis, Mo., will visit Australia June-September 1956. It is expected that Rev. E. E. Gates will accompany him as leader of singing. Meetings will be held in country centers as well as in cities. Australian Baptists are eagerly preparing for this visit.

● May 17 will be a national day of prayer and repentance among the members of the National Baptist (Negro) Convention, U.S.A., Inc., as a result of the vote at its January meeting. On that date the U.S. Supreme Court is scheduled to render its final decision on segregation in the public schools.

● The Southern Baptist Convention soon will be the first denomination to present religious color television programs. The films will be about New Testament parables, but will be cast in modern settings. About 56 stations have already requested the 30 minute films for broadcast when they became available April 1.

● Dr. R. Paul Caudill, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., will be guest speaker when Finnish Baptists observe their centennial at Jakobstad, Finland, June 21-24. The theme of the centenary year is "O Lord, Revive Thy Work In the Midst of the Years." Finnish Baptists trace their history to beginnings in the Aland Islands in 1856. Dr. Caudill plans to visit other European nations, but his itinerary is incomplete.

● The new Memphis (Tennessee) Baptist Memorial Hospital consisting of two buildings claims to be the larg-

est Baptist hospital in the world and the biggest Baptist institution exclusive of the three units of Baylor University at Waco, Houston, and Dallas, Texas. It also claims to be the largest non-governmental hospital in the South, U.S.A. The plant is valued at \$14,150,000 but cannot be replaced at today's costs for less than \$20,000,000.

● "Impressing gangs," a group of young men from the congregation of the Temple Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif., are being sent into the streets of Los Angeles each Sunday morning to invite military service men to the services of Temple Church. Those who accept are entertained in the homes of church members after morning services, and brought back to the young people's meeting in the afternoon. Rev. Lester H. Harnish is the pastor of the Temple Church.

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● "Forward March" is the title of a booklet written by Rev. Joseph H. Heartberg, secretary, department of Christian Ministry to Service Personnel of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. Written for young people to guide them in their preparation for life and for military service, this little book is worthy of wide commendation and broad distribution. Published by the Judson Press and priced at 25 cents, it can be spread among young people at small cost. It is worth many times the price.

● Congressman Brooks Hays, of Arkansas, Evangelist Billy Graham, and Baptist World Alliance President Theodore F. Adams will speak at the annual meeting of the Southern Con-

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of 88 and a student body of 1,056. A new start was made on an estate at Palatine Hill. There are now 26 buildings on a property valued at \$2,580,900. All Portland knows that this achievement was made possible through the leadership of Dr. Odell, who in the award was characterized as "a man of great vision and courage, a fine Christian gentleman and scholar who inspires faculty members and students."

Editorial

Play Ball!

THE 1956 BASEBALL SEASON is upon us. The thundering words, "Play ball!" will send thrills up and down the spine of many an American as the accomplishments and records of young athletes on the baseball diamond are catalogued in the minds of young and old alike during the months ahead. This American pastime is a good wholesome sport; it is also a spiritual challenge to every alert Christian.

More than 25 years ago Dr. James Whitcomb Brouger, Sr., a Baptist preacher, pitched his heart out in delivering a sermon on "Play Ball" to more than 300 Baptist audiences across the land. He called their attention to the fact that Paul frequently used the sports of his day to illustrate the truth he was teaching. "Every man that striveth in the games exerciseth self-control in all things" (1 Cor. 9:25). To young Timothy he said: "Bodily exercise is profitable for a little; but godliness is profitable for all things" (1 Tim. 4:8).

In keeping with the theme of that famous sermon, "Play Ball," by Dr. Brouger, let us remember these truths even as we become excited about baseball averages, the leaders in the big leagues, and the name of the home run king. In the game of life everything depends on individual prowess, on your ability to produce, on your skill to make your influence felt in some clutching circumstance. The baseball player finds that everything depends on him to make that important hit, to swell his batting average, to drive home the game-winning run. This requires the blending of athletic skill and personal devotion to the game. In life it is just as important for everyone of us to spend ourselves energetically in the task to which God has called us, recognizing how "the Lord hath need" of each one of us, sensing the importance of everything that we do in God's Kingdom.

In baseball teamwork counts heavily. A baseball team has to learn how to play together. In life this principle is even more important. Everywhere we go we are involved in some kind of cooperative effort. We have to live and work together, always witnessing to Christ and magnifying his Name through our experiences. Many of our Christian churches and institutions would let in much more of God's sunshine if they could only learn more of this Christian teamwork. In relationships of life, especially for Christians, we must find the basis for our cooperative effort in all working for others and all together working for Christ!

In baseball it is a long uphill grind from April to October before the World Series games are played. In the meantime, each game is played as another step toward the coveted goal. Life presents to each one of us the need of energetically striving toward the goal. The Christian has a clear vision of what that goal is as depicted in God's Word. He must look unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of his faith, growing up into him in all things, even Christ. Unswervingly he must set his sails to that goal, striving with all his might to win Christ and his righteousness. Even on the baseball diamond you can be blessed with a sermon if you have ears to hear!

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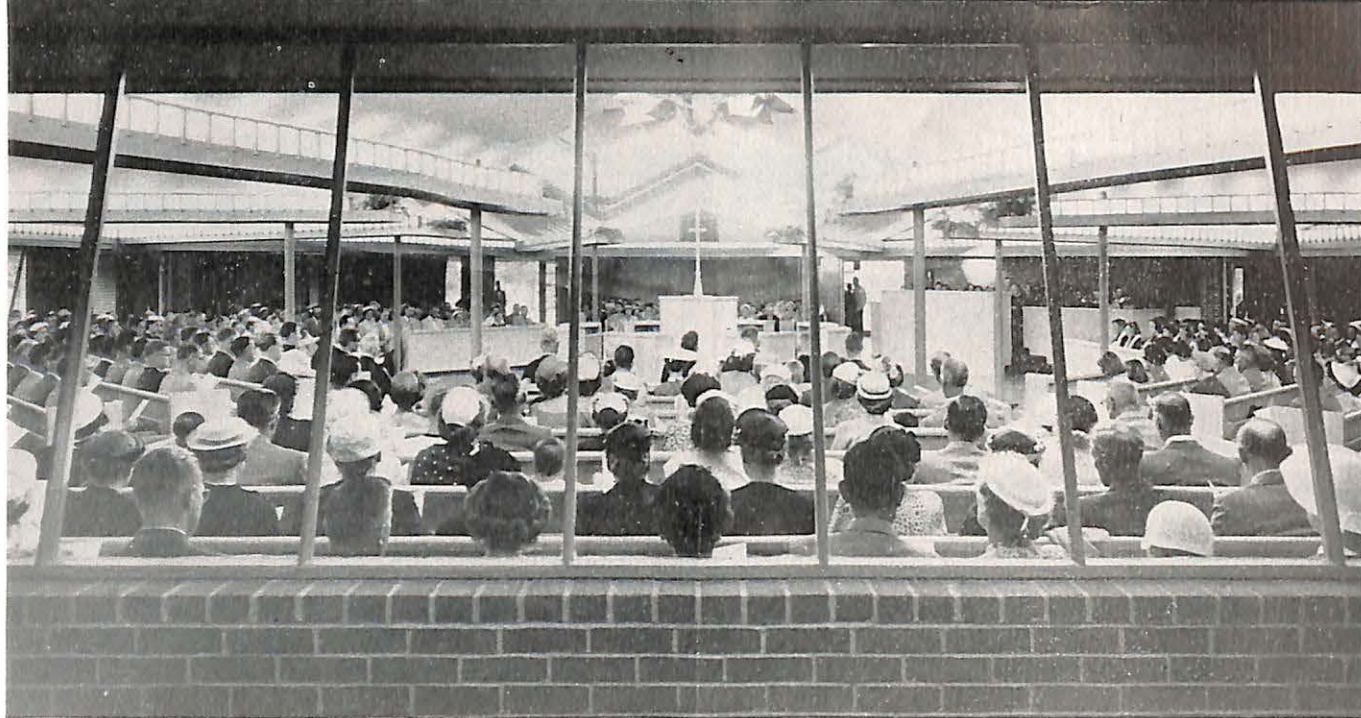
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Whatever else may seem important and necessary, these admonitions by two of our pastors "if they had only one sermon to preach" are fundamental to happy and effective Christian living and service.

If I Had Only One Sermon to Preach

By Rev. Leland Friesen of Emery, South Dakota

IF I HAD only one sermon to preach and I knew it were my last preaching effort, I believe I would want to say something primarily for the believer. To be realistic, it would be necessary to think in terms of a specific congregation, including both young and old as well as saved and unsaved.

It is difficult to conceive of a messenger indulging in "hell fire and damnation" thoughts at such a time, although a given situation might demand it. Jesus' last efforts on earth were largely informal teaching situations to the end that his disciples might be enlightened and prepared for an effective Christian witness. Therefore, I would feel it important to urge my congregation to consider these simple admonitions: Look unto Jesus, Live for Jesus, and Love One Another.

I. LOOK UNTO JESUS

Peter spoke a truth characterized by greater profundity than he realized when he answered Jesus' query, "Will ye also go way?" by the simple yet profound declaration, "To whom (then) shall we go?" Most of us like Peter find it easier to declare a truth than to practice that truth. We do things the hard way, seeking first to find help in and of ourselves and only finally turning to Jesus when all other helps fail.

Why wait until it is too late to learn that it is to him we must look for salvation, for where else can we find it? It is to him we must look for saintliness; who else can provide it? It is to him we must look for spiritual power; who else can release it? It is to him we must look for wisdom;

where else can true wisdom be found? It is to him we must look for comfort for he alone can apply the "balm of Gilead." It is to him we must look for a proper perspective for in him alone can all things be seen in their right relationship. It is to him we must look in times of supreme temptation for he alone can provide the power to overcome and the way to escape.

By looking to Jesus, we shall be fixing our gaze outward upon him who is faithful and able rather than inwards upon our own inadequacy and spiritual immaturity. When we seek salvation, when our load becomes burdensome and our road seems rough, when our future appears uncertain, when life seems so uneventful, when new opportunities confront us, it is good and necessary to look unto Jesus.

II. LIVE FOR JESUS

To live for Jesus is the only completely satisfying and rewarding way of life. It is what we do for him that abides for eternity. To live for self is to be robbed of any eternal compensation; to live for pleasure is to be satisfied for a brief time only; to live for fame and honor is to enjoy it for a season only to lose the glory from the Father.

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To live for Jesus is to make him our supreme purpose. We need to be totally abandoned to Christ. Jesus is to be magnified in all of our thinking, doing, and speaking, and all our efforts as well as our prayers are to be in his Name. We will want to grasp his plan for our life and make everything subservient to the magnifying of the Savior. Our lives will be planned with his purpose in mind.

To live for Jesus is also to make him the pattern for our life, walking constantly in true holiness and moral uprightness. Paul's supreme desire was to live Christ, who alone was his Pattern and Purpose. This is also God's way for us.

III. LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Then, too, we as believers should love one another. Herein lies the secret to effective corporate and individual witnessing. Our identification with Christ is manifested by our love for the brethren; not so much by what we say or do but how we love. God's Word reminds us: "Love one another, even as I have loved you. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." The insistence of Scripture is that the distinguishing characteristic of the believer is his love for the brethren.

It is grand to witness for Christ, to sing for his honor, to proclaim his Name, to teach his Word, to attend God's house, to give to missions, to sacrifice for his Name's sake, but the Word still affirms that love for the brethren is the truly identifying characteristic of the child of God. "Beloved, let us love one another, for

love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God."

We are to "put affection into (our) love for the brotherhood" (Moffatt). We need to keep the genuine Christian warmth available to all rather than becoming cold and formal. The warmth of genuine family devotion should be retained at all times among believers.

Human nature in the church includes those who are less likeable than are others, and love to be effective must be adaptable. We are not to cease to love in any provocation and consider others as objects of contempt when they are as much the objects of God's love as we.

This brotherly love is not a romantic love, for romantic love can not be commanded. Our love for God and love for the brethren require reflection and determination. This love involves the will; it is not merely a matter of liking someone. To love the brethren as God loves us is to continue to love, regardless of deed or unpleasantness. Those having God's quality of love find it possible to love the exasperating and unlovely brother.

As God's love for us is to realize his ends in our life, our love for the brethren must be to further in them the purpose of God. We should love one another even as God has loved us and so exalt his Name together and prove to the world that we are truly children of God. It is vitally important that we love one another.

Whatever else may seem important and necessary, these three admonitions are basic and fundamental to happy and effective Christian living and service.

Our Christian Life

By REV. A. W. BIBELHEIMER of Ashley, North Dakota

HAVING ACCEPTED Christ as our personal Savior, we want to grow "in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). The written and spoken Word of God is given to man by his choice and direction with a divine purpose, "that we might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God" (John 20:31).

RIGHT ATTITUDES

In our natural life we place our trust in those things or in those people who can help us as we strive towards our set goal. In infancy we receive the constant care of parents. In childhood we continue to be the recipients of their watchful attention. During adolescence parental guidance takes on even more meaning. This is

not only in home and school, but especially in the Christian life as well. We observe that the young people who were "taken" to Sunday School and to church services much more readily become Christians by experience, and these dear people will soon nurture their own faith in that which they have learned.

It is highly important in our Christian life to have the right thoughts and attitudes toward self, toward others, and toward God. Much joy, strong faith, and inner assurance come to us when we study out the biblical instructions and increasingly become self-taught as a result of Bible reading. The careful, regular reading of the Bible directs our thinking for and in our Christian life.

A CHANGE OF HEART

How can this be? The Christian life begins with an experience—a change of heart and mind. With this experience comes an assurance which supplants doubt. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the Sons of God" (Romans 8:14). The Scriptures are definite and clear as to assurance and experience. We are redeemed from sin, self, and selfishness. "He shall save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). In the first letter to Thessalonians this statement is made, "turned from idols to God."

Every sincere believer readily recognizes that he is saved from ultimate disaster and condemnation. Sin can not have dominion over us. Important as the "from" is, still more important is the "for"—for what purpose—in salvation. There IS a divine purpose in our redemption. We are saved for a reason determined by Christ. Our calling into the Christian life is important to God, to others and to our own selves.

AN ETERNAL ASSURANCE

To glorify God is the main reason for our Christian life. In Christian thinking and action we carry out his will on earth at it is in heaven. Further we are to join other Kingdom workers in worship and witness. Every Christian ought to read and re-read Acts 17:22-30 to get direction and assurance concerning our faith in God and his power and love. Not only are we to glorify him, to be his co-workers, but also we shall be honored to live in his presence eternally. Revelation 7:12-17 and other portions of Scripture teach us of the blessedness of our eternal abode and condition.

This is a great day to be a Christian, to live for him who has given us the calling to be a Christian, to serve as a Christian, and to live with him eternally.

| CALENDAR IN MAY | |
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| May 3 (Friday) | —Publication Board, Cleveland, Ohio. |
| May 10 (Thursday) | —Ascension Day. |
| May 13 (Sunday) | —Mother's Day. |
| May 14-17 | Northern Conference Ministers' Institute, Regina, Sask. |
| May 20 (Sunday) | —Seminary Commencement, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. |
| May 20 | —Pentecost Sunday. |
| May 24-25 | —General Council sessions, Forest Park, Illinois. |



—Photograph by Harold M. Lambert
"And they found Jesus in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all they that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.—And Jesus said to them: "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" (Luke 2:46-49).

"When Can We Go Again?"

The Story of a Sunday School Teachers' Retreat in the Cameroons, Africa

By MRS. JUNE GOODMAN, Missionary

FRIDAY afternoon! Only a few more hours of school. Then we will be free, but free to do what? Have you ever thought of living all year long where there is green grass, high mountains, bubbling streams and no place to go. The monotony of the color green becomes like the endless heat of Arizona in the summer or like the glistening whiteness of the Arctic.

ON THE WAY TO GOM

But if you had looked carefully up the mountainside just out of Mbem, Africa, on Friday, November 4th, you would have seen a happy group of teachers making their way to Gom for a Sunday School Teachers' Retreat. The walk from Mbem to Gom is three long hours up the steep hills, over rushing streams and through slushy swampy places. Missionaries Kenneth and June Goodman and Minnie Kuhn had gone ahead in the cool of the day. By 6:30 P.M. everyone had arrived, tired but happy.

Soon food was bubbling over the open fire, and the Sunday School Teachers' Retreat officially began. Devotions and games followed. Quietness descended on the camp early; everyone was tired.

The cooks, two school teachers from the Mbem School, awakened the camp with the crackling of the fire and the smell of hot food. At ten o'clock we gathered around God's Word for our spiritual food. Two study periods followed. "Teaching Methods in the Sunday School" was taught by Kenneth

Goodman, and "The Responsibility of the Sunday School Teacher" by June Goodman. Discussion followed and a renewed interest in the life of the Sunday School was felt by all.

By early afternoon with pants legs rolled up and rods in hand, everyone went down to the stream to fish. The water was rough but the young evangelist caught the first fish. Minnie Kuhn caught her first fish a bit later. Finally late in the afternoon five of the teachers surrounded a fish and caught it by hand. Some of them, laughing with the thrill of fishing for the first time, were caught off balance and sat down in the water. By evening most of us needed dry clothing.

The local chief sent a gift of meat for the evening meal. Then we gathered around the Word of God to feed our souls. Games for the evening were lively and at eleven o'clock everyone

said, "Good night" grudgingly because we were having such a good time.

ON OUR WAY HOME

Icy cold water greeted us early the next morning as we waded through the stream on our way to the top of the hill. As the sun peaked through the clouds and over the hill, we stopped for sunrise services. Picnic breakfast came next, and we descended the hill to attend morning services at our little church of Si on our way home.

"When can we have another retreat?" "Where will the next one be?" "Did you know that I had never gone fishing before?" "And it is a whole week before another Sunday School session, but I can visit my pupils today and try to prepare my lesson better." So ran the comments of the teachers upon their return to Mbem.

The Power of God

The story of the chapel at Mayo Solare, Africa, which was in the path of the Fulani cattle

By Missionary KENNETH GOODMAN of Warwar, Africa

"YOU DELIBERATELY put your church building here just to cause trouble with the cattle owners," said the angry district officer to one of our groups of Christians at Warwar, the Cameroons.

The Mayo Solare group of Chris-

tians did not argue the point but came straight to the missionary with their trouble, but not before a brief curt note had arrived from the district officer.

A few days later the district officer appeared at Warwar with his story, and his temperament had not cooled. When the records were verified, it was discovered by the district officer and confirmed by the Mohammedan District Head that the Christians had written permission to build their church at Mayo Solare.

SMALL CHAPEL

In early 1953 a few Kaka people, Christians, emigrated to the Mambila Plateau and built a small chapel at Mayo Solare with the verbal permission of the local tax collector. Later it was discovered that the church building was directly in the path of the cattle crossing. Wandering cows slept in the church at night.

So the Christians, together with the local tax collector, agreed to move the church to its present location. This time the agreement was put in writing and duly accepted by the Mohammedan District Head at Gembu.

This still did not seem to satisfy the young district officer who was



Some of the Christian teachers who attended and participated in the Sunday School Teachers Retreat at Gom, Africa, last November.

Mrs. Bender, Beloved in Africa

By George and Lenore Lang of Great Soppo, Africa

WITH THE CAMEROON sun beaming down out of a bright blue sky, the church bell rang out over the compound of Great Soppo, calling villagers and students to come to God's House. But on this particular Sunday morning, February 26, 1956, more than the usual number of people began to gather outside the church, the Bender Memorial Chapel, some on the steps leading up the hill from the "green" to the church door, others clustering about the churchyard. The occasion was the memorial service for Mrs. Hedwig Bender.

BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTES

When news of her death reached the Africans here at Soppo, they were deeply saddened, feeling that they had lost one of their own people. They began to make plans for a service that would be a loving token of their high regard for her work of more than twenty years ago. They invited the brethren from surrounding churches in this area also, mindful that many of the Africans there had shared in the Benders' work as well.

Thus, it was a long procession that was finally organized for the march from the tutors' quarters, across the "green," around the compound driveway, and up the steps into the church.

trying to carry out his duties.

"You will have to take down the fence and the hedge and let the cattle pass," was his final answer.

The Christians had written that the cattle were always allowed to pass through, but the fence was put up so that during the full moon the local cows would be prevented from coming in to destroy and litter up the churchyard.

A call to prayer was sent out over the entire area. The Christians knew they had a right to appeal their case, but they had been taught that the heathen court is no place for the Christian. This would have been a Mohammedan court. For a while the trouble seemed to subside. There were no more complaints from government. The District Officer was transferred and the Christians continued to pray.

HEAVY RAINS

The heavy rains came. The local cows at Mayo Solare ruined many of the farms, but a constant stream of prayer continually went up to the heavenly Father. In time past the cattle had not even used the path through the churchyard.

In Mambila the valleys near the rivers and streams are used for farming by the local people. The hill tops are used for grazing. When the dry season comes, around, the cattle are

MRS. BENDER

Mrs. Hedwig Bender of Pasadena, Calif., passed away on Nov. 16, 1955 after a very brief illness; at the age of 74. The obituary appeared in the Jan. 12, 1956 issue of the "Baptist Herald." She served as a missionary in the Cameroons for many years with her husband, Rev. Carl J. Bender, laying the spiritual foundations for our present great Soppo field. The Bender Memorial Church in Soppo was a memorial to the missionary labors and Christ-like spirit of both Rev. and Mrs. Carl J. Bender. EDITOR.

At the head of the line were two of the oldest deacons of the church, Sango Luma and Robert Mekamme. The latter carried a wreath made by church members from some of the brightly-colored flowers that grow on the compound. Placed on the grave of Rev. Carl J. Bender, just outside the church door, it was a fitting tribute to one who had loved flowers and had planted so many to beautify the mission station.

Inside the church, extra benches were brought in to accommodate the

brought down to the rivers and streams for water. Many, many times the cows are herded through the farms, compounds, and firewood plantations to get to the water.

The Fulanis are the herdsmen, the conquerors of 50 years ago and still fear no one, least of all the local Mambilas. Some are brought to court and fined, but it does not stop the wanton damage. Near famine is predicted before the maize crop is harvested in July.

But God sends the rain on the just and the unjust. "His ways are not our ways" and it has been proven with the little group of the faithful at Mayo Solare.

ANSWERED PRAYERS

During January we visited the church and had a real time of fellowship with the Christians. The compound and churchyard showed no evidence of damage from the cows. Down over the hill a large herd of cattle were slowly making their way through the area.

"Are the herdsmen now using the old trail to drive their cows to Durrofi?" we asked.

"Yes," answered the church worker. "During the last hard rains a great ravine was washed out below our church and now it is impossible for cows to get through, so they must use the regular trail which does not pass

visitors. Most of the Training College students crowded into the small balcony in order to make more room below. The service started about 9:45 A.M. and lasted until 12:15 P.M. Among the six Africans who spoke were the last houseboy employed by the Benders, and Mrs. Sarah Makoke Alfred, who had lived with them for some time.

"EVERGREEN" FOR NATIVES

Mr. Williams, an African who had worked with the Benders for twenty years and who is now a tutor of the college here, undoubtedly summed up the feelings of all in his briefly-stated tribute: "I saw Jesus in her!"

In closing, Miss Esther Schultz spoke, urging the Africans to carry out the work of Christ that the Benders began among them, not only looking in loving memory toward the past, but in glad service for Christ toward the future.

As the Africans left the church, the green-robed choir of Soppo women blended their voices in wholehearted harmony as they marched out of the church and down the path toward the village. It had been a service as lovely and as impressive as the Africans could possibly have made it, in honor of her whom they called "Evergreen."



Mrs. June Goodman, missionary with her husband, Rev. Kenneth Goodman, in the Cameroons, Africa, holding Gracie Nfor in her arms at the Warwar Mission station.

through the churchyard."

And so the Lord will have his way in spite of seemingly insurmountable obstacles.



—Photo by Jack Tracy

Mr. and Mrs. Joe White of Kenosha, Wis., height 42 inches and 36 inches respectively, and Mr. Harry Hayes, whose height is 6 feet, 3 inches, all prominent members of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kenosha, Wis., and zealous workers for the Lord.

Little People Can Do Great Things For God

By REV. EDGAR W. KLATT,
Pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church,
Kenosha, Wisconsin



QUITE FREQUENTLY Christian people feel that they are incapable of doing great things for God and their fellow-men because they have been incapacitated by being deprived of what we call "a normal, physical body." Two midgets, Joe White, formerly known as "Prince Tiny, the Magician" in vaudeville, and his helpful little wife, Dorothy, are examples of how one may overcome physical handicaps and serve God in a great way.

Since most people do not have the opportunity of knowing midgets as personal friends, and since some have actually never seen midgets, the writer will state just a few facts of what seem to him to be important observations from the life history of Joe and Dorothy, members of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kenosha, Wis. Joe was born on January 1, 1925, at Dorchester Massachusetts. While visiting near Boston, the family was in an auto accident, and baby Joe was the only survivor.

CIRCUS MIDGET

Placed into an orphanage, Joe became a ward of the state of Massachusetts and also spent time in different homes until about fifteen years of age. During that time he attended parochial grammar school and the civic high school. He took college preparatory work with the ambition of becoming a lawyer.

While in high school, Joe became aware that he was physically different from that of other students, and thus struck out on a course of studies to suit himself.

Born of Roman Catholic, French-Canadian parents, natives of Quebec,

and partially raised by Roman Catholic parents, he was confirmed into the Roman Catholic Church.

In late 1940 Joe went to work as page boy for the Statler Hotel in Boston, Mass., and in May, 1941 he joined the Ringling Brothers Show as midget clown. In the middle of June of the same year, he witnessed the burning of "Big Top," which was the main tent of the circus, with many children burned to death. It was then that Joe's interest in children was kindled.

In 1942 Joe went out with the Carnival as master of ceremonies, introducing the side-show acts. It was here that he became interested in magic. In about a year he acquired enough information to put on acts at school shows and at a few night clubs. In the vaudeville troupe he put on acts as "Prince Tiny, the Magician." During the carnival years, Joe said, "I possessed an inflated ego."

NEW BIRTH IN CHRIST

In 1947 Joe took courses in philosophy and psychology, trying to find the answer to life. During that time, in a hotel, he began reading a Bible, which the Gideons had placed there, to pass the time. God spoke to him through his Word, and the hand of God was being placed gently but firmly upon the life of "Prince Tiny."

During the latter part of June, 1948, Joe White with a group of midgets came to Kenosha, Wis., for a series of performances. It was after one of these performances that Joe, forty-two inches tall, met a fine devoted Christian midget girl, thirty-six inches tall, who reached just about up to his chin. Her name was Dorothy Anderson. Dorothy had gone to see the

midgets because she was lonely for people of her own size. She invited Joe to her home—a Christian home. There she witnessed to him about Christ, and then led him to her pastor, in whose presence he accepted Christ as Savior.

During the early acquaintanceship, they fell in love with each other, and were married August 21, 1948, by the Rev. North E. West. Following their marriage Joe White finished his contract with the show business and then returned to reside in Kenosha.

WITNESS FOR CHRIST

During the year of 1951 Joe attended the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill., where he took a course in Evangelism and Child Work to prepare himself for the ministry of child evangelism. Utilizing magic in messages Joe and Dorothy have ministered to children quite frequently, thus sowing the seed of the Gospel and seeing children won to Christ.

Joe White is regularly employed by Oscar Mayer, advertising his products over television, but his main interest is in spiritual things.

Dorothy is a great asset to Joe in the home and in spiritual work. She was born February 27, 1924, in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Her mother was a midget who died at Dorothy's birth, and her father was a normal person who was remarried to a normal woman, a fine Christian lady, whose spiritual influence has had a great effect on the life of Dorothy.

Because of her size, Dorothy was an introvert, but she took measures to develop her mental faculty. Upon graduating from high school and finishing

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Commission on Denominational Objectives and Organization

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Editor of English Publications

FOR THE FIRST TIME in more than a century, an exhaustive study is being made of our denominational objectives and organization by a commission of 15 representatives, duly authorized and appointed by the General Council at its 1955 session at Waco, Texas. This commission is reviewing and studying every phase of our denominational ministry in the hope that constructive changes and effective improvements can be made in the various cooperative societies and in the General Conference setup that will strengthen our service for Christ. The results of this commission's report, to be presented to the General Council and General Conference in 1958, ought to be the impetus for one of the most major and constructive programs of advance in our denominational enterprise.

MEMBERSHIP

This Commission on Denominational Objectives and Organization consists of the following members: Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, Brooklyn, N. Y., chairman; Mr. Harold B. Johns, Oak Park, Ill., secretary; Mr. Herman Bleeker, Alexandria, S. Dak.; Rev. Isador Faszter, Minitonas, Manitoba; Rev. G. E. Friedenbergh, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. Walter W. Grosser, Oak Park, Ill.; Rev. Leonard B. Hinz, Marion, Kans.; Dr. A. Dale Ihrle, Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich.; Rev. Louis R. Johnson, Waco, Texas; Mr. William Patzia, Headingley, Manitoba; Rev. John Wobig, Portland, Ore.; and ex-officio, Dr. Frank H. Woyke and Mr. Walter W. Grosser.

At the first meeting of the Commission on December 3, 1955, a brief explanation concerning the functions and duties of the Commission was given by Mr. Walter W. Grosser, moderator of the General Conference, and by Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary.

STUDY COMMITTEES

The important action taken at this session was the appointment of several committees charged with responsibility for making studies of specific areas of denominational activity. These committees are making a preliminary study of the field and work assigned to them and are reporting to the next Commission meeting scheduled for April 14, 1956. They will continue their surveys until they can report officially to the General Council prior to the 1958 General Conference sessions.

The following special committees were appointed:

Denominational Committee: Walter W. Grosser, chairman; Rev. Isador Faszter and Rev. Emanuel Wolff.

Missionary Committee: Dr. George Dunger, chairman; Rev. John Wobig, Mr. Richard Mulder and Rev. H. J. Waltereit.

Educational Committee: Rev. G. E. Friedenbergh, chairman; Rev. A. Husmann, Rev. Joe Sonnenberg and Mr. E. B. Streuber.

Publication Committee: Mr. Arthur Schwerin, chairman; Mr. Herman Bleeker and Rev. Peter Pfeiffer.

Welfare Committee: Rev. Leonard Hinz, chairman; Mr. William Patzia and Mrs. William Schoeffel.

Sunday School and Youth Work Committee: Rev. Frank Veninga, chairman; Mr. Vernon Heckman, Dr. A. Dale Ihrle and Rev. Louis R. Johnson.

Women's and Men's Work Committee: Mrs. Walter Grosser, chairman; Rev. J. G. Benke, Mr. Stanley Ernst and Mrs. Albert Reddig.

It should be noted that this entire denominational study is being carried out in a democratic spirit with participation by as many people and as representative a group as possible, as

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ishing a clerical course in the University of Wisconsin, she worked for Nash Motors for four years, and then for Quaker Stretcher. There, during a Youth for Christ meeting she accepted Christ as Savior, and joined the Immanuel Baptist Church. She then became secretary to the Colonel of the Salvation Army in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. After two years she was transferred to Kenosha, where she continued her work with the Salvation Army, and even now helps them out when the need is great.

WORKERS FOR THE LORD

Joe and Dorothy White adopted a little boy on February 5, 1954, and named him Joseph Charles. He is a

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well as in a Christian spirit to consider our work and our problems earnestly and prayerfully in the light of God's will for us as North American Baptists. Some of the committees are sending questionnaires to individual church leaders for information and an expression of opinion. If you have received such a questionnaire or a letter requesting data along certain lines, by all means give it your prompt and wholehearted attention. The people of our churches will be kept informed as much as possible about some of the results and findings of the studies that are being made.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY

It ought to be the responsibility of every one of us to undergird the work of this Commission and of these committees with our prayers. They have a burdensome task to accomplish as they make the survey, gather the facts impartially, formulate recommendations and serve the best interests of the entire denomination. The work of the Commission represents a sincere endeavor to learn how we as North American Baptists can best carry out our ministry of stewardship and witness for Christ.

tiny but smart boy at the age of three years.

Both Joe and Dorothy are zealous workers for the Lord in the Immanuel Baptist Church. Dorothy serves as secretary to the pastor, is director of the Junior Church, teaches a Sunday School class, and serves in various other capacities. Joe serves as deacon, teaches the Home Builders Class, and since January 1, 1956 has been moderator of the church.

Besides serving faithfully in the church, the Whites carry on Child Evangelism work, speak at Sunday School rallies and at different banquets, and occasionally speak from the pulpit.

In serving the church and their fellow-men to such a great degree, Joe and Dorothy White have forgotten about their physical handicaps, because they are aware of the truth that in serving their fellow-men they are serving God. They are translating Jesus' words into actual life, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:40b).

Our prayer is that God may give Joe and Dorothy White health and courage to continue their service for him in the Immanuel Church and elsewhere.

Baptist Laymen's Conference Program

Tentative program for the Laymen's Conference to be held at the Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 28-August 4, 1956

WE ARE HAPPY to present the tentative Laymen's Conference program in this issue of the "Baptist Herald." This will be the fourth Laymen's Conference. This year the Conference will take place in the main area, including the Roger Williams Inn, at the Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin. You will agree that an excellent program has been planned.

Posters, leaflets explaining the Conference activities as well as available facilities, with registration cards have been mailed to your pastor. Additional registration cards are available upon request. Write to Baptist Men, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois. Please register early. ALL laymen and their families, and ALL women interested have a hearty welcome. Note the fine topics and choice guest speakers in the program.

Make the Laymen's Conference part of your 1956 vacation. You will never regret the happy hours of fellowship and inspiration.

SATURDAY EVENING, JULY 28

Checking, registration and supper fellowship.
7:00 P.M. FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM Mr. Walter Pankratz in charge. Words of welcome by Dr. Richard Hoiland. Devotional: Herbert Pankratz in charge. Fellowship and refreshments.

SUNDAY MORNING, JULY 29

9:00 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL Walter Pankratz and J. C. Gunst in charge. General Superintendent, E. Ralph Kletke, Philadelphia, Pa. Children's Department: Teachers of the Assembly Grounds Staff. Mrs. Hollis Barber, Forest Park, Ill., in charge. Young People's Department (High School and College Age Young People): Teacher, E. Ralph Kletke, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Adult Department: Teacher, Harvey Fritzscheier, Stafford, Kansas.
10:45 A.M. SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE. Presiding: R. E. Engelbrecht, Waco, Texas. Prayer: Walter Pankratz, Chicago, Illinois. Special Numbers: Green Lake Choir and Male Chorus, Foster Avenue Church, Chicago, Illinois. Sermon: Dr. Norman H. Paullin, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
2:00 P.M. SUNDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 29. Social Committee in Charge.

7:00 P.M. SUNDAY EVENING, JULY 29. Presiding: Herbert Stabbert, Anaheim, California. Scripture and Prayer. Special Number: Male Chorus, Foster Avenue Church, Chicago, Ill. Speaker: Dr. Gustaf A. Sword, Springfield, Illinois. Former Baptist Missionary in Burma. "Can Missions Be Continued in a Revolutionary World?"

MONDAY MORNING, JULY 30

9:00 A.M. Chairman, R. E. Engelbrecht. Devotional Leader: Mr. E. C. Quade, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. 9:20 A.M. Bible Hour Speaker: Dr. Norman H. Paullin. 10:20 A.M. Recess. 10:30 A.M. Discussion Period (Five groups). Topic: "Can Missions Be Continued in a Revolutionary World?" Chairman for General Discussion: E. Ralph Kletke.

MONDAY EVENING, JULY 30

7:00 P.M. Presiding: Walter W. Grosser, Oak Park, Illinois. Scripture and Prayer. Speaker: Rev. Edwin Miller, Cleveland, Ohio. "Putting Life Into Our Local Churches."

TUESDAY, JULY 31

9:00 A.M. Chairman, Walter A. Bertuleit, Newport Beach, California. Devotional Leader, Roger Norman, Watertown, Wisconsin. 9:20 A.M. Bible Hour Speaker, Dr. Norman H. Paullin. 10:20 A.M. Recess. 10:30 A.M. Discussion Periods (Five Groups). Topic: "Putting Life Into Our Local Churches." Chairman for General Discussion: David Jenkins, LaGrange, Illinois.

TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 31

7:00 P.M. Presiding, Harry Geis, Okeene, Oklahoma. Scripture and Prayer. Speaker: Rev. H. J. Wilcke, Stafford, Kansas. "Bringing Christ Back Into the Home."

REGISTRATION

Registration blanks and informative leaflets for the Laymen's Conference at Green Lake, Wis., can be secured from the denominational headquarters, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois. Register SOON for the best accommodations.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

9:00 A.M. Chairman, J. N. Kittlitz, Waco, Texas. Devotional leader, Gus Beimfohr, St. Joseph, Michigan. 9:20 A.M. Bible Hour Speaker: Dr. Norman H. Paullin. 10:20 A.M. Recess. 10:30 A.M. Discussion Period (Five Groups). Topic, "Bringing Christ Back Into the Home." Chairman for General Discussion: Walter Pieschke, Detroit, Mich.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 1

7:00 P.M. Presiding: Herman Bleeker, Emery, South Dakota. Scripture and Prayer. Speaker: Rev. John A. Lavender, Chicago, Illinois. "The Art of Reaching People for Christ."

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

9:00 A.M. Chairman: Herbert H. Stabbert, Anaheim, California. Devotional Leader: Alvin Grauer, Corona Del Mar, California. 9:20 A.M. Bible Hour Speaker, Dr. Norman H. Paullin. 10:20 A.M. Recess. 10:30 A.M. Discussion Period (Five Groups). Topic, "The Art of Reaching People for Christ." Chairman for General Discussion: Bob Cherdon, Detroit, Michigan.

THURSDAY EVENING, AUGUST 2

7:00 P.M. Presiding: Harry Fox, Anaheim, California. Scripture and Prayer. Speaker: Dr. Frank H. Woyke. "On Guard for Our Christian Liberties."

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

9:00 A.M. Chairman: Edward Meister, Chicago, Illinois. Devotional Leader: David Weigum, Lodi, California. 9:20 A.M. Bible Hour Speaker: Dr. Norman H. Paullin. 10:20 A.M. Recess. 10:30 A.M. Discussion Period (Five Groups). Topic, "On Guard for Our Christian Liberties." Chairman for General Discussion: Lincoln Love, Erie, Pennsylvania.

FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 3

7:00 P.M. Presiding: Vernon Heckman, St. Paul, Minnesota. Scripture and Prayer. Speaker: Rev. D. S. Ganstrom, St. Paul, Minnesota. "This is Your Reasonable Service."
7:30 A.M. Closing Breakfast.

A Family Vacation at Green Lake

By Mr. Raymond E. Engelbrecht of Waco, Texas, President of "Baptist Men"

IF YOU HAVE never been to Green Lake, Wis., there is a real treat in store for you during the Laymen's Conference, sponsored by Baptist Men, from July 28 to August 4, 1956, and a most profitable vacation can be spent at the same time by laymen and their families at the beautiful Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin.

This can truly be a vacation for the entire family. At the Laymen's Conference the daily schedule is not crowded with business sessions and committee meetings, as is true at so many of our conference gatherings, and ample time is provided for recreation. You will find at this conference an excellent balance between family fun, recreation, relaxation, enrichment, and inspiration.

FOURTH CONFERENCE

This will be the fourth Laymen's Conference sponsored by Baptist Men. The last was held in the summer of 1954, which was our largest and the best on the basis of enthusiastic statements of many conference guests. This should be an even greater conference since many of those who have attended former gatherings will return, and those who have not had the privilege of attending in former years will want to have a share in the wonderful things that have been arranged for them.

"This Is Your Reasonable Service" is the challenging theme selected by the Program Committee. Each morning we will meet for an inspirational meeting, including a discussion period and a "Bible Hour" with Dr. Norman H. Paullin of Philadelphia, Pa., as speaker. A short service is planned for each evening with different speakers from our own North American Baptist pastors and some of the visiting pastors.

RECREATION FOR EVERYONE

All of the afternoons will be free for rest or varied types of organized recreation. For those who play golf, you will be privileged to play on one of the finest golf courses in the world. Others will find relaxation in a swim, playing baseball, pingpong, shuffleboard, pitching horseshoes and taking part in many other sports that are available. There will also be guided tours through the Assembly park consisting of some 1100 acres. Boats and other equipment are available for those who desire to fish or participate in other water sports. After the evening services there will be ample time for "get-to-gethers" in the snackery, for



Dr. Norman H. Paullin of Philadelphia, Pa., the Bible Hour speaker at the Laymen's Conference program at Green Lake, Wis.

moonlight boatrips or for a visit with friends in the large lobby of the Roger Williams Inn.

The Children's Center on the Assembly grounds offers a well rounded program for your children. They will not only be cared for but the program is planned to meet their needs.



An air photo of the Roger Williams Inn, the shoreline of Green Lake and the wooded grounds of the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wis., where the 4th Laymen's Conference for our churches will be held from July 28 to August 4, 1956.

In former years we have been meeting in the Abbey area of the Assembly grounds, but for this session the management of the Baptist Assembly has reserved the main area for our conference. All sessions will be held in the main auditorium of Morehouse Hall. Those of you who have attended former conferences will know that this Hall is within short walking distance of Roger Williams Inn. Lodging may be had at this attractive Inn (Hotel), which is located among many trees and beautiful flowers and on the shore of sparkling Green Lake. However, other types of accommodations are available in the immediate area. All meals will be served in the lovely new dining room at the Inn, regardless of whether you lodge there or elsewhere on the grounds and you will enjoy wonderful fellowship around the meal tables.

COME AND SEE!

"Seeing is believing," and you must see for yourself all that this place offers for a wonderful vacation! Green Lake has been dedicated to a "Closer Walk With God" and those of us who have been there have experienced the real presence of God. The worshipful atmosphere of the entire grounds, together with the wonderful program arranged for you, will enrich your spiritual life and will make this vacation one that you will never forget.

A Thought Starter

By REV. RONALD C. MacCORMACK, Parkersburg, Iowa

GOD IS ABLE

Do you believe that God is as strong as he used to be?

Sometimes it appears that we moderns accept only a God who is old, tired, feeble, and unable to demonstrate Bible power. The God who is the source of our daily strength is old—older than the universe—but his ability is "the same yesterday, today and forever."

As people accept the doctrine of a "worn out" God, they have no one upon whom to lean and no one to carry them to spiritual victory. They find themselves in the mire of hopelessness and defeat.

Worry is one result of believing in a little God who cannot handle the hard things of life.

A certain family gathered at the beach. The little daughter said, "Daddy, is the water over my head?" "O yes, it is," replied the father. "It is over mama's head and yours?" pressed the little girl. "Yes it is," spoke her dad. "But, is it over God's head?" came the final question. "No, my dear, it is not over God's head," answered the father with conviction. How true it is that our wonderful Lord is never submerged by the opposition and storms of this earthly pilgrimage!

Amid the problems and complexities, you and I must not be content with less than the Infinite, all power-

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Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, who will address the Laymen's Conference on the topic, "On Guard for Our Christian Liberties."

ful Lord of life and Master of the Universe. Have unbounded faith in him!

Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Evangelist

ASSIGNMENTS:

April 17-25: Bethel Baptist Church, Salem, Oregon. Rev. A. W. Wardin, interim pastor.

April 29-May 6: Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, South Dakota. Rev. T. Lutz, pastor.

May 20-27: Immanuel Baptist Church, New York, N. Y. Rev. A. Husmann, pastor.

WE THANK GOD:

While the nations of the world are locked in the greatest ideological struggle of all times, and Satan is

blaring forth his deceit through the microphones of false cults, how we thank God for true witnesses of Jesus Christ. In all of our churches we again and again find those of God's people who sincerely allow their witness to count for the saving truth of God in Christ Jesus.

PRAYER REQUEST:

God's accomplishments are made possible by your prayers. Pray now and ask God what he will have you do in service to him and your fellowmen.

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who make any effort to carry the pure gospel to them." This is the considered opinion of Donald M. Taylor, managing editor of "Letters of Interest," a monthly magazine published in Chicago by Christians affiliated with the Plymouth Brethren assemblies in the U.S. and Canada. Editor Taylor, devoting approximately 7,000 words (10 columns) to a rather comprehensive

study, cites many facts and statistics to prove his contention that "the American Negro is one of the world's most neglected mission fields."

● Norkey Tensing, the man who conquered Mt. Everest with Percival Hillary, is a Christian. His seven daughters are all enrolled in a Protestant school in Gangtok, the remote capital of Sikkim. One of the first things Tensing and his wife did immediately after his return to Europe was to visit

1956 CONFERENCES

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

PACIFIC—Grace Baptist Church, Kelowna, British Columbia, June 20-24, 1956.

DAKOTA—Bismarck City Auditorium, Bismarck, North Dakota, June 20-24, 1956.

CENTRAL—Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing, Michigan, June 28-July 1, 1956.

NORTHERN—Emmanuel Baptist Church, Morris, Manitoba, July 4-8, 1956.

SOUTHERN—Cottonwood Baptist Church, Lorena, Texas, July 13-15, 1956.

NORTHWESTERN—Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 8-12, 1956.

SOUTHWESTERN—West Side Baptist Church, Beatrice, Nebraska, August 22-26, 1956.

EASTERN—Neustadt Baptist Church, Neustadt, Ontario, August 22-26, 1956.

this Protestant school and testify to God's protection in his hazardous adventure. Sikkim is a semi-independent state which looks after its own internal affairs. Defense and foreign relations are by treaty, taken over by India, and the ruler of Sikkim is the maharaja—Sir Tashi Namgyal. The maharajah always accepts invitations to the school's prize-givings and other functions. His son, who was a pilot with the RAF, was killed over the North-West Frontier. The maharaja, who wanted a memorial for his son, raised the Christian school to high school status and named it after the prince. Until her marriage, the princess came down from the palace every morning to teach English in the school.

● The American Bible Society, citing emergency needs and an expanded program as reasons for their largest peace-time budget of \$3,858,000 for 1956, pointed with pride to 466,231,012 copies of the Scriptures distributed since the society was founded 140 years ago. The Bible Society's Council called attention to the critical needs for Scriptures in foreign areas. In Japan, it noted, a missionary edition of the colloquial Bible is required for students, farmers, and other low-income groups. Large numbers of refugees in Hong-Kong have no Bibles. In Southeast Asia, the Scripture needs of 20 million refugees are largely unmet. India, where the number of new literates is rapidly increasing, represents a challenge, as does the Middle East where distribution should be made to military forces, prison inmates, and Arab refugees. Adequate paper supplies now make possible Bible publishing in Eastern European countries, and in Latin America, where evangelical churches are active in the distribution of Scriptures.



Mrs. Katherine Riswig of Riverside, Ill., who was 95 years of age on April 5, 1956. She was baptized in 1884 and has been a member of the Forest Park Baptist Church for about 43 years.

THE OUTLOOK OF A SHUT-IN

SHUT-IN . . . I never liked the word—It held a plaintive note
Until a different view I got
From what one shut-in wrote:

"Shut-in?" she said. "O! yes indeed . . .
Shut IN from noise and strife . . .
But shut OUT are so many things
That cluttered up my life;

Shut IN are peace . . . and faith . . .
and hope . . .
Shut OUT are fear and doubt;
Shut IN are words and deeds of cheer
No heart can do without;

Shut IN my mind are memories
Of gayer, brighter years;
I laugh, sometimes, remembering . . .
Sometimes I yield to tears . . .

Shut IN are friends I cannot lose—
I hold them in my heart;
And tho' the miles stretch long
between
We never are apart!

"SHUT-IN" . . . why it's a blessed
word! —

When some day we have trod
On happy feet . . . to heaven's door
And be shut IN . . . with God!"

—Ruth Adams Belcher and
Revised by Dr. H. von Berge

The 95th Milestone of a Radiant Life

The Story of MRS. KATHERINE RISWIG of Riverside, Illinois

ON APRIL 5 Mrs. Katherine Riswig of Riverside, Ill., celebrated her 95th birthday. In North American Baptist circles virtually all Chicagoland celebrated this wonderful birthday with her, for Mrs. Riswig is well known for her radiant Christian witness and genial friendliness. Until a few years ago she attended most of the services of the Forest Park Baptist Church and all the special women's meetings and Baptist programs in the Chicago area. Even now in her 96th year she reads our denominational publications "from cover to cover," remembers all the pastors, secretaries and leaders in her prayers, and keeps in touch with all important events in the Chicago churches.

Mrs. Riswig, as Katherine Rahn, was baptized in January 1884 in a mission church of Chicago by Rev. Franz Friedrich. Two years later, in 1886 she became a charter member of the Grace Baptist Church, which grew out of the mission, and she is now the only charter member of that church still living. For the past 43 years she

has been a member of the Forest Park Baptist Church.

On Sunday, April 8, the Forest Park Church celebrated her birthday with special recognition given to Mrs. Riswig who was able to be present. Both the church choir and the German choir sang several numbers in her honor. She has always been a great friend of music and has specially loved the familiar Gospel hymns of the church.

She lives at present with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Krogman. Another daughter is Mrs. Lena Sameit of Chicago, Illinois. The picture of Mrs. Riswig that accompanies this report was taken last year by the "Riverside News."

All of her many friends join with others in the "Baptist Herald" family in extending sincerest congratulations to Mrs. Riswig on her 95th birthday and wishing for her the brightest sunshine of God's Presence on her golden pilgrimage of life! Her address is 225 Olmstead Road, Riverside, Illinois.

M. L. Leuschner, Reporter.

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke
April 19—Christian Training Institute Board, Edmonton, Alberta.
April 22 (Sunday)—McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
Church Extension services.

Rev. R. Schilke
April 24-26—Annual meetings for General Missionary Committee, Forest Park, Illinois.

Rev. J. C. Forest
April 19 (Thursday) — Temple Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta.
April 29 (Sunday A.M.)—Jeffers, Minnesota.
April 29 (Sunday Afternoon)—Rally of Minnesota Woman's Missionary Union, Jeffers, Minn.

Rev. G. K. Zimmerman
April 19 (Thursday)—Chicago Area Sunday School Association at Grace Baptist Church.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner
April 20 (Friday) — Evergreen Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. (75th Anniversary Program).
April 22 (Sunday P.M.)—Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
May 6 (Sunday) — First Baptist Church, Center Line, Michigan.

SEMINARY, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA

April 24-25 (Tuesday Noon through Wednesday Morning) — Spring

Convocation. Dr. William A. Mueller, Professor of Philosophy of Religion at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., Guest Speaker.

IMPORTANT APRIL DATES

April 19—Session of the Christian Training Institute Board, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

April 20-22—75th Anniversary Program, Evergreen Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. Speakers: Rev. Alfred Bernadt, Dr. Walter Macosky, Rev. Robert Zimbelman, Dr. William J. Appel, Dr. M. L. Leuschner.

April 24-26—Sessions of the General Missionary Committee, Forest Park, Illinois.

April 26 (P.M.)—Church Extension Committee meeting, Forest Park, Illinois.

April 27-28—Seminary Board meetings, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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We...the Women

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

INTRODUCTION

Is a Women's Worker in the Cameroons, Africa, a practical thing? Should she be a single girl or a married lady?

These are the questions that have come to us the past triennium. Read Mrs. Paul Gebauer's report of the women's session at the last annual Missionary Conference in the Cameroons and see what they think about it.

WOMEN'S WORK IN THE CAMEROONS

By MRS. CLARA GEBAUER, Bamenda, Africa

Over the years we have come to look forward to our annual Missionary Conference as an opportunity to discuss together the various phases of our missionary effort, to exchange ideas and gather new ones, to profit by the experiences of others and to find the answers to many questions. Nor did this conference, held in December 1955, disappoint us. We left feeling we had gained a broader, clearer vision of our challenge and an eagerness to put into practice some of the ideas gained.

At this 1955 session Chairman Esther Schultz allowed us more time than usual for "Women's Work" and we found our session most profitable. Edna Chaffee, as chairman of "Women's Work," was in charge of the program. She opened our meeting with a progress report on the activities of the various groups from the coast inland.

We were then entertained by a humorous skit intended to prove the impracticability of insisting on a married woman as "Women's Worker" since she is much too busy being her husband's secretary and her children's school teacher! What a change in attitude in three years!

REVEALING RESEARCH

From this lighter mood Lois Ahrens took us into a serious and most enlightening study of the structure and purpose of native women's societies in relation to the establishing of autonomous Baptist women's groups. We are deeply indebted to Lois for this revealing bit of research for a number of reasons. The intricate, highly organized pattern of native society will give to any one of us, willing to give time to its study, a new respect for the innate intelligence of what we so glibly refer to as "primitive" people.

Not only has Lois's study shown us what we ought to do in acquainting

ourselves more thoroughly with the native life of our area, especially the less obvious activities of the women, but it also shows us the useful adaptations that can often be made by us if we are aware of the structure and function of native organizations. Lois brought out the parallels that might be drawn and especially in the form of the organization of our groups, such as the use of Women's Council as the governing body instead of our arbitrary imposition of the western custom of president, vice-president, secretary, etc. Another benefit of Mrs. E. Ahrens' contribution was to show us again that to be of value to our women, our programs must be flexible enough to meet the specific needs of a specific group and should be planned in relation to the familiar pattern of life of that people.

On our larger stations our weekly women's meetings are composed of a conglomerate group of tribes and faiths creating a peculiar problem for the leader. In the light of this, Mrs. Chaffee had assigned the reporter to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of working with such a mixed group. Some of our women have felt that our women's meetings laid too much stress on the domestic side and not enough on deep concentrated Bible study and that a mixed group limited such a program.

In my own experience I have felt no conflict of purpose. In the African society, as we find it, religion has always permeated all phases of life. We should not destroy this by separating Bible study from its direct application to everyday life.

WITNESSING TO WOMEN

Christ came that they might have life and have it more abundantly. Our first and foremost aim is to introduce our women to Christ as their Savior and then to guide them into a full life in him. Neither the Bible study nor the domestic lessons should be taught as an end in themselves but together as a means to a better and fuller Christian home life. Our weekly meetings are our golden opportunity of "witnessing" and should be kept open to all women who are willing to listen to our message.

Our domestic lessons attract women of all faiths—Protestant, pagans, Catholics, and Mohammedans—who are not so easily reached by our Sunday School and church services. If the devotional period of the weekly meeting is done in the spirit of witnessing to what Christ has done in our lives and

not in the spirit of proselyting, then no feeling of antagonism is aroused but a warmth of Christian love is felt.

In our discussions we also considered some of our problems and questions that should concern us, such as the training program for native women's workers, which might be done through the women's department of our Bible School in the form of short courses in village visitation and personal evangelism. Also a survey might be taken of the girls who have gone through our schools: where they are; if married, have they established Christian homes; are they active in their local Baptist churches; just what influence is felt from their contact with us through our schools? What can we hope for in the line of help from pastors' and church teachers' wives who are now in training in Bible School?

It was inevitable that our home discussion should bring up a re-emphasis of our need for a full-time worker. Ever since Verna Ganstrom left us, Edna Chaffee, busy woman that she is, has carried on unselfishly as chairman of our women's work. On each station the work is carried on as before, usually by the wife of the station manager or, in her absence, most admirably by the school managers and nurses. On the little out-stations in the bush where there is no missionary, the church teachers often attempt to carry on, perhaps with limited insight but with sincerity. But there is no question but that everyone connected in any way with our missionary effort—from Edna Chaffee down to the most illiterate deacons in the native church—is aware of the vital necessity of building for the future through the Christian home, family, and mothers.

FUTURE WORKER, TINA SCHMIDT

So with this in mind, we discussed the possibility of filling again that position which you so generously created four years ago of a full-time Women's Worker, who through constant itineration would coordinate our efforts, keep in mind the overall view, become the clearing house for ideas and be advisor to all. Finding this not feasible for the first half of this year, the women expressed their preference in a recommendation to the Field Committee that Lois Ahrens act as interim chairman of women's work until such time as Tina Schmidt will be free to become full-time Women's Worker.

The Christian woman and her home will prove the only bulwark of moral strength and spiritual influence in this changing, storm-tossed sea of the African's society of today. At least we have not lost sight of our goal and its importance in relation to our overall work. We can strive for no mightier goal than consecrated Christian Womanhood and Christian Homes!



Sunday School Union

By REV. G. K. ZIMMERMAN, General Secretary

LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE CHURCH

By Miss AUDREY MILLER, Christian Education Director, Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

A GLANCE at the world about us is sufficient to show the crying need for Christian leadership.

There are eager-eyed children needing to be led, alert young people standing at the crossroads of life, and confused adults seeking guidance in a disturbed world. What are we as North American Baptist churches doing about helping these people? Are we giving them the guidance they need? Above all, are we winning them to Christ?

Statistics show that 85 per cent of those who join our Baptist churches come from the group who attend Sunday Church School. Many more could be won and held for Christ and the church, if every teacher and worker were a well-trained, consecrated Christian leader.

Too many prospective Christians are lost to the church before reaching the age of 21. Too many who have publicly confessed their faith have slipped easily into the old attitudes. The church needs additional leadership desperately, both for outreach and counselling within.

The will to be an effective teacher or leader is not always enough. Lack of training will often spoil the best intentions.

About one-third of our workers in the church school are new on the job each year, and they are given assignments without previous training. Many do not, in a year's time, read a single book or magazine related specifically to their work. Many do not attend Workers' Conferences, institutes or conventions. The majority never attend a camp, an assembly or laboratory training school.

Since such a situation prevails in our churches, we must do something about it—and fast. I firmly believe that leadership education must become a definite part of the total program of our local Baptist churches. Leadership education is not only to secure additional leadership and train them, but it is also necessary to develop the persons who now carry on the program of the church.

We at Pilgrim Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pa., have been concerned about the leadership within our church. We have realized that if our workers are expected to develop their talents, the church must make

sure that opportunities for training are provided.

The question of when and how the local church may best take advantage of its opportunities for developing a strong leadership education program leads to a number of possibilities. The following are suggestions which we have tried at Pilgrim Church within the last year and have found very satisfactory.

1. WEEK NIGHT CLASS

In the spring of last year, Dr. C. Adrian Heaton, Professor of Christian Education at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, taught a course on "Methods." This class met for ten Tuesday evenings with one and one-half hours of class sessions each night. The following areas were discussed among our workers: organization and planning, recruiting leadership, lesson planning, learning experiences, developing skills and understandings, problem solving, and the place of the Bible in our churches. This course proved to be helpful and stimulating to all our workers.

2. VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Last summer we had a training class as part of our regular Vacation Church School. It was open to all high school students and those teachers who felt they needed training. Our pastor, Rev. W. C. Damrau, taught the class. One great advantage we found in this arrangement was that the Vacation Church School became an observation-practice school for the workers in training.

3. A SUNDAY MORNING CLASS

At the present time we are conducting a class for teachers and leaders as part of the regular Sunday Church School. Mr. Bill McLatchie, a graduate student at Dropsie College, is teaching the course. He is teaching an introductory course in Old Testament. We have found that this arrangement has the advantage of using the regular morning session of the Sunday Church School for this type of training.

Many churches have used this type of training. Some experts speak of the Sunday morning class as one of the best opportunities for training.

4. MONTHLY WORKER'S CONFERENCES

This valuable monthly gathering, which is rapidly gaining significance in the life of our churches, is a whole training institution in itself. At Pilgrim Church we are making this part

of our program. For this year we are using the first three points of our Sunday School Standard, namely: A Growing School, A Bible School, and An Evangelistic School. At our first meeting last fall we evaluated our departments according to the three standards. These records were kept, and the entire school will be evaluated again at the end of the year. At our monthly meetings we are taking each Standard separately and discussing it in relation to our church school, and what can be done to improve our situation.

5. ATLANTIC S.S. WORKERS' CONFERENCE

The Atlantic Sunday School Workers' Conference which was held at Pilgrim Church on January 17th was very successful. Two of our denominational men were with us, Rev. G. K. Zimmerman and Rev. J. C. Gunst. This conference was one of the best conferences I have ever attended. It gave all of us a clearer understanding of the unified church program of Christian Education, the need of each leader for spiritual awareness and power, a love for and knowledge of the Bible, the importance of visitation, the value of Monthly Workers' Conferences and lesson planning. Conferences of this nature have been conducted in many of our churches.

Other opportunities for developing a strong leadership education program might include:

1. Assemblies, Camps, and Conferences

Urge your people to attend them and help finance them.

2. Demonstration of good leadership.

Have a competent teacher show your teachers how it is done.

3. Laboratory schools

Send leaders to a laboratory school.

4. Community schools

Visit other schools in the community where good teaching methods prevail.

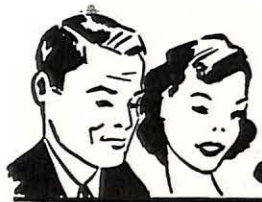
5. Denominational Workers

Make use of denominational workers if they are in your area.

6. Local church library

Every church should have a developing library, if possible, so that the workers may be able to do some studying at home.

Our churches today are suffering desperately because there are too few well-trained leaders. Without a sufficient number of consecrated leaders with adequate training, there is little hope that anything fruitful is going to happen. It is our responsibility as pastors, superintendents, directors of Christian Education and other leaders of the local church to evaluate our program in order that we might reach the many who are lost for Christ.



Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: April 29, 1956

Theme: **THE CHURCH REACHES OUT**

Scripture: Acts 8:4-40

The Central Truth: The Church of Jesus Christ must reach out or die out.

Introduction: The missionary church is the growing church. We cannot enjoy the Gospel of Jesus unless we share it. These early Christians did not have much time to practice the art of spiritual relaxation which many strive for today. They were alert to the dangers which followed them wherever they went, and at the same time they were alert to every opportunity to witness to the saving power of God.

I. THE DISTURBED CHURCH. Acts 8:4.

In our intricate and highly organized denominations, it is not at all understandable how the early church could grow. It did not grow because it was organized, but because it was continually being disorganized. We have more comfort, more equipment, more method, more freedom. The spiritual machinery is running so smoothly that we often think there is nothing more to do. Perhaps it would be well if God would disturb us in order to wake us from our lethargy. We need better witnessing more than we need better technique; more power rather than more equipment.

II. THE CHURCH AND THE OUTCAST. Acts 8:5-17.

So many churches are moving to the suburbs that they are slowly becoming respectable. Many believe the church has no outreach if the neighborhood has become Negro, or Catholic, or delinquent. To the Jew, the northern part of Israel became "Samaritan." It was not a good place for witnessing. But Philip preached Christ unto them and found them responsive to the Word of God. All over the world people are judged according to the color of their skin, or their type of religion, or their cultural background. We must remember that God "made of one blood all the nations of men" (Acts 17:26) and all are worthy of having the Gospel preached unto them.

III. THE CHURCH AND SELFISHNESS. Acts 8:18-24.

Probably the meanest person is the one who uses the church for selfish purposes. Ever since the story of

Simon, we have the word "simony" which refers to the art of buying or selling ecclesiastical benefits. Some still use the church for business reasons, for seeking a special office, or simply because they love to have the pre-eminence as Diotrophes (3 John 9).

IV. THE CHURCH AND THE INDIVIDUAL. Acts 8:26-39.

God often sends us far out of the way and through the most difficult places in order to bring the Gospel to just one individual. Why bother with a few lost souls in a little country church when there are thousands lost in the city? Why preach the Gospel on a path that is seldom traveled when you can reach the crowds on the highway? Jesus, however, taught us the lesson of one fallen sparrow (Matt. 10:29) and one lost sheep (Matt. 18:12).

Luke tells us that Philip was sent to Gaza, "which is desert" (vs. 26). We speak of barren churches, barren mission fields in which there is little opportunity and challenge to our training and talent. But God needs saved individuals in order to minister to lost individuals.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: May 6, 1956

Theme: **THE CONVERSION OF SAUL**

Scripture: Acts 9:1-31

The Central Truth: It is possible for the most passionate enemy of God to become his most passionate friend.

Some years ago I felt so despondent physically and spiritually that I thought I would never again regain the joy of health and the joy of salvation. The little hope I had was kept alive by a motto on the Salvation Army bulletin board which I passed daily. In bold letters it seemed literally to shout at me—"God is greater than your greatest need!"

In reading the wonderful story of Saul's conversion, we seem to hear God's voice clearly and unmistakably saying—"God's grace is greater than man's greatest sin!" Paul was sure of it. "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief" (1 Tim. 1:15).

The editor of the Sunday School Lesson page is Rev. Bruno Schreiber of Oak Park, Illinois.

I. SAUL, THE ENEMY OF GOD. Acts 9:1-2.

It is easy to imagine that if Saul would have been in the midst of the Russian Revolution, he would have been in charge of all the purgings. The enemies of the state would have suffered prison and death at his hands. Luke tells us that he "breathed out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord." There was no indication of mercy and justice in his method. The Christians would rather have fallen into the hands of the heathen Roman soldiers than in the hands of a religious Saul.

II. SAUL THE ENLIGHTENED. Acts 9:3-8.

Ever since God said, "Let there be light," he must have loved the Word. The most wonderful things always happened when God used the process of lighting. When Jesus was born "a light shone round about them." Jesus called himself "the light of the world." And now the heavenly light shone again to enlighten a dark sinner. It also became Paul's favorite word for he uses it again and again in his epistles. We are all "children of the light" (1 Thess. 5:5).

III. SAUL THE COMMISSIONED. Acts 9:15.

What a difference Saul's conversion made in his mission—from the mission of death to the mission of life! During the war the people of Berlin trembled with fear every time the planes came over the city because they knew they were the messengers of death. But how they rejoiced during the Russian blockade when these same planes became the messengers of life. Paul accepted the salvation of Christ, but he also accepted God's commission.

IV. SAUL, THE EMPOWERED. Acts 9:17.

Perhaps the early Christians referred to him as Saul, the enemy. His name was always associated with the greatest danger. What a comfort and a sense of security it must have brought to the Lord's disciples when Ananias laid his hands on the former enemy and said, "Brother Saul." No more intimate and loving title could have been given him. He was on his way to make Ananias a prisoner, but instead God used Ananias to make Saul a prisoner of the Lord. He was empowered and sealed by the Holy Spirit. Spiritually and physically he was able to see clearly, to speak clearly, and to walk clearly.

What's Happening

● The Baptist Church of Davin, Sask., Canada, has announced that its new pastor is Rev. Arthur Browatzke. He is already on the field; having succeeded Mr. Chalmers Wirth. This church is in the vicinity of Regina, Saskatchewan.

● Rev. Edward D. McKernan of Tacoma, Wash., has accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Calimesa, Calif., a church of the American Baptist Convention. He was formerly assistant pastor of the Calvary Church of Tacoma, Wash., serving as minister of the Portland Ave. Chapel. He began his ministry at the Calimesa Church on Easter Sunday. His present address is Box 356, Calimesa, California.

● The March 8 issue of the "Baptist Herald" incorrectly cited the price of Mrs. V. A. Pahl's book, "Through the bound volume costs only 75 cents post-author, R. R. 1, Olds, Alberta, Canada. The attractive red cover, the many illustrations and the inspirational pastor's wife make this a book that ought to be in the hands of every "Baptist Herald" reader.

● The Board of Directors of Crystal Springs Baptist Youth Camp in North Dakota met in Bismarek, N. Dak., on March 12. A day of fellowship was enjoyed while the business of the camp was transacted, as reported by Rev. Elmer Buening. The Board voted to appoint Mr. Thomas Derman of Anamoose, N. Dak., as caretaker of the camp. Since then Mr. Derman has accepted the preferred position and is to begin his ministry as caretaker of the camp grounds and buildings at Crystal Springs, N. Dak., on May 1.

● Miss Ruby Salzman, missionary in the Cameroons, West Africa, serving as a teacher in the Baptist Mission Schools, has returned to the United States for her furlough. She arrived in Liverpool, England, on March 28, Mrs. G. Ben Lawrence in London. On March 29 she sailed from Southampton and arrived about six days later in New York City. Her home is Kankakee, Illinois. She has been in the Cameroons since August 1951 and has completed her second term of missionary service. After several months of rest, she will engage in a promotional ministry to some of our churches and conferences in the summer of 1956.

● The Northside Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., wishes to express its appreciation to the former members of the Unityville Baptist Church of South Dakota for its gift of several dozens of hymnals. Miss Louise C. Westerman, church clerk, stated that "we certainly needed these hymnals. In our services." She also reported that Rev. Harold E. Weiss, the pastor of the Northside Church, preached and served at the Communion Service on Sunday, March 3, for the first time after having spent ten days in the hospital where he underwent treatments following a serious illness.

● On Sunday morning, March 18, Rev. Rudolph Woyke, pastor of the Temple Baptist church, Milwaukee, Wis., baptized ten persons on confession of their faith in Christ. On Palm Sunday morning he preached on the topic, "When Jesus Comes to Milwaukee." The union Good Friday service for the churches of the community was held at the Evangelical United Brethren Church with Rev. Rudolph Woyke of the Baptist Church taking part in the service. The hand of fellowship was extended to new members at the Easter Sunday morning worship service.

● Recently Rev. Ernst J. Sakowski presented his resignation as pastor of the German Zion Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He brought his ministry at the church to a close on Sunday, March 25, having served as its pastor since 1953. During that time he has seen the church grow in membership from 33 to 154. Mr. Sakowski and his family have moved to Detroit, Mich., in the meantime. The church is prayerfully considering a successor to lead the congregation in its important ministry and witness to the German-speaking people of Milwaukee.

PRESENTED TO HER MAJESTY

Paul and Clara Gebauer of Bamenda, Africa, were presented to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, on February 10 at Government House, Lagos, Nigeria. We had the honor to sit at the Queen's table at a luncheon. In the evening we were at a reception given for Cameroonians. At night we shared in the splendor of an investiture. It was a great day for us—undeserved and yet splendid. "Mine eyes have seen the glory!"

Paul Gebauer.

● His Excellency, the Governor General of Nigeria, Sir James Robertson, accompanied by Lady Robertson and their daughter, Miss Robertson, toured the Cameroons, Africa, from April 3 to 17, spending the days of April 4 to 12 in Bamenda Province. His Excellency and family worshiped at the Ndu Baptist Church on Sunday morning, April 8. Sir Robertson is a professing Presbyterian. On April 9 Sir James and Lady Robertson occupied the Banso resthouse and visited the Banso Baptist Hospital on April 10 as the guests of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer and the Cameroons Baptist Mission.

● On Palm Sunday evening, March 25, the Inter-Church Choir presented the cantata, "The Seven Last Words," at the City Building of Marion, Kansas. Mr. Otto Funk of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion served as director of this Inter-Church Choir. On that Sunday morning, Rev. J. C. Gunst, promotional secretary, was the guest speaker. Rev. Fred J. Knalson, pastor, baptized a number of converts on Sunday evening, April 8. The Pentecost Sunday services of the church will be held on Mother's Day, May 13, with Dr. George A. Lang, president of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as speaker.

● The First Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, has extended a call to Rev. Kurt Marquardt of St. Paul, Ark., to become its pastor. He has responded favorably and announced that he will begin his ministry in the Steamboat Rock Church on May 1, 1956, succeeding Rev. Fred Lower. Mr. Marquardt attended the Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich., in his younger days and later attended the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wis., where he was baptized. During the past ten years he has been serving as the minister of a mission-supported church in St. Paul, Arkansas. Mr. and Mrs. Marquardt have six children, three girls and three boys.

● The Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Junction City, Kans., celebrated its 75th anniversary on Sunday afternoon, April 15, with many members, former members and friends in attendance. The anniversary message was brought by Rev. Thomas Lutz, who also served the church at special services from Tuesday through Friday, April 10 to 13. Mr. Lutz was pastor of the church from 1934 to 1942. Mrs. Thomas Lutz was guest speaker at the Woman's Tea held by the Dorcas Society on Thursday afternoon, April 12. Rev. J. R. Kruegel, pastor, was in charge of the anniversary services. A more detailed report about the festivities of the Mt. Zion Church will appear in a later issue.

Our Denomination in ACTION

Central Conference

Shroyer Road Church, Dayton, Ohio, Holds Reception for Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Riemer

The Shroyer Road Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio, held an installation service for its new pastor, the Rev. Helmut H. Riemer, on Thursday, March 8, 1956. Mr. Edward J. Kalat, moderator, extended the welcome of the church and introduced the speakers. Participating in the services were Dr. Bruce Behney, our interim pastor, who read the Scripture (1 Cor. 12:1-11), and Rev. Albert C. Pittman, assistant minister, First Baptist Church, who gave the prayer of dedication. Mr. Pittman was a classmate of Rev. Helmut H. Riemer at the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School.

Words of welcome were expressed by the Rev. John I. Parr, on behalf of the Ohio Baptist Convention; the Honorable Henry S. Stout, mayor of the city of Dayton; Dr. Raymond R. Peters, executive secretary of the Church Federation of Greater Dayton; Rev. William K. Cober, president of the Dayton Baptist Union; Rev. Muri Klepinger of the Belmont E.U.B. church; and Dr. Charles L. Seaholes, pastor of the First Baptist Church and representing the American Baptist Convention.

Mr. Riemer responded to the greetings and expressed both his and Mrs. Riemer's appreciation. Immediately following this service, a reception, honoring the Riemers, was held in the social rooms of the church. Mr. Riemer began his pastorate on March 1, 1956.

Alma M. Krueger, Clerk.

Youth Week Activities for the CBY Foster Avenue Church, Chicago, Illinois

Youth Week activities of 1956 marked another important milestone for the CBY of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois. Having spared no effort in the planning and preparation of the programs, we were grateful for the fine attendance and the interest that was in evidence throughout the week.

On Sunday, Jan. 29, the evening service was held with the young people in charge. A special youth choir sang and the conversion story of a young German agnostic was dramatized in a very effective way. At the close of the skit, the young woman whose life was portrayed stirred our hearts by her personal testimony.

Monday evening presented a special opportunity for service as the group participated in a "Skid Row" mission program. As "guests" of the Christian Fellowship Club of our Church, we were privileged to sing and testify of God's saving grace to the men and women of the street.

On Tuesday we were happy to have Miss Ardice Ziolkowski of the Camerons, Africa, with us for a missionary program. She spoke and showed color films which again challenged our missionary zeal and caused us to praise God for what has already been accomplished for him. Wednesday evening the prayer and praise services of the church were in charge of the youth groups.

Saturday night climaxed the week's activities with a rousing banquet at which occasion we were privileged to play host to the denominational CBY executive committee. President Herman Balka of Dallas, Texas, officiated as master of ceremony and in his winsome, humorous way helped make the banquet a success. Mr. William Goding brought the evening to a close with a very challenging message built around the theme of the week, "Strive to Win." May we accept the challenge and take our places of service for God in this world.

Wilbur E. Reich, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Important Decisions, Dedication Service and Birthday Surprise for Pastor at Startup, Washington

In a special business meeting of the Startup Baptist Church, Startup, Wash., held on February 1st, the members of the church voted unanimously to become self-supporting as of April



Rev. Clarence Walth, pastor of the Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif., and the nine persons whom he baptized in the first baptismal service of the church.

WILLOW RANCHO CHURCH

The report about the organization, recognition and first baptismal service of the Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif., appeared in the April 5th issue of the "Baptist Herald."

The 1956 Children's Day program will feature a picture of the new church and parsonage as one of our Church Extension projects.

1, 1956. This is an answer to our prayers and it is with thankfulness to our God that we are able to report this. At our annual business meeting held in December, our church adopted a constitution, the first we have ever had.

On January 29th during the Sunday School service a new Wurlitzer piano was dedicated and presented to the church. Both the president of the Missionary Guild, Mrs. Elmer Sherman, and the Sunday School superintendent, Mrs. Adolf Hieb, took part in the dedication, since both the Guild and the Sunday School contributed toward the purchase of the new piano. Our Sunday School has been growing in numbers this past year. We have been having a contest to win new members and during the 10-week contest thus far, we have averaged 92 each Sunday. Last year's average was 82.

A surprise birthday party was given our pastor, Rev. Walter Dingfield, on February 22nd following the regular Wednesday night prayer meeting. A program was presented in his honor, and following that he was given a money gift. A beautiful cake with the words, "Happy Birthday, Pastor," was served with a lunch, and over 60 friends were present for the occasion. Esther Crain, Church Clerk.

Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Society of Chilliwack, British Columbia

On Sunday evening, March 4, the Woman's Missionary Society of Chilliwack, British Columbia, was happy to present its annual program to a large audience. Our president, Mrs. Julia Jacobi, welcomed everyone, and as group songs we chose, "We'll Girdle the Globe," "Channels Only," and "He Included Me." Readings on "Loyalty" and "Service" were given by Mrs. Kay Dargatz and Mrs. Lillian Schinkel, and a quartet number, "The Homeland," was sung by the Mrs. Irene Fishbook, Betty Beutler, Irene Falkenberg, and Myrtle Schinkel.

A report by the secretary showed that our society of 22 members has been active in White Cross work and other missionary projects. Divided into four groups, the members worked out their monthly programs according to planned themes, which proved interesting and helpful.

The highlight of the evening was a play which deeply moved the audience. It was entitled, "God Remakes Janey," and showed the far-reaching results of a Christian mother, who gives her time and money toward helping out-cast and underprivileged young people get Bible School training. Janey, once sullen and ugly, returns transformed and wins not only the servant of her benefactor to Christ, but also influences the daughter, blinded by the world, to let Jesus have his way with her.

Our pastor, Rev. G. Beutler, spoke words of encouragement for the work of the Christian women. An offering of \$106.63 was received for our Leper and Indian Mission work. Society officers for 1956 are: president, Mrs. Julia Jacobi; vice-president, Mrs. Ann Schroeder; treasurer, Mrs. Elsie Ratke; and secretary, Mrs. Myrtle Schinkel. Mrs. Myrtle Schinkel, Secretary.

Northwestern Conference

Recent Activities and Future Plans of the CBYF of Watertown, Wisconsin

The CBYF of the First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis., found much to do during Youth Week from Jan. 29 to Feb. 5. We praise the Lord for these opportunities for service and the many blessings we have received. On the first Sunday we had charge of the opening exercises in Sunday School. We also took part during the morning worship and evening services. Several of our young people sing in the adult choir and play in the orchestra.

On Monday evening of Youth Week we entertained a group of young people from one of the other denominations in our city at a skating party. There was a time of chorus singing and fellowship afterward. Tuesday evening was spent in visitation. The following Sunday we took complete charge of the evening service. Four of our Seniors spoke on, "Strive to Win Through Missions, Worship, Witnessing, and Prayer."

The Junior Choir rendered a very effective ministry of music at these services. There are 17 Juniors in the choir (as shown in the accompanying picture) under the excellent direction of Mrs. J. G. Benke. Thirty-five of the young people of all ages are enrolled in Scripture Memory work.

Our CBY groups assisted at one of the Lenten services. The series of services this year was presented as "Portraits of Passion." Our young people in cooperation with the Methodist Church, also took part in an Easter Sunrise service.

For April 20 we are planning our 3rd annual Formal Banquet. This takes place on the same night as the Prom at our local High School. It is THE festive occasion of the year. Yet our evening is spent as we feel the Lord wants us to use it. This year another church group is giving their whole-hearted support. We hope to make this such an accepted annual affair so that there will be no question in anyone's mind as to where it is good to be on that evening.

Although our group is not large, we know as Christians that we can be "striving to win" others for Christ. We praise God for the leadership of our beloved pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Benke.

H. Glenn Rabenhorst and Mrs. Arnold Krause, Reporters.

Farewell Reception at Aplington, Iowa, for Rev. and Mrs. Frank Veninga and Family

Approximately 200 persons attended the farewell for Rev. and Mrs. Frank Veninga and family on Thursday evening, Feb. 16, at the Aplington Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa. Rev. Ronald MacCormack, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Parkersburg, was guest speaker and spoke on "Observations of a Neighbor." Following brief messages from representatives



Fifteen of the 17 members of the Junior Choir of the First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wisconsin, directed by Mrs. J. G. Benke.

of the various church organizations, a social hour was held in the church basement. A number of farewell gifts were presented to the Venings.

Mr. Veninga gave his farewell sermon, "Finally, Brethren," on Sunday morning, Feb. 19. During the service he extended the right hand of fellowship to Mrs. Eugene Stockdale, who has become a member of our church upon transfer of letter. Dr. and Mrs. Stockdale, missionary-appointees to Africa, will be partially supported by our church. At the close of the evening service, Mr. and Mrs. Veninga gave brief testimonies. The family left for their new field at the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., after four years of faithful service in this church and community and we know they will prove to be a great blessing in their new church. Mr. Veninga began his ministry here January 6, 1952 and was to have closed it Sunday, Jan. 9, 1956. However, illness of several months' duration made it necessary to postpone the farewell services.

During his ministry here 64 persons were added to the church's membership, 55 of these by baptism. A new parsonage was built and the church redecorated. The Cross and Crown attendance award system was introduced, the Sunday bulletin service inaugurated and the senior choir robed. The junior and intermediate choir, which was organized and directed by Mrs. Veninga, was also robed. Mr. Veninga also conducted a radio program twice weekly and introduced the Sunday evening training program, which was attended by 85 to 100 every Sunday evening.

Rev. Donald Patet of Randolph, Minn., has accepted the call extended by our church. He has been the pastor of the Randolph Baptist Church for the past four years. Mr. and Mrs. Patet and infant son, Jeffrey Paul, will arrive here the 1st of June. During this interim, Dr. John Leypoldt, denominational supply pastor, is faithfully and energetically serving this church. He was one of the speakers at the community-wide Holy Week services held at the school auditorium on March 26 and 28 and on Good Friday. Music was furnished by the combined senior choirs, combined junior

choirs of the three Aplington churches and the high school choir.

Mrs. Paul R. Voogd, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

Tenth Anniversary of Present Edifice for the Calvary Church Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

The 10th anniversary of the dedication of the present building of the Calvary Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Pa., was observed on Sunday, Feb. 26th. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference, was the guest speaker.

At the time of relocation of the church, the name was changed from the First German Baptist to Calvary Church. The relocation and construction of the first unit were done under the guidance of the Rev. Philip Potzner.

Five years ago, under the direction of the Rev. Robert Hess, further basement facilities for Sunday School use were begun. The improvements were completed under the pastorate of the Rev. Robert W. Cook who observed the fifth anniversary of his coming to Calvary Church in March 1956.

During the ten years in which the church has been at its present site, congregational membership has increased over 50 per cent and the Sunday School enrollment over 100 per cent. At the beginning of this year, the mortgage incurred with the expansion program, was paid off. Because of the growth of the congregation, in particular the Sunday School, a committee is studying plans for further expansion of the building. Ernest Zentgraf is committee chairman.

All future plans shall be entrusted to the Lord as in the past, so that the work in this place may be done according to his will. We at Calvary praise God for all that thus far has been accomplished! It is wonderful to know that he will continue to lead and guide us in his work!

Doris Dorozowski, Reporter.



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Dakota Conference

Special Programs, Day of Prayer, and Junior CBY at New Leipzig, North Dakota

We of the New Leipzig Baptist Church, New Leipzig, N. Dak., have received many blessings from our Lord. Although our pastor, Rev. E. Becker, has been on the sick list for some time, we are happy to report he is slowly recuperating following an operation. The church services have been very well attended and the young people have continued to have charge of every Sunday evening service.

On Sunday evening, Feb. 12, we were happy to have Rev. Leroy Schauer of Mott, N. Dak., with his congregation in our midst. Mr. Schauer was in charge of the service. Following the service Mr. and Mrs. Carl Okken were surprised by their family and church friends on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary, which had been on Feb. 10. Shirley Okken, a daughter, had charge of the program

which consisted of a musical number, several original poems and favorite choruses. Rev. Leroy Schauer gave a short talk, as well as deacons from the three churches and others who brought congratulations. Lunch was served to 125 relatives and friends.

On Feb. 17, the New Leipzig Woman's Missionary Society had charge of the World Day of Prayer services. Friends from the Ebenezer Baptist Church of New Leipzig and the Mott churches had been invited to this service. Our local president, Mrs. Willard Iblings, had charge. After Scripture and prayer the program followed. Short talks from each society, as well as songs by trios from Mott church and the New Leipzig church and a duet from the Ebenezer Church made up the program. A short play, "The Garden of Prayer," was presented by the New Leipzig group. After a closing song and benediction, the congregation was invited to the dining room for refreshments and fellowship.

A Junior CBY has been organized with twelve members under the able leadership of Shirley Okken and Floyd Roehl.

Mrs. Willard Iblings and Shirley Okken, Reporters.

Church Programs Held and Church Furniture Bought by the CBY., Selfridge, North Dakota

The Senior CBY Fellowship of Selfridge, N. Dak., is also the choir. They have presented a Christmas cantata called, "Wonderful," at the home church and at the McLaughlin and McIntosh Baptist churches. The proceeds went to Crystal Springs Baptist Camp and to Mission Project 626 of the Dakota Conference. The CBYF has supplied a church sign and two pulpit chairs.

Each month the Senior CBYF takes over one Sunday night. One of the most interesting programs is "Question Box" night. A box is installed in the back of the church for anyone who has a question which he would like answered or discussed. We have been holding a social meeting once a month.

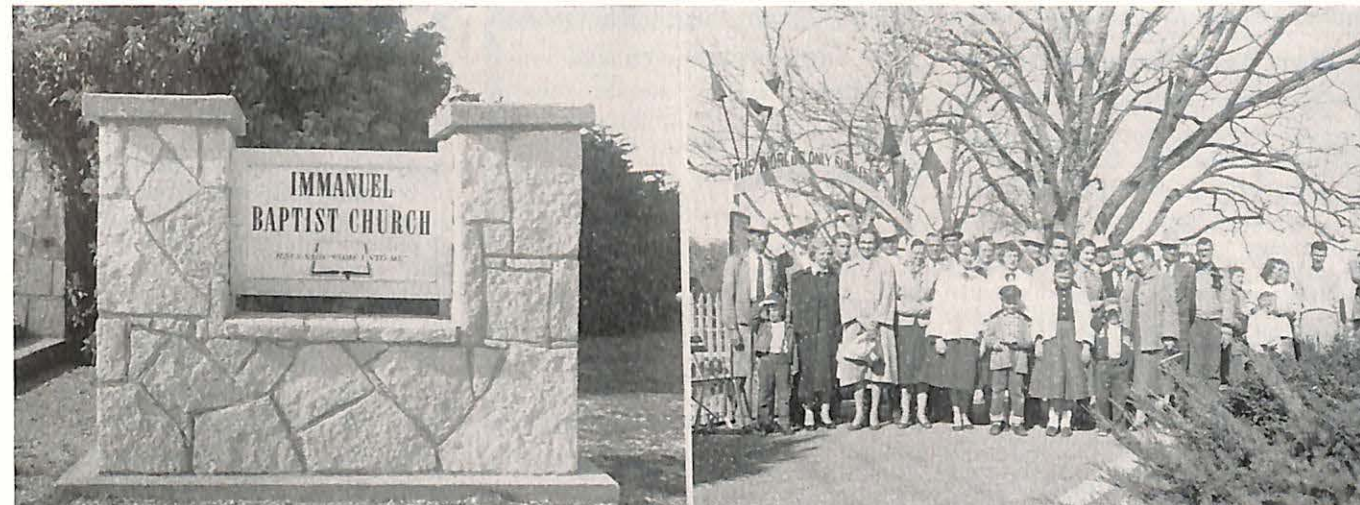
DeLores Geigle, Reporter.

Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson and Family at McLaughlin, South Dakota

With great anticipation we of the First Baptist Church, McLaughlin, S. Dak., looked forward to the coming of our new pastor, the former Camerons missionary, Rev. Edwin Michelson, and his family. On the day when they arrived, two of the trustees were on hand to lend a helping hand. They were well pleased to find a roomy, freshly painted place of abode for their family. We, as a church, are thankful for answered prayers.

Rev. Edwin Michelson took over his duties here on March 1st conducting the first prayer meeting in our midst. With joy in our hearts we welcomed our new minister's family into our church fellowship on Sunday, March 4. His first message was based on 1 Timothy 6:2b, "These Things Teach and Exhort."

At noon we enjoyed a pot-luck dinner in the church basement. Mr. R. E. Hale was in charge of the reception program in the evening. Andrew Bertsch led the song service. "Make Me A Blessing" was sung by the choir. Mrs. A. Bertsch and Mrs. A. Moser sang a duet and Larry Moser played an instrumental number. Words of welcome were spoken by Mrs. R. E.



The new bulletin board of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kyle, Texas (left). The 70th anniversary of the church was observed during the sessions of the South Texas, Louisiana and Alabama Association. Some of the Association visitors and delegates are shown (right) at the Aquarena, San Marcus, Texas, which they visited on Saturday afternoon.

Hale in behalf of the Junior CBY, following which the Juniors sang a song. Leo Friez represented the Sunday School; Mrs. A. Bertsch the Woman's Missionary Society; Mr. E. B. Glaser the board of trustees; and Mr. J. J. Schweigert, senior deacon, spoke for the church. Mrs. C. E. Aldinger gave a reading about "Our Church Family Tree." The Michelsons in turn responded with words of gratitude.

On Sunday evening, Feb. 19, the Junior CBY rendered a program. Songs and instrumental numbers were given, also verses of Scripture and an exercise. This program was in charge of the leaders, Mrs. R. E. Hale and Mrs. Delferd Strobel. February 26 was the last Sunday on which Rev. E. Broeckel of Bismarck served us during the time we were without a pastor. He served us faithfully in spite of bad weather. We truly learned to love Brother Broeckel and are thankful for God's servant for his service to us.

Mrs. C. E. Aldinger, Reporter.

Southern Conference

Sessions of the South Texas, Louisiana, and Alabama Association at Kyle, Texas

From Feb. 23 to 26 the South Texas, Louisiana, and Alabama Association held its annual meeting in the Immanuel Church of Kyle, Texas, with Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., as denominational guest speaker. The opening service was on Thursday evening with the association moderator, Rev. P. Potzner of Alabama, in charge. The song service was led by Rev. B. F. Taylor of Donna, Texas, and Scripture was read by Rev. E. Schmeltkopf of the Elm Creek Church, with Rev. F. Armbruster of the Greenvine Church leading in prayer. The Immanuel Church choir rendered a special number in song and blessed the hearts of us all with their fine singing throughout the meetings. Rev. Eldon Schroeder is pastor of the host church.

The theme of our association was "Christ and the Kingdom" and the

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introductory message was brought by Dr. Leuschner. Throughout the meetings our hearts were blessed with Spirit-filled and soul-stirring messages by our pastors and laymen as well. Highlights of these meetings included special singing, duets, solos, and quartet numbers; the 70th anniversary of the Immanuel Church, reported elsewhere; splendid addresses by Dr. Leuschner; play by the Woman's Missionary Union of Kyle entitled, "Unto the Least of These"; and a play by the young people of the church entitled, "The Soldier of the Cross."

Guests were invited for meals in a different home each mealtime except on Sunday when dinner and supper were served at the church. Total mission offerings were \$311.68 and in addition an offering was taken for the Immanuel Church to help defray expenses. Next year the Association has

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accepted an invitation to meet at the Greenvine Church. To the church of Kyle, and in anticipation of next year, we say indeed, IMMANUEL!

B. F. Taylor, Reporter.

Immanuel Church, Kyle, Texas, Observes Its 70th Anniversary During Association Meetings

The Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle, Texas, observed its 70th anniversary on Saturday evening, February 25, during the sessions of the South Texas, Louisiana, and Alabama Association. Special music, historical highlights and an address by Dr. Martin Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., were indeed a great blessing to all present.

On March 14, 1883, two families, the Wiegands and the Siebenhausens, began a colorful 70-year period of Christian history in Kyle, Texas. They arrived from Hessen, Germany, after a long voyage to establish a new home in the "land of liberty." Two years later John Adam Heidenreich and family arrived and were heartily welcomed by the Wiegand and Siebenhausen families. A month later other families moved into the neighborhood.

On Feb. 16, 1886, steps were taken to organize what was known as the First German Baptist Church of Kyle, Texas. There were 16 charter members. Two of these are living today, namely, Mrs. A. F. Knispel and Mrs. Henry Mueller. Eleven pastors led the church in these 70 eventful years. They are as follows: Rev. F. Sievers, Rev. J. P. Brunner, Rev. J. Niemann, Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn, Rev. R. Vassel, who is the oldest living pastor still serving the Lord with his ministry in California, Rev. C. H. Edinger, Rev. M. G. Mittelstedt, Rev. David Zimmerman, and Rev. H. John Vanderbeck. Our present pastor, Rev. Eldon Schroeder, has faithfully served the church since 1953.

We are truly grateful to the Lord for his abundant blessings. During the history of the church we were privileged to see four young men leave our fellowship in order to prepare for the Gospel ministry: Edmund Lengefeld, Roland Ahlhardt, Edward Schmeltkopf, and Robert Schmeltkopf.

Mrs. Adolph Hill, Church Clerk.



Some of the women of New Leipzig, N. Dak., who took part in the play, "The Garden of Prayer," at the World Day of Prayer program.

Left to right: Mrs. John Koch, Mrs. Harry Okken, Mrs. John Hintz, Mrs. Albert Mattis, Mrs. Carl Okken, Rose Iblings, Mrs. Victor Provolt, Mrs. Elma Dubs, Mrs. August Magstadt, and Mrs. John Roehl.

Spice of Life

Customer: "This coffee is like mud."
Waitress: "Well, it was ground this morning."

"How's your son getting along with his medical studies?"
"Very good. He can already cure very small children."

Dot: "What's the most conceited of all vegetables?"
Dill: "The cabbage. It's got a big head."

Johnny: "I can be sick for nothin' because my father's a doctor."
Jimmy: "So what? My father's a minister, an' I can be good for nothin'."

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall.
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.
And all the king's horses,
And all the king's men
Had scrambled eggs for breakfast again.

Professor: "What does HNO₃ signify?"
Student: "Well, ah—er—I've got it on the tip of my tongue."
Professor: "Well, you'd better spit it out; it's nitric acid."

Little Joe (going up to a sad-looking man): "How are you this morning?"

Man: "All right."
Little Joe: "Then why don't you notify your face?"

Student: "But, Sir, this is the same test you gave us yesterday."
Teacher: "I know it. I've changed the answers."

John: "That mule of yours is certainly a sure-footed beast."
Farmer: "How do you know?"
John: "He kicked me in the same place three times!"

Employer (to newly-hired typist): "Now I hope you understand the importance of punctuation?"
Stenographer: "Oh, yes, indeed. I always get to work on time."

Teacher: "I said the compositions on milk were to be two pages long. Yours is only half a page, Bob."
Bob: "Yes, teacher, but I wrote about condensed milk."

He: "I'll bet you think I'm a perfect idiot."
She: "None of us is perfect."

Professor: "If this wonderful art gallery got on fire and you had only time to save five pictures, which five would you save?"
Art Student: "The five nearest the door!"

Two fleas were sharing Robinson Crusoe's island hut with him. The fleas engaged in a sprightly conversation, and when the time came for parting, one waved affably and said, "So long, kid. See you on Friday."

Small boy: "Daddy, is ink very expensive?"
Daddy: "Not at all."
Small boy: "Then why is mother so upset because I spilled some on the parlor rug?"

The young sailor ran down the dock, jumped across the strip of water, and landed with a crash on the deck of the boat.
"Wow," he said. "I just made it!"
"What's your hurry, son?" asked the deck hand. "This boat's just coming in."

An elderly man at a musical function bowed his head and wept quietly but copiously while a young woman rendered the plaintive ballad, "My Old Kentucky Home."
The lady in charge tiptoed up to him and inquired softly, "Pardon me, are you a Kentuckian?"
"No, Madam, I'm a music critic."

Abraham Lincoln is reported to have once asked a man the following question: "How many legs has a sheep, calling the tail a leg?"
"Five," promptly answered the man.
"No, four," said Lincoln, "Calling the tail a leg doesn't make it one."

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CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAMS

This year we observe Children's Day on June 10. As in past years programs and recitation materials and other program helps are being sent to our churches. There has been one change, however; the programs and program material is being sent directly to the Sunday School superintendent. We have reason to believe that in the majority of our churches this arrangement is preferred. In addition, a new mailing schedule has been set up. ALL program materials, such as Children's Day, will henceforth be placed in the mail two months prior to the date appearing on the program. This will give all of our schools ample time to prepare the program. If you do not receive the material, write us at once.

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