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March of Events

● The Word of Life movement, led by Evangelist Jack Wyrzten, this year celebrated its tenth anniversary of the founding of its camp in the Adirondack Mountains on Schroon Lake, 240 miles north of New York City. — Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. Fuller, of radio's "Old-Fashioned Revival Hour" dedicated the newly constructed auditorium on the conference grounds during the week of June 23-30. — Evangelist Billy Graham originated one of his "Hour of Decision" broadcasts from the camp during July. Other speakers included Dr. Harold J. Ockenga, Dr. Howard Ferrin, and Dr. Charles J. Woodbridge.

● Word has been received at Cornell University, Ithica, N. Y., that the legislature of Liberia in west Africa has officially adopted the code of laws prepared for the country by a committee headed by Milton R. Konvitz, professor in Cornell's school of industrial and labor relations and an authority on United States constitutional law. The code systemizes and brings up to date all laws enacted by Liberia since 1847, when she became a republic. The Liberian government is patterned after that of the United States and English is Liberia's official language. Negotiations are now under way for Cornell University Press to publish the new code in a four-volume work of 2,000 pages. Dr. Konvitz has been notified that the Liberian government has made a new grant to enable him and his staff to prepare the Liberian supreme court decisions for publication.—Christian Century.

● After three years, punctuated by a running battle with Italian police, American missionaries have finally been granted a degree of freedom. Last month Italy's new constitutional Court ruled that the Mussolini-regime law requiring police permission before hanging up a sign or poster is unconstitutional. The 1948 constitution provides that "everyone has the right to manifest his thought with words, in writing, or by any other means of propaganda," decided the court. A second ruling of the court held that Protestant services could not be considered "dangerous to public order and security or public morals." It freed the Rev. Giuseppe Pizzo, an Assemblies of God minister, who had been arrested when he defied a police order to leave the town of Alcamo, Sicily, where he had been holding religious services. As an Italian citizen, Mr. Pizzo had the right to go anywhere in Italy as long as he did not menace public health or security, the court ruled.

● The Lord's Day Alliance of the United States has launched a cam-

paign to give an effective Christian witness to the individual members of the 48 state legislatures and to the members of the Congress of the United States. According to the general secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, Rev. Melvin M. Forney, this is the first time that a concerted drive has been made to give the legislators of the nation the Christian position on moral legislation. Mr. Forney said that "the liquor interests, the gambling promoters, the publishers of lewd magazines and books and those who would destroy the Lord's Day are constantly bombarding the legislators with propaganda advancing their particular cause." The plan of the Alliance calls for the publication of a paper, entitled, "The Other Side of the News," which will present the facts as they exist in our country today and will urge the adoption of good, strong moral and Sunday legislation.

● The only officially authorized account of the Ecuador martyrdom of five evangelical missionaries last January has been condensed for the August issue of "Reader's Digest." The book,

American Baptists at Seattle

A Brief Report of the American Baptist Convention Sessions
by REV. R. S. HESS of Tacoma, Washington

AFTER AN INTERVAL of many years the American Baptist Convention met again at Seattle, Wash., June 15-22. About 10,000 delegates and visitors attended the sessions.

A Palo Alto, Calif., pastor opened the convention with a challenging message on the theme, "Thou art Peter." Rev. George Derbyshire's message followed the theme of the convention, "I Will Build My Church."

It was reported that Sunday School attendance has soared over the million mark. An average of two new Sunday School classes have been organized in each participating church since October 1955. Enrollment increase during the period was 76,338.

Rev. Curtis R. Nims of Stockton, Calif., made this statement: "The god of scientific inventiveness has not led us to the promised land of Utopia. The world is discovering that science is no better than the man who uses it." One of the resolutions adopted by the convention urged the United States to give up hydrogen bomb tests in the Pacific. The resolution said the tests harmed missionary work in Japan, adversely affected the Asiatic people and were a long-range threat to the human race.

FRONT COVER

Four Cree Indians from three different reservations of Alberta, Canada, are shown in full regalia on the front cover. They were photographed by the editor of the "Baptist Herald" at a thrilling out-of-door service held on the Bull Reserve, Wetaskiwin, Alta., on Sunday, June 10th, which is described on pages 6 and 7 of this issue. They are (left to right): Joe White of the Bull Reserve; John Samson, chief of the Samson Reserve and his two grandchildren in front of him; Marvin Buffalo and John Bear, former chief, of the Montana Reserve.

written by missionary Abe C. Van Der Puy of World Radio Missionary Fellowship, Inc. (HCJB), has been titled "Through Gates of Splendor." It will be published by Harper Bros., New York (300-plus pages, \$3.75), and will be available next March. The "Reader's Digest" condensation, "Through Gates of Splendor," runs to 10,000 words and covers 20 pages. There is a two-page illustration (pgs. 56 and 57) showing "Palm Beach," the plane
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Dr. Duke McCall, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., predicted the West would spark the flame of union between the Southern and American Baptist Conventions. He said in the West where the two groups overlap and interact it provides the basis for organic union, that they must concentrate on winning the nation for Christ, and that unity would be its by-product.

A resolution approving changes in the by-laws of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs was adopted. This permits the committee to "formulate a statement of scriptural teaching concerning the relation of church and state and society."

A reorganization plan to streamline administration was adopted. Under this plan more authority is given the general council in an effort to reduce overlapping functions within the denomination. It was voted also to extend the powers and duties of the executive-secretary of the convention.

Dr. Harry L. Dillin, president of Linfield College, McMinnville, Ore., was elected president.

Philadelphia, Pa., was chosen for the 1957 convention and Cincinnati, Ohio, for 1958.

Editorial

It's Still a Bargain!

THE PUBLICATION BOARD of the Roger Williams Press recently voted a slight increase in the subscription rates of the "Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote," effective October 1, 1956. At that time the publications will cost fifty cents more a year with the new price \$3.00 for churches in the Club Plan and \$3.50 for other subscribers. We feel confident that even with the new subscription price the "Baptist Herald" is still a bargain which can easily be paid out of every North American Baptist's pocketbook. We shall try to prove our point!

First of all, consider the all around increase of prices. Paper costs, production rates, printing expenses, and prices of ink have skyrocketed the budget of the Roger Williams Press with the result that the increasing deficits have had to be met by the Council at the end of the year out of the denominational treasury. This deficit can only be decreased or erased by a larger income from subscription rates. It was felt that every North American Baptist and interested reader of the "Baptist Herald" would be willing to pay fifty cents more for the paper if he or she would know that this would greatly help to decrease the Publication Society's deficit. Remember also the bargain that is yours in the 26 issues per year with 24 pages in each number of the "Baptist Herald." That means a total of 624 pages or the equivalent of about 1,300 book pages or four books of 325 pages each. Such books would easily cost about \$12.00 a year. Again the "Baptist Herald" costs you for the entire year what you would pay for one banquet ticket at the General Conference, or a Sunday dinner in a metropolitan restaurant, or the gasoline for a Sunday afternoon "joy ride." You are now spending far more than this on a great many luxuries that are enjoyed for only a few fleeting moments. Remember that this is all you pay for an entire year of reading joys with indispensable information about our denominational enterprise and mission fields and with spiritual blessings for eternity.

With increased printing costs and slightly higher subscription rates, we of the editorial and publication staff want to make the "Baptist Herald" better than ever with new arrangements, improved contents and a greater variety of spiritual articles. These will appear in the first number of the 1957 "Baptist Herald." We are confident that you will not want to be without this publication of our denomination once you have seen the new and streamlined numbers.

The Billy Graham meetings in New York City in 1957 will be reported by a reliable eye witness and compared with the Billy Sunday campaign in New York in 1917. Articles by well known Christian leaders beyond our denominational circles will appear in the "Baptist Herald." The General Conference in Edmonton, Alberta, will be publicized colorfully with pictures and announcements. We shall endeavor to bring "Religion in the News" into your reading room through the printed pages of our paper. A thrilling serial story will also be included.

In addition, we shall announce the features of the new Budget Plan for every North American Baptist Church in a forthcoming issue, as well as other new things for the "Baptist Herald" in 1957 which will persuade you to believe with us that you are "getting a lot for a little money" when you belong to the "Baptist Herald" family of subscribers!

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"There is more brightness in the Lord Jesus to make me joyful, than darkness in my circumstances to fill me with gloom."

"Master, Master, We Perish"

A Sermon by REV. J. C. KASTELEIN
of the Bethel Baptist Church, Harvey,
North Dakota

THE WORDS which make up our theme are found in the Gospel according to Luke, chapter 8, verse 24. The Lord Jesus and his disciples were on their way to the other side of the Galilean sea. A mighty storm overtook them and threatened to sink their little ship. The disciples began to be distressed as they listened to the howling wind that almost swept them away.

But there was One on board their ship who did not seem to be disturbed at all. He was sound asleep. We read in the 23rd verse: "And as they sailed he fell asleep; and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled with water, and were in jeopardy."

A BOAT IN DANGER

This is a picture of the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ which the Holy Spirit is gathering out of the nations of the world to take them safely over to the other side (heaven). Here we find the members of the early church together with their Lord and Head of the Church in a little fishing boat on their way to the land of the Gadarenes.

As soon as they had left the shores, a storm arose and began to display its anger upon the little bark with its human cargo. The storm began to frighten the disciples. The black clouds which were hanging over them seemed to speak of disaster which they would inevitably suffer.

The wind continued to lash the angry billows against their ship. The water began to come in their little boat, and by this time every one of the disciples seemed to be frantic. The clouds kept rolling with thunderous fury, and there seemed to be no hope of a clear sky.

All this while, as the disciples were worrying and fretting, the Lord Jesus lay undisturbed in the same little vessel in which they were sailing. How could this man sleep when danger of

a watery grave was hanging over the head of every one of them? But Jesus was not in trouble.

That is why he says to you and to me, "Let not your heart be troubled." But the disciples felt that they could stand it no longer. They were not getting anywhere worrying about their danger that was everywhere seeking to swallow them into the depths of the sea.

The danger that was threatening them was also threatening their Lord. No doubt, they wondered about him as he lay sound asleep in the little boat, and said to each other: "Let us awake him." Why could they not be like their Master who did not permit even the storm to keep him from resting?

THE STORMS OF LIFE

In the time of storms, Christian, how do you act? How much faith do you have then? How loud do you sing when everywhere about you danger is threatening your life? Do you trust God in the storms of life?

It's wonderful to trust him when the sun is always shining, and everything goes smoothly for you. But have you ever been in the storm? Have the clouds ever turned black above you? Have the boisterous waves of tribulation ever beaten so hard against your ship that it almost seemed to capsize and throw you out to swim for your life? Have you heard the howling winds lashing with great fury upon your soul and causing you almost to sink in despair?

Have you ever had the waters of sorrow come into your little ship, and have you felt yourself beginning to sink? Have you ever been swept up and down the sea of life and no one seemed to care? Have you ever been in such storms?

If you have, then I have good news for you. In the Gospel according to John, chapter 16 and verse 33 we read:

"These things have I spoken unto you that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

Jesus said, "In Me ye might have peace." They could have had his peace even in the storm. But on the contrary they did not have peace. They were greatly troubled and distressed.

A PRAYER OF FOUR WORDS

The disciples in anguish came and awakened their Lord and said, "Master, Master, we perish." What heart-rending words, "We perish"! These four words constitute one of the shortest prayer in the Bible.

Some people have an idea that we must pray long to be heard of God. No, my dear friend, it's not the length of the prayer at which God looks but at the sincerity which is in the prayer. Jesus Christ rebuked the hypocrites in his day who stood and offered long prayers. He said to them: "Woe unto you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widow's houses, and for a pretense make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation" (Matthew 23:14).

There was no long prayer offered by the disciples when they cried to the Lord. They did not pray the Lord asleep, but they prayed him awake, "Master, Master, we perish." There was real anxiety in these words. They meant business. Too many prayers today are like showers of spiritual cocaine upon an audience, instead of a bugle call to spiritual service and consecrated worship.

As we sail over the sea of life as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, we too meet with many storms. Many times the black clouds of sorrow and disappointments arise in such a hurry and suddenly it seems they almost overwhelm us, and many times we find

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A New Name for Evangelical Christians

A provocative article for those who are more than "protestants" but are "Bible Catholics" in spirit and in extent!

By REV. RONALD C. MacCORMACK of Parkersburg,
Iowa

IDEAS AND PLATFORMS should find expression in fitting titles and thus be intelligently presented to humanity at large. Sometimes labels are poorly chosen, thus diminishing effectiveness and clarity. For example, a globe-girdling multitude of people, sometimes proudly and sometimes ignorantly, profess to be Protestants, though frequently without any profession of Christianity. To protest against paganism, materialism, subtle modernism or an ecclesiastical, autocratic hierarchy is a noble and necessary feature of our Christian program. However, there is more.

MORE THAN PROTESTANTS

Our Master was relentless and bold in setting himself against sin and oppression in every form. His earthly ministry, however, was more than a series of protestations, for he was engaged in the constructive work of creating and empowering his Church. Martin Luther might have been soon forgotten had he but cried out against the errors of the church of his day. Instead, he gave his contemporaries something vibrant and positive by his courageous stand for the truth, not alone because it was being dethroned, but actually because of its inherent value and trustworthiness. He taught believers to sing hymns and to read the Bible for themselves. What he gave was not negative, but rather it was more valuable and challenging than were the features offered by the ruling church.

Technically and literally, the term, "Protestant," does have positive force, since in its Latin derivation the root words give the idea of witnessing for, not against, something. By its popular connotation, however, Protestantism includes many who have no witness

and who acknowledge no personal faith in Christ, and thus our entire position is weakened. We are, then, to the world identified with a vast group of these who merely do not want to be called Romanists. Truly, in this they are Protestants, but is it enough to register opposition without giving evidence of faith in the One who is the Head of the true Church?

THE TRUE CHURCH

Our position is viewed with contempt by Roman Catholics who claim to be the "true church," because we have allowed them exclusive rights to an appellation which ought not to be given up so easily. "Catholic" means the "whole," and, as applied in this case, the whole of Christianity. To them we have separated ourselves from the whole and therefore do not belong to the complete church. "Universal" or "general" are additional dictionary meanings of this word "catholic." By relinquishing our use of this term, we are, in the eyes of those who keep it, self-excluded from the true church. Perhaps this feeling is infectious, for Protestantism has failed to speak and to act with the authority and unity which it ought to possess and display.

Conversation with a Roman Catholic priest a few years ago revealed that he and his church claim any great Christians they desire, regardless of their church affiliations, especially if they have made a notable contribution to human progress. These persons are generously called catholics, and such they really are, according to the basic definition of the term, as are all Christians. By this promiscuous use of the term "catholic," the untaught believe that the person so labeled is always and necessarily a Roman Catholic.



—Photo by Carl Palfenier
Our name as evangelical Christians should characterize us as those who are obedient to the free dictates of a Bible-centered conscience.

However, catholic and Roman Catholic are not synonymous terms at all. Would it not be disarming to the Roman Catholic position, and more appropriate from the present Protestant point of view, to refer to the great body of Protestant believers as, let us say, Evangelical Catholics, or possibly as Orthodox (sound in the faith) Catholics? This would, of course, include Baptists.

ADOPTION OF THIS NAME

Who can predict what the adoption of one of these names by Protestantism would mean to the Roman Catholic Church, so-called? Its own members would certainly begin to see that we are more than mere iconoclasts, that we have a message of intrinsic worth, and a hope which is not based upon dogma and tradition, nor upon the denial of such. Perhaps they would observe that we are not just an ill-named divisive nuisance body, seeking to compete for a place which, to them, we do not deserve.

From a defensive role, we could push to the front of the stage of human affairs, when the shattered world calls loudly to the church for help. Then we could answer in a manner firm with conviction and New Testament authority, whereas now we are far too mute. That the true church is in the shadows is unfortunate for a world which so urgently needs the message of deliverance. This Protestant debility gives joy to the Roman system, which brazenly assumes a place in center-stage and tacitly desires the world to regard us as unfit to be heard.

Then, too, Roman Catholics outside Italy would commence to realize that their emphasis is more Roman than it is catholic, and that they are sub-

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Some of the Indians on the Bull Reserve near Wetaskiwin, Alberta (left), in front of the house belonging to Fred Bull (holding hat at left), a son of the late Chief Francis Bull; and (right) Joe White and his wife with their granddaughter in front of their new home on the Bull Reserve.

Follow the Indians on the Jesus' Way

By DR. MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER, Editor of English Publications

THE JESUS' WAY has become a well marked trail into the hearts of the Cree Indians on several reservations of Alberta, Canada, near Wetaskiwin, that bears the Indian name as "a city of peace." The Gospel of peace is now a demonstrated power in the lives of these "original Americans," as they gather more eagerly for Christian services at the Baptist mission chapels than for an Indian powwow. Their testimony for Christ rings as clear and true as a church bell.

A THRILLING SUNDAY

Sunday, June 10, was the colorful setting for such a gathering of Indians and "palefaces" on the Bull Reservation of Alberta. Fortunately, the service was held in the golden sunshine in front of the Benke Memorial Chapel for the building was too small to have provided accommodations for all the people. In jalopies and new cars, on tractors and wagons, in trucks and a big yellow school bus, the Indians came from nearby reservations with the latest models of shining new cars bringing their "wealthier" white friends. The final count of the crowd went up to 290.

The chiefs, former chiefs, councillors and interpreters sat on a special bench alongside the pulpit with these ten stately looking Indians, belonging to the VIP class, sitting comfortably there. Three young Indians marked with usher badges showed the people to their "places." Most of the squaws with their families sat on the ground. There was room for everyone on this rolling knoll overlooking the Indian reservation.

All around us were clumps of trees and in the distance we could see the beginning of a thick forest. To one

side we looked on the Indian cemetery with plain white crosses over the graves, looking very much like a soldiers memorial cemetery on a European battlefield. The grave of the former chief Francis Bull, who was a devout Christian, was especially marked with a white picket fence and the Canadian flag flying over it. The steeple of the Benke Memorial Church overshadowed this festive gathering like God's smile of benediction upon the service. Even the early summer pool of water, on the other side of the road, mirrored the chapel and cars and pulpit and became a photographer's paradise for those people with cameras and moving picture equipment.

BAND MUSIC AND SINGING

There was lots of excitement in the service. The twelve-piece band of the Wiesenthal Baptist Church, directed by William Pohl and Arthur Smith, and including the church's pastor, Rev. E. A. Hoffmann, filled the air with the exciting playing of church hymns and special numbers. A pack of Indian dogs barked violently at the cars that arrived late. Greetings were exchanged by the Indians and whites as they were recognized from the Samson, Mont., Pigeon Lake, and Erminskin Reservations and Indian missionaries from the Yukon Territory.

A worshipful silence reigned as all eyes were focused on the pulpit and on Mr. Jake Derman, missionary on the Montana Reserve, as the program was opened. The hymns were sung in English and in Cree. Former Chief John Bear read the Scripture passage reverently. Musical numbers were rendered as duets by Mr. and Mrs. Archie Ruggles of Fish Lake, Alta., and by the MacIntosh twins of the Yukon

Territory as well as several choir numbers by the local Indian girls directed by Mrs. Reinhard Neuman. Dr. M. L. Leuschner's message on "The Christian's Calendar" was interpreted by Mr. Little Poplar. Rev. R. Neuman, missionary on the Bull Reserve, who had arranged the program, also participated in the service.

Following the benediction, the program continued with a feast of good things to eat, more wonderful Christian fellowship and another round of speeches and pictures. The Baptist women of the nearby churches and the missionaries' wives had prepared a tasty lunch of sandwiches, cakes, coffee, and cold punch. While the people were still eating, the Indian leaders took over with their messages.

FOUR INDIANS IN REGALIA

Four of them, Chief John Samson, former chief John Bear, Marvin Buffalo, and Joe White, were dressed in the striking beaded regalia of Indian chiefs. They spoke to Dr. M. L. Leuschner in behalf of the Indian reserves, but actually they were expressing their sincere thanks and spiritual indebtedness to all North American Baptists for having sent missionaries, built chapels and preached the Gospel among their people. Philip Soosay, an outstanding and influential Indian Councillor, also brought a deeply moving message. Interpreter Little Poplar likewise asked for an opportunity to say what was on his heart. This was the first time that so many Indian chiefs and councillors had appeared on the same program at one of our Baptist missions.

The new missionaries for the Montana Reserve, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Maier of Medicine Hat, Alta., and their

two daughters, Anetta and Linetta, were introduced. With his accordion and winsome personality, Mr. Maier will soon find a large place of love in the hearts of these Indians as they begin their ministry early in September. Rev. and Mrs. Reinhard Neuman are going to the Muscowpetung Reserve of Saskatchewan, where the doors of opportunity have opened wide among these Indians. Mr. and Mrs. Jake Derman are scheduled to move to the Bull Reserve and to continue their missionary service there.

The Christian influence of our mission stations and of our missionaries among these Indians has grown to surprising strength. This work is spoken of in highest praise among the Indians. Our missionaries are respected and loved everywhere on the reservations. Their proclamation of the Gospel finds openings even in the hearts of some of the hardened pagan Indians.

Something like a miracle with amazing results occurred on Sunday night, June 10, at the newly built Samson Hall on the Samson Reserve near Hobbema, Alberta. A few posters had been put up in Hobbema and announcements had been made that a Baptist service with missionary pictures would be held that evening. But an afternoon downpour in a thunderstorm had changed the Indian roads into a quagmire of mud and slippery ruts. We thought we would be fortunate to have a score or so of Indians out for the meeting.

400 INDIANS IN HALL

But to our amazement the hall was packed with over 400 noisy, excited Indians from the reservations all around Hobbema. Many of them came from the Erminskin Reserve with Roman Catholic backgrounds. But all seemed to enjoy the singing of the Gospel hymns, the brief worship service, the introduction by Chief John Samson of Dr. Leuschner, and the motion pictures of the Bansa Baptist Hospital in the Cameroons, Africa, and some older pictures of our mission work and

INDIAN LEAFLET
A new six-page leaflet about our Indian Mission Fields is available free by asking your pastor for a copy or writing to the headquarters office, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Ill., and making your requests known.

baptismal service on the Indian fields. For many of these Indians this was the first time that they had been exposed to the evangelical presentation of the Gospel. The fact that they came in response to the invitation of our Baptist missionaries and that they followed the program attentively was something new in our Indian work, for which we must thank the Lord!

The Christian Indians on these several reservations are carrying on an inspiring church program with an effective witness for Christ. Their services are worshipful. Offerings for the lepers of the Cameroons, for the Japanese people, for our Chapel Building Fund and for their own mission churches are received. On Tuesday evening, June 12, at a service in the Benke Memorial Chapel the Indians, who taxed the seating capacity of the building, saw the latest moving pictures from Japan and took up a generous offering for our missionaries there.

The Indians love to testify publicly concerning Christ's love for them and his saving power in their lives. During the sessions of the Alberta Association in the McKernan Church of Edmonton, Joe White and Fred Bull spoke, interpreted by Mrs. Fred Bull. The Vacation Bible Schools conducted each summer by our missionaries are exciting events for the Indian children and are well attended on all the reservations. All kinds of special programs and services are held for the Indians, and the response to these meetings is usually most encouraging.

THINGS ARE NOW DIFFERENT

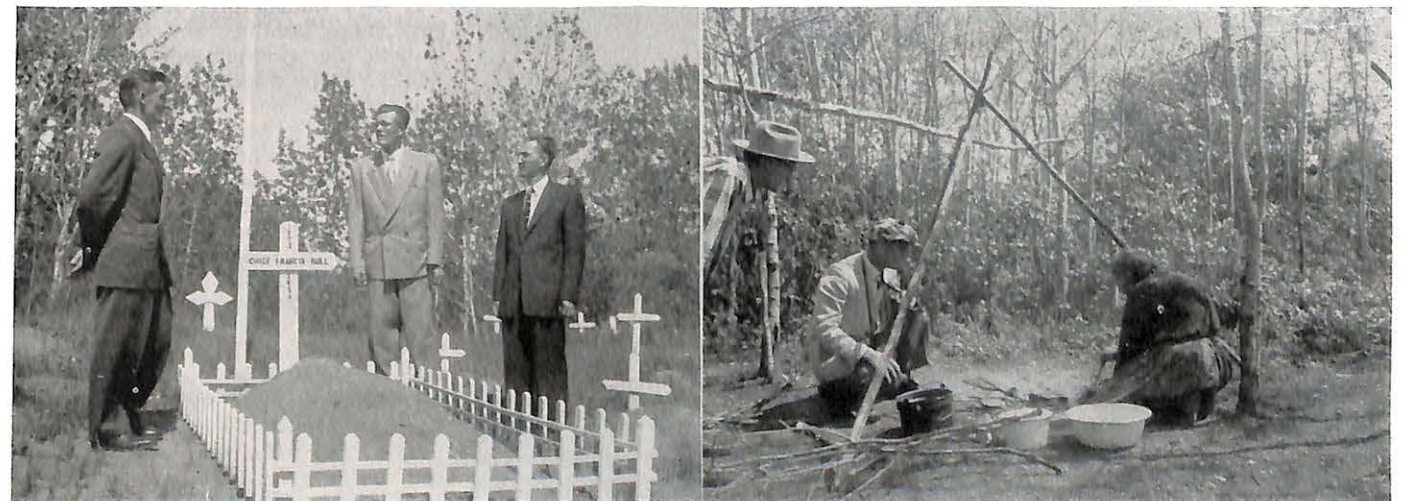
In five or six years tremendous changes have taken place for these Indians. The presence of the Christian

missionaries, the preaching of the Gospel and the transforming grace of Christ have been the motivating power behind many of these changes. The new chapels and school buildings have prompted the Christian Indians to put up nice, new, comfortable homes for themselves which are a great improvement over their former sod houses. They are using their money from government grants more wisely as good stewards of God. They come to the services in mechanized vehicles nowadays, such as tractors, trucks and cars. They are better dressed than they used to be. A radiance glows in their faces, as they sing the hymns and songs, reverently enter into the prayers and spirit of the services, and afterwards speak with the missionary and guest preachers.

Many of these Indians have received Christ as their Savior and have been baptized on confession of their faith. The example of Christian life, as demonstrated by the late Francis Bull of the Bull Reserve, has had a sobering effect on all the Indians. They speak of that example and want to emulate it by following in Christ's footsteps. Some of them falter by the way and at times fall back into their old rut of evil habits, but the sinfulness of their deeds is bluntly recognized and the need of agonizing repentance is apparent to them. The missionaries pray with them on bended knees and struggle with their souls in their return to Christ as Savior.

OPEN DOORS

These are mission fields like the olden times of the apostles and like the days of the early Christian Church. Among these Indian friends, with their simple and sincere ways, with a great capacity for friendship and love, and with tremendous possibilities of growth in Christian grace and life, the Gospel of Christ is now being proclaimed with greater power and effectiveness and is being received with open hearts by those who are showing us the glory of the Jesus' Way in this Indian Country!



Our three Indian missionaries stand reverently at the grave of the former chief, Francis Bull, on the Bull Reserve—left to right: Reinhard Neuman, Jake Derman and Leonard Maier; and (right) our missionaries watch an Indian widow, Mrs. Standing on the Road, prepare her dinner on an open fire on the Montana Reserve.

Seeing Our Missionaries at Work

The story of a trip to the Spanish-American mission field
in the San Luis Valley of Colorado

By MRS. FRED MASHNER of Sumner, Iowa

OUR JOURNEY to the San Luis Valley of Colorado was a thrilling experience for my husband and myself. The First Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa, has had an interest in these missionaries for some time. When my husband and I expressed a desire to visit the field, the church graciously agreed to assist us financially to make this trip a reality.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Entering the San Luis Valley from the north, our first stop was at Saguache, Colo., where we witnessed a repeat-program of their Vacation Bible School. This was largely done for our benefit, so that my husband could take pictures and make recordings of the children in action. To hear the children recite portions of Scriptures and sing choruses in English and Spanish (and they really sing!) was wonderful to behold. This convinced us that the Word of God was graven in their little hearts.

Many of these youngsters come without any encouragement whatsoever from their parents. That is why it takes the patience of a Job and the wisdom of a Solomon to get the children and to keep them interested in the mission. Furthermore, the Spanish children in Colorado cannot be forced to attend school, and as a result of that many of them drop out after the fourth and fifth grades. The majority have no desire to improve themselves, and this non-progressiveness can be im-

mediately noticed in their careless and dilapidated homes and yards.

At Center, Colo., we visited the Vacation Bible School in session under the direction of Rev. Paul Appel and Miss Helen Lohse. As the 65 children crowded into the main room for their opening exercises, one could barely breathe, let alone move. They were definitely overcrowded. They sang and you should have seen their smiling faces and the thrill of their hearts as Mr. Mashner tape recorded their voices and played it back to them.

TAPE RECORDINGS

Why, that was unbelievable! How could that machine with those little wheels do that—"Why, we sound um-good!" And how they loved the film-strip with the Gospel message! The first week the attendance here was up to 90 but when the nuns entered the city many of those children with Catholic background didn't dare come to the mission for fear of reprisal by these "sisters."

The Spanish children are a lovable lot and seem to find their way right into your heart. Their faces glow with a friendliness, and they were thrilled to think that someone from Iowa thought enough of them to visit them and take their pictures and voices back to Iowa.

We also saw the Baptist Church at Monte Vista (see accompanying picture) and the chapel at Del Norte. Here we met a lovely couple who are

wonderful Christians and great helpers to the missionary. Entering into their home showed us again how Christ is the answer to joy and happiness. The home was clean in every way, and the desire for improvement was there. They love their missionaries and hate to see any of them leave, but until such a time they will take the missionary for everything that they can get.

Since 90 per cent are on welfare in these areas, there is a general feeling among them that the world owes them a living. Used clothing is needed and much appreciated, but how and when best to distribute it takes a wisdom from above. These Spanish will beg or borrow from the missionaries a tablespoon of salt, money, typewriter, etc., etc. They are constantly making demands of the missionary. Although this is costly to the missionary, it affords them an opportunity to witness and to pray with them.

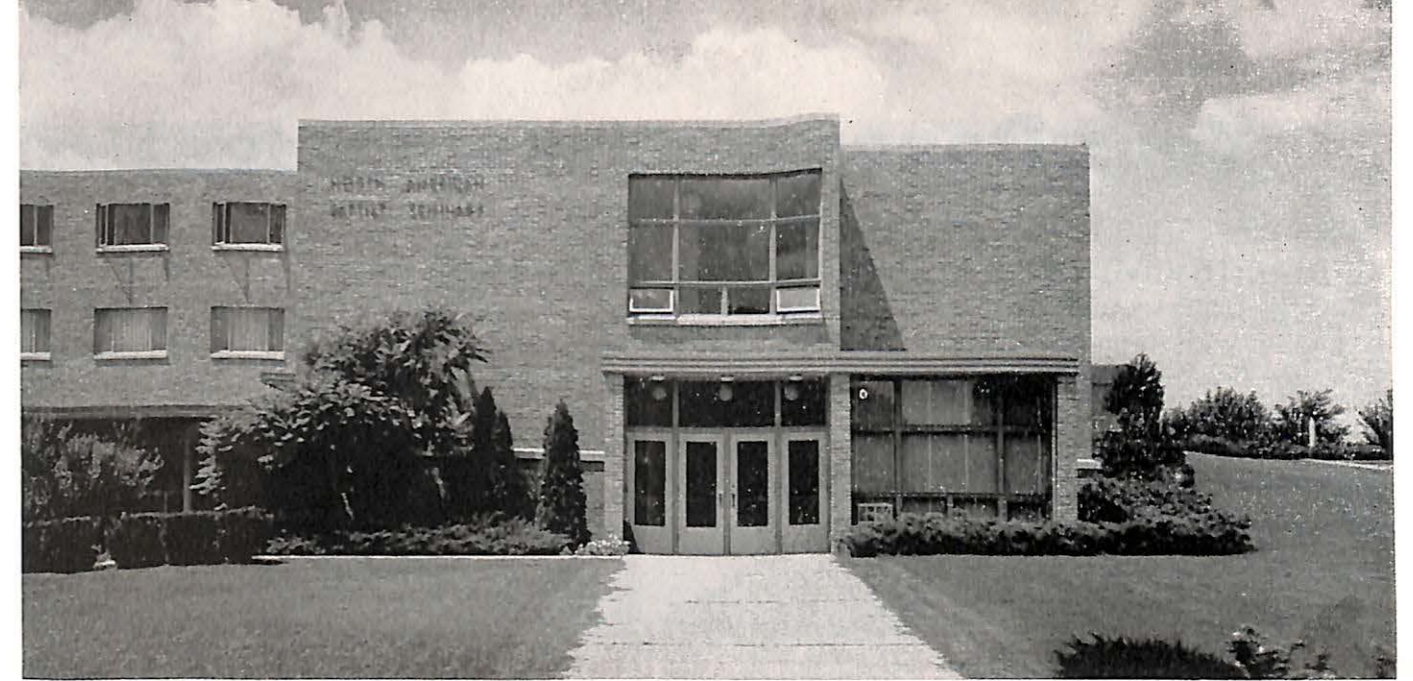
MISSIONARIES' CARS

The missionaries' cars are really not cars that belong to the missionaries. These Spanish youngsters use them as their own. They seek every opportunity for a ride, even though they may live only a block away. My heart sank as I saw them rip open the back door of Mr. Appel's station wagon as he drove up to the mission, and in dove about eight or ten youngsters, over the seats to the front and on went the radio. Those who were not in the car were on the hood or roof. With a firm but gentle voice the missionary had to emphasize and re-emphasize, "You may sit in it but don't climb all over!"

It isn't unusual for the Spanish to have large families, and in many instances the widow keeps on having a family. I saw a mother who had given away five of her children. It doesn't seem possible, but where the love of Christ has not entered the heart these things will happen—in America! Hence, the missionary is needed in the San Luis Valley of Colorado.

As North American Baptists we have a responsibility here if we believe in the Gospel we preach. Or are we to wait for missionaries from Africa to come to evangelize this field? God forbid that we should neglect our neighbor—so close by! Our missionaries here need our earnest support in prayer and gifts but especially with our words of encouragement and our love. With the frequent changes in missionary personnel, it has given

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The picturesque grounds and stately building of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in all of their "summer glory."

Seminary Courses in Christian Education

An Important Announcement by PROF. ROY SEIBEL, Director of Public Relations

BEGINNING WITH the opening of the fall term, September 11, 1956, the North American Baptist Seminary will offer the degree of Master of Religious Education to those who complete a two-year program of specialized study in the field of Christian Education.

The announcement of the new program marks another step in the continued advance which the Seminary has experienced since its relocation in 1950 to the new and beautiful campus in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The addition of this new field of study is indicative of the progressive spirit that has led to the enlargement of the faculty and student body and the further strengthening of the school's academic position.

TRAINED PERSONNEL NEEDED

The Seminary is launching the program of study in Christian Education because of a growing demand among our churches for consecrated and trained personnel who are capable of leading our Sunday Schools and churches in an aggressive and effective educational and youth program. We are moving into an era when the pastor can no longer single-handedly coordinate and direct all the potential educational forces available to the church of today. Therefore, many churches are securing the services of a director of Christian Education whose task it is to guide the church in its educational ministry, to lead in a faithful visitation of its constituency, and to train the necessary workers.

The new program in Christian Education is made available to those who possess the degree of Bachelor of Arts from an accredited college and who meet the spiritual and character entrance requirements of the Seminary.

In the program of training, emphasis is placed in establishing a proper balance between class room study and experience in teaching and leadership situations of the local church. Students not only study the most effective methods of Christian Education but also learn to adapt them to specific local situations.

SPECIALIZED COURSES

Among the specialized courses offered are Survey of Christian Education, Teaching in Christian Education, Vacation and Week-day Church School Camps, and Audio-Visuals. Other courses of study place emphasis upon organization and administration of a Christian Education program in a local church.

The program is so designed that it is readily adapted into the present educational pattern of the Seminary. Thus, the students in the field of Christian Education receive basic courses in Bible, Church History, and Theology.

The Seminary now offers a recognized course of study in three fields. Emphasis is placed upon pastoral training, both on the Bachelor of Theology and Bachelor of Divinity level. Those seeking to prepare for the mission field may take the Bachelor of Divinity course with a major in missions. Young people planning to enter the field of Christian Education may secure the Master of Christian Education, or they may take either the Th.B. or B.D. degree with a major in Christian Education.

Those desiring further information on any of the courses of study are encouraged to write to the President, North American Baptist Seminary, 1605 South Euclid, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

MARCH OF EVENTS

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used by the missionaries, the prefabricated tree house, "George," "Delilah," the second Auca woman and two of the five fellows later speared to death. The condensation is a most sympathetic treatment of a very sad experience. It is very skillfully done and is a faithful report to some 13,000,000 persons around the world who have received the August issue of the "Reader's Digest."

● Twenty-five church laymen are launching a move to provide support for the nation's 475 church-related colleges. With a Chicago newspaper executive as chairman, a group of business and industrial, labor, educational, and church leaders have organized a National Committee of Churchmen for Church Colleges. Milburn P. Akers, executive editor of the Chicago Sun-Times, has been named chairman. The vice-chairman is J. Irwin Miller, board chairman of Cummins Engine Co., Columbus, Indiana. Secretary-Treasurer is Hal Lainson of the Dutton-Lainson Co., Hastings, Nebraska. "The committee will not do any money raising, as such, but sees its task as one of creating a climate of opinion that will encourage gifts to churches and colleges," Mr. Akers said. "To this end it expects to cooperate with other groups in fact finding and research and to provide leadership that will enable colleges to work together in programs designed to improve the quality of public relationships, fund raising, trustee leadership, and internal life."



—Photo by Elmer C. Strauss
The Baptist Mission building at Monte Vista, Colorado, on the Spanish-American mission field in the San Luis Valley.

Your Denominational Budget

The first of a series of articles with the story of our denominational budget by Mr. Arthur Schwerin, chairman of Finance Committee

PERHAPS YOU HAVE often wondered who makes up the denominational budget, how the amounts for the various projects are arrived at, and who finally decides what the total shall be. Putting together YOUR denominational budget, consisting as it does of hundreds of individual items, is a big job. It requires the careful study and planning of a lot of people and many hours of work. This making of a budget is not a haphazard affair. It is done in accordance with established custom and within the limits and procedures as set forth in the General Conference constitution.

BUDGET ADOPTED IN 1922

Ever since 1922 we as a denomination have had a denominational budget. Previous to that time each organization had to raise its own operating funds. I can well remember as a small boy going to church on a Sunday morning and finding a strange minister in the pulpit. In connection with his sermon, he would tell us about the Publication House, the Orphanage, the Seminary or some missionary project, depending upon the group from which he had come. A special collection would be taken and all of the money received would be turned over to the visiting speaker for the particular cause which he was representing.

Today the heads of the co-operating organizations do not have to go out and raise the money needed for their specific ministry. Their financial needs are taken care of by YOUR contribution to YOUR denominational budget. As a result these men can devote their full time to furthering the work of the particular organization they represent.

The General Missionary Society naturally receives the largest share of money YOU have contributed. You understand, of course, that it is not our only missionary enterprise. Through YOUR denominational budget you also help to support the ministry of education, the ministry of the printed word, the training of our young people for Christian leadership, the work of the Sunday School and many other forms of Christian service.

Now let us take a few minutes to see how Brother Schilke arrives at the final draft of his budget. The work on the same starts many months in advance of the time when it is actually presented to the General Council for adoption. Late in the fall there is an important meeting held in the Cameroons, Africa, attended by those in charge of the various stations and services. These devoted and consecrated men and women spend several days reviewing the work they have

done, talking about the things they feel are most necessary to be done the coming year, and then making a detailed report of their requests to be forwarded to headquarters. A similar procedure takes place in Japan and in Austria. The mission committees of our nine local conferences review the status of our mission churches, as well as any other items in their conference areas, which they feel should be brought to the attention of the General Missionary Committee and the denomination.

All of these reports, plus many others, eventually find their way to Brother Schilke's desk. He also has

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET For the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 1957

GENERAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Home Missions	\$ 99,000.00
Home Missions Building	6,000.00
Cameroons Mission—Operating	111,167.37
Cameroons Mission—Building	15,000.00
Japan Mission—Operating	22,000.00
Austrian Mission—Operating	11,592.00
Austrian Mission—Building	421.63
Administration	25,534.00
Total General Missionary Society	\$290,715.00

OTHER COOPERATING SOCIETIES

Roger Williams Press	
Operating	\$ 20,000.00
Bible Day	3,000.00
North American Baptist Seminary	30,000.00
Christian Training Institute	14,385.00
Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship	14,000.00
Sunday School Union	18,750.00
Woman's Missionary Union	1,800.00
Total Other Cooperating Societies	\$101,935.00

HOMES FOR THE AGED

Chicago	\$ 600.00
Philadelphia	600.00
Portland	600.00
Bismarck	600.00
Medicine Hat	600.00
Total Homes for the Aged	\$ 3,000.00

DENOMINATIONAL DEPARTMENTS

Chapel Building Fund	\$ 3,000.00
North American Baptists, Inc. Pension Fund	12,000.00
Aged Ministers and Relief	6,000.00
Promotional and Publicity Expense	29,600.00
Conference, Council and Denominational Administration Expense	28,750.00
Fellowship Fund	5,000.00
Denominational Budget Reserve	20,000.00
Total Denominational Dpt's	\$104,350.00

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Church Extension Fund Goal 1956-1957	\$ 50,000.00
God's Volunteers	6,000.00
Total Budget and Special Projects	\$556,000.00

been busy reviewing the year's work, making plans for the coming year and thinking about all of the proposals that have been made. It is his duty to endeavor to fit them into the overall general plan, while at the same time seeing to it that the requests are not unfeasible from a financial standpoint.

All of this material is then assembled and made up into an agenda for the meeting of the Mission Committee, because it is they, your duly elected representatives, who have to pass on the requests that have come in. This agenda usually consists of about 100 pages of closely written material comprising both reports and financial statistics. It requires some 40 pages to list all of the figures pertaining particularly to the financial end. Then for three hectic days the Mission Committee goes over each group of figures, cutting here and perhaps adding something there.

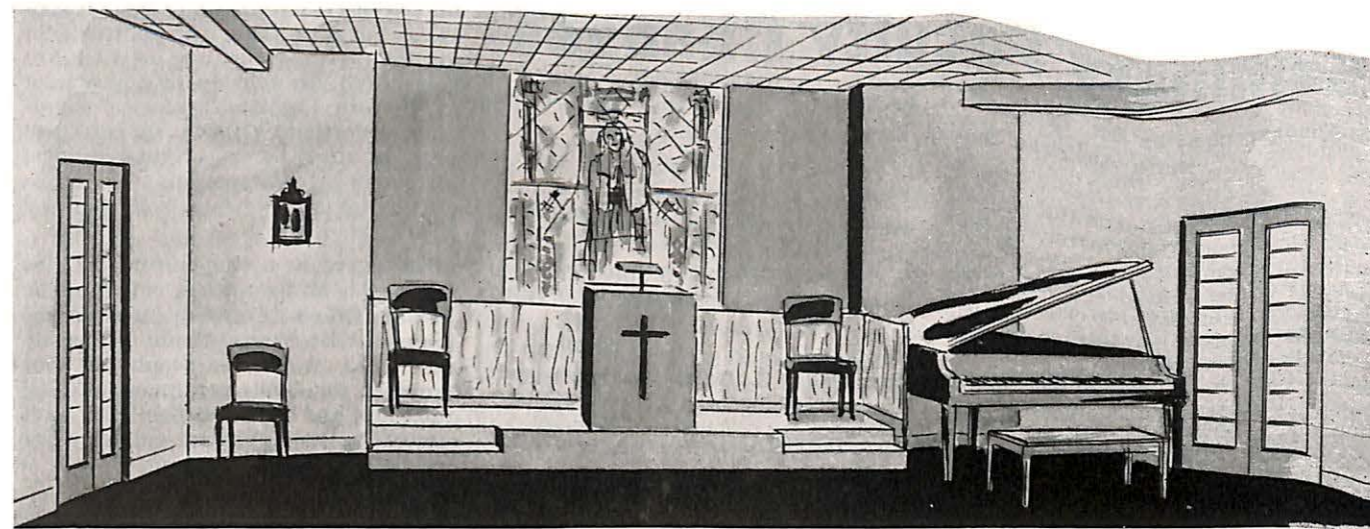
When they have finished their work, Brother Schilke has his budget approved by the Mission Committee for the coming year and ready to present to the Finance Committee and the General Council for approval. In its final form, instead of forty pages, it has been boiled down to a dozen or less pages. And when it appears in the denominational Directory, you will find that it consists of merely five lines. But each one of these lines represents hours of work, columns of figures, and many a headache.

THE COMPLETE BUDGET

All of the other organizations who receive money from YOUR denominational budget, essentially follow the same procedure. The person at the head makes up the budget for his particular organization. It is then submitted to his board for approval. After being approved, it is then forwarded to the executive secretary, Dr. Frank H. Woyke. He, together with the comptroller, then take these individual budgets and make up the complete or total budget for presentation to the Finance Committee.

This copy usually consists of approximately 25 pages. It itemizes each specific item for which money is needed. In one column is the amount requested for the coming year for each item of expenditure. In another is the amount budgeted last year for each item. In the third column is the amount actually expended for each item the preceding year.

What happens to the individual budgets, as well as the total budget, will have to wait until next month. The editor says I have used up my space for this month.



The architect's sketch of the worshipful chapel in the new \$650,000 building of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Chicago, Ill., which is now under construction.

The New Building for the Chicago Home

The story of a project of faith for the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Chicago, Ill., by MR. ELMER A. BENSON, Publicity Chairman

"And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work" (Nehemiah 2:18b).

AS THE ISRAELITES of old were led of the Lord to build for his glory, so the Board of Directors of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Chicago, Ill., have felt led of the Lord in their building program. The new Home, which is located in a northwestern suburb of Chicago, will minister chiefly to the needs of our aged in the four midwestern conferences.

The responsibility of providing for our aged has long been recognized as a Christian obligation by our North American Baptist people. Our new Home, with the help of God and his people, will carry on in the service to our aged. It is truly heart-warming to witness the peace and contentment of the newer guests as they find their place in the family life of the Home.

THE FINE NEW BUILDING

Our Home, when finished, which will accommodate 110 guests, is constructed on a ground-floor plan to eliminate stair-climbing. A separate home for the superintendent, and a janitor's apartment are provided on the grounds. Two completely enclosed tastefully landscaped out-door patios are also provided for the exclusive enjoyment of our Home's family. Each room will be completely and comfortably furnished with new modern furniture. The Home will also include two parlors for the use of visitors.

A library and a TV room will add to the enjoyment of our guests. A large, airy dining room and a well equipped infirmary will contribute to the further comfort of our guests. A beautiful chapel is being provided where our

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Count your many obligations and it will surprise you what the Lord wants done."—Bulletin of the First Baptist Church, Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

family may worship and meditate in proper worshipful surroundings. A beautiful stained-glass window behind the pulpit and the Hammond organ will contribute to the spiritual enjoyment of the services held.

God's hand is apparent in the splendid progress made in the construction of our Home. The greater part of the building is under roof and the various tradesmen are cooperating to complete the construction at the earliest possible date. A prominent interior decorator is working with our Building and Furnishing Committee to insure the harmony of the decorating and furnishing throughout the Home. The balance of our ten acre property will be tastefully landscaped to provide a beautiful setting for the building. Our Home is located in a rapidly growing suburban area. It is to be ready for occupancy by December 1, 1956.

A PROJECT OF FAITH

With some money on hand and an amount to be realized from the sale of the old building, this Board entered into the building program on faith. God has provided for our financial needs thus far. He has opened doors and made available to us a large additional amount needed to complete the Home. The task of repayment can be shared with each member of our denomination. To aid those who wish to take part an itemized list of projects is available.

Rev. Theo. W. Dons, well-known in our denomination, has been appointed as our field representative and will be visiting the churches in the Central, Northwestern, Southwestern, and Southern Conference this fall to acquaint them with the program of our Home. The friendly help and cooperation of all the members of our denomination in these conferences will be needed to bring this program to a successful conclusion.

SUNSET YEARS

Looking forward with eager anticipation toward the realization of our new Home, it is hoped that devoted hearts and hands will help provide the needed funds. May God grant that it might be the starting point for a further long period of years of providing a fine, restful, enjoyable home-like place for our aged folk to spend their sunset years.

CONFERENCE DATES

- Aug. 22-26—SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE at the West Side Baptist Church, Beatrice, Nebraska. Rev. E. P. Wahl, Mrs. Thomas Lutz, and Prof. Hugo Lueck, Guest Speakers.
- Aug. 25-31—ATLANTIC CONFERENCE JUNIOR AND SENIOR CAMP at Camp Hope, New Jersey. Rev. L. Bienert and Dr. George A. Dunger, Guest Speakers.
- Aug. 23-26 — EASTERN CONFERENCE at Neustadt, Ontario. Rev. R. Schilke and Miss Eleanor Schullert, Guest Speakers.
- Aug. 31-Sept. 1—BADLANDS AREA CBYF FALL RALLY at Plevna, Montana. Dr. Ralph Powell, Guest Speaker.

Seminary Faculty Changes

An Announcement by **DR. GEORGE A. LANG** of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, North American Baptist Seminary President

AFTER SIX YEARS of faithful service as a member of the faculty of the North American Baptist Seminary, Professor Herbert Hiller submitted his resignation to the Board of Trustees at its annual session in order to accept the call to become pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta., Canada. Professor Hiller entered the Seminary as professor of Bible from the pastorate at the West Center Street Baptist Church in Madison, South Dakota.

PROF. HERBERT HILLER

During the six years he taught in the Biblical and Practical fields, having the Old Testament subjects and a number of the New Testament subjects as well as Evangelism and German preaching. He was also the secretary of the faculty and carried on many speaking activities in our churches, conferences, assemblies and the like. His friendly spirit, his uplifting chapel talks, and his Biblical instruction will be remembered by his students and colleagues.

He will terminate his work at the Seminary with the end of August planning to be in his work as pastor at the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton with the first of September. May the Lord bless him, Mrs. Hiller and their family as they minister in the large, important church in the great city of Edmonton.

The Board of Trustees of the Seminary extended to Dr. Walter W. Wessel

of Portland, Ore., a call to fill the vacancy on the faculty made by the resignation of Professor Hiller. Dr. Wessel responded favorably and will assume his duties as professor of Bible on the first of September. He plans to bring his wife and five children to Sioux Falls, S. Dak., the latter part of August.

DR. WALTER WESSEL

Dr. Wessel is well prepared to fill the position which he has had the joy to accept. Originally he comes from the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., one of our strong, influential churches on the coast. He has been in fellowship with our denomination through the years and the past year has served as assistant pastor in the influential Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon. He has been used in camps and on other occasions by our people and is therefore well known, especially on the West Coast. He has also contributed to our denominational publications, the most recent appearing in the last issue of "Youth Compass."

He completed a four-year collegiate Bible course at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, received his B.A. and M.A. degrees at the University of California at Los Angeles, and his Ph.D. at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He has had much Bible work and has also taught in that field. His Ph.D. degree was in Bible, especially in the New Testament with emphasis

on Theology, Exegesis and related subjects. For four years he was instructor at Biola (Bible Institute of Los Angeles) and for two years a professor at Western Baptist Theological Seminary at Portland, Oregon. He has spent years of study in the original Biblical languages of Hebrew and Greek as well as taking studies in both Old and New Testaments.

He served as a chaplain during the war and is still a reserve officer in the Reserve Officers Corps. We are pleased to present Dr. Wessel to our fellowship and unite with the people of our churches for God's continued blessing upon him and upon the Seminary as it carries on its important ministry for our beloved denomination.

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MISSIONARIES AT WORK

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Catholicism a stronger hand, even with many who were almost won by the efforts of our missionaries.

We certainly received our reward for our visit when a servant of God here expressed his sentiments: "Thank you for your visit, but, above all, for the wonderful time of fellowship and, most of all, for the spiritual help you gave us."

What has this trip meant to us? It has filled our hearts anew with admiration for these loyal servants of God, our missionaries, on the field. It has given us a better understanding of the Anglo-Spanish relationship, together with a new love for the salvation of their souls. The work is trying and will not be evident in statistics for many years, but once on the side of Christ they can be our "fellow-laborers" in this neglected vineyard.

Do you desire a vacation in God's beautiful out-of-doors? Then journey to the wonders of the Colorado mountains and, while there, visit our lonely missionaries at Center, Monte Vista, and Del Norte. You will experience a new thrill and see our faithful missionaries at work among the most adverse primitive circumstances, under trying conditions that exemplify the love of Christ to see these misguided people saved by the grace of God.

NORTH AMERICAN HYMNAL

An Announcement

by **MR. HAROLD JOHNS**, President of the Publication Board.

Word has just been received that additional corrections must be made on some of the plates for the printing of our new NORTH AMERICAN HYMNAL and it now appears that our hymnals will not be ready for delivery until the 15th of November. This will be quite a disappointment to a number of our people (orders for more than 4,000 hymnals are on hand from our churches), but we dare not publish a work containing known imperfections. Much time and effort have been spent by Rev. Paul Wengel and the rest of the Hymnal Committee to make ours one of the finest hymnals ever published. We believe that those who can will be more than pleased to have waited. Everything possible is being done to try to obtain an earlier delivery date.

A NEW NAME

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servient to a centralized foreign religious autocracy, rather than obedient to the free dictates of a Bible-centered conscience. One observes that Romanists are dropping the use of the word "Roman" more and more, in their public utterances. Is it to avoid this foreign connection, and to spare themselves from embarrassing questions? What if they should one day completely abandon the word "Roman"? By using the name "Catholic" alone, they could appear to be the whole of Christianity, to the detriment of our position.

Of course, the question would be asked, What is an Evangelical Catholic? Is he not the Catholic, both mentioned and described, in the Apostles' Creed? This would be the golden moment of opportunity to tell in a clarion voice that he embodies the true faith and that his system and allegiance rest upon the good news of salvation through faith in the one and only living Savior, as revealed in the only infallible guide, the Bible.

Many adhere to the Roman way simply because they feel that the term "catholic" includes them in the "true church." Words alone do not characterize truth, yet herein is truth to the unthinking. If we could reclaim this name, we would appeal to and win the many who just want to be Catholic and not necessarily Roman Catholic. When once they should come and enquire, we could then give out the Gospel of love and redemption.

There is much in a name, although the Holy Spirit can work in spite of any man-devised ascription. Still, as we work together with God, we ought to use the best and most descriptive phraseology, in which there is strength of unity and purpose.

It is doubtful whether the leaders of the Reformation ever intended that the name "Protestant," as originally

to the word "Bible." Almost spontaneously we say, "Let us be called Bible Catholics." Can we not conclude, that, in practice, if not in its historical aspect or its etymological content, the name "Protestant" has confused and misstated the true position of the Church of Jesus Christ? At least, it would seem sound to refrain from ever referring to the Roman fold as the Catholic Church. Let them always be called either Romanists or Roman Catholics, thereby bearing in mind their geographical limitation and their political aspect.

Inasmuch as the proper name "Protestant" is not divinely inspired, we can safely exercise our minds upon this matter and possibly, through the concerted interest and effort of our great free evangelical bodies, decide whether action along this line could be accomplished. Our composite groups are entitled to a name which will be inclusive of all who deserve it, and exclusive of all who have no right to it. Any name arrived at must be appropriate, not narrow and defensive, and at the same time descriptive of our position before the Lord, and in the world to which we are indebted to bring the Light unto Eternal Life.

NORTH AMERICAN HYMNAL

New Publication Date

Nov. 15-20, 1956

See accompanying notice giving reasons for the delay of the publication date. Please be patient with those who are working behind the scenes to give our churches a superbly fine hymnal.

ORDERS CAN BE SENT

More than 4,000 copies of the hymnal have already been ordered. New orders will be filled immediately after publication of the hymnals at Philadelphia, Pa.

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applied in derision, should ever designate the Bible-loving church through the centuries. Perhaps here is the suggestion of a more simple alternative. Under the name "Roman Catholic," the center of authority is invested in the Vatican, so in looking for a word to substitute for "Roman" as the center of our authority, we come at once

New Subscription Rates for the BAPTIST HERALD

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CLUB PLAN	BUDGET PLAN	OTHER SUBSCRIPTIONS
This plan will terminate on Dec. 31, 1957. Churches may continue until then on the basis of this plan that calls for 75% of the family units subscribing to one or both of our papers.	This new plan adopted by the Publication Board will be described in later issues of the "Baptist Herald" and in promotional leaflets. It will merit the favorable consideration of all churches.	This slight increase in subscription prices represents less than a two cent increase for every number of the "Baptist Herald." This is little enough in the present day trend toward higher prices.
\$3.00 a Year	\$3.00 a Year	\$3.50 a Year

- Be sure to read the "Editorial" in this issue about the new subscription rates.
- These new rates will benefit YOU by drastically reducing the Publication Society's deficit and the denominational subsidy.
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JULY CONTRIBUTIONS—NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	June, 1956	June, 1955	June, 1954
Atlantic	\$ 3,057.69	\$ 2,793.32	\$ 1,260.13
Central	7,342.38	3,574.24	4,584.74
Dakota	5,919.47	3,021.02	4,248.58
Eastern	1,136.50	646.05	3,728.46
Northern	3,560.79	2,753.01	3,075.24
Northwestern	6,716.07	7,732.43	7,985.22
Pacific	3,423.14	2,233.06	1,373.62
Southern	1,569.47	702.47	609.93
Southwestern	2,541.76	2,796.57	3,939.04
Inter - Conference		2,327.78	
Total Contributions	\$35,267.27	\$28,579.95	\$30,804.96

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of June, 1956	\$31,806.38	\$ 3,460.89	\$35,267.27
For the month of June, 1955	25,244.82	3,335.13	28,579.95
For the month of June, 1954	30,125.31	679.65	30,804.96

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1956 to June 30, 1956	\$124,562.78	\$11,146.48	\$135,709.26
April 1, 1955 to June 30, 1955	112,595.11	11,573.79	124,168.90
April 1, 1954 to June 30, 1954	130,962.67	2,837.44	133,800.11

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE TRIENNium

April 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956	\$603,863.68	\$ 95,083.10	\$698,946.78
April 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955	619,485.49	124,865.41	744,350.90
April 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954	662,961.93	27,562.23	690,524.16



Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 2, 1956

Theme: **THE ROYAL LAW OF LOVE**

Scripture: Luke 6:31; 10:30-37;
James 2:1-13.

THE CENTRAL TRUTH: Our love and service to God can be Christ-like only in so far as we are willing to break through the barriers of race, creed, color, or wealth.

INTRODUCTION: The theme for most of the lessons this week is entitled, "Democracy in Christian Fellowship." It sounds a little too impersonal, and to many of us it seems to describe a type of government. Love in Christian fellowship is broader and includes democratic principles. In the democratic way of life we can often be legally right and morally wrong. The way of love, however, is always concerned with the moral aspect first, whether it is legally right or not.

One of the current books is called, "Love Or Perish." It is based on the words of Jesus when he described the relationship we are to have with our brother (Matt. 5:22). John emphasized the principle of love in this way: "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" (1 John 4:20.)

In the famous Hatfield-McCoy feud no members of these two families contributed anything to the welfare of the community. They were interested only in "getting even" by killing each other. It was not until they gave up hating each other that they became respected citizens, successful business men, and some even became governors of their states.

I. LOVE AND THE GOLDEN RULE.
Luke 6:31.

In the writings of Confucius we find what might be called a negative golden rule: "Do not do unto others what you would not like others to do unto you." This would imply that you can be good by doing nothing. But Jesus' words are positive in that we are to have an active interest in the welfare of those around us. To understand better the needs of our neighbor, we are to put ourselves in their place. How are we to apply the Golden Rule to a criminal and judge? To a disobedient child and parent?

II. LOVE ON THE JERICHO ROAD.
Luke 10:30-37.

All of us come into contact with people who we think are not worthy

of our love, nor even of God's love. They are the people who are unappreciative, or with whom we disagree, or who are of a different race or social background. We shirk our responsibility by saying, "They are all right as long as they keep in their place." Yet Jesus teaches us that our place is beside them as a neighbor. They are worthy of our love because they are worthy of God's love. Often they are serving God more sacrificially than we are.

III. LOVE AND THE CHURCH.
James 2:1-13.

Jesus said, "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15). The measure of a man's life should be judged according to the measure of his spirit. Men who had a full life were the men who were full of the Holy Spirit. Here was a New Testament church which treated a man according to the material contribution he made to the church. Let us be mature enough in our faith to realize that a church of Jesus Christ is one in which each seeks to make the greatest spiritual contribution; then the material contribution will take care of itself.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 9, 1956

Theme: **THE SOURCE OF HUMAN CONFLICTS.**

Scripture: Luke 22:54-62;
James 3:4-5; 4:1-12

THE CENTRAL TRUTH: Your words reveal your thoughts, and your actions (whether good or evil) are the results.

INTRODUCTION: Long ago Job said, "How forcible are right words!" (Job 6:25.) We have all been in situations in which it took all the power of the imagination to say the right word at the right time with right inflection and the right emphasis. The wise man of old must have had the experience many times when he said, "A word spoken in due season, how good is it!" (Prov. 15:23.)

In the diplomatic service men are trained for years in the use of words. The relationships among nations are

EDITOR OF PAGE

The editor of the Sunday School Lessons is Rev. Bruno Schreiber of Oak Park, Illinois. He served formerly as pastor at New Leipzig, North Dakota.

often so sensitive and strained that the wrong words can be the source of a world conflict. How important it is that we as Christians listen to the voice of Jesus Christ who speaks words of peace, words of power, words of eternal life! (John 6:68.)

I. THE ACCUSING TONGUE. Luke 22:55-59.

Ordinarily we do not like people who are too frank in relation to us—particularly when we are trying to hide something. We do not like to be reminded of what we said or what we did or who we are. It is embarrassing when we think we are playing a false role successfully and someone comes along and takes the mask off. Peter found it impossible to keep his disguise very long.

II. THE UNTRUTHFUL TONGUE.
Luke 22:60-62.

From early childhood we have a strong instinct to protect ourselves from danger and to justify our actions. Without this instinct it would be impossible to survive. The difficulty arises when we try to protect and to justify ourselves by dishonest means. Truth, in the end, is always a surer protection than a lie, and a revealed truth is better than a temporary false covering.

III. THE CONTROLLED TONGUE.
James 3:4-5.

Every day we read of the disastrous results when an automobile has gone out of control. Every means of transportation, every source of power must be strictly under control if it is to serve mankind. Of how much more importance is it that the tongue be kept under the control and the discipline of the Holy Spirit!

IV. THE ENVIOUS TONGUE. James 4:1-5.

In every neighborhood we have examples of contented and discontented people. Some communities can claim only "contented cows." Continually looking over the fence where we imagine the grass is always greener creates a spirit of envy.

V. THE CONVERTED TONGUE.
James 4:6-8.

God's Spirit is not a spirit of envy, but a Spirit of grace and contentment. Draw yourself away from your neighbor's house, or his money, or his position, and "draw nigh unto God and he will draw nigh unto you."

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What's Happening

● The First Baptist Church of Appleton, Minn., has called Mr. John Ziegler of Medicine Hat, Alta., as its pastor to succeed Rev. Edward Kopf, now of Odessa, Washington. He has accepted the call and will begin his pastorate in Appleton at the end of August. Mr. Ziegler is a 1956 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary.

● The pulpit of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., has been supplied in July and August by Rev. A. F. Ballbach of Oak Lane, Pa., a retired Baptist minister, assisted by Rev. William E. Hakes, the son-in-law of Mr. Ballbach. The church is considering the calling of another pastor to succeed Rev. Peter M. Kemper who brought his ministry there to a close on June 30.

● The First Baptist Church of Bessie, Okla., has called Rev. David C. Keiry of Monte Vista, Colo., as its pastor, a 1956 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary. He has accepted the call and began his ministry at the Bessie Church on July 15th. On Friday evening, July 17, a reception was held for him and his family with many members and friends of the church in attendance. Mr. Keiry has succeeded Rev. Jacob Ehman, now of Sidney, Montana.

● The First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., has announced that its Vacation Bible School held in June had an enrollment of 118 children. At the closing demonstration program 111 certificates were awarded to those who had completed the school course. The offerings of the school amounted to \$135. Six children accepted Christ as Savior during the school sessions. Rev. J. G. Benke, pastor, brought a series of sermons in July and August on "Vacationing in the Mountains," beginning with "Sinai—Mount of Law."

● Rev. Emil Becker of New Leipzig, N. Dak., has sent the following news concerning his recovery from an extended siege of illness: "Due to treatments which I have received at the Medical School of the University of Oregon, I am able to live a normal life in every respect. I am very thankful for the remedy which is used in the experimental division of the school toward a cure of leukemia. Again, I do my work without interference of illness. Thanks for all prayers of Christian friends and medical science."

● The North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., through its Board of Trustees has announced the

appointment of Dr. Walter Wessel of Portland, Ore., as a teacher on the faculty to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Professor Herbert Hiller. More information about this appointment is given on page 12 of this issue. Dr. Wessel has accepted the call and will assume his duties as professor on Bible on September 1st. Mr. and Mrs. Wessel and their five children will move to Sioux Falls, S. Dak., the latter part of August.

● The Rev. and Mrs. William Schweitzer attended the dedication of the new edifice of the First Baptist Church of Manitowoc, Wis., on Sunday, July 15. They are members of the First Baptist Church of Madison, Wis., where Mr. Schweitzer is the teacher of the Gillin Bible Class, a Sunday School adult class with a maximum attendance of about 70. He was formerly pastor of the Bethel Church of Sheboygan, Wis., and of the Carroll Ave. Church, Dallas, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Schweitzer live near Madison at the address: Box 88, Verona, Wisconsin.

● Rev. R. E. Reschke of Portland, Ore., passed away on June 24th as the result of a heart attack. He was 60 years of age. Following his graduation from the North American Baptist Seminary and his ordination in Goodrich, N. Dak., in 1921, he served the following churches: Lemburg, Sask.; Southey, Sask.; Salt Creek Church, Ore.; Spokane, Wash.; and Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. His wife and three children survive him. Since his retirement he has been a member of the Immanuel Church of Portland. The obituary appears on page 23 of this issue.

● Mr. Helmuth Wobig of Buffalo, N. Y., is serving as editor of the monthly publication, "New York State Gideon News." This four-page paper in its 14th year presents news and reports from Gideon's groups in New York state and is profusely illustrated. Excerpts from the "Baptist Herald" editorial on "Continue Thou!" that appeared in the March 8, 1956 issue, were recently published in this Gideon paper. Mr. Wobig is a member of the Bethel Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., a former member of the Publication Board of our denomination, and a very active member of "The Gideons International."

● The women of the Central Baptist Missionary Society of Edmonton, Alta., held a Strawberry Tea in the auditorium of the Hudson Bay Store on June 28. It was successfully convened

by Mrs. Albert Layetzke, who along with the president, Mrs. Ed. Link, received the guests. The head table, with its shining silver services, was enhanced by a lovely spring bouquet. Pouring the tea were Mrs. L. Benke, Mrs. M. Falkenberg, Mrs. G. Buckles, and Mrs. E. P. Wahl. All the ladies of the society aided by serving and baking the cakes that were served with strawberries and whipped cream. The proceeds went to further the missionary work carried on by the society.

● The next exchange student from the Baptist Seminary in Hamburg, Germany, will be Mr. Bernd Kuhn. Since it is expected that the exchange student will remain at the Seminary for the entire year, Mr. Kuhn will first graduate at Hamburg and will begin his studies at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in September 1957. Last year the exchange student from Germany was Mr. George O. Selinger. Mr. Harold Lang of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., who studied at the Baptist Seminary of Hamburg, Germany, during the past year, hopes to arrive in the United States about August 28th. An article by him about his experiences and observations in Germany will appear later in one of our publications.

● On Sunday, July 1st, Mrs. Lydia Draewell of Philadelphia, Pa., wife of the late Rev. J. G. Draewell, had the joy of seeing all of her children and most of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren in a family reunion at Belleville, Michigan. Thirty-eight persons were present in all. This is the first time in 19 years that her widely scattered family has had the opportunity of being together. Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Draewell ministered in days past in our churches at Baileyville, Ill.; Elgin, Iowa; Marion, Kans.; Detroit, Mich.; and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Two grandsons, who were present at the reunion, Rev. Lawrence Koppin and Rev. David Draewell, have followed their grandfather into the Gospel ministry.

● A week of revival meetings was recently held by the Forest Baptist Church, Winburne, Pa., with Rev. William Ross of McKees Rocks, Pa., serving as evangelist. Four converts were baptized on May 20 and on June 3rd were received into the church. A Vacation Bible School was held for two weeks in June sponsored by the Cooper Township Sunday School Association. Rev. George W. Zinz, minister of the Forest Baptist Church, served as assistant dean and teacher of the Intermediate Class. Mr. Zinz was also elected in May as chairman of two important committees by the Clearfield Baptist Association, namely, the department of missionary cooperation and the advisory board. Mrs. George W. Zinz has been quite ill for some months, having spent several

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Our Denomination in ACTION

Dakota Conference

Vacation Bible School With 62 Children at the Baptist Church, Underwood, North Dakota

A Vacation Bible School was held at the First Baptist Church, Underwood, N. Dak., from June 11 to 15, with an enrollment of 62, an average attendance of 58 and perfect attendance for 46. There were four departments and teachers as follows: Beginners, Mrs. L. Schafer, Mrs. C. Radke, Miss Galene Grueneich; Primary, Mrs. E. Blatchford and Misses Lorella Saylor and Doneta Janke; Juniors, Mrs. R. Wood, Mrs. G. Simpson and Miss Karen Koenig; Intermediates, Mrs. E. Schafer and Mrs. R. Grenz. Mrs. A. Turner was director of music and Rev. Richard A. Grenz was director of the school.

The material used was "Champions for Christ" which gave the pupils many interesting things to make and to study. Each morning an offering was received for the Indian Mission Field on the Bull Reserve where Rev. and Mrs. R. Neuman serve as missionaries. Before each offering, some information concerning the mission field was given to the school.

The program was held on Friday evening, June 15, with many in attendance. Mr. Art Turner, the Sunday School superintendent, expressed his appreciation to the pupils and staff for the fine efforts during the week and the inspiring program. It is our prayer that the good seed sown will bring forth a rich harvest for the Lord.

Miss Karen Koenig, Reporter.

Vacation Bible Schools at Eureka and Leola, South Dakota, With 52 Children

The Vacation Bible School at the Baptist Church, Eureka, S. Dak., was held from May 28 to June 8. There were 29 pupils regularly enrolled with five teachers and the director, Rev. A. E. Reeh, minister. For two weeks three-hour morning sessions were held. The Scripture Press material was used and special handcraft work was done under direction of the pastor. The closing program of the school was held the following Sunday with each department presenting partially the memory work as well as the handcraft exhibition. A free will offering covered the expenses of \$18.92.

The first Church School picnic in many years was held Sunday, July 8th, in Eureka, South Dakota. The activities of this day began with our school in session and a short worship service. There were about 200 people in attendance. Because of inclement weather, it became necessary to have the picnic indoors in the basement of the church. The three schools from Eureka, Leola, and Java were gath-



Vacation Bible School children and teachers on the front steps of the First Baptist Church, Underwood, North Dakota.

ered together in fine Christian fellowship around the picnic tables and later in various group games. Free ice cream and soda pop as well as prizes were given to successful contestants.

The first Vacation Bible School was held in our own church, the First Baptist Church, Leola, S. Dak., from May 21 to 26. Previously we had joined in one year with the Methodist Church of our community and one year the children were taken to Eureka for that purpose. Registered pupils in regular attendance were 23 with six regular teachers and the director, Rev. A. E. Reeh, and three visitors in seven sessions. Thus 894 pupil-teacher training hours have gone into this effort.

The following Sunday the closing exercises of the school were held in which the children demonstrated partially what they had learned and what had been accomplished. The exhibition of the various departments gave all church members and friends an insight of the type and amount of work done during the ten sessions of the school.

A. E. Reeh, Reporter.



Children and teachers of the Vacation Bible School at Leola, South Dakota, a mission of the Eureka Baptist Church.

Baptismal Service, Vacation Bible School and Special Programs at Wessington Springs, S. Dak.

On Sunday evening, June 24, the Immanuel Baptist Church of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., held a baptismal service at which three young converts were baptized. On Sunday morning, July 1, they received the hand of fellowship from our pastor, Rev. Elton Kirstein.

About 40 children attended our Vacation Bible School at the Ebenezer Church from June 4 to 8. Children from both churches attended, the theme being "The King's Adventure Land." They presented their program on Sunday morning, June 10.

On Sunday evening, July 8, the Immanuel Church dedicated the American and the Christian flags as a memorial to Albert Kludt, Senior. Scripture, prayer and special music were all in charge of the Kludt family. A talk by Brother Kirstein was given on the two flags. The new flags add much to the beauty of our sanctuary.

Our Young Adult Group which consists of young married couples has just completed a study on "The Book of the Psalms." Our minister is our leader, and we certainly have some blessed times together studying the Word of God. On Tuesday evening, July 10, we had our annual picnic. On May 27, our group presented a program, which was recorded and sent to our missionaries in Japan, Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut, and Rev. and Mrs. Clemence Auch and their families.

The annual Ladies' Missionary Society program was given on May 13th. Special musical numbers were rendered by the women and Mrs. Thomas D. Lutz of Aberdeen, S. Dak., was our guest speaker. This program was also recorded on tape and sent to Japan.

Mrs. Allen Rasmussen, Reporter.

Northern North Dakota Association Convenes With the Bethel Church, Harvey, North Dakota

The Northern North Dakota Association met with the Bethel Baptist Church, Harvey, N. Dak., June 7-10. The theme, "A Living Sacrifice," based on Romans 12:1 was a real challenge throughout the entire Association. The delegates and visitors were welcomed by Mayor Freitag, Rev. John Kastelein, host pastor, and Rev. M. DeBoer, association moderator.

All the sessions were held in the Armory except for the business meeting of the Brotherhood, the Sunday School gathering for the children and young people and the prayer meeting at 7:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. These prayer meetings were a real blessing.

Our hearts were definitely stirred as the theme, "A Living Sacrifice," was presented by a number of the pastors, Prof. Roy Seibel of our Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; Mrs. Harm Sherman, Aplington, Iowa; and Mr. Harold B. Lippert, Tripp, South Dakota. The true living sacrifice is as Jesus made it when he died upon the Cross for our sins.

The final day, Sunday, brought at least 500 people to the Armory. On Saturday after Prof. Seibel presented the denominational mission report

which showed a decrease of almost \$57,000 in our denominational giving, a goal of \$1,000 was set for the mission offering. We came very close to the goal for the mission offering was \$839. The total of the offerings received on Saturday and Sunday amounted to \$1,023.14.

This year a Sunday evening service was held as the final meeting of the Association. A congregation of 500 people was present to see an informative film on mixed marriages and to hear the message of the evening. A goodly number of people surrendered their hearts completely to the Lord.

The new officers are: moderator, Rev. Otto Fiesel, Washburn, N. Dak.; vice-moderator, Rev. David Zimmerman, Cathay, N. Dak.; secretary, Rev. Carl Weisser, Carrington, N. Dak.; treasurer, Mr. George Kessler, McClusky, North Dakota. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Thomas Derman, new caretaker of the Crystal Springs Baptist Youth Camp, for his faithful service as treasurer for many years. The association is invited to meet with the Baptist Church, Turtle Lake, N. Dak., in June 1957.

Richard A. Grenz, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School at Tyndall, South Dakota, and the Danzig Church

The Vacation Bible School which was conducted jointly by the Presbyterian, Methodist, and Baptist churches of Tyndall, S. Dak., was held at the Tyndall Baptist Church, May 21 to 25. Our pastor, Rev. Rubin Herrmann, supervised the school. The nine teachers and nine helpers were volunteers from all three cooperating churches. The total enrollment was 125 with students from five different denominations. Those participating from the Baptist church were: Mrs. John Lubbers who supervised the Beginners Department, and Bonnie Lubbers, one of the helpers; Mrs. Andrew Stemper, supervisor of the Primary Department; Mrs. Irvin Finck, Junior Department, with Sylvia Rueb being the other teacher in the same department. Because of the large enrollment the closing program was held in the city auditorium. A fine display of handcraft was displayed by each department.

The following week, May 28 to June



A Sunday session of the Northern North Dakota Association held in the Armory of Harvey, North Dakota, with the Bethel Baptist Church at host church.

1, the Danzig Baptist Church enjoyed a well attended Vacation Bible School. The total enrollment was 42 with a teacher and helper for each of the four departments except in the Junior High group where the pastor was the instructor. Mrs. Wilbert Berndt and Mrs. Arnold Berndt were in charge of the Beginners; Mrs. Albert Vander Linde and Mrs. James Jansen in the Primary; and Mrs. Irvin Finck and Miss Marlene Mattis in the Junior Department. The school was under the supervision of Rev. R. Herrmann. The closing program was held on Friday evening, June 1.

The mission offering of both schools was designated for the Bamenda New Hope Settlement. Mr. Herrmann showed slides of the leper work, thus helping to stimulate the interest of the children in the mission work that is being done there.

Mrs. Irvin Finck, Reporter.

Sessions of the Dakota Conference Woman's Missionary Union at Bismarck, North Dakota

The Dakota Conference Woman's Missionary Union met for its annual business session on June 22, preceded by a luncheon at the Patterson Hotel in Bismarck, North Dakota. The meeting was led by Mrs. A. J. Fischer, pres-

ident. Miss Ruby Salzman, missionary to the Cameroons, gave a fine devotional on prayer. She encouraged us to pray more, especially for our mission fields, and to worry less.

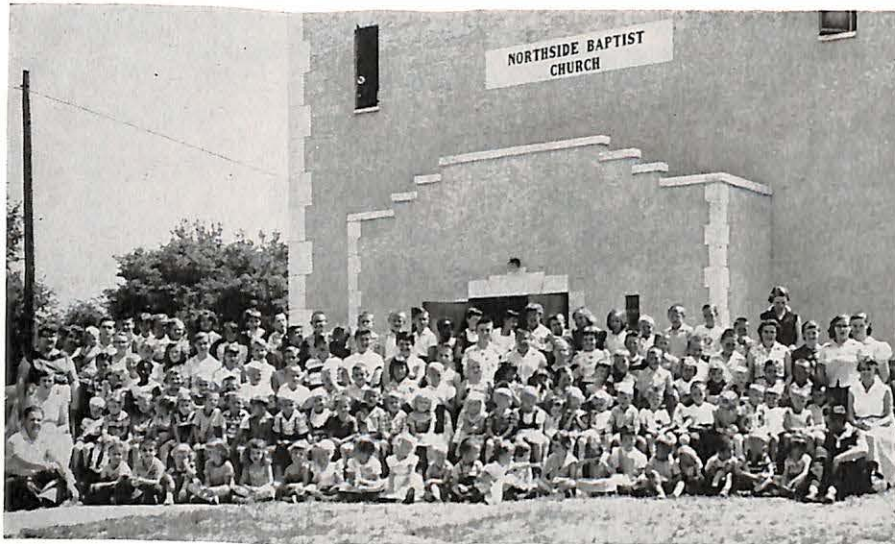
Missionary societies from Bison and Rapid City, S. Dak., and West Fargo, N. Dak., were accepted into the Dakota Conference Woman's Missionary Union. The election results were as follows: Mrs. Richard Grenz, president; Mrs. C. H. Seccamp, vice-president; Mrs. Emil Becker, secretary; and Mrs. Carl Fischer, treasurer. Mrs. LeRoy Schauer was appointed White Cross chairman.

A fine program, under the leadership of Mrs. Fischer, was given in the evening. Mrs. Rubin Herrmann led the song service. Scripture was read by Mrs. Otto Fiesel and Mrs. Martin DeBoer led in prayer. The Women's Choir, led by Mrs. Alfred Weisser, sang two selections, and a fine duet was sung by Mrs. John Kastelein and Mrs. Ben Lutt. The new officers were installed by Mrs. Thomas Lutz, the denominational Woman's Union president. Mrs. Edwin Michelson presented a beautiful corsage to our guest speaker, Miss Ruby Salzman. Miss Salzman showed slides and informed us about the work that is being done on the Cameroons mission field.

Mrs. George Breitzkreuz, Reporter.



"A wonderful time was enjoyed" by all of the children at the Vacation Bible School held by the Baptist Church, Tyndall, S. Dak., (right) with its fine staff of teachers (left) headed by the pastor, Rev. R. Hermann (front center) as the school's director.



Most of the 146 children and 15 teachers who attended the Vacation Bible School of the Northside Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Vacation Bible School, Northside Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., With 146 Children Enrolled

A record enrollment of 146 pupils helped to make the Vacation Bible School at the Northside Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., a blessed time for students and teachers alike. The school was divided into four departments with 15 teachers and helpers conducting the nine classes.

The teachers in the pre-school department were Oma Beehler, Mrs. Iola Walkes, Mrs. Jo Lathrop, and Vera Saylor. The helpers were Judy Bridenstine, Mary Bridenstine, Mrs. Henrietta King, and De Lona Saylor. Mrs. Harold Weiss and John Ziegler, a 1956 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, were teachers of the Primary department. In the Junior Department the teachers were Mrs. Nila Rezac and Mrs. Delores Westermann with Mrs. Lila Draves as helper.

Bruce Rich, a student at the seminary and a full-time worker in our church for one month, taught the Junior High School class with John Hisel as helper. The average attendance was 112.

The theme of our school, "Adventuring With Christ," was carried out in

the entire program. Each day included flag salutes, opening worship, and fellowship session, classes and planned recreation period. An offering was taken each day, totaling \$45.86 which provided funds for a bookcase and four bulletin boards made by the Junior High class as their projects.

A handwork exhibit and a class demonstration were given by each department at the closing program. During the two weeks of Bible School several children were led to Christ and many who never attended Sunday School before are now regularly coming.

Mrs. Iola Walkes, Reporter.

Indian Young People's Bible Class at Fort Yates, North Dakota

A fine class of Indian young people of Fort Yates, N. Dak., meets each Monday evening during the school year for an hour of Bible Study. Rev. Bernard Edinger, the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Selfridge, N. Dak., and of the Fort Yates Community Church serves as the teacher.

Each student has been furnished with a personal New Testament, and the class has received a supply of Bi-

bles through the efforts of the women of the Fort Yates Community Church, of which Mr. Edinger is the pastor.

The row of young men at the back of the picture are boys who were members of the 1956 basketball team which won the Class B Championship of the state of North Dakota, the tournament being held at Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Bernard Edinger, Pastor.

Woman's Missionary Union Sessions of the Northern North Dakota Association at Harvey

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Northern North Dakota Association held its annual business meeting at the city auditorium of Harvey, N. Dak., on June 8. Mrs. David Zimmerman of Cathay, president of the Union, extended a hearty welcome to all with Mrs. John Kastelein, pastor's wife of the host church, responding. Mrs. Klein of Turtle Lake read Scripture passage and led in opening prayer. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. Albert Krombein, Anamoose, president; Mrs. R. R. Rust, Martin, vice-president; and Mrs. Henry Fuhrman, Harvey, re-elected secretary-treasurer.

The secretary reported 25 new members received into the union during the year making a total of 365 members. The total money raised was \$10,563.76, averaging \$28.94 per member. Money raised for missions was \$3,595.43. The Carrington Society gave us a very effective memorial service in memory of those who have gone on to their heavenly home.

Approximately 175 women gathered at the noon luncheon which was served in the auditorium dining room. A blessed time was spent singing choruses and listening to the reports from the various societies. We were privileged to have Mrs. Harm Sherman of Aplington, Iowa, a Christian worker among women, with us during this service. Mrs. John Kastelein of Harvey presented her with a corsage from the Harvey Society, and in return Mrs. Wm. Kessler, president of the Harvey society, presented Mrs. J. Kastelein with a corsage.

The afternoon program was opened with a hearty song service led by the Lincoln Valley society. Mrs. Carl Weisser of Carrington read Scripture. Mrs. Zimmerman extended a hearty welcome to all and welcomed the new ministers' wives, Mrs. Ed. Oster of McClusky and Mrs. Otto Fiesel of Washburn into our union. Mrs. Harm Sherman of Aplington, Iowa, led the installation service for the new officers, using fitting verses for every duty of the officers. During this service Mrs. Kastelein sang a solo, "Oh, To Be Like Thee." The McClusky society favored us with a song, "My God and I."

Mrs. Sherman brought us the afternoon message based on the passage, 2 Cor. 5:14-21. The Ladies' Chorus brought us a message in song, "If You Know the Lord." The afternoon offering which was divided among our Seminary, Home for the Aged, women's work in the Cameroons, and Crystal Springs camp, amounted to \$140.30.

Mrs. Henry Fuhrman, Secretary.

Leadership Training Certificates for 23 Persons at Baptist Church, Martin, North Dakota

Twenty-three members of the Martin Baptist Church of Martin, N. Dak., received certificates as they completed the church's first series of Leadership Training classes. Beginning in January, these people met in two classes each week and studied through the course under the leadership of their pastor, Rev. L. D. Potratz. Part of this class is taking a second course this summer, and the rest hope to enroll in further courses this fall.

L. D. Potratz Pastor.

Southern Conference

Five Day Vacation Bible School at the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas

During the five days of June 4 to 8, the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, held its Vacation Bible School with 107 pupils enrolled. The average attendance was 95. This school with its wonderful theme, "Champions for Christ," and fine co-operation proved to be one of the best Central Church has ever had. Classes were held each morning.

This school was under the very able leadership of Mrs. Milton Lippert, director, and Mrs. John Massirer, assistant director. The teachers were as follows: Juniors, Rev. Louis R. Johnson and Mr. Leslie Zilke; Primary, Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht and Mrs. Albert Niederer; Beginners No. 1, Mrs. Tommy Lampert and Mrs. Bill Ochoa; Beginners No. 2, Mrs. Herbert Stobbe and Mrs. Wallis Rinewalt; Beginners No. 3, Mrs. Douglas Boyd and Mrs. Alton Wilhite; and Cradle Roll, Mrs. Gus Koch and Mrs. Hugh Epps.

Mrs. R. G. Kittlitz and Mrs. Fred Hoeffner had charge of the refreshments. Mrs. Philip Kinsey, Mrs. J. J. Lippert and Mrs. Raymond Grossman helped with the Junior handwork and Miss Dorothy Niederer and Miss Joyce Wilhite served as secretaries and also helped with the Primary handwork.

On the closing night, June 8th, the parents and friends witnessed a fine demonstration program. A missionary offering was given by the children



Nineteen of the 23 people who recently received certificates for having completed the Baptist Church's first series of Leadership Training Classes at Martin, North Dakota.

to help in our Young People's Project. No Bible School is complete without a picnic, so the climax to this fine school came on Saturday, when the annual Sunday School picnic was held at the pavilion on the church grounds.

We were so happy to have had Mr. Leslie Zilke, a student from our Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in our midst during the Vacation School.

Mrs. J. N. Kittlitz, Reporter.

Central Conference

Colonial Village Church, Lansing, Michigan, Receives 60 New Members During Past Six Months

The Colonial Village Baptist Church of Lansing, Mich., is able to report great blessing in the work of the Lord. During the first six months of 1956 sixty new members have come into the fellowship of our church, 40 of them through baptism. In April we had three baptismal services. A number of young married couples, new converts, will be baptized at our next baptismal service. We believe that by the end of this year we will have received almost 100 members in 1956.

On May 19th a successful church banquet was held at which time

church building fund pledges were renewed for another three years. The speaker of the evening was Rev. William Hoover of Benton Harbor, Mich., and the singer, Mr. Garry Moore of Detroit, Michigan.

Our Vacation Bible School was held June 18 to 26. With 20 consecrated teachers under the direction of our church missionary, Miss Bonnie Morgan, our Bible School proved to be a great success. The theme of the program was, "Champions for Christ," and it was carried out in the five departments. We were overjoyed at the enrollment of 267 with an average daily attendance of 202. This was 60 more than any previous school. Mr. Bruce Baldwin, who is hoping to begin studying for the ministry this fall, drove the church bus, crowding in as many as 65 youngsters who otherwise would have been unable to attend. On Tuesday evening, June 26, a well attended demonstration program was given by each department. Our greatest cause for rejoicing was that a number of our junior students accepted the Lord as their Savior during the week.

The Sunday School board has set a goal of 475 in attendance for Sunday School by rally day this fall. Previous high was 417 last April. However, on Sunday during the Central Conference sessions on July first total attendance was 460.

Mrs. Margie Stobert, Reporter.



The class of Indian young people at Fort Yates, North Dakota, that meets every Monday evening for Bible study with Rev. Bernard Edinger of Selfridge, North Dakota, as teacher.



The large Vacation Bible School of the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, with the staff of teachers standing in the back row.

Pacific Conference

Men's Fellowship Is Organized at the Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, California

On Tuesday evening, May 8, 17 men came together at the new Willow Rancho Baptist Church in Sacramento, Calif., to organize and to form a men's fellowship. The Constitution and By-Laws was drawn up, and a unanimous vote was cast favoring affiliation with "Baptist Men" of the North American Baptist Conference. The following men were elected as officers: president, Wilfred W. Rueb; vice-president, John F. Wright; secretary, Rinny Rau; treasurer, Joseph Arbizu.

As an expression of their desire to provide social and recreational opportunities for the men, they have organized a men's softball team, with Mr. Ray Balliet as the manager.

A splendid schedule has been planned by the organization's president for special programs to promote Christian growth and the willingness to render a Christian ministry has been displayed by the group in that a project to buy the refrigerator for the new parsonage kitchen has been adopted by the men. May this sincere effort to promote the work of our Lord be a challenge and inspiration to everyone that reads this report!

Clarence H. Walth, Pastor.

Milo Terrace Baptist Church of Los Angeles, California, Holds Ground Breaking Ceremony

The Milo Terrace Baptist Church (formerly called the Ebenezer Baptist Church) of Los Angeles, Calif., turned the first shovelful of dirt toward the construction of its new sanctuary on Sunday afternoon, July 15, at the new Avenue 50 and Milo Terrace location. Rev. Henry Hengstler led in the singing, followed by Mr. Ray Paul in prayer. The 84th Psalm, in which the Psalmist expresses his longing for the sanctuary, was read by Mr. Ray Bixel.

Dr. Donald Davis, pastor of the Berean Baptist Church in Los Angeles, gave the inspiring dedication message. Dr. Davis urged the church to build its work upon Christ, the church's one foundation. Dr. Davis is head of the History Department at Talbot Theological Seminary and at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. He is a former member of our church.

The ground was then broken, first, by Miss Florence Ritzman, deaconess and trustee, representing the women of the church; then by Mr. James Wharry, representing the deacons; Mr. William Oberlander followed, representing the Sunday School; and, last, by Mr. Powell Forrester, representing the Building Committee. Mr. Forrester, as head of the Building Committee, has spent a great many hours in working out the many details involved in planning a new church building suitable to all the needs of the church, and yet staying within the budget. Following the actual groundbreaking he led in the closing prayer.

The church has sold the old building in which it was founded nearly



The Men's Brotherhood of the Willow Rancho Church, Sacramento, California. Front row, seated (left to right): Rinny Rau, secretary; Wilfred W. Rueb, president; Rev. Clarence H. Walth, the pastor; John W. Wright, vice-president; Joseph Arbizu, treasurer.

40 years ago, and has moved into temporary quarters in the Knights of Pythias Hall, 6401 Ruby St. This is only a block and a half from the old building. The services continue as usual, Sunday morning and evening services, Sunday School, training groups, and prayer meetings, one on Tuesday afternoon and the regular Wednesday evening prayer service. The prayer groups are in private homes, since the hall is rented for Sundays only.

Due to the unsettled conditions brought on by the move, the church did not plan a Vacation Bible School this year. Instead, a weekly Fun Day is set aside for the children at the park. Games, Bible stories, handwork, memory work, and rolling bandages for the missionaries are among the activities. So far, it seems to be successful. The children enjoy being in the open, and we pray that God will bless it with increasing attendance.

Dee Collins, Reporter.

Sessions of the Pacific Conference at the Grace Church, Kelowna, British Columbia

The Pacific Conference met June 20 to 24 with the Grace Baptist Church of Kelowna, B. C. It was an inspiration just to go to this beautiful city nestled in the mountains with its lake-shore, and with fruit trees all about it. One felt the nearness of God as one looked at his handiwork. The theme was a very fitting one for this beautiful spot, being "Christ Our Glory" (1 Cor. 1:31).

All the messages were on some phase of the glory of our Savior. It was inspiring to listen to all of them. They were as follows: "Christ Our Glory. We glory in his unique birth. We glory in his matchless life. We glory in his atoning death. We glory in the power of his resurrection. We glory in the promise of his presence. We glory in his intercession. We glory in his Lordship. We glory in his will. We glory in his Word. We glory in his righteousness. We glory in his keeping power. We glory in his imminent return."

Rev. R. Schilke was with us and gave us enlightening reports on our work in general. We noted changes taking place in the mission work and also progress made on the various fields. Mrs. Walter Grosser was the special speaker for the women's meeting on Friday evening. We changed the constitution to conform with the change of the General Conference, that is, to elect a Sunday School secretary.

The officers for the coming year are as follows: moderator, Dr. A. S. Felberg; vice-moderator, Rev. P. Daum; secretary, Rev. W. Dingfield, statistician, Rev. C. Schoenleber; conference mission secretary, Rev. R. Penner; representative in the Mission Committee, Rev. F. Friesen; alternate, Rev. G. Beutler; secretary for the Sunday School, Rev. C. Walth. The conference for 1957 will meet with the First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., from June 12 to 16.

In the memorial service we took note that three of our pastors' wives had departed to be with the Lord in the past year. The offerings of the conference were as follows: women's meeting, \$175.75; young people's service, \$68.00; mission service, \$600.00. We returned home feeling that God had been very near to us to bless us.

The following resolutions that were adopted will be of interest to "Baptist Herald" readers:

"Recognizing the alarming rise of lawlessness, immorality, divorce, drunkenness, and godlessness, and the effects on our churches, be it resolved: that we as conference churches and individuals to whom the Gospel of Christ has been committed, and whose responsibility it is to display God's glory and virtue, take positive steps to check this rising tide and raise the ethical, moral, and spiritual standards of our churches.

"In view of the great number of unsaved in our communities, and the great opportunities for church extension God has entrusted to us, be it resolved: (a) that we recognize our responsibility to the Great Commission in such an hour as this and enlist our people in a personal soul winning ministry; (b) that we encourage our churches and individuals to increase giving at least 15 per cent in support of our denominational missions, and to make Christ known in new communities through our General Conference church extension program."

John Broeder, Reporter.

Sessions of the Pacific Conference Woman's Missionary Union at Kelowna, British Columbia

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Pacific Conference was held Friday noon, June 22, in the dining room of the Royal Anne Hotel at Kelowna, British Columbia. The host pastor's wife, Mrs. J. B. Kornalewski, led us in prayer after which we partook of the delicious meal. Mrs. F. E. Klein, our president, extended a welcome to all. Mrs. Robert Hess of the Calvary Church, Tacoma, Wash., in keeping with the conference theme, "Christ Our Glory," dwelt upon the thought, "We Glory In His Great Commission" (Matt. 28:19-20). Mrs. J. B. Kornalewski, Mrs. C. Remple and Mrs. Henry Schmunk sang a special

number, "Now I Belong to Jesus," accompanied by Mrs. James Billeter.

Special guests at our meeting were Mrs. Walter Grosser and Mrs. Richard Schilke. These were presented corsages by Mrs. Klein. Mrs. Albert Felberg presented a corsage to Mrs. Klein, our out-going president, in recognition of her loving, faithful service for us in the past years. Membership into our fellowship was granted to three women's groups from the following churches: Willow Rancho Church, Sacramento, Calif.; German Woman's Missionary Society of Chilliwack, B. C.; Portland Avenue Chapel of Tacoma, Washington. This brings to 33 the number of women's groups banded together to serve the Lord in our conference. A welcome to the wives of pastors, new in our conference, was extended to Mrs. G. Beutler of Chilliwack, B. C., and Mrs. C. Walth of Sacramento, California. Following this the treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Otto Boehl.

Officers elected for the coming year are as follows: president, Mrs. J. B. Kornalewski; vice-presidents, Mrs. W. W. Knauf (Calif.), Mrs. J. Wobig (Ore.), Mrs. C. T. Remple (Pacific Northwest); treasurer, Mrs. W. Dingfield; secretary, Mrs. Robert Penner. Mrs. Henry Barnett gave a brief report on the new method adopted by our White Cross headquarters for the allotment of White Cross work to each conference. Mrs. Barnett was appointed chairman for the coming year.

The Friday evening session of the conference was set aside for the Woman's Missionary Union program. Mrs. E. Seibold led the congregational singing. Mrs. A. Felberg read Psalm 96, followed by prayer led by Mrs. J. Wobig. The Kelowna Woman's Missionary group sang in German, "How Great Thou Art." Mrs. J. B. Kornalewski welcomed all those present and Mrs. F. Klein gave a response to the welcome. Rev. Robert Schreiber installed the new officers and led in the prayer of dedication. Mrs. Robert Penner gave the secretary's report, after which Mrs. Emma Meier sang a solo.

Mrs. A. Schulz conducted a memorial service. Mrs. W. Knauf led in prayer. A trio was sung by Mrs. A. Schulz, Mrs. E. Seibold, and Mrs. C. Walth. Mrs. Richard Schilke gave an inspiring reading based on Genesis 22, the account of Abraham's greatest test of faith. The four new women's missionary societies were officially welcomed.

Mrs. Walter Grosser of Oak Park, Ill., gave the evening address. Her topic was, "Do All to the Glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31). We were here reminded that to glorify God we must, first of all, "know him"; secondly, "serve him"; and thirdly, "share our possession of him and his blessings with others."

A generous offering was given, one-half of which was designated to apply on the \$40,000 Woman's Missionary Project, and the other half to be used for home missions as shown on our goal chart. Mrs. Henry Schmunk, Mrs. C. Remple, and Mrs. J. Kornalewski sang the trio, "Since He Rent the Veil Into." Mrs. Walter Grosser led in the closing prayer.

Mrs. Henry Barnett, Reporter.



Seven young people baptized on May 27th and June 17th at the Rock Hill Baptist Church, Boston, Mass., by the pastor, Rev. A. Theodore Ekholm (fifth from right).

Atlantic Conference

Rock Hill Baptist Church, Boston, Massachusetts, Welcomes Twelve New Members Into Fellowship

This spring we of the Rock Hill Baptist Church, Boston, Mass., have had the joy of seeing twelve people come into our fellowship: five by letter and seven by baptism. There are three more who are waiting to be baptized. We praise God for his working in our midst.

The first picture at the left shows those who were baptized on May 27th. They are: Neil Ross, Nancy Ross, and Mrs. Loretta Bailey. The second picture on the right with the pastor was taken of those who were baptized on June 17th at our church. They are: Rev. A. Theodore Ekholm, pastor (left), Edward Pauley, Miss Linda Hayes, Edward Dyer, and Richard Dyer.

We would also like to mention that the New England Association of North American Baptist Churches will meet in Boston at our church from October 20 to 21, 1956. We hope to have Rev. Richard Schilke with us as well as Missionary Gilbert Schneider to challenge our hearts.

A. Theodore Ekholm, Pastor.

Walnut Street Church, Newark, N. J., Holds Vacation Bible School With 91 Children

From June 25 to July 6, the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., held its third Vacation Bible School. Our school was under the wonderful direction of Miss Eleanor Riker from the National Child Salvation in Brooklyn, New York. It was for all boys and girls of school age, and it went from 9:30 to 11:45 A.M.

This year our Vacation Bible School was called "Adventuring with Christ in the King's Adventureland." The children were taught Bible stories and songs, various types of handicrafts and games for the different age groups, and they also had a contest in which a prize was given to the one who brought the most friends to the school.

The children were taught by Miss Riker, Rev. Lenox Palin, who is our

pastor, and persons who attend our church and volunteered either to teach or assist one of the teachers. A total of 15 teachers were enlisted. Our total enrollment of children for the two weeks was 91, with an average attendance of about 49.

We feel that the Lord really blessed the Bible School this year, because even though the children who live at a distance from the church were not picked up in cars as they were in the past two years, there was not too great a drop in the attendance from last year. Nineteen boys and girls between the ages of seven and twelve told Miss Riker that they had given their hearts to Christ. Each child was given a New Testament in which was inscribed his name and the date of his acceptance of Christ, the church address, and John 3:16.

Barbara Barefoot, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Reception for Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Zeller by Baptist Church, Onaway, Alberta

Sunday, July 1st, was a day for which the Onaway Baptist Church, Onaway, Alta., had long hoped for. On this day we welcomed our new pastor, Mr. Arthur Zeller, his wife and family into our midst after having been without a pastor for two years.

In the morning service Mr. Zeller brought his inaugural message based on Isaiah 8:19. Then in the evening we gathered for the welcoming service. We were privileged to have a male quartet from the Central Baptist Church in Edmonton, Alta., with us, and their music enhanced the program. Words of welcome were brought by representatives of the church and Sunday School, to which Mr. and Mrs. Zeller then responded.

Rev. Karl Korella, our Northern Conference secretary, who had helped us with our services in the absence of a pastor, was also on hand for the entire day, and he directed fitting words toward the church and also the pastor. We trust that God will bless the Zellers and our church in the work that still needs to be done in our community.

Elmer A. Breikreuz, Reporter.

Northern Conference Sessions and 60th Anniversary at Emmanuel Church, Morris, Manitoba

The newly completed sanctuary of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Morris, Man., provided a beautiful setting for the Northern Conference sessions from July 4 to 8.

Rev. H. Schatz, a former pastor of the church and conference worker, was in charge of the opening service and extended a hearty welcome to all delegates and visitors. The Conference theme, "Baptist Distinctives," found fitting consideration and emphasis in the opening sermon by Rev. W. R. Muller, and in the following messages: "The Basic 'Must' in the New Birth" by Rev. E. P. Wahl; "The Baptism and Its Importance" by Rev. Wm. Sturhahn; "The Attitude of the Church Towards the Denomination" by Rev. J. C. Kraenzler; and "The Attitude of the Baptists to Other Denominations" by Rev. E. L. Janzen.

The devotional periods and the evening services were a great blessing to all present. Our guest speakers, Dr. George A. Lang, president of our Seminary, and Rev. J. C. Gunst, promotional secretary, rendered inspiring messages. The local choirs, orchestra as well as the choirs from our churches in Winnipeg greatly enhanced and added to the blessings of the services.

On Thursday evening the 60th Jubilee program of the Morris Church was fittingly observed, with Rev. Wm. Sturhahn in charge. Greetings from the local mayor were extended and congratulations and best wishes for an even more blessed future were expressed by four pastors of the church.

An interesting and varied program of the Woman's Missionary Union under the leadership of Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler, with Mrs. Freda Reddig of Cathay, N. Dak., as the guest speaker was carried out on Friday afternoon. On Saturday evening the CBY with Rev. W. Laser in charge rendered a very fine program in which Dr. G. A. Lang was the speaker and the various musical numbers were brought by the Morris, McDermot, and Mission Church choirs. A play, "The Cross," was rendered by the CBY of the Mission Baptist Church of Winnipeg.

The services on Sunday in German and English were conducted simultaneously in which Dr. G. A. Lang and Rev. J. C. Gunst spoke on "The Baptists and the Mission Spirit" to large audiences. The massed choir under the direction of Rev. R. Kanwischer rendered inspiring musical numbers at both services. Generous mission offerings were received for the support of our extensive denominational work.

The officers for the ensuing year are: moderator, Rev. W. Muller; vice-moderator, Rev. E. H. Nikkel; secretary, Rev. A. Lamprecht; statistical secretary, Rev. Oscar Fritzsche; and mission secretary, Rev. Karl Korella. The Temple Baptist Church of Medicine Hat, Alta., has invited the Conference for 1957. Conference recognition and the hand of fellowship was extended to two new churches: Zion Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta., and the Temple Baptist Church of Medicine Hat, Alberta.

J. C. Kraenzler, Reporter.

Eastern Conference

30th Ordination Anniversary of Rev. G. A. Friedenbergl Celebrated by Buffalo's Temple Church

The 30th anniversary of ordination into the Christian ministry and serving the living Christ was celebrated by the Rev. G. A. Friedenbergl at the Temple Baptist Church of Cheektowaga, N. Y., in a surprise party by the members of the church after prayer meeting on Wednesday night, June 27th. It was also the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Friedenbergl. Mr. Elmer Hames, chairman of the board of deacons, acted as master of ceremonies and spoke in glowing words of the accomplishments of our pastor and was profuse in his congratulations.

Mr. Herbert Brunner rendered the song, "My Prayer," in their honor. Mrs. Florence Aldrich, organist, and Mr. Walter Domburg, violinist, also rendered a selection. Mr. Domburg also composed and read a poem in their honor in German which was translated in English by his daughter Karen. Mrs. Lydia Kemnitzer also composed and read a poem in their honor.

Mr. Friedenbergl spoke briefly and said he and Mrs. Friedenbergl appreciated the honor bestowed upon them and re-affirmed his desire to serve the Lord in his chosen field.

A portable radio was given to the pastor and his wife and a gift of money. Over one hundred persons were present. Refreshments were enjoyed by all and the evening was closed with prayer by the elder deacon, Mr. Walter Schmidt, and the song, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Frederick W. Hall, Reporter.

Ontario Association Holds Inspirational Sessions at the First Baptist Church, Killaloe, Ontario

The 1956 sessions of the Ontario Association met in the First Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ont., from June 22 to 24. The message on Friday evening was brought by Rev. J. C. Gunst from Psalm 34 and emphasized the theme of the convention, "Magnify Christ."

The Saturday morning business session was opened with a devotional period led by Mrs. Frank Veninga of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She brought a very needful message on the value of prayer based on Luke 11:1-13.

We rejoiced as we learned of definite forward steps being taken in the development of a Young People's Camp at Round Lake. Lumber is now available for the first building at the camp site. This has come entirely through the sacrificial efforts of our men who gave several days of time to cut down trees and prepare them for removal to the saw mill. We are also grateful for the services of Mr. Bennie Hokum who gave his truck and time to haul the logs to the mill. We are also indebted to Mr. Hector Zummach, the mill operator, who sawed all our logs at no charge whatsoever.

The election of officers for the Asso-

ciation brought the following results: Rev. L. W. George, moderator; Rev. W. Schmidt, secretary; Mr. M. I. Kuehl, treasurer; and Mr. Paul Weber and Mr. Orville Kuehl, directors.

The Sunday services saw large crowds in attendance. Mr. Gunst brought the message at the morning worship hour. The afternoon service was conducted by the Woman's Missionary Union under the leadership of the local president, Mrs. Leonard Kuehl. Mrs. Frank Veninga brought a very inspirational message.

The evening service was a time of great inspiration to all. Mr. Gunst led an installation service for the new Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship officers. They are: Mr. Orville Kuehl, president; Mr. Gerald Kuehl, vice-president; Miss Jule Weber, secretary-treasurer; and Rev. L. W. George, sponsor. The message of the evening was brought by Rev. Frank Veninga, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., on "Magnifying Christ in the Individual's Life."

Lawrence W. George, Secretary.

Southwestern Conference

Farewell and Welcome Reception Held by the Calvary Baptist Church, Corn, Oklahoma

Following the morning message on April 15, Rev. J. K. Warkentin of Corn, Okla., pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church at that time, shocked us all by turning in his resignation to be effective at a later date. Having felt the call to go into full-time evangelistic work during his pastorate work here, he deemed it time to terminate his work on this date. His resignation became effective June 1 and he became our evangelist until the arrival of our new pastor. On June 3 following the morning worship hour we had a fellowship dinner in honor of the Warkentins and presented them a lovely "going away" gift. We pray they will be richly blessed and find much joy in their new work. Mrs. Warkentin has accepted a position to teach in the public schools at Derby, Kansas.

Having known Rev. Jack Block for many years and under whose pastorate Rev. and Mrs. Jack Block surrendered to the ministry, Mr. Warkentin recommended him and his family to our church. Upon this recommendation our church voted unanimously to extend Mr. Block a call. The Lord wonderfully led them to accept our call, and on June 29 the reception was held.

Mr. Warkentin acted as host for the service. Leaders of the different boards and departments of our church extended welcomes as well as the public school superintendent and editor of our community paper and fellow ministers of our community. A ladies' quartet sang, "Launch Out Into the Deep," and a solo, "Bless This House," was sung. Rev. Leon Bill of Okeene, Okla., gave a welcome from our Oklahoma Association and Rev. Eleon Sandau of Loyal, Okla., brought the message, "Relationship of Church to Pastor." Mr. Warkentin then handed over

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OBITUARY

(A charge of five cents a line is made for all obituaries, except for those of our pastors and their wives. If possible, limit the obituary notices to 250 words. Send them to the Editor, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.)

MISS VERITA RAHN of Tacoma, Washington.

Miss Verita Rahn of Tacoma, Wash., was born in Yorkton, Sask., Canada, on December 10, 1907, and passed away at home on May 27, 1956. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. A. Rahn; three sisters: Mrs. O. V. Luchs of Portland, Ore.; Mrs. Henry Brehon, and Mrs. Alfred Klapstein of Tacoma, Wash.; and a brother, Garfield Rahn of Seattle, Washington.

At an early age she trusted in Christ as her Lord and Savior and followed him in baptism. In 1926 the family moved to Tacoma, Washington. She united with the Calvary Baptist Church, and was entrusted with various offices of responsibility. These responsibilities she carried with faithfulness. At the time of her passing, after a brief illness, she was an active leader with the junior high girls. Her devotion to Christ was deep, real, and abiding. Her spirit and testimony remain with us.

Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Washington

ROBERT S. HESS, Pastor.

MRS. ANNA L. ZOSCHKE of Denver, Colorado.

Mrs. Anna L. Zoschke, nee Zeckser, of Denver, Colo., was born November 23, 1883 near Volland, Kansas. At nine years of age, she was born again and was baptized by her father, Rev. O. F. Zeckser, Sr. She was united in marriage to John Zoschke and at that time joined the German Baptist Church of Lower Lyons Creek, Junction City, Kans., now the Mt. Zion Church. About twelve years ago when they moved to Denver, Colo., she united with the Calvary Baptist Church.

Four children were born to them: Vernon and Theodore of Denver, Colo.; Ervin of Las Vegas, Nev.; and Dorothy, Mrs. Rollin Koehle of Victoria, Texas, who with her husband mourn her passing. Rev. Harleigh Rosenberger, her pastor, brought very comforting words for the bereaved and a definite message of salvation for the lost based on John 14:1-4.

Mount Zion Baptist Church, Junction City, Kansas

CHARLIE A. ZOSCHKE, Correspondent.

MRS. DOROTHEA BERNDT of Avon, South Dakota.

Mrs. Dorothea Berndt of Avon, S. Dak., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hinzman on June 20, 1870 in Old Danzig, South Russia, and died on June 29, 1956 at the Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton, S. Dak., at the age of 86 years, 9 days. Her husband preceded her in death on October 5, 1942.

After coming to this country with her parents in 1886, she spent her entire life in Bon Homme County of South Dakota. She was joined in holy matrimony to Mr. Emanuel Berndt on February 5, 1891. The Lord blessed this union with eleven sons and three daughters.

Upon the confession of her faith in Christ she was baptized by Rev. C. Regier in 1892 and was a member of the Danzig Baptist Church until her death. She had been an invalid since July 14, 1954 when she suffered a hip injury.

Those surviving are two daughters: Mrs. Alex Wormsbecker and Mrs. Alfred Hinzman; two sons: Mr. Adolf Berndt and Mr. Helmut Berndt; one brother, Mr. Emil Hinzman, all of Avon, S. Dak.; one sister, Mrs. Amelia Kapfenstein of Parkston, S. Dak.; five daughters-in-law, 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

By request of the deceased the pastor, Rev. R. Herrmann, spoke on the text, Isaiah 38:17. Following the brief service at the Crosby funeral chapel of Avon, S. Dak., a large number of people congregated at the Danzig Baptist Church to pay final respects to the deceased. Interment was in the Danzig cemetery.

Tyndall Baptist Church, Tyndall, South Dakota

RUBIN HERRMANN, Pastor.



Rev. R. E. Reschke of Portland, Oregon † Sept. 5, 1895—June 24, 1956 †

REV. RUDOLPH E. RESCHKE of Portland, Oregon.

Rev. Rudolph E. Reschke of Portland, Ore., was born in Lesotchnina, Russia, on September 5, 1895 and passed away quietly at his home in Portland, Ore., on Sunday evening, June 24, 1956. He had reached the age of 60 years, 8 months, and 19 days. He was converted in Poland at the age of 13 and was then baptized by the Rev. Brandt. In 1913 he came to the United States. Mr. Reschke was graduated from the Rochester Baptist Seminary on May 15, 1921 and ordained to the Gospel ministry on June 12, 1921 at Goodrich, North Dakota. Later he attended Linfield College in Oregon.

Rev. R. E. Reschke served churches in Lemberg, Sask.; Southey, Sask.; Salt Creek (Dallas), Ore.; Spokane, Wash.; and Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. He was a teacher at the Spokane Junior College from 1933 to 1935. Because of ill health he was unable to continue in the active ministry but was able and willing to supply pulpits and teach classes wherever possible. He was a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Portland.

On October 12, 1921 he was united in marriage to Martha Lillian Mix at Leduc, Alberta. Rev. C. F. Zummach officiated. God blessed this union with three children: Elmer of Kelso, Wash.; Mrs. Verona Schulz of Vancouver, Wash.; and Roland of Portland, Oregon. These with his beloved wife mourn his passing. There are three grandchildren.

The service was held in the Gable Funeral Chapel in Portland. Local pastors of our conference churches served as pallbearers. Rev. Charles Wagner recited the 23rd Psalm in German. Rev. Howard Roth sang two solos in English. Mrs. Albert Losli and Mrs. Emma Meier sang a hymn in German. Rev. Otto Roth, a former pastor of the Immanuel Church, brought the words of comfort and hope from the Bible. He based his message on 1 Corinthians 5.

May the Lord continue to give grace and strength to the loved ones and friends who are left behind. His servant now rests from his labors, but we must continue on for a little while.

Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon

HENRY W. BARNET, Pastor.

MRS. KATHRINE STADING of Wishek, North Dakota.

Mrs. Kathrine Stading of Wishek, N. Dak., was born in Danzig, N. Dak., on August 20, 1885, and died suddenly on May 23, 1956. She lived on a farm in the Danzig area with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Koth, until 1906. She was married to Wil-

liam Stading on April 4, 1906. The Stadings lived in Ashley, N. Dak., until 1917, and from there moved to Wishek where they lived until her death.

She was baptized on June 2, 1901, by Rev. E. Wolff at Danzig, North Dakota. Mrs. Stading's life was a living testimony of her faith in Christ. She carried a heavy burden the last years of her life, but always with a cheerful Christ-like spirit. She was a faithful member of the Mission Circle and the church.

Survivors are: her husband, William Stading; seven daughters: Edna (Mrs. George Thomas, of Audubon, Iowa); Gertrude (Mrs. Carl Niehouse) of Sheffield, Iowa; Eloise (Mrs. Lester Hiedkross) of Sheffield, Iowa; Barbara (Mrs. Dan Thomas) of Rock Island, Ill.; Viola (Mrs. Edward Kautz) of Wishek, N. Dak.; Miss Alice Stading of Mason City, Iowa; Miss Eleanore Stading of Wishek, N. Dak.; two sisters: Mrs. Henry Buckholz of Ceder Falls, Iowa; and Mrs. Alex Gretchman of Flandreau, S. Dak.; and ten grandchildren. Memorial services were held on May 26th in the First Baptist Church of Wishek, North Dakota.

Wishek, North Dakota

L. O. WAHL, Pastor.

MR. EMIL EDWARD KOENIG of Wessington Springs, South Dakota.

Mr. Emil Edward Koenig was born on March 19, 1912 in Underwood, N. Dak., to John and Emilie Koenig. At the age of nine, he came to Jerould County, S. Dak., with the family, where he received his education. He served in the Armed Forces during World War II. He then went to Bremerton, Wash., where he was employed in the shipyards.

Emil was of quiet nature and kind to all who knew him. His confession of faith in Christ was at an early age. He passed away suddenly at Bremerton, Wash., on Monday, July 2, 1956.

He leaves to mourn his passing his mother, Mrs. Emilie Banke, Wessington Springs, S. Dak.; three brothers: Herbert of Redfield, S. Dak.; Roland and Theodore of Wessington, S. Dak.; three sisters: Mrs. Pauline Fuerst, Mrs. Marie Weber, and Mrs. Esther Kludt, of Wessington Springs, S. Dak.; one step-brother, Sam Banko of Huron, S. Dak.; three step-sisters: Mrs. Louise Fuerst and Mrs. Bertha Fuerst of Anaheim, Calif.; and Mrs. Emma Aalbu of Everett, Wash.; and a host of relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, step-father, and two brothers.

Funeral services were held from the Immanuel Baptist Church of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., on July 7th. Rev. Elton Kirstein officiated, speaking on the theme, "Our Preparation of God's Appointments" (Text, Hebrews 9:27). Music was furnished by the Springs City four male quartet.

Immanuel Baptist Church, Wessington Springs, South Dakota
ELTON KIRSTEIN, Pastor.

MR. SAMUEL MARTIN of Lodi, California.

Mr. Samuel Martin of Lodi, Calif., was born on April 20, 1879, in Roumania. In 1898 he came to this country and took up a homestead near Anamoose, North Dakota. After two years he moved to Germantown, N. Dak., where he was engaged as a very successful farmer for many years. God prospered his faithful labor so that in 1930 he was able to retire from farming. For eight years thereafter he lived in Fessenden, N. Dak., and in 1938 he and his wife came to Lodi, where he was an appreciated citizen until God called him to his eternal home in the Father's house above.

In 1901 he joined hands in marriage with Elizabeth Bohnet, his now bereaved wife. This union was blessed with six children, five sons, and one daughter, all of whom survive their father. In 1904 he received Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized on profession of his faith, and received into the Germantown Baptist Church.

Brother Martin was active in church work from the very beginning of his Christian experience until physical limitations prohibited it in the last few years. He served as usher the year he was converted and from then on in various capacities. He was Sunday School teacher, Sunday School superintendent, deacon, treasurer, and also a lay pastor in the absence of the pastor. His service was rendered in love and loyalty which was the result of a consecrated life unto God. He was a very highly respected

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weeks in the hospital at Phillipsburg, Pennsylvania.

● The German Zion Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., had the joy of welcoming into its fellowship the refugee family from Central Europe, Rev. and Mrs. Johannes Wessel and their nine children. This family received considerable publicity in newspapers and over radio and television programs when they arrived in the United States last year as "the largest refugee family ever granted a United States visa." They were sponsored by the McNaughton Baptist Church of Akron, Ohio, where they worshiped for almost a year. Mr. Wessel is an ordained Baptist minister, who served for some time in churches at Grossliebental and Gueldendorf near Odessa, Russia, before their trek as refugees to Germany and to the United States. Rev. Johannes Wessel and members of his family are working at various jobs in Milwaukee. Rev. John J. Kroeker is the church's pastor.

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citizen of his community and served on School Boards and County Boards from time to time.

He was called to be with God on Saturday evening, June 30, 1956, after a brief illness of one week. He reached the age of 77 years, 2 months, and 10 days, and is survived by his beloved wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Martin; and all six of his children, namely: Emil Martin, Cathay, N. Dak.; Walter Martin of Naps, Calif.; Albert Martin and Mrs. Lydia Meth of Fessenden, N. Dak.; Herman Martin of Acampo, Calif.; and Harold Martin of St. Peters, Minnesota. He also leaves eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; and five brothers: John and Christof of Medicine Hat, Alberta; Charles of Lethbridge, Alta.; Jacob of Maple Creek, Sask. and Fred of Fessenden, North Dakota.

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G. G. RAUSER, Pastor.

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his pastoral duties with a right hand of fellowship and blessings extended to the Block family.

Rev. Jack Block brought his first sermon on July 1st. We truly feel we will have many joyous and blessed times together as we work for the Lord.

Mrs. ElVern Nikkel, Reporter.

"MASTER, WE PERISH"

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ourselves in despair. We become more conscious of our troubles and disappointments than of our Lord Jesus Christ who is on board our ship if we have accepted him as our Savior.

I want to give you the message of a motto which I have hanging upon the wall of my study. "There is more brightness in the Lord Jesus to make me joyful, than darkness in my circumstances to fill me with gloom." How true these words are! Hang them on your wall with gold letters and glance upon them occasionally when you see a storm coming up. Look at them when the waves of sorrow almost swallow you. Believe them when you see the waters coming into your little ship and you think that you are beginning to sink.

What did Christ do when he was awakened by his troubled disciples? God's Word tells us: "He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the sea; and they ceased and there was a calm." Yes, Christ hears and answers prayers. Have you called upon him in the hour of your distress? Have you called upon him for salvation? Are you perishing in your sins? Call on Christ now, and he will rebuke the elements that trouble you. "And there was a calm." Do you have it?

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VI. THE SILENT TONGUE. James 4:9-12.

The preacher in Ecclesiastes said, "There is a time to speak and a time to keep silent" (Eccl. 3:7). How many times have we misjudged our fellowmen and wished we had not uttered the words of condemnation!

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