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# March of Events

● Dr. V. Raymond Edman, president of Wheaton College and chairman of the Ecuadorian Martyrs' fund, reports that donors around the world have thus far given more than \$50,000 to the fund for the widows and children of the five missionaries slain January 8 in Ecuador. He returned recently from a conference of the fund's trustees in New York where a three-fold purpose for the money was outlined: (1) Meeting immediate needs, if any, of the five widows and their nine children. (2) Meeting emergency expenses such as sickness, surgery, or hospitalization. (3) Providing high school, college, and graduate work tuition for the children as they reach school age.

● A writer in "The Millions" says that "Indian Summer" in Japan is over; that people no longer crowd into churches by the thousands to hear the Word of God; hence, missionaries are finding their work to be more of sowing, watering, fertilizing the seed, without seeing an immediate response. Many congregations, this writer says, reach fifty—and stay there. The China Inland Mission work in Japan is confined almost entirely to children and young people; older people seem reluctant to attend a meeting where young people outnumber them. Another factor to contend with is that the national religion is being vigorously revived, and it is widely held that loyalty to Christ involves disloyalty to the emperor.—Evangelical Christian.

● One of every four boys in this country is a Boy Scout, and the organization at the close of 1955 had more than 3 million members in 53,406 troops and 36,000 Cub Packs. This was reported by Arthur A. Schuck of New Brunswick, N. J., chief Scout executive, at a two-day meeting in New York City of the organization's national council. "What is happening in the lives of boys in America today may well determine the course of events of the entire world in the future," Dr. Schuck said. "We must train our youth in patriotism, character, intelligent citizenship, appreciation of the free way of life and dedication to high spiritual ideals." Again this year Scouts will distribute 1 1/4 million posters urging citizens to register and vote.

● Latest statistics from the Yale University Center for the Study of Alcohol place the number of alcoholics in the United States at 4,529,000, of whom 705,000 are women. This amounts to 4,390 alcoholics for each 100,000 of population on a nation-wide basis, and carries further an increase in rate which began after 1930. The 1930 rate, the lowest recorded, was 2,680 per

100,000 population. The new statistics are for the year 1953, the latest period for which complete figures upon which to base such a study are available. The 1953 figures indicate a considerable increase in alcoholism in the United States. In the period of eight years, the number of alcoholics in the United States has increased by 1,713,000 and the rate per 100,000 of population has swelled some 30 per cent.

● Seizure of 30,000 Bibles and devotional books at the Madrid, Spain, office of the British and Foreign Bible Society by Spanish authorities on April 24 came after two similar confiscations of Protestant literature, it was reported. The Ecumenical Press Service, operated by the World Council of Churches, said the other confiscations took place in the Spanish capital on April 20. It said police "suddenly descended" on a printing shop where copies of the Scriptures, hymn books and the monthly newsletter of the Spanish Evangelical Church were being printed. All these materials, the press service stated, were impounded and the doors of the printing plant sealed. The police then raided an

## Baptist Briefs

● Dr. George W. Sadler, Southern Baptist secretary of the Foreign Mission Board for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, quoted John Gunther's "Inside Africa," saying, "Africa is like an exploding mass of yeast. . . . Today's Africa may not know exactly where it is going, but it is on the march, and marching fast toward Western standards." He also said that in the recent book on Africa it is stated that there are 112,000,000 pagans, 60,000,000 Moslems, and only 21,000,000 Christians there. Thus, it is evident, the unfinished task is staggering.

● The fourth triennial assembly of the Baptist Federation of Canada will be held at Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, August 25-28, 1956. Representing the three historic conventions of Baptists together from the Atlantic to the Pacific, the assembly will draw 600 delegates from the 1300 churches belonging to its constituency. Among the speakers are Dr. Cuthbert G. Rutenber of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia; the Rev. Murray MacLeod of Glasgow, Scotland; and Howard E. Butt of Cor-

establishment where the Scripture volumes were being bound and confiscated all the finished Bibles they found there, the agency added.

● The Palestinian Arabs who were uprooted by the conflict in their country number well over a million. Of these, 90,000 are registered refugees. They make up nearly 8 per cent of the population of the tiny Christian republic of Lebanon; over 2 per cent of Syria; nearly 57 per cent of the Kingdom of Jordan; and nearly all of the population of the Egyptian-held Gaza strip, wedged in between the Mediterranean Sea and the Israeli-held Negev Desert. Not only are these refugees restless and resentful, but their feelings have been contagious, spreading to other Arabs. They have formed a sort of foggy curtain of hate and distrust. Of the 900,000 registered refugees, nearly 832,000 are still on the relief rolls of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees. They are getting a monthly ration of flour, oils, and fats—barely enough to keep body and soul together. Only 37 per cent of them live in United Nations camps, made up of tent cities and cement huts, the rest are existing in caves, shacks, slum apartments, or are given shelter by the Arab governments or voluntary agencies in mosques, dilapidated schools, convents, monasteries, and army barracks.

—Evangelical Christian.

pus Christi, Texas—a professor, pastor, layman combination. Dr. Watson Kirkconnell, president of the university, is the Federation's president, and its general secretary is Dr. Thomas B. McDormand.

● The 75th anniversary of the Baptist Union of Holland is being celebrated during 1956, with a special observance on Whitsun Monday (May 21) under the leadership of the Rev. F. E. Huizinga, the president and a member of the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee. A Jubilee fund has been raised to finance evangelistic work in the Southern (Roman Catholic) part of Holland, and a Jubilee book has been published on the work of the Union during recent years. The Union now has 53 churches with 7,000 members. By contrast, in 1931 there were only 30 churches with 3,781 members. During the annual sessions of the Union in March, the Baptists of Holland voted to establish a seminary. With the able help of the women's and young people's organizations, this can become a center of Baptist life and work in Holland.

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# Editorial

## Shining Steadily!

**D**URING THE SUMMER months many of us are fascinated by the fireflies with their little lights that go on and off. The countryside then reminds us of a downtown street with its flickering neon lights. In the darkness these lights that flick on and off may be interesting to watch, but they do not give any illumination upon which you can depend. You would soon be discouraged if you had to depend on fireflies for a guiding light through the darkness.

Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world." He did not mean that we are to be like fireflies with lights flickering on and off. It is not to be an intermittent light like that of a neon sign. It must be a steady and constant light, a life that gives forth a radiant joy. "Now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light" (Ephesians 5:8).

The Christian is dependable in his service in behalf of others and with his testimony in behalf of Christ, his Savior. At least, he ought to be! His witness is a shining, steady light. It is not like the firefly with its little light that goes on and off, and then where are you? Whatever the Christian says and does in Christ's Name reminds others of the greatness and goodness of God. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." The Christian is concerned about doing the will of the heavenly Father, shining steadily in his service and witness.

You can depend on the Christian to produce results, to reach his objective, to be fruitful in his life. In fact, you can evaluate the power of the Christian's light by the fruitfulness of his life. "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." You can virtually envision or even foretell the blessings of a Christian life that will be scattered along the way if he is known to be "a shining light" for Christ in his testimony. For Christ has chosen us and ordained us that we should go and bring forth fruit to his glory. This is far from the picture of the firefly whose light goes on and off. You can depend on the fruitfulness of this Christian!

In the radiance of his life and the joys of his soul, the Christian is not blown about by every whim or wind of circumstance. He is not a person of moods, on whom you cannot depend. He may have his human failings and at times may feel discouraged and disheartened, but Christ lives in him victoriously. He rises above his defeats, the moods of the moment and human feelings, and lets the beauty of Jesus shine steadily through his life.

In a little English book, "In Praise of Westminster Abbey," there is a refreshing description about a dependable friend. "He is the surest friend who does not change with the seasons of fortune, but

. . . is an ever-fixed mark,

That looks on tempests and is never shaken.

The book points out that this is also the quality which has made Westminster Abbey unique among buildings in the world. It is likewise the spiritual uniqueness of every Christian whose life is a light that shines steadily, upon whom you can depend at all times without fail!

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The Alamo at San Antonio, Texas, is the most important historical shrine in the Southland, commemorating a courageous battle against the Mexicans and the establishment of the Republic of Texas.

# A Key to Understanding the South

By J. CLAUDE EVANS of Columbia, South Carolina

HOW DIFFICULT it is to understand the South! Not only do "those Yankees" (which word, by definition, includes all people outside the old Confederate States of America) find difficulty here, but southerners themselves disagree with one another as to just what makes the South what it is.

Here is a land of friendly and gracious hospitality; yet a land of sudden antagonisms and occasional violence. A land of paradisaical climate and fine living; yet a land of poverty and ugly existence. A land of old-time individualism; yet a land obsessed with a collective defense of southern ideas and ideals. A land of felt religion and church loyalty; yet a land where even religion is, to a great extent, a handmaid to cherished traditions.

Surely there is some key, some formula to explain these contradictions of its culture?

## INSTITUTION OF SLAVERY

One cannot live in the South and escape its reverence of the past. It is a people facing backwards with worshipful regard to its own sectional history.

Somewhere in the past, then, will be found the key to the South of today. At least six areas of historical southern life must be examined if this key is to be discovered.

**Slavery.** By its average rainfall, mean temperature, and fertile soil, the South was ideally suited for profitable agriculture. However its thick woodlands, dense swamps and lush vegetation made this farming extremely difficult. A man might own ten thousand—or a hundred thousand—acres. What profit had he if he and his family could cultivate only a paltry hundred acres. Indentured servants were relatively few. Paid labor was

equally scarce. Thus the economic climate of the South was favorable to the introduction of slavery. And since slavery was profitable, slaves soon appeared. The South's road to ruin was being laid.

From the first, the institution of slavery was logically indefensible either from the presuppositions of Christianity or of democracy. But man is driven, say psychologists, always to give what seems to him rational answers for his illogical acts. So began the long history of the emotional defense of slavery. The Negroes were primitives having no souls. Slavery was paternalistic and therefore good. Anyhow, slaves were just children. The Bible approved slavery. One could own a slave and still be Christian, and so on. The emotions of the South soon became the logic of the South.

This caste difference between the Negroes and the whites thus had its natal roots in the institution of slavery. A white supremacy still haunts the South, and the whole nation as well.

**A lost war.** To defeat a man (or a nation) in a fight does not mean that you also change the idea that made him fight. Human nature being what it is, he (or the nation) is likely to be more firmly convinced in his own rightness than before the shooting began. **And with added emotion!** The South was united in defeat as it had never been in the war. As Cash expressed it: "... so far from having reconstructed the Southern mind in the large and in its essential character, it was the Yankee's fate to have strengthened the Southern mind almost beyond reckoning, and to have made it one of the most solidly established, one of the least reconstructible ever developed" (p. 107, "Mind of the South").

From this lost war have come the self-justifying patterns of emotional defense that so often are to be found in history written from the point of view of the South. The still extant argument over the war's correct name: "Civil War" to the North, and "War Between the States" to the South; the solidarity of the South, united and made self-conscious as never before; a blind devotion to white supremacy with a more universal acceptance of its tenets than slavery had ever been.

## THE WAR'S RECONSTRUCTION

**A vengeful peace.** Reconstruction days, while not merging the classes of the white South, at least placed them on the same level of personal want. Pre-war differences began to fade in the face of the long years of carpetbag rule. Here the Negro was used as a tool of the government with state legislative halls filled with mostly illiterate Negro legislators making for a government of graft and manipulation. As a slave, the Negro had been valuable as property. Free, and in the hands of the carpetbaggers, he became a threat.

Out of Reconstruction came the Ku Klux Klan. Perhaps it was predominantly low class, yet by the common ties of carpetbag woe, it was used by the aristocrats, too. Fortunately moral uneasiness appeared early, as witness the swift passing of the Klan from wide and popular use into the desultory, isolated instances of today. From Reconstruction, too, came the hatred of the North once so characteristic of the emotional reactions of southerners and still hidden in the emotionalism of today. War alone did not produce this. It took a vengeful peace.

**Poverty.** From the standpoint of its total population the South has always

been, pre-war and post-war, the number one "economic problem of the nation." Before the war, the South was largely frontier. Except for the aristocratic slave and land owners, and often even for them, life was one of individual struggle and simple living. After the war came reconstruction poverty. Even today the richest state in the South ranks lower in per capita income than the poorest state outside the South.

## "WHITE SUPREMACY"

The South is sensitive here, yet it must be said. Out of this frontier and reconstruction poverty, wedded in its infancy to slavery and its rationalizations, there could not grow an intellectualism based on a sincere desire to discover and apply scientific social laws. The South was not ready to listen to scientific logic. Of necessity it drifted into an emotional defense mechanism of slavery and white supremacy. Poverty of economic life made for a poverty of intellectual life. And only today is it beginning to break up.

**Politics.** One could almost say **politicians!** For it is the use and control to which politics has been put in the South that has confirmed the South in its emotionalism. After the war, it was Wade Hampton, a low-country aristocrat, who led South Carolina out of carpetbag control back into control by the people. Contrary to what later became the practice, he allowed Negroes to vote from his first election until his defeat by Tillman and the writing of the new state constitution in 1894. It was Tillman who became the first politician in South Carolina to campaign openly and virulently on the platform of white supremacy.

After Tillman, few southern politicians campaigned for office without using the issue of white supremacy as a springboard for election. It is a long and sordid history of race hate peddled for private gain. Catch phrases of white supremacy that fall from the lips of the casual advocate today gained their popularity from the political stage. "I don't want my daughter marrying no nigger." "The Bible says niggers are 'hewers of wood and drawers of water.'" "If'n the good Lord had intended the nigger to be better'n the white man, he'd a'made him so in the fust place."

## SOUTHERN EMOTIONALISM

When the final word of history is written to explain the plight of the South, the politicians will find themselves bearing a substantial share of the guilt. They confirmed the South in its emotionalism.

**Religion.** One writes with hesitancy here, for it would be easy to jump to superficial conclusions. Religion, to be real and lasting, cannot be without emotion, for it involves the total man—mind, will, and feeling—in a total society. But when religion becomes primarily emotional to the neglect of

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Editor.

the mind and to the confining of the will to limited areas of application, then religion, too, lends itself to twisted logic and ill-advised actions. The ill-fated Scopes trial in Tennessee is enough proof of this contention.

From this results the terrific undergirding strength that religious approval can give to social modes of control. Outer society becomes all the stronger and more difficult to change when it finds itself supported by the religious life of the community. Instinctively this is recognized by some. Segregation is being broken down in a few activities in southern life in the secular world, and often with little notice. But let the church in the South oppose segregation, and witness the instant and violent reaction. The Deep South realizes that if the church capitulates, such a climate of social acceptance will have been achieved that capitulation to desegregation would soon follow in many secular groupings.

In each of these six areas of southern history—slavery, a lost war, a vengeful peace, poverty, politics, and religion—there is a common denominator, namely: **emotionalism.** Not a harmless emotional reaction normal to any person or society from life experience in intellect, will, and social relationships, but an emotional reaction tied to a false and logically indefensible intellectualism! It is deep feeling rooted in certain historically-conditioned prejudgments. Hence, its danger. When pressed from without by "the Yankees" or from within by "the radicals," it becomes explosive and highly unpredictable.

With this key, this emotionalism of the South, one is able to unlock many of the closed doors of contradiction that make the South such an enigma. With it, you can understand why the Supreme Court decision on public education has produced such a massive social reaction in the deep South. Southerners from the deep South, confronted as they are with practical problems of population ratios, inequalities, and conditioned subconsciously by realities of southern history, simply cannot be wholly objective about drastic changes in the social order. Coercion simply will not work, as the southern mind so well illustrates.

Moreover, the South's emotional reaction to the Supreme Court decision is pushing many an unphilosophical moderate over to the right. Over the years, a slow but sure human relations approach to inter-racial matters in the South, aided by the passage of time and the changing of culture attitudes and the logic of world events, was producing not only a fairly large group of moderates on racial issues, but also a larger number of people of increasing good will toward members of the opposite race. Almost overnight, many of these are turning up as charter members of "Citizens' Councils," or "States' Rights Leagues." These are the "best citizens" who, fundamentally, are men of good will, but who at the moment are very angry and resentful.

## SOCIAL CHANGES

This leads to another area where emotionalism provides the key. Northern liberals never seem to be able to understand why southern liberals seem so timid and weak-kneed on matters of social change. Often these southerners are called insincere.

To an outsider who does not see that the key to understanding the South is its emotionalism, this apparent pussy-footing of southern liberals will continue. **But the southern liberal knows the key!** He may have had to learn it the hard way, namely: acting like a northern liberal, attacking the issues from an absolutist position letting the blows of prophetic insight fall where they may. He wakes up minus a pulpit, or discharged from a professor's chair, or out of a job, or ruined in business. In short, his intellectual polemic caused nothing but an emotional explosion.

There are, of course, some times and occasions when an explosion is necessary. But the southern liberal knows that many of the widely-publicized efforts at solving the social problems of the nation by doctrinaire legislation or abrupt Court decisions, which the North accepts with little emotional perturbation, confirms the South in its emotionalism. In the short run, it intensifies racism and makes the task of social and political reform in the South that much further away.

## DESEGREGATION OF SCHOOLS

This is not to say that all social legislation or Court decisions are unworkable for the entire South. For example, many southern border areas are slowly beginning to comply with the Supreme Court decision on public school segregation. So it is that, perhaps, social legislation could in the long run be enforced in parts of Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Florida as well. But Congress and the nation will be sadly misled if it is thought that this same social

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# They Shall Bear the Burden With Thee

The Baptist Church at Ise, Japan, elects officers in accord with New Testament principles and shares responsibilities with missionaries

By MISS FLORENCE MILLER, North American Baptist Missionary

WHEN MOSES' father-in-law saw the Israelite people standing in line from morning to evening to get an interview with Moses, he asked him, "What are you doing? Why must all these people have to stand waiting for a chance to talk with you?"

Moses replied, "The people come to me to inquire about God. If they have a problem, they come to me and I counsel with them, and instruct them in the law of God."

Then Moses' father-in-law said to him, "What you are doing is not good. You will surely wear yourself out and the people, too, will grow weary if you keep this up. This task is too heavy for you. You are not able to perform it by yourself. Choose out of the people, capable men who fear God, men of truth, men who hate covetousness, and place them over the people. Let them judge the people and every important matter, they shall bring to you, but every small matter they shall judge. And they shall bear the burden with you."

## ISE CHURCH OFFICERS

This good advice from Moses' father-in-law came to us recently at Ise, Japan, in our Baptist mission, and we decided to follow it. Until now there have not been men whom we felt were capable of bearing much responsibility. However, following the last baptism on Easter day, the third such baptismal service in our church, we felt that among those who had been baptized there were men willing and able to share the burden with us.

On May 11 we held our first church business meeting to elect three deacons and some minor officers. Counting those who were baptized at Easter,

eleven in number, the total church membership now stands at twenty-one. Those baptized at Easter ranged in age from 17 to 60 and included five men and six women.

We sought to prepare the people for the election by studying the requirements of a deacon from 1 Timothy, and then we requested them to pray that the Lord would direct them in choosing those whose lives most nearly measured up to those requirements. There were some who possessed leadership ability but whose lives were not so commendable, and we were afraid that some of these might be chosen. Not all who were elected were the ones we had hoped for, but we are praying that the solemnity of the task may be a challenge to live up to the high standard of their office.

The three men elected as deacons are: Head deacon, Mr. Yuki; treasurer, Mr. Ito; assistant treasurer, Mr. Inoue. Mr. Yuki is the father of Reiko who died of tuberculosis last year. He is about 60 years old, sells fire insurance and is looking for a wife. (Please pray that he may find a Christian wife, for he really needs a wife.) Mr. Ito is about 31 years old and is employed in a spinning factory. Mr. Inoue is only about 24 years old and works in a lumber company.

In addition to these three men, Mrs. Sekoguchi was chosen to be in charge of women's activities. Mrs. Sekoguchi lives in Kurose village on the outskirts of Ise and has opened her home for a meeting there once a week. Four ushers and a librarian completed the list of officers chosen.

Shortly after this election, we called the newly chosen leaders together to

define the responsibilities of each more clearly and to present to them matters for decision. At that particular time I was feeling very much in need of a rest and felt obliged to give up all responsibility for a few weeks. I believe that this came at just the right time, because it threw the burden of the responsibility upon these Christians. Yamamoto San and I drew up a tentative plan as to how the work might be divided among the more mature believers and presented it to the group. No one declined when asked to assume some particular responsibility for which we greatly rejoiced.

## BURDENS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Mr. Yuki is now in charge of visitation at the Red Cross Hospital. Mr. Inoue is in charge of visitation at the City Hospital. Mr. Kubota, a young man of about 20 and a keen Christian, consented to speak at the meeting in Mrs. Sekoguchi's home. Mr. Takashi, the priest's son, is the editor of our church newspaper. In this way all the lesser responsibilities were divided amongst the more mature Christians and a big step taken, we believe, in making the church self-propagating.

The Christians are now searching for land, and we hope that in the near future it may be possible to buy a lot for the future church. With only about 20 members, none of whom have much money, it seems like an impossible task but we believe that if the Lord is in it, even that large sum of money may be provided.

Won't you give thanks to the Lord with us for the progress, not so much (Continued on Page 11)

# My Visit at Our Mission in Japan

A United States Air Force businessman from Sacramento, Calif., takes time out to visit with our missionaries at Kyoto, Japan

By MR. WILFRED W. RUEB of Sacramento, California

FROM JUNE 1 to 3 it was my good fortune to visit our wonderful missionaries in Japan. My trip to Japan and other Far East countries was in connection with a business trip from the United States Air Force.

I arrived at Kyoto, Japan, on Friday evening at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut. Traveling within Japan by train or taxi as a foreigner and not being able to speak or understand the Japanese language is an experience not soon to be forgotten.

One need only be in Japan for a few hours to recognize that the Japanese people, above everything else, need to know the Lord Jesus Christ and accept him as their personal Savior. I couldn't help but praise God for the consecrated missionaries we have in Japan.

## TEMPLES AND SHRINES

On Saturday I had the pleasure of seeing many of the beautiful and interesting sights around Kyoto with Mr. and Mrs. Sukut. Kyoto being the cultural center of Japan, has many ancient Buddhist temples and Shinto shrines. Many of the Japanese people practice both Buddhism and Shintoism as their religion. Having practiced these religions for so many hundreds of years, and being taught the science of evolution, it is a very difficult task to win these people for Christ. How we thank God that, through the untiring efforts of our missionaries, many are being led to the saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus.

One of the difficult tasks for our missionaries for the first two years or so is to learn the Japanese language. During my stay in Japan for approximately two weeks, I was scarcely able to learn six or seven expressions in Japanese. A 15-minute English sermon takes about one hour or more to translate into the Japanese language.

On Saturday evening I was privileged to spend a blessed time with all seven of our missionaries at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Clemence Auch. I was treated to a typical Japanese dinner, sitting on the floor, eating with chopsticks and all. During the day I had been wondering how I might be able to see Miss Florence Miller who is stationed at Ise—some distance away.

To my pleasant surprise, Miss Miller had come to Kyoto that evening and came out to visit the other missionaries. We had a blessed time of fellowship together. I was deeply im-



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pressed with the spiritual radiance of our missionaries. Nothing seems too small or too great for which our missionaries seek the Lord's help in their daily prayers.

## THE KYOTO BAPTIST MISSION

The following day, being Sunday, I had the rare privilege of attending a Sunday morning service at our Baptist Mission House in Kyoto. It was an interesting sight to see so many

boys and girls come to Sunday School. I enjoyed hearing them sing the wonderful Gospel choruses in their native tongue.

During part of the Sunday School hour, Brother Sukut and I walked to an area nearby to distribute tracts. This area is considered to be one of the worst slum districts in Kyoto and the living conditions prevailing there are indescribable. It was heartwarming to see the boys and girls as well as adults reach out their hands for these tracts. This is one of the ways in which the Seed is sown. Although there are apparently no immediate results, we know that in time through God's Holy Spirit some of these people will be brought to a saving knowledge of Christ.

## GOSPEL DOORS ARE OPEN

During the morning worship service I was given the opportunity to bring greetings from the Willow Rancho Baptist Church of Sacramento, Calif., of which I am a member, and also brought a challenging message from the Word of God which was translated into the Japanese language by Brother Ono, a very faithful servant of the Lord.

Both Rev. C. Auch and Rev. E. Kern as well as their wives are assisting in every way in the various church serv- (Continued on Page 11)

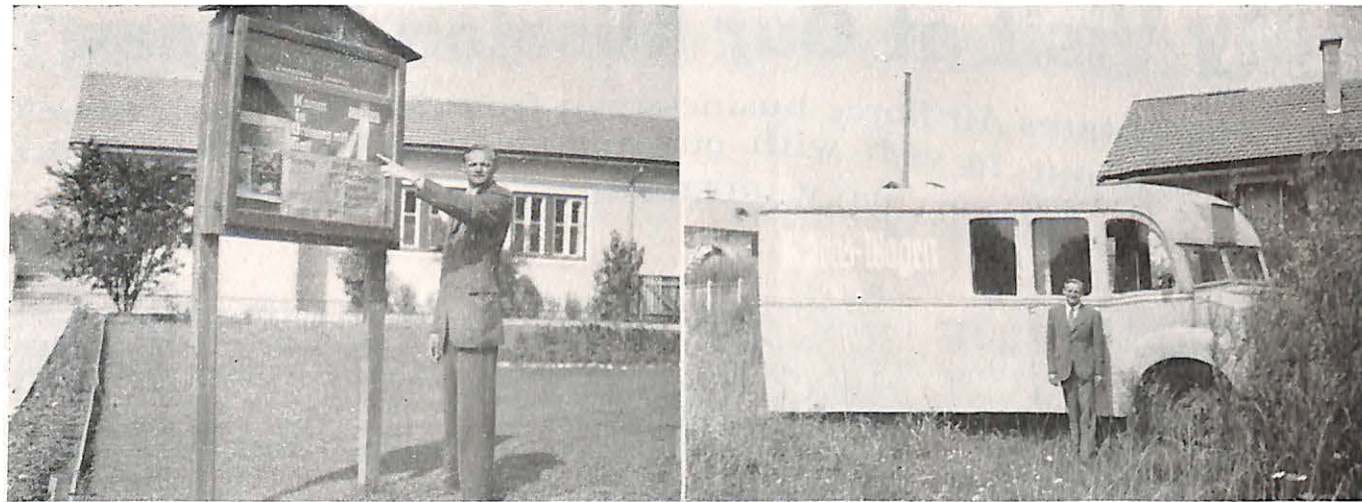


A Japanese service of worship at the home of Mrs. Sekoguchi, a Christian widow in the village of Kurose, Japan, with Rev. Walter Sukut in charge.



The Baptist Chapel of Ise, Japan (left); and Miss Florence Miller, missionary, leads the singing at the out-of-door baptismal service near Ise (right).





Rev. Martin Gigseder, pastor of the Baptist Church, Salzburg, Austria, points to the bulletin board with announcements about church services (left) and he stands in front of the missionary car which is used for street meetings and out-of-door evangelistic services.

## Baptists Sing a New Song in Austria

By DR. M. L. LEUSCHNER, Editor of the "Baptist Herald"

AUSTRIA is an exciting land of exuberant music which has colored its national life and even its spiritual outlook. The folk songs and yodeling of the Tyrolers is like an enchanting echo among the green carpeted mountains of Austria. The easy-going "Gemuetlichkeit" of its people is the natural expression of music in their souls.

The Music Festival in Salzburg is world renowned. The opera house at Vienna has again captivated the attention of the entire world. You have to be in Austria only for a few days of sightseeing to feel this lilting musical atmosphere and the spirit of song in the hearts of the genial Austrians.

### FREEDOM OF WORSHIP

The evangelical Christians of Austria, even though a very small minority in the total population of seven million, are singing a new song of praise. God has opened new doors of missionary opportunity for them until they can say with the Psalmist: "The Lord hath put a new song into my mouth, even praise unto our God." More than 50 North American Baptists were eyewitnesses of this enthusiastic Gospel witness of our Australian brethren last summer in Salzburg. Many other American travelers who have visited our Baptist missionaries and mission stations in Austria can attest to this same wonderful truth.

This fact stands out significantly like the persistent ringing of a church bell. At no time in Austria's long and turbulent history have evangelical Christians enjoyed such complete freedom of worship and open doors for a Gospel witness as in this day. Baptists can testify to the saving power of the Gospel on any market place or any street corner in Austrian cities if they will only follow Christ's commission

to "go and proclaim." The Salzburg Baptist Church and its aggressive pastor, Rev. Martin Gigseder, use the missionary auto with loud speaking equipment (shown above in picture) to take the Gospel to the people wherever they live and congregate.

The American occupation of Austria has been God's way of answering many of the prayers of our Austrian Baptist friends. During the years of occupation they received permission to hold public baptismal services (sometimes in the cities' swimming pools) and to conduct their meetings in museums and public halls large enough to hold



Rev. Martin Gigseder, pastor of the Baptist Church at Salzburg, Austria, preaching fervently with the good news of "Christ, the Resurrection."

their audiences, through the influence of American chaplains and army officers. The spacious and worshipful church at Salzburg (shown on the front cover) was built during these years following the end of the second World War.

### EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH

In an area of five or six blocks around the Salzburg Baptist Church, American occupation forces built a dozen or more of five-story apartment buildings for their troops and families. With the end of the occupation era in 1955, as the Americans moved out, the Austrians eagerly moved in. Almost overnight the Salzburg Church found itself virtually surrounded with a promising new mission field to make the Gospel of Jesus Christ known to the thousands of new neighbors in their community.

This song of praise to God is reflected in the spirit of the pastor and people of the Salzburg Church. An instrumental orchestra of 25 pieces composed of guitars, mandolins, banjos, and even zithers, is directed by Mr. Gustav Steiger, who organized the orchestra in June 1950. He was baptized by Rev. Anschuetz in Hoboken, New Jersey, when he was still living as a young man in the United States. During the war he fled from Russia into Austria with a hair-raising story of some of his harrowing experiences. Now his heart is bubbling over with the music of praise and thanksgiving to God as he leads this fine orchestra in the church.

Rev. Martin Gigseder as pastor of the congregation of about 150 people has a fervent witness for the Lord. He leads his people, not only in thrilling congregational singing, but also in a great evangelistic outreach into the

surrounding area. The church conducts active missions at Seekirchen, Freilassing, Hallein, and Golling with services conducted regularly in these places. The church also supports the Gospel work in other areas such as Kaernten, Spital und Ullach. They have been concerned about a Sunday School mission in Innsbruck, 90 miles away. Things are humming like an orchestra in action in this Baptist Church of Salzburg.

### OUR AUSTRIAN MISSION

The Baptist Church of Salzburg and its pastor, Rev. Martin Gigseder, represent only one of a number of missions whom we as North American Baptists are supporting in Austria. Other places are Vienna-Huettdorf, Linz, Ternitz, Graz, and Bad Ischl. Those who have worshipped with these Baptists of Austria and have seen one of these churches in action have experienced a spiritual lift in sharing their testimonies of faith and their songs of praise to Christ.

These Baptist brethren have also been a pillar of strength for us as North American Baptists of the United States and Canada. Several of their former leaders are now serving as pastors of our churches or making contributions to our denominational life. Rev. Peter Blatt, formerly assistant pastor to Rev. Theodore Koester of the Mollard Street Baptist Church, Vienna, Austria, is now the pastor of the Baptist Mission at St. Catherines, Ontario, near Hamilton. Rev. Willi Friedsam of Austria is now living in Charles City, Iowa, and serving with the Gospel message in German to Baptist immigrants there. Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt, formerly director of the Austrian Mission, and his wife are now active in the German Baptist Church of Toronto, Ontario.

Austria was "the place of refuge" for many people during and after the second World War, as they fled from the Balkan countries and from Russia.



The stringed orchestra of the Baptist Church, Salzburg, Austria, with Mr. Gustav Steiger, director (right, middle row), and with Rev. and Mrs. Martin Gigseder seated in the center.



Fortress Hohensalzburg in Salzburg, Austria, built by religious archbishops beginning with 1077 A.D. as an impregnable refuge for themselves, and the close-packed buildings of Burghers' Town surrounding the hill.

Here in Austria they found friends and a helping hand in looking for a more abiding place to settle down with their families. From Austria many of them have gone as displaced persons, refugees and immigrants to Canada and the United States. You will find many of these in our North American Baptist churches today, singing a song of rejoicing for the good hand of their God who has led them so marvelously. Our Austrian mission has paid large dividends in these lives that have been redeemed by God's grace and reclaimed by our immigration ministry.

Look at the map of Europe and note again the strategic location of Austria. It is a buffer state over against Russia. It is the gateway to the Balkan countries. It is the most important country on the waterway of the Danube River. It is tied up with Switzer-

land at the very heart of the seething continent of Europe. In this political cauldron and at this citadel of Roman Catholic hierarchical power we as Baptists MUST let the light of the Gospel of Christ shine brightly. This is an hour of crisis when we cannot fail God at this place!

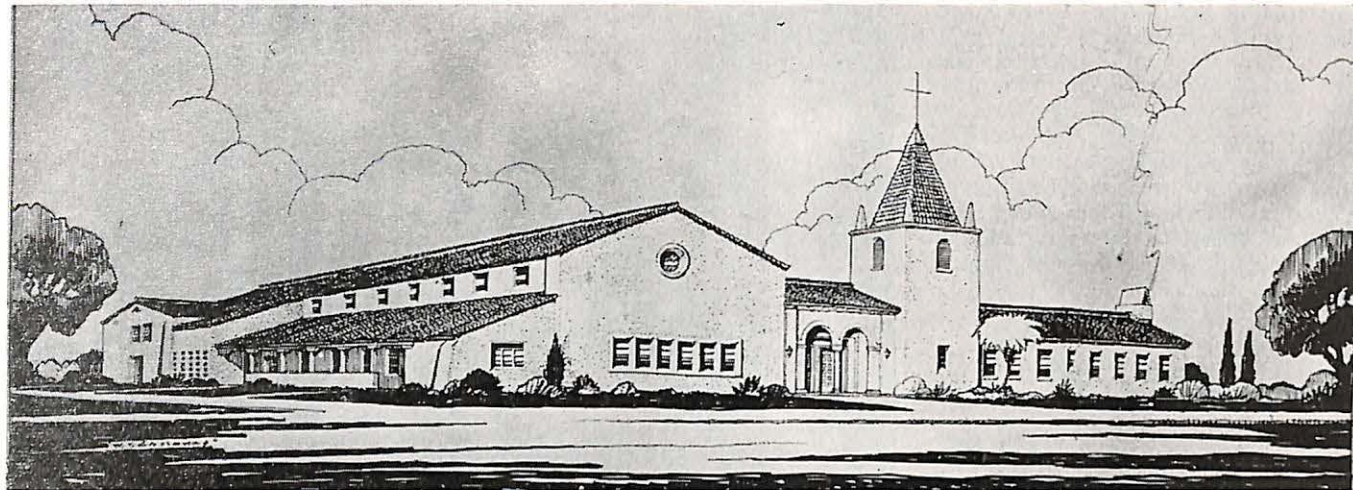
So we as North American Baptists through the General Council and General Missionary Committee have appointed Dr. W. J. Appel, an experienced pastor and able administrator, to go with his wife to Europe to serve as the director of our Austrian Mission and as our representative on the European continent. His reports from time to time will describe the missionary opportunities as he sees them.

Nearby (only a few miles from Austria) at Zurich, Switzerland, is the Baptist Theological Seminary at Ruschlikon which is "an international educational center in the heart of Europe for the training of ministers of the Gospel. This school seeks to strengthen the Baptist witness and the total Christian forces in the nations of this continent." Our Austrian mission churches supply some of the students, trustees, and spiritual support for this important Baptist school.

### THIS DAY OF PROMISE

It is a new day with bright prospects for the Baptists of Austria. This was clearly evident to those North American Baptists who last summer had the wonderful opportunity of spending a Sunday of worship and of song with these brethren in Salzburg. It is certainly evident in the unfolding purposes of God for his people. It is also evident in the new song of praise and witness which our Austrian Baptists are singing these days!





The architect's sketch of the completed Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, California, showing the sanctuary at the left, the church tower, and a part of the Sunday School building at the right.

## Dedication of Temple Church, Lodi, Calif.

By REV. ROBERT SCHREIBER, Pastor of the Temple Baptist Church

CELEBRATIONS for the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., in the dedication of its new completed church sanctuary began on Wednesday, June 13, with a Family Night program. Motion pictures showing the construction of the first unit were shown by Mr. J. S. Howen, and slides of the present construction project were shown by the pastor, Rev. Robert Schreiber, Mr. D. J. Weigum, Building Committee chairman for both units, related some of the experiences during construction. He was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his services, and a plaque, honoring him for his services, will be presented at a later date.

On Saturday evening the local Youth For Christ was invited to have its service in our church. Rev. Eddie Washington, director of Youth For Christ, was in charge of a varied program of music and the spoken word.

### DEDICATION DAY

Sunday, June 17, was the day of dedication. The morning dedication worship service was attended by a large number of people who were eager to give thanks to God for his goodness. The choir under the direction of Mr. Calvin Lohr sang two appropriate selections, "The Church's One Foundation" by Lorenz and "O For A Thousand Tongues" by Thompson. In his message the pastor compared the methods and materials used in building the wall during Nehemiah's time with those used in the construction of our edifice.

For the afternoon dedication service our sister churches of the area joined with us. Again the choir rejoiced our hearts as they sang "Gloria" by Mozart and "Let Mount Zion Rejoice" by Herbert. Since Dr. Frank H. Woyke, our executive secretary, had spoken at the dedication of the first unit eight years

### A GOLDEN ILLUSTRATION

"Do you expect the President to be in church today?" an early Sunday morning telephoner asked the rector of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Washington church. "I cannot promise," the rector replied. "However, God will be there, and that will be incentive enough for a reasonably large attendance."

ago he was again invited to be our guest speaker for this occasion. His message was both an inspiration and a challenge to all of us. Greetings were brought by the mayor of Lodi, the president of the local Ministerial Association, the architect, and the pastors of our neighboring churches: Rev. G. G. Rauser, Rev. W. W. Knauf, Rev. Clarence Walth, and Rev. Orville Meth.

The day came to a close with a consecration service. In his evening message Dr. Frank H. Woyke challenged us to use our lives and our talents for the salvation of the lost and for the blessing of all mankind. The choir of the First Baptist Church was invited to join our choir for this service, and all our hearts were thrilled as they sang "Hallelujah For the Cross" by McGranahan and an arrangement of "Onward Christian Soldiers."

Although parts of the building were still unfinished, services were conducted for the first time on Easter Sunday, April 1, 1956. The building provides seating for 375 in the main auditorium, 175 in the balcony and 50 in the choir, making a total of 600. A church office, pastor's study and committee room are located on the east end of the building near the new and

spacious entrance. A Prayer Room has been provided next to the platform.

The west end of the building contains additional classrooms which will permit doubling the present Sunday School capacity. There is a partial basement under the west end which houses the heating equipment and permits the addition of air conditioning when the church decides to do so. A large basement room can be used for recreation as well as for future Sunday School expansion. The patio in the center of the building contains approximately 2500 square feet and may be used for recreational and social purposes. The parking lot will accommodate 53 cars, thus relieving congested conditions on the street.

### THE NEW SANCTUARY

The entire building, old and new portions, contains 18,775 square feet of floor space, providing one of the most complete and beautiful church buildings in the city of Lodi. With these new facilities Temple Baptist Church is equipped to minister to the spiritual needs of the community—for worship, for Christian education, and for social gatherings.

Our people had been challenged to set prayerfully a goal of \$2500 for the Building Fund on this day. When all the offerings had been counted, we had given to the Lord a sacrificial offering of \$3,255 for which we praise God.

When all contracts are completed and paid, the building will cost approximately \$135,000 exclusive of volunteer labor, and a debt of about \$75,000 will remain. We are humble and grateful to God for this beautiful building, and it is our sincere prayer that it may be used for his glory and for the salvation of many in our community.

## Two New California Churches

Harbor Trinity and Upper Bay Baptist Churches of Southern California Are Recognized

By REV. HENRY F. K. HENGSTLER, Council Clerk

ON THURSDAY afternoon, June 7th, a recognition council convened at the Upper Bay Baptist Church of Santa Ana Heights, California. The council was jointly called by the Harbor Trinity Baptist Church and the Upper Bay Baptist Church. Each of the newly organized churches sent out their own separate letter missives.

### COUNCIL MEETING

The pastors and delegates comprising the council were the following: Mr. H. H. Stabbert, Mr. Walter Gooden, and Rev. B. Jacksteit of Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif.; Rev. W. W. Knauf of the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif.; Mr. Ed. Nies, Mr. Albert Pletz and Rev. G. G. Rauser of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif.; Mr. Jacob Goehring, Mr. D. J. Weigum, Rev. Robert Schreiber of the Temple Church, Lodi, Calif.; Mr. Henry Wetzler, Mr. Wm. Evanston and Rev. E. Mittelstedt of the Fifteenth Street Church, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Ethel Davis, Mr. Gordon Davis, Dr. Donald G. Davis, of the Berean Church, Los Angeles, Calif.; Rev. Clarence Walth of the Willow Rancho Church, Sacramento, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. William Wunsch and Rev. Henry F. K. Hengstler of the Ebenezer Church, Los Angeles, California. Rev. Orville Meth of Stockton, Calif., was also present with us.

Rev. E. Mittelstedt was elected as moderator of the council, and Rev. Henry F. K. Hengstler as clerk. The council proceeded according to the printed agenda. Documents, minutes and parts of the constitution of both churches were read and duly considered by the council. After deliberation, the council expressed themselves as satisfied with the organization, minutes, and constitutions of the two churches. Thereafter, the council adopted a motion to adopt a resolution to recognize and to recommend the Upper Bay Baptist Church and the Harbor Trinity Baptist Church to the

fellowship of the California Association and the Pacific Conference of the North American Baptist General Conference.

Following the closing of the council meeting, various members of the two churches manifested warm hospitality to the delegates of the council and others present by inviting them to enjoy a fine dinner prior to the evening service. This kindness was appreciated by all.

### RECOGNITION SERVICE

An evening service was arranged to be held in the Gem Show Building at the Orange County fair grounds (the present meeting place of the Harbor Trinity Baptist Church). There was a full participation representing all the churches in this meeting. Rev. E. Mittelstedt was in charge of the service. Mr. William Acton gave a word of welcome, representing the Harbor Trinity Baptist Church. Rev. Fred David, pastor of the Upper Bay Baptist Church, conducted the song service. Rev. Robert Schreiber led in the invocation.

The resolution adopted by the council was read by Rev. Henry F. K. Hengstler. The Scripture was read by Rev. Clarence Walth. Rev. G. G. Rauser led in the prayer of dedication. Both churches were given a charge by Rev. B. Jacksteit. A solo was sung by Mr. Stanley Burbank, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Ruth Wilson. A welcome to the fellowship of Baptist churches was given by Rev. W. W. Knauf. Dr. Donald G. Davis brought a timely and fitting message from Acts 9:31. The service was closed with the benediction by Rev. Orville Meth.

After the service there was a time for fellowship. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the Harbor Trinity Baptist Church. We trust that the results in the future days will be the salvation of precious souls and the edification of God's people.

### MY VISIT IN JAPAN

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ices. Plans were being made to have their first baptismal service in Kyoto within the near future. Judging from the attendance, both during Sunday School and worship services, they will soon need larger facilities to accommodate the people attending the various meetings.

Yes, the Japanese people must be reached with the Gospel while the doors are still open. In traveling through Japan and talking and dealing with the people in various places, it is not difficult to sense the increasing

### A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The epitaph marking the final resting place of General Gordon in St. Paul's Cathedral reads: "He gave his strength to the weak, his substance to the poor, his sympathy to the suffering, his heart to God."

Communist influence prevalent in Japan today. Let us pray for our missionaries daily in Japan.

Many more missionaries are desperately needed in other areas of Japan. I hope and pray that God will chal-

## UNDERSTANDING THE SOUTH

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legislation can be enforced at an early date in large areas in South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi. Needless to say, the areas of these states likely to be involved are the areas where the Negroes outnumber the whites.

However, the days of the control of the South by its own emotionalism are numbered. It will exist for many more generations within the deep South states, and in rural plantation areas in the other southern states. Although it received a new lease on life from the massive Southern reaction against the Supreme Court decision on the public schools, nevertheless, its widespread power is almost sure to end.

Several factors make this a certainty.

For one thing, intellectualism is breaking down the crust of southern emotionalism in many of its universities, colleges, city schools, large city social services, and churches.

For another thing, the South is slowly climbing from its pit of poverty. Industry, greatly assisted by northern capital, is expanding and developing anew more rapidly in the South than elsewhere in the nation.

Then there is the impact of the international scene upon the South. World War I and its resultant isolationism left the South much as it was before the war. Not so with World War II. It lasted long enough and involved every southerner intimately in international thought, like it or not. These world facts involve all southerners, and in increasing numbers they know it!

Finally, the Supreme Court, enlightened southern leadership in church, school, and press, the continual action on the part of southern Negroes themselves for social justice, and the work of regional and state bi-racial human relations councils, have all conspired to push the southerner over into the area of intellectual debate despite himself. Whether the southerner likes it or not, this has been and is still happening.

lunge the hearts of many of our young people to enlist for him as missionaries to Japan.

I am thankful to God for the opportunity which I have had in witnessing first hand our missionary activities in Japan.

### THEY'LL BEAR THE BURDEN

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in numbers, as in putting down our roots, and for these who bear the burden with us? And then will you pledge your prayers for these that they might grow and walk worthily of their calling.



# The Lord's Problem Children

The world's crisis of population increases confronts every Christian with a heavy personal responsibility

ACCORDING TO ONE recognized authority, the outstanding problem of this present age is the problem of population. Having traveled around the world in this middle of the 20th Century, he says that one cannot help but be struck by the signs on every hand of the growing pressure of population upon this planet. It constitutes a definite crisis . . . and to the point that a Conference on World Population was held at Rome but a few years ago.

Statistics are only figures until one becomes one of them. Here are some figures which call for the pause of serious thought. The total population of the world has been increasing relentlessly, with only a few minor setbacks, since the dawn of history. At the present time there are more than 2.5 billion people upon this earth, and the increase is at the ratio of some 34 million per year, about 4,000 per hour, more than one every second. But the most significant fact is that this rate of increase is itself increasing, and shows no sign of letting up.

The issue is forever one of personal responsibility. Paul was fully persuaded of that when he testified, "I am debtor . . ." (Rom. 1:14); set free in

a free salvation which called for the high cost of complete captivity to Jesus Christ. Jesus paid it all, and all to him we therefore owe, and we sing with renewed meaning, "O to grace, how great a debtor." And then he added this striking word, "As much as in me is, I am ready to preach the Gospel" (v. 5). Some of us are confessing by the lack of our lives, "as little as in me is," and while they are "right" with all the facts, are never quite "ready" to touch those facts into acts. The greatest problem of the age is the problem of the Christian population; they who profess the Name which is above every name; the problem of propelling them with the passion of Calvary to push out, plunge ahead with the proclamation of the divine Pardon!

You and I are part of that problem, and what a tragedy if we be one of the Lord's "problem children"! So much to do . . . so many to reach . . . so wide the message . . . so tremendous the power . . . and how short the time! It is later than we think, and it is high time to awake out of sleep (Rom. 13:11), for the night cometh when no man can work.—Edwin Raymond Anderson in "The Evangel" (June, 1956.)

## BAPTIST BRIEFS IN WORLD EVENTS

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● **The Norwegian Baptist Conference of America**, one of nine bi-lingual conferences associated with the American Baptist Convention, was dissolved by its members and became an integral part of the American Convention, at its final conference, held June 8-10 at Green Lake, Wisconsin. The Norwegian Conference will turn over its financial assets to the American Baptist Assembly at Green Lake, to Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago and to the Norwegian Seminary in Oslo, Norway. A bronze plaque commemorating this was unveiled June 10, in the Norwegian Room of the new dining hall addition to Roger Williams Inn, located on the Assembly grounds. The Norwegian Conference was organized early in the 1900's under Dr. Peter Stiansen's leadership, to minister to Norwegian immigrants throughout North America while they were learning the English language.

● **Dr. Richard Hoiland of Philadelphia, Pa.**, was recently elected as executive secretary of the Board of Education and Publication of the American Baptist Convention to succeed Dr. Luther Wesley Smith who has headed the Board since 1938. In accepting the resignation of Dr. Smith, the Board

expressed deep regret that because of ill health this had become necessary. On the other hand, the Board considers itself very fortunate that Dr. Smith will be able to continue his services with the Board in the capacity of consulting secretary. In this position Dr. Smith will be able to advise staff officials and the Board in matters of strategic policy and program and thus project into the future the dynamic leadership which through these years has characterized Dr. Smith's leadership. By virtue of Dr. Hoiland's years of leadership in youth and educational work and through his various official connections with the American Baptist Publication Society and the Board of Education, he is well equipped for filling the position to which he has been called.

### NEW LITERATURE

- "Banso Baptist Hospital"—An illustrated leaflet about our hospital in action by Miss Ardice Ziolkowski.
- "White Man's Medicine" and "Miriam With a Big Smile"—stories from the Cameroons mission fields.
- Cameroons Mission Map (new and revised) by Dr. George A. Dunger.

### A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A room of quiet . . . a temple of peace.

The home of faith . . . where doubtings cease.

A house of comfort . . . where hope is given;

A source of strength . . . to make earth heaven;

A shrine of worship . . . a place to pray — —

I found all this . . . in my church today.

—Cyrus E. Albertson.

● **Dr. Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance**, and Secretary Robert S. Denny planned to leave New York City July 23 for a round-the-world trip to attend the Asian Baptist youth conference in Hong Kong. Their unconfirmed itinerary is as follows: Madrid, Spain, July 24-26; Rome, Italy, July 27; Athens, Greece, July 28; Beirut, Lebanon, July 29-31; Delhi, India, August 1-3; Calcutta, August 4; Rangoon, Burma, August 5; Bangkok, Thailand, August 7; Singapore, August 9; Djakarta, Indonesia, August 10-12; Manila, P. I., August 13-15; Taipei, Taiwan, August 16-18; Hong Kong, August 18-23; Tokyo, Japan, August 24-31; Korea, September 1-3; Hawaii, September 3-4; San Francisco, September 6. General Secretary Arnold T. Ohrn is spending the late summer in Europe. He left July 11, to return early in September. He will visit Germany, Austria, Yugoslavia, and Hungary, and attend the European Baptist Federation Council meeting in Norway in late August.

● **Billy Graham, keynote speaker** for the 99th annual Southern Baptist Convention, held in St. Louis, Mo., May 30-June 2, urged his fellow Baptists to give first place to the evangelization of the world in the years ahead. He revealed plans in the making for a world revival by 18 million Baptists in 1959. Graham noted that in the three years since he last addressed the convention he has traveled in many parts of the world. "There is one common denominator in the world," he said. "It is not race, it is not culture, it's that man was created in the image of God. Tonight the only answer facing the problems of the world is the gospel of Jesus Christ. I am humbly thankful that God is moving in our day—that God has put a new breath into the religious life in this country." However, Graham revealed concern for the lack of deep consecration on the part of many Christians. Communist leaders throughout the world have one impressive characteristic, he said—their dedication. He added that they are outdedicating Christians.

# What's Happening

● Rev. Edward Schmeltekopf of Kyle, Texas, closed his ministry as student pastor at the Elm Creek Baptist Church near LaVernia, Texas, on June 10. He has served the church ably and effectively for more than a year. He is now engaged in evangelistic work, especially during the summer months.

● A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jake Derman of Ponoka, Alta., Canada, on July 1st. She has been named Lois Marie. Mr. Derman is the missionary on the Indian Montana Reserve near Hobbema, Alberta. Recently he was appointed to serve on the Bull Reservation near Wetaskiwin, Alberta, effective late in August. This is their second child.

● The Faith Baptist Church of Vernon, British Columbia, has called Rev. F. Ohlmann of Edenwold, Sask., as its pastor to which a favorable response has been given. He will begin his ministry in Vernon on September 2nd, succeeding Rev. Gustav Schalm who is still residing in the city of Vernon. Mr. Ohlmann has been the pastor of the Edenwold Church since 1951.

● A merger of the East Side and Ogden Park Baptist Churches of Chicago, Ill., was recently effected with the members of the Ogden Park Church joining the East Side Church. Rev. Fred Sonnenberg of the former Ogden Park Church will be assisting Rev. H. R. Schroeder in the ministry of the East Side Church during the next year. On Sunday, July 8, the first services for the merged congregations was held at the East Side Baptist Church.

● The Baptist Church of Edenwold, Sask., has called Mr. Chalmers Wirth of Winnipeg, Man., as its minister, succeeding Rev. F. Ohlmann. Mr. Wirth formerly served the Grace Baptist Church of Davin, Saskatchewan. He has had one year of training at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alta., and two years of study at the Winnipeg Bible Institute, Winnipeg, Manitoba. He will begin his pastorate in the Edenwold Church on Sunday, September 2nd.

● Three new members have been appointed to the denominational Finance Committee as follows: Rev. J. C. Gunst, promotional secretary; Mr. Kenneth Miller of Milwaukee, Wis., a member of the Bethany Baptist Church, who is a certified public accountant; and Mr. Paul J. Gerdes of Burlington, Iowa, a member of the Oak Street Baptist Church and a busi-

ness man and civic leader of Burlington. The chairman of the ten-member committee is Mr. Arthur Schwerin of Burlington, Iowa.

● The First Baptist Church of Start-up, Wash., has called Rev. Edward Kopf of Appleton, Minn., to which he has replied favorably. He resigned at the Baptist Church of Appleton, Minn., on May 20th and announced that his last Sunday there would be August 19. He and his family will begin their pastorate at the Odessa Church on Sept. 2nd, where he will succeed Rev. Orville Meth, now Church Extension pastor at Stockton, California. Mr. Kopf has served as the minister at Appleton, Minn., since 1952.

● On July 6th a cablegram was received at the denominational headquarters about the safe arrival of Rev. and Mrs. G. Ben Lawrence and their family and of Miss Geraldine Glasenapp, Cameroons missionaries. Mr. Lawrence has been studying in London, England, for the past year. Miss Glasenapp as missionary-nurse is beginning her ministry in Africa. She went by plane from the United States to England and then with the Lawrence family to Victoria, Africa. Rev. George Henderson, stationed at Victoria, sent the cablegram.

● The Central Baptist Church of Yorkton, Sask., has called Rev. Paul Galambos of Streeter, N. Dak., as its minister to which he has responded favorably. He has presented his resignation to the Streeter and Medina Baptist Churches of North Dakota, which he has served since 1951, and announced that he will begin his ministry in Yorkton on Sept. 16th. He will succeed Rev. A. Milner, now residing in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Galambos will be the first occupants of the new parsonage at 283 Betts Ave., Yorkton, Sask., Canada.

● On Sunday evening, July 15, a baptismal service was held at the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Illinois. Mr. Erwin Radant, pastor of the Beach Community Bible Church, Waukegan, Ill., baptized ten converts and also one person from the Forest Park Church. He has brought his six-year ministry as a lay preacher at the Waukegan Church to a close in July. The church has grown in membership and a new edifice has been built during his pastorate. Mr. Radant is a member of the Forest Park Baptist Church, of which Rev. R. Kern is the pastor.

● The Immanuel Church, New York, N. Y., held its Children's Day Program on June 10 with 101 people in attendance. First prize for Scripture memorization (a free week at the Atlantic Conference assembly at Camp Hope) went to Robert Meissner, and the second prize was shared by Freddie Dorca and George Lang. The Vacation Bible School of the church was held from July 9 to 13. Officers of the CBY Fellowship who were recently elected are: Gertrude Bartels, president; Philip Andrade, vice-president; Elsie Stahl, secretary; and Robert Meissner, treasurer. Rev. A. Husmann is pastor of the church.

● The Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., held a Vacation Bible School from June 18 to 29 with an enrollment of 90 children and an average attendance of 72. At the closing exercises on Friday evening, June 29, a demonstration program was held. The things which were made as mission projects by the children have been sent to the Indian mission fields of Canada. The offerings were designated for the Indian mission. Rev. R. Kern served as coordinator of the school. Department leaders were Miss Ruth Bathauer, Juniors; Mrs. Frank Woyke, Junior High; Miss Berneice Storm, Primary; Miss Martha Remus, Kindergarten; and Mrs. Al. Giegler, Nursery.

● On Sunday, June 10, the German Baptist Church of Toronto, Ont., held an impressive dedication service for its worshipful edifice. Some time ago a Jewish synagogue was purchased and completely renovated into a Baptist Church and parsonage at a remodeling cost of \$5,000 plus 3,000 hours of labor. The church's seating capacity is over 500. Rev. R. Schilke served as guest speaker at the dedication festivities. Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt of the church also took part. He is the former director of the mission fields in the Balkan countries and especially in Austria. The Rev. Philip Scherer is the minister of the church. The parsonage is on the second floor of the church building.

● Rev. G. P. Schroeder of Lodi, Calif., has been appointed by the Church Extension Committee to serve for three months at Kitimat, British Columbia, Canada, in a new Church Extension project. He began his ministry on July 1st on this promising field with its many German immigrants and a congregation of worshippers that sometimes approaches the 200 mark. Kitimat is a flourishing, booming city with the making of aluminum as one of its principal industries. Mr. Schroeder, who has served formerly in Church Extension Projects at Windsor, Ont., and West Fargo, N. Dak., may continue for several months beyond the three months appointment if the project develops favorably.



# We...the Women

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

## INTRODUCTION

It was in the beautiful new church auditorium at Lehr, N. Dak., that the Montana-Dakota Central Dakota Association met for its annual Woman's Missionary Union business session.

Mrs. R. H. Zepik, the minister's wife of our church in Plevna, Mont., brought a challenging devotion. Again, we share this with you because we feel in sharing these things we do "stir up one another to love and good works."

## BY LOVE SERVE ONE ANOTHER

By MRS. R. H. ZEPIK of Plevna, Montana

There is real joy when we serve one another, if there is LOVE. So first there must be love. Then we must also be cheerful, thoughtful, prayerful, kind, patient, and unselfish. Often we grumble and scold when we are asked to do something for others, because we don't stop to realize that the sweetest joys of life are found in service for others. It is not what we get that makes us happy; it is what we give. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." It is what we do for others that fills our own hearts with real happiness. No one can be unhappy when by love he or she is serving another.

There should also be a real purpose and ambition in serving one another. Let us take an illustration from the Old Testament in the story of Hobab. He was the brother-in-law of Moses, and lived in the land of Midian. He was not a conspicuous character and not especially well-known since he is described in an unfamiliar part of the Old Testament.

You remember that Moses married a Midianite woman while he was in their country in exile. When he went into Egypt as God had commanded him, he went alone. But on his way to the Promised Land as the great and trusted leader of the Israelites, he returned to Midian to gather his possessions together and to take his family with him. It was at this time that he urged his brother-in-law, Hobab, to go with them and to share in the riches of the land which God had promised. "Come then with us," said Moses, "and we will do thee good."

It was a pleasant invitation, an alluring offer to Hobab. The wonderful riches of Canaan are surely more tempting than the desolate desert with its hardships. But Hobab did not see any purpose in going into Canaan. He would remain and accept his petty lot. His refusal brought sorrow to Moses.

Moses needed Hobab. He was a good guide. Moses loved his brother-in-law. Then he gave him a new offer in love, an offer of need. "Come thou with us and do us good." He was saying, "Be our eyes, our guide; we need you." This new proposition appealed to Hobab. He could see a purpose in his going. It offered him something worth-while. So he accepted. He refused to go because of any advantage to himself. But when he discovered how much good he could do for others, he decided to go. Too many times we are like Hobab before he reached his decision. We live for ourselves, without purpose or ambition.

We cannot be of service to others when we are unkind, unthoughtful or selfish. One of the worst things in the world is selfishness. As someone said: "The spirit of selfishness is to 'corner' all of our blessings, but the spirit of love is to bless all of our corners."

That brings to mind our devoted and consecrated missionaries. They are not selfish in their service. It is by love that they serve. Here are four accounts about which I read recently of people preparing themselves for what I believe is a service of love. One is the son of a missionary who is studying to be a physician so that he can serve his people. Next, a girl studying in this country who wants to go back to Berlin, Germany, to serve Christ in social work. Third, a young man from Nigeria entering Western Reserve College to study medicine to return to his people to serve them. And, last, a boy from Palestine who studied here in our schools, so that he can return to his people and bring Christ to them.

We read of Jesus when he was on earth that "he went about doing good." He made sad people glad; he gave the weary rest; he cheered lonely hearts; he made the poor in spirit rich in heart and soul. He lived and died for others. It was love that moved him.

May we so let him fill our hearts with his love, that in the days to come we might "By Love Serve One Another" more and more.

## OPEN LETTER TO THE WOMEN

Dear Ladies:

By the time this issue of "We, the Women" has reached you, every president in each of our local societies should have received a letter from me. She should also have a copy of the new White Cross work as it is being presented by our Union White Cross chairman, Mrs. Albert Reddig. If she has not told you about it, please en-

## 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.

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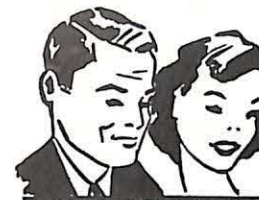
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courage her to do so. If she has not received this letter, please write to Woman's Missionary Union headquarters, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Ill., giving the name of your society, your president's name and address, and ask for this letter at once.

To date, we do not have a scholarship girl. If you know of someone interested, won't you have her apply now? As you know following our sessions in Waco, Texas, every society received a copy of our new Constitution. Have you read it and considered the things that it represents? We are considering sending a girl to our Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. First of all, we must have an applicant. We would also be happy to receive applications even now for next year that we might secure her earlier in the year.

May the Lord bless you, that is my prayer!



# Sunday School Lessons

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: August 19, 1956

Theme: GROUND OF CHRISTIAN ASSURANCE

Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34; 1 John 3:1a; 3:19-24; 4:1-6.

THE CENTRAL TRUTH: We can live confidently from day to day knowing that Christ has lived a life for us by example and he is living in us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

INTRODUCTION: It is often so easy to speak generally about the faith that overcomes the world. We feel that we are a part of Christ's Kingdom which is victorious over the great evils and tribulations all around us. Yet how often we lack the faith to help us overcome the little sins that so easily beset us—the little anxieties that rob us of our peace and joy. It is useless to try to overcome the sins in the world until we have first overcome the little sins in our selves, in our homes, in our communities. Christ does not begin with the world and end with you; he wants to begin with you and end with the world.

I. ASSURANCE THAT COMES FROM FAITH IN GOD'S PROVIDENT CARE. Matt. 6:25-34.

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus does not deny the fact of the necessities of life. Food, shelter, and clothing are needful things as well as an opportunity to work in order to support ourselves and family. Nor does Christ argue about the inequalities of life and condemn them. The fact remains that some people are short and some are tall; some are rich and some are poor; some are strong and some are weak; but none of these things were ever changed by being anxious or by worrying about them. Some of these things can be changed by being concerned enough about them and asking God to help you correct them. Worrying and fretting will only make us helpless and resentful.

What should give us the greatest comfort and peace is the assurance that God is concerned about us and our NEEDS. The difficulty arises when we expect God to supply all our WANTS.

II. ASSURANCE THAT COMES IN BEING PART OF THE FAMILY OF GOD. 1 John 3:1.

It has frequently been said that the competitive spirit has been the success of our economic system in America. But if we want to gain faith and

assurance in the family, in the church, and in the Kingdom of God, we must practice the cooperative spirit. Deliberately competing for first place to the right and left of Jesus as the disciples once did breeds only jealousy and resentment. As children of God we do not receive our reward at the expense of our brother. The highest honor bestowed upon us is to be called a child of God, and the highest service we can render is to bring our brother into the family of God. Our faith in God and faith in each other will again be established when it can be said about us as it was said about the early Christians: "Behold, how they love one another!"

III. ASSURANCE THAT COMES FROM KNOWLEDGE. 1 John 3:19-24; 4:1-6.

The Psalmist said, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Psalm 111:10). Perhaps we could add that love and obedience are the fulfillment of wisdom. For to know him is to love him, and to love him is to obey him. Much of the obedience of children is difficult and burdensome until they learn to know and understand their parents. When they realize how much the parents love them and how much they are willing to do for them, their love is returned and obedience becomes a joy.

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: August 26, 1956

Theme: CHRISTIAN GROWTH THROUGH TESTING

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-4; James 1:1-12a, 13-18.

THE CENTRAL TRUTH: The greatest comfort in time of temptation is to have the assurance that God gives us strength to overcome it.

INTRODUCTION: It is not always easy to draw the line between testing and temptation. Some Christians believe they are synonymous. Others say that God tests us while the devil tempts us. Very often the context seems to indicate that testing and tempting are used interchangeably. (See Concordance.) It is not always easy for Christians, who read their

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Bibles thoughtfully, to understand all that is said about temptation. We are to pray to God to "lead us not into temptation" (Matt. 6:13), and to "watch and pray, lest ye enter into temptation" (Mark 14:38), and to "count it all joy, when ye fall into temptations" (James 1:2). It would be profitable to read all the passages relating to temptation and to discuss their various meanings. You may think it strange that the words, "test" or "testing," are not found in the Bible.

I. THE TEMPTATIONS OF JESUS. Matt. 4:1-11.

Some time ago a doctor voluntarily had a chemical injected into his body which induced temporary schizophrenia. He wanted to know what it was like to be mentally disturbed in order to help the mental patients. Many others have volunteered to be bitten by malaria infested mosquitoes, or have tested new drugs in order to help those who are sick.

Perhaps in this light we can understand better what the writer of Hebrews meant when he said, "For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted" (Heb. 2:18. See also Heb. 4:15).

II. THE DANGERS OF TEMPTATION. James 1:13-15.

Notice that James says that we are to count it all joy when we FALL into temptation. Not when we deliberately seek it out and WALK into it. More often it is best to run from temptation as Joseph did (Gen. 39:12). We are to flee youthful lusts (2 Tim. 2:22); flee from idolatry (1 Cor. 10:14); flee from fornication (1 Cor. 6:22); flee from the love of money (1 Tim. 6:9-11).

III. THE ADVANTAGES OF TEMPTATION. James 1:1-18.

Everything that God made is good. The temptation is to misuse the gifts of God. It is therefore the will of God that we should grow to be like Christ in order that his "will might be done on earth as it is in heaven."

(a) Our faith can grow by testing: believing that God is present no matter how difficult the trial.

(b) Our patience can grow by testing: believing that God will reveal himself at the most opportune time.

(c) Our wisdom can grow by testing: believing that God will think, speak and act through us.

The reward of our testing is the crown of life.



### Baptismal Service and Vacation Bible School at Bethel Church, Salem, Oregon

In the month of April we of the Bethel Church, Salem, Ore., were privileged to have our denominational evangelist, Rev. Daniel Fuchs, with us for about two weeks. Harold Schirman served as our song leader for the campaign. We have not only appreciated the services of Mr. Fuchs, but are thankful to the Lord for those who came forward for salvation.

A baptismal service was conducted by the interim pastor, Rev. Albert W. Wardin, on Sunday evening, May 13. Five candidates followed the Lord in the baptismal waters. We pray our heavenly Father's blessing on these new Christian lives.

Bethel Church has a new parking area behind the church. It has been graveled and parking lights have been furnished and installed by the Home-builders, our young married Sunday School class.

From June 5 to 15, our Vacation Bible School was held under the direction of Rev. Albert W. Wardin. The theme was "The King's Adventureland." The school was divided into four classes: Beginners under Mrs. Charles Brown and Mrs. Verne Bell; Primary 2 taught by Mrs. Henry Sunderland and assisted by Misses Monica Smith and Marlee Schindler; Primary 3 instructed by Mrs. Cecil Stark; and Juniors taught by Mrs. George Schirman and assisted by Miss Beverly Babb. Mrs. Gordon Rands was in charge of music and Mr. Roland Schirman generally assisted.

The daily program of instruction consisted of worship, Bible lessons and stories, memory work, music, recreation, and handicraft. A final program was given on Sunday evening, June 17. The handicraft and work books were on display in the Sunday School Annex. The average daily attendance was 50 pupils and ten teachers. The total enrollment was 74 pupils and eleven workers. A daily offering was taken for the missions in Japan and a total of \$17.60.

Dorothy Caspar, Reporter.

### Willow Rancho Church, Sacramento, Calif., With 70 Members Now Meets in Parsonage

The Willow Rancho Baptist Church of Sacramento, Calif., and the pastor, Rev. Clarence H. Walth, have been anything but idle the past months. In March we had days of inspiration and blessing when Rev. G. Rauser of Lodi, Calif., served so untiringly as evangelist with Mrs. Rauser bringing the Felt-O-Scene stories. Two Sunday School boys responded to the invitation and were baptized in the First Baptist Church of Lodi on May 27.

There has been a continuous growth in our church as a result of the faithful visitation and personal work of pastor and people. We have grown from 56 charter members four months ago to 70 at present. The temporary meeting place in an empty store building was vacated on April 29 when we all rejoiced to be able to meet in the newly erected parsonage which is to serve as our sanctuary and Sunday School quarters until further buildings have been erected.

This is indeed a beautiful and practical parsonage that was almost entirely built by volunteer labor. With one partition omitted, there is a seating capacity of about 140. We have eight classes in Sunday School with capable teachers that meet in the various rooms, including the double garage. Our consecrated Sunday School superintendent, Cliff Filler, has vision and high hopes of making this a constantly growing, glowing and up-to-date Church School. Plans have been made for a Vacation Bible School from July 9 to 19.

On May 8 the Willow Rancho Men's Fellowship came into existence with 17 members. Mr. Wilfred Rueb was elected president. He was recently commissioned to an important errand to Japan by the local Air Base where he is employed. He was delegated by our church, if at all possible, to visit our missionaries in Japan and to bring them our personal greetings. He wrote to Rev. Clarence H. Walth and the church that he was granted the opportunity to fly the few hundred miles to be with our missionaries in Japan over the weekend of June 3rd.

Linda Rutsch, Reporter.

### Northern Conference

#### Farewell Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Fred Schimke at Camrose, Alberta, Canada

On Friday, June 22, a farewell reception was given Rev. and Mrs. Fred Schimke and their children, Mervin and Carol, by the members of the Bethany Baptist Church of Camrose, Alta., Canada. Mr. Fred Gerber acted as chairman for the occasion. The scripture was read by Mr. A. A. Gerber and Mr. Morley Schultz of Winnipeg led in prayer. Mrs. Allen Link, on behalf of the Mission Circle, presented Mrs. Schimke with a lovely corsage and Mr. Schimke with a boutonniere. Mr. and Mrs. Assaf Lang sang a duet.

Allen Gerber expressed words of appreciation for Brother Schimke's help in the young people's society. A humorous and meaningful reading was given by Mrs. C. A. Beller. Mr. Edwin Schmitke spoke a few words on behalf of the Men's Brotherhood. We were then favored with an accordion solo by Laurel Schmitke. On behalf of the Mission Circle Mrs. R. G. Soderstrom spoke a few words and presented Mrs. Schimke with an electric coffee percolator. Mervin and Carol were each presented with a lovely plaque by the Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Paul Weisser. Mr. R. G. Soderstrom on behalf of the church expressed words of gratitude to the Schimkes for their effectual ministry in our midst and presented Mr. Schimke with a brief case.

Mr. and Mrs. Schimke thanked all for their kindness shown to them during their ministry in the Bethany Church of Camrose. As a congregation we have appreciated the good sermons and also the very excellent Bible studies which preceded the prayer hour.

Mrs. R. G. Soderstrom, Reporter.

### Fellowship Group of Leduc's Temple Church Presents Program on Indian Bull Reserve

The Fellowship Group of the Temple Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta., of which Mr. Henry Siemens is the president, presented a stirring and inspirational program in the Benke Memorial Chapel on Monday evening, June 25. Eleven cars bringing 65 people from Leduc invaded the Indian Reserve to launch an offensive quite favorable to the braves and squaws with a program greatly appreciated.

Mr. Siemens was in charge of the program which was a variety of duets, trios, quartets, musicals, etc. Mr. Lawrence Dickau read the Scriptures. Rev. T. J. Haire, pastor of the Temple Church, gave a brief message and led in prayer. Mr. Joe White and Rev. R. Neuman, missionary, thanked the people for coming and blessing our hearts so richly.

After the program, "a heap big lunch" was served, which was provided by the Fellowship Group. Yes, it was all good and wonderful! Souls were thrilled, hearts blessed, stomachs filled, and everybody was thankful! God be praised for the blessings that come this way to the missionaries and our Indian people through interested and mission minded individuals and church groups.

R. Neuman, Missionary.

### The Edenwold Baptist Church, Edenwold, Saskatchewan, Celebrates Its Seventieth Anniversary

On Sunday, June 3rd, the Edenwold Baptist Church, Edenwold, Sask., celebrated its 70th anniversary. The friends, guests, and members who gathered for this festive celebration were greatly blessed by the many messages, testimonies, greetings and also by the hearty congratulations.

The anniversary celebration opened on Saturday evening, June 2, with a rally with addresses by Mr. Arthur Browatske of Davin, Sask., and Rev. E. L. Thiessen of Southey, Sask., a former pastor. On Sunday morning, two speakers spoke to the Sunday School: Rev. O. Fritzke of Nokomis, and Rev. A. J. Milner, former pastor, of Springside. At the morning worship service we had the privilege of having Rev. E. S. Fenske of Herreid, S. Dak., as guest speaker. He, too, is a former minister of our church.

On Sunday afternoon reminiscences and testimonies were given by Mr. H. Fenske of Regina and Mr. C. Wirth of Davin. Rev. Ed Rumpel, our church clerk, brought a short history of the church. Some of the highlights of his report are as follows. The church was organized in 1886 with nine members. Its first name was "Neu-Tulscha." Mr. Petereit of Winnipeg, Man., helped the group to organize. The first church building was constructed in 1909 in the country and was destroyed by fire in 1964. A new edifice was built in the town of Edenwold and dedicated in 1953. The highest record in membership was 135 members. We have had 17 ministers, four of whom were student pastors, who served the church during the past 70 years. Rev. R. Jaster of Regina brought the message at the afternoon service.

On Sunday evening we held a memorial service for our deceased former pastors and members with Mr. C. Rumpel, one of the oldest members and deacon of the church, in charge. Rev. E. S. Fenske, our guest speaker, brought us a challenging message. At all of the services special numbers in song were enjoyed as rendered by the church choir, girls choir, ladies trio, and mixed quartet. The ladies' quartet of Davin also rendered a number. Another participant in the programs of these anniversary days was Mrs. Arthur Weisser of Rochester, N. Y., who rendered two solos on her violin. There were nine ministers present, three of whom formerly served our church.

Mrs. Frank Brucker, Reporter.

### Baptism of Nine Converts at the German Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Pentecost Sunday, May 20, was another day of special blessing and joy for the German Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta. Our pastor, Rev. Waldemar Ertis, was privileged to baptize nine converts into the death of Christ. Our hearts were much stirred by the opening song, "Who are these in robes of white?" with its answer, "These are they who are washed in the blood of the Lamb . . ."

Brother Ertis brought the baptismal message based on Romans 6:3-4. He dealt with the fourfold purpose of baptism, stressing the thoughts: baptism is a necessity, a symbol of oneness with Christ, a sign of a victorious life, and a testimony. The mixed choir added to the impressiveness of the occasion. Following the baptism, a prayer of consecration was offered for each newly baptized individual. We then observed the Lord's Supper, at which time the hand of fellowship was extended to the nine persons.

On June 10 our young people presented a program, consisting of testimonies, poems, and musical numbers, and featuring a play: "In the Claws of the Russian Bear." The play took us to a minister's family in Russia, who, because of their immovable faith, were persecuted, and eventually deported to Siberia. How it moved our hearts to thankfulness for our ability to worship God and follow our Savior without persecution or fear!

Mrs. Sophie Freiter, Reporter.

### Baptismal Service and Woman's Missionary Society Anniversary Program at Springside, Sask.

The past few weeks have been full of activity and blessing for us as members of the First Baptist Church, Springside, Sask., Canada. On May 27 it was our privilege to witness a joint baptismal service with the West Ebenezer congregation in the Central Baptist Church of Yorkton, Saskatchewan. Seventeen young people followed the Lord into the waters of baptism—four from the West Ebenezer Church and 13 from Springside. Many of these made their decisions for Christ under the ministry of Rev. J. B. Kornalewski last fall.

At the morning service on June 3, our pastor, Rev. B. E. Milner, extended the hand of fellowship to the 13 Springside candidates, presenting each with



Seventeen young people recently baptized by Rev. B. Milner (right), pastor of the First Baptist Church, Springside, Saskatchewan, and of the West Ebenezer Baptist Church.

a certificate of baptism and giving a word of advice and encouragement in their new walk of life. Another member was received into the church through letter.

The Woman's Missionary Society was in charge of the evening service on June 3, when they presented their annual program. It was under the direction of the president, Mrs. F. Nehring, and was centered around the thought of the second coming of Christ. There were special musical numbers as well as some readings. The dialogue was presented in the German language, depicting a dream with the story of the ten virgins. Mr. Milner brought a missionary challenge. The offering was designated for White Cross work at Banzo and our Indian Mission in the Muscovpetung Reserve.

From June 10 to 22 we had the privilege of having Rev. Daniel Fuchs in our midst for evangelistic services. He used as his theme "Christ Is the Answer," speaking in German the first week and in English the second week. In every service he delighted the children and grown-ups as well with his interesting stories. During the course of the meetings, several decisions for Christ were made and many souls were refreshed.

Mrs. Darleen Tillman, Reporter.

### Dakota Conference

#### Vacation Bible School at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Beulah, North Dakota

The Immanuel Baptist Church of Beulah, N. Dak., held its Vacation Bible School from May 28 to June 1 with an average attendance of 36 pupils. The topic was "Adventuring With Christ in the King's Adventure." Our pastor, Rev. E. Lutt, was in charge.

Two students from the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta., Miss Wolff and Miss Ohlhauser, were with us during this week. Miss Wolff taught the Juniors and Miss Ohlhauser taught the Intermediates. Our local teachers were Mrs. Binder and Mrs. Mehrer, pre-school; Mrs. Bettger and Miss Strom, Primary Department.

Our Vacation School program was held on Friday evening, June 1st, with a fine attendance. The prayer of our Sunday School is that these children may have received a wider knowledge of God's Word.

Mrs. Reuben Mehrer, Reporter.



Eight of the nine converts who were recently baptized by Rev. W. Ertis at the German Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.



# Our Denomination in ACTION

## Northwestern Conference

### Farewell Reception for Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Kroeker and Family at Baileyville, Illinois

On Sunday, June 17th, Rev. J. J. Kroeker preached his farewell sermon at the Baileyville Baptist Church, Baileyville, Illinois. He brought to a close the studies in the book of Hebrews.

The Kroeker family was honored with a farewell reception on June 20th in the church parlors. Each organization was represented and various comments were given. This was interspersed with musical numbers from members of our own congregation. After the program Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Kroeker were each presented with a beautiful chair and each of the children was presented with luggage.

Our prayers go with them as they begin their new work in the Zion German Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. May the Lord bless them and give them much wisdom and strength.

Mrs. Elizabeth Renkema, Reporter.

### Father and Son Banquet at the Central Baptist Church, George, Iowa

"In His Steps" was the theme of the Father and Son banquet held at the Central Baptist Church, George, Iowa, on Friday evening, June 22. The church parlors were beautifully decorated with the theme "In His Steps—Jesus said, Follow Me" inscribed in large black letters in the front of the room. Beautiful white crosses were standing on the end of two tables and black figures of men were standing on each table. Black footprints were on the white tablecloths and also on the nutcracks representing the son's footsteps following those of the father and the father following Jesus' footsteps. Every father and son from 8 to 88 years had been invited.

The program opened with organ music by Miss Lola Kix. Rev. James Brygger, who served as toastmaster, gave a welcome to everyone present. Daniel Brygger gave a toast "To Father" and in return Mr. Brygger gave a toast "To Son." Jake Cassens and Gaylord Schrick sang a duet, "Take Up Thy Cross." Rev. Irving Larson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Worthington, Minn., gave a very inspiring message on "Following Jesus." Mr. Brygger sang a solo, "Hear Thy Savior's Voice," after which Mrs. Gaylord Schrick led in prayer. A missionary offering was received.

This banquet was sponsored by the Missionary Guild of the Central Baptist Church. The entire offering will go to the support of their missionary, Miss Dorothy Walker, who is now serving in Quito, Ecuador.

Mrs. Kenneth Harms, Reporter.

### Missionary Play, Vacation Bible School and Children's Day Program at Appleton, Minnesota

The past few months have been a busy time for the members and friends of the First Baptist Church, Appleton, Minnesota. On Palm Sunday we witnessed an impressive baptismal service. The three adults and one junior age pupil who were baptized attended class at the pastor's home for six weeks during which time they studied the meaning of church membership.

Our CBY presented a missionary play, "Blake's Decision," on May 13 and to a neighboring Baptist Church on May 24. The offerings received were for our state CBY Mission Project, the Spanish American fields in Colorado. The play dealt with the conflicts which arose when Blake announced his decision to return to China as a medical missionary rather than becoming a famous physician in New York. Mrs. Edward Kopf assisted the young people in rehearsing and presenting the play.

Our Vacation Bible School was held from June 4 to 8 with classes all day. All departments studied the Bible with the following themes: "God's Plan for Happy Homes," "Making Discoveries About the Bible," "The Bible for All the World," "The Christian's Guidebook." The handbook which corresponded with the themes studied was on display on Sunday morning, at which time the pupils presented a program of memory work, songs, etc., during the Sunday School hour. Offerings which were received during the week will be used to purchase Bibles for use in the Sunday School and for weekday classes.

The annual Children's Day program was presented on Sunday evening, June 10. Two young people, Sandra Giese and Kathryn Smith, were presented with the grand award for Scripture memorization. Mrs. Allen Smith, director, presented them with the picture, "The Head of Christ."

Mrs. Edward Kopf, Reporter.



Vacation Bible School children and teachers at the First Baptist Church, Appleton, Minn.

## Central Conference

### Missionaries to Japan Speak at Ripley Boulevard Baptist Church, Alpena, Michigan

Members of the Ripley Boulevard Church of Alpena, Mich., were privileged to have Don and Mary McAlpine, missionaries in Japan, as guest speakers on Sunday, June 24. They gave an interesting and vivid description of present day life in Japan, the Japanese customs and mode of living, and their work among the people. During the evening service slides of Japan were shown and an appeal for prayer for the Japanese people was made who still worship idols and must be reached with the Gospel of Christ.

The McAlpines have been serving as missionaries in Tokyo, Japan, for six years, and have started a church named "Morning Glory," with an attendance of over one hundred people. They also have a correspondence course in Tokyo with an enrollment of 31,000. We are confident that the ringing testimony of these two missionaries and their faithfulness to the Lord will win many souls to Christ.

Mrs. Omer S. Turnbull, Reporter.

### Annual Board Meeting of the Baptist Children's Home, St. Joseph, Michigan

On March 24, the members of the Baptist Children's Home Board met at St. Joseph, Mich., for their annual meeting. The meeting was called to order by the vice-chairman, Mr. Henry Bartz. Rev. William Hoover, pastor of the Clay Street Church, presented an Easter message and prayer. Mr. Sig Beimfohr was appointed secretary pro tem.

The meeting paused to extend to Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Achterberg, the Board's congratulations on their 60th wedding anniversary. Mr. Achterberg has served on the Home Board in many capacities since the inception of the Home in 1916.

Rev. August Runtz, superintendent, read his annual report which was accepted for further consideration. The business of the Board was concerned, mainly, with the closing of the St. Joseph Children's Home which was the decision of the 1955 General Conference at Waco, Texas. The meeting did not have the constructive approach as it has had in previous years. The business was concerned with the placing of our charges into responsible hands and of liquidating the Home's assets. The denomination's legal counsel will act as the Home's terminating attorney. The Home's records will be stored at the denominational headquarters at Forest Park, Illinois.

It was decided to carry on the annual reports and the general business in the usual manner, until all the liquidation is effected. The Special Committee met to consider the disposition of the property. Mr. Ray M. Dumke audited the books of the Home and found them to be in excellent condition per his report of May 3, 1956.

Harold E. Schultze,  
Representing Agent.

### Miss Maneta Froehlich, Christian Education Director, Erin Avenue Church of Cleveland, Ohio

Recently the Erin Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, appointed Miss Maneta Froehlich of Trochu, Alta., as its new Christian Education Director. She was born in Trochu, Alta., Canada, and was baptized at the age of 13 years and became a member of the Trochu Baptist Church. She received her public and high school training in that community. In 1954 she graduated from the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta.

During the winter of 1954-1955 she worked in Weyburn, Sask., as the director of Child Evangelism in that area. Last winter she took a commercial course at Alberta College in Edmonton. Besides working in her own church at home, she also spent much time during the summer months in Vacation Bible School work and camp work in various churches of Alberta. On June 1st she arrived in Cleveland, Ohio, to begin her work as Christian Education Director of the Erin Avenue Church. On Sunday, June 3, a reception was tendered her in the Erin Avenue Church to welcome her into her new work and her new church home.

Ervin B. Strauss, Pastor.

### Lt. Robert C. Anderson Is Ordained to the Gospel Ministry at Forest Park, Illinois

Lt. Robert C. Anderson, Chc USAR, of Chicago, Ill., son of Rev. and Mrs. Charles J. Anderson of Kenosha, Wis., was ordained to the Gospel ministry on Sunday, July 1st, at the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Illinois.

Lt. Anderson, a graduate of Kenosha High School and the University of Wisconsin, was commissioned in 1955 as a part of the "Seminarian" program of the United States Army, and has completed U.S. Army Chaplains training courses at Fort Slocum, N. Y., and Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky. He plans to make the chaplaincy his full-time ministry after completion of work on his B.D. and M.R.E. degrees at Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, Ill., in the fall. At the recommendation of the Forest Park Church, he appeared before the regular "permanent" examining council of the Chicago Baptist Association for ordination approval.

The service of ordination was conducted by Rev. Rubin Kern, pastor of the church. Rev. J. C. Gunst, denominational promotional secretary, read the Scripture lesson. Rev. Charles J. Anderson, father of the candidate and director of the Mid-west Region of the National Association of Evangelicals, gave the ordination message of the subject, "The Highest Plane," and Rev. Wm. E. Schoeffel, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church of Chicago (who as pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha years before had baptized the candidate) offered the ordination prayer. Guests from the greater Chicago area as well as from Wisconsin, Iowa, and Michigan attended the service.

Represented at the meeting, in addition to the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps, was the Baptist General Con-

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"The Christian is like the ripening corn; the riper he grows the more lowly he bends his head."—Guthrie.

ference of America, the American Baptist Convention, the National Baptist Convention as well as clergymen and laity from other denominations. Following the service Lt. Anderson left for a month's tour by auto of the Rocky Mountain National Parks with his parents and younger brother and sister.

Charles J. Anderson, Reporter.

## Southern Conference

### Evangelistic Services and New Mission at Josephine for Baptist Church, Elberta, Alabama

During the week of March 18 to 24 we of the First Baptist Church, Elberta, Ala., had evangelistic services with Rev. Marvin Lewis, student pastor of Bob Jones University, bringing the messages. They were a great blessing to the church. From May 21 to 25 we had our Vacation Bible School. There were 79 children enrolled and the boys and girls were brought to a better understanding of the plan of salvation and how to serve the Lord Jesus.

Our church is sponsoring a new mission at Josephine, about ten miles southeast of Elberta. A young man from Pensacola, Fla., is doing the preaching. They have Sunday School, morning and evening services each Lord's Day and prayer meeting Friday nights. We hope, by the grace of God, to see a church organized there some day. The Lord has added two new families to our church during the past month. One family came from our Greenville church in Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Deis, who are already faithful workers in our church. We praise the Lord for his blessings.

Philip Potzner, Pastor.

### Southern Conference Young People's Encampment With 130 Full-time Campers in Attendance

With the words, "All There Is of Me," as our theme and Romans 12:1 as our key verse, the Summer Encampment of the Southern Conference began its sessions Tuesday, June 12, at the Latham Springs Baptist Encampment Grounds near Aquilla, Texas. We had 130 full-time campers with 215 attending our Sunday School on June 17.

We were privileged to have as our guest speakers Miss Ruby Salzman, missionary in the British Cameroons; and Rev. Lawrence Bienert, our CBYF secretary of our North American Baptist General Conference. Miss Salzman spoke to us several times during our camp bringing us interesting missionary experiences in the Cameroons. Mr. Bienert taught one of our classes and brought to us two challenging messages. Mr. John Binder and Mr. Leslie

Zilkie, our Seminary student workers, did a splendid job of teaching and leading in various activities.

Our morning chapel services were led by Rev. Alex Sootzmann, Mowata; Miss Ruby Salzman, Cameroons missionary; Rev. Joe Bob Alexander, Crawford; Rev. Frank Armbruster, Greenville. "The Stewardship of Life" was taught by Rev. Raymond Castro and Rev. Eldon Schroeder; "The Fruits of the Spirit" by Rev. Alex Sootzmann; and "Strengthening the Christian Home" by Rev. Douglas Gallagher.

Two films were shown and campfires took place after our evening services. Saturday night after the banquet a half hour of inspiration led by Rev. Walter Gummelt with Rev. Howard Schenk at the piano was a highlight of camp. Everyone participated in the different recreational activities in the afternoons. From 6:00 to 6:30 P.M. Rev. Ed Schmeltekopf and Rev. Joe Bob Alexander were in charge of our "Stunt Hour." During this time each day stunts and talents were given by different individuals.

On Saturday afternoon, June 16, the young people held their annual business meeting at which our president, Ray Niederer, presided. Saturday evening, a banquet was held with Ray Niederer as our toastmaster. Special music was rendered, choruses were sung and a very inspiring message given by Miss Ruby Salzman.

On Sunday morning, June 17, Rev. Ed Schmeltekopf of Elm Creek delivered the message. Mr. Ray Niederer presided at the youth rally on Sunday afternoon. We were privileged to hear two wonderful testimonies given by Jerry Walters and Leslie Zilkie. After another special given by our choir under the direction of Rev. Howard Schenk, Rev. Lawrence Bienert spoke on "True Freedom" using as his key verse John 8:32.

Mrs. Clarence Engelbrecht, Sec.

## Pacific Conference

### 46th Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Union, Calvary Church, Tacoma, Wash.

In May the Woman's Missionary Union of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., observed its 46th anniversary. The program was rendered by a group of mission workers from the "King's Garden Mission" of Seattle, Washington. It was of a musical nature. Several testimonies were also given. The offering of the evening program went to the Cameroons Bible School in Africa.

Last October we as women observed our annual Birthday Program to which we asked our husbands to come. We were privileged to have as our guest speaker Rev. Ernest Sitenhof of La-Habra, Calif., who told us about his trip to Israel and also showed us pictures of the Holy Land. The offering of that evening was designated for the equipment of our new kitchen.

In order that we might better serve our Lord as a missionary group, we have divided our Union into five groups. It is a new venture for us as women.

Mrs. Fred Klapstein, Secretary.





Children and Teachers at the Vacation Bible School conducted by the First Baptist Church, Hebron, North Dakota.

### Vacation Bible School and Special Programs at the First Baptist Church, Hebron, N. Dak.

A successful Vacation Bible School was conducted at the First Baptist Church of Hebron, N. Dak., from May 28 to June 1. There were 67 boys and girls in attendance. On Sunday evening, June 3, the children rendered a very inspiring program. The teachers in charge of the various departments were: Beginners, Mrs. Charles Heinle and Mrs. Art Heinle; Primary, Mrs. Ray Koch and Mrs. Art Frey; Junior, Mrs. C. H. Seecamp and Mrs. Adam Fehr; Intermediate, Dr. C. H. Seecamp and Mrs. Fred Klein; pianist, Darline Frey; director, Mrs. Theophil Frey.

She has helped us so faithfully during the past two years. She will go to school at Minneapolis, Minnesota. The choir presented her with a train box. Mrs. Theophil Frey, Reported.

### Vacation Bible School and Baptism of Fifteen Converts at Wishek, North Dakota

From June 4 to 9 a Vacation Bible School was held at the First Baptist Church of Wishek, North Dakota. The pastor's wife, Mrs. L. O. Wahl, acted as dean. There were approximately 50 pupils enrolled with 16 teachers and workers.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ was presented to the children in such a way



Fifteen boys and men who were baptized by Rev. L. O. Wahl and received into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church, Wishek, North Dakota.

On Sunday, April 1, our choir rendered an Easter Cantata under leadership of our pastor, Dr. C. H. Seecamp. On April 22 our choirs presented a musical program. The music was rendered by the mixed choir, male choir, and male quartet.

On Sunday, May 13, our young people presented a Mother's Day program, after which we held the dedication of our baptistry picture, which was painted by Norman Krombein. The money was given in memory of our loved ones who have won the battle of life and are now with the Lord. On May 20 the golden wedding anniversary was celebrated by the church for Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Krein. The program was well planned by Dr. Seecamp and family.

On June 1st the choir held a farewell reception for Miss Clara Seecamp.

that eight boys and girls accepted Christ as their Savior and others who had previously accepted Christ made their decision to follow him in baptism. On Sunday evening, June 10, we joyfully witnessed the baptism of 13 young boys and two men on confession of their faith in Christ. What a joy it was to welcome them into our church membership!

We are thankful to the Lord for the privilege that we have of serving him and our prayer is that the Lord might continue to bless us.

Mrs. Vernon Herr, Reporter.

### Sixty-five Children at Vacation Bible School, Calvary Church, Billings, Montana

We thank God for a successful Vacation Bible School at the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Mont., which

was held from June 4 through 8. The all-day sessions were directed by the pastor, Rev. Wesley A. Gerber, and taught by six capable women who were assisted by four young ladies, all of our church. The school started with an enrollment of 52, and by the end of the week there were 65 registered.

The daily offering which was designated by the boys and girls to be sent to the Cameroons Mission Field amounted to \$23.00. Besides the material gains, there was real spiritual victory with 16 boys and girls accepting Christ as Savior. The theme, "The King's Adventureland," was carried throughout the school, using Gospel Light Material.

A well-attended program was held on Sunday evening, June 10th, at which time a fine presentation was given by each class. Certificates for perfect attendance were given as well as awards for Scripture memorization. An offering was taken to defray the expenses of the school.

Wesley A. Gerber, Pastor.

### Sessions of the 48th Dakota Conference at Bismarck, North Dakota

The days of June 20 to 24 were richly rewarding for those of us who attended the 48th annual Dakota Conference held at Bismarck, North Dakota. N. B. Norris once said, "Our services, meetings, conferences, and conventions can be as little ruts, filled with dust; or they can be broad, deep ditches through which God pours the water of life." In the estimation of the writer, this conference proved to be a deep ditch, plowed straight and used of God to conduct important business, bring much inspiration and furnish fellowship to his people.

The conference theme, "Jesus Reveals Truth in Parables," was developed as the pastors brought messages based upon the various parables of Jesus. Our appreciated guest speakers were Missionary Ruby Salzman; general Sunday School secretary, Rev. G. K. Zimmerman; and Seminary Professor, Rev. Roy Seibel.

Two new churches, the South Canyon Baptist Church of Rapid City, S. Dak., with Rev. Merle Brenner, pastor, and the West Fargo Baptist Church, Fargo, N. Dak., with Rev. Bernard Fritzke, pastor, were welcomed into the conference fellowship. The delegates passed a resolution to undergird these churches in a greater financial measure. The conference guests responded to the pressing need for greater missionary giving by bringing a cash offering of \$1,580.03 at the Sunday morning worship service.

On Saturday afternoon many of those present attended the cornerstone laying of the new east wing of the Baptist Home for the Aged in Bismarck. This new wing will provide a two-room infirmary, a chapel, a lounge, and 25 additional rooms for tenants and working personnel.

As a vote of confidence in a job well done, the delegates reelected all of the officers for another year. They are moderator, Rev. A. J. Fischer; vice-moderator, Rev. Henry Lang; recording secretary, Rev. Herbert Vetter; statistical secretary, Rev. Manuel Wolff. Along with these brethren the

members of the Bismarck Baptist Church with their pastor, Rev. John Grygo, did much to make these days a delightful spiritual experience.

Willis Potratz, Reporter.

### Farewell Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Henry Smuland at Avon, South Dakota

On Sunday evening, June 10, members and friends of the First Baptist Church, Avon, S. Dak., gathered for a farewell service in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Henry Smuland and family.

During the past year and nine months that we were privileged to have them with us, many things have been accomplished. Upon confession of their faith 13 persons were baptized and received as members of the church. A new Hammond organ was purchased and dedicated to God's glory, and a public address system was installed in the church.

Mr. Norman Bangert acted as chairman for this farewell program. In this special service all organizations of our church: Sunday School, CBYF, Woman's Missionary Society and choir expressed their regret to see our pastor leave and wished him God's richest blessings through word and song.

The members of the Tyndall and Danzig Baptist Churches were the invited guests for the evening and their pastor, Rev. Ruben Hermann, gave a short but fitting message, after which Rev. Henry Smuland responded with words of appreciation. A gift of money was presented to them from the church as a token of love.

Eldon Voigt, Clerk.

### Vacation Bible School at Lincoln Valley and Anamoose, North Dakota, with 48 Pupils

Two separate Vacation Bible Schools were conducted at the Lincoln Valley Church and Anamoose Baptist Church of North Dakota in June. The school at Lincoln Valley, N. Dak., was held from May 28 through June 1 with 20 pupils attending in two classes, with Mrs. Agnes Faul and Mrs. A. Krombein as teachers. A 1½ hour program was given by the children on Friday evening when the ten children of the Primary Class dramatized "The Ten Bible Bees."

Another week of Vacation Bible School was held in Anamoose, N. Dak., from June 11 to 15, with 28 pupils attending, divided into three classes. The Senior class was taught by Rev. A. Krombein, the Intermediates by Mrs. A. Krombein, and the Primary by Mrs. Agnes Faul.

A program was also given by the children on Friday evening with missionary stories illustrated by three girls, representing Africa, Japan, and Indian mission fields; questions and answers on the Bible story of Joseph; books of the Bible memorized, etc. A display of handwork and workbooks was viewed by the parents and visitors attending.

We felt a lovely spirit of harmony and enthusiasm at both school sessions and it was a joy to teach the boys and girls the Bible truths and God's wonderful guidance in our lives.

Mrs. A. Krombein, Reporter.



Officers of the Montana-Dakota Central Association's Woman's Missionary Union. Right to left: Mrs. E. S. Fenske, president; Mrs. A. Reeh, vice-president; Mrs. Manuel Wolff, secretary and Mrs. H. Lang, treasurer.

### Sessions of the Montana-Dakota Central Association's Women's Missionary Union at Lehr

The sessions of the Montana-Dakota Central Association's Women's Missionary Union began with a noon luncheon served by the host society in the church parlors of the Ebenezer Church of Lehr, N. Dak., on June 15. We then assembled in the church auditorium for our business meeting. Song service was conducted by Mrs. Bernard Edinger of Selfridge, North Dakota. Mrs. Hugo Zepik of Plevna, Mont., read Scripture and led in prayer.



Vacation Bible School children and teachers at the Baptist Church, Anamoose, N. Dak.

Thirty-five societies responded to the roll call. Two new societies of West Fargo, N. Dak., and Bison, S. Dak., were welcomed into the Union. The Ebenezer Society of New Leipzig requested that they be withdrawn from the Union. The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. H. Lang of Napoleon. A hearty welcome was extended to the new ministers' wives who have come into the Association during the past year: Mrs. Jacob Ehnman of Sidney, Mont.; Mrs. Wesley Gerber of Billings, Mont.; Mrs. Adolph Reeh of Eureka, S. Dak.; Mrs. Hugo Zepik of Plevna, Mont.; and Mrs. August Bertsch of Vida, Montana.

Mrs. Manuel Wolff of Gackle, N. Dak., gave the annual report. Thirty-nine societies with 678 members

### 50th ANNIVERSARY OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, LASALLE, COLO., AUGUST 19

The Woman's Missionary Union of LaSalle, Colo., is celebrating its 50th Anniversary on Sunday, August 19, 1956, with Dr. Frank H. Woyke as guest speaker. We cordially invite all who can attend to be there, including any past members, and anyone who might be in our vicinity at that time.

Mrs. Albert Croissant, Sec.

showed a gain of 51 new members. The offering of the evening was equally divided between the Old People's Home in Bismarck, Crystal Springs Youth Camp, and Foreign Missions. The newly elected officers are as follows: president, Mrs. E. S. Fenske, Herreid; vice-president, Mrs. A. Reeh, Eureka; secretary, Mrs. M. Wolff, Gackle; treasurer, Mrs. H. Lang, Napoleon.

The program of the evening was opened with a song service led by Mrs. A. Fischer of Linton. Mrs. LeRoy Schauer of Mott read the Scripture passage, and Mrs. Thomas Lutz of Aberdeen, S. Dak., our National Union president, led in prayer. The Women's Chorus, directed by Mrs. C. H. Seecamp, sang two selections. The newly elected officers were installed by

Mrs. A. W. Bibelheimer of Ashley. Mrs. A. Reeh of Eureka was in charge of the memorial service for six members who had been called to their eternal reward during the past year. A duet by Mrs. A. E. Reeh and Mrs. A. Bibelheimer was sung. A monologue, "The Other Light," was given by Mrs. John Kraenzler of Lehr.

The guest speaker of the evening was Rev. Edwin Michelson, our former missionary to the Cameroons, now serving the church in McLaughlin, South Dakota. He gave a challenging message based on Matt. 25:40, "Unto the Least of These." The offering of the evening amounted to \$258.13. Rev. E. S. Fenske, moderator of the Association, pronounced the benediction.

Mrs. R. Dickau, Reporter.



# New Building, Billings, Montana

Dedication of New Edifice by Calvary Baptist Church of Billings, Montana

By MRS. WESLEY GERBER, Reporter

Sunday, June 3rd, was a day of re-joining for us of the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Mont., because of the reality of prayers answered. Our new church edifice was dedicated for God's service.

The Sunday morning Sunday School was opened as usual with Mr. I. Albrecht, our superintendent, in charge. The school was then divided into two divisions with Rev. R. H. Zepik of Plevna, Mont., teaching the Pre-school through Juniors and Rev. Jacob Ehnman of Sidney, Mont., teaching the Intermediate through Adults.

Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary of our denomination and guest speaker for our dedication day,

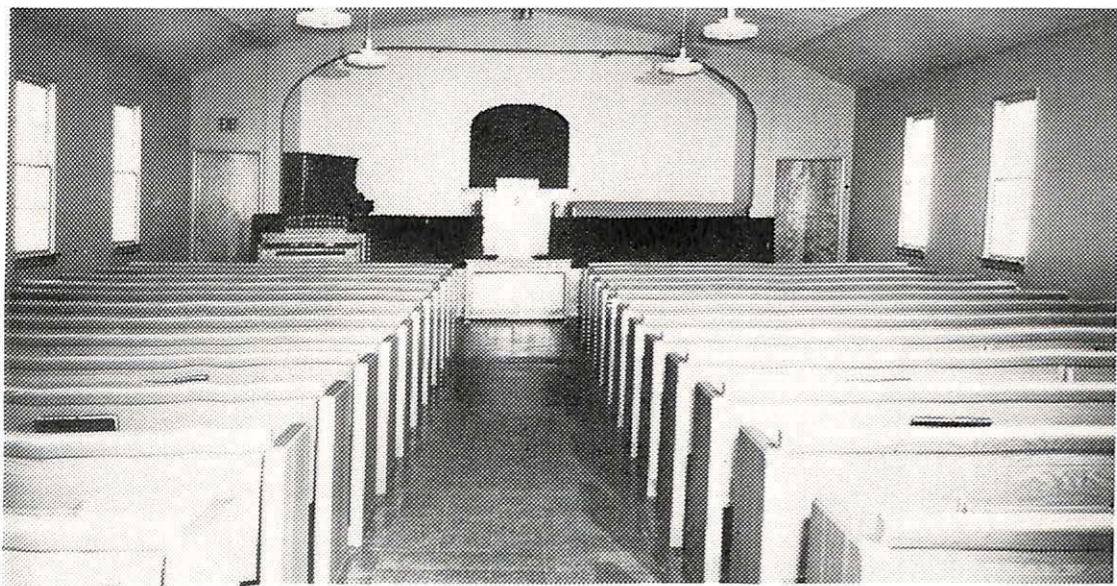
brought a very heart-searching and challenging message to the crowded group that was gathered. Our choir added beauty to the morning worship service with the singing of two numbers.

The dedication service was held at 2:30 P.M. Those present besides our members were members from the Plevna and Sidney churches, and many friends from the surrounding area in and out of the city. The service opened with the invocation and remarks by the pastor, Rev. Wesley A. Gerber; Scripture reading by Rev. Edwin Goossen, pastor of the Conservative Baptist Church in Billings; presentation of the church key by the chairman

of the Deacon Board, Mr. E. Otis; financial report of Mr. E. Wolff, treasurer; and a report from our Building Committee chairman, Mr. Herman Fuchs.

After the Litany of Dedication was read, Rev. Jacob Ehnman offered the dedicatory prayer. The Plevna Choir, under the direction of Rev. R. H. Zepik, rendered two beautiful anthems. Greetings by visiting pastors and churches were then given as well as the reading of letters received. Dr. Woyke brought the message, "To the Glory of God." Truly our hearts were stirred. Again the church was packed to capacity and we thank God for the wonderful service that he gave us. Rev. R. H. Zepik brought the evening message, which ended a most blessed day for those who attended.

The Calvary Baptist Church building, lots and furniture cost approximately \$35,000.00. We rejoice that the building is paid for with the exception of the loan from the denomination.



The sanctuary of the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Montana, looking towards the pulpit.

## Vacation Bible School and CBY Activities at Baptist Church, Venturia, North Dakota

The Baptist Church of Venturia, N. Dak., held a Vacation Bible School again this year, with 54 children attending with an average attendance of 94 per cent. Five of our young people faithfully served as teachers as did also one of our young men, Harry Haas, who is a student of our seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The children came and gave eagerly toward our mission offering. The offering amounted to \$26.50, which was sent to Forest Park for mission work.

On May 25 it was our privilege as a church to set aside for the Gospel ministry, one of our young men who graduated from our Seminary this spring. A council was called for the examination of David Keiry, and in the evening the ordination service was held. Several of our neighboring churches were invited for this ordination service. A full report of this service appeared in the "Baptist Herald."

Our CBY Fellowship has been active the past year, undergirding the projects for foreign missions and our Crystal Springs Youth Camp. Recently the three churches of Lehr, Ashley,

and Venturia had a pulpit exchange in the interest of raising money for the camp. Our CBYF gave a program earlier and the offering was sent in for this work. At present the church is busy with a renovation program of the exterior of the building. We are endeavoring to serve God in every way.

R. F. Dickau, Pastor.

## Sessions of the Montana-Dakota Central Association at Ebenezer Church, Lehr, North Dakota

The delegates from 29 churches of the Montana-Dakota Central Association met with the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Lehr, N. Dak., from June 14 to 17. The Thursday evening gathering was called to worship by the host pastor, Rev. George Breittkreuz, who extended a warm and cordial welcome to all who were present in behalf of the entertaining church. The moderator of the association, Rev. E. S. Fenske, responded to the fine welcome in a jovial mood that sparked the feeling of "togetherness" and Christian fellowship. Prof. Roy Seibel brought the opening message challenging the large audience to greater love and loyalty to the cause of Christ.

The theme for these meetings was, "The Need for Christian Witness." Rev. Walter Klempel keyed the message by pointing out "The Need of Christian Witness in the Home," and Rev. Paul Galambos emphasized "The Need for Christian Witness in the Church." Rev. A. E. Reeh impressed upon the audience "The Need for Christian Witness in the World." Three addresses were presented during these days on the following topics: Rev. Manuel Wolff on "Personal Soul Winning"; Rev. Edwin Voigt on "Soul Culture of the Converted Child"; and Rev. R. H. Zepik on "Christian Responsibility in God's Kingdom."

The work of the various organizations of the churches came into focus through the Men's Fellowship, the Women's Missionary program on Friday evening and the Youth Night program under the able leadership of the host-pastor and Prof. Roy Seibel as inspirational speaker.

Sunday proved to be a great day. In order to meet the bi-lingual need of our association, a German worship service in the Ebenezer Church of Lehr was arranged while the church school session was held in the Legion Hall of the community. The missionary message was presented by the for-

mer missionary, Rev. Edwin Michelson of McLaughlin. Being an eye-witness of what our missionaries have accomplished in Africa, relating his own experiences in the field was an immutable challenge to which all of our church people responded in an offering amounting to \$1,165.87, thus strengthening and undergirding the work of our entire denomination. In closing, a word of thanks is in order to all those who had a vital part in making this association a success in moving forward in the Name of the Lord.

A. E. Reeh, Reporter.

## Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Wiedmann of Venturia, North Dakota

On June 17 the children and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. John Wiedmann of Venturia, N. Dak., gathered to observe their fiftieth wedding anniversary. The entire group met in the church parlors where a well prepared dinner was served. Before the dinner was served, Miss Marilyn Saylor pinned on a boutonniere and corsage on Mr. and Mrs. Wiedmann and also slipped on their fingers new wedding rings, a gift from their children, Mrs. Fred Strobel of Fargo, Mrs. Emil Saylor, and Mrs. Ephraim Schrenk of Ashley.

After the dinner, Rev. R. F. Dickau, pastor, was in charge of the program. Scripture was read by Abia Haas of Dallas, Oregon. A duet, "It Took a Miracle," was sung by Sandra Strobel and Maurice Schrenk, two of the grandchildren. Two solos were sung, "The Love of God" by Curtis Haas, and "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" by Mildred Hoff. A talk, "God With Us," was given by the pastor, after which the duet, "Waiting on Jesus," was sung by Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Dickau. A solo, "My Task," was sung by Evelyn Haas, and a piano solo by Karen Haas of Dallas, Oregon. After the program Mr. and Mrs. Wiedmann warmly expressed their appreciation and gratitude for all that had been done in their honor.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiedmann have been active in the work of the church all these years. Mr. Wiedmann held the offices of trustee and Sunday School treasurer for many years. Mrs. Wiedmann is active in the Mission Society since it was organized 36 years ago. She is one of the three living charter members of the organization. For a time she served as treasurer of the society and is still interested and active in the program of this society. Their kindness and faithfulness to God have endeared them to many hearts.

Mr. Wiedmann has served the community in several capacities. In the early days of the settlement, he was a school teacher for some years. He was the postmaster of Venturia for almost 40 years. He and two of his brothers established a hardware business from which they retired only last year. One brother passed away several years ago, leaving the other two to carry on this business together almost 50 years.

They were married on January 23, 1906, but because of illness, the observance was postponed until June 17, 1956. We wish them God's richest blessings and strength for the years to come.

Raymond F. Dickau, Pastor.

# 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.)

## MRS. FLORA JANE KNECHTEL of Hanover, Ontario.

Mrs. Flora Jane Knechtel, age 91, of Hanover, Ont., died on Sunday, June 1st, in Hanover Memorial Hospital. She was born August 10, 1864, in Cleveland, Ohio, as the former Flora Jane Ortl. On October 7, 1886, she was married to Rev. William Pfeiffer of Cleveland, Ohio. Among the pastorates which they held were Baltimore, Md.; St. Paul, Minn.; Aplington, Iowa; and New Hamburg, Ontario. Mr. Pfeiffer died in 1915.

In 1917 she was married to Mr. Daniel Knechtel, founder of the Knechtel Furniture Company, Ltd. of Hanover, Ontario. He also predeceased her. Surviving are two sons: Kent Pfeiffer of Columbus, Ohio, and Major General Omar Pfeiffer of Vista, Calif., and daughter, Theodosia, at home. Two daughters and four sisters predeceased her.

Rev. R. A. Price of Hanover, Ont., her pastor for the last eight years, officiated at the memorial service. Interment was made in Woodlawn cemetery, Toledo, Ohio. She will be greatly missed in her home church and among friends and neighbors to many of whom she was familiarly known as Aunt Flora.

She took a great interest in all things pertaining to community affairs and especially pertaining to our Baptist work here in Canada and the United States. Her memory was good to the last and her cheery smile and the twinkle in her eyes will always be remembered by those who knew her best.

Hanover, Ontario

R. A. PRICE, Pastor.

## MRS. MARGARET SCHWEISSING of Boise, Idaho.

Mrs. Margaret Schweissing of Boise, Idaho, was born May 5, 1879, at Salzboeden, Germany, the daughter of Christian and Margaret Fischer. After a lingering illness she entered the heavenly home June 14, 1956, at the age of 77 years, 1 month, and 9 days. In her youth she accepted Christ as her Savior and was united by baptism with the Baptist Church in Frankfurt, Germany.

On December 27, 1906, she was married to E. Schweissing and the Lord blessed them with five children, of which Lydia and Richard preceded her in death. In 1913 her husband journeyed to America and in 1920 she brought her family to Buffalo, N. Y., to be with her husband, where she resided until about five years ago when she moved to Boise to be with her daughter. She was a member of the Orchard Avenue Baptist Church, Boise, Idaho, having been previously a member of the Temple Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y., for 35 years.

She is survived by her husband; one daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Hudlet of Boise; two sons, Rev. Frank Schweissing of Lamar, Colo., and Emil Schweissing, Jr., of Buffalo, N. Y.; ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

"Grossmutter" as she was affectionately called suffered much hardship and pain in her life and yet her faith witnessed to Paul's words: "My grace is sufficient for thee." Services were conducted in the Summers Funeral Home June 16 by Rev. Harold Gilman. Interment was at Cloverdale Memorial Park, Boise, Idaho.

Lamar, Colorado

F. SCHWEISSING, Correspondent.

## MRS. LOUISE TRIEBWASSER of Emery, South Dakota.

Mrs. Louise Triebwasser of Emery, S. Dak., daughter of Carl and Rosea Lang, was born Oct. 3, 1871 in Odessa, Russia. After a lingering illness she went to be with the Lord on June 2, 1956 at the age of 84 years, 7 months, and 29 days.

She came to this country as a small girl. On October 1, 1890 she was married to Simon Triebwasser. The Lord graciously

blessed them with over 64 years of married life before the homegoing of her dear husband one year ago, his month. The Lord also blessed them with eight children.

She was converted on March 5, 1904 under the ministry of Rev. H. Schwendener. On June 19, 1904 she was baptized by Rev. H. Helzinger and on that day was received into membership of the Plum Creek Baptist Church. She remained a very faithful and loyal member of this church, attending all of the services regularly until her last illness. Mrs. Triebwasser was a member of the Ladies' Missionary Society for many years. She was a devout mother who set before her children an exemplary Christian life, and was an encouragement to her husband helping him serve in many church offices. Together they shared their home often with denominational workers, evangelists, and pastors who labored here.

She leaves to mourn her departure: her four sons and two daughters, William, Elizabeth (Mrs. Fred Bender), Louie, all of Alexandria, S. Dak.; August of Parkston, S. Dak.; Louise (Mrs. L. Oldewurtel) of Long Beach, Calif.; and Carl of Alexandria, S. Dak.; also one brother, Carl Lang, Emery, S. Dak.; 20 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, two children in infancy, nine half-sisters, and four half-brothers.

The pastor, Rev. Willis Potratz, was assisted in the funeral service by Mr. Bernhard Itterman who ministered in the German language. Burial was in the churchyard cemetery.

Plum Creek Baptist Church, Emery, South Dakota

WILLIS POTRATZ, Pastor.

## REV. A. BUECH of Jansen, Saskatchewan.

Rev. A. Buech of Jansen, Sask., was born at Antoniew, Lucynow, Volhynia. Reared in a Christian home. As a boy of twelve years he found the Lord and was soon baptized. Early in his youth he dedicated himself to Christian service and was active in the Baptist Church of Lucynow and especially in the work of the young people's society.

On Dec. 10, 1931, he was married to Anna Penno. God gave them five children, of whom four are still living. The glory of God's grace and joy was the benediction on their family life. In 1935 Mr. Buech went to the Baptist Seminary in Lodz, Poland, from which he was graduated in 1939.

In 1940 he began his ministry at Wartheland, Germany, where he had to reunite the many Polish refugees and to minister to them. He faced much opposition and was often in danger for his life. In 1942 he was called into military service in the German army and in 1941 it was announced that he was "missing in action." In 1945 his family had to flee as refugees.

In the meantime, Mr. Buech had been captured by the Russians and was in a Russian prison camp. His life hung by a thin thread as he hovered between starvation and death. For an entire year he traveled from Russia through Poland until he was reunited with his family.

In 1951 the conviction grew upon him and his family to emigrate to Canada. After a brief residence in Minot, Man., he and his family arrived in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He loved the Baptist brethren and found many opportunities among them to serve. In 1954 the Buechs went to Edmonton, Alta., and in 1956 he followed the call to the Baptist Church of Jansen, Saskatchewan.

God opened the door of love into the hearts of the people in this Baptist church. The attendance at the services was constantly increasing. His pastoral work and evangelistic zeal won for him the confidence and trust of the people. It was a great shock for many of them to come to the church service on Sunday morning, May 27, 1956, and to learn to their sorrow that their pastor had been called home by the heavenly Father a few hours earlier. He died of a heart attack in his 47th year.

A large memorial service was held at the church with the following ministers taking part in the service: E. L. Thieszen of Southey, Fred Ohlmann of Edenwold, O. Fritze of Nokomis, Joseph Hufnagel of Raymore, Sask.; Waldemar Laser of Winnipeg, Man.; and a nephew of the deceased, Mr. William Glasman. Besides the widow, the following children survive: Oswald, Traudi, Hilde, and Giesela.

Jansen, Saskatchewan

E. L. THIESSEN, Pastor in Charge.



# Spice of Life

Poet: "I believe the baby has thrown some of my poems into the fire."

Wife: "Don't be silly, dear. He can't read yet."

Postal Clerk: "I can't cash your money order without some identification. Haven't you some friends in camp?"

Soldier: "Not me. I'm the camp's bugler."

Hubby: "Isn't this delightful, sitting here before the fireplace with that wonderful fire?"

Wife: "Yes, but I'm certainly going to miss the furniture."

"I felt sorry for your wife last Sunday when she had that coughing spell. Everybody was concerned," commented the minister.

"Don't feel too sorry," replied the husband. "She was wearing a new hat."

"How was your peach crop this season?"

"Why a heavy storm blew down fifty per cent of it. And we'd hardly gathered that when another wind came along, and took down the remaining fifty per cent."

"Hard luck! Could you do anything with them?"

"Oh, my wife ate one and I ate the other."

A little boy had been left alone in the car, and he was moving the steering wheel back and forth.

A passer-by said to him, "Say, sonny, you'd better put your arm out the window to signal when you turn."

The boy replied: "Don't be silly. If you stick your arm out of a space ship, you'll get it ripped off."

Moron I: "Why was the little cooky crying?"

Moron II: "Because her mother has been a wafer so long."

Customer: "I can't find any chicken in the chicken pie."

Waitress: "Do you expect to find dog in the dog biscuits?"

Albertan: "Why, in our province the wind is so powerful it sometimes blows people right out of their houses."

Manitoban: "That's nothing. In our province, the wind sometimes blows six days out of the week."

"Excuse me, constable," said the old gentleman, "but here is a parcel of fish which I found in the railway carriage."

"Right, sir. If it isn't claimed in six months, it's yours."

Bobby's Uncle Fred had come for a visit, and just as he was leaving he gave the lad a shiny new quarter.

"Be careful with that money," Uncle admonished. "Remember the old saying, 'A fool and his money are soon parted!'"

"Yes, Uncle," replied Bobby, "but just the same I want to thank you for parting with it."

## Atlantic Conference Ministers' Institute at Young People's Cottage, Bradley Beach, New Jersey

The annual meeting of our Ministers' Institute of the Atlantic Conference was held June 25 to 29 at the Young People's Cottage in Bradley Beach, New Jersey. Fifteen pastors and quite a number of their wives and children came here to have relaxation, spiritual refreshment and fraternal fellowship. Pastors John Schmidt, C. Peters, H. Laube, and E. Barker served in devotional periods.

Dr. Ralph E. Powell from our North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., made us acquainted with the movements, trends, and the various representatives of "Theology Today, 1900—." His lectures were masterful, highly interesting and evoking lively discussions. The evening messages delivered by Pastors H. J. Freeman, A. Husmann, and W. C. Damrau were examples of didactical, topical, and inspirational forms of sermons. The proceedings of our Institute were ably directed by our chairman, Rev. Paul F. Zoschke.

Also something new was added, a "Ladies Night" on Wednesday evening, under the leadership of Mrs. H. J. Freeman. It consisted of devotions, singspiration, several Biblical panel-discussions, games, and refreshments. The remembrance of the 83rd birthday of our beloved pastor, Rev. Julius Kaaz, presented a pleasant interlude. Rev. W. C. Damrau was appointed 1957 Program Committee chairman.

Mrs. Edwin H. Marklein and her group of faithful helpers made our stay at the cottage happy and comfortable. And like Jesus and his disciples, we in like manner "came ourselves apart" unto the seashore and "rested awhile" (Mark 6:31).

Frank Orthner, Reporter.

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