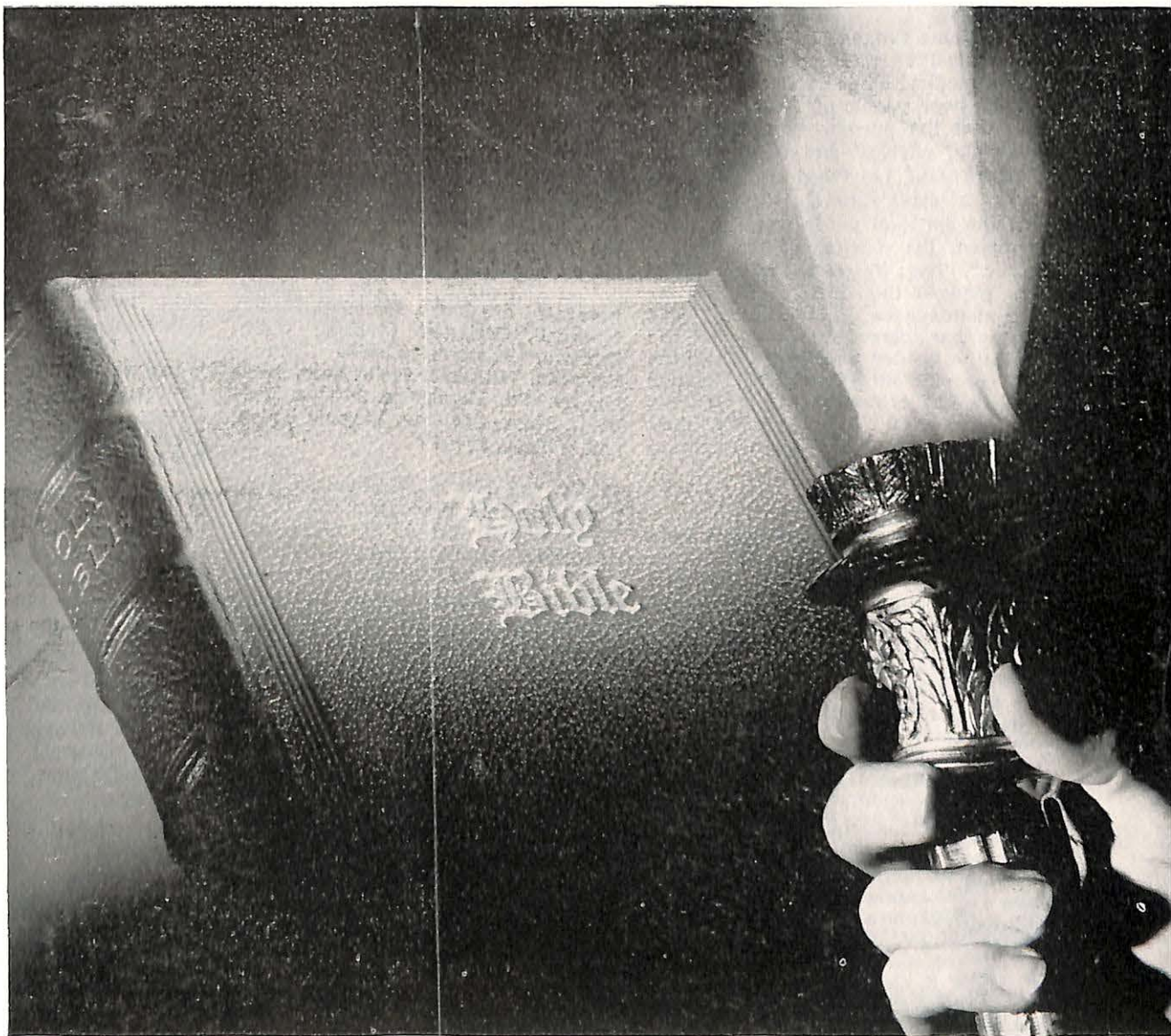


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Thy Word Giveth Light to All!

**Bible Day, 1956
Indian Reserves of Canada
And God Gave the Increase**

March of Events

● A total of 12,284 refugees were resettled in 1955 by the World Council of Churches' Service to Refugees, and some 25,000 more will be aided by it in 1956, Dr. Edgar H. S. Chandler, the agency's director, reports. Some 2,000 were helped to emigrate during December alone, more than in any other month of 1955, he said. About 1,200 of them went to Australia. Although more than half of the December total emigrated to Australia, Dr. Chandler said, the United States continues to be the leader among countries receiving refugees. Australia and Canada follow in that order.

● Madame Chiang Kai-Shek and her Women's Prayer Group are establishing a medical clinic to meet the needs of the poor people of Formosa. Stating that the purpose of the clinic is two-fold, physical and spiritual, Madame Chiang remarked that "to meet only the physical needs without meeting the spiritual needs would not accomplish the purpose of the medical clinic." The Women's Prayer Group has pledged thousands of dollars for the maintenance of the clinic. World Vision has agreed to supply all the medicine needed and Orient Crusades will provide an evangelist. Madame Chiang has requested prayer for the provision of a "completely Christian medical team of" a foreign Christian doctor and two nurses.

● In Israel the government has rejected an offer made by David L. Saranoff, the American RCA executive, to introduce television into the new state. Professor Benjamin Aktzin, lecturer in social studies at a Jerusalem university, is a determined opponent of television. It would be disastrous, he feels, to introduce TV into Israel, where money is urgently needed for development plans and where none can afford to be idle. Professor Aktzin argued that television has "completely changed the face of American society, causing millions of persons to become lazy." The government, apparently in agreement with the professor, has consented to name a committee to explore the possibilities and dangers of TV.

● Victor E. Cory, president of Scripture Press, Chicago Sunday School publishers, has announced what he terms "another first in the Vacation School field." The latest advance is a half-hour color motion picture which "reveals the potentialities of Vacation Bible School in an unusual way." Most of the film actually is a preview of Vacation School in action. Some of

the scenes were filmed on a sound stage to permit authentic "live" dialog between teacher and pupils. The film title, "Champions for Christ," ties in with the Olympic motif used as the promotional theme for the 1956 All-Bible Vacation School courses produced by Scripture Press. Slated for release February 1, the new film will be used largely in conjunction with dealer workshops on Vacation Schools.

● The date for the 1956 Kirchentag in Germany, the great German Evan-

gelical laymen's assembly, has been set for August 8-12 in Frankfurt. The last previous meeting was held at Leipzig, in the Soviet zone, in 1954. To a greater extent than formerly the 1956 meeting will stress ecumenical relations with Christians all over the world. About 4,000 visitors from churches in other Western countries are expected to attend, as well as people from behind the iron curtain and from Africa and Asia. Reservations have already been made by a group of 500 Scottish Christians. Because so many of the guests will be English-speaking several sessions in English are being arranged. Reinold von Thadden-Trieglaff, president of the Kirchentag, says he hopes at least 15,000 residents of the Soviet zone of Germany will be permitted to take part in the Frankfurt meeting.

Baptist Briefs

● Colleges and universities related to the American Baptist Convention received \$9,180,400 from the Ford Foundation December 12. The 22 schools benefitted are Bates, Benedict, Bishop, Bucknell, Carleton, Chicago, Colby, Denison, Eastern, Florida Normal, Franklin, Hillsdale, Kalamazoo, Keuka, Linfield, Morehouse, Ottawa, Redlands, Shaw, Spelman, Virginia Union, and William Jewell.

● Dr. and Mrs. C. O. Johnson completed 25 years in the pastorate of the Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo., on January 31. These have been wonderful years for pastor and people. Great audiences wait on Dr. Johnson's preaching. Ministries have multiplied. The church edifice has been almost completely remodeled to meet the need of the expanding work. The Third Church is a great host of devoted Christian people who have loaned their hard-working pastor to many denominational ministries.

—Watchman-Examiner.

● Celebrations have been held to mark the 75th anniversary of the Baptist Preachers' Seminary in Hamburg-Horn, Germany. There are about 100,000 active Baptists in Germany, 530 congregations, and 300 pastors. Some 35,000 Baptists live in the Soviet Zone. German Baptists also maintain several deaconesses' and youth homes, a Bible School, and a printing shop. The Baptists have attracted wide attention in recent years through their tent missionary program, under which teams of evangelists hold services and lectures throughout the country.

● Baptists throughout the nation will be interested to know that Dr. Paul Dudley White, recognized world heart specialist who attended President Dwight D. Eisenhower as consultant, making several trips to Denver and Washington during his illness, is a member of old Dudley Street Church, Boston, Mass., Rev. Percy G. Beatty, pastor. His father, Dr. H. Warren White, was a life deacon of the same church, and the son, Paul, grew up in the church and was active in the Sunday School and youth organizations, and later in the famous Page Class for men. He was at one time president of the youth organization. He now lives a considerable distance from the church, but still retains his membership there.

—Watchman-Examiner.

● Dr. E. McNeill Poteat died December 17 in Raleigh, North Carolina. He was 63 years old. He was a member of a family prominent in North Carolina Baptist circles. His father, Dr. Edwin McNeill Poteat, Sr., had served as president of Furman University for a number of years. From 1917 to 1926, Dr. Poteat was a missionary in Peiping, China. He followed this service by becoming associate professor of philosophy at Shanghai University until 1929. Returning home, he became pastor of the Pullen Memorial church, Raleigh, North Carolina. Later he was pastor of the Euclid Avenue Church, Cleveland, Ohio. In 1948, he succeeded Dr. A. W. Beavan as president of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School. He resigned to return to his former pastorate at the Pullen Memorial Church.

Editorial

Why Not Try Bible Day?

THE OBSERVANCE of Bible Day on the second Sunday in March is gaining in favor with our Sunday Schools and churches. It is a North American Baptist Sunday School program that has been observed annually for 56 years. But due to the fact that this date is virtually unnoticed by other denominations and also since Universal Bible Sunday is widely celebrated in December, this inspirational program has been sadly neglected by some of our churches.

Let us enthusiastically revive the Bible Day program for Sunday, March 11. Recitations and dialogue material has been sent to all Sunday School superintendents. The four-page programs with an appropriate song by Dr. H. von Berge, responsive reading and the story how our Bible Day offerings are used have also been dispatched to our churches. The entire worship hour or a few minutes at one of the services on that Sunday of March 11 can profitably be used to call attention to the importance of the Scriptures in our lives and in our missionary outreach.

Recently Billy Graham, the evangelist, made a revealing statement in LOOK magazine. "I seriously doubt," Billy Graham wrote, "if the average American realizes how religiously illiterate he is. In a recent Gallup poll in Canada, it was found that only one out of ten Canadians could give the names of six of Christ's apostles; only two out of ten could name any. More than half of the adults did not know the name of the first book of the Old Testament or in the New Testament." This woeful ignorance of Scriptural facts and truths is just as apparent south of the Canadian border.

The observance of Bible Sunday in your church, in addition to similar programs held throughout the year, will help to dramatize our Baptist position that the fundamental source of our faith is the authority of the Bible. In the preamble of our North American Baptist General Conference Constitution, we affirm our faith in this great Baptist principle: "the inspired authority of the Scriptures in matters of faith and conduct. The songs and recitations of the children, the dramatized dialogues and even the decorations at such a Bible Day program can colorfully and clearly impress this truth of the Bible as the infallible guide to God.

Likewise the observance of Bible Sunday should dramatize the missionary ministry in which we as North American Baptists, through our Publication Society, are ardently engaged to send the Scriptures to the far places of the world. Bibles, New Testaments and Christian literature are being made available because of the Bible Day offering to our mission fields in the Cameroons of Africa and Japan, for distribution among the refugees and displaced persons at camps in Germany where thousands of people are staying after their escape from behind the Iron Curtain, waiting for some opening to emigrate overseas to start life all over again. Similarly Bible Day offerings help us to send the Scriptures to our mission fields among the Indians of Alberta and Saskatchewan, Canada, and among the Spanish-Americans of Colorado and Texas.

In 1956 why not try the observance of Bible Day? It will be a day of inspiration and information. It ought to be a program with unusual blessings. It can be a spiritual highlight in your church's ministry!

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—Photo by M. L. Leuschner

The imposing granite statue of the Indian, Sitting Bull, overlooking the Missouri River, Mobridge, S. Dak., that stands on his grave, after the bones of the Indian chief had been removed from Fort Yates, North Dakota.

Indian Americans on the Bull Reserve



The first of three articles by our Indian missionaries about the Bull, Montana and Moscowpetung Reserves of Canada



By Rev. REINHARD NEUMAN, Indian Missionary

SOMETIMES we know little about the early beginnings of the work in which we are involved. It isn't because we are not interested in the work of the early pioneers, but simply because we are so taken up with the work and its present needs that we seldom evaluate the service and sacrifice of our forefathers.

As the year 1955 closed, we were divinely led to look back and to evaluate our efforts for God among the Indian Americans of Alberta, Canada. We rejoice that we can report progress in the various phases of this missionary work. We could speak of none of these things were it not for the work of our late friend, Rev. Fred W. Benke, and the work of his beginnings here on the various reservations. He himself served the Lord, devoted to the cause with every ounce of energy he could muster.

THE EARLY BEGINNINGS

Others were enlisted to reinforce the efforts of his own for the salvation of the Indians. Numerous workers from the Christian Training Institute and other places had a try at the work among the Indians which was so dear to his heart. I believe in all this, it was the prayer of this ardent servant of the Lord that some of these young people might see the vision and take up the challenge.

The results today are obvious when we look upon the work. God has blessed the humble efforts put forth in the Name of Christ. Some of the men and women privileged to serve with and under the wise supervision of the late Fred W. Benke are now in full-time service in our own country and in places of the world across the waters. A great number could be listed, for which this man of God receives the heavenly credit.

Since the early beginnings, reinforcements have gone to the fields. New avenues of service have been entered, and many souls have been reached with the Gospel. Soon after the passing of Mr. Benke, one Indian publicly at a memorial service in honor of him paid this tribute, "We were down in the dirt, and Mr. Benke came and picked us up." Those whom he picked up, we shall hold up and help along, while the picking up of others is still in progress.

While we praise God for these blessings, we realize that, humanly speaking, all our progress has been due to the decisions of our Mission Committees at Forest Park and in Canada; the prayerful support of every Christian and our churches in the States and in Canada; and the help of friends everywhere. We take this opportunity to thank each one of our readers who has had a share in this work. May the Lord bless you. Continue to pray for us so that we may be strengthened for the task that lies ahead!

CHIEF FRANCIS BULL

It will be of particular interest to all our people to hear about the most recent experiences here on the Bull Reserve near Wetaskiwin, Alberta. Our hearts are still thrilled and warmed over the nearness and power of God in and through the lives of our Christian Indians, both the old and the young.

We have all been deeply saddened at the homegoing of our late Chief

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"We have all eternity to celebrate the victories, but only a few hours before sunset to win them."—Amy Carmichael.

Francis Bull. He is being missed in so many ways. The people, who for 26 years have been under his careful guidance and care, seem now to be lost, not only lost because of the leadership he willingly gave but as for the man who shall now occupy his responsible position. The question which is now asked so often is, "Where is such a man?" Reliable sources inform us that in the very near future an election will take place, deciding the future leader of the Bull Reserve Band. For the first time in many years we celebrated the Christmas season, Watchnight Service, and New Year's Day without Chief Francis Bull. Everyone was aware of his absence. We all missed his sound and sincere advice on such sacred occasions. Something was missing; yes, something was wrong, it seemed; someone—was missing.

However, it seemed that everyone present on the night of the Christmas program came to give and to receive. That very thing took place, and isn't this the true spirit of Christmas? The gifts under the tree manifested love and friendship that motivate giving.

OUR INDIAN BRETHREN

Of more than twenty items on the program, perhaps two were not too well heard and understood. The others were exceptionally good. The boys and girls did a grand job. We rejoiced because of the co-operation of the parents who taught the pre-school children at home. These little ones amazed us beyond measure. It was a wonderful night, and we joined with all our Indian brothers and sisters in the song that the angels sang that Christmas night, "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth and good-will to men." For the good news was not

only to the shepherds but to all of us as well.

Mr. Joe White very capably spoke that night in behalf of the Indian people. Mr. White welcomed all to the program and told the people that there was a bag of treats for everyone present. He told them that we all miss the chief and he encouraged them to take up and follow the words of the late chief that still ring in our ears. "His advice was good, for he always told us to take Jesus and follow him. If we do that then we shall see him when we die," Joe White said.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

With the help of our Indian people on the Reserve and of friends of the Indians, we were able to have something for everyone who came to our Christmas program. We had spiritual blessings for all as well as treats. I feel sure that everyone went away happy and satisfied, in spite of the storm raging outside.

The platform was decorated beautifully. Most of the credit must be given to Miss Ellen Froehlich, our school teacher here on Bull Reserve. We do appreciate her splendid co-operation. Her adaptation has helped to fit her speedily for the job she is here to do in the school and the church. Her service in every phase of the Sunday School work is highly appreciated. May it please God to guide us so in the future that we shall always have this grand privilege to enlist consecrated workers for our Day Schools on the Indian Reservations!

We received numerous parcels from churches in Canada and the United States, helping us with gifts for the boys and girls at Christmas time. A grand parcel came from the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Vancouver, B. C., with gifts for every boy and girl in school and those of pre-school age. These gifts were all wrapped and tied and labeled. You can be sure this was a thrill for them. There are no words in the dictionary that could express our inner feelings to such kind and devoted people. Mrs. W. Kohrs acting in behalf of the church in Geneseo again sent one hundred Scripture Art Calendars for our work. Several churches here in Alberta rallied to the kitchen needs of the missionaries, supplying enough groceries for several weeks.

LOVE GIFTS FOR THE INDIANS

From the Zion Church in Drumheller, Alta., where Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Effa are serving, we received a box with gifts for a family who have recently lost the head of their household. The man in this Indian home was a fine Christian. No wife could have taken it harder than this dear widow. They were both very much devoted to one another and to the children. In this home also live her



—Photo by Rev. Elmer Strauss

On a Saturday afternoon hard-working Missionary Neuman (with bucket in his hand) greets an Indian family at the mission station with the Benke Memorial Chapel in the background.

daughter and four grandchildren. The husband of the daughter has been in the tuberculosis hospital for several years and is now due to come out the end of March 1956. All the adults in this home are Christians. Can you imagine what a love gift like this from the Drumheller church in Alberta meant? These are blessings that come our way only as others give.

I wish to let you in on a few other recent blessings of God here on the Reserve. During the Christmas week it seemed everyone was active and busy and excited. On Thursday night, Dec. 22, as we held our program, the church was filled. On the night before we held prayer meeting here in the Benke Memorial Chapel. At this meeting we had a few less than fifty persons present. After the prayer service and Bible study, two choir practises were conducted: the men's and the ladies' choirs. These were to sing at the program on the following night.

On December 31 we gathered for the Watchnight service which lasted until midnight. Rev. Henry Schumacher was our guest for the occasion and blessed us with his pictures from his world tour. He also showed us the film, "The Changing of the Guards"

at Buckingham Palace in London, England. At the close of the service more than half the people present stood to their feet consecrating their lives to God for the new year.

On January 1st, we met in the chapel for our first service of the new year. The attendance was small. After the message about the Lord's Supper, "And When Ye Come Together," Christians partook of the Lord's Supper. All were somewhat tired and weary from the activities of the week, as they wended their way home with new hope and courage in God for the year 1956.

INDIAN PRAYER MEETINGS

Before I bring this article to a close, I must tell you about our first prayer meeting in the new year. Forty-eight people came together to sing and to hear the study from the Gospel of Mark, chapter 11. The avenues for service are wide open. The opportunities are unlimited. The Benke Memorial Chapel stands ready to welcome all in need.

We as God's servants have often grown weary and tired in the work, but not of it. May we anew and afresh catch the vision and the spirit of our God giving himself in Christ for the redemption of man! Oh, how much more might be accomplished if those who bear the Name of Christ, were to catch fully the spirit of Christ, which in realistic language can only mean the complete surrender of life, first to God and then to man!

It would surely mean more volunteers for active missionary service—and how they are needed! It would surely send many to their knees in intercessory prayer. How few comparatively know what this means! This would surely result in the full supply of finances for carrying out the Lord's command to go. May God help us to serve him more readily and devotedly during the coming year!

EASTER OFFERING

Articles about our denominational enterprise and missionary outreach and announcements about the Easter Offering will appear in the March issue of the "Baptist Herald."

From Palm Sunday, March 25, to Easter Sunday, April 1, the EASTER OFFERING of our churches will be received.



—A. Devaney, Inc., N. Y.

Bible Day 1956



Observance in All North American
Baptist Churches, on Sunday,
March 11, 1956



By REV. E. J. BAUMGARTNER
of Cleveland, Ohio

IN RECENT MONTHS considerable television and newspaper publicity has been given to the Bible because of a contest sponsored by a certain company. Huge sums of money were won by two contestants who answered a large number of detailed questions relating to the Bible. Although it is true that in this contest there is a certain commercial aspect, we nevertheless rejoice to learn that there are people who have such a tremendous knowledge of the details about the Bible.

The Bible has been given to us that it might be read and that its teachings might be observed, and when one realizes that there are folks who have a tremendous knowledge of the details and facts regarding the Bible, one cannot help but believe that the knowledge of these facts must have an influence in their manner of believing and living. However, our greatest concern is that people read the Bible that they might become acquainted with the central and supreme figure in that sacred writing, namely, that of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Deep down in the heart of every true Christian there is the deep desire that others, by reading the Bible, might be led to him who shed his blood on the Cross for the salvation of mankind.

The North American Baptist Conference participates in the distribution of Bibles and Christian literature. This is one of the functions of the Publication Society and this work is carried on through the Roger Williams Press, the publication house of the North American Baptists, and is made possible through the contributions made on Bible Day to be observed on Sunday, March 11th.

In the past year the North American Baptists have co-operated with the Fellowship Fund and the Amer-

ican Bible Society in making German Bibles available to the refugees and displaced persons in Germany and to those people who are emigrating out of Germany into Canada and the United States or elsewhere. Somehow it is the sincere desire that these people, as they go into a new country and establish a new home, should take with them the Word of God.

Bibles and Christian literature are also made available to our Indian friends on our Indian mission fields in Canada, to the Mexican people on our Spanish-American mission fields in Colorado. Great quantities of Christian literature, such as tracts and teaching materials, are also sent to these people.

HOW TO DEFEND THE BIBLE

I am the Bible.

I am God's wonderful library.
I am always—and above all—the Truth.

To the weary pilgrim, I am a good, strong Staff.

To the one who sits in black gloom, I am glorious Light.

To those who stoop beneath heavy burdens, I am sweet Rest.

To him who has lost his way, I am a safe Guide.

To those who have been hurt by sin, I am healing Balm.

To the discouraged, I whisper a glad message of Hope.

To those who are distressed by the storms of life, I am an Anchor, sure and steadfast.

To those who suffer in lonely solitude, I am as a cool, soft Hand resting upon a fevered brow.

Oh, child of man, to best defend me, just USE ME!

—Selected

The Publication Society is continuing its practice of offering the "Baptist Herald" or "Der Sendbote," especially the latter, to any newly arrived immigrant free-of-charge for six months provided we have the endorsement of one of our ministers.

We believe that a wide and liberal distribution of God's Word will eventually bear rich fruit for the Kingdom of God and, therefore, we never hesitate to answer any call for God's Word here at the publishing house, provided we have funds enough and that it is a real missionary work directed toward the purpose of winning souls for Jesus Christ. May I ask you in behalf of the Publication Society and the denomination to share liberally in your contributions at your local church on Bible Day for what we believe to be a most worthy cause, namely making the Word of God available to someone with the prayer that in that Word of God they might see the Christ and experience him as personal Savior?

Special Bible Day programs this year are being sent to all of our Sunday School superintendents. We hope thereby to get this material into the hands of all of our schools. In the event you do not receive the material which has been prepared by Dr. M. L. Leuschner and contains many recitations for the children and other features suitable for a Bible Day program, please let us know at 3734 Payne Avenue, Cleveland 14, Ohio, and we will send the material immediately.

Remember March 11 as our Bible Day and unitedly we will want to pray and give that the unsearchable riches of God's word and the redeeming power of Christ might come into the hearts and lives of many.

Send your contributions to North American Baptists, Inc., 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois.

Berlin - A City of Refuge

This true story of today's refugees, some of whom flee their persecutors like hunted game, will stab you awake!

By Rev. WILLIAM STURHAHN
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Our Director
of Immigration



Refugees, without home or security, standing in line in one of Berlin's camps waiting with their empty pots for something to eat.

BERLIN IS, doubtlessly, one of the most unique places in the world. Indeed, it might be called one of the most outstanding cities in the history of humanity. Originally made up of over twenty villages, it covers a relatively large area for a European city.

After the last war the victorious nations divided this city of Germany into four sectors. Today the division is West and East. Two-thirds of the territory is West—belonging to Western Germany, while the remaining one-third is a part of the "Deutsche Demokratische Republik," or in short Communist Germany.

AN ISLAND OF FREEDOM

Western Berlin is an island of freedom surrounded by slavery and poverty. The Communists hate the existence of Western Berlin more than anything in the world. Not only is it the biggest non-stoppable leak of information about conditions in the Eastern Zone of Germany, but it has become the city of refuge for thousands of non-conforming refugees from Eastern Germany. A slight political incident could arouse the Communist government to establish another blockade by simply closing the one passage—the Autobahn, and by simply blocking off railroad connections from Western Germany to Berlin.

If it had not been for that gigantic airlift by combined American and British airforces in 1952, Berlin would have been throttled to a death of starvation. The people of Berlin are fully aware of the debt of thanks they owe to America. The monument of the "Luftbrücke" in front of Tempelhof airport is a simple but eloquent memorial. The Berliner himself, although constantly aware of his precarious position on this island, has again with courage and daring taken a hold on his job and is rebuilding his city.

But Berlin is a sort of barometer of Eastern Germany. The stream of refugees varies according to the po-

litical and economic conditions inside the Zone. There may be the occasional let-up of political pressure; there may be a great announcement of increased foods available. This always gives hope, and may delay the day of flight for the poor resident.

But interestingly Berlin is also a barometer of political developments in the Western World. For example, before Geneva there was a definite decrease caused by an attitude of hopeful waiting. As soon as Geneva was over without results, the number of refugees shot up immediately. On the day of our visit more than 600 persons had come across the zonal border into Berlin. Today the average figure remains at about 15,000 persons per month.

For most of us it is so difficult to grasp the full meaning of being a refugee without home or security. One can feel the deepest sympathy and concern, but we cannot, as it were, stand in line next to them or behind them waiting for the unknown. To see them standing in long lines, sitting on their one or two bags, shifting

from one place to the next is a strange and sobering experience.

Talk to them? They will seldom answer, for open signs warn them constantly against talking with strangers. There are "Spitzel" and spies everywhere. The atmosphere is depressing—a carry-over from the East; and yet, it is different, for they have reached the City of Refuge, and there is hope of a new day in freedom and security.

A SHOCKING STORY

The Baptists of Berlin, Germany, have a full-time, experienced refugee deaconess visiting camps and homes of refugees. Youth groups conduct worship services and report excellent reaction and responses. The good deaconess took us to one of the large reception camps in Western Berlin.

Only a short time ago one of our young pastors from a Baptist church near Magdeburg had arrived safely after a hazardous Odyssey as a refugee. Sitting in his little room by his table, on which the only object was a Bible, he told us his experiences of the past months and weeks. The story sounded almost incredible to our free minds.

It started more than a year ago with a polite invitation by the local police to appear for the purpose of clearing up a little matter. The questioning was brief and polite. A second invitation followed after several months—this time more severe questioning with unreasonable accusations. He was now aware of mysterious followers on all his movements, spies in his intimate circle of friends and congregation. Again the order to appear came. This time there was questioning under glaring lights and incessant pounding accusations. But he was released again.

Then the stopping of an automobile in front of his home at the midnight hour and the mysterious knock at the door! Our brother was away on a mission tour to his wide mission field.

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The monument of the "Luftbrücke" in front of the Tempelhof airport in Berlin as a memorial to the gigantic airlift of 1952 that saved Berlin from starvation.

White House Conference on Education

From Nov. 28 to Dec. 1, 1955 this conference made history in Washington, D. C., with 1800 delegates, taking up the crucial issues facing modern education

By MRS. FRED L. PAUL of St. Paul, Minnesota

"What should our schools accomplish?"

"In what ways can we organize our schools more efficiently and economically?"

"What are our school building needs?"

"How can we get enough good teachers, and keep them?"

"How can we finance our schools, build and operate them?"

"How can we obtain a continuing public interest in education?"

ACCORDING TO SURVEYS, these are the six major problems confronting public education today, which prompted President Dwight D. Eisenhower in his State of the Union message of January, 1954 to express the hope that local and state conferences would be held culminating in a national conference in an attempt to find solutions for the afore mentioned problems.

This hope has now become an actuality, since conferences have been held in innumerable communities; in all 53 states and territories; and the National White House Conference held from Nov. 28 to Dec. 1, 1955 at the Sheraton-Park Hotel, Washington D. C., Though now a thing of the past, the White House Conference made history, and its influence will continue to do so for some time to come.

160 "ROUND TABLES"

About 1800 delegates from every state and territory were present to take up the crucial issues facing education. There were state governors, legislators, businessmen, homemakers, representatives of farm, labor and industry, and school people in that number, with the ratio of laymen present being two to every educator. Also present were 52 observers from 32 foreign countries, and about 500 press representatives covered the meeting, or twice the number that covered the last national political conventions.

Mr. Neil H. McElroy, president of Proctor and Gamble Co., was chairman of the conference, and presided at all general sessions, all of which began with an invocation given by men of different faiths. At general sessions, among those we heard were a film address by the president of the United States; and addresses by the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, vice-president of the United States; Dr. Samuel M. Brownell, U.S. Commissioner of Education; and the Honorable

Marion B. Folsom, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

The conference operated in the following manner: The delegates met in general session before taking up each of the six topics and heard an address on the subject to be discussed by the chairman of the respective sub-committees, following which they adjourned to about 160 "round-tables" of 10 to 12 persons. Delegates at the respective tables were selected by IBM machines to provide a wide diversity of background and geographic location at each.

A list of questions made up in advance by consultants to the conference committee was at each table, designed with one purpose in mind, to keep the discussions "germaine," with the last question on all six subjects being "any further comments or discussion." If desired, the tables could reject all questions and proceed with discussion as they wished. Two hours or more were given to discuss and record their answers on each subject. Table chairmen for the first topic were selected in advance by the conference committee, after which each table chose its own chairman. (I had the privilege of serving as chairman for Topic Six.)

A report was prepared at each table which the chairman brought on to the next set of tables of 10 to 11 persons (about 16 tables), where the reports were further distilled. Then the chairmen of these tables moved up still further to two tables of about eight

persons each for further distillation of the reports, and finally the chairmen of the last tables prepared the final report to the entire conference, said report to be no longer than 16 minutes of reading time!

This process was repeated for the six topics, through which an estimated 20 million words of earnest cross-the-table conversation was reduced to about 9,000 words of written reports! This was without a doubt a most interesting experiment in "group dynamics" and a most democratic manner of handling a large conference, for each delegate had ample opportunity to make no less than six speeches to his group!

IMPROVEMENT OF SCHOOLS

The Conference recommended many things, all aimed at the improvement of the public school system, among which are the following (listed in order of six topics):

1. A list of goals for schools to accomplish so that citizens and educators can have a clear and (hopefully) a commonly accepted understanding of same. The time was when that question could be answered very simply—"to teach the fundamental skills, reading, writing and arithmetic." But that will not suffice today in our constantly changing society with its industrialization and specialization, since, in addition to the basic skills, the importance of which was emphasized, the schools should continue to develop an appreciation for our democratic heritage, ethical behavior based on a sense of moral and spiritual values, respect and appreciation for human values and for the beliefs of others, ability to think and evaluate constructively and creatively, social competency as a contributing member of his family and community, and effective work habits and self-discipline — to mention but a few.

2. A list of practices aimed at more efficient and economical operation of school systems. We should continue work begun on reduction of number of districts. We now have 66,000 school districts in the United States (of which 11,000 are closed and do not operate schools) reduced from a high of 127,529. Local, state, and federal governments — all three agencies should improve educational organizations.

3. A list of practices aimed at catching up with the staggering class-

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MRS. FRED L. PAUL

Mrs. Fred L. Paul is chairman of the Minnesota Citizens Committee on Public Education. She was in New York City on Jan. 9 and 10, 1956, to attend the organizational meeting of the National Citizens Council for Better Schools, of which she has been appointed a charter member. She and her husband are active members of the Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota. Mrs. Paul is an educational leader in Minnesota with Christian convictions and with ability to make her influence felt for Christ. We are indebted to her for this informative article on a very timely and important subject. EDITOR.



The Craft Program (left) at the Crippled Children's School, Jamestown, N. Dak., captivates the attention of students, and (right) a party for little ones in action with Miss Alexzine Grenz sitting at the left.

Happy Lives for the Handicapped

The story of the Crippled Children's School at Jamestown, North Dakota, as told by the Social Worker who is a member of the Baptist Church, Napoleon, North Dakota

By MISS ALEXZINE L. GRENZ of Jamestown, North Dakota

EVEN as the gardener enables the roses to grow, so can we enable a life to grow. Though this life may have physical limitations, we can provide opportunities and facilities in which personalities may be permitted to blossom out so that they may lead a full life.

In Galatians 5:13 we read, "By love serve one another." God not only wants us to be good, but good for something, good for service to our fellow-men who are in need of our love and our special services.

GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The little boy who looks at you with a twinkle in his eye and says, "Do come and watch me in therapy tomorrow. I'm going to walk with my crutches," is a personality who needs opportunities to blossom, or the little girl who cannot speak but her eyes speak more than words. She can understand; she has depth of feeling; she knows joy and pain, yet she cannot tell of these things. But she needs the love and understanding of a person who is sensitive and concerned about the needs of these personalities. Then imagine the joy of the little girl who has been practicing for years to feed herself and has at last the freedom and pleasure which comes when such an accomplishment has been realized.

Have you given thought to such things as: Who will be there to open the door for me? Will I ever learn to walk? Will my speech improve and be adequate enough for people to understand me? We don't often think about such things, yet there are the silent thoughts or often the spoken words of the boys and girls attending The Crippled Children's School at Jamestown, North Dakota. Men with

faith in Christ and with a great love and tenderness for their fellow-men saw the need of such a school which could enable handicapped people to fulfill their own God-given life.

The program at the school is a large one. It takes a great number of people to care for the eighty children, many of whom can do nothing for themselves. The students are not placed here by parents who do not care for them, but rather by loving, interested parents who see the need for special services to help their child become all he is capable of becoming.

We have an interesting, lively, happy group of children from the ages of four through twenty-one. Some children come to us at kindergarten age and continue on through their



A student at the Crippled Children's School Jamestown, N. Dak., is learning to feed himself with special aids.

senior year. Others are dismissed and sent to public school. Not only do they receive their education, but they have help with their specific physical limitations through the various therapies.

In physical therapy many children are taught how to crawl, to walk with aids, such as walkers or crutches, and some are often walking independently after years of work. In occupational therapy students are taught the self-help skills that you and I so often take for granted. Speech therapists help develop and train the muscles of speech which leads to improved communication.

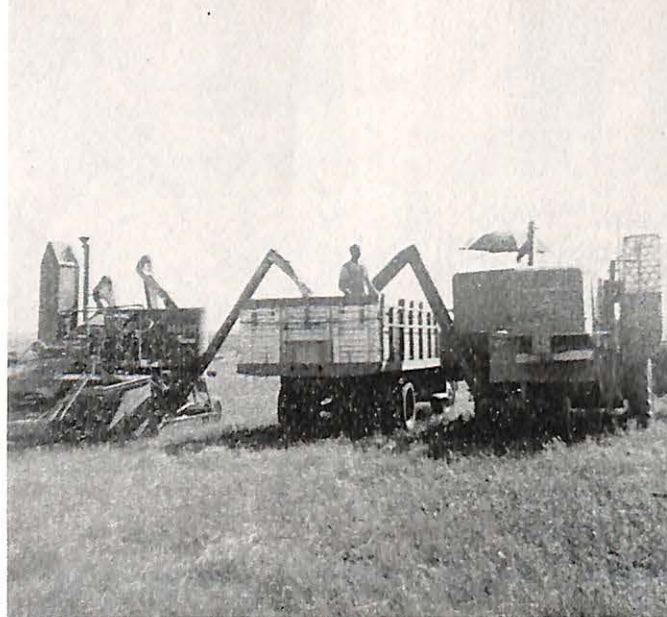
When the school day is ended, these eighty children do not go home, but rather down a long hall to their own dormitory. The day has yet many happy moments. The younger children play house, cowboys, Indians, and other games which children enjoy. Our older students belong to Scout groups, craft clubs, sewing clubs.

We have a student council which is very active. Yes, these students would like to go home, but distance is a great factor. We have students from twelve states, Alaska and Canada. Some can only go home after the ten months of school.

SPIRITUAL PROGRAMS

The spiritual life of these students is not neglected. John Galsworthy said, "Restoration is at least as much a matter of spirit as of body, to heal the one without the other is impossible." The school is interdenominational, twelve different faiths being represented. Mid-week services are held for students and staff and on Sunday the students all attend Sunday School at the school, then go to the church of their choice downtown. We also have

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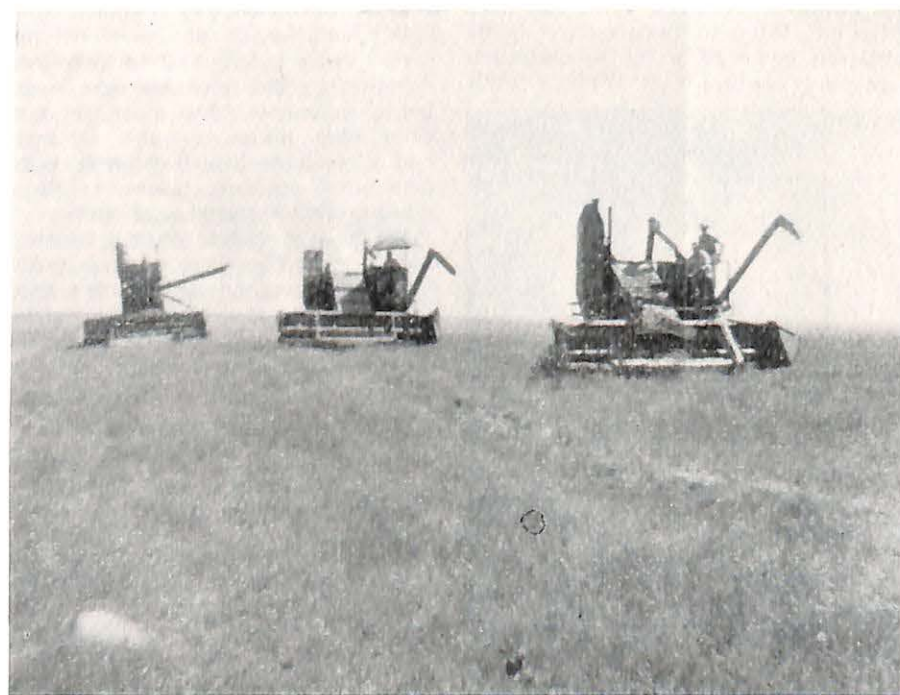


Two combines emptying the flax into a truck at the "God's Acres" project, Selfridge, North Dakota.

ONE BRIGHT SPRING Sunday morning, one of the deacons of the First Baptist Church, Selfridge, N. Dak., greeted the pastor with a cheery smile and asked whether a brief session of business could be arranged after the morning service—particularly with the men of the church—to discuss a matter of importance. Knowing from his attitude that it meant good tidings of some kind for the church, the pastor announced a meeting.

OFF TO A GOOD START!

It was learned that a piece of land was available near town on which a crop could be planted for the church if the sum of \$140.00 could be raised to lease it. It was agreed to meet again after the evening service to see whether among our ten families we could have that amount. When the



Three combines harvesting the crop of flax on the "God's Acres" project of the Selfridge Baptist Church with Lawrence Walker (now attending Northwestern College, Minneapolis, Minn.), on the lead combine; John Walker, second; and Richard Geigle, son of Deacon Henry Geigle.

"And God Gave The Increase"



"God's Acres" project that brought a harvest of 320 bushels of flax and an amazing story of God's blessing



By Rev. BERNARD EDINGER of Selfridge, N. Dak.

figures were all in, the sum of \$140.00 had been subscribed. The lease was secured the following day and plans were made to put in the crop. It was agreed to put in the flax, since it was a good cash crop.

Since most of the farmers in the locality had stopped seeding because of dry weather, it left ample time to put in the flax crop, even though it was predicted that the crop would fail because there was no moisture in the ground. As it turned out, the crop was put in just before a wonderful three-day rain, so the "church flax," as it was being called, was off to a good start. It had taken just one day with four tractors, plows, and seeder attachments to put in the 55 acres.

As the records show, North Dakota suffered more hail loss during 1955

than for a number of years previously. Some of the church families suffered considerable losses, but though hail fell within a mile or two of the "church flax," no hail damage was done to the crop.

THE "CHURCH FLAX"

At a business session of the church during the summer, the question was brought up about insuring the crop. One of the trustees replied, "It is God's project. He'll take care of it." Someone quipped, "Aren't yours the Lord's acres too?" The trustee seriously replied, "No, sir, that was mine, and that's why I got haled out. If it had been the Lord's acres, I might not have lost it."

All present were aware that we had heard a short sermon with the lesson that we should give all we have into the hands of the Lord. In our prayer meetings, and even in the prayers of the children, the "church flax" would be mentioned frequently.

An added and unexpected blessing resulting from the planting of "God's Acres" was the decision of one of our families to set aside a plot of ground on their own land for the church. As a result of this, the church has a new platform rug.

An evidence of the interest and spirit of co-operation is seen in the fact that the pastor spoke to some of the men about summer-fallowing the acreage that was not put into flax. To his surprise, it was reported that the job was already done. A local implement dealer had wanted to demonstrate a new tractor, so the men invited him to "show his wares" on the church land. With the additional help of some of the other church members and their machinery, the entire job had been completed.

Harvest time came and a swather was employed to cut down the crop. A few days later, three self-propelled combines, owned by church families, (Continued on Page 14)

"Show Me Thy Glory!"

By REV. ERNEST SITENHOF of La Habra, California

"Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, show me now thy way . . . I beseech thee, show me thy glory" (Exodus 33:13,18).

ISRAEL, after experiencing God's wonderful deliverance from the bondage and tyranny of Egypt, had been brought safely to the foot of Mount Sinai. The pillar of cloud by day and the fiery pillar by night, which represented the visible presence of God with his people, led them safely through the Red Sea and the treacherous desert. Now they were about to receive the law of God.

Moses, the man of God, had gone up into the mount to commune with God and to receive the tables of stone upon which the law of God was written by the finger of God. He was up in the mount longer than the people had expected. They became impatient. They demanded of Aaron that he make them a golden calf. In a moment of weakness and overcome by



Rev. Ernest Sitenhof of La Habra, California.

the fear and the restlessness of the people, Aaron did as the people desired. They gathered all the bracelets and golden earrings and other jewelry they had taken from the Egyptians, out of which Aaron fashioned a golden calf.

AN OFFENSE TO GOD

What a shameful sight! Here is Aaron, destined to be a high priest and to make atonement for the people, called of God to a high and holy office, now busy making an idol.

Many a child of God, called to high and holy service is doing the same as Aaron. They busy themselves with the things which are an offense to the people of God, when they should be ministering in the house of God.

Recently I came in touch with a family here in our area, who were active in the Lord's work. The father used to be the Sunday School superintendent. Now he was not even attending church. He was busy instead working all day on Sunday in his yard. He still permitted his children to go to Sunday School, but he was finding jobs around the house to do on the Lord's Day, instead of being busy in the church. I have talked with him, and he seems to be a saved man. What a tragedy, and what a stumbling block to his wife and children! There are many like that who were once in the soul-saving business, winning souls for the Lord, but prosperity has drawn them away from the Savior and they are following afar off.

When Moses came down from the mount and saw the pagan dances and heard the rhythm of the immoral heathen chanting, he was overcome with wrath. He destroyed the golden calf, grinding it to powder and putting the gold dust in a running brook of water. Then he made the people drink the water with the gold dust.

But God tempered judgment with mercy. This was largely due to Moses' sacrificial prayer: "Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin —; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written" (Exodus 32:32).

Here is a prayer that breathes the same spirit which Paul had when he prayed: "I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh" (Rom. 9:3). Our Lord not only expressed this longing which Moses and Paul had, but he laid down his life that salvation might come not only to his own people, but the whole world.

A prayer with real sacrifice in it is bound to be answered. And God indicated that he had forgiven the grievous sin of idolatry and rebellion which the people had committed. Moses, however, was not satisfied. He wanted a sign from the Lord which would signify to him that God would still go with his people. So he prayed, "Shew me thy way . . . shew me thy glory."

These two requests, on the part of Moses, are the same, because God's way is his glory. God's way reveals

REV. ERNEST SITENHOF

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his character, and his character is his glory.

Man glories in his abilities, his power, his position, his possessions, his greatness, his achievements. He glories in his knowledge and his inventions. But man uses his glory for destructive ends, for purposes of war. Man's glory is used to destroy and to make the world desolate. This can be traced back to his total depravity.

God's glory is not in destruction, but in salvation. The answer to Moses' request you will find in Exodus 34: 5-6: "And the Lord descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth." Notice that "the Lord descended." This has always been God's way.

THE GLORY INCARNATE

He descends in order that we may be able to ascend. God comes down all through Israel's history, to reveal himself through chosen men and women. He finally came down in the Incarnation of his only begotten Son.

Herein is the glory of God revealed. "The Lord merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth." This was a new and sublime revelation not given hitherto in such a simple and unmistakable way. Moses accepted it, and knew that God would continue to be the God of Israel.

In the New Testament we have not only God's glory revealed in his Word, (Continued on Page 13)

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE

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room shortage. An estimated 476,000 classrooms will be needed by 1959-60 to care for anticipated increased additional enrollments.

4. Proposals to attract and keep an adequate supply of teachers. With the national need for new teachers in excess of one million for the next five years, and with a foreseeable supply of about one-half that number, the following ways to increase the supply were noted: (a) prestige and status must be comparable to other professions; (b) salary structure must be high enough to compete with other professions seeking quality personnel; (c) job should be so defined so as to challenge and attract talented recruits.

5. Federal aid for schools and other means of improved financing. No doubt, the debate was more heated and lively on this subject than on any other. The delegates were about two to one in favor of more federal aid to education. The majority agreed that all states should be eligible, but that aid should be granted on the basis of need, also that such aid should be dispensed through a state school agency and not directly by the federal government. The entire discussion on school financing kept in mind that nothing should be done to weaken incentive at the local level or take away the responsibility at the local and state level for the financing of the public schools.

FUTURE DISCUSSIONS

6. Means of maintaining and the further developing of a continuing interest in education. This is all important if we are to face squarely and to solve the problems already mentioned. To expect that the professional educator can solve these problems without assistance is being most unrealistic and unwise. To expect that an elected board of education can without help solve these problems is equally unwise and unrealistic. Since the schools belong to the people, citizens must interest themselves in and support them.

What then happens to the reports of the conference? They will be submitted to the president of the United States, along with 53 official reports from state and territory conferences, and also a summary report from the Committee for the White House Conference on Education, which was scheduled to meet in Washington, D. C., on January 16th. Plans are already being made in many states and communities to have "report" conferences on local and state levels, and the delegates will be called upon to report at innumerable meetings. In turn, the findings will be studied and acted upon by Congress, state legislatures, and local boards of education.

Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Denominational Evangelist

ASSIGNMENTS:

Feb. 19-26—Andrews Street Baptist Church, Rochester, N. Y., Rev. A. Weisser, Pastor.

March 11-23 — Ebenezer Baptist Church, Shattuck, Oklahoma.

WE THANK GOD:

It is possible to have a feast of Bible interpretation and at the same time a famine of Bible application. We thank God for honest Christians everywhere who seek sincerely to apply the Bible and to live it. Bible Christians will always promote spiritual revival.

PRAYER REQUEST:

A neglected Bible means a neglected Christ. Pray that your life might be a shining testimony to the truth of the Bible.

Space does not permit a description of the "color" attendant to a conference of this type, including the vice-president's reception for all delegates and observers. Suffice it to say, it was a real privilege to have been chosen to participate in such an all-important conference. That it was a serious hard-working one is reflected in a comment by a veteran Washington cab driver, "Soberest convention in 20 years," he growled. This could be construed as a high compliment, and one properly given.

We had met for a very serious purpose—to find ways and means of meeting the needs of education and improving the same for the most precious resource of our nation—our children. May the Lord bless these efforts, and give us wisdom and strength to continue this much needed work.

BERLIN--A REFUGE

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A messenger sent by his deacons finds him and advises him to flee to Berlin immediately. Under cover of darkness he sneaks into his home for a farewell embrace with his young wife who expects her first baby. Like hunted game he doubles his tracks, zig-zags until he arrives in Berlin—bewildered and sick of heart and mind. Anxious, almost unbearable days of waiting for news from his wife make the first week into a veritable torment. But he knows his life as well as that of his wife is in God's hand. His wife gives birth to a baby boy and manages after only one week to follow him to Berlin. She receives special care in the Baptist Hospital and is remarkably strong and well after the harrowing experiences.

How happy he was when we visited him in his little room and prayed with him to our Heavenly Father who had provided this City of Refuge!

Seldom in the history of humanity has the establishment of the cities of refuge, as ordered by God to Joshua of old, been of greater significance and meaning than here in Berlin, Germany. The story of our young pastor is typical. He had committed no crime according to all decent laws of God and men. He presented to his community a living testimony of the saving power of Christ.

COMMUNISM'S GODLESSNESS

Communism must control the thinking and loyalty of its subjects fully. Where this cannot be achieved the clash is inevitable. A lifeless Christianity does not bother, but when there is life in the church the powers of hatred and persecution are released in all their fury.

Our young pastor had baptized the daughter of the city mayor—a woman of considerable standing within the Communist party. After this young girl of eighteen was converted, she was determined to break clean with her past associations with Communism and godlessness and become a whole disciple of her new Master Jesus Christ. For this the key man, namely the pastor, had to be removed and liquidated.

There is a striking parallel to this story in the story of the Berliner Dom. This once beautiful, majestic Protestant cathedral, built by the late Kaiser in the heart of Berlin, has now become a thorn in the side of Communism. The Dom stands right near the once famous Alexander Platz, now Karl Marx Place. This is the place where Communists hold their large parades and party demonstrations. Almost under the shadow of the Dom, Communist leaders must bring their inciting, haranguing speeches of godlessness and hatred.

We took the courage to step into the Dom. Here the keeper of the Dom told us how often city authorities try to find reason and excuse to demolish this building. Although the main hall with its once tremendous organ is still in ruins, the courageous preaching of the pastor attracts thousands of eager seekers of truth to the meetings held every Sunday in the lower auditorium. The Dom remains to the East Berliner the outstanding symbol of worship, and Communists dare not touch it fearing open revolt and antagonism.

In these incidents there are a number of strange combinations of eternal truths. On the one hand, there is the obvious growth of the church of Jesus Christ under persecution and suppression, but, on the other hand, God, as in the days of old—spoke unto Joshua, saying—"Appoint out for you cities of refuge."

Roger Williams Press ...NEWS By DR. M. L. LEUSCHNER

NORTH AMERICAN HYMNAL

THE TRUMPETS can soon be sounded for the publication date of the superb new NORTH AMERICAN HYMNAL. The Hymnal Committee, with Rev. Paul Wengel as chairman, met in Cleveland, Ohio, on Saturday, Jan. 28th, to do the final proofreading on the hymnal.

The volume with 573 hymns, 54 pages of responsive readings, besides special pages with dedication services, Scripture readings for baptism and Lord's Supper, invocations and benedictions was sent to the printers several days ago. The hymnal is being printed by the American Publication Society in Philadelphia, Pa., with a first printing of 15,000 copies. Late in March or early in April it will go to the bindery. The Hymnal Committee has announced a probable date of June 1, 1956 (or as soon thereafter as possible) for its distribution to our churches.

This hymnal will be well worth waiting for! The members of the Committee have seen "a dummy copy" showing the binding in dark maroon color and the paper to be used in the book. It looks dignified and elegant. It feels good. But best of all, the hymns with their emphasis on uplifting worship songs, a fine array of evangelistic Gospel favorites, more than a hundred translations of familiar German hymns and songs (from the "Glaubensharfe" and "Singvoegelein") are bound to win your approval from the very start. This hymnal ought to do something grand for the congregational singing in our churches!

We are also encouraged by the fact that orders for more than 3000 copies of the NORTH AMERICAN HYMNAL have already been received. Now that the publication date has been announced (May 1, 1956) other orders can be expected. It might even be an avalanche of new orders! They will be filled in the order that they have been received. But it is important that the orders be sent as soon as possible to the Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Avenue, Cleveland 14, Ohio.

The Hymnal Committee has worked hard to check for all errors, to select the favorite melodies and finest harmonies, and to produce a volume of which our North American Baptist churches can be mighty proud. It looks as if this publication venture will be a great success, fulfilling the fondest dreams of our people for such a hymnal.

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke

Feb. 26 (Sunday)—Calvary Church, Bethlehem, Pa. 45th Anniversary Program.

Rev. R. Schilke

Feb. 24 (Friday) — Whitemouth, Manitoba.

Feb. 26 (Sunday A.M.)—Morris, Manitoba.

Feb. 26 (Sunday P.M.)—McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Feb. 28 (Tuesday)—Northern Conference Mission Committee, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Feb. 29 (Wednesday)—Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Rev. J. C. Gunst

March 4 (Sunday)—Oak St. Church, Burlington, Iowa.

March 7-11—Corona, South Dakota. Leadership Training Program.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner

Feb. 22 (Wednesday)—Greenville Baptist Church, Burton, Texas.

Feb. 23-26—South Texas, Louisiana and Alabama Association, Kyle, Texas.

Feb. 28 (Tuesday)—Donna, Texas.

ALBERTA CHRISTIAN WORKERS' CONFERENCE

Visiting Team: Miss Ruth Bathauer, Rev. L. Bienert, and Rev. G. K. Zimmerman.

Feb. 27—Bridgeland Church, Calgary, Alberta. German Baptist Church invited.

Feb. 28—Carbon, Alta., Zion Church also invited.

Feb. 29—Trochu, Alta. Olds and Torrington also invited.

March 1—Faith Church, Camrose, Alberta. Calvary Church of Waskiwin and Bethany Church of Camrose also invited.

March 2—Temple Church of Leduc, Alberta. Wiesenthal, Rabbit Hill and First Church of Leduc also invited.

March 4 (Sunday A.M.)—Benke Memorial Church, Indian Reserve. Bull and Montana Reserves will also meet here.

March 5—Onoway, Alberta. Spruce Church also invited.

March 6—McKernan Church, Edmonton, Alta. Central, Lauderdale and Emmanuel Churches also invited.

SHOW ME THY GLORY!

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but incarnate in a person: "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth." Here we have the climax of God's glory, the incarnation, the death, and the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. In this we see the grace of God in action, his redeeming love which lifts man from a sure hell to a sure heaven. Every time a soul is saved, God is glorified. The surest way for a Christian to glorify God is to get into the soul-saving business.

There is a remarkable Scripture in Isaiah 46:13, "I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry: and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory." This is a prophecy which I believe will be literally fulfilled. Israel will be God's glory in a coming day.

But today the Christian Church is God's glory. Every believer who is truly born again is God's glory. We are to glorify God. The best and the most honoring way we can do this is to witness to his saving grace and power and win others to him.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Men still must build God's House of Prayer,
God sends no churches from the skies;
Out of men's hearts they must arise."

We...the Women

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

THIS IS a continuation regarding prayer from our Conference presidents as started in the last issue of "We, the Women."

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

By Mrs. LILLIE RIFFEL,
Woman's Missionary Union President.

Another day had dawned. The first waking moments were almost overwhelmed with the thought of the multiplicity of smaller and greater things to which to attend. The night which was given to rest almost seemed to have lost its purpose as one gives way under the load. What a rebuke at the reminder that we are not intended to meet the day in our own strength, "As thy day, so shall thy strength be."

Opening his Word to the chapter where I had left off the day before, I came to Matthew 8:23-27, the account of Jesus stilling the waves. As I looked to the Lord, this portion of his Word took on new meaning. Not only was my own heart quieted before him, but as a result I was able to witness at the bedside of a young mother who was also brought into this experience, and marked this day as a new beginning in her Christian life.

There can be more spectacular answers to prayer, but my main concern is the daily consistent experience of answered prayer through the reading of the Word and communion with him.

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Mrs. HULDA RINGERING
W. M. U. President

I have often wondered what I would do if there were no Heavenly Father upon whom I could call in prayer. For me, prayer is a privilege. I can come to him because he loves me and I am his child.

He knows my weaknesses therefore I can come to him for help. He knows my needs and is able to supply them when I call upon him. I can bring to him my problems and the tasks which seem hard, and in all of this he provides.

There are loved ones, friends and missionaries for whom I can pray and my Lord is with them wherever they are and cares for them. When I have sinned, I come to him confessing and he forgives. I praise and thank him for everything, for all things come from him. Prayer is sweet communion with God at any time, any place and in all circumstances.

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

By Mrs. H. G. FLUTH,
W. M. U. President

To me, prayer is coming to God in all confidence, at any time, and talking to him who is the best Friend one can have. I am sure of being understood. The day that seemed to have clouds so dark that the sun could not shine through becomes bright when I have talked to him in prayer. Through prayer I am assured that God will take care of all things. It is my desire to keep my heart in tune with him and recognize his leading.

I want to thank and praise him for many answers to prayer in my life, and for the way he gives more than we ask of him. As an example: We asked God for a doctor on our mission field in Africa, and he gave us two!

May we be challenged to come to him through the blessed avenue of prayer. It is a privilege, and there is power in it!

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Mrs. ARTHUR FISCHER,
W. M. U. President

Prayer is a blessed privilege and a sacred duty. It is the only way of reaching God's ear. There is no other way to enlist God's aid in our behalf. All living beings must breathe to stay alive; to stop is to die. So also must a child of God continue in unceasing prayer. The poet has said, "Prayer is the Christian's vital breath, the Christian's native air."

Amid the multiplicity of cares and duties we must seek strength and guidance through prayer. There should be no day in the Christian's life in which he or she does not feel the definite need for the grace and goodness of God. If I do not pray about my many concerns, I fail in my duties toward myself, my family, and the cause of Christ.

My personal contact with God gives me power to live a victorious life, not only when I am in distress, but when I need to reflect on the Savior's beauty and to point others to him. It is an inestimable privilege to bring everything to God in prayer and to know that he is ready to regard my needs.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

By Mrs. HULDA HARTMAN,
W. M. U. President

I thank God for the privilege and blessing of prayer. Several times when some of those dear to me were

seriously ill, I felt the power of answered prayer when they were healed. I think, too, of the Christian fellowship that I have had in prayer meetings and the blessing of united prayers on many occasions. During the last two wars, when my sons were in the service of our country, it was such a comfort to know that, though we were thousands of miles apart, we could meet before the Throne of Grace with our hearts and voices and be united in spirit through prayer.

God has always answered my prayers, not always as I have wished, but he has given me grace to accept his answer. As my circumstances in life have changed, I have learned to pray, "Not my will—but thine be done." I want to commit my way unto the Lord, and to serve him humbly. May we often enter the "Garden of Prayer," where Jesus still awaits us.

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PLEASE NOTE:

We, the Women, have another answer to our prayer. Mrs. Henry Schmunk of Tacoma, Wash., has consented to be our English "Broadcast" Editor. Let us rejoice and be glad!

Your president has secured the material for the last three issues of the "Broadcast" but our Woman's Union worker at our Forest Park office, Miss Martha Remus, has given each issue its finesse and organization. May we give her a word of appreciation at this time.

I do want to thank all those who have contributed to the "Broadcast" and urge you to cooperate with our new editor. Won't you see to it that you discuss the "Broadcast" in your local society?

GOD GAVE THE INCREASE

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came in and in about five hours harvested the crop. Approximately 320 bushels of flax were harvested and soon on their way to the elevator.

The proceeds of the crop were used to make a payment on the parsonage, lease the land for the coming year, and to re-drill the well at the parsonage.

Although the flax was not exceptional, since it ran about six bushels to the acre, there was an element of surprise in it since three previous years had been complete failures on this same land. In fact, it was one of the reasons the land was available. Since 1955 was a poor year, so far as moisture was concerned, many remarked at the crop that was harvested.

So, in spite of predictions of failure, insufficient moisture, and hail damage in the vicinity, the people—who had a mind to work—planted the seed and "God gave the increase."



By MISS RUTH BATHAUER, Children's Worker

GROWING AS TEACHERS

TEACHING them to observe . . . whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matt. 28:22a). The responsibility of a teacher is to lead his pupils to commit themselves to the Lord Jesus Christ and to guide them in Christian living. The teacher who strives to help children grow in thought, attitudes and actions must be a growing person himself. There are a number of ways one might grow as a teacher.

GROWING IN TEACHING ABILITY

The growing teacher will not be satisfied just to tell a story or ask a few questions on Sunday morning. The teacher who fully realizes the responsibility of guiding boys and girls in Christian living will always feel the need for developing his own skill in teaching.

To develop teaching skill the teacher should become well acquainted with a variety of ways in teaching. Some teachers feel that children can learn best by listening to stories, answering questions or doing a certain type of handwork. The ideal, however, is to use a variety of teaching methods. Remember that the purpose of any technique is simply to create a learning situation under which pupils learn most easily.

With the vast amount of books and magazines on the market today the growing teacher will find much resource material to assist him in developing his teaching skills. The secret of reading, however, is to venture out and try some of the suggestions and ideas in your own class. Attending leadership training classes and workers' conferences will also provide suggestions for developing skill. Evaluate each class session to see whether or not you have accomplished your goal.

GROWING IN SOCIAL CONTACTS

The main concern of an effective teacher is directed toward the pupils and their needs for living the abundant life. It would seem logical then that the teacher must have a personal acquaintance and friendship with each pupil. If a teacher will be effective, there must be a real knowledge of the pupil's interest, needs, and problems. How else can a teacher direct the lesson toward needs in actual living? The growing teacher never ceases to be learner, and a part of the learning process in the field of teaching is to know your pupil.

The growing teacher should develop a real friendship for his pupils. "A friend loveth at all times" (Prov. 17:17a). As a friend to his pupils the teacher must learn to love them as individuals. To understand more fully what it means to love people, a teacher might study Christ's attitude and conduct toward people. Jesus visited in their homes; he mingled with them and talked to them; he taught them at every opportunity and he was patient at all times.

Socrates once sent a boy home because he said, "I can teach him nothing; he does not love me." Children are so much more responsive to a teacher who is willing to work with them in love because there is a feeling of security and understanding.

In discussing "favorite heroes" with a group of Juniors, one of the boys said his favorite hero was his Sunday School teacher. I asked him why he thought so much of her and his answer was self-explanatory when he said, "She likes me even when I am mean!"

Visiting in the houses of pupils is another source of growth in social contacts. Some calls should be made on the child himself. In that case the teacher and parents might encourage the child to share with the teacher his hobbies, pets, toys, and books. At another time the teacher might call on the parents when the child is absent to discuss with the parents the child's interests, needs, and problems. To-

gether parents and teachers might discuss ways in which the church may be of help to the child.

Social contacts outside of Sunday School may aid you greatly in your growth. A real insight into the needs of the pupils might be gained as the teacher spends some time in social fellowship with them.

GROWING AS A CHRISTIAN

To present the Lord Jesus Christ and the Christian way of life to pupils in Sunday School with enthusiasm, the teacher himself must have a deep faith in God and a personal dedication to him. A child will detect whether or not a teacher's faith is real and living.

Becoming well acquainted with God's Word is essential to Christian growth. A thorough study of the Bible in connection with the lesson not only leads to better living but also to more efficient teaching. As one spends time in reading and meditation on God's Word, it helps one to become better acquainted with God and it has a strong influence upon our personal thinking and lives.

Regular attendance at worship services and prayer meetings develops a closer relationship with God. It is through the united fellowship in the worship service that a teacher might receive inspiration and guidance to carry out the tasks in the Sunday School class.

Through private prayer a teacher, too, might receive growth and spiritual direction in meeting the needs of the children in his class. A teacher who would present God to boys and girls must spend time in speaking to God so that God might speak to the boys and girls through the teacher.

DECEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS—NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST

GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	Dec., 1955	Dec., 1954	Dec., 1953
Atlantic	\$ 6,065.74	\$ 4,164.67	\$ 3,272.27
Central	18,475.13	25,118.35	17,349.95
Dakota	16,253.01	13,540.60	20,596.77
Eastern	2,791.17	1,760.65	1,269.63
Northern	6,762.35	10,340.29	11,227.20
Northwestern	9,942.28	13,243.35	9,449.57
Pacific	10,531.79	10,196.88	13,913.73
Southern	3,326.97	5,213.41	5,632.56
Southwestern	6,219.46	7,849.34	10,124.97
Total Contributions	\$80,367.90	\$91,427.54	\$92,836.65

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of December, 1955	\$66,718.47	\$13,649.43	\$80,367.90
For the month of December, 1954	76,399.51	15,028.03	91,427.54
For the month of December, 1953	90,599.68	2,236.97	92,836.65

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1955 to Dec. 31, 1955	\$371,558.66	\$68,600.77	\$440,159.43
April 1, 1954 to Dec. 31, 1954	393,643.94	96,006.07	489,650.01
April 1, 1953 to Dec. 31, 1953	424,555.31	17,770.47	442,325.78

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Same as for the "Fiscal Year."



Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date. March 4, 1956

Theme: JESUS FACES THE CITY

Scripture: Luke 19:37-48; 20:1-47.

The Central Truth: No matter how impressive the cathedrals of a city may be, or how awe-inspiring the worship, if Christ is not the center, it is lost.

Introducing the Lesson: A story is told of an English king who became lost on a hunting trip in the forest of Scotland. He finally found a hut and asked for a night's lodging. Overcome by fear and suspicion, the Scottish woodsman slammed and locked the door. "But I'm your king," pleaded the man, "won't you open your hut to the king?" A little more persuasion and another look at the person outside his door convinced him that it was indeed the king. For the rest of his life he told everyone he knew of the night he almost missed the king. What a calamity it would have been!

There is a little parallel in our lesson today. Jesus is certainly not "lost." But he knocks at the gate of a city which is lost and already in the shadow of destruction and death. What a calamity for a city which refused to make room for the King!

I. JESUS' TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM. Luke 19:37-40.

Jesus did not enter the city in a golden chariot, or mounted on a white horse, but as a meek and lowly king seated upon a donkey (Matt. 21:5). Outwardly he seemed to receive a royal welcome. But he knew how short and superficial the "hosannas" really were.

There were three classes of people who were sincerely glad to see Jesus enter the city.

1. First of all were the zealots, or patriots, who hoped Jesus would declare his kingship and restore the nation of Israel.

2. Then there were those who were hungry for the word of God and listened attentively as he spoke (Luke 19:47-48).

3. Lastly, there were the lame and the blind and the sick, who needed the healing touch of Jesus (Matt. 21:14).

There were two classes of people who did not want Jesus to enter the city.

1. The first were the Romans, who had to be continually on the alert for any Jewish uprising. According to history there were always more soldiers in Jerusalem during the Feast of the Passover than at any other time. The nationalistic fever among

the Israelites at this time was always a danger.

2. The high priest and leaders of the temple did not want Jesus in the city. They were afraid he would disturb their organized religion and the dishonest practices (Luke 19:45-46).

For discussion: What groups or individuals would be for or against Jesus entering your city?

II. JESUS' LAMENT OVER THE CITY. Luke 19:42-44.

Jesus wept! He wept with his friends (John 11:35) because of their sorrow; but he wept over his enemies because of their sin. They did not realize their great danger; they did not realize their ignorance; they did not realize their blindness (vs. 42). The saddest part of Israel's history is the fact that after almost 2,000 years they still do not know the things that belong to their peace!

III. JESUS CLEANSSES THE TEMPLE. Luke 19:45-46.

Why did not Jesus clean up the political situation first? "Judgment must begin at the house of God" (1 Peter 4:17). "First they gave their own selves to the Lord" (2 Cor. 8:5; Matt. 6:33).

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: March 11, 1956

Theme: JESUS INTERPRETS HISTORY

Scripture: Luke 17:20-21; 21:29-36.

The Central Truth: Jesus exhorts us to watchfulness. He wants us to be conscious of God within us in order to see God working around us so that we might be ready for God above us.

Introducing the Lesson: One of the first historians of whom we know was a Greek by the name of Herodotus. He was called "the father of history." The Jews had a very famous writer of history called Josephus. The crucifixion of Christ and much that we know about the times of Jesus were recorded in his works. Since then we have had many interpreters of history.

The editor of the Sunday School Lesson is Rev. Bruno Schreiber, teacher of the Men's Adult Class in the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill.

They are not all in agreement as to the meaning of the past.

As to the future, it is largely a matter of guesswork. Paul said, "We know in part and we prophesy in part —," "prophecy shall fail —" (1 Cor. 13:8-9). Jesus tells us to beware of false prophets (Matt. 7:15), whether they are secular or religious. No one can be as definite and as sure as Jesus when he said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away; but my words shall never pass away" (Luke 21:33). Christ is the best interpreter of the Kingdom of God because he is the King.

I. THE KINGDOM OF GOD WITHIN YOU. Rom. 14:17; Luke 17:21.

Before you can become a useful and constructive citizen in any country, you must first of all have the country in your heart. A Communist may be in America but America is not in his heart. When the Pharisees therefore asked when the Kingdom of God would come (Lk. 17:20), he told them plainly that they would never see the Kingdom without because they had never experienced the Kingdom within. Christ must first of all dwell in their hearts by faith" (Eph. 3:17).

II. THE KINGDOM IN YOUR MIDST. Luke 17:21 AVS.

In a sense the Kingdom of God is in our midst because Christ is in our midst. "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:20). A certain sect calls its place of worship "Kingdom Hall." We do not agree with its teaching; but we can say that all true followers of Christ are already a part of the Kingdom.

Paul refers to this when he says, "We are a colony of heaven" (Phil. 3:17 Moffat Trans.). In the early history of North America we had a number of "colonies." There was the English colony, who represented the kingdom of England. The French colony represented the kingdom of France. The Dutch colony represented the kingdom of the Netherlands. We as Christians should be proud to be called a colony of the Kingdom of God. It is a miniature of that which Christ will establish in all its fullness.

III. THE KINGDOM IN THE FUTURE. Luke 21:5-38.

Some of the prophecies of Jesus have to do with the destruction of Jerusalem, while others deal with the end of the age. The doctrine of future

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What's Happening

● On Dec. 4th the CBY Fellowship of the Berlin Baptist Church near Fredonia, N. Dak., presented the play, "Haven of Rest." The offering was designated for the denominational Church Extension program and for our mission in Japan. At the Christmas program the young people's class of the Sunday School presented an impressive pageant. The Week of Prayer was also observed with Rev. V. H. Prenderinger, pastor, in charge.

● The Central Valley Baptist Church of Donna, Texas, has extended a call to Rev. B. F. Taylor of Gotebo, Okla., to which he has responded favorably. He began his ministry in the Donna church, located in the heart of the Rio Grande Valley of Texas, on February 19, succeeding Rev. Oliver L. Whitson. Mr. Taylor has served as pastor of the Salem Baptist Church of Gotebo, Okla., since September 1951. The Donna church is "the home church" of both Mr. and Mrs. Taylor.

● The Sunday evening service on January 8 at the Dayton's Bluff Church, St. Paul, Minn., was dedicated to the Board of Trustees as a recognition for their outstanding service in regard to major renovations of the church's buildings. The Saint Paul Choral Club Ensemble rendered a sacred concert with J. Merrill Tannehill directing. The board of trustees of the church is composed of the following: Rueben Heckmann, chairman; Lloyd Campbell, Jim Coates, Earl Desler, Arthur Irestone, Jr., Leo Reck, and Waldemar Richter. Rev. William H. Jeschke is the pastor.

● On Monday, Jan. 9th, the First German Baptist Church of Saskatoon, Sask., Canada, was organized, with Rev. H. Schatz, Northern Conference mission worker, in charge of the service. The congregation is meeting in the chapel at 336 Avenue J South, on the corner of 19th Street and J Ave. On Saturday, March 10, a council of North American Baptist representatives will meet to consider the recognition of the church. If the decision is favorable, the recognition service for the new church will be held on Sunday, March 11.

● The "1956 Directory" is being acclaimed as "greatly improved" and "most attractive." However, a few errors inadvertently crept into the edition. Rev. Le Roy Schauer lives at Mott, North Dakota. The name should read Rev. Adolf Reeh, Eureka, South Dakota. The address of Rev. Jacob

Ehman is 104 Fourth Avenue, S.E. Sidney, Montana. Rev. John Wahl is the "active pastor" of our church at Hamilton, Ont., and the prefix of "I" should be removed. On page 113 the name of the church should be Watertown, Wisconsin. The Directory sells for 75 cents and can be ordered from the Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Avenue, Cleveland 14, Ohio.

● On Sunday, Jan. 8, Rev. Orville H. Meth resigned as pastor of the Baptist Church at Odessa, Wash., and announced his acceptance of the call extended to him by the denominational Church Extension Committee to become the Church Extension pastor at Lincoln Village near Stockton, California. It will be his responsibility to continue a canvass of this new subdivision and to start a church on that field. Property for the church edifice has already been purchased. Mr. Meth will bring his ministry at Odessa, Wash., to a close on April 8th and will start his work at the Church Extension project immediately thereafter. He has served the Odessa church as its minister since 1952.

● The Shroyer Road Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio, has extended a call to Rev. Helmut H. Riemer of Chicago, Ill., to which a favorable response has been given. He is a graduate of the University of Rochester (with Phi Beta Kappa honors) and the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School. At present he is doing graduate work in New Testament at the University of Chicago. He was ordained on May 2, 1954, at the Andrews Street Church, Rochester, New York. He is a son of Rev. and Mrs. Emil Riemer, who formerly served several of our churches. In Dayton, Ohio, Mr. Riemer will succeed Rev. Alex Elsesser, beginning his pastorate at the Shroyer Road Church on March 1st.

● On Sunday evening, Jan. 1st, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brockel of Plevna, Mont., were surprised by their family and church friends on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary. Rev. R. H. Zepik was in charge of the program at the Plevna Baptist Church which consisted of readings and vocal numbers. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brockel spoke about the events of the past 25 years with evidences of God's loving kindness and grace. They came to the Plevna district some twelve years ago from South Dakota, and since then Mr. Brockel has been active as assistant superintendent of the Sunday School, and Mrs. Brockel as pres-

ident of the Woman's Missionary Society.

● An attractive 16-page brochure with nine pictures and several graphs tells the story of the 50th anniversary of the First State Bank of Gackle, N. Dak., of which Mr. A. F. Lehr has been the president since 1909. He is also very active in the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle, in the Dakota Conference of which he was the treasurer at one time, and in other North American Baptist activities and programs. Mr. Lehr was in the real estate business in Gackle in April 1904, the year of Gackle's beginning. He was one of the bank's organizers and is the only remaining original stockholder. The bank is proud of its record that when many banks closed after the Bank Holiday in 1933, service at the First State Bank of Gackle was interrupted for only one day. Its capitol structure in 1955 is in excess of \$197,087.

● On Sunday evening, Jan. 22, the Roger Williams Club of the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, N. Dak., met in the Ridge Room with 21 students present, besides Rev. Walter Stein, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, and Dr. M. L. Leuschner, guest speaker. The club of university students is sponsored by the Grace Church. Its president is Mr. Budlong of Minnesota. Among those in regular attendance are Mr. Jim Rainer of the Bronx, N. Y., a Negro and a member of the Abyssinian Baptist Church of New York, N. Y., and Mr. Singh, a student from India. Most of the students of the club are from North American Baptist Churches, including two sons of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Galambos of Streeter, N. Dak., a son of Rev. and Mrs. Fred Trautner of Bismarck, N. Dak., and the son of Rev. and Mrs. John E. Grygo of Bismarck, North Dakota. Following the Sunday evening supper at the university cafeteria, Dr. Leuschner addressed the group at its monthly session on "Christian Youth at its Best."

● The members of the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., and the pastor, Rev. Robert Schreiber, have undertaken a project of assistance to the flood stricken people of Yuba City, California. Two trucks loaded with furniture, bedding, and clothing traveled to Yuba City and expressed their concern for the plight of these people affected by the disastrous floods of January. Both men and women from the church went to the city and volunteered their services in helping to clean out the mud and debris from the houses. The minister went with one of the groups and reported that the destruction was even worse than newspaper and television reports could indicate. It was a heart-

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Our Denomination in ACTION

Northern Conference

Joint Baptismal Service for Carbon and Zion Churches of Alberta, Canada

On Sunday, Dec. 18, the Carbon Baptist Church of Carbon, Alta., was host to the Zion Baptist Church of Drumheller in a joint baptismal service.

Rev. Willy R. Muller, pastor of the Carbon church, was in charge of the service. The Carbon choir sang and also a special number in song was rendered by a duet from the Zion church. Two short messages were given. Rev. Willy R. Muller spoke on 1 Peter 3:21, and Rev. Wm. Effa on Galatians 3:27.

Then four candidates followed the Lord in baptism; one from Carbon and three from Zion—each group being baptized by its own pastor. It was an evening of rejoicing for both churches.

Mrs. Wm. Effa, Reporter.

Inspiring Baptismal Service for Indian Reserves and Camrose Church at Wetaskiwin, Alberta

On Sunday, Dec. 11, the Bethany Baptist Church of Camrose, Alta., enjoyed a joint baptismal service with the Bull and Montana Indian Reserves, held in the Calvary Baptist Church of Wetaskiwin, of which Rev. Henry Schumacher is the pastor. From Camrose six candidates were obedient to the Lord's command to follow him in baptism. From the Bull and Montana reserves there were 14 candidates and one from Saskatchewan, making a total of 21 converts. Rev. Reinhard Neuman baptized those from the reserves and Rev. Fred Schimke baptized those from Camrose.

It was indeed a blessed afternoon to witness this beautiful event. We thank God for all these young people and older ones also who testified to their acceptance of the Lord Jesus into their hearts and who were now ready to follow him in baptism and also in service for the Master. Rev. Henry Pfeifer from Central Church of Edmonton delivered the afternoon message.

On December 31 our church again held its Watchnight Service. The young people's society, under the capable direction of Miss Marjorie Link, very ably presented a play, "Pilgrims of the Way." This truly challenged our hearts to greater service for the Master. Mrs. Glen Monson favored us with a beautiful solo, "Open the Gates of the Temple." At 11:30 P.M. we again assembled in the auditorium to take part in the communion service. Our pastor, Rev. Fred Schimke, welcomed six young people as members into the fellowship of our church.

Mrs. R. G. Soderstrom, Reporter.

Play, "A Miracle at Midnight," Is Presented at Watchnight Service, Winnipeg, Manitoba

The Watchnight Service at the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man., Canada, was divided into three sections. The German young people took charge in the first hour, at which time the choir rendered many musical selections and poems were read.

For the second portion the English young people presented the play, "A Miracle at Midnight," by Rev. E. J. Baumgartner. Father Time (Seno Rist) and the Watchman (Harry Rostig) discuss the reasons for the way people spend New Year's Eve and the miracle which took place in the heart of one young man (Ernie Rogalski) who wanted to enjoy worldly pleasures this night. The Christian influence of his grandfather (Wilf Fiks) and grandmother (Adina Tulman), the refusal of a friend (Elsie Lepholtz) to attend a dance that night after giving money to a beggar (Herb Grieger) who recommended walking the narrow way, although two other friends (Jean Grauman and Bob Berthin) consented, and the sudden news from Dr. Tupper (Ernie Gerhardt) that only a miracle saved his father after he suffered a severe heart attack, resulted in his attending church and completely surrendering to the will of God at midnight. Rev. Goodwin was played by Gunther Mathwig.

This was indeed an answer to a need for a good play, especially for New Year's Eve. We would thank Rev. E. J. Baumgartner for his efforts. This simple yet effective play was certainly a great blessing to all.

Rev. H. J. Waltereit, our pastor, closed the evening with a brief message and we entered the New Year in prayer.

Miss E. Redlich, Reporter.

Christmas Programs and Week of Prayer at East Olds Church, Olds, Alberta, Canada

We of the East Olds Baptist Church, Olds, Alta., Canada, were privileged to have one of our denominational evangelists, Rev. Daniel Fuchs, with us for two weeks of evangelistic meetings in December. The extremely cold weather did not allow for large attendances, but the faithful group which gathered night after night gathered much manna for their souls. Indeed it was a time of spiritual refreshing and uplift as we heard the Word of God expounded to us daily.

Two fine Christmas programs were held: one at the East Olds Church, and the other at the First Baptist Church, Torrington. The first part of the Watchnight Service was in charge of the young people's society. A most heart stirring play, "The Challenge at the Crossroads of Self and Service," was presented. The play, written by

Mrs. Fred Pahl, showed how God can reach into the slums, and from the homes of drunkards and gamblers, salvage precious souls for his honor and glory. The question, "Does it pay to serve Jesus, instead of living for self?" is answered in a vivid way. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Unger, Gordon Weidman, Harry Unger, Pearl Huber, Walter Unger, Walter Witt, and Rosemary Weidman were the cast in the play. Following the play, refreshments were served in the church basement. The remaining 20 minutes of the old year and the first moments of the New Year were then spent in prayer and in the giving of a devotional message by our pastor, Rev. Fred Pahl.

On the first Monday of the New Year we commenced our week of prayer. On Monday evening the pastor's sister, Miss Olga Pahl, who had toured Europe this past summer, showed colored slides of the ten countries which she had visited. Tuesday evening was in charge of the Woman's Missionary Society. They spoke on C for cleansing, H for Holy Spirit, R for revival, I for intercession, S for sacrifice, and T for thankful which sums up in the word CHRIST. On Wednesday night the men took charge of the meeting, and on Thursday Walter and Harry Unger represented the young people's society with timely exhortations on prayer. The closing night, Friday, was in charge of Rev. Fred Pahl, and his challenge to earnest, prevailing prayer stirred our hearts deeply.

V. A. Pahl, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

First Church, Sidney, Montana, Welcomes Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Ehman and Family

On Sunday, Dec. 4, Rev. Jacob Ehman conducted his first service at the First Baptist Church, Sidney, Montana. After the morning worship service a fellowship dinner was served in the church parlors. A program was also presented with singing of a solo, duet, and quartet. Leaders of the different departments extended greetings to the Ehman family with Mr. Ehman responding.

Friday evening, Dec. 23, the Sunday School presented its annual Christmas program in the church auditorium. The children taking part were from the beginners to the intermediates.

On New Year's Eve the young people of the CBY presented a play entitled, "Miracle At Midnight," with special musical numbers between acts. From 11:30 to 12:30 that night a Gospel service was held, beginning with the partaking of the Lord's Supper, followed with a Gospel message by Mr. Ehman.

Every evening from January 2 to 6 the church held a prayer service. Mr. Ehman brought the Bible message each evening which was followed by a special prayer for the church, Sunday School, and missionaries.

Mrs. Frances Rardin, Reporter.



Rev. and Mrs. Bernard Fritzke and their son, Mark, at the farewell reception held for them by the First Baptist Church of McLaughlin, S. Dak., before their departure for West Fargo, N. Dak., to serve the Grace Baptist Church of that city.

Farewell Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Bernard Fritzke at McLaughlin, South Dakota

Evangelistic meetings were conducted in the First Baptist Church, McLaughlin, S. Dak., from November 14 to 25 with Rev. A. J. Fischer of Linton, N. Dak., serving us. Christians were revived and strengthened.

During the morning worship service on December 4 we were privileged to hear from our beloved missionary, Rev. Edwin Michelson, giving us a very interesting report about the work being carried on in Africa. On this Sunday evening we witnessed a baptismal service in a neighboring church in Mobridge, South Dakota. We are not fortunate as yet to have a baptist. Five candidates entered the waters to be buried with Christ in baptism. Our pastor, Rev. Bernard Fritzke, delivered a message entitled, "All Things New in Christ."

On Sunday, Dec. 11, the hand of fellowship into church membership was given these candidates. This was also our farewell Sunday for our pastor and family. Mr. Fritzke spoke on "Taking Leave" (Acts 20:17-38).

Mr. Leo Friez had charge of the program in the evening for the farewell reception. Each branch of the church was represented by the various leaders speaking of their regrets and asking God's blessing in the new field of service at West Fargo. A duet was sung by Mr. and Mrs. Fritzke and a trio by Rev. Bernard Edinger's daughters of Selfridge, North Dakota. Our senior deacon, Mr. J. J. Schweigert, then summed up a few facts as accomplishments during the past 4½ years of Mr. Fritzke's ministry. A monetary gift was given them by Mr. Schweigert from the church. Mr. and Mrs. Fritzke both expressed their appreciation for faithful servants and helpers. Mr. Fritzke also presented a gift remembrance to the church from them, which was an automatic illumination for the church's bulletin board. This was presented to the church through Mr. A. K. Bertsch, deacon.

On Saturday evening, Dec. 24, our Sunday School scholars rendered their annual Christmas program. The children did well in their singing, recitations, and exercises recalling Christ's birth and its meaning to this lost world. Rev. E. Broeckel of Bismarck, N. Dak., is serving us at our Sunday worship services during the time when we are without a pastor.

Mrs. C. E. Aldinger, Reporter.

Three Converts Baptized and Church Debt Paid at Calvary Church, Aberdeen, S. Dak.

As the Calvary Baptist Church of Aberdeen, S. Dak., we can see how wonderfully God has blessed the united efforts of his people. The Sunday School has grown from an enrollment of 70 to 97 and the membership of the church from 58 to 72. The attendance has grown from 60 at the morning service to an average attendance of 85. Often the church building is taxed for room. The attendance and response at the prayer service is very gratifying.

It is interesting to observe that we never have a service but what are visitors in the audience. Many of these visitors are of the Lutheran faith, and it is interesting to note that they do not come just once or twice but they have become very regular in their attendance. Some of them are under conviction and we feel it will be but a matter of time before they unite with us. That there is a growing work here, there is no doubt.

During the fall we held two weeks of evangelistic services with the Rev. Alfred Bibelheimer of Ashley, N. Dak., as our guest. Through the sincere preaching of God's Word the hearts of the listeners were strengthened and revived. The birthday of Christ was observed with a fine program under the able direction of Mrs. Thomas Lutz. The Watchnight Service was a wonderful experience for we were privileged to step into the baptismal waters as three converts gave their testimony before the audience of a

new life in Christ. Just before midnight, during the communion service, these young people were received into the fellowship of the church.

One of the burdens under which the church has been working has been the church debt. How happy we are that we can report at this time that the debt has been paid and we are encouraged to look forward to the new projects which are in the hearts of all of us, namely, a larger church building and our own parsonage. These matters are under prayerful consideration now. May the Lord give us the courage for this undertaking.

Thomas Lutz, Pastor.

Twenty-one Converts Baptized at the First German Baptist Church, Ashley, North Dakota

The blessings of the Lord upon us at the First German Baptist Church, Ashley, N. Dak., prompt us to direct a few lines to the "Baptist Herald." In June a well attended Vacation Bible School was conducted by teachers of the church's young people. In July a large number of our youth attended Crystal Springs Youth Camp. Whereas many came to camp without Christ, many returned with unforgettable lessons plus the knowledge that Christ was their own personal Savior.

During the month of October, special meetings were held with Dr. C. H. Seecamp of Hebron, N. Dak., as evangelist. The services for a two-week period proved to be a rich blessing in the edification of the saints and the salvation of a goodly number of young and older people. Our annual Harvest Festival was held the second Sunday of October at which time over \$3,000 were given and dedicated to missions. Dr. Seecamp served as guest minister with appropriate messages.

The Christmas programs held in our three stations were a fine climax to a full year. But the baptismal service held on Sunday, Dec. 4, remains as a service that will long be remembered. Twenty-one persons followed their Lord in baptism. Before the communion service, these and six others, who came by letters, were received into the fellowship of the church. With new hope and trust in our Lord, we view this new year as a land of opportunity.

A. W. Bibelheimer, Pastor.



Rev. Thomas Lutz, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, S. Dak., and three young people whom he baptized at the Watchnight Service.



Rev. G. P. Schroeder (right), interim pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, West Fargo, N. Dak., with five converts whom he baptized before the coming of the new pastor, Bernard Fritzke to the Church Extension field.

First Baptismal Service and Pastor's Reception at Grace Church, West Fargo, North Dakota

We of the Grace Baptist Church in West Fargo, N. Dak., have had many great spiritual blessings since we became an officially organized church in October 1955. While our interim pastor, Rev. G. P. Schroeder, was here, souls were saved and we made plans for our first baptismal service on November 20th. This great occasion was held at the First Baptist Church of Fargo, since the people there very kindly offered us the use of their church.

Five adult candidates were baptized on confession of their faith and we certainly felt that the Lord was with us at this service. Our male quartet provided special music and Mr. Schroeder then brought us an inspiring message.

On December 11th we were sorry to say farewell to Rev. and Mrs. G. P. Schroeder who had completed their stay with us and were returning to their home in Lodi, California. We wish them God's richest blessing on their future endeavors, and thank them for their work here.

December 18th was a happy occasion again in West Fargo as we welcomed Rev. and Mrs. Bernard Fritzke and their son, Mark, to be our new minister's family. We felt the Lord's leading as he sent us a consecrated and capable man to lead our group. We held our first service together at the YMCA in Fargo and had a blessed time of Christian fellowship. Brother Fritzke brought us a challenging message in our morning service.

The afternoon meeting was less formal with church and Sunday School officers giving words of welcome and greetings to the Fritzkes. We are certain that the Lord has a great work to be done in this area.

Mrs. Milton Hochhalter, Reporter.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Observance by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mehlhaff, Parkston, S. Dak.

A golden wedding celebration was held at the Parkston Baptist Church, Parkston, S. Dak., on Tuesday evening, Dec. 27, for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mehlhaff. Open house was held at the residence on the preceding day.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mehlhaff were married on December 28, 1905 in the Friedensthal Baptist Church, south-

east of Parkston, with Rev. H. G. Bens, officiating. They have both lived in Hutchinson County all their lives. Their married life was spent on a farm east of Parkston until 1950, when they retired and moved to their present home.

Their children, grandchildren, friends, and members of the church presented a program, which consisted of solos, duet and quartet numbers, and readings. The deacon, Sunday School superintendent and president of the Woman's Missionary Society brought congratulations. Rev. Alfred Weisser gave the message and presented the couple with a remembrance from the church.

Lunch was served in the church parlors. The table of honor was centered with a wedding cake in the form of an open Bible with the inscription, "The Lord Is My Shepherd." The cake was cut by Mrs. Julius Schortzman, sister of Mrs. Mehlhaff.

Present for the occasion were their five children: Helmuth, (Lena) Mrs. Henry Schoon, Alton, Viola, and Leonard Mehlhaff, all of Parkston; seven grandchildren, besides their many other relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mehlhaff greatly appreciated the lovely gifts and cards. These tokens of love and appreciation will continue to fill their lives with sunshine and gladness.

Mr. Helmuth Mehlhaff, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Bethany Church Near Portland, Oregon, Enjoys Inspirational Programs During Holiday Season

On December 8th the choir of the Bethany Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., presented a full evening of music at our "Baptist Home for the Aged." The guests so appreciated the music, that each of the choir members was richly blessed by this service.

Our CBY was host to the Glencullen CBY the middle of December. Sandwiches, cake, and cocoa were served previous to the evening service during which time an hour-long play was presented by the Glencullen CBY.

Sunday, Christmas Day, found our church busy with programs honoring our Savior's birth. During the Sunday School hour the classes from Nursery age to High Schoolers presented the program. At the evening service the CBY presented a play. The music included instrumental numbers, as well as choir anthems.

We at Bethany were happy to honor the John Gerbers on their 50th wedding anniversary during the morning service on January 1st. We rejoice in having Clifford Joss return to us from Alaska where he has been stationed during his stay in the Armed Services.

A wonderful way for us to begin the new year was the baptismal service on the evening of January 3. Seven adults and one child were baptized by Rev. Arthur Schulz and accepted into our fellowship, another one coming by letter. We look to the Lord for guidance in the year that lies ahead.

Grace Jenne, Reporter.



Fourteen new members who have been received into the Stafford Baptist Church, Sherwood, Ore., during 1955 in a picture taken at the Watchnight Service of the church.

Seven Converts Baptized at Watchnight Service at Stafford Baptist Church, Sherwood, Ore.

By God's grace and the faithfulness of the church, 14 new members have been added to Stafford Baptist Church, Sherwood, Ore., during 1955. A Watchnight service climaxed a year of blessing with the baptism of seven candidates. Three others were baptized earlier in the year. Of the remaining four, two came by letter and two by testimony.

There are other advances in our church for which we also praise the Lord. A new roof has been put on the church. We are sending out a Sunday School bus into our community every Sunday morning. A restaurant-type stove has been installed in our kitchen. The basement walls have been waterproofed and decorated, and other important repairs and improvements have been made, with more being in the near future for both church and annex.

E. A. Gerlitz, Pastor.

Northwestern Conference

50th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Reints of Windom, Minnesota

Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Reints of Windom, Minn., members of the Jeffers Baptist Church, observed their 50th wedding anniversary, Nov. 18, at the Jeffers Baptist Church. Rev. Elton Bleeker, pastor of the church, was master of ceremonies, and Fred Smith acted as usher. As Mrs. Elton Bleeker played the traditional wedding march, the honored couple walked down the aisle.

"I Love You Truly" was sung by Mrs. Fred Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Reints were called upon to give brief talks. "Jesus Will Never Grow Old" was sung by Mrs. John Smith and Fred VanGerpen. Rev. Alvin Ysker, a nephew, gave a short message. Rev. Elton Bleeker, pastor of the church, also gave a short talk.

The guests were entertained in the church basement dining room. The room was decorated in gold and white by Mrs. Fred Smith and Mrs. Mervin Carlblom. A delicious lunch was served by the committee with Mrs. Melford Holt, chairman. Waitresses for the main table were Margaret and Anna Courts of Windom. Other waitresses were Beverly Van Gerpen, Edith Smith, Ruth Smith, Dorothy Carlblom, and Mrs. Elton Bleeker.

Mr. and Mrs. Reints were married Nov. 19, 1905 and made their first home on the farm in Lakeside Township. In 1948 they moved to Windom where they are now residing.

Elton Bleeker, Pastor.

Atlantic Conference

Inspirational Programs During the Busy Holiday Season at Calvary Church, Bethlehem, Pa.

The birthday of our King ever brings much activity at the Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pa., into the lives of his children. Many of them boarded a bus to Valley Forge Veterans Hospital to bring Christmas cheer to the shut-ins there. Both of young people's groups held inspiring



Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Reints of Windom, Minn., members of the Jeffers Baptist Church, at their golden wedding anniversary celebration.

candlelight services after a Christmas supper, while the two ladies groups attended their annual banquets.

Christmas morning found the Lord's House enhanced with traditional greens, trees, and lights to honor Christ's entrance into the world. The children of the Sunday School recited and sang praise glorifying the Savior at the evening service.

Our CBY sponsored the New Year's Eve Watchnight service. A play, "A Miracle at Midnight," written by Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, was enacted by several young people followed by refreshments. A film, "O Holy Night," was a spiritual encouragement to our hearts after the social time. The new year was greeted with testimonies and prayer. A large friendship circle and the singing of, "Blest Be the Tie," concluded the evening.

At the new year's evening service the new officers of our church and its organizations were dedicated to the Lord's service, followed by the observance of the Lord's Supper.

Doris Dorozowski, Reporter.

Mortgage Burning Ceremony at the Evergreen Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York

The first Sunday of the new year was very significant for the Evergreen Church of Brooklyn, New York. In the morning communion service the pastor, Rev. Paul F. Zoschke, extended the hand of fellowship to two new members, ladies of advanced years. Both of them had been baptized on Sunday, December 18.

The evening service was very impressive. It was the occasion of burning our last ecclesiastical mortgage with the Baptist Church Extension Society of New York. Our church was given two separate loans in ecclesiastical mortgage by the society, one of \$1,300 in 1900 at the time the first unit of our building was erected. This was repaid in April of 1954. The second mortgage was for \$2,000 in 1919 when our edifice was remodeled. The church had devised this plan of repayment in the fall of 1953 in response for the campaign for Churches for New Frontiers of the American Baptist Convention. The endeavor to liquidate these two mortgages was to cover two years, culminating on Thanksgiving Day of 1955.

The special speaker for the mortgage burning observance was Rev. R. LaRue Cober, director of the Department of Christian Education and Evangelism, as representing the Church Extension Society. Participating in the program also were Dr. Walter Macoskey, a son of the church, director of the Metropolitan Board of Promotion, and Mr. Edwin Marklein, chairman of the Church Extension Committee of the North American Baptist General Conference.

Not only has the Evergreen church paid off the mortgages of \$3,300 to the American Baptist Convention, but it has also participated in the North American Baptist Church Extension campaign with a contribution of over \$700. Now we shall undertake major emphasis upon this latter program.

Paul F. Zoschke, Pastor.

101st Anniversary and Burning of Parsonage Mortgage at Ridgewood Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sunday, Jan. 8th, was a happy day for members and friends of the Ridgewood Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., for it marked our 101st anniversary. At the German service our beloved pastor, Rev. Paul Wengel, based his message on the parable of the vineyard as found in Matthew 20: 1-16. Following Sunday School the congregation attended the Family Worship Hour. This meeting was enriched as usual by the singing of our adult and children's choirs. Pastor Wengel delivered a stirring sermon dealing with the very prevalent sin of simony in which he enumerated some of the many excuses people offer for putting the Kingdom and his righteousness in the background and serving themselves first.

At the close of the service everyone was invited to partake of a "Liebesmahl" prepared by the ladies of our Willing Workers' Society. Later came a period of reviewing our past achievements and present problems. Each organization of the church gave a report through its officers and it was encouraging to look back on all the activities and the results of God's leading since our 100th anniversary. We were particularly heartened by the fine spirit of our young people's group under the able direction of our student pastor, Mr. Harold Babb.

Then came the special highlight of the day when, as our pastor so aptly expressed it, an expensive bonfire was lighted. Mr. Wengel briefly reviewed the history of our parsonage mortgage. Six years ago, with but \$9,000 on hand, the parsonage was largely a project of faith, but plans were made and it was built on the church property for \$26,000. The sum of \$17,000 has been raised by faithful giving of members and friends in the last six years. Mr. Walter Keller, our treasurer, kindled the flame which burned the mortgage and when the paper became ashes the grateful and joyful witnesses sang "The Doxology."

Miss Marion von Ahnen, Clerk.

Southwestern Conference

Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Oliver K. Ringering by Baptist Church, Bison, Kansas

On Friday evening, Dec. 30, the members of the First Baptist Church of Bison, Kans., were happy to have the privilege of welcoming their new pastor, Rev. Oliver K. Ringering. Prior to their coming, a pantry shower was given in their honor. A gift in money was presented to Rev. Henry Schlegel in appreciation for the work that he rendered faithfully for the past four months.

The guest speaker of the evening was Rev. H. J. Wilcke of the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford. Mr. Elmer Thielenhaus was in charge of the program for the evening.

Words of welcome were given by the various officers of the church as follows: Fred Beahm, deacon; Russell Scheufler for the Sunday School; Mrs. Ruth Witt for the Woman's Missionary Society; Mrs. Lena Thielenhaus for the Loyal Daughters; and Carl Thielenhaus for the CBY.

Visiting pastors present were Rev. Elmer Strauss, Ellinwood; Mr. William Berger, Dighton; Rev. H. J. Wilcke, Stafford; and Rev. George Taylor of the Bison Methodist Church. Several musical selections were rendered by the Men's Chorus and a violin selection by the Ringering sisters. A response was given by Rev. and Mrs. Oliver K. Ringering. An enjoyable time of fellowship followed in the church dining hall and refreshments were served.

Blessings innumerable have been ours in the past and we look forward to God's continued blessings on our pastor and family and also on our church.

Clara L. Niedenthal, Reporter.

Evangelistic Meetings, Christmas Programs and Watchnight Service at Lorraine, Kansas

The year 1955 has been a blessed one for the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas. Our radio ministry, under the guidance of our pastor, Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, has had a very good response. The program, broadcast over Station KSAL, Salina, Kans., every Sunday morning at 8:30, is tape-recorded in our auditorium. The expense is underwritten by the church.

In November, we had a series of evangelistic meetings led by Rev. P. G. Neumann of Costa Mesa, California. These were blessed days, with 13 conversions and a spiritual awakening among the members.

On Christmas Eve, we celebrated our Lord's Birthday. Over 500 persons attended our annual Sunday School program. Entitled, "Jesus' Log of Life," the beautiful Christmas story was enacted with the help of the Senior, Youth, Junior, and Angel Choirs. Delmar Wesseler, general Sunday School superintendent, was the reader. As a final number on the program, every class and organization of the church brought gifts to the King. These White Gifts, collected throughout the year, were given for various mission projects.

A fitting climax to the year was our Watchnight service, with Dr. and Mrs. George A. Lang of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as our guests. Dr. Lang showed slides of his European trip on Saturday night and brought the morning message on Sunday morning, Jan. 1st.

Mrs. Theodore Wilkens, Reporter.

Recent Programs and Radio Ministry by the Shell Creek Church, Columbus, Nebraska

The Shell Creek Baptist Church near Columbus, Neb., has completed its building project of its new addition and remodeling which was started early last spring. October 2nd was a day of rejoicing when eleven young people followed the Lord in baptism, and at the communion service on Oc-

tober 9 P. T. Hunsicker, our pastor, extended them the hand of fellowship.

The German Gospel Hour under the direction of our pastor, Rev. P. T. Hunsicker, which has been on the air over our local radio station KJSK for almost five years has greatly expanded. Twenty-four persons over the age of 45 have thus far been saved by means of this special radio service.

On Nov. 6 the Woman's Missionary Society held its annual program with Miss Helen Lohse from the Spanish-American mission field in Colorado as guest speaker. She gave us an interesting report of her work and also showed pictures of the mission field.

On Thanksgiving Day morning we had our Harvest and Mission Festival program with the children of the Sunday School taking an active part and our pastor bringing us an inspiring message. Our offering amounted to \$1,644.

On Monday evening, Dec. 12, the children of the Sunday School held a White Christmas party. With much joy in their hearts each child brought a gift for a little orphan in the Nebraska Children's Home. On Christmas Eve the children presented a program consisting of recitations, a dialogue, "A Tree for Mary," and musical numbers.

Our church spent a blessed time in fellowship during the waning hours of 1955. During the first hour various musical numbers were rendered and testimonies given. During the last hour of the old year the film, "Walking with God," was shown. After a few inspiring words from our pastor and as the midnight hour drew near we united in prayer and thus closed out the old and began the new year.

Mrs. Ruth Ann Behlen, Reporter.

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.)

MR. FRANK BARTELS of Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. Frank Bartels of Dayton, Ohio, was born August 22, 1868 in Berlin, Germany, and passed away on December 23, 1955. He accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior at the age of 14 years, and on profession of his faith was baptized Nov. 29, 1882, by the Rev. H. Gellert. At the time of his death, Mr. Bartels was the oldest member of our church, having been a faithful member for 73 years.

On Sept. 19, 1892, he was united in marriage with Amelia Fielitz, who preceded him in death. To this marriage five daughters were born: Mrs. Charlotte Hughes, Mrs. Irene Graham, Mrs. Naomi Shaner, Mrs. Helen Butterbaugh, and Mildred who preceded him in death. Besides his daughters, he also leaves a sister, Mrs. Margaret Martin of Englewood, Calif., and a brother, William, of Cincinnati, Ohio; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. His living faith, his love for the Lord's house, and his faithful service stand as a testimony to all.

Services were conducted by the Rev. Alex Elsesser on Dec. 27, 1955, who brought a message of comfort on the text, Isaiah 61:2, "To comfort those that mourn."

Shroyer Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio

ALEX ELSESSER, Pastor.

DAVID CLAYTON LEISCHNER of Miles City, Montana.

David Clayton Leischner of Miles City, Mont., was born April 15, 1954. He was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Leischner of Miles City, Montana. He took ill suddenly on Wednesday evening, was rushed to a Miles City hospital where he died on Saturday morning, Jan. 7, of a bronchial ailment. The undersigned conducted the funeral services from the Plevna Baptist Church.

He leaves to mourn his passing his parents, grandparents, cousins, uncles, aunts, and his little friends. May the bereaved seek comfort and consolation from God who gives liberally to every sincere seeker.

Plevna Baptist Church, Plevna, Montana

REV. R. H. ZEPIK, Pastor.

MRS. CARL SCHAFER of Trenton, Illinois.

Mrs. Carl Schafer, nee Ranz, of Trenton, Ill., was born on Nov. 30, 1870, in Ash Grove, Ill., and peacefully went to her heavenly rest Sunday evening, Jan. 1, 1956. At the age of 14 she was converted and baptized by Rev. G. Mengel, joining the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Ill.

On May 14, 1899, she was united in marriage to Carl Schafer, who preceded her in death in 1929. Their marriage was blessed with five daughters, the eldest of whom passed away in infancy. In 1913, the Schafer family moved from Ross, Ind., to their farm north of Trenton, where she made her home until her death.

Her memory will always be cherished by her daughters: Esther Klasing, Ruth Putnam, Lydia Fritsch, and Julia Luginbuhl, and their families; her relatives and friends. She was a loyal member of the Trenton Baptist Church, faithfully serving her Lord with gladness.

Funeral services were conducted on Jan. 4th from the Trenton Baptist Church by the pastor. The message was based on Psalm 23, which was Mrs. Schafer's favorite passage of Scripture.

Trenton, Illinois

JAMES B. HUTTON, Pastor.

MISS RETTA F. REINTS of Windom, Minnesota.

Miss Retta F. Reints of Windom, Minn., daughter of Bruno Reints and Ella Reints, was born on May 28, 1874 in Rorichum, East Friesland, Germany. She was baptized in the Baptist Church in Germany and has been a member of the Jeffers Baptist Church since coming to the United States.

Miss Reints and her sister, Anna, came to this country in 1913 and lived with their brother, Bruno Reints on the farm near Bingham Lake. In the fall of 1948 she moved to Windom with her brother and his wife, where she lived until the time of her death.

Although she suffered for 20 years from arthritis, she carried on bravely with never a complaint about the pain she had to bear. Throughout the years the Bible was her constant companion, for there she found the comfort and peace she longed for, and the courage to carry on cheerfully. For the past nine months she had been confined to bed and most of that time was seriously ill. She passed from this life on January 2, 1956 at the age of 81 years, 7 months, and 4 days.

Officiating at the service held in the Jeffers Baptist Church was Rev. Elton Bleeker. Music was provided by the Jeffers Baptist Quartet composed of Elmer Carlblom, Glen Carlblom, Mervin Carlblom, and Fred Van Gerpen. Interment was in the Mt. Lake Cemetery.

Jeffers Baptist Church, Jeffers, Minnesota

ELTON BLEEKER, Pastor.

MRS. ALFRED JANSSEN of Lorraine, Kansas.

Mrs. Carrie Janssen, the daughter of Andrew and Caroline Kipp, was born in Ellsworth County, Kans., on January 5, 1889, and passed away, after a brief illness, at the Ellsworth Hospital, Ellsworth, Kans., on January 18, 1956. She reached the age

of 67 years and 13 days. Mrs. Janssen's parents, three brothers, and one sister preceded her in death.

On November 23, 1910 she was united in marriage to Alfred Janssen of Lorraine, and since 1913, they have made their home in the Lorraine community. To this union three children were born. One daughter, Mrs. Arthur Huseman, preceded her mother in death. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Charles Socolofsky, and a son, Alfred Janssen, Jr., both of Scott City, Kansas. These, with their father, now mourn the loss of a devoted Christian wife and mother. There are seven grandchildren.

As a young woman, Mrs. Janssen gave her heart to the Lord and was baptized on confession of her faith on December 21, 1923 by the Rev. A. J. Harms. She remained a member of the First Baptist Church of Lorraine until her death, maintaining an active interest in the Dorcas Society and her Sunday School class.

Funeral services were held at the church on January 20, 1956, with her pastor bringing a message of comfort from John 17:23: "I will that they . . . whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am . . ." Burial was in the Lorraine Baptist Cemetery.

"We cannot think of them as dead Who walk with us no more: Along the path of life we tread; They have but gone before."

"The Father's House is mansioned fair Beyond our vision dim; All souls are his, and here or there Are living unto him."

First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas

HAROLD W. GIESEKE, Pastor.

MRS. ELLA MINNIE WOBIG of Unityville, South Dakota.

Mrs. Ella Minnie Wobig of Unityville, S. Dak., daughter of Henry Rabenhorst and Minnie Keak, was born on Sept. 30, 1890 at Watertown, Wis., and passed away on Tuesday morning, Dec. 20, 1955 at the age of 65 years, 3 months and 19 days. In the early years of her life she experienced the new birth of Christ at Lebanon, Wisconsin.

On October 14, 1918 she was united in marriage to Earnest Wobig of Canova, South Dakota. They made their home on the family farm. To this union two daughters were born. She transferred her church letter to the Unityville Baptist Church of which she has been a faithful and active member.

In August 1955, she developed a serious heart condition from which she never fully recovered. She was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother and a loyal friend to everyone, despite her illness. Stricken with severe chest pains, she entered the hospital Dec. 17, and seemed to be gaining strength under the doctor's care. She passed away suddenly but peacefully in her sleep after spending several days in the hospital.

She is survived by her husband, Earnest; two daughters: Mrs. Wayne Nelson, Roswell, S. Dak.; and Mrs. Neil Miller, Canova, S. Dak.; one grandson, Melvin Nelson; also two sisters: Mrs. Theo Ruehlow, Watertown, Wis.; and Mrs. Harvey Witte, Johnson Creek, Wis.; one brother, Harvey Rabenhorst, Watertown, Wis., and a host of other relatives and friends.

Services were held in the Sun Prairie Baptist Church with Rev. H. Lohr and the student pastor bringing words of comfort to the family and friends. The Unityville Baptist Church sadly misses this beloved member. May Christ comfort the bereaved ones in this loss!

Unityville, South Dakota

MR. DAVID KEIRY, Student Pastor.

MR. LUDWIG PASCHKE of Morris, Manitoba.

Mr. Ludwig Paschke of Morris, Man., a long-time faithful member of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Morris, passed away to his heavenly home of Jan. 2, 1956. Born near Schitomir, Ukraine, on Aug. 10, 1872, Brother Paschke reached the high age of 83 years, 4 months and 23 days. He came to Canada in 1893, and had lived and worked in the province of Manitoba practically all his life. From Whitemouth Mr. Paschke moved with his family to a farm

near Morris in 1921, where he worked and tilled the soil until 1948. At that time he retired from the active farm work and moved into the town of Morris.

In the year 1904 Mr. Paschke was married to Helen Harmel. They were blessed with fourteen children, all of whom are living in Canada. His first wife Helen preceded him in death in 1945, and in August 1948 Mr. Paschke found a new life's companion in Ernestine Toon, who up to his death shared his joys and sorrows and who faithfully nursed him during the two months of illness preceding his death. Brother Paschke was a faithful member of the Immanuel Baptist Church and during the many years of his residence near Morris he served his Lord and his church wherever he was called upon.

He leaves to mourn his wife, Ernestine; and 14 children; four sons: William, Edward, Arthur, and George of Morris; ten daughters: Mrs. Wm. Miller, Mrs. Louis Dopf, Helen, and Beatrice of Edmonton; Mrs. Joe Gebauer of Wawanesa, Mrs. Ed. Rachul of Morden, Mrs. Wm. Funk of Winnipeg, and Mrs. Waldo Penner, Mrs. Wm. Weiss, Mrs. Alvin Penner of Morris; also 14 grandchildren; one niece in Germany and many other relatives and friends.

Father Paschke had a great heart for foreign missions and it was his request to his family that instead of flowers the family should make a donation to a worthy cause. In his loving memory a sum of \$125 is being given to the North American Baptist Missionary Society.

Immanuel Baptist Church, Morris, Manitoba, Canada

WM. STURHAHN, Officiating Minister.

MRS. CHRISTINE HEUPEL of Eureka, South Dakota.

Mrs. Christine Heupel, nee Knodel, of Eureka, S. Dak., was born August 19, 1889, in South Russia, and entered into her eternal reward at the Eureka Hospital on Jan. 1, 1956. She was a daughter of the late George and Christine Kraft-Knodel. With her older brother, Karl Knodel, now at Jamestown, N. Dak., she came to Lehr, N. Dak., in 1909, residing with her aunt, Mrs. Dora George. Two years later she married Fred Heupel of the same city, which union the Lord blessed with six children: three sons and three daughters. In 1929 the entire family moved from Lehr, N. Dak., to a farm east of Eureka, S. Dak., where her husband preceded her in death in 1941. Two years later the family moved to Eureka, she being an honored and respected citizen.

Soon after her arrival in Lehr, N. Dak., she came under the Gospel ministry of Rev. A. Guenther, accepting Jesus Christ as her Savior, being baptized and taken into the fellowship of the German Baptist Church of Lehr. Her membership was transferred from Lehr to the First Baptist Church, Eureka, S. Dak., and she became a beloved and faithful member of the church, Ladies' Aid and Church School.

Because of severe illness, it was necessary to take her to the Eureka Hospital in September 1955 for treatment. A few weeks later she went to be with her daughters at Aberdeen, S. Dak., but again it was necessary to take her to the hospital twice, but the hoped for improvement failed her. Having lived in Eureka for so many years, she requested to be taken back to Eureka in order to be near to her sons, church, and many friends. A malignant illness of long standing had broken her strength and vitality, and in the midst of children, who had lovingly done all they could to help and assist her, she passed away on the above date.

She leaves to mourn her children: Harold and Arnold, twins, Eureka, S. Dak.; Aldon, Vermillion, S. Dak.; Erna, Irene, and Frieda Heupel, Aberdeen, S. Dak.; five grandchildren: Steven, Barbara, Susan, Dennis, and Jane Heupel, Eureka, S. Dak.; her brother, Karl Knodel, Jamestown, N. Dak.; members of her church and friends in the community.

The funeral service was conducted in the First Baptist Church, Eureka, S. Dak.; and the pastor was assisted upon request by the deceased by Rev. R. Knaus, Congregational minister, and Rev. Christ Kiesz, Church of God, Adventist minister. The message of comfort and consolation was based on Phil. 1:21. Interment took place in the Eureka Cemetery on January 4, 1956.

Eureka, South Dakota

ADOLF REEH, Pastor.

Southern Conference

Recent Programs and Activities at the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas

The Sunday School of the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, presented a Harvest and Mission Program on Oct. 9. A special missionary offering was received. The platform was beautifully decorated with flowers, fruits, vegetables, cotton and corn, and canned goods. The Men's Brotherhood held a meeting in the Church Fellowship Hall on Oct. 18. Rev. Epifanio Salazar, pastor of one of the Mexican Baptist Churches, was the speaker.

On Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 17, Miss Margaret Kittlitz, together with our pastor, Rev. Louis R. Johnson, and some of our Woman's Missionary Union members appeared on the KWTX Television program, "Better Living." Also recently our pastor brought brief devotions each day over KWTX Channel 10 at 12 noon and 10:30 P.M. On Sunday evening, Oct. 23, a farewell reception was held in honor of Miss Margaret Kittlitz.

During the month of October Mrs. Ernest Steindam gave a series of lectures on her tour of seven European countries and showed her collection of colored slides, pictures and other items she collected in Europe. These illustrated accounts of the Baptist World Congress and other places she visited were most interesting.

On November 27 to December 4, a week of evangelistic meetings were held under the leadership of Dr. Harry A. Marko, a Missionary Evangelist of the American Board of Missions to the Jews. His messages were filled with the Spirit as he ex-

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pounded God's Holy Word to us. The morning as well as the evening services were well attended. Dr. Marko closed these meetings with a very impressive and illustrated presentation of "The Lord's Passover." There were five professions of faith and one came by letter. On the evening of Dec. 11th, our pastor baptized these five young people and they were received into the membership of our church.

Our Annual Christmas program, consisting of songs, poems, and a playlet, was presented by the Sunday School on Dec. 23. On Christmas Day, our pastor brought two fine messages, "Christmas is the Answer" and "God's Gift versus Our Gifts." Our choir, directed by Mrs. Louis R. Johnson, rendered two beautiful numbers, "Christ the Lord is Born" and "Memories of Christmas."

Hundreds of Wacoans drove around looking at the Christmas Home and Church Decorations listed in the newspaper by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, one of which was a beautiful Nativity Scene placed in front of our church, a project of the Brotherhood. It received honorable mention.

With praise to God for all his blessings of the past year we began the New Year with a week of prayer services. On Sunday evening, Jan. 1, the Training Union enjoyed a program, arranged by Mr. J. N. Kittlitz, president of the Adult Union. The theme was "Our Church—Past, Present, and Future." The speakers were Mr. R. E. Engelbrecht, Mr. Ed Gummelt, and Mr. R. G. Kittlitz.

Mrs. J. N. Kittlitz, Reporter.

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things is a very controversial subject. People are always seeing signs and setting dates for Christ's coming. We are not always sure what the future holds; but we do know who holds the future. If you are not sure of the signs you can be sure of your watchfulness (Luke 21:36).

In God's own way, and in God's own time, "The kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever" (Rev. 11:15).

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breaking sight to see literally hundreds of homes completely ruined together with all the furnishings inside. The homes of the wealthy people were not spared, as one of the exclusive sections of the city was hardest hit by the flood. Houses were completely washed from their foundations and frequently there was the official sign on the door "Unfit for Occupancy." The church continued this ministry for several weeks into February.

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