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# March of Events

● A family Bible recording six generations of President Eisenhower's family has been presented to the Eisenhower Foundation at Abilene, Kans. It includes the only formal record of the birth of the President's father, David Eisenhower. The Bible is believed to be at least 200 years old; it is in German and was printed in Switzerland.

● Youth for Christ International operated 1,956 high school Bible study clubs last year, it is announced by Jack Hamilton, director of the program. The clubs reached about 25 per cent of the country's high schools and "won an estimated 23,000 to Christ." The average attendance was 35 teen-agers. Mr. Hamilton states the organization hopes to double the number of such clubs during the 1955-1956 academic year.

● A residence for graduate students will be built on the campus of the International Christian University in Japan in honor of a well-known American churchwoman. She is Mrs. Harper Sibley of Rochester, N. Y., who headed the United Council of Church Women, the largest body of churchwomen in the United States, from 1944 to 1950. It is estimated that the cost of this graduate student residence will be approximately \$60,000.

● Federal Judge Luther W. Youngdahl was named "Layman of the Year" by the Federation of Churches of Washington, D. C. Judge Youngdahl, who went to the Federal bench only four years ago from the governorship of Minnesota, has so distinguished himself in Washington lay activities in that time as to win unanimous selection for the honor, a committee of clergymen declared. The judge is chairman of the Laymen's Committee of Fifty, a group which is working to stimulate lay activities in Washington churches.

● American students have wandered far afield in search of an education. According to a survey just completed by the Institute of International Education, some 9,000 American citizens pursued their academic studies in colleges and universities outside the continental United States during 1954-1955. Most of the students who combined a yen for learning and travel, enrolled in European schools, but colleges in Asia, Africa, Mexico, and Canada also drew a large number of American students, the survey said.—*Watchman-Examiner*.

● Extensive preparations have been started for the celebration of the 75th anniversary of Christian Endeavor, according to announcement made by Dr. Gene Stone, general secretary of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. Materials have been released from the headquarters in Columbus, Ohio, to help societies and unions throughout the world to observe the Diamond Jubilee of the pioneer youth movement during Christian Endeavor Week, January 30-February 5, 1956. It is expected that upwards of two million young people in thousands of Protestant churches will take part in special services, rallies, projects, radio and television programs, and other events. A pilgrimage to the Williston Congregational Church in Portland, Me., where the first society was organized February 2, 1881, is planned. Another feature will be the posting of outdoor

## Baptist Briefs

● **World Sunday School Convention** is scheduled for Japan in 1958, with the theme "Christ—the Way, the Truth, and the Life." Japanese Baptists will be celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the introduction of Christianity into their country.

● **The new pastor of the historic First Baptist Church of Toronto, Canada,** is the Rev. George R. Williams, graduate of Fisk University and American Baptist Theological Seminary. He is Negro American and has served as pastor of churches in Nashville, Tenn., and Columbus, Ohio.

● **Kenya or Tanganyika,** or both, will be the new African mission fields of the Southern (U.S.A.) Baptists in 1956 and East Pakistan will be entered as soon as possible, according to action of the 110-year-old Foreign Mission Board at its October meeting. A budget of \$7,501,081 was adopted for the year.

● **Dutch New Guinea's** unknown wilds are being penetrated by five missionaries under the leadership of the Rev. Victor J. White of Parramatta, 60-year-old Baptist minister. Mr. White spent five months this year making a survey of the country with a view to expanding the Australian missions there.

poster panels along the streets and highways throughout the United States and Canada.

● The year 1956 will mark the one-hundredth anniversary of the beginning of evangelical work in Colombia, South America, shortly after the country had achieved independence from Spain. The Evangelical Confederation of Colombia is preparing to celebrate the anniversary, and has planned activities to cover the whole year. Special emphasis will be given to evangelism, while, at the same time, information will be published about the advance of Protestantism against fanaticism and persecution. There will be evangelistic campaigns—from pulpits, personal contacts and literature, but since 1953, radio communication has been denied the Protestant forces. Another goal is the distribution of 20,000 copies of the New Testament in a special binding to commemorate the event. A book on the history of Protestant work in Colombia is being published which will indicate the immense difficulties which the Protestant movement has faced in this country, as well as its victories and successes.

● **Fuad Jarjoura,** an Arab from Israel, educated in the Baptist mission school at Nazareth, was baptized recently in Central Baptist Church, Quincy, Ill., by the pastor, former chaplain of the U.S. Navy, Dr. Robert W. Pratt, who visited Nazareth in 1945. Fuad is a student at Hannibal-La-Grange College, the Baptist school at Hannibal, Missouri.

● **The building on the campus of Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, N. Y.,** formerly known as "Missionaries' Apartments," has been renamed "Axling House" in honor of Dr. William Axling, an alumnus of Rochester Theological Seminary, 1901, and for many years a missionary of the ABFMS in Japan. Announcement of the change in name was made on the occasion of Dr. Axling's visit to Colgate Rochester on October 13, when he was the speaker at the chapel.

● **Dr. George W. Sadler,** secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, says Southern Baptist missionaries in Africa are aware of the immensity of the unfinished task of Christian missions on that vast continent and are asking for recruits. He said Africa has 60,000,000 Moslems, 112,000,000 pagans, and only  
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# Editorial

## An Unflinching Spirit

THE RICHEST PRIZES of 1956 will be grasped by those stalwart souls who show an unflinching spirit in Christ's service. Their courage will be as hard as flint. Their eagerness will be to go forward unshackled in their witness for Christ. They will have found the secret how to be more than conquerors in Christ's Name.

Of Moses, God's great leader for the people of Israel, it was said: "Like one who saw the King Invisible, he never flinched" (Hebrews 11:27, Moffatt Translation). It takes a vision of a sublime example or of a lofty objective to give us an unflinching courage for the days ahead. What we need at the outset of this new year is not a new set of resolutions but goals of life which constantly challenge us to greater heights. With the Apostle Paul we must "press on toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14). These objectives in Christ for the purity of our life, for the clarity of our witness and for the durability of our achievements remain the same. This is a year-round challenge. This requires an unflinching spirit to attain these Christian heights.

The tragedy of every new year is that we start out with good intentions and a fine "getaway." But we lack persistence, consistency, perseverance to take us over the obstacles in the way. We need a determination to reach our goals. We must focus all our spiritual attention and spend all our strength and love on the objectives ahead of us. As Jesus said: "No man, having put his hand to the plow and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62). There can be no hesitation or half-heartedness in our discipleship. As David Livingstone wrote into his diary while trekking in the darkest recesses of Africa: "I determined not to stop until I had come to the end and achieved my purpose."

Our awareness of the Presence of God in our lives includes the amazing fact that he always precedes us. He illumines the way with divine wisdom. He strengthens us for every new step. He points out the hard and stony places ahead of us. It is this vision of the King Invisible and of the spiritual things that God has prepared for them who love him that transforms us into unflinching souls. Because Jesus steadfastly set his face toward Jerusalem to reveal God's redemptive work for mankind, so we follow the Gleam and walk in the light that he, as the Light, is for our path. We cannot fail—we must not flinch—if that preceding Presence of our Christ and God is real to us in 1956.

The year is bound to have more than its share of crises for us as individuals and for the nations of the world. Billy Graham, the evangelist, at the Baptist Congress last summer, stated that "the next five years will be the most triumphant or the most tragic years in the world's history." For us as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ we affirm confidently that this will be a triumphant year, for we face it with an unflinching spirit in Christ!

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The tide of religious interest was high in 1955, but it remained for 1956 to justify the conviction that the greatest spiritual awakening in many centuries is actually underway.

# Religion in Review

Outstanding Events in the Religious World  
During 1955

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AMERICAN religious life in 1955 disclosed a weird, ambiguous face. Increases both in church membership and crime, the mounting tempo side by side of religionism and of secularism, the rising anti-totalitarian enthusiasm for democracy alongside a nebulous conception of spiritual priorities, and a common emphasis on religious advance by diverse evangelical, liberal, Roman Catholic, Jewish, and cult groups, all contribute to this national photomontage. From the whole came news that the year had gotten under way with a record 97,482,611 church members, a gain of more than 2,600,000 over the previous year, and that 60.3 per cent of the nation had already come into church membership.

## A STRATEGIC YEAR IN 1956

On almost every religious front, 1956 loomed as a strategic year for the life of the nation. In some big cities, where corrupt political machines had been defeated, enthusiasm was sparked for a national "Christian party." In several quarters there was new talk of a great Christian university. Elsewhere, widening theological disunity within liberalism suggested that 1956 would supply the peak opportunity for large-scale evangelical enterprises, especially in the wake of Billy Graham's larger impact upon the western hemisphere.

Graham's 1956 schedule listed campaigns in New York City and San Francisco, and a visit to oriental Christians in India. Plans for Roman Catholic advance continued, keyed to Samuel Cardinal Stritch's statement to Venezuelans that the United States is no longer "a Protestant country."

Ecumenical forces saw it as an important threshold to the World Council's 1957 North American assembly.

Behind this year-end temper stood conflicting indexes to the national outlook. President Eisenhower's emphasis on the inseparability of faith in democracy and faith in God gained popular echoes. Bargaining with atheists for the world's unity, the President had asked the nation to pray, and then knelt in church for divine guidance just before the Geneva summit. The Gallup poll showed 96 per cent of the citizenry "believes in God," although the reasons given were various. Another poll reported that four-fifths of the citizens believe the Bible to be "the revealed word of God." A third indicated that 53 per cent could not supply the name of even one of the four gospels. While the nation gasped, a Bible-versed grandmother won a \$32,000 television award.

## RELIGIOUS CONCERN

Beneath the surface of religious life evidences of concern began to rise. The externalism of American religion called for deeper analysis. Not only churchmen poised on the periphery of the evangelistic movement, but Evangelist Billy Graham himself warned that America had not yet been shaken by national revival, and that the status quo needs serious challenge. Graham won the nation's top Freedoms Foundation award for the year. Still well below 40, he packed Madison Square Garden to its 22,000 capacity, then moved on to Glasgow, London, Paris, and Germany for remarkable campaigns, before a series in Toronto, and finally the Cambridge University mission which precipitated

lively newspaper debate of the evangelical view of the Bible. More than 670,000 Scotsman attended, with 16,236 responses; in Paris, 42,000 came in five days, with 2,254 decisions; in Toronto, 362,000, with 7,348 decisions. Meanwhile Oral Roberts, heard by more than two million in healing campaigns in the United States and South Africa, projected a London visit.

Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical Reformed Church, with more than two million members jointly, voted to merge in June, 1957, to become the nation's sixth largest Protestant denomination. The Presbyterian Church in the United States, with 760,000 members in the South, defeated a projected merger with the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and the United Presbyterian Church of North America. The Free Methodist and Wesleyan Methodist Churches, after years of negotiation, finally tabled indefinitely their proposed merger plans.

## 56 MILLION PROTESTANTS

The relation of America's 56 million Protestants to the ecumenical movement was still not without its hesitations and doubts. Southern Baptists (eight million) and Missouri Lutherans (two million) were among the 15 million unrepresented by the National Council of Churches. The co-operative evangelical effort scored some gains, sustained some setbacks. The National Association of Evangelicals, registering some numerical advances, worked away at its debt, ventured to begin its convention with an address on Christianity and the

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Miss Ardice Ziolkowski, missionary-nurse at the Bansa Baptist Hospital who is now at home in Orcadia, Sask., Canada, on furlough, as shown with Dr. Leslie Chaffee and Miss Eleanor Weisenburger (center) and holding a healthy youngster (right) whose mother was a patient at the hospital.

# "Thank You, God, for Everything"!

The joyous testimony of African Christians in the Cameroons Baptist Mission field

By MISS ARDICE ZIOLKOWSKI, Missionary-nurse, Now at Home on Furlough

THANKSGIVING DAY is always a big occasion in our Cameroons Baptist Churches of Africa. This day in 1955 was a real day of blessing as we celebrated it in our Bansa Baptist Church. The hearts of the Christians were prepared for this special day of thanksgiving by challenging messages on the topics of "Giving" and "Tithing" on the previous two Sundays.

At the Wednesday Christian meeting the native pastor and Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee presented the need of the churches of this area and encouraged the Christians to "prove the Lord" to see if he would not "pour out a blessing so there would not be room enough to receive it."

## ALL "DRESSED UP"

Thanksgiving Sunday turned out to be one of those clear, sunny mornings which are rare in the raining season, and naturally everyone's spirits were brighter because of the sunshine.

Sunday School started at 9:00 A.M. I chose to attend the class which met out under the trees. The teacher was quite interesting, but I couldn't keep my eyes from following the various paths down which latecomers came, strolling in. You could tell by looking at them that this was a special day by the excited twinkle in their eyes, their new shirts, shoes, dresses, or "tailored suits."

Some men were hard to recognize because of the new, dark-rimmed spectacles, or women with a thick layer of powder on their faces. The church was also "dressed up" for the occasion. There was an arch made of flowers over the doorway and the platform. Bunches of wild flowers

were hung from the ceiling and stuck in empty "Campbell's" soup tins on the window sills.

The service started with lively singing of native songs led by one of the deacons, and accompanied by drumming, clapping of hands, blowing of home-made horns and other native instruments. During this time ushers were busy squeezing the people into the benches. Then the pastor read from Acts 5—the story of Ananias and Sapphira. Next we had a song by the native nurses, the theme of which was a plea for workers in God's harvest fields. Dispersed throughout the program were special songs by each of the prayer groups which meet in various compounds for daily evening devotions.

## GIFTS OF THANKSGIVING

The message by our newly ordained pastor, Rev. Jacob Yerima, was heart-searching. He recounted some of the blessings that God had given them—health, strength, homes, fine crops, success in their business. It was only God's power that made this possible. Then he asked, "Do you really love God more than anything on this earth?"

He used a very unique illustration to impress the point. "One market day a young man was approached by the girl in whom he was very interested and asked whether he would give her some money to buy some sugar cane and ground nuts. He thought a while; then he gave her five shillings. Now, you know no one could use more than one shilling for ground nuts and sugar cane. But he gave her more to show how much he loved her. Now, how much do we

love God? And are we pleased for a chance to show it?"

From there he went on to tell of the giving in Old Testament times and how we, who have received the gift of God's Son, need to do even more. We need to give ourselves and then of our substance.

The climax of the service came when everyone was given opportunity to walk up the aisle and place his offering upon the altar. There were those who brought pennies and shillings; others came with corn, beans, or a chicken. Some brought a chair, sweater or scarf which they had made. But each with gladness brought a token of their thanksgiving to God as they all sang a native song which said, "Thank you, God, for everything!"

After I had had my turn and sat watching the rest, I saw so many things that they must be thankful for. There are many mothers with new, healthy babies. And because they were delivered at the hospital they each have a cozy flannel blanket and gown—gift of our women at home. Very few of our Christians have been really sick this year. You can tell that most of them have been prospering physically and spiritually. Some thirty Africans here have found new joy in taking Christ as Savior and having been baptized this year.

## GOD'S BLESSING

This thankfulness found expression as the 300 people were dismissed from the church and continued to sing in front of the church and quietly dance for joy. The corn, beans, furniture, and handwork were sold and the

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# Training to Train Others!

The story of Rev. and Mrs. George W. Lang, Cameroons missionaries, who are beginning their ministry at the Ndu Bible Training Center

By REV. R. SCHILKE, General Missionary Secretary

IT WAS during his final year at Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago, Ill., that Mr. George William Lang, son of Dr. George A. Lang, president of our seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., came to my office one day for an interview. In that interview he informed me of his interest in the mission field and asked what opportunities there were in the field of education. Until then our mission board had not been looking for candidates with specialized training neither was it on the average appointment appointing to specific assignments but had left such placement to the field and usually after the missionary got to the field. Consequently, there was not too much encouragement that I could give to this inquiry, and so for some time I heard nothing more directly from this candidate. But indirectly I heard that he was seeking information elsewhere to find the will of God for his life's interest.

During my eight-week inspection tour through our Cameroons mission field a year ago, I learned firsthand of the need for special training in more than one field of service. With that also came about a change in policy as to the appointment of missionaries to the field. It was then that I thought of George W. Lang. The Lord had need of him and so did our mission! The request from the field was for a second missionary couple to our Ndu field as teachers in our Bible Training Center and as missionary nurse on the station. George and Lenore Lang would fit in admirably for this was their interest and for such work they had prepared themselves.

On my return from the Cameroons I contacted them and found them near a crisis of decision. Another mission board offered hope of appointment in line with their interest and preparation, but that would have meant the severing of ties with North American Baptists, and they were anything but happy. The open door of service with our mission was thus welcome news.

## THEIR CALL TO MISSIONS

Both the Rev. and Mrs. George W. Lang come from a line of missionary and minister's families. George's grandfather was a minister of the gospel. Several uncles, aunts, and cousins from both his father's and mother's side were missionaries and ministers. Mrs. Lang's great-grandfather was a minister; a cousin is a

missionary, and her brother is a minister of the Gospel. But their call to missions was not to keep up the family tradition; it was the call of God to them. Will any one doubt that the prayers of their loved ones were answered in this call? Let us hear what both have to say concerning this call to missions.

While living in Rochester, N. Y., where his father took over the presidency of our seminary, George W. Lang wrestled with the question of the call to the ministry. He writes as he recalls those and other experiences: "I remember coming home from Sears store one day and thinking about the shoe salesman there. His task seemed to be such a fruitless one—going from one day to the next in a routine task, and apparently accomplishing so little in the area that really mattered. I was enforced in my desire to go into a work that would really count for eternity as well as for time.

"It was at the seminary that I began thinking seriously of possibly becoming a missionary. The seminary was very missionary-minded with constant stress being placed upon the needs of the thousands and thousands of benighted people.

"Until then I had come in contact with a continual flow of missionary interests. For as long as I could remember, two of my aunts, one of my uncles, and one of my second cousins were missionaries. We received letters from them, we prayed for them continually, and we supported them with our money. I suppose that one of the reasons that I didn't think of going to the mission field was my fear of the unknown of what the missionary life would actually involve as well as my wondering whether I would be in the kind of physical condition necessary.

"I remember one day while washing windows, while at the seminary I thought to myself whether or not I would be willing to follow Jesus' will for my life, even if it meant the foreign field. The wonder of what it would all involve came up into my mind, but then after that came a sense that if God led there, he too would provide the necessary strength. So I said in my heart that I would go, if that was my desire.

"I thought that I needed a special kind of call, such as the amazing ex-

periences of some of the students at Northern Seminary. However, I recalled that, as I looked back upon my life, there were very few times, if any, in which God gave me defined, clear-cut signs with overtones of a crisis upon which to base decisions. Rather he seemed to lead in a slow, calm, gradually assuring and reassuring sort of way.

"As I thought about the mission field, I became more and more happy with the idea of my working there: the sense of the tremendous need with the lack of adequate workers; the desire to do something of real sacrifice and of going all out for Jesus; the yearning to thrust myself out upon God; the desire to be of service to the whole man and his needs—mental, physical, as well as spiritual—all these things had a place in my sense of God calling me to a field of missionary service.

"Because of my interest in education, sensing that perhaps I have some aptitude in that direction, along with my awareness that in order to be able to get into many foreign countries as well as being able to get into the confidence of native peoples, I realized the importance of getting more training in the field of education, with the aim of going abroad as an educational missionary."

## LENORE LANG'S TESTIMONY

Mrs. George W. Lang writes the following concerning her call to the field.

"My parents were members of the Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa, and at an early age enrolled me in the Cradle Roll Department, from where I graduated in turn to the Nursery, Beginner, Primary, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Departments. Now and then there would be special meetings. One of these occurred when I was nine years old: Miss Laura Reddig came to speak. I remember sitting in the back row listening to her, when the thought struck me: 'Lenore, some day you will be a missionary.' However, at the time I thought that such could hardly be and tried to drown the words with the thought that I was too young to have the Lord want me as a missionary.

"I wanted to be a nurse at an early age, and though at times the fire of that ambition burned low, I kept on wanting to enter training. I entered Nurses' Training in Burlington Hos-

pital in September of 1947, and the next three years were busy ones.

"After graduation I stayed on at the hospital, working as night 'floating nurse' for ten and one half months. However, I still had in mind the mission field and wanted to go on for further training that would equip me to be a missionary nurse. In February of 1951 Dr. Thorwald Bender of Northern Baptist Seminary came to our church to speak, and I questioned him about a course offered at Northern. He encouraged me, and in due time I received a note of acceptance. I was still somewhat uncertain, though, when that summer I went to be camp nurse at our Iowa CBY camp at Iowa Falls. The Michelsons were there that year, as was Dr. Ralph Powell, Ruth Bathauer and others, many of whom encouraged me in my decision.

"That fall at Northern Seminary my doubts vanished entirely and I entered into the program of studies and activities with real joy and peace in my heart. The next summer I was again camp nurse for the Iowa CBY camp. The missionaries there that summer were Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman, and I was deeply impressed by their calmness of spirit and their all-out consecration to the cause of Christ in the Cameroons. They told me then, they hoped they could meet me getting off the boat in the Cameroons some day, and now, the Lord willing, I trust they will be able to do so."

## EARLY YOUTH AND CONVERSION

George William Lang was born at Lorraine, Kans., on December 8, 1928 to George A. and Esther Lang who were then serving our church at Lorraine. At the age of four years his parents moved to Tacoma, Wash., to take charge of our church there. At the age of nine years he responded to an invitation in Sunday School, asking those desiring to accept Jesus as Savior and Lord to come to the front for prayer. This experience stands out in his life as the real clinching occasion of committing himself to Christ and the Christian walk. Several months later, he was baptized by his father and joined the Calvary Church of Tacoma.

In 1938 his father became pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan. Here George became active in Christian work, particularly in the young people's group, playing in the Sunday School orchestra, passing out invitations announcing evangelistic services, distributing tracts and visiting for the church. Here he began to realize his responsibility to witness to others and to help them in the Christian walk.

Lenore Frances Meilahn was born at Burlington, Iowa, on April 2, 1928 to Eric and Ruby Meilahn. Her entire girlhood and youth were spent at Bur-



Rev. George W. Lang who is already in the Cameroons with his family, beginning his missionary ministry.

lington. We have already seen above in her testimony the faithfulness of her parents and of herself in the Sunday School and at the Oak Street Baptist Church.

At the age of eleven she acknowledged Jesus Christ as her Savior and followed him in baptism on Easter Sunday of 1939 and so became a member of the church. Throughout her youth she was active in the work of her Sunday School, young people, and church in various capacities.

## TRAINING FOR GOD'S CALL

George W. Lang began his high school training at Detroit, Mich., and completed it at Rochester, New York. In 1946 he enrolled at the University of Rochester and graduated in 1950 with a B.A. degree, majoring in history. While at the university, he had many spiritual battles. Prayer and Christian activity in the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship helped him to come through victoriously and grow strong in the Christian faith. In 1950 he enrolled at Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago, Ill., and graduated in 1953 with a B.D. degree.

During his student days he was active in young people's work in various churches, one of which was Forest Park Baptist Church where many of us could watch and appreciate his work at close range. During the final two summers he served at Bison and Isabel, S. Dak., and at Lorraine, Kans., as student pastor.

In the fall of 1953 he became the pastor of Humboldt Park Baptist Church in Chicago after he had been ordained in September of that year by the Trinity Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Sensing the need of still better preparation for the mission field, he took up studies at the University of Chicago and completed

his work, along with the pastorate, for his M.A. degree in the field of education.

Mrs. George W. Lang, nee Lenore Frances Meilahn, began and completed her high school education at Burlington, Iowa. In 1945 she enrolled at the Burlington Junior College. In 1947 she took up Nurses' Training at the Burlington Hospital of Nurses and received her R.N. diploma in the fall of 1950. After graduation she worked for some time at this hospital and also for a period of time at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. In 1951 she enrolled at Northern Baptist Seminary and graduated in 1955 with a B.R.E. degree.

While at Northern Baptist Seminary George met Lenore. Both found common interest in each other and finally love for each other. They became engaged in April of 1953 and were married on November 27 of that year. On June 24, 1955 the Lord gave them a son whom they named Daniel George, thus making their joy complete.

## CAMEROONS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

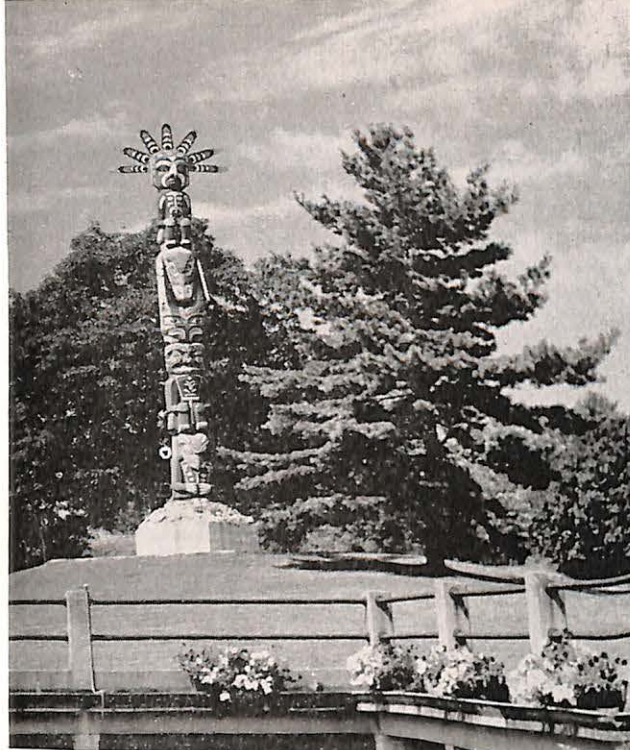
Cameroons' youth is awakening today to a sense of the values of education. The cry for schools comes from every corner of the land, including places far inland. These opportunities must be utilized to give to the Cameroons youth not a mere education which may tend to secularize and materialize them even more than what they are already, but to give them an education with a definite Christian philosophy.

For the past number of years we have carried on a Bible Training Center to train young men for the Christian work in the churches of our Cameroons mission field. For several years this school consisted of only one year of training, far too inadequate. Then the second year was added and in 1954 the third year was added. For several years the place also remained temporary: from Belo to Mbem to Ndu. The year 1954 also found Ndu as the permanent place.

A missionary couple always headed this school throughout these years: first, Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Gantstrom, then Rev. and Mrs. Earl H. Ahrens with Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer filling in during the last furlough of Earl and Lois Ahrens. Other missionaries came in for short terms to help along. The time had come when a second missionary couple had to be appointed to this Bible Training Center. The influence of this center in the work of the indigenous church in the Cameroons can hardly be overestimated.

The General Missionary Committee of North American Baptists in its annual session last spring heard the testimony of Rev. and Mrs. George W.

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The totem pole in the Indian Village at the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin. This totem pole, carved by Indians in Alaska, was presented to the Assembly by the late Mr. J. L. Kraft.

# Conference Days at Green Lake



Your invitation to the 1956 Laymen's Conference for all North American Baptists at the Green Lake Assembly from July 28 to August 4



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

THERE'S NO PLACE in America quite like the American Baptist Assembly at Green Lake, Wisconsin. It deserves the colorful name, BAPTISTLAND, for every step of the 1100 picturesque acres takes you to a name or place enshrined in Baptist history and leads you with uplifted feelings into a closer walk with God! Here at the Green Lake Assembly our Baptist Men and their families will hold their finest and largest summer conference from July 28 to August 4, 1956.

### BAPTIST GIANTS

This is what you will see at BAPTISTLAND at this scenic assembly in wooded Wisconsin. On a hill overlooking the Roger Williams Inn and rising majestically above the evergreen trees is Judson Tower, almost 200 feet above the lake, named after Adoniram Judson, the great herald of the Cross to Burma. The illuminated cross at the top of the tower is a glowing symbol of the Baptist missionary witness throughout the world. It's a beautiful view of which one never grows tired at Green Lake!

You will want to walk around the Indian village to see the real totem pole, Sala Kushid, brought from the Yukon Territory by the late James L. Kraft; the Prayer Room in the transformed silo; the life-size mural showing Bruce Kinney, Baptist missionary preaching to the Indians; and the colorful paintings on the exterior walls of the Prayer Room silo showing Indian Christians at prayer. Baptists have been aggressively witnessing to Indian Americans for many decades.

As you enter the Roger Williams Inn and walk across its thick, softly

cushioned carpet, you will remember (by contrast) the story of the first Baptist in America, Roger Williams, as he went out into the deep snow and thick wilderness to found the city of Providence as a refuge of religious freedom for all. In other buildings you will be reminded of the thrilling Baptist witness and story of John Clarke, Baptist preacher of colonial days; Brayton Case, agricultural missionary; Henry L. Morehouse, Baptist secretary; William Carey, missionary; Walter Rauschenbusch, teacher and writer; and many others.

### CATHEDRAL IN THE GLEN

You will find a stroll to the "Cathedral in the Glen" now becoming a glorious pilgrimage as you read the poems along the wooded path and stand in the open air chapel with its stately trees as pillars and the blue skies as ceiling showing a replica of Hopevale Chapel, the place in the Philippines where eleven Baptist missionaries and a boy were martyred by the enemy on Dec. 20, 1943. Before leaving the Assembly you will also want to spend some time in the Grace Chapel Car, an actual railroad car which was built especially for evangelistic services and church extension ministries in the frontiers of the west

and which is now preserved on the assembly grounds.

In this thrilling BAPTISTLAND with its unfolding adventures of scenic delight and Baptist history, our fourth Laymen's Conference will be held from July 28 to August 4, 1956. Best of all, our laymen and their families will have access to the finest available accommodations at the center of the grounds and will use the spacious halls and meeting places to be found there. (Make your selection of accommodations from the announcement of rates on page 9 and from the Baptist Men's conference leaflet in keeping with your pocketbook and personal needs.)

### DR. PAULLIN, BIBLE TEACHER

The Baptist Men's Program Committee is "pulling out all stops" in its energetic effort to make this a program you will long remember. Dr. Norman Paullin of Philadelphia, Pa., former pastor of the Baptist Temple and at present professor at the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa., will be the daily Bible Hour teacher and will bring the Sunday morning sermon. Those who heard Dr. Paullin at the 1952 General Conference sessions in Philadelphia will underscore the press agent's headline that he is one of the most dynamic and gifted Baptist preachers of today.

Each evening's program will feature a presentation of a timely and thought-provoking subject which will be considered in various discussion groups under capable leadership the next day. The topics and evening speakers are as follows: "Can Missions Be Continued in a Revolutionary

World?" an outstanding missionary to be announced; "Putting Life Into Our Local Churches," Rev. Edwin Miller, Cleveland, Ohio; "Bringing Christ Back Into the Home," Rev. H. J. Wilcke, Stafford, Kans.; "The Art of Reaching People for Christ," Rev. John C. Lavender, Chicago, Ill.; and "On Guard for Our Christian Liberties," Dr. Frank H. Woyke, North American Baptist Executive Secretary.

In addition, there will be a Fellowship Hour to get acquainted with one another, thrilling musical numbers by the Assembly soloists and instrumentalists and by the Male Chorus of the Foster Avenue Church of Chicago, and a closing message by Rev. Donald S. Ganstrom of St. Paul, Minn., former missionary to the Cameroons, Africa. It will be a streamlined program with great spiritual highlights but leaving enough time each day for lots of recreation and strolling around over the grounds.

The Laymen's Conference opens on Saturday evening, July 28, with the first meal to be served at 5:30 P.M. You should plan to arrive and check in some time that afternoon. If you come to Green Lake by bus or train, you will find further instructions how to get to this Assembly in the promotional leaflet. All delegates and visitors at the Laymen's Conference must check out before 10:00 A.M. on Saturday morning, August 4, after the Saturday morning breakfast.

### REGISTER SOON!

The registration fee for the North American Baptist Laymen's Conference is \$2.00 per person. (For all who are 12 years of age and over.) Registration forms can be secured from

your pastor or from our headquarters office, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois. Advance registrations are imperative to assure desired accommodations.

As soon as your registration form is filled out, send it with the \$2.00 registration fee to Miss Frances Lamb, American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin. (Do not send it to the Forest Park office.)

In addition to these memorable features, we hope to have a delicious

corn roast around an open fire after one of the evening services and several moonlight cruises on the launch boats on Green Lake. It is hoped to have more than 300 Baptist Men and their families present to enjoy this Conference Week with its opportunities for wonderful fellowship, spiritual uplift and a grand vacation. Ask your pastor for one of the Conference leaflets or write to Baptist Men, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Ill., for further information.

### AMERICAN BAPTIST ASSEMBLY RATES FOR 1956

(Includes Lodging and Meals)

#### ROOMS WITH CENTRAL BATH (Daily Rates)

Cottages: Moore and Parsons .....	\$5.25 per person, 2 per room
Tepee and Indian Village Dormitory .....	\$5.25 per person, men only
John Clarke Lodge .....	\$5.50 per person, 3 or 4 per room
	\$6.00 per person, 2 per room
	\$7.25 per person, 1 per room
Brayton Case, Morehouse and Indian Village .....	\$6.00 per person, 2 per room
	\$7.25 single occupancy

#### ROOMS WITH SEMI-PRIVATE BATH (Daily Rates)

Houses: Burton, Dawson, Kinbrook, Log, Saunders, Sunshine, etc. ....	\$ 6.00 per person, 2 per room
Houses: Delmar and Montgomery and three close to Inn-Lakeside, Lawson, Robbins .....	\$ 8.00 per person, 3 or 4 per room
	\$ 8.50 per person, 2 per room
	\$10.50 single occupancy

#### ROOMS WITH PRIVATE BATH (Daily Rates)

Covenant House (Motel Type) .....	\$ 6.25 per person, 2 per room
	\$ 7.75 single occupancy
Roger Williams Inn .....	\$ 8.50 per person, 3 or 4 per room
	\$ 9.00 per person, 2 per room
	\$11.50 single occupancy



"The Cathedral in the Glen," at the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wis., is a replica of Hopevale Chapel in the Philippine Islands where eleven Baptist missionaries were martyred in 1943.

# Better Sunday Schools and CBY Groups

By MISS RUTH BATHAUER, Children's Worker

IT HAS BEEN most interesting to be a member of the Workers' Conference Team and to visit some of our churches in the interest of better Sunday Schools. It is a challenge to see the fine work which the consecrated leaders are doing. The response on the part of most of the churches has been most gratifying.

At the Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas, Ore., we had an unusually large attendance. We discovered that the church has 51 teachers and officers who are actively engaged in the Sunday School work. Out of this staff of workers, 45 attended the Workers' Conference. Some of the workers were ill and could not come, but we were thrilled with the high percentage of attendance. Besides the Sunday School staff, there were many other church members who are vitally interested in Sunday School and youth work, who attended the fellowship supper and the classes.

## DEPARTMENTALIZED SUNDAY SCHOOL

One of the discussion periods at the Workers' Conference centered around departmentalizing the Sunday School. We discovered that the Salt Creek Church is making definite plans to departmentalize its school to a greater extent after evaluating this need in the Workers' Conference sessions. Naturally there were questions, and as we shared our suggestions and ideas we felt that perhaps as a team we were able to be of some help.

In many of our churches we perhaps fail to do the very best work because of limited facilities. It is important therefore that the facilities we have be evaluated continually to see if we are using them to the fullest extent. Through ideas and suggestions given by the team members, the local church people received an inspiration to make adjustments in the use of their facilities.

One church had a wonderful possibility to provide a place for its nursery department. After discussing the problems to see what might be done, it was decided to take steps to provide the nursery children with their own worship service as well as their own class sessions.

## FINE NEW BUILDINGS

A very efficiently organized Sunday School is found in the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon. There is a separate department for every

age group. The equipment and the furniture are well graded. We found that all teachers are carefully appointed and provisions are made to help teachers grow in ability through the leadership training program. The Trinity Church through its relocation

## EDITORIAL NOTE

Observations of recent Christian Workers' Conferences held in Manitoba, Canada, and in British Columbia, Washington, and Oregon in the Pacific Northwest by leaders of the denominational CBY Fellowship and Sunday School Union.

# Concerns of Sunday School Workers

By REV. G. K. ZIMMERMAN,  
Sunday School Union Secretary

CHRISTIAN WORKERS' Conferences recently held in our churches of Manitoba, Canada, and the Pacific Northwest revealed the concern of our leaders in church and Sunday Schools that we must provide a more effective teaching ministry in our Christian education program. Visiting individual churches or groups of churches, where distance were not too great, provided the opportunity for more of the local workers of the Sunday School and youth to attend the meetings.

It also gave us as guest leaders the opportunity to become acquainted with the facilities available in the local church for the Christian education program. By seeing first hand the rooms and furnishings in the Sunday School, we found it possible to make our suggestions more practical as to improvements which could be made. So many times we could share valuable suggestions which we had learned from other Sunday Schools we had visited.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

We were encouraged by the progress which is evident in some of our churches in making the very best use of their church building for Sunday School. On a Monday evening we met at the Minnetrista Baptist Church, St. Bonifacius, Minn., for a conference with their workers in Sunday School

program and consecrated effort by church members and leaders has more than doubled its Sunday School attendance since the building of its new church and educational units.

The blessed experiences which led this school through repeated victories were retold to us by the pastor, Rev. John Wobig, and the Sunday School superintendent, Mr. James Billeter, who is also the vice-president of our denominational Sunday School Union.

We wish it were possible to share in detail the enthusiasm which prevails in some of the other churches which have undertaken building programs with excellent plans for Sunday School rooms. Churches now in such building programs are: Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, B. C.; Glencullen, Bethany, and Villa Ridge Churches of Portland, Oregon.

It is our hope and prayer that the Workers' Conferences in some manner have helped to encourage the teachers and officers continually to improve the work of the Sunday School.

and youth organization. A good representation from the Northside Baptist Church of Hutchinson was also present. It was a most rewarding experience when we were shown the Minnetrista Church Sunday School departments and classrooms which were in order as the children would find them on a Sunday morning. We found tables and chairs in the beginners and primary departments which were suitable for children of that age. Blackboards, book shelves and all the supplies needed during a Sunday morning class session were found in each department.

This is one of our smaller schools having an enrollment of 89, but they are utilizing their facilities to the fullest extent. The progress of this school was soon discovered when we listened to the answers to our many questions. We learned that their knowledge of public school facilities had its share of influence in adapting their church facilities to be attractive and useful for the teaching of God's Word. The pastor, Rev. D. S. Wipf, who was a former public school teacher and superintendent, has had an important part in the advancement made in this Sunday School by working together with the leaders of his church, some of whom are also teachers in public school.

The furnishings and equipment



Young people and Sunday School workers from Manitoba and Saskatchewan churches (left) at the Christian Workers' Conference held at Swan River, Man.; and (right) Conference leaders: Rev. G. K. Zimmerman (left to right), Miss Ruth Bathauer, and Rev. Lawrence Bienert.

recently installed by a number of the Sunday Schools visited on this tour emphasizes the importance of becoming acquainted with the furnishings which are being placed into new public schools. If you are contemplating improvements in your Sunday School insofar as furnishings and room equipment are concerned, then pay a visit to your local grade schools and if possible call on a school supply house which will gladly furnish helpful advice regarding equipment for each age group in your Sunday School.

## REACHING THE COMMUNITY

The Workers' Conference sessions in the individual churches always included a question and answer period in order to discuss the specific needs of the Sunday School and community. Out of these discussions definite plans were formulated by the local Sunday School teachers and leaders which they were going to propose to their school.

Changing communities have made it necessary for some of our churches to relocate to new communities. The Immanuel Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., has taken steps toward relocation by opening a branch Sunday School in the community where they plan to build their new church. On the tract of land for their new church is a comparatively new home which is being used for the branch Sunday School. The pastor, Rev. Henry Barnett, enthusiastically shared with me the encouraging response which has been experienced through the outreach in the new community. This type of approach toward relocating is certainly commendable since it already brings new families from the new community into the Sunday School and church.

The Sunday School workers of the churches visited repeatedly expressed the need for more concentrated effort to reach many more who are not now attending a class where God's Word is being taught. Another need in our schools is that of trained leaders to make our teaching ministry of the church more effective. With the awareness of our opportunities and needs let us continue to strive faithfully and conscientiously toward better Sunday Schools.

# Youth's Part in Workers' Conferences

By REV. LAWRENCE BIENERT, CBYF Secretary

MANY of our young people find themselves in the position of wanting to be in two places at once at our Christian Workers' Conferences. They are active members and leaders in their CBY Fellowship and are also busily engaged as Sunday School teachers in their local church. At the Workers' Conferences our classes for the Sunday School workers and CBYF leaders run simultaneously. Therefore they have to choose which one of the two classes they will attend.

To overcome this difficulty, we are placing a special emphasis on the spring and fall Youth Rallies, giving special time and attention to discussion classes, forums, workshops, and clinics. We feel that much can be accomplished under such an arrangement. More of the young people would be free to attend the rallies because they are held over the weekend. All would be able to attend the classes designed especially for the young people and their problems.

## PARTICIPATION OF YOUTH

In spite of this problem, we have had some wonderful and encouraging results among our young people at our various Workers' Conferences. It has been especially heartening to see a fine representation at each one of the conferences. This in itself shows that our young people are interested in their CBY Fellowship and are striving to become more effective workers. We wish that all leaders would take advantage of these opportunities.

We encourage our young people to be active in other phases of church work. Many of our young people are already active as Sunday School teachers and as members of the church choir. It was a great thrill to hear the 36-voice youth choir of the Minnetrista Baptist Church in Manitoba sing at one of our conferences. These young people found a real joy in serving their Lord in this way.

I have been especially interested in finding out how many of our youth groups follow the Commission Plan as outlined in the CBY Guide for Leaders, and how many have found it to be a successful method of organization. The majority is following either the Commission Plan or something very similar. Those who are trying to carry out all the details of this plan have found that they have a smooth running organization geared to carry out the objectives of our CBY Standard. As most groups have already discovered, it takes the combined cooperation and interest of all the young people to carry on an effective program. If your society is not efficiently organized, I would heartily recommend that you give the CBY Guide a fair trial. Others have found this the answer to their needs.

## PROGRAM PLANNING

Another area in which the young people showed special interest was the actual program planning. I discovered that there are still a few societies that make no adequate preparation for their weekly programs. No wonder that they complain of having "weakly" programs! Those who can honestly say that the CBYF programs are meaningful and helpful have found the secret of prayerfully preparing well in advance for every program.

Many of the young people who hesitate in participating actually do so because they do not know how to go about preparing their part on a program. It would be well for each society to spend some time in teaching their members the "how" of program preparation.

Meeting with the local CBY Fellowship gives one an opportunity to deal with the problems and questions as they relate directly to the local situation. For this experience I am grateful.

# Our Home Mission Fields

Brief Stories About Our Mission Supported Churches

SOME OF OUR mission-supported churches are strategically located for an effective Gospel witness. All of them requiring some financial assistance from the denomination return these funds with interest as spiritual feeders to other and stronger churches. Even as God is concerned about every individual, whatever his circumstances of life may be, so God's promises are applicable to every small, struggling mission-supported church.

## SPOTLIGHT ON CHURCHES

The story of these churches is a fascinating missionary account of hardships and victories. It deserves the spotlight of greater attention by our denomination. Since our Sunday Schools have adopted the support of home mission churches as one of its projects sponsored by the Sunday School Union, these brief glimpses into these home mission fields ought to be interesting adventures for every reader. They will continue to appear on this page for most of the year 1956.

Let's start with the story of Paul, Idaho. In this area of southern Idaho, 200 miles from Salt Lake City, our Baptist Church is a firm foothold for the evangelical presentation of the Gospel. Mormons or Latter Day Saints are aggressively reaching out in this community and surrounding vicinity. The Baptist witness with only 76 members is likewise making itself felt. It's a Gospel light in our Baptist church that must be kept burning brightly, for which we as a denomination are responsible.

Southern Idaho has been sagebrush country except for some places with their pleasant oases and limited irrigation. The Snake River slithers through this area on its way to the Columbia River. In recent years the government has begun an immense irrigation project of damming up the Snake River, building canals and providing irrigation water for new farms. This Minidoka Reclamation Project has already changed the name of the sagebrush country to Magic Valley. Already the desert is beginning to blossom like a rose. The town of Paul it literally at the center of this "new garden."

Homesteads are provided for ex-GI's with 60 to 120 acres given to about 80 to 100 men and their families at each drawing of lots. Huge networks of canals have been built, bringing this "magic water" to the farms. The latest ranch style homes are going up with large prosperous barns nearby. It is not too much to expect that 10,000 new farmers and their families will soon be making this Magic Valley their home.

## A PROMISING FUTURE

The First Baptist Church of Paul was formerly a mission station of American Falls, Idaho. It was organized in 1945 as an independent work. In the meantime, the mother church has disbanded but the daughter continues to prosper. The pastor, Rev. John Broeder, who has served the church since Jan. 1, 1953, believes with his church leaders that the future has bright prospects for them. "It

## ENGAGEMENTS

**Dr. Frank H. Woyke**  
Jan. 15 (Sunday)—Mission Festival, Buffalo Center, Iowa.

**Dr. M. L. Leuschner**  
Jan. 16-22—Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, North Dakota.

**Rev. J. C. Gunst**  
Jan. 13 (Friday)—Sunday School Conference, Cleveland, Ohio.

Jan. 14-24—Sunday School Conferences. Atlantic Conference area.

Jan. 16—Session of the Ministers' Fellowship, New York City and Vicinity.

Jan. 24-27—Southern Conference Pastors' Fellowship, Dallas, Texas.

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**Rev. Lawrence Bienert and Miss Ruth Bathauer**

Jan. 20-28—Dakota Conference Christian Workers' Conferences.  
Jan. 20-21—South Dakota Area at Avon.

Jan. 23-24—Badlands Area at McLaughlin, South Dakota.

Jan. 25-26—Central Dakota Area at Gackle, North Dakota.

Jan. 27-28—Northern Dakota Area at McClusky, North Dakota.

**Miss Ruth Bathauer**  
Jan. 11-17—Leadership Training Course, Calvary Church, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

## COMING EVENTS

Jan. 29-Feb. 5—"Youth Week" sponsored by the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship. Theme: "Strive to Win."

February 5 (Sunday)—Baptist World Alliance Sunday. Communion offering for the work of the Baptist World Alliance.

will take personal witnessing and lots of friendly visitation work," he said, "but with the new people coming into this valley our church ought to grow and the Gospel ought to be magnified among them."

Mr. Fred Renz is superintendent of the Sunday School of more than 80 children and adults. The Baptist pastor through the Minidoka Ministerial Association speaks over radio station KAYT in nearby Rupert from time to time. Our missionary money now being invested in this home field to aid this small church of Paul, Idaho, is bound to return to us in spiritual blessings and a strengthened church in Magic Valley.

## RELIGION IN REVIEW

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social crisis, and re-elected Dr. H. H. Savage of Pontiac, Michigan, as president. The American Council of Churches faced inner tensions, with a revolt against its titular leader, Dr. Carl MacIntyre, spearheaded by Bible Presbyterians.

Secondary doctrinal disputes distressed some groups. Conservative Baptist forces saw a faculty exodus at Western Baptist Theological Seminary in Portland, Ore., where belief in the pre-tribulation rapture of the saints was made obligatory. Dispensationalism was being asserted with new vigor in several fundamentalist camps to liberalism.

Comprehensive denominational programs were set in motion. Southern Baptists, now in 30 states, announced a radio-TV expansion effort to reach the unchurched, including color programs and a \$200,000 station in Fort Worth. The American Baptist Convention, its past decade marked by losses both on the conservative right and liberal left, reported a building boom among its 6000 affiliated churches representing 1,600,000 members. More than 1,000 Methodist churches participated in a year-long prayer marathon—once around the clock in each church—for world peace, and 300 secretaries of evangelism mapped the denomination's plans for a nation-wide January to Easter attendance campaign.

Criticism mounted over Dr. Norman Vincent Peale's conception of "positive prayer" and over Dr. Frank Buchman's Moral Re-Armament, successor to the Oxford Group. Religious cults were beginning to show a remarkable strength. Jehovah's Witnesses frequently made headlines with huge assemblies. And rumors prevailed of an attempted rapprochement between Seventh Day Adventists and evangelical forces.

## NEW BOOKS

Controversy over the harmony of science and the Bible flared anew with the appearance of attempts to halt the dissolving effects of scientific philosophy upon the biblical view. The Evangelical Book Club, which in its very first year garnered 10,000 members and rivaled the long-established clubs in outreach, circulated Baylor University professor Bernard Ramm's *The Christian View of Science*, a title whose propriety some questioned.

The American Scientific Affiliation launched plans for a cooperative volume in defense of theism, to be released in 1959 on the anniversary of Darwin's *Origin of Species*. Baker Book House issued the *Twentieth Century Encyclopedia*, two-volume supplement to the Schaff-Herzog set, carrying forward the diversity of Protestant theology in this century.



## God With Us!

By GRACE NOLL CROWELL

So often through God's Holy Book there shines  
Some clear-cut word, some strong and simple phrase  
That gleams like diamonds gathered from deep mines,  
Set polished there to light our earthly days;  
"And God was with the lad." The words, how brief,  
And yet what vital meaning in their sound,  
As spoken of that ancient child of grief  
Once left to die upon the hot, parched ground.

"And God was with the lad." One need not look  
For further information; all is told.  
No gifted hand on earth could pen a book  
Of strange biography that would unfold  
With clearer words, nor could it tell as well  
The God-companied life of Ishmael."—War Cry.

## Rev. H. Palfenier, Evangelist

### ENGAGEMENTS:

The Lord willing, we shall be in Mowata, La., January 7-20. May it be a time of blessing and victory!

### WE THANK GOD:

For victory in the lives of God's children. The Lord is not only able to save, but he gives victory to those who with all their heart desire it and are willing to lay their all on the altar of consecration. A young man came into the parsonage after the service

and said: "I'm saved but I'm not satisfied with my spiritual condition. This evening I want to dedicate myself and all I have to him, even my car!" We knelt before the Lord and the young man yielded his all to the Lord and thus entered into a life of victory.

### PRAYER REQUEST:

Let God's children pray for victory in their lives and then pray for the lost and for a true revival. It is the power of prayer that opens the windows of heaven.

Lutherans readied the translation of the Reformer's complete writings. Eerdmans announced plans for a more popular commentary series, alongside its well-received 17-volume international evangelical commentary.

The tide of religious interest was high; how deep it was, remained uncertain. Giving was on the increase,

church membership and attendance likewise. But so was crime, and spending for the sordid things of life. America was still the land of spiritual opportunity and decision. But it remained for 1956 to justify the conviction that the greatest spiritual awakening in many centuries is actually underway.



—Photo by M. L. Leuschner

The congregation of the Baptist Church, Paul, Idaho, following its Harvest and Mission Festival. Rev. and Mrs. John Broeder are at the right.

# We...the Women

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

## INTRODUCTION

The New Year bells have tolled. We, the Women, are going into this new year with a spirit of thankfulness to God for the new opportunities that he gives us from day to day. Throughout this month we shall continue to greet each other with "Happy New Year." Within us is a knowledge that only through God can this be made possible. Let us unite as never before in the Union work that God has entrusted to us.

We wish to introduce to you our editor of the German Broadcast, "Der Deutsche Rundfunk," and the editor of the Frauen-Ecke of "Der Sendbote" for this triennium, Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler of Leduc, Alberta.

"The Whole Wide World" is well represented in Mrs. Kraenzler's life for she was born in Russia, attended the school in Germany, is a citizen of the United States where she lived most of her life, and now lives in Canada where her husband is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Leduc.

She found Christ as her Savior at the age of 14 and was baptized by Rev. August Kraemer at Fessenden, N. Dak., her first home in the U.A.S. She writes, "It was my praying mother who more than any other person is responsible for my acceptance of Christ as my Savior and dedicating my life to his service."

Soon after her conversion the family moved to Milwaukee, Wis., where she joined the North Avenue Baptist Church (now Temple Church). She is grateful for the many opportunities these churches offered her for the development of her spiritual life. She was married in Milwaukee, Wis., soon after she had completed her nurses training at which time her husband was serving our church in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. Most of their ministry was spent in the Dakota Conference where they served the following churches: Plum Creek, S. Dak.; Goodrich and Berlin, N. Dak.; and also Missoula, Montana.

You ask, "What does she do for pastime?" She is president of the Northern Conference Woman's Missionary Union, teaches two Sunday School classes every Sunday, is busy in many local activities, is a splendid companion in visitation work with her husband, and now with the editorship of our Union German publications she never has a dull moment. Her interesting hobby is collecting stamps.

Read her timely message to us and witness for Christ today!



Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler of Leduc, Alberta

## CHRIST FOR THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD

By Mrs. J. C. KRAENZLER

On this Monday morning as I went about my work in the kitchen, my mind was occupied with the thought, "What will be my message for the 'We, the Women's' page?" Suddenly my attention was caught by these words, "Tell the world that Jesus saves," as they came over the air in strains of beautiful music. A little later I heard a strong male voice say, "Missions is the greatest business in all the world." Then these words drew my attention, "Waiting, waiting, waiting for someone to tell them of Jesus who saves from sin's dark night," as voices were blended in beautiful harmony. Finally the last words of the closing song, "The vain things that charm me most I sacrifice them to thy blood." What a theme for a message! What a challenge to our hearts, and how much in keeping with the theme of our Woman's Missionary Union, "Christ For the Whole Wide World."

We are to tell the world that Jesus saves. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel" (Mark 16:15). This is the verse that "We, the Women" have chosen as our motto for the next triennium. It is our Lord's great commission to his disciples and to every one of us who have been saved by his death upon the Cross. When Jesus left his disciples, nearly 2000 years ago, he gave them but one task, namely, world evangelization. But we have

not given his Gospel to the entire world. We have not carried out his orders. We are told that about 13 hundred million people, over half of the population of the world, have not even heard of Christ.

We find that so many Christians are indifferent about the many millions who are "waiting, waiting, waiting—they have waited for centuries yet there is no one to tell them about Jesus who is able to save from sin's dark night." Possibly the Lord is not sending you to a distant field to work for him. It may be he wants you to give of your means to help make it possible for someone else to go in your place. Do your part to evangelize the world. It may be that he is calling you to pray. Do not fail him. Become an intercessor. Take missions on your heart and pray until the world has been evangelized.

So often we are not willing to give up "the vain things that charm us most to sacrifice them to his blood." So many Christians are so entangled in the affairs of the world that they have no time for Christ in their lives. They neglect the attendance of the house of God. There is a lack of love for Christ, an absence of prayer and Bible reading. Someone has said, "We have filled our homes with gadgets and are so busy tinkering with them that we have no time to open our Bibles." Consequently he cannot use us as witnesses for himself.

"Ye shall be witnesses unto me" (Acts 1:18). If we cannot go to foreign lands, we can witness for him at home, in our own homes, in our community, in our church or wherever it may be, but witness we must! Millions are starving spiritually in our own land. "The laborers are few." Christ is saying to you, "Feed my lambs; feed my sheep." We read in Revelation 12:11, "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto death." It is the testimony concerning what Jesus has done for us that will confound the wise, will spoil Satan's work, and will bring sinners under conviction. Until you and I are willing to do this we cannot succeed in bringing "Christ to the Whole Wide World."

## THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

We are grateful to Mrs. G. Zimmerman of 1104 S. Second Avenue, Maywood, Ill., and Mrs. William M. Wilcke of 5618 Dibble Ave., Cleveland 3, Ohio, who have edited our World Day of Prayer material in English and German respectively.

The Theme: "One Flock, One Shepherd" (John 10:16).

Date: February 17, 1956.

Presidents of each local society, if you have not received these programs, write to Woman's Missionary Union, Forest Park, Illinois.

# Memorial Tributes to Dr. O. E. Krueger

Dr. O. E. Krueger's abiding memorials are in the hearts of our people who loved him and esteemed him highly. He died in Rochester, N. Y., on November 16, 1955

## O. E. KRUEGER, A TRUE SERVANT OF THE LORD

By REV. WILLIBALD S. ARGOW of Erie, Pennsylvania.

"The dear Lord has taken my Otto home," was the message which our friend, Mrs. O. E. Krueger, sent us and we both said: "Thank the Lord; he is at rest."

Thus ended a friendship which began in September 1896 when we first greeted each other in Rochester, New York. Our correspondence began after he had returned from Australia. And what a fruitful one it was! We shared our joys over the success of leading souls to Christ and building up the saints. We also wept together when we laid both of our parents to rest.

Many honors came to him, but he never forgot his humble beginnings. God gave him rare gifts. He had what the late Peter Marshall called, "a sanctified imagination." The characters he described became alive when he depicted them. He wrote with clarity for the average man. He was the most original man we had, refreshing and full of new insights.

He was an expository preacher, a faithful pastor with the shepherd's heart, a born teacher from the time he taught a country school until his retirement as professor at our Seminary in Rochester, New York. His long record in serving the denomination as moderator of the General Conference, as chairman of the General Missionary Committee, and as speaker at many denominational gatherings is part of our history. He was lovable, thoughtful, kind. You can like some folks; others you love, and to know Otto was to love him!

## THE DEATH OF A PRINCE IN ISRAEL

By REV. CHARLES F. ZUMMACH of Peoria, Illinois.

"Know ye not that a prince and a great man has fallen this day in Israel?" (2 Samuel 3:38).

The death of Dr. O. E. Krueger was a distinct loss to the whole denomination and especially to me personally. For almost fifty years he was my friend and confidant, for we corresponded regularly and exchanged views and confidences. I shall miss his letters. His last letter to me was a postcard, acknowledging my greeting to him on his 80th birthday and promising a letter which he never got to write.

I admired and loved him because he combined greatness with modesty

to a degree rarely found among God's servants. He was truly a GREAT MAN and future historians will so judge him. He was deeply religious and devoted to the cause of the Master, into whose teaching he had a rare insight. He sacrificed his life to the devotion to his cause. He spoke the language of the common man, which accounted for his popularity.

Though the world seems empty without him, yet he lives, for his works follow him. "Fading away like the stars of the morning, losing their light in the glorious sun, thus would we pass from the earth and its toiling, only remembered by what we have done."

## FAREWELL TO OUR SEMINARY CLASSMATE OF 1900

By REV. J. F. NIEBUHR of Ocean Grove, New Jersey.

We are shocked to read of the home-going of Dr. Otto E. Krueger of Rochester, New York. He was a graduate of the class of 1900 in our Seminary in Rochester. There are only two of us left of the class: Rev. Richard Blandau of Tacoma, Wash., and Rev. John F. Niebuhr of Ocean Grove, New Jersey.

Brother Krueger was the outstanding scholar of our class. He excelled in all subjects and was the efficient spokesman. We all loved and honored him as a Christian gentleman.

In our Rescue Mission work in the Stone Street Mission in Rochester, while we were students, he was on my list and willing at all times to give an encouraging Gospel message to those who were "down and out," urging them to accept Christ as Savior.

For a number of years he was a missionary in Queensland, Australia, in German Baptist churches. He was a diplomat and knew how to handle difficult situations with his quiet humor.

Surely Jesus said to Brother Krueger, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

## MEMORIAL SERVICE AT THE SEMINARY CHAPEL

By Professor ROY SEIBEL of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

An impressive memorial service was held at the Seminary on Tuesday, November 22, 1955, in memory of Dr. Otto E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y. The Seminary faculty, student body, and other friends assembled in the

chapel to pay tribute to the memory of Dr. Krueger who returned to the school where he received his ministerial training to minister faithfully for twelve years as professor and librarian before his retirement in 1947.

Dr. George Lang, the president of the Seminary, led the assembly in singing the hymn, "Jerusalem the Golden."

A selection of Scripture passages that breathed of quiet faith in God amid the cataclysmic tumult of life's experiences was read by Professor Hugo Lueck. Professor Roy Seibel led the group in a prayer of reconsecration to the task that was so nobly carried on by Dr. Krueger.

Dr. Lang paid a deep and sincere tribute to the labors of love performed by Dr. Krueger, both for the cause of the seminary and the denomination so close to his heart.

Following an appropriate hymn sung by the seminary quartet, Professors Miss Martha Leyboldt, George Dunger, and Herbert Hiller paid stirring tribute to the impact upon their lives by the quiet Christian grace and deep spiritual insight of God's departed servant.

As Dr. Ralph Powell led the group in closing prayer, each was made conscious that life is richer and more meaningful because God occasionally sends great men to walk in our midst.

## O. E. KRUEGER, A FRIEND OF FELLOW-PASTORS

By REV. THEO W. DONS of Sterling, Kansas.

When word reached me that Dr. O. E. Krueger had gone to be with the Lord, I was filled with mingled feelings. Not long ago I received a letter from him in which he seemed to be his usual self, although it must have been known to him that malignancy was in his body. There was no complaint nor reference to his illness but just praise and true spiritual contentment. I had the feeling of sadness because another one of God's true servants had left our circle, yet happy because he is in the "Father's House."

I knew Brother Krueger for many years. Years ago we were in the same Iowa Association together. Later we served churches in Cleveland, Ohio, simultaneously. Our relationship was always one of mutual understanding. He was a neighbor and friend in whom one could find sympathetic understanding, and he would never betray confidence. I shall never forget a message on, "I sat where they

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# Sunday School Lessons

## A TEACHING GUIDE

January 22, 1956

### REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCIPLESHIP

**SCRIPTURE:** Luke 14:7-11, 16-24.  
**THE CENTRAL TRUTH:** To see the proper sense of values, the importance of humility, and the need for discipline.

**INTRODUCING THE LESSON:** The most difficult persons to teach are those who are filled with a sense of their own importance. In every walk of life we come in contact with people who "know it all." Others cannot join in the conversation because they monopolize it. Argument is out of the question because all the points are already settled. A free exchange of ideas is impossible because their ideas are forced upon you. They do not easily submit to authority because they are only interested in being in command.

This sense of self-importance is not confined to the secular world. This lack of humility is also evident in the church of Jesus Christ. Again and again we read of the disciples discussing and arguing as to who would be the greatest. John, in the third Epistle, writes about Diotrophes "who loveth to have the pre-eminence." Many of the difficulties and problems in our present day church could be dissolved by the spirit of humility as taught by Jesus Christ.

### JESUS' REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCIPLESHIP.

1. **HUMILITY.** In government and diplomatic functions we have what is known as Protocol—the seating of guests according to rank and importance. Woe unto that host who seats a person of higher rank into a lower place! Every guest wants to have the highest possible seat in the kingdom. But in the Kingdom of God, Jesus demands that his subjects become as little children. There are many people in the social and business world who would like to begin at the top and start going up. The right place to start, Jesus said, is at the bottom. We have many men in high seats in the government who love to be called Mayor, Governor, or Senator, but whose districts are ruled by vice and corruption. They long for the honor but neglect the service which their positions require. The disciples of Jesus must be humble servants. Honor is left in God's hands!

2. **OBEDIENCE:** Ernest Henley said, "I am the master of my fate;

I am the captain of my soul." He was a poor master and very incapable captain, for he led himself to suicide. On the other hand, if you obey Christ as your Captain and let him be your Master, he will lead to life—abundant life.

What would happen to our country if every young man called into the service of the armed forces gave the same excuses as found in Luke 14:18-20? When a man is called into the service of his country he must be obedient! Throughout his entire training, his primary requirement is obedience. One of the most shameful stigmas on the character of a soldier is to receive a dishonorable discharge—the result of disobedience. It is required of the soldier of Jesus Christ that he be obedient unto death.

3. **DISCIPLINE:** The followers of Jesus were called disciples because they were willing to subject themselves to his discipline. He does not want a blind obedience like that expressed by Tennyson—"Theirs not to reason why, theirs not to question why, theirs but to do and die." The mind, the emotions, as well as the body must be trained. Jesus wants his disciples to know more about God in order to understand him better. For then they will be able to serve him intelligently as well as faithfully.

## A TEACHING GUIDE

January 29, 1955

### GOD'S CONCERN FOR SINNERS

**SCRIPTURE:** Luke 15:1-10.

**THE CENTRAL TRUTH:** To help us see the value of human life; to remind ourselves again of the mission of Jesus to seek and to save the lost; to develop a greater concern for the salvation of sinners.

**INTRODUCING THE LESSON:** Some of the saddest words in the Bible are found in Ps. 142:4b, "No man cared for my soul." Compare this hopeless thought with the hopeful message of Jesus, "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." According to the scribes and Pharisees, the publicans and sinners were outside the area of redemption. "No man cared for their souls" until

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Jesus came. When you have a real concern for souls you will not only seek out the sinner and the helpless; they will also seek you out. A magnet has drawing power and it cannot help but affect the object that is drawn. The one condition is that we get close enough to the sinner in order that the drawing power of Jesus Christ may be felt. It is said that Jesus "ate with publicans and sinners." He was not afraid to get close to them. In today's lesson we read, "Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners."

### THE THREE PARABLES OF REDEMPTION.

1. **The Lost Sheep (Luke 15:4-7).** Jesus compares the concern for a lost sheep to that of a lost sinner. Would a minister be justified in leaving a whole church to seek out a single lost soul? Would a Sunday School teacher neglect a class to win a wayward pupil?

The modern farmer is certainly concerned about his stock. He must know what to feed the cattle, the hogs, the chickens. He prepares the necessary shelter for their protection. He appeals to medical science when they become sick. How much more should we be concerned about the souls and bodies of men!

2. **The Lost Coin (Luke 15:8-10).** Now Jesus goes a step higher in our human interests and shows how concerned we are about losing our money. We try to keep it secure in banks, in safety boxes, or in secret hiding places in our homes. We invest it in stocks and bonds, in real estate and in business so that it may not be idle. Again Jesus tries to point out the far more important concern we should have about the lost soul.

3. **The Lost Son (Luke 15:11-32).** And now Jesus comes to the highest and noblest concern of all—the concern for the lost soul. No animal and no earthly possession is degraded so much as a human being degrades his priceless life! No happiness should be greater than the happiness experienced in the redemption of the lost.

**TEMPERANCE THOUGHT.** We are very particular in what we put into our gas tanks in order to guarantee the smooth running of our engines. How much more particular should we be in what we drink in order to have our lives run smoothly!

Every year a few persons are killed because they were bitten by a mad dog. Yet we do not hesitate to shoot him. Why do we license the liquor which kills thousands every year?

# What's Happening

● Rev. Daniel Klein, pastor of the Baptist Church of McClusky, N. Dak., has recently presented his resignation, effective at the close of the year 1955. He has served as minister of the McClusky Baptist Church since 1952. His plans for the future as to his residence and ministry are still somewhat indefinite.

● Rev. and Mrs. Donald Patet of Randolph, Minn., have announced the birth of a son on Nov. 8th to whom the name, Jeffrey Paul, has been given. — Announcement has also been made by Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Blackburn of Pound, Wis., that a son was named Timothy Paul. This is their fifth child.

● The First Baptist Church of Mercer, N. Dak., recently held two weeks of evangelistic services with Rev. John Kastelein of Harvey, N. Dak., as the guest speaker. A week of cottage prayer meetings was conducted by the church prior to the revival. Nine persons accepted Christ as personal Savior during the meetings, as reported by Mr. Sam Rust, Jr., church clerk. Rev. Ben Lauth is pastor of the Mercer church.

● The Senior CBY of the First Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa, presented the five-act play, "Haven of Rest," during the first hour of the Watchnight Service on Dec. 31st. "Seminary Sunday" was observed by the church on December 11 with messages and pictures by Professor Ray Seibel of the North American Baptist Seminary faculty. Mrs. Paul Zurbruggen of the Program presented a "Chalk Drawing 18." Rev. H. John Vanderbeck is the pastor.

● The Baptist Church of Baileyville, Ill., held its Missionary Rally on Oct. 30 with messages by Rev. and Mrs. Asaph Tobert and Miss Burness Kampen of the Sudan Interior Mission in Nigeria, Africa. Mr. and Mrs. Tobert are residing in Steamboat Rock, Iowa, during their furlough. On Nov. 9 Rev. Edwin Michelson, missionary of the Cameroons, Africa, brought a very challenging message and showed missionary pictures. The thanksgiving offering of \$100 was designated for our Church Extension ministry. Rev. John J. Kroeker is pastor.

● The Trinity Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., has extended a call to Rev. Henry Pfeifer of Edmonton, Alta., Canada, pastor of the Central Baptist

Church, since 1950. He has given a favorable response to the call and hopes to begin his pastorate in Sioux Falls at what has been called "our seminary church" about February 15th, succeeding Rev. Richard Grenz, now of Underwood, North Dakota. The Trinity Church with its fine new building has a challenging opportunity for witnessing to the Gospel in the housing subdivision nearby.

● The Baptist Church of Medina, N. Dak., held its Mission Festival on Sept. 18 with Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., as guest speaker and with a mission offering of \$321. The Harvest Festival at Streeter, N. Dak., was held on Oct. 9 with Dr. George A. Lang of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as speaker and with an offering of \$774. At the special meetings in Medina from Nov. 7 to 18 the evangelist was Rev. John E. Grygo of Bismarck, North Dakota. Similar services were held in Streeter from Nov. 21 to Dec. 2 with Dr. C. H. Seecamp of Hebron, N. Dak., serving as evangelist. Rev. Paul Galambos is pastor of the Medina and Streeter Baptist Churches.

● The Baptist Church of Neustadt, Ont., Canada, dedicated its new two D-model Consonata electric organ on Sunday, Nov. 27. On Nov. 29 a reception was held for Rev. and Mrs. George A. McLean who had been recently married. A bouquet of chrysanthemums was presented to Mrs. McLean by Dorrel Helwig, with Ronald Helwig on behalf of the CBYF presenting the couple with a wall motto. A purse of money was given to the pastor and his wife by John Schurr on behalf of the congregation. On Monday, Dec. 5, the Billy Graham film, "Oil Town, Texas, U.S.A.," was shown at the Neustadt Community Hall sponsored by the Baptist group.

● On Friday, Dec. 2nd, the First Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., and friends welcomed their new pastor and family, Rev. and Mrs. Leland Friesen, and four sons. Carl Olthoff had charge of the meeting. A welcome to the Friesens was expressed by Don Fluth, Sunday School superintendent; by John Heitzman, chairman of the Board of Deacons; by Carl Lindsay of the Presbyterian Church and Rev. Willis Potratz of the Plum Creek Baptist Church. There were also appropriate musical numbers. Mr. and Mrs. Friesen responded and expressed their thanks to the church.

● The Beaver Baptist Church of Michigan has voted to relocate to the nearby city of Auburn. The site has been purchased and a sign, announcing the proposed church building, has been placed on the property. The architect, Mr. Glen Beach of Saginaw, Mich., has prepared building plans which still have to be accepted, according to Mrs. Florence Braun, reporter. On Tuesday evening, Oct. 18, Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson, Cameroons missionaries home on furlough, spoke and showed pictures, which included views of Miss Esther Schultz, Cameroons missionary from the Beaver Church. On the following Sunday, Rev. H. P. Kayser of Detroit, Mich., former pastor of the church, brought a challenging message. Rev. Henry Hirsch is pastor of the church.

● The Men's Brotherhood of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., held a special dinner and program on Tuesday evening, Dec. 6, to which the women of their families and of the church had also been invited. Mr. Virgil Isbell, president of the Brotherhood, was in charge of the program after the ham dinner, prepared by the Justus Circle, had been served to more than 100 persons. Mr. Menno Thiesen led the spirited song service. The Mozart Choir of the Anaheim Union High School sang several classical and Christmas selections. Mrs. Adeline Smith gave a Christmas reading. The address on "Tomorrow" was brought by Dr. James H. Jauncey, professor of theology and philosophy at the Los Angeles Baptist Seminary, Covina, California. Rev. Berthold Jacksteit is pastor of the church.

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money added to the offering which amounted to approximately \$45.00.

As I walked home, I couldn't help but think of the many blessings I have experienced in the past four years. First of all, I feel it has been a real privilege to be out here as a laborer in God's vineyard. I have seen many "added to the church." I have seen several thousand people come out of Banso Hospital, physically healed, each having heard the Gospel and many having believed.

In the past two years five new churches have been established in the Banso area and other contacts are being made. These churches have formed their own Field Council and are almost completely self-supporting and self-governing. The building of the new hospital has broadened our outreach considerably and has made our work easier and more pleasant. These and many more blessings could not have been ours without Christians at home praying for the natives and for our physical and spiritual strength.

# Our Denomination in ACTION

## Atlantic Conference

### Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pa., Exceeds Its Building Fund Goal for 1955

A film entitled "Giving Thanks Always" was seen at the annual Thanksgiving Service of the Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pa., followed by individual words of praise and testimony concerning God's goodness to us. We truly were blessed spiritually and materially in this evening of worship.

Each year a goal is set and designated for our building fund. In 1955 we endeavored to liquidate our mortgage. Therefore, our goal was set at \$3,000. This was double the amount of last year. Because of the small congregation (150 members), many were doubtful that this could be reached. During the social hour Rev. Robert W. Cook, our pastor, announced that we had gone over our goal. Joy flooded each heart as we remembered the words of our Lord, "O, ye, of little faith!"

It is our prayer that when we endeavor to increase our facilities to accommodate the many individuals God has added to us, we shall remember this experience. As his children, we shall commit our future building problems to our God.

Doris Dorozowski, Reporter.

## Dakota Conference

### Spiritual Advance Crusade at the Plum Creek Baptist Church, Emery, South Dakota

We of the Plum Creek Baptist Church, near Emery, S. Dak., are grateful to God for rich blessings received during our Spiritual Advance Crusade. The meetings were held November 8-18 with Rev. W. Gerthe, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Buffalo Center, Iowa, as evangelist.

Deeply spiritual messages were brought each evening. Mr. Gerthe uniquely employed the use of flannel-graph lessons, film strips, slides, blackboard chart and other objects to help us remember God's Word.

A Youth Rally was held on Saturday evening, November 12. The rally was sponsored by the Senior CBYF. Young people from surrounding churches were invited. At the close of this rally, six young people came forward publicly to testify that they were laying all on the altar for Jesus Christ. Rev. Willis Potratz is pastor.

Mrs. Lester Jucht, Reporter.

### Mission Sunday and Revival Meetings at First Baptist Church, Hebron, North Dakota

The First Baptist Church of Hebron, N. Dak., had Rev. Alfred Bibelheimer of Ashley, N. Dak., as guest speaker for its annual Mission Sunday with a good attendance and an offering of \$4,135. The Woman's Missionary Society and the Missionary Guild both rendered inspiring programs with their annual missionary observance at which time the ladies also brought a goodly offering.

We had two weeks of revival meetings at which time Rev. R. Kern, pastor of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., was our guest speaker. The meetings were well attended and very inspiring. Our mixed choir men's chorus and men's quartet were faithful in serving us in singing and praising God at these meetings.

Dr. C. H. Seecamp, our pastor, has served with evangelistic meetings at the Baptist church in Ashley, N. Dak., for two weeks and the church in Streeter, N. Dak., also for two weeks. We praise God for the many blessings given to us during a very busy autumn season.

Mrs. John Stading, Jr., Reporter.

### Mission Sunday Program and Special Mission Concert at Baptist Church, Washburn, N. Dak.

The Washburn Baptist Church of Washburn, N. Dak., has been busy in activities, furthering the work of God and striving to serve him. We are most grateful to God that it was possible for us to install a new propane gas heating system in our church the middle of October.

Mission Sunday was observed on October 30 with the morning mission message brought by our new pastor, Rev. Otto Fiesel. His text was Mark 10:29, "For Jesus' sake." The Junior Church choir, consisting of 20 children and directed by Mrs. August Landenberger, brought messages in song, Bible verses and testimony.

The evening service brought a pleasant surprise when our choir, consisting of 30 voices and directed by Mrs. Edward Grueneich, rendered a Mission Song Concert. Using their talents for the Lord, it was a real joy and blessing to hear solos, duets, trios, a men's quartet, a mixed quartet, a sextet, instrumental numbers and inspiring numbers by the choir. Mr. Fiesel spoke briefly on a mission theme at this service. The mission offering was for general missions and the Church Extension program.

Beginning Oct. 23 two weeks of evangelistic meetings were held with Rev. Otto Fiesel as our evangelist.

Mrs. Orrin Enockson, Clerk.

### Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Society at Parkston, South Dakota

On Sunday evening, November 6, the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society of Parkston, S. Dak., held its anniversary program. Mrs. Alex Mehlhaff, president, was in charge. Several songs and readings were given by the members. Rev. and Mrs. George W. Lang gave interesting talks on their preparation and future as missionaries to Africa. A mission offering was taken which amounted to 38 dollars.

This Society has 16 members. Their motto is, "Trust in the Lord, and do good so shalt thou dwell in the land and verily thou shalt be fed" (Psalm 37:3). They meet the first Thursday of every month.

To mention a few of this past year's projects they met once a month for White Cross work to make and roll bandages to be sent to mission hospitals. Mite boxes were handed out to the members and the money collected was used for missions. Christmas boxes were sent to the boys in the service. A box of homemade cookies was sent to the Spanish-Americans and Indians, and \$67.24 was sent for the Society's mission project. Other accomplishments include donations sent to the Japanese Field, the Spanish Mission Field, the Crippled Children's Home at Sioux Falls, the Old People's Home at Bismarck, N. Dak., Church Extension, and dressed chickens were sent to the Seminary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. In August a Guest Day was held inviting the mission societies of Tyndall, Danzig, Avon, Tripp, and Plum Creek to fellowship with them.

Mrs. Wm. Fix, Secretary.

### Dedication of New Edifice of the Immanuel Church, Wessington Springs, South Dakota

Dedication of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., was held Sunday, November 20th, with nearly 800 persons attending the three services.

Dr. George Lang of Sioux Falls was guest speaker at the cornerstone laying service, the morning worship, and the afternoon dedication service, at which time seven ministers from churches in the conference and five pastors from neighboring churches gave congratulatory talks. Rev. Henry Smuland of Avon, S. Dak., was the guest speaker at the evening service of inspiration.

Music featured a trumpet solo, "Open the Gates of the Temple," as the doors of the church were opened followed by choir members, male quartet, male chorus, and vocal solos. Miss Eunice Liedtke and Larry Winter were accompanists at the piano and organ.

The offering for the three services amounted to \$1,630 and will go into the general building fund. The ladies of the Immanuel Baptist and Ebenezer Baptist Churches served noon and evening meals to approximately 600

persons in the basement of the Lutheran Church across the street from the Immanuel Church.

Building of the upper structure began in April of this year, with three part-time carpenters plus volunteer labor by members and friends. This structure includes besides the balcony and main auditorium which will seat 175 people, class rooms, nursery, baptistry, and choir loft. The kitchen remains to be completed and some work in the basement and balcony. The total cost of the church will be approximately \$20,000.

The present membership of the church stands at 63, with Rev. Elton Kirstein as pastor.

Elton Kirstein, Pastor.

## Southwestern Conference

### Choir of 34 Members With New Robes at Calvary Church, Stafford, Kansas

The choir of the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, Kans., met in April, 1955, to organize and to elect officers. The following were elected: director, Mrs. Kenneth Whitehouse; president, Mrs. Clarence Hildebrand; vice-president, Harve Fritzemeier; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Richard Newell; librarian, Vera Jean Flandermeyer.

Sunday, October 9th, was set aside as Choir Sunday, since this was the first Sunday when the new powder blue choir robes were worn. At this time we also sang under the direction of Mrs. Whitehouse.

At present we have 34 members, and thank the Lord for their time and talent in this ministry of music. We pray the Lord will bless this newly organized group and use it to his honor and glory.

Mrs. Richard Newell, Secretary.

### Revival Meetings, Missionary Program and Women's Day of Prayer at Durham, Kansas

A great spiritual revival was experienced among us at the Baptist Church, Durham, Kans., during the heart searching messages heard during the first two weeks of November, when Rev. H. J. Wilcke of Stafford, Kans., was in our midst. How we were inspired by his evening messages as well as by the "Soul Winning" classes conducted each morning for an hour the closing week of the campaign. The boys and girls anticipated with joy the stories Mr. Wilcke presented to them at each service. It certainly was a glorious time of feasting upon God's Word.

On Nov. 20, the annual King's Daughter missionary program was presented to a large audience. The main feature was a pageant, "The Macedonian Call," given by the ladies in costume, representing our various mission fields. Roll call was answered by each King's Daughter member with the name of her missionary heart-sister and a statement concern-



The newly dedicated \$20,000 edifice of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Wessington Springs, South Dakota, of which Rev. Elton Kirstein is the pastor.

ing her. Devotion, prayer, congregational singing and special music had a part in the service. Following the program a fellowship and refreshments were enjoyed in the church basement.

In recognition of the Baptist Ladies' Day of Prayer, the women of our church observed the occasion on December 3 at an afternoon meeting. Our minister, Rev. Norman Miller, led us in a meditation from Matthew 6. Mrs. Dean Duke, president of King's Daughters, ably presided, while the group communed with God.

We are looking forward to the performance of the Junior Choir that has been organized recently under the direction of our pastor.

Mrs. Dorman Becker, Reporter.

### Sunday School Rally Day and Lively Children's Meetings at Ellinwood, Kansas

On Sunday, October 30, the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kans., held its Sunday School Rally Day and Harvest and Mission program. We went over our goal of 200 in attendance for Sunday School. There were eleven classes, 28 teachers,

assistant teachers and officers. Three of our classes had perfect attendance. The offering taken for missions amounted to \$230. Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., was our guest speaker for the morning worship service.

We had the privilege of having Dr. Leuschner with us for the special occasion and also on Monday and Tuesday of that week! On Sunday night he showed us pictures of our Cameroons mission field. On Monday night there were pictures shown of the Baptist World Alliance in London, England, and also of the mission work being carried on in Japan. Tuesday the pictures were of the Conference in Waco, Texas, and those taken during the trip through Austria. We were pleased to have many friends from the community and neighboring churches with us for these splendid services. We were glad to have the opportunity of having Dr. Leuschner with us and the privilege of seeing these fine pictures which were indeed a blessing to all.

It's Tuesday afternoon! 4:00 o'clock sharp! Boys and girls rush from the school house to pile into cars waiting



The choir of the Calvary Baptist Church, Stafford, Kansas, dressed in their new robes. Rev. H. J. Wilcke, pastor (left); Mrs. Kenneth Whitehouse, director, third from right, front row; Mrs. Gilbert Flandermeyer, pianist, second from left, front row.

to take them to the First Baptist Church where "Uncle Elmer" is waiting with another exciting Bible story. Here there is singing, besides Bible quizzes, picture cards and puzzles, all planned to make a happy hour for these Grade School children. This story hour was started in October with 34 in attendance; now there are more than 50 eager listeners. We are happy for this opportunity to witness to the children of our community. Rev. Elmer Strauss gave the last story for this season on Nov. 29th. The average attendance of these eight meetings was 45.

A study on "The Life of Christ" was offered to all teachers and officers of our church. This was presented by our pastor, Rev. Elmer Strauss, in a series of ten meetings.

Mrs. Emil Scheufler, Reporter.

prise dinner in the church basement." An ornate three-tiered cake baked by Mrs. Noton Martinitz graced the speakers' table. Its unique feature consisted of five dollars worth of half dollars placed alternately with the burning candles at its base. This was the church's gift to the Kruegels.

Rev. L. Hinz of the Strassburg Church, Marion, Kans., was our guest speaker. Departments of the church represented by Mrs. Noton Martinitz, Sunday School; Earl Shippy, CBY; Mrs. Elden Ammons, Dorcas Societies; Mr. Charlie Zoschke, church; and of their appreciation to the Kruegels.

Gordon Zoschke has been laboring diligently painting the church parsonage. It is practically completed now and looks new and sparkling in its coat of white.

Betty Zoschke, Reporter.

are looking forward to completing the building in the course of the year 1956. The Lord has blessed and helped us beyond all our expectations.

The annual fellowship gathering of church members was held on November 11th. Dr. A. S. Felberg briefed us on sections of our constitution. We then participated in the relating of memorable experiences in our Christian lives. The latter part of the evening was left for us to inspect the church building and to enjoy the refreshments prepared by the ladies of the church. Since Dr. A. S. Felberg celebrated his 25th year as an ordained Baptist minister in November, we presented a small gift to him to commemorate this occasion. May God give him many more years of a fruitful ministry!

Mrs. Eugen Lueck, Reporter.

### Oregon Baptist League Holds Its Fall Rally at Portland's Trinity Baptist Church

On November 12 and 13 the Oregon Baptist League held its annual Fall Rally at the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon. On Saturday evening we were served a delicious banquet by the Trinity Church. The program was opened with a lively song service led by Bob Patton of the host church. Mike Augee from Glencullen Church and Henry Abderhalden, Jr., from the Stafford Church read scripture and led in prayer, respectively. A quartet from the Bethel Church in Salem favored us with a number. For our speaker we were very privileged to have with us Dr. George Lang, president of the North American Baptist Seminary. He gave a very inspirational message on, "That I May Know God's Will For Me."

During our business meeting Saturday night the following business was transacted. Bob Patton of Trinity Church was elected president of the League since Bruce Rich, former president, went back to Sioux Falls to the North American Baptist Seminary. The League also unanimously accepted the revised constitution that was presented.

On Sunday afternoon Doug Graff of our Bethany Baptist Church opened the Youth Rally with a song service. Scripture was read by our treasurer, Dan Bertuleit, and Rev. Albert Warden, second vice-president, led in prayer. The special music for the afternoon was provided by the Bethany Church and the Villa Ridge Church. The host church choir sang "The Holy City." We were happy to have our speaker, Rev. Howard Roth, Cameroons missionary, home on furlough. He brought a stirring message an "That We May Know His Power in the Life of the African."

We appreciate the fine hospitality of the Trinity Church and we pray that we will seek more diligently to find God's will for us as a League in whatever we do.

Norma Kuper, Secretary.



Rev. J. R. Kruegel (third from left), pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Junction City, Kansas, and nine converts whom he recently baptized.

### Baptismal Service and Surprise for Pastor at Mt. Zion Church of Kansas

On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 13, with joy and thanksgiving members and friends of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Junction City, Kans., attended the baptismal service of eight candidates who were following their Lord in obedience to his command. Happy for all, yet we viewed with special gratitude as our pastor, Rev. J. R. Kruegel, immersed all members of one family, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Ammons and two sons. The following Sunday all were welcomed as members to our church with the addition of one other, Mrs. Wilbur Orr.

Another happy occasion took place on October 23. That Sunday morning as the cars wended their way to the church a special fragrance was emitted from those back seats. There the cooked things remained carefully hidden as their owners entered the church and waited patiently for the last "Amen" and the time for the announcement of the surprise.

Hastily Mr. Charlie Zoschke arose from his pew and said: "Mr. and Mrs. Kruegel in commemoration of your having been in our midst for these last ten years, we invite you to a sur-

### Pacific Conference

#### Music Festival and Annual Fellowship Gathering of Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, B. C.

The Ebenezer Church of Vancouver, British Columbia, has been engaged in a full and varied program of activities. The Christian Workers' Training course held on November 1st, brought out an attendance of 115. The Bethany Church as well as other friends of the church joined with us for this occasion. The challenging talks by Rev. L. Bienert, Rev. G. K. Zimmerman and Miss Ruth Bathauer were enthusiastically received.

On November 6th, we held our first semi-annual Musical Festival in our new church. The lower auditorium was filled to capacity. The four choirs of the church presented a very effective program which was enjoyed by all. An offering towards the payment of the debt on the new organ was taken, which amounted to \$1,048.00.

Twenty-two rooms for our educational unit and the lower auditorium of the building for our general assemblies have now been completed. We

### Oregon Association at Portland's Trinity Church Considers Theme, "That I May Know Him"

"That I May Know" was the theme of the Oregon Association which met November 10 to 13 at the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon. Dr. George A. Lang, president of our seminary, and Rev. Howard Roth, one of our missionaries to the Cameroons, were our guest speakers.

The pastors of the Oregon Association stirred our hearts to be on fire with the knowledge of "Jesus Himself," "The Importance of the Sunday School," "Christ and His Church," "The Power of Prayer," "The Wisdom of Soul-Winning," "My Denomination's Work," "His Blessings in the Cameroons," "The Meaning of Worship," "The Holy Spirit," and "God's Will for Me."

Although unusual weather hindered the attendance, it did not hinder the usual warm fellowship, spiritual enrichment, and glowing reports of the Oregon churches. Almost every church was able to report that it had attained higher goals than ever before. Many churches report of challenging plans to make Christ and his Word better known to the lost in their locality.

May God be able to continue using us in the salvation and growth of souls. May God's Word have freedom in our midst to convey to the souls of our people all the qualities of the Word that we, like the Word, may be trustworthy, peaceable, free, full of every good, truly children of God.

Ervin Gerlitz, Reporter.

### Eastern Conference

#### Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Schillinger, Erie, Pa., Celebrate Their 60th Wedding Anniversary

On November 21, Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Schillinger, members of long standing in the Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa., were privileged to celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

Attending the festivities were their daughter, Mrs. A. N. Bodenbender of Kenmore, N. Y., with her husband, Dr. A. N. Bodenbender, grandson of one of our pioneer German Baptist ministers; another daughter, Mrs. J. Ditt-rick of Elizabeth, N. J., with her husband; a son, Alvin of Sewickley, Pa., with his wife, and a daughter Florence, with whom the couple resides. Beside their four children, Mr. and Mrs. Schillinger have three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Schillinger came to this country from Germany and settled for the first seven years in Philadelphia, Pa., where he attended the Pilgrim Baptist Church. Mrs. Schillinger is a native of Erie, Pa., and has been a member of the Central Baptist Church for 67 years. Mr. Schillinger has been a very active member of the Central Baptist Church for 62 years.

Peter Pfeiffer, Pastor.



The new Educational Building and Wing of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan, representing an investment of more than \$190,000.

### Central Conference

#### Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan, Dedicates Its \$190,000 Educational Building and Wing

The Thanksgiving Season this year was a time of special rejoicing at the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan. Dedication services of our new Educational Building and Wing were held from November 20 to 27. These properties represent an investment of more than \$190,000.

Dr. J. N. Barnette and Rev. R. E. Longshore, editors of The Sunday School Builder, were our guest speakers the first Sunday of dedication. Mary Carol Kerr, soprano from Toronto, Ont., was the special soloist for both services. Mr. Edward Darling, director of Detroit's "Youth for Christ" organization, spoke at the Wednesday night meeting which was

held in our Educational Building. Members of his staff provided delightful Gospel music for the service.

On the concluding Sunday of dedication, Rev. Gideon Zimmerman, secretary of our Sunday School Union, brought the message of the morning. Our pastor, Rev. E. Arthur McAsh, led the congregation in a dedication response and offered the prayer of consecration. Dedication festivities were concluded that evening with Rev. and Mrs. George W. Lang, our new missionaries to the Cameroons, challenging us with the theme of "The Heavenly Vision."

Another highlight of dedication week was the special offering received for missionary purposes. The goal of \$4,000 was over-reached by more than one thousand dollars. We praise the Lord for his blessing and the faithfulness of his people during these days of expansion.

David J. Draewell, Activities and Youth Director.



Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Schillinger of the Central Baptist Church, Erie, Pa., on the festive occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.



## TRAINING FOR OTHERS!

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Lang and unanimously appointed them as the second missionary couple to the Cameroons Baptist Mission Bible Training Center at Ndu.

Another very important phase in the field of education in the Cameroons and one which should not be underestimated is the Christian Day School. For these Christian Day Schools we are much in need of trained native teachers. We are interested in the type of education the Cameroons youth receives, and we greatly desire that the influence upon the boys and girls in these Day Schools be definitely Christian. For that reason we are greatly in need of a Teacher Training Center to train our own Christian Day School teachers. Such a center has now been established at Soppo. Miss Esther Schultz is the acting principal of the Center this year. Our definite need is for a male principal, and here we are praying to God that he might supply for this need and that some one will answer that call.

Since at this time it appears as if for the year 1956 we may not find the candidate to fill this need, Rev. George W. Lang has been asked to fill in for one year in order to gain more time. The secular teaching field is not his particular interest, but he accepted the assignment provided that he is acceptable to the educational officers in the Cameroons.

For that very purpose Mr. Lang further took a course in practice teaching at the State Teachers College at Springfield, S. Dak., for about six or seven weeks to become better qualified for the assignment which awaits him on the field.

The training completed, they look with eager anticipation to the land of their calling. They are now seeing it. On December 1st they sailed from

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## BAPTIST BRIEFS

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21,000,000 Christians. "The 112,000,000 pagans who could be won with comparative ease will not remain in their paganism indefinitely," Dr. Sadler said. "If we fail in our responsibility today, tomorrow will be too late."

New York City and may have spent Christmas in the British Cameroons under the tropical sun of West Africa. God was with them and has kept the goal ever before them. He will continue to be with them and give them many joys of service as they will seek to train Cameroons youth for the better and more abiding things of life that count up values for eternity.

## Southern Conference

### Ordination Service for Rev. Edward Schmeltekopf of the Elm Creek Church, Texas

The Elm Creek Baptist Church near LaVernia, Texas, called an ordination council to meet at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kyle, Texas, on October 15 for the purpose of examining their pastor, Edward Schmeltekopf, for ordination into the Gospel ministry. Rev. Eldon G. Schroeder, Kyle, Texas, called the delegates together. At that time they elected Rev. Frank Armbruster, Burton, Texas, as moderator, and Rev. Alex Sootzmann, Mowata, La., as secretary.

Delegates present were as follows: Mowata Church: Rev. Alex Sootzmann, Mrs. John Lengefeld; Central Valley Church, Donna, Texas: Mr. Lawrence Terveen; Greenvine Church: Rev. Frank Armbruster; Immanuel Church, Kyle: Rev. Eldon Schroeder, Mr. Kurt Lengefeld; First Church, Kyle: Rev. Ernest Wilson, Mr. J. J. Hart; First Church of San Marcos: Rev. Prentis Chunn, Mr. Julius Hill; Bethel Heights Church of Gatesville: Mr. Reinhold Schaub; Canaan Church of Crawford: Rev. Joe Bob Alexander, Mr. H. T. Engelbrecht; Cottonwood Church: Rev. Howard E. Schenk, Mr. Will Lampert; Central Church of Waco: Rev. Louis Johnson.

At 7:00 o'clock that same evening, the Elm Creek Baptist Church proceeded with the ordination service according to plan with Rev. Frank Armbruster, moderator, presiding and presenting the decision of the council. Rev. Alex Sootzmann led in the ordination prayer. Rev. Louis Johnson presented the charge to the church. Rev. Eldon Schroeder presented the charge to the candidate and Rev. Prentis Chunn delivered the ordination message.

Eldon Schroeder, Reporter.

## Statistics of Our Churches, 1955—North American Baptist General Conference

Conferences	Churches		Church Members	Local Expenses	Gifts for Our Mission Fields	Gifts for Other Mission Societies	Total Gifts for All Mission Purposes	Total Gifts for All Purposes	Sunday Schools	S. S. Scholars	Teachers and Officers	Woman's Miss. Soc.		CBY Groups	
	Baptisms											Societies	Members	Societies	Members
Atlantic .....	23	163	3988	\$ 238,453.00	\$ 31,895.00	\$ 69,463.00	\$101,358.00	\$ 339,811.00	23	5061	404	35	998	26	461
Central .....	32	374	8156	1,090,690.59	91,058.64	78,077.49	169,136.13	1,259,826.72	31	6875	720	51	1475	51	1032
Dakota .....	58	313	7107	570,550.81	117,528.10	13,116.66	130,644.76	501,195.57	70	7180	822	74	1335	72	1490
Eastern .....	18	72	2639	107,883.35	23,753.52	8,459.92	32,213.44	140,096.79	16	1663	203	24	676	15	383
Northern .....	52	328	7785	319,708.67	66,939.95	19,953.82	86,893.77	406,602.44	54	5800	730	45	949	54	1765
Northwestern ..	37	295	6212	412,711.29	87,704.82	42,187.68	129,892.51	542,603.80	35	4972	640	58	1624	63	1092
Pacific .....	31	361	7639	581,824.61	78,247.81	25,479.08	103,726.89	685,551.50	35	7149	856	46	1643	48	1412
Southern .....	12	42	1197	69,676.85	20,159.45	5,715.39	25,874.84	95,551.69	12	1154	146	11	261	17	379
Southwestern ..	25	96	2596	127,494.57	58,018.22	8,935.38	66,953.60	194,448.17	28	2574	402	31	733	29	461
Totals .....	288	2044	47319	\$3,318,993.74	\$575,305.52	\$271,388.42	\$846,693.94	\$4,165,687.68	304	40379	4923	375	9694	375	8475
Last Year .....	282	1841	45920	2,497,394.79	547,383.55	263,356.88	810,740.43	3,308,135.22	293	39002	4527	351	9452	335	8186
Total Increase	6	203	1399	\$ 821,598.95	\$ 27,921.97	\$ 8,031.54	\$ 35,953.51	\$ 857,552.46	11	1377	396	24	242	40	289