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# March of Events

● According to figures published by the National Christian Council of India, Christians in that country now number 8,166,000 out of a total population of more than 361,000,000. The greatest population of Christians is in the southern state of Travancore-Cochin, where there are almost 3,000,000. About 46 per cent of the country's Christians are Roman Catholics.

until recently had not observed the ancient remains. There have been a number of theories maintaining that settlements had once existed in the area, but until now no signs thereof had been found. (The ancient historian, Josephus Flavius, had written that he had seen populated centers on the shores while he was sailing on the Dead Sea.

● Membership in the United Church of Canada as of the end of 1955 was 912,939, an increase of 18,383 over the previous year, it is reported by Dr. Ernest E. Long, secretary of the General Council. He said the total number of persons in Canada under "pastoral oversight" of the church was 2,265,585 as compared to 2,200,543 in 1954. Contributions for all purposes to the Church increased from \$36,737,641 in 1954 to \$39,445,516 last year.

● George Ivey, son of J. B. Ivey, head of the Charlotte, N. C., department store which bears his name, conceived the idea of providing a meditation room for shoppers and employees. It is located on the mezzanine floor with four pews to accommodate eight persons. During the first week it was open, 636 people entered the prayer room. Now, three months later, an average of 315 persons a week use it—25 per cent of whom are employees.

● The Presbyterian Church USA—the nation's fifth largest Protestant denomination—may now be the fourth largest after a great year of growth in 1955. In congregation after congregation last year, membership rolls continued to rise steadily, bringing the church's total number of communicants to an all-time high of 2,736,241. This total surpasses the 2,608,974 listed membership of the National Baptist Convention of America. Only the Methodists (9,300,000); the Southern Baptists (8,250,000); and the National Baptists USA (4,600,000) have more communicants on their rolls. Nationally, the church is organized into 38 synods and 256 presbyteries. There are 8,603 local churches and 10,131 ordained ministers.

● Mr. Shmarya Guttman, an Israeli archaeologist, has discovered signs of ancient settlements in the Dead Sea area. Hewn stones, round and square in shape, were found on the slopes of the lakeside north of Sodom. Mr. Guttman also found relics dating back approximately three thousands years. Mr. Guttman, who described the find as "sensational" for archaeologists, reported that he had passed the spot near the Dead Sea many times, but

● Mrs. James D. Wyker of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, immediate past president of United Church Women, Evangelist Billy Graham and Paul T. Babson, Boston, Mass., business man, received top awards at the annual Washington Pilgrimage of American churchmen. Mrs. Wyker was designated Laywoman-of-the-Year and Mr. Babson, Layman-of-the-Year. Last year's winner of the latter award was President Eisenhower. Dr. Graham received the 1956 Clergyman-of-the-Year award. The awards were presented at formal ceremonies in the nation's capital April 28, during the Pilgrim-

## Baptist Briefs

● Dr. Gunnar Westin, a Swedish Baptist and one of the leading church historians in Europe, will be visiting professor of church history at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky., next year. Dr. Westin is professor of church history at the University of Uppsala, Uppsala, Sweden.

● The First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, broke all previous records for a single day in Sunday School attendance in Texas when 6,212 persons attended on March 23. This included 1,376 who attended missions operated by the church. Dr. W. O. Criswell is pastor and W. H. Souther educational director.

● Gunter Wieske of Hamburg, Germany, writes the national youth secretaries of Europe that the European Baptist Federation Youth Leadership Conference will take place in Norway August 27 to September 1. The meetings will be held at Langesund near Oslo, in conjunction with the European Baptist Federation Council meetings. The goal is closer co-operation in Europe. Any Baptist who is on tour of Scandinavia in the summer of 1956 would be welcome to attend this conference.

● A student at Central Seminary Kansas City, Kans., has been named president of the Southern Convention's col-

### FRONT COVER

The statue of Johann Gutenberg, "the strongest claimant to the honor of the invention of printing," is by the famous sculptor Thorwaldsen and was erected in Mainz, Germany, in 1837. The Mainz cathedral in the background was originally erected in 1009 A.D. but has been renovated repeatedly. Gutenberg was born in Mainz about 1400 and died there in 1468. The famous Gutenberg Bible, of which only a few copies are in existence, is the first book to be printed with movable type. Last summer, when this picture was taken by the editor of the "Baptist Herald," the 500th anniversary of the Gutenberg Bibles was being celebrated in the city of Mainz with a thrilling exhibit of German Bibles and of the life of Gutenberg.

age. Formerly sponsored by Church Management Magazine, the awards are now given directly by the Washington (Continued on Page 22)

lege in Nigeria, West Africa. He is Daniel Nwanne Nwadike, 32, of Isseleuku, Nigeria, where the college, which has an enrollment of 8,000, is located. A graduate of Niger College in Benin City, Nigeria, Mr. Nwadike has a certificate from the University of Cambridge, and a master's degree from Bishop College in Marshall, Texas, and Prairie, Texas, College. He was ordained to preach by the Pleasant Green Church, Kansas City, Kansas. —Watchman Examiner.

● On April 22, the Baptist Unions of Australia observed the 125th anniversary of the birth of the Baptist denomination in that part of the world. The Rev. J. McKaeg and a small band of men and women "of the Baptist persuasion" met in the long room of the Rose and Crown Inn in Sydney for praise and worship on April 24, in 1831. The place of worship was primitive. Australian Baptists hope to place a bronze plaque on the wall of the building which stands on the site of the Old Rose and Crown Inn, and when the St. Andrew's Cathedral is extended over the site of the old Bathurst Street Church which Saunders built, a marker will remind Australians that the first Baptist church in Australia occupied that spot from 1836 to 1937.

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# Editorial

## Awake, My Soul!

A SUMMER VACATION ought to find us relaxed and at ease physically but with our spiritual being alerted, poised and ready for action. These two contrasting factors make for a good Christian vacation.

Vance Havner in his book, "Day by Day," has pointed this out effectively. "The rich fool was never a bigger fool than when he told his soul to take it easy. No man ought ever to tell his soul that. He should not put his soul on vacation. God never gives the soul a vacation. He puts it on vocation. Take it easy is no proper word for souls." Dr. Havner suggests that the theme song for every Christian on a vacation adventure should be: "Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve and press with vigor on!"

There's good, sound advice for the Christian in these words. Your vacation experiences ought to find your soul actively engaged in enlarging your capacity for spiritual blessings. When you see how "the heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth his handiwork," your spiritual horizons ought also to be enlarged upon the statutes and judgments of God. Your spiritual wonder and prayer life will thereby be enlarged to say: "Lead me in thy truth and teach me, for thou art the God of my salvation" (Psalm 25:5). Only the soul that is sensitively alive to God's Presence and clearly aware of his constant surprises at every turn of the road has laid hold on the best things of life.

It is during our summer vacations that the Christian has an opportunity to sharpen his spiritual perception as to God's will for himself, as to the difference between right and wrong, as to the Christian way of life. He has time to think and to meditate. He can catch up on some important reading. God seems to speak through the things he sees and hears in the great out-of-doors. Our souls are far from taking their ease at such a time, as they are cleansed and purified and as new illumination comes through the vacation adventures. "Awake, my soul, to that clearer perception of God's will and purpose for you!"

The Christian ought to return from his summer vacation ready to tackle the job that God has for him, prepared for greater service. It is during the summer months that every Christian should be strengthened spiritually to "stretch every nerve and press with vigor on." Physical relaxation is important, but this kind of spiritual renewal is far more significant. The soul that is appropriating greater resources and determining what can be done in the future with God's help has known the real blessing of these summer adventures.

Our minds and souls should be constantly active, always alerted, with every nerve stretched tautly, especially during our vacation experiences. When the time comes for you to take things easy physically, then let your soul "press with vigor on" and be sensitively alive to God's myriads of blessings about you. That's the best kind of a vacation—a Christian vacation—that will never fade away in glory. Awake, my soul, to such an adventure!

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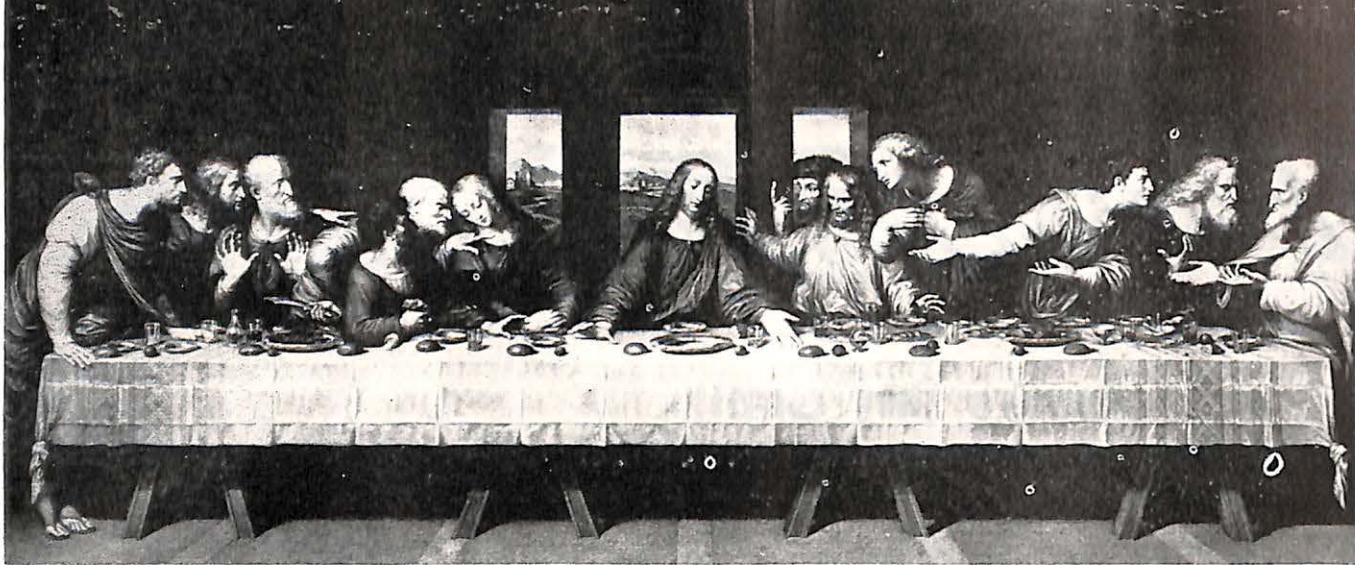
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"Verily, verily, I say unto you, the servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things happy are ye if ye do them" (John 13:16-17).

# The Prepared Servant of God

Commencement address delivered on May 20, 1956 at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on the occasion when the Seminary conferred the honorary doctorate degree on the speaker

By DR. JOHN WOBIG of Portland, Oregon, Pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church

THIS IS a happy moment in my life. I gratefully acknowledge the honor that has been bestowed upon me to bring this Commencement address. Had the choice been for someone else, I would gladly be a good listener. May the message I bring offer helpful counsel and encouragement to you graduates whom the Lord has set aside for the Gospel ministry.

## ISAIAH 42:1-4

For this message we turn to Isaiah 42. The special theme of this chapter is "The Servant of Jehovah." The prophet is speaking of Christ, the perfect Man, but the text is also descriptive of what every true man going forth to work for Christ ought to be. In Christ we have a type of the prepared servant.

In all Jesus did or was he gives us a picture of what the true servant ought to be and do. There is no question about it. Jesus was a worker. He was Truth Incarnate. He freely sacrificed in performing all this. In this he is our model. And even though we cannot be like Christ in degree, we can in kind. Now from the text note several things about the Lord's servant.

THE OFFICE OF THE PREPARED SERVANT IS THAT OF A SERVANT. "Behold my servant." This feature of Christ's life was very wonderful. If ever one was lifted above the plane of service, it was he. Even though he was "God manifest," "fulness of the Godhead," "only begotten full of grace and truth," yet none ever emphasized service more than he. He said, "I must be about my Father's business" and "I came not to be ministered unto." He also taught the duty of others

to serve, saying, "Whosoever would be first shall be servant of all." You are, first of all, the Lord's servants. As such the Lord has a prior claim upon you and you can only serve as you serve your Lord.

This means much. It means you have a Master and a message. It is the message of reconciliation, though old, yet as vital and essential as ever. Therefore, be a good servant of the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PREPARED SERVANT IS A DEPENDENT PERSON. "Whom I uphold." A feeling of independence or self-sufficiency is a great misfortune. Our present social and economic structure proves this. A feeling of dependence upon God is of the greatest value. To lean on God is to multiply the finite by the Infinite.

Jesus recognized its necessity saying, "Lo, I am with you always." The great men of the Bible experienced this need. The proud and self-sufficient are the small men. Great souls are conscious of dependence. May you as servants of God always rely upon his strength.

THE PREPARED SERVANT IS ALSO ELECT. "My chosen." Many regard the work of life as accidental or the result of chance. Such never magnify God or look upon opportunities as great. Every true servant is chosen of God. For him the world waits. He has a work to do for which he is better fitted than another. He must find that work and fill it, like Edison in discovering the incandescent light—like Livingstone in opening the dark continent.

If only men of every vocation would consider themselves called of God—

the tailor to clothe humans, the grocer to distribute food, the chemist to alleviate pain, the florist to distribute flowers, the statesman to set up the true Kingdom, the preacher to preach the Gospel and the missionary to carry it around the globe! Happy is the servant who says, "God and I build for eternity." As we read in Acts, "It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and us." May you never forget that day when God chose you.

THE PREPARED SERVANT IS GOD'S DELIGHT. "In whom my soul delighted." That is a most inspiring statement. Any father delights in the son who honors him in what he is. A teacher is honored in the pupil who makes good, a mechanic in the mechanism that honors his work. God the Father said of Jesus, "This is my Son in whom I am well pleased." Never mind what the world says—seek God's approval! If he delights in your work, then keep at it. God grant that his smile of approval may be upon you constantly.

THE PREPARED SERVANT HAS A RADICAL WORK TO PERFORM. "He shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles." Man's mission is not to pander to or seek his own lusts. His education, wealth and experience are not acquired only for personal possession or selfish gain. Nor is his mission to amuse men. It is radical. It should move the conscience of men. It must exercise judgment and right wrongs. The true prophets preached to disturb the conscience of Israel—John the Baptist that of Herod. May the message you preach trouble the conscience of men and bring them to repentance.

THE PREPARED SERVANT HAS A PECULIAR WORK OF HIS OWN. "He shall not cry or lift his voice in the street." He is not merely to be a noisy man. Man is not great in proportion to the noise he can make. Little brooks are noisier than rivers, sparrows than eagles, poodles than Great Danes. When Elijah was hid in the cave, the Lord was not in the wind, earthquake or fire, but in the still small voice.

In this peculiar work you are also to be thoughtful and considerate. "The bruised reed he will not break." Men need restraint as well as power. Unrestrained power is destructive. Here men and nations have failed. Rome had power, but broke the bruised reed. It is the still, small voice that pierces the heart. May you move men with soul-searching words, but at the same time possess a tenderness that will touch hearts for God.

THE PREPARED SERVANT HAS ASSURANCE OF SUCCESS. "He shall not fail or be discouraged." It is a common thing to face life's work with anxiety. But there are immense reserves of power behind God's men. When the prodigal thought he had failed his father told him, "You have me." When the servant of Elisha thought Israel was doomed, he saw chariots of fire consume the armies of Syria.

When we become discouraged we become weak. You will face trouble, dark days, experience sorrow and care, have aching limbs and muscles, but do not give up. God will not fail. He is

## SEMINARY CATALOG

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eternal. Have faith in him. Faith sings in the darkness. It is the rainbow in the storm, the link that connects with God. When the going gets tough, seek the secret place. God is there!

THE PREPARED SERVANT SPEAKS THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE. "He shall set judgment in the earth; and the isles shall wait for his law." Jesus was a farsighted man and spoke a universal language. He was never small in his feelings and purpose. His work found an echo in human hearts. Right here is the qualification we all need to covet. We are so prone to drift into ruts, be narrow in our feelings and take small view of things. Oh, that God would make us understand that we belong to humanity and not merely to a clan, race or nation!

An artist has painted an old sailor showing a sailboat to a boy. The old sailor's finger points to the horizon and his eyes look across the waves. In the boy's eyes there is a dreamy look of strange lands and untrod trails. A new world was opened to his vision.

It reminds me of a scene in Troas, years ago. Four dusty, footsore travel-

ers arrived there as night fell. There was much to see in that city. There the Greeks launched 1,000 ships. There Homer sang. There a wooden horse caused the city's fall. Three of the travelers retired and dreamed of those things. But one had a vision which gave him a view of the needs beyond the skyline. Paul saw the man from Macedonia crying, "Come over and help us!"

## WHAT'S YOUR SKYLINE

What is your skyline? Has your education, your Christian experience taken you only into a small lot or into an exceeding high mountain where you can see all the kingdoms of the world and feel that a kinship exists between all of them? Have you caught the vision? If so, then you are prepared servants, indeed. I'm sure you have caught it, and your helpmeets with you.

May you be true to that vision and give it your loyal devotion. May God give you grace to see your responsibilities. May you be prepared servants in whom God finds delight and who will go forth to do a real work of grace in the hearts and minds of men.

"Servants of life are we as we stand Ready to carry out God's command, Elect and precious in his sight Souls in whom he finds delight."

If we lift our voices for the right, He'll bring forth justice in his might; Success he assures us will not fail When a world-wide service we will hail."



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The mountains of Europe, especially Mt. Grossglockner near Innsbruck, Austria, are always an inspiring sight that speak of God's greatness and majesty.

## The Lure of the Lofty Mountains



By MRS. M. ZURBRIGGEN of Sumner, Iowa

TIME AND TIME again, I have been asked what makes me love the mountains so much. Is it because of their majestic grandeur or their lofty snowy peaks? Is it because I used to gaze into the snowy heights even as a small child, wondering and awed, not understanding what drew me to them?

How well I remember when, after my mother had listened to my prayers and tucked me into bed in our home in Switzerland, I used to crawl out after she had left the room and at the window, behind partly closed shutters, seek the lovely peaks now almost hidden by the enveloping darkness of approaching night, only to wonder if God WAS really up there and if he could see me.

I wondered how far one could see and what lay beyond. And then shivering from the chill air which came down from the heights, I would go back to bed with my thoughts still concerned about God who, my mother told me, dwelt up there.

### ALONE WITH GOD

When at last I reached and stepped upon the summits and walked upon the crunching eternal snows of my native land, I suddenly knew what it was that drew me to them and urged me to climb the precarious heights. No words can adequately express the feeling which storms one's heart. It is too great!

One feels suddenly alone with God, spiritually naked, stripped of all pretense. Forgotten are the din and noise, heartache and grief, hate and greed of the valley down below. Unconsciously one's soul merges with God, the gracious Creator of the unspeakable panorama which your eyes behold. One wants to cling to him, to escape from prisons of the artificiality of our modern civilization which, instead of

liberating, enmeshes and enslaves us more and more. How well the Psalmist knew what he was talking about when he told us to lift up our eyes unto the hills from whence cometh our help!

So, let us lift up our eyes unto the hills, high—higher—past the timberline, until our eyes finally reach the very highest summit untouched and unsoiled by man, pure and eternal, to find calm and balm for whatever disturbs and pains and troubles us.

Let us lift up our eyes!

### OH, THE MOUNTAINS!

God, I thank thee for thy mountains,  
Rising rugged from the plain,  
For the mountains, Oh, the mountains,  
Lifting high thy mighty name!

They are lonesome and forbidding  
To the timid and the knave,  
But their rocky fingers beckon  
To the daring and the brave.

They are scarred and cracked and  
broken;  
They are roughhewn to the sight;  
But they stand there like a beacon—  
In the day and in the night.

They rise up and tower heavenward,  
Through the clouds, into the blue,  
And they seem to raise their summits  
Pointing upward, Lord, to You.

They are first to catch the glory  
Of the new day's dawning light.  
They are last to yield their halo  
To the shadows of the night.

God, I thank thee for thy mountains,  
Rising rugged from the plain,  
For the mountains, Oh, the mountains,  
Calling us to praise thy Name!

### PRAYER AT THE FEET OF MOUNTAINS

By GRACE NOLL CROWELL

Maker of mountains—  
Creator of their beauty and their might,  
I lift my small and human heart to thee,  
Fill it, I pray, with something of their  
might,  
Their steadfastness, their high serenity;  
Sweep it with canyon winds, and wash  
it clean  
With clear cold water from the eternal  
snow,  
Let these bright torrents purge it, let  
all mean  
Desires and passions leave it—let me go  
Back to the lowlands, back to the  
crowded days,  
Poised and sustained, and ready for  
my part,  
Let me go back, schooled in the  
mountain ways,  
Bearing their old vast secrets in my  
heart.

### I HAVE COME BACK FROM THE MOUNTAINS

By WILLIAM L. STIDGER

I have come back from the mountains,  
Back from the snow-white peaks,  
Back from the crimson sunsets  
With opal and golden streaks.  
Back from the glacial torrents,  
Tumultuous, mad mardines;  
Back from the twilight canyons  
And whispering wind refrains.  
Leaving behind the horizons  
And waterfalls whipped to spray;  
Back from the cliff's sheer reaches  
Where shadows of eagles play.  
Back—but I'm bringing with me  
Vision, and song, and scent;  
Vision of glacial canyons  
And aspens in worship bent.  
Highways of far horizons  
Forever my feet have trod—  
For I have come back from the  
mountains  
And climbing the trails with God.

## Anywhere the Lord Leads!

The Story of Miss Geraldine Glasenapp, Missionary-nurse to the Cameroons Field, by REV. R. SCHILKE,  
General Missionary Secretary

WHILE IN THE CAMEROONS in the fall of 1954 on an inspection tour of our mission field and in conference with our missionaries, the need for more and better trained nurses became very evident. Bansa Hospital has expanded and enlarged its program from the old inadequate 30-bed capacity to the new four-unit clinic and 74-bed capacity, dedicated just five months before my arrival.

The enlarged facilities brought increased responsibilities which fell upon fewer shoulders: the doctor and one white missionary nurse in 1955 where there should have been at least three nurses. The maternity centers at Mbem and at Belo were officially closed, in spite of the fact that we had stationed in each place a missionary nurse; but their Canadian and American training was inadequate for lack of a midwifery certificate and so they could not qualify under the Nigerian medical requirements.

### SPECIALIZED TRAINING

To meet that need we prayerfully set our goal, not just to appoint more missionary nurses, but to give them adequate training before sending them to the field. We had already begun to give this additional training to our nurses in service before their return to the field. Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer was the first to receive it and just at that time was completing her course at Hyden, Kentucky. Miss Eleanor Weisenburger had just gone to London, England, for a year of specialized training. Both are now back on the field to do better and more acceptable service. The Belo Maternity has since been reopened and the Bansa Staff strengthened.

The first of the new appointees to receive this additional training and to go to the Cameroons is Miss Geraldine Ruth Glasenapp from our Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Miss Glasenapp received her appointment in April, 1955. At the General Conference in Waco, Texas, she was among those who were commissioned for service. From October 15, 1955 to April 15, 1956 she took this additional training in midwifery at Hyden, Ky., and received her diploma.

On June 26th she left New York for the Cameroons of West Africa to serve her Lord and Master "anywhere the Lord indicates," as he stated in her application before her appointment. Her first six months assignment in the Cameroons will doubtless be where the need is greatest at this moment: at Bamenda New Hope Settlement, and then as the Lord further indicates.

Geraldine Ruth Glasenapp was born on March 12, 1931 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She was the second of three daughters born to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer and Esther Glasenapp. During her early childhood years, her parents were members of a Baptist church and active in the work of the church. But apparently they had not learned to bring their burdens to the Lord, with the result that their marriage ended in divorce. This came at a time when Geraldine was in her most formative years at the age of fourteen.

### THE POWER TO SAVE

The result of such experiences so early in life which requires unnatural adjustments are often grave, but Geraldine must have received a double portion of God's abundant grace. She had always gone to Sunday School and church, and the Christian teaching she received came in good stead in the hour of crisis. At the age of fourteen she experienced the saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ and came to know him as the Friend to whom she could bring all her troubles and anxieties. In May of 1945 she joined the Bethany Baptist Church through baptism on confession of her faith in Christ and found in the Lord and in her church the strength she needed to sustain her.

### THE CONVICTION TO GO

Three years later, Geraldine Glasenapp committed her life to the Lord



Miss Geraldine Glasenapp of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who left for Africa on June 26 as a missionary on the Cameroons Mission Field.

for service as he would lead. Such a commitment is a very vital one in the life of a young person. It may not be definite as to where and when; it need not be definite at that time; in fact, it is better if it is not definite. Some make such a definite commitment that they are inclined to prescribe to God as to where they want to go. Others make such a definite commitment that if later the Lord seems to lead in another direction, they find themselves in a quandary as to the will of the Lord for them. God reveals his will to his children a step at a time and requires of them that they trust him and wait for his leading.

Geraldine Glasenapp served in her Sunday School and church, in the choir and young people's group. The year following her commitment she assisted her pastor during the summer months of 1949 in church work, in a community survey, and in the Vacation Bible School. Thus through active service the inner conviction for service grew. Fittingly she replied to the question as to the influence that led her to consider missionary service, "Sunday School, church, Christian friends and the conviction of the Holy Spirit that I should go."

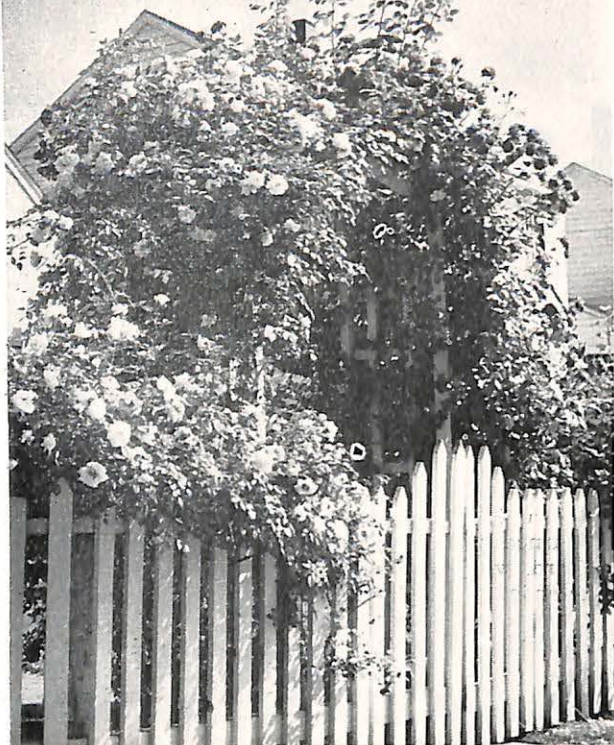
### PREPARATION FOR SERVICE

Through the medium of other people God reveals his will to us. It was thus with Geraldine Glasenapp's training and preparation for service. Upon completion of her high school in 1948, she was influenced to go to Wheaton College where she enrolled in the fall of 1948. The following year she was led into nurses' training and entered West Suburban Hospital School for Nursing, graduating as R.N. in 1952.

Already in her high school she majored in science and so upon graduation from the Nursing School she went back to Wheaton College to receive her B.S. degree in 1953. The following two years she was employed in general nursing at Geneva, Ill., and at Milwaukee, Wis., with opportunities in this field of teaching during the last few months of her employment and at the time of her appointment. Following her appointment she took the additional Midwifery Course, as stated above.

We never cease to marvel at the fact that God's timing is always perfect. He supplies every need in his own good time. At the time of Miss Glasenapp's appointment it was thought that upon her going to the field she might be placed at Bansa or at one of (Continued on Page 12)





—Eva Luoma Photo

Everyone must pass through the gate of life into eternity, but, in so doing, we go under the archway of roses with their fragrant remembrance of our deeds rendered in Jesus' Name to others.

## Passing On the Baton!

Wise words by one of our retired ministers, prominently identified in years gone by with our denominational program, to the present generation of pastors and leaders

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

HISTORY PLAYS strange tricks on the reputation of some people.

Some it deflects into obscurity; others it lifts to surprising eminence. It was this that led the poet, Thomas Gray, to say in his "Elegy Written In a Country Churchyard."

"Full many a gem of purest ray serene,  
The dark unfathomed caves of ocean bear,  
Full many a flower is born to blush unseen  
And waste its sweetness on the desert air."

Equally inscrutable are the judgments and attitudes of human beings toward those who have been their benefactors. So Gray continues:

"The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power,  
And all that beauty, all that wealth e'er gave,  
Await alike the inevitable hour:  
The paths of glory lead but to the grave."

How soon we forget the heroes and benefactors of yesterday! So Gray continues:

"Beneath those rugged elms, that yew tree's shade,  
Where heaves the turf in many a mouldering heap,  
Each in his narrow grave forever laid,  
The rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep."

### ELIJAH, THE MAN

But not all of them lie in well-kept cemeteries. Many of the greatest benefactors of humanity sleep in unmarked graves, entirely forgotten, while careless feet walk over their last resting

place. We take their achievements for granted, entirely forgetful of the price they paid to attain them for us.

Of all the prominent men of his day, Elijah was the least likely candidate for a place in the "Hall of Fame." He was no great deliverer like Gideon; no great leader like Samuel; no great warrior like David; no great builder or philosopher like Solomon; no great prophet like Isaiah; no great preacher like Amos. He was an obscure person, whose ancestry we do not even know. His sudden appearances and disappearances aroused interest and created a profound mystery around his personality.

Above all, he appeared to be fighting for a lost cause: "I alone am left!" Idolatry and indifference, a corrupt religious system, a hostile military clique bent on war were arrayed against him. He was definitely temperamental, a creature of moods. 1 Kings 18:38-39 can be summed up in Shakespeare's words: "The times are out of joint; O cursed spite, that ever I was born to set them right."

But look at the galaxy of notable men 400 years later! Four hundred years later the people see in John the Baptist the re-incarnation of Elijah. He is mentioned in the New Testament oftener than any of the Old Testament characters. To this day, Orthodox Jews reserve a seat for him at the Passover table. He is the UNSEEN GUEST at their feast. We find him on the Mount of Transfiguration with Moses as the representative of the prophetic age.

His idea of God may have been crude, but of one thing he was sure: "God was supreme," and he brooked no divided loyalty (1 Kings 18:22). His very name denoted that truth. But he had to learn that God was not only

in the stormy affairs of life, but often spoke in a "still small voice" (1 Kings 19:12).

Now this stormy petrel has come to the end of his days. Another must take his place. He selects a youth from the farm, who is destined to do even greater things. Finally the day of his departure has come. Elisha, whose name implies, "Jehovah is still God," has only one request: "That a double portion of thy spirit be upon me." After watching Elijah being taken from him, he takes up the mantle of Elijah and proves that Elijah has passed on the baton.

### PASSING THE BATON

History repeats itself. Generations pass, old orders change, but God remains the same. The hand that smites the waters may be new, but the mantle is the same. As in a "relay race," much depends upon timing and co-operation. Because we of today are passing on the baton to a younger generation, it is important that you study your timing and develop co-operation.

The only fair way to judge any generation is to take into account the kind of world they have inherited and then ask if they have made at least some small gains in the years through which they have passed. It is not entirely true that the old generation has ruined the world. They inherited it from their forefathers, just as you have inherited it from us. Every new pastor feels that he must first undo all the mistakes his predecessor made. In the course of the years, he learns that his predecessor was not entirely the person he had considered him to be but there were some things that might be said to his credit. When Mark Twain was 16 years old, he felt that

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# Great Is God's Faithfulness

Remarkable changes have taken place on the Cameroons mission field in Africa during the past five years as reviewed by this missionary-teacher, now home on furlough

By MISS RUBY SALZMAN of Kankakee, Illinois

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits" (Ps. 103:1-2).

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY as I return to the homeland for furlough is one of thanksgiving for God's saving and keeping power. On the first evening after my arrival in New York, I went with two of our missionary nurses to a Woman's Missionary Union anniversary program at one of our churches in New York City. It was my first opportunity to worship in a church edifice since I had left the Bender Memorial Church at Soppo in the Cameroons one month before. I shall not forget their opening hymn, "Great is thy faithfulness, Oh God, my Father, morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided, great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!"

### GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

The Lord has indeed graciously provided for your missionaries in the past years. He has kept us in health and strength and many times his guardian angels have done overtime duty in protecting us from danger and illness. Roofs have fallen in, hydraulic brakes have given out on steep descents, trucks have rolled over the edges of the road, horses have lost their footing in deep streams, the filaria worms and sand flies have raised havoc with our dispositions, yet we live to tell the tale and praise God for his care.

We would not, however, talk of ourselves, for we count it a privilege to be called of him to serve across the seas. We would rather speak of this, how abundantly God has provided for our work in the past five years above all that we could ask or think. As I looked into my little notebook that traveled with me throughout my furlough five years ago, I was pleasantly surprised as I compared the pages of statistics.

In the last five years there have been added by God's grace to our roll call sixty newly organized churches. The church membership has doubled. There are one hundred and fifty more Sunday Schools, and that enrolment has doubled. There are fifteen additional Christian Day Schools with two thousand more children enrolled, and 1955 saw one thousand more baptisms than did 1950.

Three new stations—Victoria, Kumba, and Bamenda New Hope Settlement—have blossomed forth from plots

that five years ago were overgrown with bush and grass. On each there is a thriving church and a growing Day School. Each station has its peculiar witness.

Victoria, in a growing, cosmopolitan town and main port of the British Cameroons where Western civilization brings in all the worldly attractions to woo our youth into paths of sin, calls for missionary and native Christian leadership beyond the limits of our present staff.

Kumba finds the wandering youth from Ibo and Yuroba lands of Nigeria who are away from tribal discipline and seeking western wealth and entertainment and serving as the stumbling blocks to our Cameroons youth. How much we need a definite youth program to win and hold these youth for Christ!

Up in the grasslands, Bamenda New Hope Settlement is truly holding out the promise of new hope to those afflicted by the centuries old disease of leprosy. The fifteen dismissed as cured in 1955 go out not only cured in body but as witnessing Christians to return to their own tribes to spread the good news of healing of body and soul.

Our Bible Training Center at Ndu has become the basis for our spiritual advancement in all branches of our work. All applicants for our nursing and teaching professions have been required to take a year's training at our Bible School. Here they have learned the fundamentals of witnessing to their fellow-natives and in their village visitation program have had the opportunity of learning first hand how to lead others to accept Christ.



Miss Ruby Salzman with her cat "Marble" at her missionary home in Ndu, Southern Cameroons, Africa.

The training course for wives of our Bible Training Center students has already begun to bear fruit. Some women respond more readily than do others, but we continue to ask God's blessings on Mrs. Earl H. Ahrens as she directs and teaches these women. Pray that this training will help your pastors and church teachers' homes to be a beacon light to other Christian families.

### EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Our Elementary Teacher Training Center at Soppo will give a spiritual and scriptural storehouse of Christian leadership qualities to our young men who hold in their hands and hearts the lives of present and future Baptist Christians. It is still true in most churches that the greater percentage of baptisms are from our Christian Day School pupils.

Our Cameroons young people are hungry for education and advanced training. Is it only the future salaries they have in mind? We see so many evidences of worship of the almighty British pound (money) and western cargo that can be obtained through British mail order houses. These young men are ready to be loyal to and sacrifice for their country. It is our prayer that we can develop a program and train leaders who will produce a similar loyalty to our Christian cause.

Our opportunity for such a program is broadened by our participation in the Protestant Secondary School or College as of January, 1957. Pray with us that a suitable missionary teacher will be found by then to be the first Baptist staff member of this college. We now have thirty young men in this college. One who graduates in 1956 has dedicated his life to the ministry and will serve a year on this field before proceeding to further seminary training.

One of our most recent answers to prayer in the last two years is our Cameroons Baptist Convention. Its growth and response to the challenges which it sees keeps us guessing what will happen next. The Baptist women are determined to have their part in its organization. The leaders delight in the fact that here at last is a chance to exercise their own powers of self-government without a missionary dictatorship.

But with all of these advances the native Baptists still see the need of the missionary to push from behind the scenes. Witchcraft and native religions are raising their heads in defiance of the Christian advance. In my last

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# Remember the Gypsies in Prayer

By REV. CARL FUELLBRANDT of Toronto, Ontario, Formerly Director of Our Balkan Mission Fields in Southeastern Europe

**G**YPSIES? Who are they really? From where have they come? This is one of the world's oldest riddles about these strange, colorful people. It is far from solved, although many books have been written about them. But the gypsies are here to stay, and like Israel they are scattered among all the nations of the world.

Rev. J. Fleischer of Rumania, who is well acquainted with Gypsy life, thinks that God's judgment in Ezekiel 29:12 refers to the nomadic Gypsies: "And I will make the land of Egypt desolate in the midst of the centuries . . . and I will scatter the Egyptians among all nations, and will disperse them through the countries."

## ORIGIN OF GYPSIES

Some scholars who have studied the languages and dialects of Gypsies have come to the conclusion that they had their origin centuries ago in India. Still others think that the Gypsies represent some remnant of one or more of the ten lost tribes of Israel.



Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt (third from right) with some Christian gypsies, missionaries and the late Dr. Wm. Kuhn in Bulgaria years ago.

The fact remains that the Gypsies, mysterious as they are like the Jews, are a scattered people. Many have not been assimilated by the nations among whom they live. They speak many diverse tongues. But they have retained their unique characteristics as Gypsies, and everywhere are recognized as such.

As a young man I remember having met many Gypsies in the Ukraine. My paths crossed frequently with Gypsies in Russia and even in Siberia. They are to be found in almost every country in Europe, as I know from personal experience. On my trips through the United States and Canada, I have seen them on the wide open countries and

in the crowded cities. In fact, where is a place in the world where you cannot find Gypsies? In the Balkan countries of southeastern Europe they are especially strong.

## GYPSIES IN BULGARIA

In Bulgaria with a total population of four to five million people, it is estimated that there are at least 150,000 Gypsies. In this small but crucial Balkan country we as North American Baptists formerly supported a flourishing church and mission among these Gypsies.

Why is this Gypsy work so sadly neglected by the missionary societies of today? When Jesus commissioned us to go into all the world, he certainly meant "all the kindreds of the earth" (Acts 3:25), including the Gypsies.

This mission and Baptist Church in Golinzi, Bulgaria, for the Gypsies was opened to us years ago by God's providential guidance. Until the outbreak of World War II we were in personal

our General Missionary Society, or by the services of a missionary, but very strangely by the power of a stolen New Testament in the Bulgarian language. Two Gypsies who were working for a rich man in Lom saw a gilt edged New Testament in his home. They stole it and took it to their huts, only to find that its message led them to the Savior and to the foot of the Cross.

In 1925 on my trip to Bulgaria, I became acquainted with the pioneer missionary Mr. Petrick. He introduced me to some of these Christian Gypsies of Golinzi, who were the fruitful results of this "stolen New Testament." As I visited them in their primitive surroundings, I marveled at the miracles of God's transforming power in their lives.

Everywhere Gypsies are neither loved sincerely or esteemed highly. In contrast, they are looked down upon by all other people, hated, discriminated against, and persecuted. The Gypsies know that, and as a result they too know how to hate with a frightening fury. But to these Gypsies the message, "For God so loved the world," is a bright ray of light in their darkness. These people of Golinzi have seen a great light in Jesus Christ, and that light will continue to shine in their hearts.

## FELLOWSHIP WITH CHRISTIANS

On one of my many visits to the Gypsies mission field, I was invited into the home of a Christian family for some refreshments. There I shared some of the experiences of the Apostle Paul when he went into the home of Cornelius in Caesarea in the midst of a strange pagan world. As a boy I had heard such terrible stories about Gypsies, and now I was asked to eat and to fellowship with them. But in that poor Gypsy home with its sweet hospitality I learned the truth that "table fellowship in Jesus' Name also belongs to the glory of the Kingdom of God."

These Bulgarian Gypsies also belong to "the fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God" (Ephesians 2:19), even though they could only offer us sour goat's milk and hard crusts of bread. At that time I received the picture of the Gypsy Christian Bogdanoff, who years earlier had stolen the New Testament. I still prize this photo very highly. (This story was the inspiration for the missionary play, "Better Than Gold," written by the late Rev. E. J. Baumgartner and presented in many of our churches. Editor.)

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Helena B. Wiebe (center picture) with Priscilla and Victoria, young Chinese Christians. At the left the Deep Well Youth Center, New Territories, Hong Kong, is shown with a new Volkswagen in front. Two of the lovely Hong Kong children are pictured at the right.

# Hong Kong, Jewel of the Orient

Christ has a glorious witness in this cosmopolitan city of Chinese refugees and nationalities from all over the world at the doorstep of Communist China

By MISS HELENA B. WIEBE

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**T**O THE METEOROLOGIST, cumulus — stratus — cirrus — nimbus — have meanings of import. Types of clouds? Oh yes, that was to have been remembered in a science test in junior high school. But this imaginative mind formed elephants and ships and cocker spaniel dogs and Abraham Lincoln's profile in those buoyant, gliding masses of cotton candy texture. Subsequent years of experiencing life's horizontals and verticals persistently and quietly nurtured this plastic imagery to life's concretes.

## STORM CLOUDS

STORM CLOUDS bringing uncertain rain, wind, and force with gigantic fire-works of lightning can be damaging. To Hong Kong, a British Crown Colony situated at the mouth of the Pearl River about 22 miles south from the border of China, have come some two million refugees to escape the dark, heavy clouds of Communism's subjugation and force.

More come daily! Many more would like to come! Housed in makeshift cardboard type structures on the sidewalks and streets, families "live." Single and multi-story government built dormitories alleviate the housing problem, though 2,000 in one building isn't too inviting, is it? Others rent expensive crowded apartments and rooms, and a select fragment luxuriate on "The Peak" or Repulse Bay.

Below on the flexile South China Sea, the boat people in their sampans with all their children and rusticity continue the impoverished life presented by past generations. Few comprise a complete Chinese family with no members behind the Bamboo Curtain. "The International," one of the many hotels, aptly characterizes Hong Kong's position.

The harbor is like a geography lesson as passenger, military, freighter, and cargo vessels from around the world stop at this free port which extracts no import nor export taxes. The countless products soon find their way into the endless shops of myriad description and size whose owners fervently "bargain"—catching the eye and money of many—especially extravagant, unwary Americans.

Jewel of the Orient, Hong Kong has an exotically fabulous but insecure setting of alloyed gold, rubbing its tarnish on all whose mind and heart are not applied to things above (Colossians 3:1-3). Despite the evident complacency and astute construction for tourism and trade in these 341 square miles of refuge, the STORM CLOUDS of uncertainty environ as twilight sleep.

## RAIN CLOUDS

Essential and non-essential conveniences are available to many, with an ever prevalent water shortage and rationing due to inadequate reservoirs to remind one that RAIN CLOUDS are important. "By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew" (Proverbs 3:20). To believers has been transmitted and committed the word of reconciliation—cloud of security—refreshment and salvation! To Hong Kong, not to flee but to fulfill the Lord's instructions, have come his ambassadors. Some through 1950 were forced to leave Inland China from vitiating Communism, but broken pieces have been collected and a mosaic of foreign missionary endeavor is in process with additional new recruits adding to the already represented American, Canadian, British, Australian, Indian, and Scandinavian evangelistic effort.

Included in these RAIN CLOUDS is the Hong Kong Department of the

Bible Institute of Los Angeles (the China Department formerly in Chung Sha) with its eight foreign representatives of whom Dr. Charles A. Roberts is the director. His 40 years' previous experience in China complements progress and the growth in the CLOUD OF WITNESSES now (Hebrews 12:1). Over a recently completed youth center of modern architecture at Sham Tseng or Deep Well, 13½ miles from Kowloon in the New Territories, the RAIN CLOUDS of testimony hover as within its walls adult and youth taste and drink the water from a well which is truly deep (John 4:11).

Emmanuel Primary School, together with the Deep Well Sunday School, has almost eighty enrolled like the winsome little miss pictured. The Evening School welcomes the hardworking adults of Deep Well Village, whose major occupation is working in the surrounding textile and beer factories and useless spare time, to study English and other subjects with a Christian slant.

The Apostle Paul in Ephesians 5:15 and Colossians 4:5 admonishes Christians to use their time to the best possible advantage. As a refulgent light framing CLOUDS OF OPPORTUNITY, this community of potential Communism can and is becoming a place where Christianity is causing rebirth and the resultant "redeeming the time" in usefulness.

## CHRIST'S MINISTRY

At 218 Nathan Road in Kowloon, the counterpart of the BIOLA Book Room in Los Angeles, Calif., the door is frequently opened during the day as Chinese and foreigners enter seeking Bibles and evangelical publications in both languages. Here, too, one can unexpectedly and joyfully meet missionaries and Christian workers

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# Publication Board Makes Important Plans

Report of annual session by REV. PAUL F. ZOSCHKE of Brooklyn, New York, secretary of the Board

THE ANNUAL SESSION of the Publication Board was held in the manager's office of the Roger Williams Press, Cleveland, Ohio, on Friday, May 4. It was pleasant to greet one another as board members from the various areas of our field, and to sit down to a common task. We experienced the presence of the Spirit of God as we considered aspects of the work of the Roger Williams Press that were gratifying as well as grappling with some problems.

## BROTHER BAUMGARTNER'S REPORT

One note only cast a shadow over our meeting, and that was the state of health of our manager, Rev. E. J. Baumgartner. It was obvious that his health had declined to a point where the doctor insisted that he go to the hospital the following week for rest and observation. From there the Great Manager called his faithful servant home to his eternal rest. But in our meeting Brother Baumgartner gave us his full attention and cooperation as he had done in previous years.

The manager's report glowed with joy and happiness over the service rendered our denomination during the year. The spirit of fellowship and the loyalty to service amongst the personnel was noteworthy.

The number of subscribers to our periodicals was about the same as in former years. Considering the steady growth in our denominational membership for several years, we could wish our subscriptions to stand at a higher figure. Possibly the assimilation of new members in our churches into our denominational body and their inoculation with denominational spirit could be intensified, or perhaps the diligence and zeal of our churches to gain new readers for our papers might be increased.

## THE BUDGET PLAN

Upon the recommendation of a Special Study Committee within our Board, appointed last year, a new Budget Plan for our periodicals was endorsed. According to this plan the churches would be urged to put a sum for subscriptions for at least all their active membership into their budgets, and either collect the subscription price through the church treasury, or pay the sum directly. This Budget Plan is to run concurrently with the Club Plan in 1957, and then replace the Club Plan in 1958. All our churches are urged to give this plan their best consideration.

One part of the manager's report was very gratifying to us all. Several more of our substantial churches and Sunday Schools have begun to channel their orders for materials and supplies

through our Publication House. While this takes only one day longer in ordering (for the orders are relayed the day they are received), it costs the churches no more, but the Publication House gets a good percentage of the profit. We would call upon all our churches to channel their orders through the Roger Williams Press.

The report of the Hymnal Committee on their progress with the new "North American Hymnal" revealed delays in the work beyond their control, and therefore could not name an early publication date for the hymnal. But we can now confidently say that the hymnal will be on the market in the reasonably near future. We appreciate the patience of the churches that have ordered or intend to order. They won't have to wait much longer.

The Publication Board also decided to print another edition of 3,000 copies of "Die Neue Glaubensharfe," because this German hymnal has been in great demand again.

## NEW SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Because of the constantly rising costs of materials and labor which have steadily increased the denominational subsidy necessary to cover the costs

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trek in the Kumba area with the Hendersons, we paused at a native home to greet the family. We noticed a young boy who had an injured eye.

Drawing him out Mrs. Henderson said, "What happen for your eye?" "Naw witch, Ma," was his reply. "But witch no fit do this kind thing," countered the missionary. The older brother joined in, "Yes, Ma, naw witch. This boy he done play with he brothers and they push some bamboo stick for he eye, but naw witch he done be the reason." The father, standing near by, completely agreed with his sons as to the cause and was the one who had so instructed his sons.

Yes, the little fellow had been in our school several years, but four hours of classroom instruction per day by a Christian Day School teacher will not readily counteract these home teachings that have their basis in the thousands of fears that constantly haunt the mind and heart of the native. Parents continue to pass on to their children the heathen beliefs which the grandparents taught them.

I believe my cook had an insight into the problem when he said, "This witch palaver will not finish until the papas no longer teach this kind of belief to their children."

May God hasten the day when our Baptist parents will say as did the

of our publications, and because of the greater incomes of our people in these prosperous years, the Board felt that our people would gladly accept an increase of fifty cents in the subscription rates, bringing the Club or Budget rate to \$3.00 and the regular rate to \$3.50 for both the "Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote." Likewise, an increase in the rate of our bi-lingual Sunday School quarterly, "Lektions-blaetter," will bring the single rate to ninety cents and for two or more to seventy-five cents. "Der Wegweiser" is to be increased by ten cents in all groups of subscriptions.

For the sake of promoting the work of the Publication Society in general the Board voted to designate the third Sunday of October as Publication Sunday. We would urge the pastors and the churches to plan special features for this Sunday, bringing the significance of the printed page in our spiritual life to the attention of the members.

God has richly blessed the Roger Williams Press in the life of our churches, for which a special prayer of thanksgiving was offered to God. May this again be true in the year to come!

Israelites in answer to Joshua's challenge, "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve. The Lord our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey."

## GERALDINE GLASENAPP

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the maternity centers. But now the need is greatest at the Bamenda New Hope Settlement. Mrs. Gilbert Schneider, missionary nurse, is coming home for a year of furlough. Mrs. Howard Roth, missionary nurse, was to take her place for the next year, but the resignation of Mr. and Mrs. Roth make that impossible.

But God supplies for the need by having the person ready to go just when needed, and, in addition, the person who, though not having applied for service among leprosy patients, nevertheless stated, "Ahywhere the Lord indicates," and is now ready to serve at his place.

At the time of her leaving for her field of service her home church and also the Evangel Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., have adopted her for partial support and missionary promotion. In these churches she will find special prayer support through this adoption. But the prayers of God's people in all our churches will follow her and become a source of strength and inspiration to her in her service for the Master.

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he could not endure his father, because of his ignorance, but at 21, he was amazed at how much his father had learned in five years.

It is not true that the older generation has "botched everything." We have made mistakes, to be sure, but we did the best we could to remedy a bad situation. Forty-five years ago, I too was critical of the old generation. But the years have taught me to throw the mantle of charity over their apparent mistakes and to recognize their achievements.

And yet we need the vision of youth, as Joel said: "Your young men shall see visions." Older men may have their dreams, but to youth belong the visions. Jesus was a young man, and so were his disciples when they dreamed of the Kingdom of God. The future of a better world and a better church have always been the dreams of young men.

But it is a lonely and heart-breaking business. He who would make his life count for the Kingdom of God must be prepared to walk alone. Jesus was a lonely man, as were most of his true followers down to our present age. To be misunderstood and libeled was their lot. But the situation demands that we accept the baton from the hands of those who have gone before. There remained work for Elisha to do (2 Kings 3-5).

At last his task, too, was done, and he was ready to pass on the baton. Joash, the king, lamented over him, as he did over Elijah: "My father, chariots of Israel and the horsemen thereof" (2 Kings 13:14). General McArthur in his speech before Congress said: "Old soldiers never die; they just fade away." Paul said: "I have laid the foundation, another builds thereon."

A generation ago, Ira D. Sankey wrote the hymn, "Only Remembered."

"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."

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## ENGAGEMENTS

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July 22 (Sunday A.M.) — Grace Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta.  
July 22 (Sunday P.M.) — Temple Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta.

## CONFERENCE AND ASSEMBLY DATES IN JULY

July 13-15—SOUTHERN CONFERENCE at the Cottonwood Baptist Church, Lorena, Texas. Dr. Ralph Powell and Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Guest Speakers.

July 14-20—BRITISH COLUMBIA YOUTH CAMP at Kelowna, B. C. Rev. L. Bienert and Miss Ruby Salzman, Guest Speakers.

July 15-23—JUNIOR CAMP—DAKOTA CONFERENCE at Crystal Springs Camp, Crystal Springs, North Dakota. Miss Ruth Bathauer and Rev. Ed Michelson, Guest Speakers.

July 16-22—CENTRAL ALBERTA AND SASKATCHEWAN TRI-UNION SENIOR CAMP at Elk Water Lake, Alberta. Rev. Herman Palfenier, Guest Speaker.

July 16-22 — MANITOBA GIRLS' CAMP at Lake Nutimik, River Hills, Manitoba. Miss Joyce Ringering, Guest Speaker.

July 16-22 — SASKATCHEWAN BOYS' CAMP at Echo Lake Camp. Rev. E. P. Wahl, Guest Speaker.

July 18-25—OKLAHOMA CBYF AND SCRIPTURE MEMORY CAMP at Roman Nose State Park. Rev. J. C. Gunst and Mr. Raymond Castro, Guest Speakers.

July 18-25—ALBERTA JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE CAMPS at Sylvan Lake Camp, Sylvan Lake, Alberta. Miss Eleanor Schulert, Guest Speaker.

July 21-28—CALIFORNIA YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY (Seniors and Young Adults and Juniors) at Hume Lake, California. Miss Ruby Salzman and Dr. Ralph Powell, Guest Speakers.

July 21-28—BRITISH COLUMBIA JUNIOR CAMP at Kelowna, B. C. Rev. L. Bienert and Miss Ruby Schindler, Guest Speakers.

July 22-28 — WISCONSIN YOUTH CAMP at Camp Bird, Marinette, Wisconsin. Rev. G. K. Zimmerman and Miss Ruth Bathauer, Guest Speakers.

July 22-29—SASKATCHEWAN YOUNG PEOPLE'S CAMP at Echo Lake Camp. Prof. Hugo Lueck and Miss Joyce Ringering, Guest Speakers.

July 23-29—CENTRAL ALBERTA AND SASKATCHEWAN TRI-UNION JUNIOR CAMP at Elk Water Lake, Alberta. Rev. Herman Palfenier, Guest Speaker.

July 26-29 — ALBERTA GERMAN CBYF GROUPS at Sylvan Lake Camp, Sylvan Lake, Alberta. Prof. H. Hiller, Guest Speaker.

July 28-Aug. 4—LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE at Baptist Assembly Grounds, Green Lake, Wisconsin. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Dr. M. L. Leuschner, and Rev. J. C. Gunst, Denominational Representatives.

July 29-Aug. 3—SASKATCHEWAN GIRLS' CAMP at Echo Lake Camp. Miss Joyce Ringering, Guest Speaker.

July 31-Aug. 6—MANITOBA YOUNG PEOPLE'S CAMP at Lake Nutimik, River Hills, Manitoba. Prof. Herbert Hiller and Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Guest Speakers.

July 30-Aug. 3—SOUTH DAKOTA JUNIOR CAMP at Mitchell, South Dakota. Miss Barbara Weisser and Eleanor Schulert, Speakers.

## A Thought Starter

By REV. RONALD C. MacCORMACK, Parkersburg, Iowa

### A MELTING HEART

We all occupy the same world together and have a congregating instinct. Here is a challenge to care about what happens to these people with whom we daily rub shoulders. Some are concerned, while others are cold and calloused in the face of human sufferings.

The cold person is deeply selfish and as long as he is pain-free he cares little what happens to others. For instance he can read of little children starving in India and Korea or of 38,000 people dying annually on the highways without feeling a cringe nor an ache in his soul.

There is slavery, darkness, and sin all around. There is bleeding and loneliness and financial distress. There are illnesses which strike men down. All of these like barnacles on a boat,

ple are quietly pleading for your sympathy and lead to disuse. Peopathy. Does your heart meld at the cries of others?

Man's nature often includes a mean streak. He tries to discourage people in the mistaken notion that this will somehow increase his own power. Such a one is not even civilized. Some say, "I don't have time to think about anyone but myself and my family." How can such a person dare to show his face to God in prayer?

We have been called to lift one another's burdens. When Christ was here on earth, he demonstrated tenderness. He went out of his way and stopped by the roadsides to touch unknown distressed persons with healing love. Those who are his modern followers must be ruled by such a sense of mercy and kindness.



# We...the Women

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

## INTRODUCTION

I remember my great grandfather, past 90 years ago, singing, "One more day's work for Jesus, one less of life for me." I did not appreciate that song then, but now I see it differently. As we grow older in years, we are happy to be nearer our heavenly Home. With this in mind, I asked Mrs. John Wobig of Portland, Ore., the pastor's wife and the Trinity Baptist Church, to write us an article on "Birthday." Because she has kindly consented, we have her thoughtful article before us today.

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## BIRTHDAY!

By MRS. JOHN WOBIG of Portland, Oregon

All of us have birthdays. To children it means parties and presents. To some it is a day that they would rather let slip by, and yet to others the thought of being remembered means more than any gift. As God adds years to our life, may we experience that which Jesus experienced in Luke 2:52. May we grow in stature, in wisdom and in favor with God and man.

Let us take the word, birthday, and by way of an acrostic share a few thoughts.

**B—Beginning.** Our advent into this world was the beginning of a new life. It was the beginning of experiences, physically, mentally and spiritually. With years came the beginnings of making choices. It is the act of making choices which determines what we are and what we become. There is the beginning of the spirit working in our hearts that makes us realize our need of a Savior. After we begin our life with Christ, we want to grow in his grace and knowledge.

**I—Interests.** Interests vary and may change as the years go by, but every one of us has an interest. It may be in the home, school, religion, nature, music, and the like. The important interest is not so much in what is about us, but what is inside. What is our heart's interest and desire? Unless we have, as someone has said, "in our lives an upper room bounded by the being of God, we are not living in the world for which we were intended." "For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" (Matt. 16:26.)

**R—Responsibility.** Responsibility is a compound of two words, response and ability, meaning the ability to respond. Someone said, "The happiest men are those who are thankful for life's responsibilities." In our childhood we were given the opportunity to



It was a surprise! The Woman's Missionary Society of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., honored their beloved pastor's wife, Mrs. John Wobig, on her last birthday. She is pictured here with her large birthday cake and among beautiful decorations.

take and share responsibilities. With encouragement these can be increased until we are confident in our ability to carry out the assigned tasks. As we grow older, our responsibilities increase in every phase of life. Everyone of us who is a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ has the responsibility of making the Gospel known to those round about us. Have we discharged or neglected this responsibility?

**T—Training.** Training is a process of instructing, drilling, and exercising. It begins in the home at the very earliest age. A good example is that of Timothy. The wise and faithful mother and grandmother carefully nurtured Timothy in God's Word. He knew the Scriptures from childhood through their training. We should praise God for Christian training. In godly homes we were taught to love and respect God and his Word. We were trained to overcome evil and to do the right. This was often learned through tears and rebellion. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6).

**H—Habits.** All of us have habits that are either good or bad. Someone said, "Bad habits are like ruts made by carriage wheels. They hold people fast." None of us can be too watchful or careful in the habits that we form. Bad habits like weeds mature and multiply without cultivation. Those which are valuable require care and labor. Have we acquired the habit of reading God's Word daily and having fellowship with him through prayer?

**D—Dreams.** There are two kinds of dreams. There is the dream which is the experience of a waking life though sleeping. Day dreams are defined by Webster as "a visionary and fanciful creation of the imagination." Day dreams can be helpful in stirring us to action. Perhaps it was through dreams and visions that the doors of opportunities were opened to our mission fields, our Church Extension work, and our outreach as a denomination. As women we are accepting greater responsibilities. It may be because someone dreamed that these things could be done and this challenged us. Gypsy Smith in his song says, "The world says I'm dreaming, but I know 'tis Jesus."

**A—Associations.** "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly" (Psalm 1:1). What kind of associations have we chosen during the years of our life? Have these associations benefitted our spiritual life and increased our respect everywhere? Have we ever stopped to think how our friends' lives have enriched ours? Many experiences have become as bright gems in our treasure chest of memory. Have we been that kind of a friend to someone else?

**Y—Yoke-fellow.** Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me." To take his yoke is to agree to go his way, to pull together with him at our side. We, too, are yoke-fellows as North American Baptist women. Not singly, but pulling together with him at our side. We must deepen our spiritual lives, support our missionaries, supply White Cross materials, and further the objectives of our denomination. The next time that you celebrate your birthday think on these things. Make them count for Christ!

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and gave instructions to the disciples, he said something that is especially forceful in a day when we have a tendency to forget the art of Christian neighborliness. The words of the Savior, the greatest Friend of man, were: "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves."

People today are independent and indifferent to the things of the Spirit, but this is to be expected. Perhaps, this indifference results in the fact that the Sunday Schools have been interested in numbers more than they have in the needs and problems of the people. Basically people long for someone in whom they may place their trust. God would use his people as instruments to introduce the masses to Christ, who is interested in the individual as a person.

Church Extension presents to us the opportunity to fulfill the command of Christ to "go out and compel them to come in . . ."



By REV. G. K. Zimmerman, General Secretary

## SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION

### OUR SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

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

**ESTABLISHING NEW CHURCHES** has been a challenge for Christians ever since the days of the apostles. This past year the Sunday Schools have had an opportunity to share in the Church Extension program of our denomination, to begin new churches in new communities. The accompanying article written by Rev. Clarence Walth, pastor of the Willow Rancho Baptist Church of Sacramento, Calif., will relate how one of the churches founded through the Church Extension program has reached out into its new community.

This new church in Sacramento, and others which have been established by our Church Extension program, call for a continued effort on the part of our Sunday Schools to share in the "Church Extension Project No. 640." The General Council which met recently in Forest Park, Ill., approved a goal of \$50,000 for Church Extension for the present fiscal year. We hope the Sunday Schools will accept the responsibility to raise a part of this amount.

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### REACHING THE UNCHURCHED THROUGH THE CHURCH EXTENSION PROGRAM

By REV. CLARENCE W. WALTH  
of Sacramento, California

One of the attractive features of Church Extension is traveling where no one has traveled before. This would indicate that there are certain advantages in a new field. There are also distinct disadvantages which accompany the work of establishing new Sunday Schools and churches. But when people acknowledge their need of God and "lean not upon their own understanding," the Lord has promised to go before them.

It has been a fruitful year for the Church Extension work of the North American Baptists in Sacramento, California. We praise God for leading and providing workers where they were needed. Credit should also be given to God's people who gave of their means to help the establishment of this work, among whom members of the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., should receive special mention.

Organizing and appointing officers and teachers was one of the first steps taken in promoting the new work. To our delight, there was no particular

problem in finding qualified and willing people to serve in the Sunday School. Obviously God had been preparing this field for many years! It was wonderful to see the fine group of people who responded to the Lord's command to "proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ." We discovered that a large number of the people living in and near Sacramento had been active by serving in various capacities at the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove as well as in some of the other neighboring churches.

The first Sunday School session was held in a rented store building on November 20, 1955, with 37 people in attendance. God blessed these efforts. In the beginning we had three Sunday School classes but very soon two more classes were needed. The work continued to grow. When Mr. Clifford Filler was elected as Sunday School superintendent, he made arrangements to add an additional two classes, making a total of seven classes. The attendance has continued its increase and according to our Sunday School secretary, Alice Balliet, a recent record high of 92 has been reached.

### WILLOW RANCHO CHURCH

Dreams, plans, and prayers of many months became a reality on April 29, 1956, when we were able to use the newly constructed unit for the first Sunday School and worship service to

be held in the Willow Rancho district. The newly constructed unit is to be the parsonage but will be used for chapel and Sunday School purposes until other facilities can be obtained. Our prayer is that funds will become available for the construction of much needed Sunday School rooms.

Visitation has been "the important method" employed for reaching new scholars for the school. A Sunday School contest was introduced during the month of April and was found to be very helpful for reaching new people. Class projects and fellowship afforded other channels for reaching those people of the community who were not acquainted with one another and with our church and Sunday School program.

For example, one of the older classes sponsored an all-church fellowship. The meeting place for the fellowship was one of the numerous banquet halls made available to the public by a local soft drink bottling company. The party was carefully planned and the purpose was to draw as many people as possible and help them become acquainted with those representing the Sunday School of our church. There is no one method which might be depended upon completely for reaching new scholars. One of the most effective methods, however, is the type of visitation where individuals show genuine concern for the unsaved in such a manner that they will most readily respond.

### CHRISTIAN NEIGHBORLINESS

We find that in many heavily populated areas the art of Christian neighborliness is lost. When our Lord called (Continued on Page 14)



—Eva Luoma Photo  
A welcome for everyone and a spirit of Christian neighborliness are needed to win new scholars for the Sunday School and to lead the unsaved to Christ.





# Sunday School Lessons

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: July 22, 1956

Theme: **WE BELONG TO A GREAT COMPANY**

Scripture: Acts 2:44-47; Heb. 11:1-3, 23-28, 32-40; 12:1-2; 13:1-2.

**THE CENTRAL TRUTH:** Christians, who are drawn close to Christ, are drawn closer together in fellowship, in prayer, in faith, in suffering, and in service.

**INTRODUCTION:** There are few persons who love to be alone. Not many choose to live as hermits. We are so dependent upon each other that we continually seek out new avenues of spiritual, intellectual, and physical fellowships. "Birds of a feather flock together." How happy we are when we travel to some distant place and we meet someone who comes from the same neighborhood. How delighted we are when we talk to a stranger and suddenly discover that he went to the same school, or has the same occupation, or the same hobby. Where there is no common interest, people soon drift apart. Where there is a sense of belonging to a certain group there is a feeling of contentment, strength, and security.

These early Christians were a part of a group which was formed around the fellowship of the Cross—a strange and terrible symbol in those days. But people of like faith have continued to assemble and to fellowship together in unbroken succession for almost two thousand years.

**I. The Church Fellowship and Faith.** Acts 2:44; Heb. 11.

"All that believed were together." This does not imply that they did not have their differences of opinion. At the first council in Jerusalem (Acts 15), we become aware of some of the differences in their religious beliefs. But their faith in Christ kept them steadfast and united.

**II. The Church Fellowship and Service.** Acts 2:45; Heb. 13:1-2.

No institution and no people are so aware of the needs in this world as are the Christians. As soon as a person enters the fellowship of Christ, his vision becomes enlarged. He is literally "saved to serve"! Jesus said, "If any man serve me, him will my Father honor" (John 12:26).

**III. The Church Fellowship and Worship.** Acts 2:46-47.

Notice the continuity of their worship: day by day; in the temple; at

home; with all the people. Their worship was not confined solely to time and place. They had an attitude of worship which they practiced at all times and in all places. The time came when they worshiped "in spirit and in truth" as Jesus said they would (John 4:23).

**IV. The Church Fellowship and Suffering.** Heb. 11:23-40.

It is a strange paradox that the children of God have done more than any other to relieve suffering and yet have suffered more than any other people. Men of faith in all ages have deliberately chosen to suffer with God rather than enjoy the pleasures of sin.

**V. The Church Fellowship and Christ.** Heb. 12:2.

Every nation has its heroes from which it receives strength and inspiration. The church, too, has its heroes. We are surrounded by a great host of witnesses. But the church must keep "looking unto Jesus" as the Author and Perfector of its faith if it is to continue as a fellowship with Christ at the center.

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: July 29, 1956

Theme: **SUFFERING AS CHRISTIANS**

Scripture: Acts 12:1-5; Peter 1:3-9; 5:6-11.

**THE CENTRAL TRUTH:** Jesus Christ did not come to take away suffering; but he did come to bring us strength and courage and joy and hope in spite of suffering.

**INTRODUCTION:** One of the greatest appeals which we make to the sinner in order to win him to Christ is the promise of reward—the reward of peace, of comfort, of joy, of security. Very seldom do we promise the prospective convert suffering. It is only after he has become a Christian that an attempt is made, and should be made, to prepare him for the hard knocks, the disappointments, and temptations in the Christian life.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGE EDITOR

The able editor of this page of Sunday School Lessons is Rev. Bruno Schreiber, a deacon and Sunday School teacher in the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Illinois. His address is 1026 S. Harvey, Oak Park, Ill.

There are many apparent causes of suffering. People suffer because of sin, disobedience, ignorance, sickness, accident, war, and death. But there is much unexplained and unnecessary suffering. The question is still asked, "Why do men suffer?"—particularly righteous men (Psalm 73).

Through suffering we can often experience a new understanding of God in our lives, even if we cannot easily express it in words. Perhaps the best expression is that of Job when he said, "I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear; but now mine eye seeth thee" (Job 42:5). His temporal blessings gave him a knowledge of God. Suffering gave him an inner abiding experience of God.

**I. Suffering and God's Purposes.** Acts 12:1-5.

It is often beyond our human understanding to explain why one person must die while another in the same danger is kept alive. Certainly both James and Peter were beloved disciples of Jesus. Many soldiers had a fatalistic attitude during the war when they said nothing could be done if a certain bullet had their number on it. We must learn to cooperate with God in time of suffering by saying with Paul, "For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord" (Romans 14:8). God has a purpose for every one of us. Therefore let us not only be willing to surrender to God, but willing to help God fulfill his purpose for us.

Our part for that purpose is evident in a number of ways:

- Humble yourselves. 1 Pet. 5:6.
  - Casting all anxiety upon him. Vs. 7.
  - Be sober. Vs. 8.
  - Be watchful. Vs. 8.
- God's part:
- The grace of God. 1 Pet. 5:10.
  - The calling of God. Vs. 10.
  - Perfecting by God. Vs. 10.
  - Established by God. Vs. 10.
  - Strengthened by God. Vs. 10.

**II. Suffering and Its Spiritual Rewards.** 1 Peter 1:3-9.

- A deeper understanding of the suffering of Christ. Vs. 3.
- The growth and value of patience. Vs. 6.
- The establishment of our faith. Vs. 7.
- The full salvation of our souls. Vs. 7.
- The final reward of eternal life. Vs. 4.

# What's Happening

● Rev. Earl Silver recently resigned as pastor of the Forestburg Baptist Church, Forestburg, Alberta. He announced that his resignation's effective date was June 24th. He is awaiting God's guidance as to a future pastorate. He also stated that he might consider entering the evangelistic field. He has served as pastor in the Forestburg church since 1953.

● Mrs. Herman von Berge of Dayton, Ohio, passed away on June 9th after several years of a lingering illness. She was 82 years of age. She was a very faithful member of the Shroyer Road Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio. She is survived by her husband, Dr. H. von Berge, widely known in our denominational circles; and by three children. The obituary will appear in the next issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● The Bethany Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia, has announced that Rev. August Kraemer of Kelowna, B. C., has been serving as the interim pastor since April 1956. The church is also endeavoring to secure a full-time pastor to succeed Rev. G. P. Gebauer, who is now the minister of the Immanuel Church of Vancouver. A baptismal service was held by the Bethany Church on Sunday, June 17.

● Rev. and Mrs. Bernard Fritzke of West Fargo, N. Dak., have announced the birth of a son on May 26th who has been named Dean Barry. This is pastor of the Grace Baptist Church of West Fargo, North Dakota.—Rev. and Mrs. Alphonz Lamprecht of Edmonton, Alta., have sent word concerning the birth of a son on June 11 who has been named John Robert. Mr. Lamprecht is pastor of the McKernan Baptist Church.

● The Berlin Baptist Church of Fredonia, N. Dak., held its Vacation Bible School from May 4 to 10. On May 3 served their 40th wedding anniversary with the members of the church joining them in celebrating this occasion. From May 21 to 27 evangelistic meetings were held at the Berlin church with Rev. Herbert Hiller of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and the minister-elect of the Central Church, Edmonton, Alta., serving as evangelist.

● The Erin Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, has extended a call to Miss Manetta Froehlich of LeDuc, Alta., to serve as the church's Director of Christian Education. She has responded favorably and began

her ministry on June 1st. She is a graduate of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alta., in the class of 1954. Her sister, Miss Eileen Froehlich, is the public school teacher on the Bull Indian Reservation near Wetaskiwin, Alta., where our Benke Memorial Chapel is located.

● The Senior Baptist Youth Fellowship of the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., recently elected the following new officers: Wilfred Luck, president; Gary Rossi, vice-president; Bob Veninga, treasurer; Carol Bartus, secretary. On June 9th Mr. Carl Henning, deacon emeritus of the Temple Church, celebrated his 80th birthday. Rev. Frank Veninga, pastor, extended congratulations to him in the name of the church. A budget of \$16,162 for the church was adopted, exclusive of missionary contributions.

● The Emery Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., held a Daily Vacation Bible School from May 21 to June 1. The average attendance was 124.4. Mrs. Fred Edzards was the director and Mrs. John Fluth assistant director. The mission offering of \$200.84 was designated for the work that the missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Castros are doing with the Spanish Americans. Mrs. Herman Bleeker reported: "We feel this Bible School was especially successful because there were nine decisions for Christ."

● On Sunday evening, June 17, the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., held a farewell reception for one of its members, Miss Geraldine Glasenapp, who has been appointed by the General Missionary Committee as a missionary-nurse for the Cameroons mission field. She left by plane for Africa on June 26th. Members and friends from other North American Baptist churches were also in attendance at this farewell reception. An article about Miss Glasenapp is featured in this issue.

● The Emanuel Baptist Church of Valleyview, Alta., has announced that Rev. David Unrau of Quill Lake, Sask., has accepted the call extended to him. He terminated his ministry at the Quill Lake Baptist Church on June 30th and began his work at the Valleyview church on July 1st. The Quill Lake church is associated with the Canadian Baptist Convention. Mr. Unrau's background is with the Mennonite Brethren churches. In Valleyview, he is succeeding Rev. Eldon Janzen, now of Fenwood, Sask., and Mr. Joseph Hufnagel who served as interim pastor.

● Mr. Arthur J. Browatzke, pastor of the Davin Baptist Church, Davin, Sask., is a graduate of the Carenport Bible School in 1951. He studied for six months at the American Seminary of the Bible, Brooklyn, New York. He and his wife are members of the Faith Church of Regina, Saskatchewan. He and his wife and their son live in the Davin parsonage. He is working part-time in Regina. On Sunday, May 6, he supplied the pulpit of the East Ebenezer Church, Ebenezer, Sask., and of Yorkton, Sask., in a province-wide program of pulpit exchanges.

● On Mother's Day, May 13, Rev. Jacob Ehman, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Sidney, Mont., conducted an impressive children's dedication service. Five young people were baptized on confession of their faith in Christ on Easter Sunday. From April 4 to 15 evangelistic meetings were held with Rev. Henry Pfeifer of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., serving as evangelist. There were 16 decisions recorded for Christ and the church experienced a spiritual uplift. The church and parsonage have been painted, and a church sign has been installed to announce the services.

● On Thursday evening, May 3rd, "The Choristers" of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta., rendered an inspirational musical program at the Calvary Church, Tacoma, Washington. "It enriched the lives of the large group assembled," as reported by Miss Elsie O. Blandau. The annual business meeting of the Sunday School was held in May, at which Mrs. Ethel Faul brought the secretary's report with its encouraging account of the past year's activities and achievements. Mr. Henry Schmunk was elected the general superintendent and began his ministry on June 1st, succeeding Mr. Wallace Stabbert.

● Mrs. Benjamin Graf of Detroit, Mich., followed the heavenly summons on May 16th, having reached the age of almost 82 years. She and her late husband, Rev. Benjamin Graf, served as missionaries in the Cameroons, Africa, for one term. Among their several pastorates in the United States, their ministry at the former Burns Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., for 19 years was most notable. Mrs. Graf had the privilege of helping to break ground for the new Grosse Pointe Baptist Church in 1954. A beautiful tribute to her life, prepared by Rev. H. P. Kayser of Roseville, Mich., appears on page 23 of this issue.

● The German Baptist Church of Terrac, British Columbia, was organized on Feb. 26, 1956 with 28 charter members. Several families have joined the church since then. Rev. Rudolph Rapske will devote half of his time as pastor of this field under the supervision of the Church Extension Com-

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# Our Denomination in ACTION

## Northwestern Conference

### Director of Youth Activities and Mother-Daughter Banquet at Racine, Wisconsin

The Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., has added to its staff for the summer Mr. Selden Bernauer, senior student at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. Mr. Bernauer will serve as Director of Youth Activities.

A graduate of the University of Wisconsin and a member of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Mr. Bernauer is well known among Wisconsin Baptists. He has had fine experience in youth work and excels in music.

On May 14 the annual Mother and Daughter Banquet was held at First Baptist Church of Racine, sponsored by the King's Daughters Society. Gold rocking chair planters were presented to the youngest mother present and to the grandmother with the youngest grandchild. Principal speaker for the event was Mrs. Hallie Williams of Milwaukee, Wis., and a feature of the evening was a tableau, "Honor Thy Mother." The dinner chairman was Mrs. Earl Walker, president of the society; program chairman, Mrs. Arthur Hilker; tickets, Mrs. Herman Stabenau and Miss LaVerne Johnson; and decorations, Mmes. Charles Habada, Paul Hansche, William Kresal, and Kenneth Parsons, Jr.

Mrs. Frederick Kimmerle,  
Church Secretary.

## Dakota Conference

### Ordination of Seminary Graduate, Rev. David Keiry at Venturia, North Dakota

Nineteen delegates from six churches in North Dakota met in council at the Venturia Baptist Church, Venturia, N. Dak., on the afternoon of May 25 to examine the testimony and doctrinal beliefs of a candidate for the Christian ministry, Mr. David Keiry of Center, Colorado. Upon hearing the candidate's satisfactory testimonial, the council unanimously voted to recommend to the church to proceed with the candidate's ordination to the Gospel ministry.

The formal ordination service took place at the Venturia Baptist Church at 8:00 o'clock the same evening. The candidate as well as all present were challenged by the soul-stirring ordination sermon given by Dr. George A. Dunger, Professor of Missions at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Dr. Dunger challenged us to continued fervent endeavors for Christ as he vividly unfolded the true meaning of God's servants to us. The Rev-

erends R. Dickau, A. W. Bibelheimer, and A. E. Reeh gave the ordination prayer, charge to the candidate, and charge to the church, respectively.

May God's benediction and blessing rest upon Rev. David Keiry and his family as they continue to labor in the Kingdom of God.

George Breitzkreuz, Sec. of the Council.

### Mr. and Mrs. William Stading, Wishek, North Dakota, Celebrate Their 50th Wedding Anniversary

On Sunday afternoon, April 8, at the First Baptist Church, Wishek, N. Dak., the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William Stading was held. A wonderful program was arranged by the children, presided over by Dr. W. H. Mehlhaff. Rev. B. W. Krentz, superintendent of the Baptist Home for the Aged, Bismarck, N. Dak., preached in German. Rev. L. O. Wahl, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wishek, preached in English. A beautiful wedding cake graced the table, and delicious refreshments were served to the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stading were married on April 8, 1906 in Ashley, North Dakota. The attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Alex Giedt and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Burgo. They have been members here in Wishek since 1917. They were members in Ashley for eight years.

Mrs. Stading served as Ladies' Aid president for 15 years here and at Ashley. She taught Sunday School for two years and was a member of the choir for many years. Mrs. Stading, nee Katherine Roth, is the third sister in her family to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversaries, the other two being Mrs. Alex Giedt, now deceased, and Mrs. Lena Gretchen of Flandreau, South Dakota. Mr. Stading served as church clerk, deacon and treasurer, also Sunday School teacher and superintendent. Present for the occasion were their seven children, also ten grandchildren.

Dr. W. H. Mehlhaff, Reporter.



Mr. and Mrs. William Stading of Wishek, N. Dak., at their golden wedding anniversary celebration.

## Central Conference

### Revival Meetings, Men's Brotherhood Prayer Ministry, Ripley Blvd. Church, Alpena, Michigan

The Ripley Boulevard Baptist Church of Alpena, Mich., held evangelistic meetings from April 3 to 15 with the Rev. Kurt Marquardt as our guest speaker. The meetings were well attended with many consecrating their lives to the Lord. The church as a whole received a spiritual blessing from the meetings.

Rev. Kurt Marquardt has served for the past ten years in the Ozark Mountains, Ark., ministering at St. Paul, Ark., and the surrounding community. He is now serving as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Steamboat Rock, Iowa. He was also guest speaker on the "Morning Devotion Program" at our local radio station. This program is from Monday through Friday each week, sponsored by the Ministerial Association of Alpena.

The Men's Brotherhood of the church is continuing its monthly prayer meetings, which are also well attended by visitors from other churches. Meetings are also held in a local Convalescent Home, and the Brotherhood sponsors "Park Meetings" during the summer months.

Construction of the church building is nearing completion, for which we praise and thank God.

Mrs. Omer S. Turnbull, Reporter.

## Eastern Conference

### Evangelistic Meetings With Rev. Roger Schmidt at First Baptist Church, Arnprior, Ontario

Evangelistic meetings were held in the First Baptist Church, Arnprior, Ont., from May 8 to 13 with Rev. Roger Schmidt of Jamesburg, N. J., as speaker. The meetings were well attended each night. His Biblical messages and his fearless manner of preaching God's Word brought many to dedicate their lives anew to Christ, as well as several who expressed their desire to accept Christ as their personal Savior.

The special children's stories, each one demonstrating the love of God and our need for a Savior, were enjoyed by the adults as well as by the children. Each evening a different church organization took part in the service with special music. Brother Schmidt sang a solo each evening which was a blessing to all who attended.

We are planning our baptismal service for a later date. We thank God for the wonderful blessings he has given us through Rev. Roger Schmidt, and we pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to work on the hearts of many people. Rev. Walter Schmidt is the pastor of our church.

Mrs. Gerald Kuehl, Reporter.

## Pacific Conference

### Members of Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Washington, Witness Two Great Ceremonies

To commence a very unusual festive Sunday in the history of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., on Sunday, May 20th, we were honored to have Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., bring the dedication message for our new parsonage. His glowing words based on 2 Chronicles 31:21 warmed our own hearts and engraved thoughts that will not be erased from our memories.

Then in the afternoon, God graciously gave us beautiful weather for the dedication of our new parsonage and ground breaking ceremony for our new church edifice. For this momentous occasion Mr. W. Stabbert led the congregation in singing the hymn, "All Hail the Power," after which Mrs. E. Helmrich gave the invocation.

Upon the reading of the Scripture by Miss K. Janz, remarks were given of their deep and profound joy to dedicate the parsonage and to break ground for our new church, all done unto the Lord, by the various committee chairman, namely, Mr. Ed. Stabbert, Mr. D. Bullock, Mr. Gay Kager, Mr. Al. Klapstein, and our pastor, Rev. R. S. Hess. A mixed quartet sang, "Bless This House."

Adjacent to the parsonage we stood on hallowed ground and witnessed the ceremony as Mrs. A. Franzkeit and Mrs. Elizabeth Stabbert (who are members of our church for over 50 years) turned the first shovelsful of soil. Mr. Leuschner also participated in doing likewise and remarked, "Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised." Rev. W. Dingfield from Startup, Wash., brought greetings. The prayer of dedication was led by Rev. E. Bibelheimer, and upon singing the doxology, Mr. D. Nelson gave the benediction.

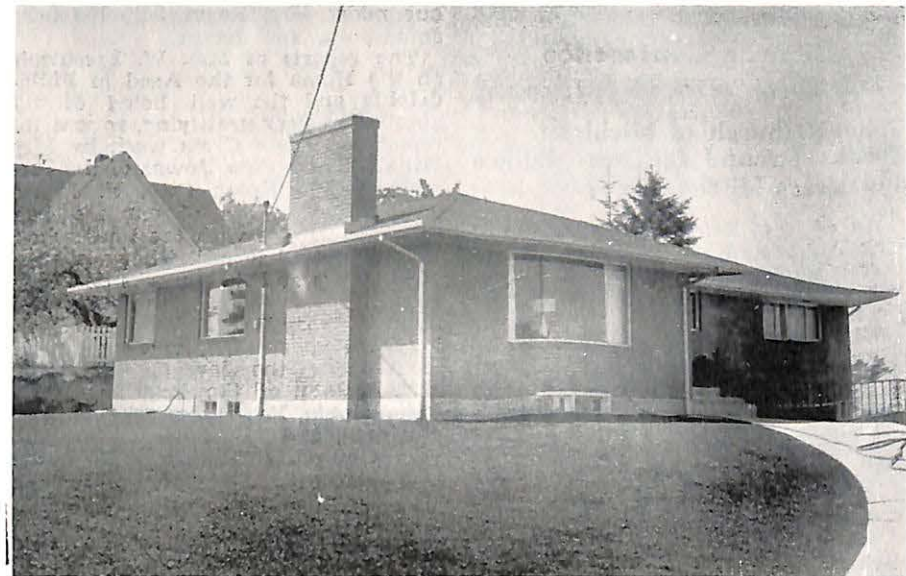
Now we are launching out in faith in the building of our new church edifice which will begin this summer, the Lord willing. We're looking forward to its completion in about a year.

Elsie O. Blandau, Reporter.

### Recent Programs, Activities and Honors at the Glencullen Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon

The Glencullen Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., has truly felt the blessings of the Lord during the past few months. In January, Rev. Robert Harlow conducted a Visitation Training Course in our church. Following his course, a new census was taken of the Glencullen community. Mr. Ben Truax was elected visitation chairman for the church and Mrs. Oren Fowler was elected secretary.

We were privileged to have Rev. Howard Roth as our guest in March. As always we were thrilled with his message during the morning worship hours, and inspired to new heights of interest as he brought us the missionary message in slides during the evening hours.



The new parsonage of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., with picture windows that look out upon Mt. Rainier. Rev. and Mrs. Robert S. Hess and daughter are the first occupants of this newly dedicated manse.

During the early months of the year preceding Easter, the Sunday School carried on their annual mite box offering project. With the generous contributions of the families and friends of the Sunday School and church, we were able to purchase a 16 mm. sound projector. Much use has already been made of this equipment.

On January 29th a baptismal service was held for Mrs. Byron Paul and Miss Connie Cameron. Again on April 1st Mr. Seibold was privileged to baptize Steven White.

Departed from our midst to their heavenly glory have been two of our members. Mrs. Caroline Swanson, lovingly known as "Grandma" even to the smallest of our Sunday School folk, was called home on April 13th. Significant is the fact that Sister Swanson records the first death on the records of the Glencullen Church since its institution in September of 1947. On May 8th Mr. David Emslie, Sr., was called to his eternal home after a lingering illness. Brother Emslie was one of our shut-ins. Though never

having had the pleasure of being in the church services, he was one of our most loyal and devoted members.

"The Mid-Week Reminder," a weekly bulletin, has been mailed to the church and Sunday School families during the past few months. It has been most heartily received by its recipients and has been an excellent means of contact with those who do not regularly attend the worship services. On April 7th, the Sunday School sponsored a bus trip to Mount Hood for a day of fun in the snow. It was a real day of activity.

We are proud indeed to announce that Miss Merle Hume, a senior student of Lewis and Clark College in Portland, was awarded the Fulbright Scholarship for study abroad in the area of foreign languages. Merle has been a most active member of our church since its very beginning and we are bursting with pride over her award. We are looking forward to completing our Sunday School basement addition this summer.

Mrs. Russel Jones, Reporter.



Rev. Robert S. Hess, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., and two long-time members, Mrs. A. Franzkeit and Mrs. Fred Stabbert, get ready to break ground for the new church edifice.



## Central Conference

### Beaver Church of Michigan Breaks Ground for New Edifice and Hears Missionary

We of the Beaver Baptist Church near Auburn, Mich., had the joy of having Rev. Gideon Zimmerman, former pastor and at present secretary of the Sunday School Union, with us on April 28 and 29, telling us how to improve our Sunday School. The ground breaking on the site of property purchased for our new church was scheduled for April 29, but due to inclement weather it was postponed. During the last week in May, however, we did break ground and began work on the new church at Auburn to be known as the First Baptist Church of Auburn, Michigan.

On Sunday evening, May 13th, the church members gathered after the evening service to celebrate with our pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Henry Hirsch, the occasion of their 42nd wedding anniversary. We thank God for their ministry among us and their wise guidance in the new project of the church building.

On Sunday evening, May 27th, Miss Eleanor E. Schultert, Cameroons missionary who is home on furlough, was the guest speaker at the anniversary program by the Woman's Missionary Society. Films were used to show the missionary work. Eleanor Schultert's grandparents were charter members of our Beaver Baptist Church. She brought a real blessing to our group by her visit.

On Sunday, June 10th, a baptismal service was held, and our neighbor church, Round Lake Baptist Church at Gladwin, joined with us in this service with their delegates desiring baptism. Rev. A. H. Fadenrecht is the pastor there. Our Vacation Bible School was held from June 11 to 17. Eight teachers served in the leadership of the school and a goodly number of pupils were registered.

Mrs. Florence Braun, Reporter.

## Atlantic Conference

### Sessions of the Atlantic Conference Woman's Missionary Union at Baltimore, Maryland

The 49th annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Atlantic Conference took place Friday, May 18th, in the West Baltimore Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland. Our president, Mrs. Herbert Freeman, presided, and Mrs. Utz of the host church led in the devotional period, taking her text from 12th chapter of Luke.

Mrs. Freeman then read a heart-warming letter from our General President, Mrs. Thomas Lutz, which was followed by a beautiful solo by Mrs. Betty Cook of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. The reports of our secretary and treasurer were accepted as read, and the roll call disclosed that 82 members were present. We welcomed into

our midst Mrs. Roger Schmidt from Jamesburg, New Jersey.

The reports of Mrs. W. Essenwein on the Home for the Aged in Philadelphia and the well being of the guests was very gratifying, as was the report on White Cross work by Mrs. Winkler. Mrs. Ann Downs of the Second Church, Union City, N. J., reported that eleven of our members have gone to be with the Lord whom they loved and served. They rest from their labors and their works do follow them.

The Calvary Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Pa., was presented with the banner for the largest attendance. Mrs. R. Jahn of the Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pa., is our newly elected president, and Mrs. Raab of the Calvary Church, Bethlehem, Pa., is our new secretary.

Then we were privileged to listen to the inspiring messages of our Missionaries, Miss Delores Henne and Miss Ardice Ziolkowski, who will be returning to the Cameroons before long. May our heavenly Father bless them as they labor on in his work. Rev. Richard Schilke asked God's blessing on the newly elected officers and dismissed us with the benediction.

Bessie Klumpp, Secretary.

## Southern Conference

### Ordination Service for Rev. Owen L. Hollingsworth by Carroll Ave. Church, Dallas, Texas

Upon the request of the Carroll Ave. Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, an ordination council gathered on April 13 for the purpose of examining Mr. Owen L. Hollingsworth for the Gospel ministry. The host pastor, Rev. Douglas H. Gallagher, called the council to order. Rev. Eldon Schroeder was elected as moderator, and Rev. Walter G. Gummelt was elected secretary.

The candidate gave a lucid and convincing testimony of salvation and call to the ministry, and statement of his doctrinal views. After a brief period of questioning, the candidate was asked to retire. The council voted unanimously to recommend to the Carroll Avenue Church that Mr. Hollingsworth be ordained to the ministry.

The ordination service began at 8:00 P.M. The organ prelude was played by Mary Pearl Kahle. The congregation sang, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," led by Rev. Howard C. Schenk. The invitational prayer was led by Mr. Edwin Gummelt. Rev. Walter G. Gummelt presented the statement of the council. Psalm 119:1-8 was read by Mr. Schenk, followed by a splendid vocal duet by Mr. and Mrs. Hollingsworth. Then the ordination sermon was brought by Rev. Douglas H. Gallagher on the subject, "Victorious Christian Living."

Following the message, the congregation sang, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah." The charge to the ministry was given by Rev. Eldon Schroeder. The ordination prayer, accompanied by the laying on of hands, was offered by Rev. Frank Armbruster. The candidate was welcomed into the ministry

by Rev. Walter G. Gummelt. The personal testimony of the candidate was given in the singing of a beautiful solo entitled, "Thine Lord." After the singing of the hymn, "He Leadeth Me," Rev. Owen L. Hollingsworth pronounced the benediction.

Howard C. Schenk, Reporter.

## Dakota Conference

### Special Programs and Activities of the First Baptist Church, Springside, Saskatchewan

The annual Easter program of the First Baptist Church, Springside, Sask., was given on Sunday evening, April 1st. The mixed chorus presented a sacred concert under the direction of Mr. Martin Arndt, with Miss Irene Schultz as accompanist. The entire service consisted of singing, with our pastor, Rev. B. Milner, bringing fitting thoughts and readings between numbers.

Among some of the well known and loved hymns were "Open the Gates of the Temple," "Man of Sorrows," "Praise the Lord, Oh Jerusalem," with Mrs. Loreen Tillman and Mrs. Darleen Tillman singing the solo parts. In addition to the choir selections there were other musical numbers by other groups and soloists.

In the course of the evening, the male chorus of the church, under the direction of Mr. J. Breitzkreuz, also shared with us a German selection, "Gottes Volk darf nie ermüden." As a fitting close, the congregation rose as the mixed choir rendered the exalting "Hallelujah Chorus."

This same program, with the exception of the number by the male chorus, was presented at the Central Baptist Church, Yorkton, Sask., on April 2nd. In spite of weather and road conditions, a goodly number of friends and relatives were in attendance. An offering of \$50.70 was realized from both services.

Mrs. Darleen Tillman, Reporter.

### Mother's Day Services at the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba

May 13th was a very eventful Mother's Day at the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, when 35 babies, born within the past year, were dedicated at the morning service.

In the evening the English Home-builders presented a sketch of an average home, beginning with the wedding of a young couple, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Rogalski. The organist played "Still As the Night." The second scene showed the importance of family devotions, even while the children are still small. George Berthin sang "Bless This House." When the boy was ready to start to school, the father composed a letter to the world pleading for kindness towards his son. Although parents do not always realize it, children observe them very closely and notice the contradiction and fallibility of their elders. Ruth Waltereit recited "My Parents."

Often mothers reminisce when the children have grown up, and Mrs. Tillie Larson sang "Dear Little Boy of Mine." Although children are taught to say their prayers every night, what actually goes through their mind as they are saying them? Ardath Effa tried to enlighten us in the song "Christopher Robin is Saying His Prayers." How often impatient parents punish their children too hastily. A father, Victor Steek, is rather remorseful after one of these episodes and when his son is asleep he goes into his room and begs forgiveness for perhaps having been unjust.

The final scene showed the parents, Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Waltereit, reminiscing over the years that are past. A male trio (Hans Rogalski, John Michajlojeski, and George Berthin) sang "Where Is My Wandering Boy Tonight?" Their son is now in college and they are concerned about his salvation and perhaps their failure as parents to lead him to Christ. A telegram is delivered bearing the good tidings that their son has accepted Christ. It was indeed the most wonderful Mother's Day for these parents.

Miss E. Redlich, Reporter.

### Thirty Northern Conference Ministers Attend Institute at Faith Church, Regina, Saskatchewan

The churches of the Northern Conference recently experienced their annual "Pastors' Exodus." Thirty of the ministers made their way to the Pastors' Fellowship at the Faith Baptist Church of Regina, Sask., for the Institute from May 15 to 18.

It can honestly be said that the days of the Pastors' Fellowship were great days. The fact that the Faith Church, one of our Church Extension projects, with the assistance of the Victoria Ave. Church, acted as host was inspiring. Yet there were greater things. Several of the pastors led in devotional meditations which revealed thought and study and proved challenging to us.

However, the lectures by the guest speakers highlighted the entire occasion. Dr. T. W. Bender from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary lectured on "Recent Trends in Theology." This was most helpful for pastors who sometimes become so involved in preaching, organizing and programming that they find little time keeping abreast of what is happening in the field of theology. Dr. M. L. Leuschner lectured on "Recent Advances in World Missions," concentrating on Baptist mission work. It is encouraging to note that advances are being made in other as well as in our own Baptist Fellowship. All the pastors are grateful for the forwardness of Mr. Leuschner in pointing out that it is the pastor's business to challenge the people for missions. Often opportunities are lost because we have been afraid to challenge.

Every evening a public meeting was held and the people from the Regina and surrounding churches gathered at the Faith Church. At these services Dr. Bender and Dr. Leuschner served alternately and after every evening message Dr. Leuschner showed denominational films. Arrangement was made by the pastor of the Faith



Ministers of Northern Conference churches who attended their annual Pastors' Institute held at the Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Saskatchewan.

Church, Rev. Richard Grapke, for Dr. Leuschner and Dr. Bender to appear on a television interview.

As we look back to those days we think of them as great days of fellow-

ship, instruction and blessings. Our hearts were encouraged to go back to our churches with new determination to do our best for the Master.

Isador Faszer, Reporter.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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mittee of the denomination, and the other half to the immigration ministry. Services are held in the Terrace Church on Sunday afternoons. About 40 miles away is Kitimat, B. C., with a flourishing new church. Mr. Rapske also serves this church group occasionally. At present Terrace and Kitimat are connected only by rail and plane transportation.

● At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Chicago, Ill., the resignation of its superintendent, Rev. R. Sigmund, was accepted. He had tendered his resignation to the board several weeks previously. It will be effective on July 7. The board also announced that it had appointed Rev. Theo. W. Dons of Sterling, Kans., as the Home's field representative for the raising of funds for the new building of the Home. He has accepted the appointment and will begin his ministry the latter part of August. The cornerstone for the building was laid on Sunday afternoon, May 27, as will be reported and pictured in the next issue.

### WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENT about the NORTH AMERICAN HYMNAL

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## JEWEL OF THE ORIENT

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from so many places enroute to other places. Perhaps you will come sometime? It is here the writer spends part of her time after Cantonese language study and when not in visitation.

The physical needs of an average 1700 persons monthly are treated by Dr. Peter Jenkins (British) and the Chinese staff at Emmanuel Medical Mission. To the crowded outpatient clinic most pay a very small fee; some are free cases. Tuberculosis of the lung and bone, trachoma, and anemia are common, with all having the universal heart symptom of sin. The latter is not neglected as Mrs. Lei and Mrs. Betty Pao, Bible women, faithfully present the "balm of Gilead."

International and interdenominational are the terms to describe Emmanuel Church, which though English speaking, comprises nationalities from island and continent-Asia, Southeast Asia, Europe, North and South America! At present, there is no adequate church site. However, plans are under way to erect a permanent multi-purpose building incorporating a school. The members of the writer's Sunday School class are alert, lovable Chinese, Eurasian, Scotch, British, and Dutch boys and girls who enjoy the American use of flannelgraph to present the good news of redemption to the world.

### CLOUD OF GLORY

"The Lord is . . . great in power . . . the Lord bath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet" (Nahum 1:3). Clouds and dust! The meeting of heaven and earth. Particles of earth—us—me—he deigns to use as a cloud of witness as he is beheld in a cloud of glory—until we, too, are caught up together with him! (1 Thess. 4:16-17.)



## MARCH OF EVENTS

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Pilgrimage, Inc., which has been set up as an independent foundation. Its general purpose is to promote "the educational, religious, and patriotic recognition of our American heritage," and establish continuous contact between church people and national leaders "to emphasize basic morality in American life as the foundation of good government."

● Through the influence of the more liberal Roman Catholicism found in the United States, the way has been opened for millions of Filipinos in the Philippine Islands to move out from darkness and superstition. A full-page advertisement in the "Philippines Free Press," our most widely circulated national weekly, announces that Filipinos can now buy the "Holy Family" edition of the Catholic Bible, published with the approval of Cardinal Stritch of Chicago. It is priced of \$34.75. To encourage Filipino Catholics to take advantage of this offer of an "open Bible," indulgences are announced as follows: (1) To the faithful who read the Bible for at least 15 minutes "with great reverence," a three years' indulgence. (2) To those who "piously" read "some verses" and recite one of three designated invocations, an indulgence of 500 days. (3) To those who read verses from the Bible and recite the invocations daily for an entire month, a plenary indulgence "at the hour of death." (4) To those who have "often during life" performed the pious exercise cited in (2), also a plenary indulgence at the hour of death.—Christian Century.

## BAPTIST BRIEFS

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● The Baptist Women's Union of the Pacific and Southeast Asia came into existence April 4-8 when 60 Baptist women leaders from nine Asian countries met in Japan. Mrs. George R. Martin, chairman of the Baptist World Alliance Women's Department, led in the movement and was present for the conference. Under the theme "Workers Together" the women met at the Amagi Sanso retreat on the Izu Peninsula southeast of Tokyo. The officers elected are: Mrs. Remedios Vafior, the Philippines, chairman; Mrs. Edna Wong, Hong Kong, vice-chairman; Mrs. Ayako Hino, Japan, secretary; Mrs. Akiko Matsumura, Japan treasurer; and Mrs. Lucy Wu Hsu, Formosa, member at large. Women from Burma, Malaya, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Formosa, Okinawa, Korea, Hawaii, and Japan attended, representing the Baptist women of 16 Asian nations.

● The new auditorium of the Baptist Church in Beirut, Lebanon, with a capacity of 600, was dedicated March 15 in the presence of the president of

the Republic of Lebanon, the American Ambassador to the country, and Dr. George W. Sadler of the Southern Baptist Mission Board which sponsors missions in Lebanon. Revival services began April 22 in that church, and a week later in Tripoli, followed by services for a week each at Meya Meya, Bikfayah, Ain Dara and Kefr Mishky. The earthquake which struck the country March 16 did no damage to Baptist property, but did affect the attitude of the people, creating a rich opportunity for the gospel. "The Middle East world is in turmoil," writes Missionary Finlay Graham of the Southern Baptist Mission, "but we believe that God has a message for this moment—the message of the cross, which we proclaim. Hearts are hungry. The Arab world needs direction."

● The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board of Richmond, Va., adopted the recommendation of its Committee for Africa, Europe, and the Near East on April 11, for expansion in several areas of Africa. Following a tour of these areas by the secretary for that region, Dr. George W. Sadler, during early 1956, the Board authorized evangelistic and medical work in Tanganyika, the entry of missionaries into Northern Rhodesia, serious consideration of a first-rate, degree-giving college in Nigeria, and assistance to Egyptian Baptists to buy a lot in Cairo for a house of worship. Nigeria, which now has four Baptist hospitals, a leprosy work among 1,500 people, 50,000 church members, 75,000 pupils in Baptist-sponsored schools, and a staff of 192 missionaries, had expected independence in 1956. The north is chiefly Moslem, with Baptist work located primarily in the South.

● On Sunday, March 25, at the Baptist Mission at Ciudad Guzman, Jalisco, Mexico, was attacked by a mob led by priests. The worshipers inside barred the windows and doors, and waited in prayer until the local police and later federal troops arrived. Two policemen were wounded and several hundred dollars' worth of damage was done to the property. According to Missionary Orvil W. Reid of Guadalajara in the same state, the Mission was begun in the home of a new convert, a widow, last October. The local priest attempted to interfere, and when she declined to stop the services, he offered to buy her house. She refused to sell and a few days later dynamite bombs thrown upon the roof exploded at 3:00 o'clock in the morning. The widow sold the house to the Baptist Mission instead, moving her possessions to a piece of property on which she tried to build a little home, and in her brief absence these were destroyed by fire.

This is the second largest city in Jalisco, and has no evangelical Christian church.

## OBITUARY

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

### MR. PAUL C. GIEGLER of Forest Park, Illinois.

Mr. Paul Carl Giegler of Forest Park, Ill., was born in Berlin, Germany, March 26, 1881. He came to America in 1904, settling first in Forest Park, and after his marriage he and his wife established their home in River Forest where they resided for 41 years.

Mr. Giegler's Christian interests began in his beloved "fatherland" where he accepted Christ as his Savior, was baptized upon confession of his faith, and became a member of the Baptist Church. Since coming to this country he was a faithful member and ardent supporter of the Forest Park Baptist Church. His love for the church was expressed in many areas of active service to which he devoted his God-given talents as a Sunday School teacher, a member of the church choir and male chorus, a deacon and clerk of the church.

He was called to his eternal reward very suddenly May 28. Pre-deceased by his loving wife by one year, he leaves to mourn his departure his son Helmut and daughter Irma Koch and their families.

Mr. Giegler was respected in the community in which he lived, among his business associates with whom he worked, and in the church in which he served. He was loved by those matured with experience and age. He also endeared himself to children. Funeral services were held on Thursday, May 31.

Forest Park Baptist Church,  
Forest Park, Illinois

REV. R. KERN, Pastor.

● On May 8 the Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Kan., voted to align itself officially with the American Baptist Convention. The seminary was founded in 1901 as an area institution, with members of both American (northern) and Southern Baptist churches in the Kansas-Missouri area providing the majority of its leadership and student body. However, its support has come mainly from American Baptists. With rising costs and expansion in enrollment and facilities, the seminary decided to invite the Southern Baptist Convention to add its official support to the substantial undergirding already being given by the American convention. But the Southern convention's committee on theological education replied that that convention would not participate officially so long as the seminary was also receiving support from another church group. Thereupon, official affiliation with the American convention was decided on. The official relationship means that the board of directors will be drawn entirely from members of American Baptist churches, and that \$175,000 support will come annually from American Baptist sources. Nine Southern Baptists on the board of directors have resigned. Prof. Paul T. Losh of the faculty has been elected president of the seminary.

—Christian Century.

### DOUGLAS LEROY BETKER of Ebenezer, Saskatchewan.

Douglas Leroy Betker of Ebenezer, Sask., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Betker on August 21, 1944. He came into the home as a ray of sunshine. But his earthly life was suddenly snuffed out, when he was instantly killed in a collision with a car, as he was riding a bicycle south of Ebenezer, Sask., on May 20, 1956, at the age of 11 years.

Douglas was one of the Sunday School scholars of the Ebenezer Baptist Church. He had confessed his faith in the Savior at one of the summer Vacation Bible Schools. The entire school of Ebenezer turned out for the funeral, and his school friends acted as pall-bearers.

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. W. Hoffman, the undersigned was requested to bring the message, which was based on John 10:9, "The Open Door." Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hoffman sang two duets, "Gathering Flowers" and "No Tears in Heaven."

Douglas leaves to mourn his passing, his mother and father; three sisters: Mrs. Lynn Dickie, Edmonton, Alta.; Maxine, Edmonton, Alta.; Teresa, Ebenezer, Sask.; five brothers: Percy, Hardy, Dennis, Lionel, and Francis of Ebenezer, Sask.; as well as a host of other relatives and friends. Interment was made in the Ebenezer Cemetery.

Ebenezer, Saskatchewan

BERTHOLD E. MILNER, Acting Pastor.

### MRS. CECILIA SCHOBEL of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Cecelia Schobel of Cleveland, Ohio, was born on September 14, 1887 in Visoki Mito, Bohemia, and passed away in her home in Cleveland on Friday, May 25, 1956. In 1907 she came to America and made her home in Cleveland, Ohio. In 1910 she was united in marriage with Michael Schobel with whom she shared the joys and sorrows of life until he passed away in 1926. One son, Michael, was born to this union.

In the early years of her married life she found her way into the White Avenue Baptist Church. It was here that she found Christ as her Savior and was baptized by Rev. Otto E. Krueger and received into the fellowship of the church. Mrs. Schobel was one of the faithful workers in our church. For 25 years she served as secretary of her Sunday School class. For several years she served as an officer of the Woman's Missionary Society as well as a deaconess of the church. She was loved by all and will be greatly missed among the ranks of God's people.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her only son, Michael; his wife and their two children; one sister, Mrs. Rose Smolik of Cleveland, and one brother, Frank Cermak, in Bohemia, the land that is now a part of Czechoslovakia. Two sisters preceded her in death. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Edward Kary of the White Avenue Baptist Church, who spoke on the words of Jesus: "Leave her alone, she has done all that she could." Our heavenly Father will comfort all those who grieve and will wipe away all tears from their eyes.

White Avenue Baptist Church,  
Cleveland, Ohio

EDWARD KARY, Pastor.

### MR. GOTTHILF SEEFRIED of Calgary, Alberta.

Mr. Gotthilf Seefried of Calgary, Alta., was born in Bessarabia, South Russia, April 8, 1890. As a young man he emigrated to Golden Valley, N. D., and 13 years later he moved to Spokane, Washington. In 1929 and 1933 he lived at Manyberries, Alta., and then in Calgary, Alta., until his death. He was united in marriage with Emilie Rink in 1910, with whom he could share life's joys and sorrows for 46 years. Seven children came to brighten this home. Three, however, passed away before their father. One son, Rubin, made the supreme sacrifice for his country on Dec. 22, 1944.

In his most important decision of life, he was converted to God in 1914, and obediently followed his Lord into the baptismal waters, publicly testifying of his new life in Christ. Suffering as a diabetic all his life, he became critically ill three years ago, spending many months in the hospital. Having reached the age of 66 years, 1 month and 11 days he was relieved from all suffering and pain on May 19.

He leaves to mourn his departure, his wife, Emilie; one son, Herbert of Calgary; three daughters: Mrs. J. Weiland of Calgary;

### EXPRESSION OF THANKS

Mrs. E. J. Baumgartner of Cleveland, Ohio, wishes to express her appreciation to the many friends who sent cards, telegrams and letters of sympathy to her in her bereavement following the homegoing of her husband, Rev. E. J. Baumgartner.

Mrs. A. W. Strand of Portland, Ore.; Mrs. M. McLaughlin of Calgary; six grandchildren; five brothers: John of Medicine Hat; Edward of Washington; William of Winnipeg; Adolf of Innesfield; Walter of Winfield; four sisters: Mrs. Emelie Maser and Mrs. Mathilda Stuber of Medicine Hat; Mrs. Sophie Schroeder of Startup, Wash.; Mrs. Bertha Fanderich of Maple Creek; besides many other relatives and friends.

Services were conducted in the Bridgeland Baptist Church May 23. The Rev. D. Kroeker in the German language and the pastor in English brought words of comfort from God's precious Book. He was laid to rest in the beautiful Mountain View Memorial Gardens awaiting the sound of the trumpet and the resurrection of the dead.

Bridgeland Baptist Church,  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

ERVIN J. FAUL, Minister.

### MRS. LOUISE ANDRESEN SCHNECK of Brooklyn, New York.

Mrs. Louise Schneck of Brooklyn, N. Y., was born May 25, 1871 in Brooklyn as the oldest child of John and Louisa Andresen. In her youth she experienced regeneration through faith in Christ and was baptized by Rev. G. A. Schulte into the fellowship of the First German Baptist Church of New York City. In 1899 she was married to Gustav H. Schneck, then professor at our seminary in Rochester, New York. Two children, Walter and Winifred, were born to them. In 1900 Prof. Schneck resigned his position at the seminary and moved to Brooklyn to enter into business with Mr. Andresen. They then became members of the Evergreen Baptist Church.

Upon Mr. Schneck's ordination in 1912, Mrs. Schneck proved herself a true and helpful ministerial companion to her husband in his pastorates of the First German Baptist Church of New York City, the Second German Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., the First Baptist Church of New Britain, Conn., the Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., and the Fellowship Baptist Church of Passaic, New Jersey. After Rev. G. H. Schneck's retirement in 1938, the family returned to Brooklyn and again joined the Evergreen Church.

Having been preceded in death by her daughter, Winifred, and her husband, Mrs. Schneck is survived by her son, Walter; two grandchildren, Carol Ann and Peter; five sisters: Lydia Lies, Carrie Gudegast, Ella Steitz, Emily Andresen, and Mabel Lippke, and one brother, Gustav Andresen.

Upon Mrs. Schneck's recommendation, a scholarship fund for North American Baptist churches was established in 1937 with the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago, which has been of great help to a number of young women in their preparation for church and missionary service. The far-reaching effect of this memorial to Mrs. Schneck's zeal for the Kingdom of God no one can tell. Mrs. Schneck passed on to her eternal reward on May 21.

Evergreen Baptist Church,  
Brooklyn, New York

PAUL F. ZOSCHKE, Pastor.

### MRS. MURIEL PUST of Sidney, Montana.

Mrs. Muriel Pust, nee Dickey, of Sidney, Mont., was born October 24, 1908 in Minot, N. Dak., to the late Mr. and Mrs. John Dickey. She went to be with the Lord on May 19th, at 4:30 A.M. on Saturday, while in the Sidney Memorial Hospital where she was receiving treatment for cancer. She reached the age of 47 years, 6 months and 25 days.

After the passing away of her parents, she went to live with an aunt in Waterloo, Iowa. Later when her aunt passed away, she made her home with relatives and friends in Minnesota. On October 28, 1935 she was married to Mr. Arthur Pust who resided near Enid, Mont., and who survives

her departure. Their marriage took place in Minneapolis, Minn., after which they came west to make their home on a farm south of Enid. In 1942 they moved to the town of Sidney, Mont., where her husband became employed in the sugar factory.

This union was blessed with eight children, all living in Sidney, who mourn her departure: three daughters: Mrs. Carolyn Wolff, Shirley, and Sylvia Pust; five sons: Raymond, Donald, Gale, Carl, and Harvey Pust. Also four brothers survive: Earl and Elmer Dickey of Minneapolis, Minn., Russell Dickey of Loretto, Minn., and Raymond Dickey of Peoria, Ill., as well as one sister: Mrs. Grace Graham of Danville, Indiana.

Muriel Pust was raised in Christian surroundings and made her personal decision for the Lord about the year 1932. She was one of the charter members of the First Baptist Church of Sidney, Mont., and has faithfully served her Lord wherever she could and as much as was possible being active in Sunday School and the Ladies' Mission Circle. She was a Christian testimony in her home and among her friends. She had a hobby in writing and wrote plays and poetry for the church mostly. This was especially a favorite pastime while she was sick.

The funeral service was conducted in the First Baptist Church in Sidney, Mont., on Tuesday, May 22, by the Rev. Jacob Ehlman, pastor of the church. The body is laid to rest in the Sidney Cemetery. We shall all miss her, but those of us who have been born again have the assurance that we shall meet her in the presence of the Lord. May her family find comfort in this knowledge and in the hope which we have in Jesus Christ our Lord as they continue to live on in the faith in Christ which their mother helped them to find from their early youth.

Sidney, Montana

JACOB EHMAN, Pastor.

### MRS. BENJAMIN GRAF of Detroit, Michigan.

Mrs. Benjamin Graf of Detroit, Mich., was born Nov. 22, 1874, and passed away at the home of Mrs. Rocho in Detroit on May 16, 1956, reaching the age of almost 82 years. She was not well in the last few years, suffering from an heart ailment. At last she made her home with her daughter Ruth who lovingly took care of her mother until the Lord called her home.

She was baptized by Rev. Wegner at Dayton, Ohio, and was married Sept. 26, 1895, to Rev. Benjamin Graf. This took place at the General Conference in the Fourth St. Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio. At this conference they were commissioned as missionaries to the Cameroons, after which they departed immediately to New York City where they set sail for Africa. They were blessed with four children, the oldest of whom was Roland, born in Africa, and was buried there, having died at the age of two years.

They returned to the United States after serving one term, but could not return to the Cameroons because of Mrs. Graf's health. They served in four succeeding pastorates at Kansas City, Mo.; La Crosse, Wis.; Chicago, Ill.; and Detroit, Mich., and an interim pastorate at Spokane, Washington. The pastorate in Detroit was notable by the fact that it included 19 years of service at the Burns Ave. Baptist Church, now known as the Grosse Pointe Church. Mr. Graf broke ground for the erection of the Burns Ave. Church in 1927, while Mrs. Graf broke ground for the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church in 1954. Everybody agrees that her life of faithful service to the Lord was one of great blessing.

The funeral service was held at the Warlick Funeral Parlor, Detroit, Mich., on May 19. Dr. Dale Ihrie was in charge of the service, who brought a message of hope and of comfort for the occasion. Likewise Rev. W. S. Sommerschild and Rev. A. Reddinger spoke words of sincere recognition in behalf of Mrs. Graf. Also songs fitting for the occasion were rendered by the male quartet. After the service the body was taken to the Roseland Cemetery where it was solemnly committed to the grave until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. The deceased leaves to mourn her departure a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Rocho, Detroit; two sons: Palmer, Harvey Island, Mich.; and Victor, Emily City, Mich.; and three grandchildren as well as two sisters: Mrs. Ziehl of Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. Emma Haller of Dayton, Ohio. May the Lord comfort the bereaved family!

Grosse Pointe Baptist Church,  
Detroit, Michigan

H. P. KAYSER, Correspondent.



# Spice of Life

A safety sign read: "School—Don't Kill a Child." Beneath was a childish scrawl: "Wait For a Teacher."

"You should have seen the fish I caught last week. It was so big it pulled me into the river."

"Got a good wetting, I suppose?"  
"Oh, no; thank goodness, I landed right on top of the fish."

Texan: "Oklahoma is an outlying province of Texas."

Oklahoman: "That isn't so. No state can outlie Texas."

The corporal was exasperated. "Let's put it this way," he said to the private. "If you stood with your back to the north and your face to the south, what would be on your left hand?"

"Fingers!" replied the private.

The class was studying Africa and when the teacher asked how ivory is used, one small boy excitedly held up his hand. "Most ivory," he said, "is used for soap."

"Why do you think the people next door are poor?" asked mother.

"Because," answered Selwyn, "you should have seen the fuss they made when the baby swallowed a dime!"

Dan: "What did the bald-headed man say when he received a comb for his birthday?"

Bob: "I don't know. You tell me."

Dan: "He said, 'Thank you very much. I'll never part with it.'"

Customer (in a pet store): "I like this dog, but his legs are too short."

Clerk (astonished): "Too short? Why, madam, they all four reach the floor."

Yale transfer student to clerk: "I say, my good man, would you take that red tie with the orange spots out of the window for me?"

Clerk: "Why, certainly, sir! we are very pleased to take anything out of the window at any time."

Student: "Thanks, awfully. The beastly thing bothers me every time I pass here."

Teenager( as the radio ground out the final notes of the last bit of swing): "Did you ever hear anything so wonderful?"

Father: "Only once—when a truck loaded with empty milk cans hit a freight car filled with ducks."

Johnnie was gazing at his baby brother, who lay squealing and wailing in his cot.

"Has he come from heaven?" inquired Johnnie.

"Yes, dear."

"No wonder they put him out."

"That's a nice looking hat you got there, mister."

"Yes, sir, and you might not believe it, but that hat is ten years old. I've worn it almost constantly, too. I dropped it in the river once, had it cleaned and blocked once, and swapped it twice in a restaurant."

The young fellow was new in the store business. "Have you an account here, ma'am?" he asked. "No," the lady replied, "but I would like to see the manager." He led her into the manager's office and announced, "A no-account lady to see you, sir."

## REMEMBER THE GYPSIES

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Among these Gypsies of Golinzi, Bulgaria, it is true as it is recorded in Acts 12:24, "But the word of God grew and multiplied." A lovely Baptist chapel was later erected in the village, and the Gospel is still being proclaimed from the pulpit and in that community during the years since then.

These are still our brethren in Christ, even though we can no longer visit nor support them. These are still open doors for the Gospel and the Savior of the world among these neglected and despised people. Our financial gifts cannot be sent, but our earnest prayers can be sent to God's Throne of grace in behalf of these Gypsies.

Pray that the Christians may be found faithful in their witness for Christ. Pray for the preaching of the Word by the Gypsy Christian leaders themselves as the power of God unto salvation to all who hear. Pray for the renewal of fellowship in Christ's Name with the Gypsies whom God has loved in Christ and with whom we have had so many ties of Christian love.

When William was getting ready for college, he told the family. "I wish you all would stop calling me 'Big Bill.'"

"Why?" they asked.

"College names sometimes stick, and you know I am going to be a doctor."

Prison Chaplain: "And what brought you to this place, my good man?"

Prisoner: "A cold in the head."

Chaplain: "But how could that be?"

Prisoner: "I sneezed and woke up the night watchman."

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