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March of Events

● Valparaiso University at Valparaiso, Ind., has announced it will build the "largest campus chapel" in the United States, a million-dollar ten-story structure. The university is operated by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod with a student enrollment of 2,200. Ground will be broken late this year. Funds were raised through the denomination's nation-wide "Building for Christ" drive last year.

● In Jordan, a team of United States archaeologists are searching for the ancient city of Gibeon in an effort to secure new light on Joshua's conquest of Palestine. The team will spend 10 to 12 weeks excavating one of 39 sites surveyed by Dr. James B. Pritchard last summer. (Gibeon is mentioned 43 times in the Bible and is described in the Old Testament as "a great city . . . one of the royal cities." It is believed to have stood at what is now El-Jib, an Arab village of 900 inhabitants, eight miles north of Jerusalem and three miles from the Jordanian-Israeli border.)

● Although Bible societies are setting new records each year in the distribution of Scriptures, they are having difficulty keeping pace with the annual world population increase of 25,000,000. This was reported at the meeting in London of the British and Foreign Bible Society by its general secretary, Dr. William J. Platt. He said the society circulated a record 7,830,000 Bibles and portions in 1955, an increase of 700,000 over the previous year's total. Dr. Platt said the figure represents about one-third of the total world circulation reported by a score of national Bible groups.

● Members of the United States Senate established a precedent in Washington, D. C., recently when they opened their daily session by reciting the Lord's Prayer in unison. Veteran legislators said it was the first time the Senate had taken such a step. Dr. Frederick Brown Harris, the Senate chaplain, was out of the city. He had arranged for Rabbi Norman Gerstenfeld of Washington's Hebrew Congregation to serve as guest chaplain but the rabbi was held up in a traffic jam and arrived four minutes late. Vice-President Nixon delayed the opening of the session for two minutes, awaiting the rabbi, and then led the members present in the prayer.

● The Holy Synod of the Greek Orthodox Church and the Greek government are planning drastic measures to halt proselytism in this country by foreign churches, according to press reports in Athens, Greece. These measures, the report said, will be aimed

especially at Protestant denominations. Envisaged are modification of the constitutional provision of freedom of religion and legislative and police action to curtail proselytism. The "Athens News" said the synod would deal with the matter soon. "The question is considered urgent," the paper said, "as there have been several cases of conversion both in Athens and in the provinces."

● Indian Communications Minister Raj Bahadur told the Indian Parliament that more than one-third of all foreign missionaries who applied for entry permits in the four-month period ending Jan. 31 were refused visas, the All-India Radio reported. It quoted him as saying, in reply to questions from the floor at New Delhi, that 56 out of the 100 visas granted in the period were given to American missionaries while 35 of the 60 denied entry permits were Americans. In

Baptist Briefs

● The Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, closed its seventh session April 20 with the graduation of twelve young people. Forty-two students from 17 countries were enrolled in the seminary during the past year; 127 students from 27 countries have been enrolled during the seven years. The school has had students from every country of western Europe, and some from countries as far away as Lebanon, Israel, Indonesia, and South Africa.

● The next Baptist World Congress in 1960 will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The enormous importance of Latin America as a mission field, and the rapid growth of our Baptist work in a country like Brazil in particular caused the Executive Committee to choose Rio de Janeiro as the place of the Baptist Congress in 1960, "provided satisfactory arrangements can be made." There is reason to believe that this condition will be fulfilled. If so, a Congress will be held in the Southern hemisphere for the first time in Alliance history. The Committee expressed the hope that it might prove possible to hold the 1965 Congress in Asia.

● In Russia, each Baptist is a "Little Billy Graham" according to Alexander Karev, general secretary of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Chris-

FRONT COVER PICTURE

The front cover picture shows the Abbey Church (Norman in style) of Elstow, England, which was begun early in the 12th Century. Here John Bunyan worshiped as a boy. Here a sermon by the vicar, Christopher Hall, on Sabbath breaking, touched Bunyan's conscience and led to his conversion in 1653. An article on the John Bunyan country of England entitled, "Meet John Bunyan's Pilgrims," appeared in the 1956 ANNUAL. Both the article and the front cover picture were by the editor of the "Baptist Herald." Why not give yourself a spiritual treat and read again "Pilgrim's Progress"?

May, 1954, Deputy Home Minister Balwant Nagesh Datar reported to parliament that 109 American missionaries had been refused permission to enter the country in the preceding two years but that 789 had received visas over the same period.

tians in Russia. He made this comparison in Washington, D. C., while visiting the U.S. with four other Soviet pastors. He thus described the propagation technique being employed by Russian Baptists and declared that to determine the number of Christians in Russia today an observer "would have to ask each one (i. e. each registered church member) how many persons they have personally led to Christ." He further said: "Some would be able to say 50—I do not exaggerate—and others would say 30. The average would be at least five or six."

● A loan of \$350,000 to Bethel College and Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., for construction of two dormitory additions has been approved by the U.S.A. Housing and Home Finance Agency. In addition, Bethel will add another \$100,000 from a million dollar expansion program. The program will be launched next fall to provide facilities for doubling the college's enrollment. At present, Bethel has 566 students. The additions will provide dormitory accommodations for 80 more men and 60 more women, bringing the housing facilities for students to 370, plus 33 apartments for married students. Bethel College is a four-year liberal arts college and Bethel Seminary is a three-year graduate seminary. These are the schools of the Baptist General Conference of America.

Editorial

Take Time To Get Ready!

MOST OF US like the spotlight of attention shining upon us. We want to be active and to have the feeling of leadership. We are eager to do things in the arena of life. The minister steps into the pulpit to proclaim the Word of God. The Sunday School teacher has a class of children listening to her words with rapt attention. The athlete is encouraged by a crowd of cheering watchers. Parents are busy in the home with the important responsibility of training their children. The business man makes a crucial decision in the midst of a busy day. A great deal depends on the things we do, the decisions we make, the action we take in these busy lives of ours. This is what makes our lives exciting!

But few of us are willing to take time to get ready. We fail to realize how important good planning and thorough preparation are for the events ahead of us. Behind a successful conference session, or a wonderful youth assembly, or an inspiring sermon, or a CBY program are hours and days of careful, prayerful planning. These things are not just scrambled together in a few moments. They do not fall from the skies or from our sleeves. They are the result of hard work, much thinking and planning, a great deal of activity behind the scenes, and a lot of time spent with God in prayer.

So allow yourself sufficient time for preparation. That is a timely word of counsel to every Christian leader. If you want to be successful in your service, one of the first requirements is to plan wisely and well and to find the time for the necessary preparation. Jesus emphasized this truth by pointing out how foolish the five virgins were who gave no thought how to be prepared for the coming of the bridegroom. They were eager to be eye witnesses to the great event, but they were not prepared. Every great event or position of responsibility, in which you participate, requires the price of preparation. That is absolutely essential! Don't cut the corners here! Set aside the necessary time for planning.

This means that you will want to wait on God during the time of preparation. No event is too insignificant not to plan for it with prayer. God must be taken into the planning stage if he is to be glorified in the event. In this way, as you meditate on God's plans and purposes for you, he may show you a better way, give you a clearer vision of truths, instil grander thoughts into your mind, impart greater self-confidence and strength to you.

Then you will be able to use the time wisely that has been set aside for preparation. The details will fit neatly into their right places; the points of the message or lesson will come quickly and easily; the action to be taken will be seen clearly. You will be a good steward of God in the use of this time for planning, "studying to show thyself approved unto God." Even as it takes time to be holy, so the faithful Christian never forgets to take time to get ready for every service rendered in Christ's Name.

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One of the many promises of God's Word: "Thou will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee."

When Your World Collapses

A Personal Testimony and a Challenging Sermon

By REV. FRANK VENINGA,
Pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

PROLONGED ABSENCE from the routine of scheduled activities leads to many questions. Where has the individual been? What has he done? How have these weeks and months been spent? Will the normal schedule of activities again be resumed? This message endeavors to answer these and other questions.

This is a report of my own personal activities and routine of bygone weeks and months. My travels did not lead far, but they did lead through deep valleys and also to great mountain heights. They led to new discoveries and evaluations. Last November and on into the early weeks of December, I had no inkling of that which awaited me.

THE HORIZONTAL VIEW

Having enjoyed excellent health, I didn't realize that it could be lost so quickly. At no time did I suspect the final diagnosis. I kept going until it became apparent that something was radically wrong physically. I had called on scores of hospitalized patients over the past 15 years, and now in God's plan it was evidently my turn to be hospitalized, to experience what thousands experience daily.

I discovered that the world looks quite different from the horizontal level from that of the vertical level from which I had been looking at the world and at people. But what good purpose could all this serve to a busy minister in the midst of changing pastorates? Why must illness come just then when I had so little time for it? These and other questions were uppermost in my mind.

The temperature lingered, the pains increased, and the crisis came. Very optimistically I had agreed to go to the hospital to ascertain the nature of the illness and to get the prescribed

cure. The four-day hospital stay as planned was prolonged to three weeks. After the necessary tests and procedure came the diagnosis—rheumatic fever! It was then that my world, a world which had been peaceful and free of doubt and fear, suddenly collapsed, at least momentarily.

LIFE'S WINDOWS

As the evening sun was setting and the diagnosis had been given, I looked out of the west window and beheld an ugly darkness and despairing view. It was an expression of my emotions and mental state. There was nothing beautiful promising about the westward look. I uttered a prayer and went to sleep, disturbed and discouraged.

In the morning upon awakening, I faced the east window. It was early and the sun became brighter and brighter. It revealed light, and light always dispels darkness. The thought came, "Should not I have the eastward look?" The eastward look with its light and promises and brightness, rather than the westward look with its dispelling gloom and faith-shaking despair? I turned to the Bible which has always been a blessing to my life but no portion seemed to suit my particular need in the hour when my world had collapsed. The verse that I had give to others in similar circumstances were absolutely meaningless to me.

Then I thought of those people of the Scripture who did not have the advantages of fine hospitals, skilled doctors, and pleasant nurses, whose life, too, had collapsed but who came forth with newness of life determined to serve God and man. Could God not do it again? I thought of Job who in the hour of physical weakness, mental agony, and emotional disturbance, was

able to say: "I know that my redeemer liveth." Naaman the Syrian leper was healed of leprosy. Lazarus collapsed and died but was restored to newness of life. Paul was shipwrecked and beaten and yet went on to serve his Lord and his fellowmen.

In reading Psalm 103, a psalm of thanksgiving, I found the very words of the life-giving God as a promise just for me: "Thou healest all my diseases." I asked, "Does this apply to me? Can it really be true?" I claimed it as a promise and clung to it. It was God's promise to me in the hour when my world collapsed.

Out of the experiences of these weeks and months came certain discoveries and evaluations, perhaps I should say, rediscoveries and reevaluations which led to confirmations and deeper convictions.

TURNING TO THE BIBLE

I rediscovered the value and worth of the Bible, the revealed and inspired Word of God. But why turn to the Bible? Why not to Plato, Dewey, Hemingway, or others? The Bible has a personally revealed message in such an hour of need and crisis. There are promises given by a loving and wise heavenly Father. These promises, and mentioned are but a few, became exceedingly meaningful and purposeful in my hour of crisis and near despair.

"This I know, for God is for me." "He shall give thee the desires of thine heart." "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee." "It is good for me to draw near to God." "Let not your heart be troubled." "Thou healest all my diseases." These promises gave strength and comfort and peace.

I rediscovered that in the contrary experiences of life when storms rage

and the winds are bitter, there is a loving God, a God who understands and cares. The God who accompanies us to the mountaintops and who is present in the joyous and satisfying experiences of life also accompanies us when it is our lot to go through the valleys of life. "I will not leave thee nor forsake thee," is the assuring promise of God. There is a purpose in everything for things don't just happen.

"Back of the loaf is the snowy flour,
And back of the flour is the mill,
And back of the mill is the wheat
and the shower,
The sun and the Father's will."

To be without God, particularly in a crisis, is to be without faith and without hope in the world. God, to the Christian, is "a shelter in the time of storm." Anew I discovered that God is an absolute necessity to my life, to my country, to my civilization, to my prosperity, to my security, yes, and to my health also. He who knows of the falling of the sparrow also knows our condition and need. His help is determined, not only by asking, but also, and fully as much, by his love and mercy and understanding. He can give restoration, as the Scriptures indicate again and again. This was a wonderful assurance in my time of need.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

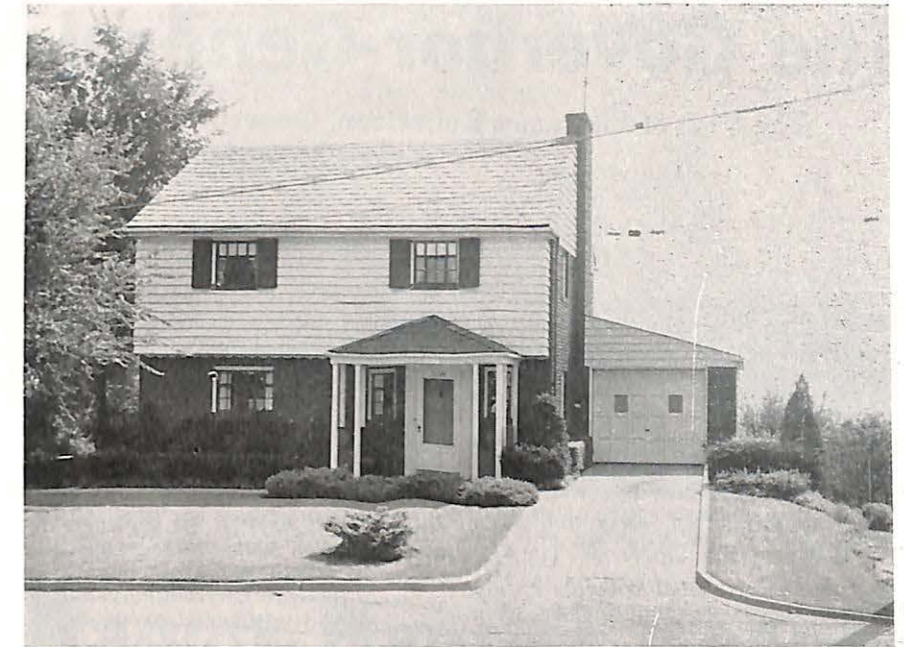
The sick room tells us that there are times when we definitely need physical help. But at that time one needs spiritual help, too. We need God's blessing for recovery. We need God's help for patience, for understanding, for trust, during illness. We need his blessing that through the sickness a spiritual benefit may come. Both of these, the physical and the spiritual help, we can find as we turn to the Lord and to his Holy Word.

I rediscovered that in the hour of crisis the power of prayer is revealed. The skill of the doctor is to be appreciated. The discovered and prescribed wonder drugs and medicines are miraculous. However skillful the doctor and however miraculous the wonder drugs, we must not omit God whom we find in our prayer life. Prayer, or communion with the Eternal, brings God into our life and life's needs. The knowledge of intercessory prayer brings assurance and satisfaction in the hour of physical illness and emotional disturbance.

There is value in talking things over with God. Our prayers should be unselfish, honoring God first, interceding for others and then making request for our own needs. In the hour of utter dependence we realize that "the eyes of all important events are solemn calls to prayer."

"God hath promised strength for
for the day,
Rest for the laborer, light on the
way:

Grace for the trial, help from above,
Unfailing sympathy, undying love."



The new parsonage of the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., located at 1024 Prospect Road, in which Rev. and Mrs. Frank Veninga and family are the first occupants.

Jesus Christ, the Great Physician, became to me increasingly important in his healing ministry, especially so in this period of severe illness. I had proclaimed him to be the Savior of the soul, the Lord of life, the Greatest of teachers, but now I realized more than ever that he is also the divine Healer. Healing may not necessarily be dramatic or an emotional frenzy. The great Physician never heals for show. He heals through the skill of the doctor, through the medicines which have been carefully prescribed, by prayers that are sincerely offered, and by faith that is expressed. God is a God of order. This is especially true in the ministry of healing. The promise to me was, "Thou (God) healest all my diseases."

MESSENGERS OF CHEER

Lately, I rediscovered that there are many, many wonderful people in this world, people who become deeply concerned, who pray, and who remember. There were the many meaningful cards with their carefully selected messages. What a mighty messenger of cheer and good will is this silent sick-room visitor! Behind every card was a personality, an individual hoping, cheering, praying for the physical welfare of a relative or friend, or pastor.

THE JOY OF SAINTS

Reflect on death as in Jesus Christ, not as without Jesus Christ. Without Jesus Christ it is dreadful, it is alarming, it is the terror of nature. In Jesus Christ it is fair and lovely, it is good and holy, it is the joy of saints.

—Pascal.

Although the prolonged illness was a hard experience, I am grateful for the blessings and benefits which have come directly out of the period of illness and confinement. Having walked through the valleys, I am exceedingly grateful for the brightness and the glory of the mountains. I trust that the experiences will help me to be a more concerned pastor. I think I can understand a bit better the mind, mood and emotions of those who face crises in life, whose world too might collapse. Whatever years be given me, be they few or many, be they in a crowded city church or a small town church, wherever God will lead, I dedicate myself anew to the service of God and man.

MINISTRY IN PITTSBURGH

At the time of this writing, several months after the illness, the promise received while ill, "Thou healest all my diseases," has been fulfilled. A busy schedule is being pursued and God is blessing the efforts put forth in the great metropolitan area of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It has been our joy to receive 28 new members during the past four months, 20 of these coming by baptism.

I am also taking this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to the readers of the "Baptist Herald" for your prayers, cards, and interest. What a blessing is ours to have friends in our denominational family who intercede in the hour of need!

When your world collapses, there is the Holy Bible with its assuring promises, a loving heavenly Father who understands and cares, the power of prayer, Christ the great Physician, and many wonderful people who stand by. And remember, don't fail to look out of the east window and you will find light and hope which will dispel your darkness and gloom.

The Governor-General Visits Bansa

The Visit of Sir James Robertson, Governor General of the Federation of Nigeria
at the Bansa Baptist Hospital

By Miss Margaret Kittlitz, Missionary-nurse

IT WAS in the second or third grade that we used to sing a song about the "Postman," one line of which ran, "Here he comes hurrying; here he comes scurrying." A few weeks ago this phrase came to mind and before long I was humming it under my breath, because that is just what was going on at the Bansa Hospital.

Why all the hurry, worry, and scurry? Because the Governor General was coming for a visit with his family and party! He is the biggest "Big Brass" in the Colonial Government. Other top hats had come for a visit, such as medical officers, supervisors of medical services, and hospital matrons, as well as a U.N.O. Commission.

The latter came in November of last year and showed quite an interest in the hospital. They were entertained, fed and slept, at our Kikaikilaiki rest house two miles up the road. I was not here at the time, but from all accounts it was a happy visit.

LAST MINUTE LANDSCAPING

Somehow none of the other visits gave us quite so much concern as the prospective visit of His Excellency, the Governor. For days we practiced saying, "Your Excellency," "Your Ladyship" (the title for the governor's wife). His daughter was simply "Miss." That was easier. We grow used to our surroundings and grow immune to the effects. We might see a few tall grasses, or smeary finger prints on doors and veranda posts, but what are they when there are so many sick people to occupy one's time and energies.

Now, however, we began to look around through the eyes of VIP's. Coming from a government estate in Nigeria, with well kept lawns and flower beds, kept up by a well paid gardener (which we can't afford), that would be the first thing His Excellency and party would notice.

The dry season had done its worst with flowers. They looked straggly and devoid of life, although a few rains had begun to revive them. There were bare places where flowers could be planted. The driveway was growing over with grass and weeds. So first of all we set about doing a bit of landscaping. The soil in which we try to grow things is practically sterile because the whole area had to be excavated in order to make a level place for the new hospital buildings, thus removing all of the top soil.

While the laborers dug deep ditches, Edna Chaffee brought down the mis-

sion truck and began to haul likely looking soil from a spot behind the buildings. All along the driveway, which had been cleaned and smoothed, a hedge of hibiscus was planted. Daisies surrounded the rose bed and were planted against bare walls. We dug up one place to find it all solid stone. Deciding that the stones were a part of the drainage system we replaced them and left the place bare. One patch of lawn, where the grass had refused to grow through the red, clay-like soil, was covered with good earth and just in the nick of time the green grass began to peek through. Needless to say, the hedge had not begun to grow, nor were the daisies blooming, but at any rate the visitors could see that we were trying.

THE HOSPITAL'S NEW LOOK

Then we looked at the buildings, both inside and out. The beds, bedside cupboards, as well as other furniture had lost a lot of their paint from much scrubbing for a period of over one year, so a man was put to work with a paint brush and nice new cream colored paint. (I was going to say, paint brushes were set flying, but that would be a misstatement. Nothing "flies" in the hands of an African.) However, he did get them finished in time.

For two weeks the patients kept their belongings on the floor, for the paint used on the buildings is not



—Photo by Fred Holzimmer
A Cameroonian musician with a primitive instrument that he himself has made but which gives forth a fairly "sweet tone."

washable. However, everybody stands, leaning with their hands against the veranda posts, so we tried. It did wash and the buildings took on a brighter appearance.

That was not all. His Excellency and party were going to live in our rest house for two days. This is the house that was used for a time when the missionaries' children had their school in the place. At that time the veranda was enclosed with a wall and big windows to provide a living-dining room, for the room thus used previously had to be made into sleeping quarters. It made the house look somewhat like a big box.

This wall was torn down, and new paint was applied to the walls inside and out. Edna Chaffee took her pictures and flower vases up and when she was through it looked very home-like. The effort was well spent. The visitors proclaimed it one of the nicest places in which they had stayed.

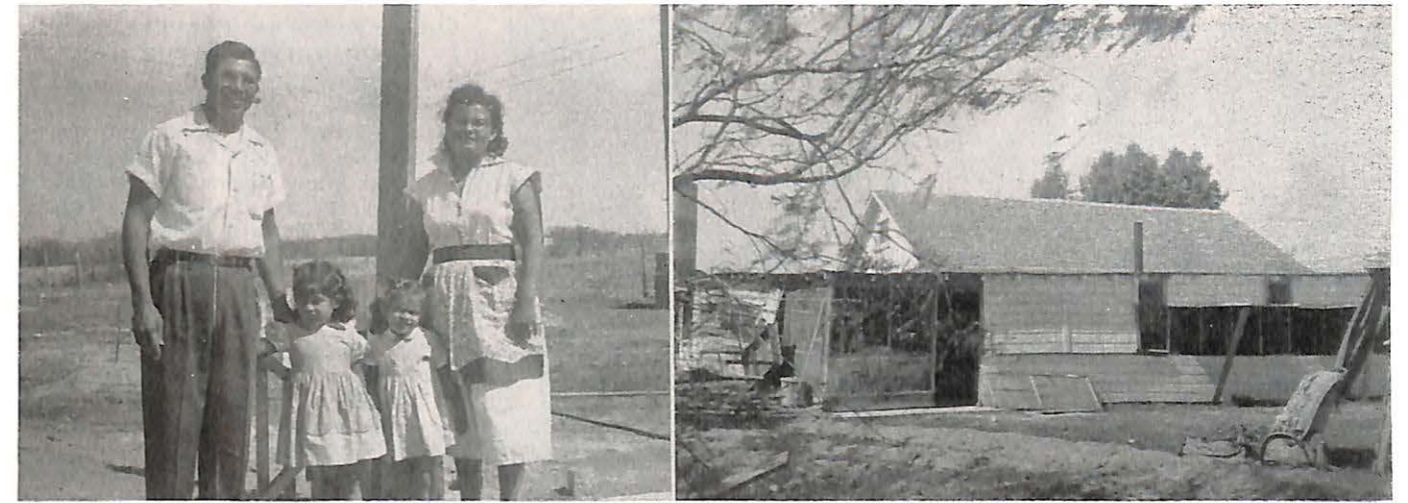
THE ROYAL VISIT

The great day dawned at last, but there were still dozens of last minute things to be done. Six A.M. found us in the wards distributing new bed spreads, new patients' gowns and moving the bedside cupboards inside. The nurses were supposed to see that the wards were tidy and the patients all dressed up.

The visit was to take place at 9:00 A.M. Somehow that fact that speed was essential had not taken hold of their minds, in spite of all of our explanations for days ahead. A last look into the women's and children's ward revealed the nurses leisurely charting temperatures on graphic sheets and moving about like a ship without a rudder. It is only the Western mind which puts any importance on the element of time. The Oriental mind thinks of time as something to be enjoyed.

You should have heard the orders flying! "David do this; Esther do that; Paul leave that and do this other more important thing." A quick glance into the sanitary annex revealed a batch of dirty bedpans and cloth covers for them, soiled and hanging carelessly on the rod provided for them. Again a shout went forth. "Samba, John, come quick and clean up this mess!"

It was now 9:00 o'clock and the cars were arriving. This missionary barely escaped being seen in her dirty uniform. (The newly starched one, together with a new pair of white shoes
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Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Castro and their two daughters (left) of Rio Grande City, Texas, and Spanish-American missionaries in the Rio Grande Valley; and the improvised and temporary chapel on the Garcias Ranch (right) which was the forerunner for the Garcias Ranch Baptist Church dedicated on Sunday, June 3, 1956.

The Garcias Ranch Baptist Chapel

Dedication of New Mission Chapel and Baptism of 13 Spanish-Americans at Rio Grande City, Texas

By Rev. Louis R. Johnson of Waco, Texas

SUNDAY, JUNE 3rd, was a day of rejoicing throughout the Southern Conference. On that date, the beautiful new Mission Chapel at Rio Grande City, Texas, was dedicated to the glory of God.

VENTURE OF FAITH

The occasion marked the fulfillment of a vision and venture of faith by the people of the Southern Conference, extending over a number of years. The missionary challenge of the thousands of unevangelized Spanish people in the Rio Grande valley has haunted them for years. At the Southern Conference in 1953, a motion was adopted requesting the Mission Committee to investigate the possibilities of beginning a work in the valley. From that time until the dedication of the chapel, the Mission Committee has worked diligently to bring this commission to pass.

The Lord led in a wonderful way. He led in the appointment of a fine missionary couple, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Castro. He led to a field of service at Rio Grande City, Texas. He led a Christian business man at Rio Grande City, Mr. Martin Cavazos, to provide a home for our missionaries, and a place of meeting in the porch of that home. He led this same brother to give to us, free of charge, a splendid lot for the building of the new chapel.

The Lord led in providing the funds for the chapel, as various individuals and churches opened their hearts and pocketbooks to give for the work. He led in providing us a builder in the person of Mr. Eric Arnold of Waco, who gave of himself sacrificially to

complete the building. God so led that on Dedication Day, the building could be dedicated free of debt.

WORSHIPFUL CHAPEL

The chapel is beautiful to behold, with its graceful spire pointing toward heaven. It measures 30 by 65 feet. It has four classrooms including a nursery, men's and women's wash rooms, and an auditorium seating 120 persons, complete with baptistry and a beautiful baptistry scene painted by Brother Arnold. The value of the building far exceeds its modest cost of approximately \$5,400.00.

Rev. Richard Schilke, our General Mission Secretary, was present for the joyous day of dedication on June 3rd. A goodly number of friends from our Southern Conference churches were also present. Our missionary, Brother Castro, brought the morning message, speaking on the theme of "Listening to God's Voice."

The formal dedication service was held in the afternoon, with Rev. R. Schilke as guest speaker. He spoke on Jacob's vision at Bethel, suggesting

LIFE STORY

Mr. Raymond Castro, former Golden Gloves boxer and champion of Oklahoma, is preparing his life story how God called and led him into missionary service among the Latin Americans of Texas. It will appear with effective illustrations in a fall issue of the BAPTIST HERALD.

Editor.

these thoughts: (1) surely, the Lord is in this place; (2) this is none other than the house of God; (3) this is the gate of heaven; (4) and Jacob vowed a vow. The message was interpreted in Spanish by Rev. Rufus Castro, brother of our missionary.

Others on the program were Rev. M. C. Ehlert, president of the Rio Grande Bible Institute; Rev. L. R. Johnson, Mission Secretary of the Southern Conference; Mr. Martin Cavazos of Rio Grande City, Mr. Eric Arnold of Waco, and Rev. B. F. Taylor, pastor of our Donna Church.

13 CONVERTS BAPTIZED

The evening service brought the day to a thrilling conclusion. Rev. Rufus Castro was the guest speaker, and brought a forceful message in Spanish on the meaning of baptism. Our missionary, Mr. Raymond Castro, then led through the waters of baptism 13 converts whom he had led to Christ, most of them from Roman Catholic backgrounds. The solemnity of the occasion will long be remembered by those present. These converts for the present are being taken into the membership of the Donna Church, which is serving as "mother church" for our mission.

Let us unite in prayer for the blessing of God, and for the furtherance of this work in our newest home mission field. Let us thank God that we have had a part in providing another light-house, shedding forth the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ. Let us pray that Garcias Ranch Baptist Chapel will be a doorway to heaven to many of our Spanish friends.



The King's Crusaders Quartet of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Left to right: Charles Littman, Robert Hoffman, Paul Siewert and Art Boymook.

The King's Crusaders Quartet

Summer Plans of the North American Baptist Seminary Quartet to Visit Churches, Assemblies, and Conferences

THE FOUR handsome young men of the King's Crusaders Quartet have launched out on a summer tour that will cover well nigh 6,000 miles and will require 60 engagements as well as keeping them busy into September, telling the good news of the Gospel in song, the story of our North American Baptist Seminary in promotional words. They began in the corn belt of Iowa with a fine service on Sunday, July 15, at Buffalo Center, Iowa. Professor Roy Seibel of the Seminary faculty is traveling with the Quartet, bringing the spiritual messages and assisting the young men in reporting about the activities and program of our Seminary.

On their Eastern tour the Quartet will visit many of our churches in Wisconsin and Michigan, and the Immanuel Church of Kankakee, Illinois. On August 2 they will be at the Laymen's Conference at the American Baptist Assembly Grounds, Green Lake, Wisconsin. From August 5 to 10 they plan to be with some of our churches in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, beginning with a busy Sunday on August 5 at Morris, Man., and the Grace Baptist Church at Ochre River, Manitoba.

From August 12 to 17 they will sojourn with our people and churches of Alberta, starting with Edmonton and closing with Medicine Hat. They are also looking forward with joy to their appearance over the radio broadcast of the Christian Training Institute on Sunday morning, August 12.

By August 19 they hope to be across the border in "green Washington." They will sing in the Arthur Street Church of Spokane, Wash., on that Sunday morning and in the First Baptist Church of Colfax, Wash., on that same evening. From there they will visit our churches in Washington and Oregon, at Vancouver, B. C., before turn-

ing their eyes eastward toward Sioux Falls on their return trip. They plan to hold their closing engagements in



The 1956 Christian Training Institute Choristers of Edmonton, Alberta, with Rev. Edward Link, director (second from right, front row).

1956 Tour of C. T. I. Choristers

The Story of the Spring Tour of the Choristers of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta., by Gorgene Kern, Reporter

APRIL 20th was a day of great excitement and anticipation for 23 C.T.I. Choristers who embarked on the official tour of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta. The itinerary included 23 churches in southern Alberta, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia, as well as Washington and Oregon. Our capable bus drivers, Pete Schroeder and Rev. Ed. Link, guided our bus through the rolling prairies, the gigantic Rocky

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Christian faith is a grand cathedral, with divinely pictured windows. Standing without, you can see no glory, nor can you imagine any, but standing within every ray of light reveals a harmony of unspeakable splendors."—Hawthorne.

Billings, Mont. (August 31), in Plevna, Mont. (September 1), and in Rapid City, South Dakota (September 2).

We can commend this fine quartet to your attention. They will be well worth going many miles to see and to hear. The spiritual blessing of their songs and testimonies, the enrichment that can be yours in fellowship with them, and the informative account about our Seminary to be garnered from Professor Roy Seibel and the students will make your attendance at the program a memorable event. Whether at your church or youth assembly or over the radio, if at all possible, give yourself a spiritual treat and hear the King's Crusaders Quartet program!



The little mission church proclaims the Gospel message, "For God so loved the world," to all who come to hear. —Sketch by Harmon

The World Came to Our Church

The Story of a Missionary Conference by Rev. Fred G. Moore of Chancellor, South Dakota

OUR SAVIOR told us, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." Not many of us at the First Baptist Church of Chancellor, S. Dak., have had the privilege of following this command beyond the general area in which we live—but for a week, at least, we were very conscious of the work of the Gospel all over the world. Indeed, since we couldn't "go" right at the moment, we brought the world into our midst!

This venture, a new experience for most of us, was a Missionary Conference—a week of blessing, inspiration, and challenge for our whole church. For several weeks before the conference dates—May 1 to 6—we prayed that God would bless our efforts, and that we might truly gain a real vision of our mission fields, and the problems and blessings of missionary work. Word of the conference was spread throughout our area, and people far and near were encouraged to share these blessings with us.

WITNESSES OF CHRIST

Then the week started—the world and its needs began to unfold before the eyes of our imagination and spiritual concern. Our conference theme was based on Acts 1:8—"Ye Shall Be My Witnesses!" So our first "program" of the conference was a very practical outreach for the Gospel. We conducted our regular monthly service at the Union Gospel Mission in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Our entire church was invited to participate, and those who were able to be there found a wonderful blessing in helping to bring the Gospel to those needy men practically in our own "backyard." The Spirit of the Lord moved, and God in his saving mercy claimed lives for his own.

That was Tuesday evening—and al-

ready God had demonstrated that his blessing was upon our Missionary Conference. Wednesday night, in our church, the evening service brought us a special blessing and a special speaker—Dr. George Dunger, Professor of Missions at our North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, and formerly a missionary in the Cameroons in Africa. Dr. Dunger truly spoke to our hearts, and he helped us not only to fix our eyes on the white harvest fields of Africa, but also reminded us of our privilege and duty to be energetic witnesses for the Lord Jesus Christ wherever we might be. Perhaps as never before we realized that we are all missionaries right here and right now. Dr. Dunger also shared with us some of his experiences in the Cameroons, and showed many curios of meaningful interest.

On Thursday evening we were privileged to consider our mission field of Japan, as the pastor brought a message with colored slides and a tape recording vividly presenting the tremendous need and opportunity for the Gospel in the "Land of the Rising Sun."

MEAL OF NATIONS

One idea that was an exciting new experience for all of us was a part of our Missionary Conference for Friday evening. This was our "Meal of Nations," a pot-luck supper at the church featuring dishes representing foods eaten in many different countries of the world. There were many German dishes, of course, and "French pastry," and, of course, the land of Brazil was represented in the coffee!

The ladies of the church had a lot of fun trying their hands at making the different dishes—and plenty of imagination added to the enjoyment! Each

of the dishes was labeled with a little place-card to indicate the country represented, and our dining hall was especially decorated with curios, etc., to add to the "international" atmosphere. The supper was served cafeteria style so that everyone might sample the dishes he desired.

Another special speaker contributed greatly to the spiritual impact of our conference in the service which followed the "Meal of Nations" on Friday evening. Mr. David Keiry, a student of our Seminary, brought us a challenging message about our home missionary work among the Spanish-Americans in the San Luis Valley in Colorado. Mr. Keiry lived in that area for several years, and so was personally acquainted with our missionary work there among the Spanish-Americans. Most of us then realized how little we really knew of our missionary work in Colorado, and Mr. Keiry's message was truly one of the highlights of our conference.

CONFERENCE BLESSINGS

Our Missionary Conference officially closed with the church service Sunday morning, and in his message the pastor, Rev. Fred G. Moore, helped us to realize our personal responsibility for missionary work as he spoke on, "Ye Shall Receive Power," based on the first part of Acts 1:8. The effect of our conference will long be felt and remembered, and we sincerely praise God for his blessings during this special week.

In each of our conference services we had special music provided by groups within our church—the Ladies' Trio, the Choir, and the Men's Quartet, and many of our people willingly gave of their time and talents to help in

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Closing Doors in South Africa

Witnessing for Christ through Christian mission schools in the Union of South Africa

By Mrs. Allen Lutz of Vryheid, Natal, South Africa

BRRRING!

The 5:30 rising bell!
A hurried wash—Brr! The water's cold. Time for devotions and off to work in the dining hall.

Another day at the Evangelical Teacher Training College at Vryheid, Natal, South Africa, has begun and 140 students get ready for the day's classes. They hurry to their various tasks, teeth chattering—for this is mid-winter in Natal, and here at Vryheid, 4000 feet high, the morning air is often nippy with frost.

The dorms smell like "vicks" these days—the classrooms too, for central heating is unheard of in South Africa, and sitting in cement and brick buildings is all the invitation a cold needs. Some nights the students even complain of not being able to sleep, for many of them come from the balmy south coast and haven't enough blankets.

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But undaunted, they feel punished if they have to miss a class, and all is quiet in the dining room five nights a week as they study, study, study to pass those government exams at the end of their two years here. Then the coveted T3 and T4 certificate, making them accredited teachers—the professionals—the respected—the best paid among their people!

It is here at the Training College that God has permitted us to minister. A place whose doors may not be open to missionary teachers much longer, E.T.T.C. is one of the last opportunities in the field of secular education the missionaries have in the Union of South Africa, and perhaps one of the most vital. Next year, half of our students will be out in the field, teaching hundreds upon hundreds of African children and wielding a tremendous influence upon them and the community.

There are six co-operating missions, including the South Africa General Mission under which we serve, carrying on the work of E.T.T.C. Our staff includes Swedes, a Swiss, Canadians, Americans, a white South African, and four African teachers. Most of us are Baptists, but all are brothers in Christ and our fellowship is sweet in him, no matter what our country, race, or denomination.

The academic life of the school is vital, but through it all is woven the awareness that all must be done to God's glory. Before classes begin there is a half hour of chapel each day, led by staff, student, or visitor. Classes are opened with prayer—Scripture is

a required course. It's a thrilling sound to hear the students singing in the Sunday services—or anywhere for that matter, for they have a beautiful natural harmony. Many of our students come here as Christians, eager to train in a Christian school. Others come simply for the academic training, and some never do accept Christ while here, in spite of every opportunity.

CRUSADER OUTREACH

The saved students, who choose to do so, are allowed to participate in Sunday "Crusader" work. Every Sunday finds an exodus of every possible vehicle on the campus—many carrying two groups a Sunday out to the mine compounds, location Sunday Schools, open air meetings, visitation. There are several thousand Africans living in locations several miles from the college, and countless opportunities to witness among them.

The greatest "Crusader" outreach is among children—eleven Sunday Schools are held each Sunday, staffed by E.T.T.C. student teachers. They are trained here during the week in a special preparation course, preparing them not only for the Sunday ahead, but for the years ahead, too! Meanwhile a separate training class is carried on for first year students who will take over the Sunday School next year.

Visitation offers a strange assortment of beliefs, customs, and practices. Allen, my husband, has run into a case of demon possession (at least the woman thought she was possessed). A young man who is the son of an Amazoni "prophet" stopped him on the road to ask about hell. The Zionists are a sect that use the Bible, but stress casting out evil spirit and healing. The weird drums of the Amazoni can be heard somewhere in every African community, and their blue and green uniforms and Romish gold sceptors are a familiar sight on any road.

REV. AND MRS. ALLEN LUTZ

Rev. and Mrs. Allen Lutz are serving as missionaries under the South African General Mission in South Africa. Mrs. Delores Kilinski Lutz is a daughter of the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She and her husband are interested readers of the "Baptist Herald." This article gives a clear insight into some of the seething problems confronting mission societies and Christian forces in South Africa at the present time. EDITOR.

Allen and his team of boys do more visiting than Delores and her four girls. By the time we drive out to the squatter location Sunday afternoon, "utshwala"—native beer—has been flowing freely all weekend, and many of the people are drunk, making visiting difficult. But our Sunday School grows steadily and the children take home their stories and songs, verses and lesson paper, so the home is touched through them.

At the mine compounds the Crusader team has found an open door for Christian literature and after the open-air meetings, the men crowd around the station wagon to buy pamphlets, Bibles, and books in the vernacular. Emphasis on literature is great in every phase of mission work, and most of us have our fingers in a bit of writing for this or that. About 30 per cent of Africans in the Union are literate, with the number promising to double in the next quarter of a century. So as other doors shut, God is opening a new one.

CLOSED DOORS?

Doors shutting? Some of you may wonder why we even speak of a place like E.T.T.C. as a closing door. Under the Apartheid policy of the South African government, all education is being turned over to the Africans themselves, under direct control of the local committees. The Teacher Training College is one of the last institutions staffed by missionaries.

We are not attempting to criticize or defend the education policy, but we do realize a great opportunity for Christ has been lost and other means of reaching the youth of this land must be found. There are eight million Africans in the Union, and though the people themselves are weak in the faith, divided by sects, haunted by superstition, and bereft of leadership.

We are feeling the urgency of the times—the antagonisms between the races which make the missionary less effective than ever, and the puzzled and often angry frowns of the Europeans (white man) who cannot understand our "fraternizing" with those whom they feel are below us. Yet as long as time remains left to us, and God allows us to work here, we shall gladly serve him.

When the academic life seems monotonous; when one wonders if the students will ever learn the principles of making a compost heap, or the point of a simple science demonstration; when it seems too much to prepare even one more chapel message; when

the squirmy Sunday School children don't even seem to be listening, then we remember the former students who've gone from this place, and the clear testimonies some of them have, and we realize it's worth it all to have them out on the field—"Every Teacher Teaching Christ."

Here's what one student wrote recently to show you what we mean: "Although I meet difficulties in the field, I am pleased to say the Lord walks with me. He is my refuge. Those who abide in the Savior are safe forever. We young teachers are in danger of being won by the world and its pleasures. Please remember me in your prayers. May the Lord bless you in the furtherance of his Word, so that Africa may realize the fact that Jesus is the only Way."

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

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making posters, special decorations, etc. We would heartily recommend this Missionary Conference idea to all of our churches. We know that with the use of a little ingenuity and adaptiveness for your local situation, you, too, will share in these rich blessings.

Our denominational advance both here at home and in our missionary outreach will only prosper as we are continually made aware of the needs, the opportunities, and the responsibilities of our mission fields. Why don't you, too, bring the world to your church?

C.T.I. CHORISTERS

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testimonies in word and song, and renditions in the languages of the German, Negro, and Russian. In a panel discussion students representing the four departments of our school, namely, Bible School, High School, Commercial, and University, gave our audience a picture of the work being carried on at the Training Institute.

Every program was concluded with the message, "God's Redeeming Work," based on two of the parables of Luke, chapter 15. The message took the form of a songdrama of the Prodigal Son interwoven with the unfolding message of the great Gospel hymn, "The Ninety and Nine." Lowry's "Where Is My Boy Tonight?" Gounod's "O Divine Redeemer," and McKinney's "Come to the Savior" underscored this marvelous theme from God's Word.

Many thanks to our friends all along the way who provided delicious meals and who opened their homes to us to provide a home away from home. Above all, we thank the Lord for the bond of Christian love which unites us from all parts of the country.

We praise God for this great privilege of service and his wonderful protecting hand upon us during the 3500 mile tour. We received many blessings, but may we have attained our aim of "Serving Our Master and Promoting Our School."



The Raymore Gospel Mission (building and congregation), a station of Southey and Serath Baptist Churches, is being served by Mr. Joseph Hufnagel.

The Raymore Gospel Mission

A new church, originally begun with several converts won by means of radio Gospel messages, is now a mission of the Southey and Serath Baptist Churches, Saskatchewan

By REV. E. L. THIESSEN of Southey, Saskatchewan

IN 1938, Oscar Lowry toured western Canada and conducted evangelistic services over radio. He conducted a six weeks' evangelistic campaign over the Yorkton radio station CJGX in Saskatchewan. It was through his broadcast that Anton Grymoloski of Raymore, Sask., came to a saving knowledge of Christ. Many more were awakened to the fact that the Roman Catholic church was not giving the people Bible truth and began to look elsewhere for peace of heart and soul.

Through the faithful testimony of the one who had come to a saving knowledge of Christ, others were saved the following year. An evangelist was brought in for services and the number of Christians increased. Sunday worship services were conducted in the homes. For special meetings they would rent the community hall.

DIFFICULT BEGINNINGS

At first the believers met in their homes for worship services. Later, they used a country schoolhouse. Lay preachers or students served the group for a while. Among them was a Christian lawyer from Regina, Sask., who has since gone to be with the Lord. Because there was no resident pastor for any length of time, some of the Christians began to drift into indifference.

About the year 1949 Evangelist Ed Erickson was called for a three weeks' evangelistic campaign. For this purpose the United Church building was secured. A house to house canvas was made and people were invited to the services. It proved a very successful campaign. Many who had backslidden were restored and a number were brought to Christ. In spite of the fact

that the campaign was successful, it soon became evident that the enemy was also active. The Christians were publicly ridiculed and when they met for prayer, rocks were thrown at the building where they met.

It seemed necessary at this time that the group should have their own building. A plot of ground was purchased and a building program launched. For most of the time there still was no resident pastor. The Cooneyites came into the district and told the people it was a waste of money to build a church and pay a pastor. Some families went along with that story and dropped away. Some other families moved north to Dafoe and Wynyard and other places. In a few years the group became considerably smaller.

NEW MISSION STATION

It became apparent that they could not stand as an independent group. The Pentecostal Church at Semans, Sask., was interested and eager to have them affiliate there. However, the group felt that the Serath Baptist Church was of the same faith as themselves and negotiations were begun through Rev. Stuart Thomas, interim pastor of Southey and Serath, Saskatchewan. Negotiations continued after Mr. and Mrs. Thomas went back to India through the present pastor, Rev. E. L. Thiessen, until in August 1955 they officially became a station of Serath.

Mr. Joseph Hufnagel was called as assistant pastor to Southey and Serath. He makes his home in Raymore, Sask., and concentrates his labors in Raymore and district. There has been a good response and the services are well attended.

Church Anniversaries and Special Events

Reports of God's Blessings Upon North American Baptist Churches

Fellowship Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta, Rededicating Its Newly Bought Sanctuary

On Sunday, June 10, the Bethany Baptist congregation of Camrose, Alta., held its last service in the church with our beloved pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Schimke. Instead of the usual Sunday School, each class contributed a special number, therefore making a very enjoyable program under the chairmanship of our superintendent, Mr. P. Weisser.

Prayer of thanksgiving for the many years of God's faithfulness and blessing was offered by Mr. R. G. Soder-

strom. In his farewell message our pastor used as his text Acts 2:29, "How to Be Filled With the Holy Spirit." We are indeed thankful for the many inspiring and heartfelt messages we have received during the ministry of Brother Schimke. By special request Mr. and Mrs. Schimke rendered a duet, "He Gave Himself for Me." After 56 years of heralding forth the Gospel, the doors of the Bethany church were closed. Many precious memories linger there.

Other brief messages were given by reporters of our conference churches: Mr. H. E. Bohlman for Temple Church,

tist Church, will go ahead in the future and be instrumental in winning many souls to the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Head of the Church.

Mrs. R. G. Soderstrom, Reporter.

Fiftieth Anniversary Observed by the Whitemouth Baptist Church, Whitemouth, Manitoba

"Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all his benefits." Such was the thought that prompted us to observe the 50th anniversary as the Whitemouth Baptist Church of River Hills, Man., on Sunday, June 3rd. The Sunday School under the leadership of Mrs. H. Knopf opened the day's program. Rev. R. Zinser of Winnipeg, Man., expounded the lesson. The local pastor, Rev. J. Kuehn, presided at the morning service. Rev. H. Schatz, Northern Conference worker, was the honored guest speaker, bringing a stirring message based on Psalm 84:11.

The afternoon festivities were under the leadership of Rev. J. Kuehn. A brief history of the church, read by the clerk, Mr. Walter Kretschmer, revealed some interesting facts. In 1897 some German Baptist families came from Volhynia, Russia, to Winnipeg, Man., and from there moved out to the Whitemouth district where they took up farming. For some time these Baptists held their meetings in the houses of the various families.

Rev. W. H. Mueller, who also came from Russia, but was then pastor in the Winnipeg church, served them from 1897 to 1900. Rev. William Schunke, who succeeded him in the Winnipeg church, continued the good work on the Whitemouth field. He not only made plans to erect a church building, but proved himself an able carpenter when in 1903 and 1904 the church was built.

In 1906 the church was organized with 57 charter members. Rev. J. P. Rempel became the first pastor of this newly organized church. In all 14 pastors have served in this church, of whom 7 pastors were ordained here. Our pastors have been: J. P. Rempel, A. Knapp, F. Mindrup, Phil. Daum, A. Karlenzig, W. Derksen, G. P. Schroeder, John Luebeck, E. E. Bonikowski, G. Palfenier, C. Rempel, F. Schmidt, F. Ohlmann, J. Kuehn. During their ministry 307 souls were added to the church through baptism. The present membership, including its station, Bousejour, is 127.

Representatives from different churches congratulated the local church on this memorable occasion. All organizations of the church took part in the afternoon program by giving a report and a special number in recitation, song or music. The choir and the orchestra served at all meetings of the day. The CBY presented the play, "The Young Ruler." The German Baptist Mission Church of Winnipeg brought several numbers in song. It was indeed a distinct privilege to have Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, Director of Immigration, with us who

addressed the capacity audience bringing a timely message.

This memorable day came to a fitting close on Sunday evening. This was also the beginning of a two-week evangelistic campaign with Rev. H. Schatz as the evangelist and guest speaker.

Mrs. J. Kuehn, Reporter.

Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Chicago

When a stone comes to rest, it gives us the feeling that it will stay. The weight holds it in place so it can tell and keep telling its message, "Honor thy father and thy mother."

A large number of the members and friends of our Chicago area church attended the historic occasion of the cornerstone laying of our new Central Baptist Home for the Aged, located at Lawrence Avenue and Canfield Road, Chicago, Ill., on Sunday afternoon, May 27.

The program was presided over by our president, Mr. Daniel Granzow. After the reading of Scripture and prayer by Rev. Rubin Kern, a short report on the progress of the building was given by Mr. Robert E. Swanson, architect. A description of the documents which were sealed in the copper box and placed in the cornerstone was given by Mr. Edward Meister, chairman of the Building Committee, assisted by Mr. Arthur Leuschner. Duplicate copies of these items will be available in the Home's vault for future reference.

After a prayer of dedication by Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Dr. Martin L. Leuschner inspired and challenged those present with a fitting message. A mixed quartet from the Forest Park Baptist Church provided the special music.

Following the program, those interested were conducted through the building to see the progress made to date. As the building nears completion, we see the plans of our late president, Mr. Roland E. Ross, and the members of the Board of Directors of the Home being fulfilled. Sufficient steel, brick and mortar have already been so organized to indicate that this will be a home of comfort, beauty,

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The Fellowship Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta, which represents the amalgamation of the former Bethany and Faith Baptist Churches of Camrose, has bought this building for its services. It was rededicated on Sunday, June 10th. The newly called pastor is Rev. Arnold Rapske.

strom. In his farewell message our pastor used as his text Acts 2:29, "How to Be Filled With the Holy Spirit." We are indeed thankful for the many inspiring and heartfelt messages we have received during the ministry of Brother Schimke. By special request Mr. and Mrs. Schimke rendered a duet, "He Gave Himself for Me." After 56 years of heralding forth the Gospel, the doors of the Bethany church were closed. Many precious memories linger there.

On Sunday afternoon, June 10, the churches of Bethany and Faith Churches, now amalgamated into one church, met in their new building as the newly organized congregation of the Fellowship Baptist Church of Camrose. The cutting of the ribbon ceremony took place with Rev. George Stainger, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Camrose, doing the cutting and deacon Richard Hickman using the key for the opening of the door.

Rev. Karl Korella of Edmonton acted as chairman of the program. Our opening hymn was, "The Church's One Foundation," which was followed by the Scripture reading by Rev. H. Pohl and prayer by Rev. Fred Schimke. Words of welcome were expressed

Leduc; Rev. Alphonz Lamprrecht for McKernan Church, Edmonton; Mr. Brickman for Forestburg; Rev. E. A. Hoffmann for the Wiesenthal Church; Rev. Henry Schumacher for Wetaskiwin; and Rev. R. Neuman for the Indian Reservation near Wetaskiwin. Pastors from the various city churches of Camrose also gave words of greeting: Rev. G. Stainger, First Baptist Church; Rev. A. D. Semrau, Church of God; Rev. T. W. Wilkinson, Mission Covenant; and Rev. M. L. Olson, Pentecost Church.

Our guest speaker for the afternoon was Dr. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Illinois. He spoke to us in a very effective manner using as theme for his message, "The Things that Abide." The dedicatory prayer was given by Rev. Alphonz Lamprrecht, who in his boyhood days grew up in the Bethany Church. Dr. Leuschner pronounced the benediction.

Our new building was purchased from the Evangelical Lutheran Church at the very small sum of \$20,000. It has a seating capacity of 350 and is located on 49th Avenue and 48th Street in Camrose, Alta., Canada. It is our hope and prayer that our new church, namely the Fellowship Bap-

and suitable in every way to the guests.

Except for one section, the home is a one-level structure, so arranged that it provides a spacious feeling, but distances across the courts are within the comfortable range of the guests. The rooms will provide more home-like comfort and privacy for desired individual living, but not sacrifice the thought that "my neighbor is near." There will be a chapel to provide a "mount of the presence of God" without the effort of climbing, a dining room next to it, and a T.V. room in which to see the "rest of the world."

To better acquaint our churches in the Southwestern, Central and Northwestern Conferences with this worthy and important project, Rev. Theodore W. Dons has accepted an appointment as field representative of our Central Baptist Home for the Aged, and commissioned to visit the churches in this area. He will present information on the progress of the building and will invite your cooperation in this phase of God's work.

Elmer A. Benson, Chairman
of Publicity Committee.

Annual Program of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, McIntosh, South Dakota

The sixth annual program of the Woman's Missionary Society, McIntosh, S. Dak., was held on Sunday evening, April 29th. We now have 19 members. Much mission work was carried out for the Children's Home at St. Joseph, Mich.; donating food to the Home for the Aged at Bismarck, N. Dak., prayers and financial gifts for the Cameroons, home mission work among the Indians and Mexicans. Last month we packed cookies for our boys at the Seminary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

For our missionary book we read "Chinese Diamonds" by Rosalind Go-forth, who was a missionary in China. Our total income the past year was \$668.80. Total expense was \$493.85, leaving us a balance of \$174.95. We are happy to have a share in the various activities of our church and to be busy doing the will of our heavenly Father.

Mrs. Lydia Gehring, Sec.-Treas.



Board members of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Chicago, Ill., assist Mr. Edward Meister in the laying of the new cornerstone at festive exercises on Sunday, May 27 (left); and (right) 95-year-old Mrs. Katherine Riswig of River Forest, Ill., rests at the cornerstone that shows the inscription, "Honor thy father and mother."

We...the Women

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

INTRODUCTION

"Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works" (Heb. 10:24). This was the theme of our Woman's Missionary Union from 1952 to 1955. It challenged us then, and we still have a burning desire in our hearts to continue "to stir up one another" that we might win "the Whole Wide World for Jesus."

The Lord has granted me the privilege of attending various business sessions of our denomination and others, annual women's programs, associations and conferences. I have noted talent, sacrificial acts of service, the leading of the Lord in mysterious ways, and I have indeed been stirred. "It is the love of God that constraineth us." How I wish every woman of our local societies could attend our conferences! Since this is impossible, we are going to share with you on this page some of these blessings.

Mrs. Harm Sherman stirs us up with her testimony of the blessings that she received from the Northern North Dakota Association. She has been stirred because of her visit. She is not the only one. Mrs. Sherman did her part in presenting a message at Harvey that stirred up other hearts to "love and good works."

You will be stirred likewise through "The 1955-1956 Packet." It is now ready for you. Order it today from the Woman's Missionary Union, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois. Mrs. Sherman has edited these packets along with the help of Mrs. Hugo Lueck in German. \$1.50 for the English packet, \$1.00 for the German. Money must accompany order.

Then this stirring will have good results. You will encourage your executive workers. They will work harder to do their part because of you, and you will be able to do more because of them. Together we work to "Win the Whole Wide World for Jesus."

WONDERFUL CONFERENCE BLESSINGS

By MRS. HARM SHERMAN, Editor of Our "Packets"

Blessings and more blessings—my cup is overflowing! This was my thought as I journeyed home from Harvey, North Dakota. Allow me to turn back the pages of time to June 7-10, the meeting of the Northern North Dakota Association which was held at Harvey. This is not a report, but let me share with you the rich

blessings experienced at this Association.

Come with me, first of all, to the newly completed Armory, a beautiful air-conditioned auditorium. Everything is in readiness for the first session. A large banner, "Welcome to All," is at the front of the auditorium, and directly below is the theme of the Association, "A Living Sacrifice." Huge baskets of beautiful flowers add to the decorative note of the auditorium. It is apparent that the host pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. John Kastelein, and his people have been working hard so that all will be richly blessed, that God's people will be edified, and that souls will be won for him. As we look about, it is evident that much prayer, time and effort have gone into all these preparations.

Picture to yourselves a 7:30 A.M. prayer meeting. As you enter the church, you tread softly for you hear voices agonizing in prayer. Pastors and lay people are praying for their people, for a revival, for greater loyalty and consecration—tears are flowing for the salvation of souls. Can you leave a meeting like that without feeling that you have been in the very presence of God?

Let us look in on the Ladies' Banquet! About 175 women are seated around beautifully decorated tables and eating a delicious meal. Listen—women are singing,

"Ever joyful, ever happy,
Scattering sunshine all the way,
Full of beauty is the Christian's
journey,
Onward gladly day by day."

Where have we heard that before? Oh, yes, it is the German song, "Immer froehlich," translated into English. Words are spoken by representatives of the various societies telling of the activities of the year. A note of progress echoes through each report, and they ask the question, "How can we get more ladies interested to join our groups?" Yes, these ladies are energetic, and they are striving to make their programs as interesting as possible, so that they may win others.

We move back to the main auditorium. What a thrill to speak to such a large and appreciative audience—not only ladies, but men. Here together we think about the Christian home and how the "Whole Wide World" needs to be won to Christ. We try to catch the three-fold vision of what is involved: a vision of our wonderful Lord, a vision of ourselves, and finally a vision of our task.

As we sit in the sessions daily and listen to the messages of the pastors we become disturbed as well as aroused, as Professor Roy Seibel so ably expressed it, by the theme, "A Living Sacrifice." A "living sacrifice," not a dead sacrifice, and the verse in Romans 12:11, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service," becomes real to us.

We begin to grasp the real significance of it. We realize as never before that what the Apostle Paul learned, we too can learn, believe, and act upon. We hear over and over again the concern for the lost, concern for our young people, the need for a more effective witness as ambassadors for Christ.

Then what a climax! The final message, "Noah Days of 1956," and the showing of the film, "Mixed Marriages," make us realize not only the importance of accepting Christ as our personal Savior before the door is shut, as it was in the days of Noah, but also the importance of taking advantage of every opportunity that God presents.

As I said "Goodbye," I realized that my life had been enriched and that I had been blessed through every session of this Association, as well as through the fellowship and wonderful hospitality of God's people. Do you wish to be blessed? Then resolve now that you will be present at every meeting of your association and conference.

SPECIAL REPORT

Anniversary Program of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society of Trochu, Alberta, Canada

The women of the Trochu Baptist Church, Trochu, Alta., have had the privilege of meeting twelve times in the last year. At these meetings we have blessed fellowship. Each member gets an opportunity to do something, either to lead the devotions, bring a special number, arrange a program, give a short talk or even give a testimony. We have been busy supporting the following: the Indian Mission, our Old Folks Home, Christian Training Institute in the winter months, British and Foreign Bible Society, Banso Hospital, Bethany Homes for Children, and White Cross work. We have visited 334 sick in our community and also remembered the aged folk of our church.

On April 8th we held our annual program, which was enjoyed by all who attended. Rev. D. Berg, our pastor, and his wife have been a great help to us. We regret very much that they are leaving us to go to labor at Morris, Manitoba. Our prayers go with them, and we know that they will be a great blessing at Morris, as they have been at Trochu.

Mrs. Alex Haller, Reporter.

C.B.Y. Fellowship

By REV. LAWRENCE BIENERT, General Secretary

NEW THEME FOR 1956-1957

How well do you know Christ? Is he a personal friend or just someone you have heard or read about? It does make a difference how well we know him. We have much more in common and enjoy to a greater degree the friendship with someone whom we know real well rather than with someone we know only by name. With this in mind, your CBY Fellowship executive committee chose the theme, **THAT I MAY KNOW HIM.**

This theme is based on a longing which the Apostle Paul had in his heart when he wrote the words recorded in Philippians 3:10, "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death." If Paul had that desire to know Christ in a more intimate and personal way, then we too should cultivate such a desire for our lives. We want to know Christ better through Bible study, personal devotions, fellowship with him, and also through service.

This new theme, **THAT I MAY KNOW HIM**, should be stressed at your fall rally. Make this an outstanding rally as you begin a new emphasis for the coming year. The key verse, Philippians 3:10, should be memorized and made a part of the desires of our heart. The theme chorus is, "THAT I MAY KNOW HIM."

Posters announcing the theme, key verse, and chorus will be mailed out to all CBYF presidents in the near future. If you do not receive yours, you may write to Box 6, Forest Park, Ill., for your free poster.

CAMP QUESTIONNAIRES

Camp questionnaires have again been sent out to all camp deans and camp presidents. We have prepared three questionnaires to give us the statistics for junior, intermediate, and senior camps. Please return these to our office as soon as your camp is completed. Besides the regular questionnaire, we are also asking for the names and addresses of those who dedicated their lives to full-time service. We are interested in these young people. We desire to know who they are so that we can pray for them.

MINUTES OF YOUR CBYF MEETINGS

I would like to remind you of the request which we are making at the

suggestion of the executive committee. Please send a copy of the minutes of your annual regional or conference CBYF meeting to Rev. L. Bienert, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois. The sharing of these minutes will be a means of informing your CBYF Secretary about the activities of your young people. Thank you for your co-operation.

YOUTH COMPASS

Your September 1956 issue of "Youth Compass" is ready for mailing. Is your name on our mailing list? No youth group can afford to be without good program material and helps. "Youth Compass" is designed especially for our own young people. In it you will find a series of four Bible studies, programs for special occasions, suggested visual aids, library books, and religious plays, as well as many other programs geared to the interest of youth. Perhaps you are interested in how to prepare a program. Miss Martha Leypoldt, professor of Christian Education at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., has prepared some excellent suggestions on program preparation. You will want to have this valuable information on hand. The subscription price is \$1.00 per year or 50 cents per copy. Send your orders to "Youth Compass," Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

MAY CONTRIBUTIONS—NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

Conferences	May, 1956	May, 1955	May, 1954
Atlantic	\$ 2,606.02	\$ 1,953.42	\$ 2,807.96
Central	7,515.24	3,648.36	6,160.76
Dakota	6,300.78	6,046.67	7,538.72
Eastern	2,960.74	1,486.41	3,031.02
Northern	3,747.00	4,462.08	2,374.43
Northwestern	4,109.72	4,106.65	7,361.83
Pacific	3,134.76	6,142.14	3,562.53
Southern	2,834.96	3,474.81	3,837.01
Southwestern	2,026.77	1,581.92	3,301.07
Total Contributions	\$35,235.99	\$32,902.46	\$39,975.33

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of May 1956	\$32,594.79	\$ 2,641.20	\$35,235.99
For the month of May, 1955	29,764.72	3,137.74	32,902.46
For the month of May, 1954	39,006.37	968.96	39,975.33

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April 1, 1956 to May 31, 1956	\$92,756.40	\$ 7,685.59	\$100,441.99
April 1, 1955 to May 31, 1955	87,350.29	8,238.66	95,588.95
April 1, 1954 to May 31, 1954	100,837.36	2,157.79	102,995.15

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April 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956	\$572,057.30	\$ 91,622.21	\$663,679.51
April 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	594,240.67	121,530.28	715,770.95
April 1, 1953 to May 31, 1954	632,836.62	26,882.58	659,719.20

CONFERENCE AND ASSEMBLY DATES

- 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 Ringer, Guest.
- July 31-Aug. 6—MANITOBA YOUNG PEOPLE'S CAMP at Lake Nutimek, River Hills, Manitoba. Prof. Herbert Hiller and Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Guests.
- July 30-Aug. 3—SOUTH DAKOTA JUNIOR CAMP at Mitchell, South Dakota. Miss Barbara Weisser and Miss Eleanor Schulert, Guests.
- August 2-5—KANSAS CBYF CAMP at Camp Fellowship, Goddard, Kansas. Dr. Ralph Powell and Miss Helen Lohse, Guest Speakers.
- Aug. 4-5—MICHIGAN TRI-CHURCH RALLY at Gladwin, Michigan. Miss Esther Schultz, Guest.
- Aug. 4-11 — OREGON BAPTIST LEAGUE INTERMEDIATE CAMP at Falls City, Oregon. Miss Ruth Bathauer, Guest.
- Aug. 5-11—PACIFIC NORTHWEST YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY at Pinelawn Camp, Deer Lake, Washington. Prof. H. Lueck and Rev. Ed Michelson, Guests.
- Aug. 6-10—SOUTH DAKOTA SENIOR CAMP at Mitchell, South Dakota. Rev. L. Bienert and Miss Eleanor Schulert, Guests.
- Aug. 8-12—NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE at Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn. Miss Ruby Salzman, Mrs. Thomas Lutz, and Rev. J. C. Gunst, Guest Speakers.



Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: August 5, 1956

Theme: A CALL TO CHRISTIAN LIVING

Scripture: Luke 2:40, 52; 1 Peter 4:1-11; 2 Peter 1:5-7.

THE CENTRAL TRUTH: The power which Christ gives us, not only delivers us from past sins, but gives us the power for righteous living for the present and promise for the future.

INTRODUCTION: Men of God have heroically fought and defended the Gospel in various ways. Some have done it through great and stirring preaching. Others have tried to defend the Gospel by means of creeds. These were good and helpful in what they proclaimed. Their weakness, however, lay in what they left out. For example, in the Apostles' Creed we read: "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified . . ." Is there nothing to believe about Christ between his birth and his death?

The call to Christian living demands more than believing the facts about Christ. It means believing in Christ and following him. The greatest defenders of the Gospel have been those who lived the Gospel.

I. Christian Living Demands Christian Growth. Luke 2:52.

Primarily we think of Jesus as the Son of God. But we must never forget his humanity. His favorite expression when referring to himself was "the Son of man." It is as the Son of man that we think of Jesus' growth.

(a) He grew intellectually. Luke tells us that he "advanced in wisdom." It is therefore imperative that we heed the invitation of Jesus to come and "learn of me" (Matt. 11:29).

(b) He grew physically—"in stature." He experienced all the problems and difficulties from childhood, adolescence through adulthood.

(c) He grew spiritually—"in favor with God." His Father could continually say, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased" (Matt. 3:17).

(d) He grew socially—"in favor with men." We are what we are as a result of our relationships with others. People heard him gladly (Mark 12:37). They followed him and sought him (Mark 1:37). They invited him to their homes (Matt. 26:6).

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"The serene, silent beauty of a holy life is the most powerful influence in the world, next to the might of the Spirit of God."
—Pascal.

II. Christian Living Demands Discipline. 1 Peter 4:1-11.

It is so easy, even for Christians, to go along with the crowd. "Everybody does it," we say, and we don't like to be different or peculiar. Discipline has a positive as well as a negative approach. There are certain things, clearly stated, that we must not do (1 Peter 4:2-4). But Peter is just as clear in stating what we must do (1 Peter 4:8-11; 2 Peter 1:5-7). It is required that we discipline our mind, our prayer life, our love, our service, our gifts. There is no place for the spirit of laxity in striving for the fruit of the spirit. We must continue to add virtue to virtue (2 Peter 1:5-7).

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: August 12, 1956

Theme: THE WAY OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Scripture: John 13:3-5, 12-15; 1 John 1:1-7; 1 John 2:3

THE CENTRAL TRUTH: Jesus Christ is the blessed tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

INTRODUCTION: One of the most beautiful words in the Christian language is the word "fellowship." It has the connotation of companionship, friendship, relationship. It makes us think of brotherhood, of sharing, of similar tastes and interests. At the same time we must realize that there are some areas of fellowship which we must avoid. Dishonest men also have fellowship and the Word of God warns us against such friendship. We are to avoid fellowship with unrighteousness (2 Cor. 6:14); with the unfruitful works of darkness (Eph. 5:11); with devils (1 Cor. 10:20).

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I. Fellowship and Service. John 13:3-15.

One of the surest ways of breaking up a friendship is to take advantage of our friends. We shy away quickly from those persons who seek to use our friendship simply to supply their own selfish ends. The disciples of Jesus were in grave danger of using the friendship of their Lord and Master to gain position and promotion in the Kingdom. Their primary thought was on "who will be the greatest."

Jesus, therefore, wanted to give them an abiding lesson. They must learn that one of the major requirements for true fellowship is humble service. By this act Jesus did not mean that we must necessarily wash one another's feet simply as an ordinance. That would not be service. Perhaps, washing the kitchen floor of a poor old widow would be more in accordance with God's will. It would certainly strengthen our fellowship with the poor and needy.

II. Fellowship and the Word of God. 1 John 1:1-5.

Many have fellowship together because of a common interest in certain subjects. A student of history likes to discuss his subjects with other historians. Those who are well versed in the works of Browning have a different light in their eyes whenever they hear one of his poems quoted or his works discussed. It is this common tie which binds them together.

These first disciples were intimately acquainted with the Word of life. They saw, they heard, they handled! Every time one of them quoted some words of Jesus their eyes lit up, their hearts were warmed, they shook their heads in agreement. His words cemented their fellowship closer than anything else had ever done. Again and again they must have said with Paul, "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said . . ." (Acts 20:35).

III. Fellowship and Obedience. 1 John 1:6-7; 2:3.

Nothing breaks up the fellowship in a family more quickly than disobedient children. A mental, spiritual, and conversational barrier is set up which cannot be broken until there is genuine confession and forgiveness. Obedience to Christ is our sure test of fellowship with him. But if the spirit of disobedience does creep in and hinder our fellowship, we can be sure that there is a way out and a way up (1 John 1:7).

What's Happening

● On Sunday evening, June 17, Rev. Frank Veninga, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., baptized eight converts on confession of their faith in Christ. At the same service the Gospelaire quartet presented an inspiring program. They also sang at the morning service of the church. The Junior Church recently beautified the church grounds by planting 50 geraniums.

● On Sunday, June 17, Dr. John Wobig, pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., baptized nine converts on confession of their faith in Christ. The church celebrated the 25th wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. John Wobig on June 3rd with a reception on that Sunday afternoon. A silver gift of \$100 was presented to the honored couple. The actual date for the anniversary was June 5.

● The Calvary Baptist Church of Corn, Okla., has called Rev. Jack Block as its pastor to succeed Rev. J. K. Warkentin. Mr. Block is a son of the First Baptist Church of Bison, Kansas. He has been serving a small church in San Jose, California. He is a graduate of Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas. He has accepted the call and hopes to begin his ministry in Corn, Okla., on August 1st.

● Rev. Laurence Prast has recently resigned as pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind., with his services terminating there on July 1st. He has been the minister at the Indianapolis Church since 1952. He and his family are now residing in the Beaver Church area of Michigan. Mr. Prast hopes to enroll in a nearby school for further studies during the summer months.

● The Fellowship Baptist Church of Camrose, Alta., has extended a call to Rev. Arnold Rapske of Chicago, Ill., to become its pastor to which he has responded favorably. He has finished his studies at the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago. The Fellowship Church is the amalgamation of the former Bethany and Faith Churches of Camrose. Mr. Rapske and his family began their ministry on their new field on July 15th.

● The Baptist Church of Onoway, Alta., has extended a call to Mr. Arthur Zeller of Golden Prairie, Sask., a student at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He has responded favorably to the call and is already on the field, having succeeded Rev. John Wahl, now of Hamilton, Ontario. The Onoway Baptist Church is located in the small community of Onoway, about 50 miles from Edmonton.

● The Baptist Church of Forestburg, Alta., has called Rev. Leforest Lee of Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, as its pastor, succeeding Rev. Earl Silver. Mr. Lee has been teaching in the Indian Baptist Mission School at Whitehorse. He has been granted a year of furlough, and with his wife and three children will live in the Forestburg parsonage and carry on the ministry of the Forestburg church. His services there will begin shortly.

● The Plum Creek Baptist Sunday School of Emery, S. Dak., celebrated its Children's Day Program on Sunday evening, June 10. A large crowd witnessed the fine program given by the children. The offering of \$204.00 was designated for the South Dakota Church Extension Project. A part of this offering represented the gifts brought by the children in the Church Extension coin folders, as reported by Mrs. Vernon Janssen. Rev. Willis Portratz, pastor of the church, had a part in the program.

● Rev. E. M. Wegner of Delavan, Wis., passed away on June 9th after an illness of about a year. He had served North American Baptist Churches in Edenwold, Nokomis, and Springside, Sask.; Carbon, Alta.; and Manitowoc, Wisconsin. In recent years he had been pastor of an American Baptist Convention Church in Delavan, Wisconsin. His wife and a son, Danny, survive. The obituary prepared by Rev. A. Buhler of Lansing, Mich., appears on page 23 of this issue. Cards of sympathy can be sent to Mrs. Wegner at 324 S. Main Street, Delavan, Wisconsin.

● The former Bethany and Faith Baptist Churches of Camrose, Alta., recently amalgamated and formed the Fellowship Baptist Church of Camrose. Their respective pastors, Rev. Fred Schimke and Rev. Herman A. Pohl, resigned. The Fellowship Church then purchased the former Evangelical Lutheran Church in Camrose with a seating capacity of 350 for \$20,000. This church building, located at 49th Avenue and 48th Street in Camrose, was dedicated at that impressive service on Sunday afternoon, June 10. A detailed illustrated report appears elsewhere in this issue.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wis., has called Rev. Fred W. Mashner of Sumner, Iowa, to which he has replied favorably. On Sunday, June 24, he presented his resignation to the First Baptist Church of Sumner and announced that he would begin his pastorate in Sheboygan on September 1st. He has served the Sumner church since 1952. In Sheboygan he will succeed Dr. M. Vanderbeck, now of Chicago, Illinois.

● On Sunday, June 17, Rev. Helmut H. Riemer, pastor of the Shroyer Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio, baptized 13 converts and on Sunday, June 24, he baptized two other persons on confession of their faith in Christ. A Vacation Bible School was conducted in June with a total enrollment of 135 and with offerings amounting to \$169.69. Louise Stow served as director with Cleo Harris as assistant director, assisted by a large staff of 34 teachers and helpers.

● During June Mr. Bruce A. Rich of Portland, Ore., a North American Baptist Seminary student, assisted Rev. Harold E. Weiss, pastor of the Northside Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., with the programs of the church. On the second day of the Vacation Bible School that began on June 4th, the attendance was over 100. An extensive canvass and visitation program was carried out during the month. Mr. Rich is a member of the Bethany Church near Portland, Oregon. He is a second-year student in the Seminary.

● At its annual session of the General Missionary Committee, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Rentz of Minot, Man., were appointed as missionaries in the Cameroons, Africa. Mr. Rentz is a school principal in Manitoba. He is making plans to enter the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and take a full course at least until Christmas time. In the Cameroons he will become the principal of the Teacher Training Center at Soppo. On April 20th a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Rentz who has been named Karen Inez.

● Mr. and Mrs. Archie Ruggles of Wetaskiwin, Alta., will serve as teachers in the Good Fish Lake Indian School at Good Fish Lake, Alta., beginning with the fall months. This is 125 miles northeast of Edmonton. It is a Protestant Day School sponsored by the Indian agency. Mrs. Faye Strohschein Ruggles served for four years as school teacher on the Indian Montana Reserve and assisted in the work of our Baptist mission there. Both of these young people have been very active in North American Baptist churches.

● The General Missionary Committee has appointed Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hildebrand of Stafford, Kans., to serve as missionaries in the Cameroons, Africa, and to supervise our extended building program on the mission field. They have accepted the call and, if everything goes as planned, they will

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Our Denomination in ACTION

Northern Conference

In Memoriam—
Rev. Arthur Buech, Temple Baptist Church, Jansen, Sask.,

The question remains the same today as in the days of the apostles, "What must I do?" and the answer remains equally as clear, "Repent!" With rapt attention, the Temple Baptist Church of Jansen, Sask., filled with spiritually hungry Sunday worshippers, listened as God's servant expounded eternal truths under the theme, "The Power of the Gospel," based on Acts 2:37-47 on that beautiful Sunday of May 20th. No one in the audience realized that this was to be the last sermon to flow from the lips of our beloved pastor, Rev. Arthur Buech.

As the first worshippers arrived the following Sunday morning on May 27, his body was being carried out to a waiting automobile near the parsonage. Soul and body had parted as a result of a heart attack.

Never before in the history of the church had a pastor and his family won the hearts of the people in four short months as Rev. Arthur Buech had done. His unique ministry steadily drew larger crowds. God's plan, however, called for a severance of this beautiful relationship between church and pastor. We have loved for just a short while and lost, but we do not wish to question God's action. Is this not better than never to have loved at all? "My word shall not return unto me void," is one of God's promises. The seed has been faithfully sown through this servant; the future will reveal the harvest.

Humbly, may we bow to our Creator's will and pray with the Bishop of Bloemfontein:

Fill me so that I may live the life of the spirit,
 Guide me to the people I should meet or help:
 To the circumstances in which I can best serve thee;
 Whether by my actions or my sufferings.
 But above all, make Christ to be formed in me,
 That I may dethrone self in my heart
 And make him King;
 So that he is in me, and I in him,
 Today and for ever. Amen.
 Bill Bonney, Church Clerk.

McDermot Avenue Church CBY, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Presents Play at Grand Forks, N. Dak.

As previously reported, the English CBY of the McDermot Avenue Church, Winnipeg, Man., planned to take the play, "Revive Us Again," to various churches in order to secure funds for our Tri-Union project. On May 6th they went to Oak Bank and on May 27th to Moosehorn, Manitoba. In each



The last snapshot taken of the late Rev. Arthur Buech of Jansen, Saskatchewan, and his wife and children.

place they were very well received and the program proved a real blessing.

Our minister, Rev. H. J. Waltereit, coming to us from Grand Forks, N. Dak., encouraged the friendship between the two churches and, on an invitation to go there with our play, we chartered a bus on June 3rd to visit our South-of-the-Border friends. We were very royally welcomed at a "Get Acquainted" Banquet, when we enjoyed a time of fellowship and an excellent course of delicious southern food.

Needless to say, in a short time we felt right at home and are pleased to report that the play was presented to an appreciative audience which filled the auditorium. Following the evening service refreshments were served, after which we very reluctantly bade our newly-found friends "adieu" until such time as they would come up to see us, which promises to be real soon.

We would again take this opportunity to thank these churches for their hospitality, which surely served to bind us closer together in Christ Jesus.

Erna Redlich, Reporter.

Sessions of the Manitoba Association at the Temple Church of Swan River, Manitoba

The Manitoba Association, made up of nine churches and spread over a large territory from the southern point of Morris to the nearly 350 miles distant Swan Valley in the north, recently met with the congenial members of the Temple Church of Swan River for a two-day session of blessed fellowship and spiritual feasting. The meetings were from Friday evening, June 15, to Sunday afternoon, June 17th.

The entire session was under the unique theme, "Seeing His Glory."

The heavy load of messages was carried by our denominational messenger, Dr. George Dunger of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., who by his deep spiritual insight led us into blessed thoughts on the Glory of Christ. Rev. John Kuehn of Whitemouth spoke with earnestness on "His Glory in Consecrated Lives," and Rev. W. Laser of the Mission Church of Winnipeg led us into thinking of the timely subject, "His Glory in the Christian Family Life." Rev. I. Fasz of Minitonas took the assignment, "His Glory in the Church," on last minute notice and made a fine spiritual contribution.

The mission sermon on Sunday morning was brought on the subject, "His Glory in Missions" by Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, Immigration Secretary. Rev. H. Waltereit of Winnipeg as chairman, directed a brief business meeting, in which the Association decided to contribute to the newly planned youth camp for the northern churches in Manitoba.

Of particular interest was a written statement submitted to the Association by the combined North American Baptist Churches of Winnipeg, in which the teaching of "Universalism" (Universalism) was rejected as heresy in our Baptist churches. The Association decided unanimously to endorse the position of the Winnipeg churches. The individual reports by the Manitoba churches were encouraging and soul searching. One church (Ochre River) is still without a pastor.

Over the various activities in the churches was the visible grace of God which turned weakness into strength and defeats into victories. To Rev. J. Nikkel, the pastor of the host church, our deepest appreciation for careful planning and support.

William Sturhahn, Reporter.

Program of the Alberta Woman's Missionary Union at the McKernan Church, Edmonton, Alberta

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Alberta Association met at the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., on Friday, June 15. The president, Mrs. W. Muller, was in charge of a brief business meeting. It was encouraging to note that the number of White Cross parcels sent from the churches in our Association had doubled in the past few years. Our missionary giving has also increased.

On the following afternoon an inspiring program was presented. The play, "Tis Is Your Life," was given by the ladies of the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton. We were privileged to have Dr. M. L. Leuschner speak to us on "Women Who Labor in the Work of the Gospel." His message was both inspiring and challenging. An offering was received for medical work in the Cameroons, Africa.

Mrs. Alice Meyers, Secretary.

Alberta Association Sessions at the McKernan Baptist Church in Edmonton, Alberta

On Thursday evening, June 14, the annual sessions of the Alberta Association of North American Baptist Churches were off to an auspicious start as Rev. Alphonz Lamprecht, pas-

tor of the host McKernan Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta., led the congregation in song. After Scripture and prayer, Rev. Henry Schumacher of the Calvary Baptist Church in Westaskiwin brought the opening message based on Romans 14:12. His message from God was a challenge to each of his listeners as he pointed out the inconsistencies in the lives of those who claim to be Christians. He dared each Christian to accept his responsibility in the work of God and of the church.

This emphasis on responsibility set the keynote for the entire session of the Association, being further developed in the topics, "The Officer's Responsibility to the Church" and "The Church's Responsibility to its Officers" by Rev. J. Kraenzler and Rev. Herman Pohl, respectively. The topic "The Church's Responsibility to the Sunday School and the Sunday School's Responsibility to the Church" was ably covered by Rev. Alphonz Lamprecht.

We were happy to have Dr. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., with us as our denominational representative. He conducted a quiet half hour just before the noon meal each day and was also guest speaker for the CBY Fellowship program on Saturday evening and the women's program on Saturday afternoon. Again, the responsibility of the Christian to God, to the church, and to the unsaved was stressed in Dr. Leuschner's messages.

The business sessions were conducted by the moderator, Rev. W. R. Muller. The Association was happy to elect him moderator for the coming year as well as the following officers: vice-moderator, Rev. Ervin Faul; secretary, Rev. Ernest A. Hoffmann; treasurer, Rev. William Effa; youth director, Alan Strohschein; Sunday School worker, Arthur Smith; music director, Rev. Ed Link; pianist, George Kern; and camp business manager, Marvin Grabia.

Visitors and delegates to the Association were blessed by the ministry in music rendered so capably by the McKernan Church and other singers. They were also appreciative of the excellent meals provided by the ladies of the church and the kind hospitality of those who opened their homes to house the visitors.

The closing session of the Association was held in the McKernan Church on June 17. The Sunday School hour was conducted by the local superintendent, with the children's story being told by Miss Irene Somers, and the lesson by Rev. W. R. Muller. The worship service was in charge of Mr. Muller, the message being brought by Dr. Leuschner. This service was the final meeting of the Association but the visitors and delegates spent a very enjoyable afternoon as the guests of the choirs of the churches in the Edmonton area in their annual song festival held in the new and spacious First Baptist Church of Edmonton. About 1,000 people attended this wonderful meeting.

So with a song of praise on our lips, we turned homeward, filled with the joy of the Lord and already looking forward to the next meeting of our Association. Praise to the Lord for his showers of blessing!

Mrs. William Effa, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Important Events of May at the Strassburg Baptist Church Near Marion, Kansas

We, of the Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kans., have been quite busy during the month of May. On Tuesday, May 1st, the Woman's Missionary Union held its annual Mother's Day program and party at the church. About 60 members and friends were present to enjoy the program honoring our Christian mothers.

The Men's Brotherhood entertained the women of the church at an Appreciation Banquet on May 14 held at the Kingfisher's Inn at the Marion County Lake near Marion. A short program was held with the high school girls' trio rendering several numbers and Mr. Kenneth Unruh bringing a message.

On Sunday evening, May 6, the Strassburg Church congregation held a farewell service for Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Unruh and family who left for Kansas City the last of May. Mr. Unruh has just completed his college at Tabor College in Kansas.

On Monday evening, May 28, the Men's Brotherhood entertained the children and their parents with a wiener roast at the parsonage. Then Rev. Elmer Strauss, Pastor of Ellinwood, Kans., presented the Challenger Club to the boys and girls in which quite a number have enrolled.

Memorial services were held at the nearby cemetery on Tuesday evening, May 29. The Men's Chorus sang several numbers and Rev. L. B. Hinz, our pastor, brought a memorial message. Several members of the local VFW Firing Squad took part in a service honoring our war dead. About 75 people were in attendance.

During May 28 to June 1 a Vacation Bible School was held with 25 pupils enrolled. Rev. L. B. Hinz was superintendent with Mrs. Henry Vogel, Mrs. Jake Stenzel, Mrs. James Vogel, Mrs. Wilbur Hett, Mrs. L. B. Hinz, Carol Krispense, LaVonda Hinz, Juanita Kelsey and Karen Thole as teachers and assistants. On Friday evening the Bible School program was held.

Mrs. Roy Vogel, Reporter.

Successful Vacation Bible School and Children's Day Service at Lorraine, Kansas

A host of interested boys and girls, as well as their teachers, were thrilled with the Vacation Bible School held at the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kans., from May 23 to June 1. A total of 88 pupils and 24 teachers and helpers brought our enrollment to 112. Average attendance for the eight days was a splendid 102! Lessons, songs, and handiwork concentrated on the theme, "Our Living Bible."

Special thanks for an efficient school go to the three department heads: Beginners, Mrs. Paul Schroeder; Primary, Mrs. R. C. Rolfs; Junior-Intermediate, Mrs. Harold W. Gieseke. The pastor, Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, acted as general superintendent of the school. The last Thursday morning was "visitors' day," providing an opportunity for parents to see the school "in action."

On Children's Day, Sunday, June 10, the 11 o'clock worship service was planned for our boys and girls. They sang their Bible School songs and the pastor brought a special message for them: "The Lord Speaks to a Lad" (1 Samuel 3:4). We are grateful to God for our boys and girls and we pray that, because of these days, they may indeed regard God's Holy Book as a "treasure rare."

Harold W. Gieseke, Pastor.



Vacation Bible School children and teachers of the First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas, with the pastor, Rev. Harold W. Gieseke standing at the left.



The Hager Memorial Baptist Church, Prince George, B. C., which celebrated its 40th anniversary recently and entertained the British Columbia Association with the Sunday morning congregation shown at the right.

Daily Vacation Bible School at the Immanuel Baptist Church Near Loyal, Oklahoma

A successful Vacation Bible School was conducted at the Immanuel Baptist Church near Loyal, Okla., from May 28 to May 31 with a total of 25 pupils in attendance. The course was an all day session. Our theme was "Champions for Christ." Seven teachers helped the pastor, who acted as director and who also taught the Junior class. Other teachers were: Mrs. Norman Vilhauer, Mrs. Eleon Sandau, Mrs. Kermit Geis, Mrs. Emil Weber, Mrs. Mike Brinckmeyer, and Misses Mary Vilhauer and Carolyn Dobrinski.

The blessings of God were evidenced in that one of the Junior pupils accepted Christ as her personal Savior during these school days. An offering brought by the children amounted to \$9.60, and was designated for our mission work in Japan.

In addition to studying the Word of God, the boys and girls did splendid handicraft work and learned some new songs and choruses. We are very thankful to our heavenly Father for the priceless opportunities of this week of Bible School. We pray that the seed sown into the tender hearts of these children will some day bear fruit for him.

Eleon L. Sandau, Pastor.

Womens' Program, Vacation Bible School and Pastor's Reception at Okeene, Oklahoma

On Sunday evening, April 29, the Woman's Missionary Union of the Zion Baptist Church, Okeene, Okla., presented its annual program. Our president, Mrs. Herman Laubach, welcomed everyone and our group sang, "Reach Your Arms Around the World." A report by the secretary, Miss Lenora Weber, showed that our society has been active in White Cross work and other missionary projects. We had as our guest speaker Mr. Harold Johns of Forest Park, Ill., who is chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Roger Williams Press. He also showed pictures of Africa and Palestine. An offering was received for mission work.

"Adventuring With Christ" was the theme of the Vacation Bible School at the Zion Church from May 22 to June 1. A program was rendered by the children on Sunday evening, June 3, at which time the certificates were awarded. The offering was designated for the Chapel Building fund.

Mr. Leon Bill began his ministry here on May 30. After the prayer service the church held a reception for the pastor and his family. The various officers of the church spoke as follows: Mr. H. G. Geis and Mr. Jake Geis for the deacons; Mr. Herman Laubach for the Board of Trustees; Mr. Elmer Fisher for the Sunday School; Mrs. Herman Laubach for the Woman's Missionary Union; Weldon Geis and Willis Geis for the CBY; Mrs. Weldon Leisher for the Board of Education; Miss Lenora Weber for the Choir; Mrs. Wm. Geis for the Junior Department; and Mr. Harry Geis for the Baptist Men. A response was given both by Mr. and Mrs. Bill. Following the service a reception was held in the lower sanctuary for our pastor and family.

Esther Weber, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Sessions of the British Columbia Association and 40th Anniversary at Prince George, B. C.

The British Columbia Association is one of the youngest groups in the denomination, but it is far from the least. The 9th Association meeting, held from May 31 to June 3 at the Hager Memorial Baptist Church of Prince George, B. C., brought together pastors and representatives from seven churches. In addition, the newly organized Immanuel Church of Vancouver, B. C., was received, and two new churches at Terrace and Kitimat, B. C., are making amazing progress.

Prince George is a thriving and prosperous city at the heart of a great lumbering industry and at the gateway to Fort Dawson and Alaska. It stands astride the picturesque Cariboo country with its cattle and ranchlands and its rich Peace River country. It is

now linked with Vancouver, B. C., 450 miles away, by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway. It is directly on the route of the Canadian National Railway to the promising farming country of Terrace, B. C., and the amazing new factories and industrial developments at Kitimat and Prince Rupert, B. C. It is almost at the source of the beautiful Fraser River, one of the most historical and useful waterways on the continent.

Here in Prince George in the worshipful Hager Memorial Baptist Church the British Columbia Association centered its attention on the blessed truths of the first epistle of John. Rev. Phil. Daum, pastor, and the gracious people of the church welcomed the visitors in the midst of bright and balmy days. Rev. G. P. Gebauer of Vancouver, B. C., brought the opening message on "God's Word and Man's Answer."

The business sessions were conducted tactfully by Dr. A. S. Felberg of Vancouver, B. C., moderator. The reports from all the churches were glowing accounts of increasing memberships and encouraging progress. Following the report about the new Baptist Church at Terrace, B. C., by the Rev. R. Rapske, this group was received into the Association's fellowship.

The devotional periods were led by Mr. A. Haas of Vancouver, B. C., Rev. Rudolph Rapske of Terrace, B. C., and the Rev. A. Hart of Prince Rupert, B. C. Instructive messages were given by the Rev. J. B. Kornalewski of Kelowna, B. C., on "The Christian's Walk," and by Rev. G. Beutler of Chilliwack, B. C., with the expository sermon on "Faith in the Son of God." Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., brought several devotional messages, the address at the women's session, and several messages on Sunday and showed two denominational films during the association.

The Women's Missionary Union held its program on Friday evening with Mrs. A. S. Felberg, president, in charge. A memorial service remembered the women who had been called "home" during the past year, especially Mrs. Phil. Daum. Newly elected officers are: Mrs. A. S. Felberg, president; Mrs. J. B. Kornalewski, vice-

president; Mrs. Edmund Hiller, secretary; and Mrs. G. Beutler, treasurer.

An enthusiastic group of 110 young people attended the youth banquet on Saturday night with Rev. G. Beutler, vice-president, serving at toastmaster. Unusual favors were thin slices of birchwood with the menu printed on them in deep blue ink. Dr. Leuschner addressed the banquet crowd after several musical numbers. This was a thrilling climax to a great youth day with the business session in the morning planning for the youth camp, and with an outing in the afternoon to Summit Lake supervised by Herb Fichtner.

At the Sunday morning worship service, Dr. A. S. Felberg of Vancouver, B. C., brought the missionary message. The mission offering amounted to \$386. In the afternoon the church's historical anniversary was celebrated. It has been 50 years since Rev. Abraham Hager first conducted meetings in the Prince George area, 40 years since the church was organized, and 25 years since it was officially named the Hager Memorial Church. Rev. Phil. Daum read several important historical accounts, one of them by Mr. John Asman who was in the audience. Dr. Leuschner brought the anniversary message following greetings by several visiting ministers.

The Association was brought to a close with another service on Sunday night and with the young people's program over CKPG, the local radio station. About 40 young people sang many numbers, and Rev. Phil. Daum, Dr. A. S. Felberg, and Dr. M. L. Leuschner took part in the broadcast.

New officers for the Association are Dr. A. S. Felberg, moderator; Rev. J. B. Kornalewski, vice-moderator; Mr. Albert Haas, secretary; Rev. G. B. Gebauer, assist. secretary; Rev. Phil. Daum, treasurer; Rev. G. Beutler, member on mission committee; alternate, Rev. J. B. Kornalewski; Rev. R. Rapske, immigration representative. The 1957 Association will probably convene in Chilliwack, B. C.

M. L. Leuschner, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Children's Church Services and Activities at the Baptist Church, Washburn, North Dakota

Praise and thanks are given to our Lord Jesus Christ for his leading and presence at every meeting with the children in the children's church of the Baptist Church, Washburn, North Dakota. Forty-two meetings were held in the past year with an average attendance of between 18 to 20 children. Three of the little girls accepted Christ as their Savior the past year and all the children are witnessing for their Lord in prayer, testimony, with reverence shown during our worship period. They are now learning the 23rd Psalm.

We are trying to teach the children that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." They have given memorials, boxes of clothing to needy children, sent out "get well" cards and are also contributing to the Crystal Springs Camp Fund. They also helped



Vacation Bible School children and teachers at the Plum Creek Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak.

buy a wheel chair for one of their little girl pals and made favors for the aged of the Baptist Home for the Aged. They also contribute to the library and have bought their own Junior Choir song books.

Mrs. Orrin Enockson is the superintendent of the church and Mrs. Otto Fiesel is their choir director. The children are grateful to their mothers who have also helped them along in this service.

Mrs. Otto Fiesel, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School Held at the Plum Creek Baptist Church, Emery, South Dakota

A Vacation Bible School was held at the Plum Creek Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., from May 21 to 25 with 38 children attending from 9 to 4 o'clock each day. The theme of the material used by each class was "Champions for Christ." A program was presented on Sunday night, May 27, at which the children eagerly recited many Scripture passages and sang songs which they had learned during the week. The display of art handwork was enjoyed by all.

Throughout the week the mothers of the pupils took turns at serving hot lunches at noon. Hearts, minds, and hands of each pupil were kept busy all week. It was the desire of each teacher that the children's lives might have been drawn closer to the Lord.

Teachers for the following classes were: Nursery class, Mrs. Herbert Decker and Joella Jucht; Beginners,



Junior Choir of the Washburn Baptist Church, Washburn, North Dakota. Mrs. Otto Fiesel is the choir director.

Mrs. Lester Jucht and Janell Jucht; Primary, Mrs. Emil Radel and Vau-neta Decker; Juniors, Mrs. Marvin Fauth and Carol Triebwasser; Inter-mediates, Rev. Willis Potratz and Jo Ann Treibwasser.

Our pastor, Rev. Willis Potratz, brought a short object lesson each day. A missionary story was given daily by one of the teachers about one of our own missionaries. Mrs. Emil Radel was in charge of the music. The offering which was taken was designated for the Conference's Sunday School Home Mission project which amounted to \$82.36.

Mrs. Vernon Janssen, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School at Herreid, South Dakota, With Sixty Children in Attendance

We of the Herreid Baptist Church, Herreid, S. Dak., were again privileged to have a successful Vacation Bible School from May 28 through June 1, with sixty children attending. "Our Living Bible" was the material used.



Vacation Bible School children and teachers on the steps of the Herreid Baptist Church, Herreid, S. Dak.

A fine program was presented to a large audience on Friday evening, June 1, which consisted of songs, memorization work and prayers. The handwork was on display and everyone present marveled at how well it was done. We are grateful to the teachers who taught the children how to do these things. The names of the teachers are: Miss Phyllis Quenzer and Miss Lenora Goehring, Beginners class; Mrs. Herbert Rudolph, Primary class; Mrs. E. S. Fenske, Junior class, and Bible instructor, Rev. E. S. Fenske.

May the Lord bless the seed that has been sown into the hearts of the young children and may it bear fruit to the glory of God whom we love and serve. The children brought their daily mission offerings which amounted to \$15.69.

Mrs. Cecil D. Jahraus, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School and Scripture Memory Work at Baptist Church, Plevna, Montana

The Vacation Bible School at Plevna, Mont., was held May 28 to June 1. Because of transportation, we had full day sessions. We also had the fine

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sail from New York City for Africa on October 4th. This will be their third term of service in the Cameroons. Their present appointment will extend over a brief limited period. Mr. and Mrs. Hildebrand are members of the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford.

● Mr. and Mrs. Jack Funnell and their daughter of the Cameroons, West Africa, spent the month of June on their "holidays" visiting friends and relatives in England, Canada, and the United States. From June 17 to July 1st they were in Leduc, Alta., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. August Hein, the parents of Mrs. Myrtle Hein Funnell. She was one of our Cameroons missionaries until her marriage to Mr. Jack Funnell. They sailed on one of the Empress ships for England early in July. They hope to arrive at Bamenda, Africa, by October 3rd. Mr. Funnell is an engineer in the employ of the British Government in Africa.

● The General Council and General Missionary Committee of the denomination have appointed Dr. W. J. Appel of Detroit, Mich., as our European representative for the next two years. He is to supervise the missionary work and fields in Austria, to which we have made financial grants. He will also supervise in a general way our immigration program in Europe since we are continuing our missionary efforts through the office in Bremen, Germany. He will likewise act as our denominational representative in Europe at conventions and important gatherings. His appointment will begin as of August 1, 1956.

THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT

The June 28, 1956 issue of the "Baptist Herald" reported about the visit of Nigeria's Governor-general at the Ndu Baptist Church on Sunday morning, April 8th. This graphic account by Rev. Earl H. Ahrens appeared on page 6. Afterwards the governor and his wife and their party continued on their visit to other Cameroons mission stations, stopping for two days at the Bansa Baptist Hospital as described in this article by Miss Margaret Kittlitz, a missionary-nurse who hails from the great state of Texas! EDITOR.

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was hanging in readiness; they were never worn, at least not on that day.

By the time I reached my house and caught my breath the visitors were already well on their way, making their rounds of the hospital. There had been no time for breakfast, so the wisest thing at the time seemed just to have a leisurely meal. The hot coffee and the stilling of hunger pangs calmed the mind and left it open and clear for the Voice of the Holy Spirit.

The Voice said, "The Governor is the representative of royalty and you have been anxious to have all things clean and ready for his appearance. When the King of kings comes will we be ready and waiting, or will he find soiled spots in our souls and bare places in our lives?"

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3rd, their 40th wedding anniversary. After the evening service Deacon F. Wolf invited everyone to the basement. Tables were decorated and even the wedding cake was there. One surprise followed another. Rev. and Mrs. George Breitzkreuz of Lehr, N. Dak., walked in and added their good wishes to those of the members of the church. A check from the treasurer was presented and many added their personal gifts and good wishes.

V. H. Prendinger, Pastor.

Mother's Day Program at Bismarck, North Dakota, With Harold Johns as Guest Speaker

Mother's Day was a special day for the congregation of the Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, North Dakota. Mr. Harold Johns of Forest Park, Ill., was the honorable guest of the day. He taught the large young people's Sunday School class. At supertime, the young people served an excellent luncheon for the people of the church. Several musical numbers were rendered and then Mr. Johns gave a very helpful and inspirational message. After a short program during the evening meeting, Mr. Johns again spoke very admirably and showed also colored slides of Europe and Africa. His presence was a great blessing to the people.

Shortly after that, the members of our girls trio, "The Three Gospelsers," were badly shaken up in an accident on the way to an "outing" party in behalf of Misses Alma and Betty Zimmerman who have left the city for further studies.

Rev. J. Matz has moved to Randolph, Minn., in order to live there with his daughter and son-in-law. He has joined our church there.

John E. Grygo, Pastor.

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