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March of Events

● Israeli archeologists have unearthed a piece of pottery and a strip of papyrus at newly-excavated ruins of King Herod's palace which may help confirm the date of the famous Dead Sea scrolls found at Qumran in 1947. The new discovery was made at Mas-sada, the ancient Jewish rock fortress overlooking the southwestern shores of the Dead Sea, by a joint expedition from the Hebrew University, the Is-raeli government's department of antiquities, and the Israeli Exploration Society.

● Christians throughout the country of Pakistan joined in celebrating the proclamation of the new Republic of Pakistan. As Maj. Gen. Uskander Mirza, former Governor General, assumed office as first president of the republic, churches hoisted the national flag and held special services of thanksgiving for Pakistan's new status as an independent unit of the British Commonwealth. Christian leaders in various parts of the country delivered speeches praising the religious freedom guarantees.

● Minneapolis, Minn., was chosen over Chicago as national headquarters of "The American Lutheran Church" to be established in 1960 as the outgrowth of current union negotiations between three church bodies. Minneapolis was the unanimous choice by vote of the Joint Union Committee of the three churches—Evangelical Lutheran, American Lutheran, and United Evangelical Lutheran—at a two-day meeting, March 12-13. The 27-member committee's action was taken after it heard the results of a popular opinion poll in which pastors and congregations of the uniting groups were asked to express their preference between Minneapolis and Chicago.

● Some part of the Bible has been published in 1,092 languages and dialects as of December 31, 1955 according to a statement issued by the American Bible Society. Eight new languages have been added to the list since the last report. With the publication of the Old Testament, by the American Bible Society, the entire Bible is now available in Luvale. This language is spoken in Northern Rhodesia, Belgian Congo, and Angola, Africa. Complete New Testaments were published, for the first time, in six languages: **Bari** spoken in the Sudan; **Asho Southern Chin** (Burma); **Conob.** in Guatemala; **Gbari-Mati** (Nigeria); **Hula** one of the languages spoken in Papua, and **Kim** (French Equatorial Africa).

● More migrants were resettled in the United States during 1955 than in

any other country, according to figures released last week by the World Council of Churches' Service to Refugees program. A total of 4,685 refugees entered the United States last year—out of a total of some 9,500 persons resettled by the organization in 41 countries. Australia came second, receiving 3,911 new arrivals. Of those entering the U.S. 4,073 came in under the provisions of the 1953 Refugee Relief Act, bringing to 60,000 the number of persons resettled here since the Act was adopted. (The remainder came in under the normal quota.) Of these admitted since 1953 under provisions of the Act a total of 6,339 were resettled with the aid of Church World Service, international relief and re-

Baptist Briefs

● **Six Swedish Baptists**, including Baptist World Alliance Youth Committee chairman Joel Sorenson, spent the Easter season in Russia at the invitation of the All-Soviet Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists. The others were Ruben Swedberg, Erik Ruden, Eric Strutz, Dr. Gunnar Westin, and Arvid Svard.

● **Kentucky state legislators**, in the first of a series of weekly fellowship breakfasts sponsored by the Temperance League of Kentucky, received a promise of daily prayer. Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and of the National Temperance League, addressed the governor and a hundred state officials and legislators.

● **The three largest seminaries** in the world are maintained by the Southern Baptist Convention: Southwestern at Seminary Hill, Texas, with 1,470 students this year; Southern at Louisville, Ky., with 1,253; and New Orleans, La., Seminary, with 894. The combined enrolment of these three exceeds the total enrolment of the next seven largest seminaries.

● **"The Hour of Decision,"** radio program of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, is being aired as a sponsored show by the National Broadcasting Company beginning April 22. It is the first sponsored religious broadcast on NBC which in the past has broadcast all such programs on a sustaining basis. The evangelistic

habilitation wing of the National Council of Churches.

● Martin Luther's translation of the Bible into German, made over 400 years ago, is the version most used in church services and for private reading in Germany. Most Germans feel that Luther's translation has never been surpassed for vigor of style and subtle shading. However, it is agreed that Luther sometimes failed to convey the exact meaning of the original and that many of his words and idioms are no longer current. Through the years church authorities have authorized various revisions of Luther's text. One of the latest is that by Theodor Schlatter, published by the Württemberg Bible Society. In addition to the biblical text, this volume contains 87 illustrations by the artist Wilhelm Steinhausen, who died in 1924. Another recent revision differing less from Luther's translation, has been brought out by the Evangelical Church in Germany.—Christian Century.

group is being heard every Sunday evening from 10:00 to 10:30.

● **When the Korea Baptist Convention** held its annual session April 17-20 in one of the churches in Pusan, prayers of thanks were offered for deliverance. As Timothy Kim, secretary of the Korea Convention, said: "Pusan is an unforgettable place where our lives were saved when Communist armies were rushing down from the north. At that time there was no Baptist church in Pusan. Baptist refugees organized the first church there in the summer of 1951 and met in a small army tent. Now there are three Baptist churches and one preaching place, and a big modern hospital in which many poor people are being cured and saved."

● **The Olympic Games** to be held in Melbourne, Australia, November 22-December 8, 1956, will attract young people and adults from all parts of the world. Some of these will doubtless be Baptist. The secretary of the Australian Baptist Young People's Board, with headquarters in Melbourne, is eager to take advantage of whatever opportunity the Olympic Games may present for the advancement of Christ's cause in the city and the country. "There is no doubt," he says, "that the secular world will use these players to further its causes, and feel that those who are Christians could make a lasting contribution for our Lord in Australia."

Editorial

A Burning and A Shining Light

THE VERY ESSENCE OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE is related to the Spirit of God. "Ye are born of the Spirit" (John 3:6). "Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you" (1 Cor. 6:19). You must walk in the Spirit, show forth the fruit of the Spirit and be filled with the Spirit if you are to demonstrate the genuineness of your discipleship. That is the central truth of the Baptist theologian, Ralph E. Knudsen, in his book, "Christian Beliefs." It is also the focal point in our consideration of what happened on the Day of Pentecost and of what has happened to us when we have received the Spirit of Christ.

Such a life can be characterized as "a bright and shining light." These words were first used by Jesus to describe the witness of John the Baptist (John 5:35). But everyone who believes in the witness of Christ and who goes forth to do "the same works" that he did can likewise be called "a bright and shining light." The Spirit of the Lord is upon him in his witness for Christ.

This certainly means that as Christians we must be aglow with spiritual warmth. On the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came like "a rushing mighty wind" and "there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire" (Acts 2:3). The Spirit always sets hearts aglow with spiritual radiance, an infectious enthusiasm, an eagerness "to burn out" in service for Christ. It sets a Christian on fire for the Lord, and that warmth is felt by all who come in contact with him. As Isaac Watts wrote in 1707:

"Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With all thy quickening powers,
Kindle a flame of sacred love
In these cold hearts of ours."

This experience can be ours only as we are willing to be led by the Spirit. Dr. Knudsen in his book, "Christian Beliefs," emphasized this truth. "When people listen to God and then yield, something happens to them, and God through his Spirit fills them and lives within them. It is impossible to know the reality of the Spirit unless and until one surrenders his life to God and accepts God's way as revealed in Jesus Christ."

It certainly follows that every Christian should be a witness for Christ like a shining light. The Christian has received the gifts of God's grace for the purpose of witnessing to Christ's salvation. That is light that shines brightly from his heart into others. "Pentecost was a time when tremendous power was released, and it did something not only for the disciples but through them to the whole multitude. Power is given for the good of humanity and the service of God" (Ralph E. Knudsen).

We need to remember that God works today through the Holy Spirit in the world and in man. The power of the Spirit is released today when individuals and churches, who bear the Name of Christ, are completely committed to him. Every Christian should be a burning and a shining light for Christ. How long has it been since you have measured "the candle power" of your spiritual light?

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The sanctuary of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., looking toward the pulpit, baptistry, and cross.

Power Turned On!

A sermon for Pentecost Sunday to be earnestly heeded by every Christian



By DR. C. OSCAR JOHNSON

Pastor of the Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri

"And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4).

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you" (Acts 1:8).

REALIZE, as do you, some of the situations that we face in this world today. My mother often told me that, as a boy growing up, I was very sappy. Some of you think, perhaps, that I have not out-grown the "sap" stage. I did grow rather fast and was nearly as strong as I looked. In trying to carry a two-bushel sack of meal one day I found that I could not do it. I put it down with this statement: "I may look strong but ain't." In other words, I did not have the strength, the muscle, or the power to pick up that two-bushel sack of meal and carry it as I thought I could do and as I wanted to do.

"GE YE THEREFORE!"

As I speak to you on the subject, "Power Turned On," I would have you recall your scripture. Many references are made to the word, POWER. It appears in what we call, "The Great Commission." "All POWER has been given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore . . ." With that command a little group of disciples stood with wondering eyes and fainting hearts.

Consider for a moment what Jesus said to this group. "Go ye, therefore, into all the world and make disciples of all nations." Jesus spoke to a group of people who at that moment were being hunted by men who had the power of the world in their hands;

power even to imprison them. Had they not crucified the leader of that group upon a cross between two thieves? Now they were told to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations.

I can imagine that that little group could have said as I did to my mother, "Master, we may look strong but we are not." Had they said that, they would have spoken truthfully for they did not have enough influence even to keep out of jail. They did not have inside contacts with the authorities. They did not have reinforcements on which to call. They were suspected, hated, and spied upon by the same group who had crucified their Lord.

The one thing above all that this group of disciples needed was POWER beyond their own. Jesus had just given them an assignment that was im-



Dr. C. Oscar Johnson of St. Louis, Mo.

possible to accomplish by means of their own strength and they had been promised power. Where were they to get this power?

Jesus told them to return to Jerusalem to tarry there and they would receive power. A great many people interpret the phrase "receive power" as meaning TO GENERATE power. Many think today that man can generate all the power he needs to do this job or that job. I ask you to consider how futile it was for that little group of 120 people to go out to do this job with power which they could generate among themselves and within themselves.

POWER BEYOND THEIR OWN

The scripture does not read that they were to go back to Jerusalem and develop or generate power themselves or within themselves. It tells them to go back and wait and "you shall RECEIVE power." It means a RECEIVED power and not a developed power. "All authority (power) in heaven and on earth is mine, given to me by my Father." "Go ye, therefore . . ." "Wait in Jerusalem . . ." ". . . you shall receive power, after the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Then, you shall have power.

They were to be receptacles and, in the language of the electrician, they were to be "transformers" of the power of God which is too great to come suddenly upon a human being. That is why the RECEIVED power of God must be transformed through our consecrated lives until the people to whom we go can receive blessings from that power.

Here were twelve men multiplied into 120 people, but they were a powerless group as they gathered in an up-

per room and waited for power to be turned on. The power was with God and with Christ all the time. What this group needed was the proper attitude for reception in order for this power of God, as great as the power of oceans, to be turned on so that those receiving it might thus transform this power to the needs of mankind for those purposes which God had in mind.

WHAT THEN IS THIS POWER?

A great many people love to read the 24th Psalm because the forcefulness of the wording gives a sense of the great power of God. The Psalm begins: "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof . . ." and closes by asking, "Who is this King of glory?" Then comes the answer clear and majestic, "The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory."

That interpretation lingers with us today. When people talk about the power of God they may say, "Look, there's a flash of lightning that can split a building asunder!" Or, "Listen—a roar of mighty wind that can blow a tree apart, that's God!" When the mighty tide of the ocean comes rolling in, undermining the solid land and tumbling the buildings along the shore into the sea, some may think that that is the power of God. Others may say that the mighty hurricane sweeping everything before it to destruction is the power of God. We have scripture that tells us this is not true.

A man named Elijah wanted to know something of the power of God. God hid him in a mountain. Elijah afterward told the story about how the mighty wind blew, breaking the rocks away and the mountains were riven. But God was not in the wind. Then an earthquake came but God was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there came a fire but the Lord was not in the fire. After all this, Elijah heard a "still small voice" and God was in the still small voice.

We have misinterpreted the power of God, thinking it something comparable to what we call the power of the Army, the power of the bomb, the power of dynamite and so on, but that is not the power of God. The power of God is not a developed power but a conferred power and the disciples were to receive it. And through them this RECEIVED POWER was to flow in order that they might be able to accomplish God's purpose.

POWER IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

The power of God came in the Holy Spirit. We read that God is love. If that is true and if God is POWER, and if the Holy Spirit (the third person of the Trinity) is POWER, then just what is this power? I want you to listen closely as I say to you that the power of God which was turned on at Pentecost was the power of love. While this may seem strange to you, it is true.

Nearly all of us, as human beings, base our thoughts of power on hate.

DR. C. OSCAR JOHNSON

Dr. Johnson is one of the best known and most deeply beloved Baptist ministers of today. Recently the Third Baptist Church of St. Louis, Mo., celebrated the 25th anniversary of his pastorate there. In 1932-1933 he served as president of the American Baptist Convention, and in 1946-1947 he was first vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention. From 1947 to 1950 he was president of the Baptist World Alliance. Everywhere people hear him eagerly and gladly!

EDITOR.

The disciples who had spent those days in the upper room could humanly say, "Lord, give us the power to go forth, wave our hands and make our enemies blind. Give us power to blow our breath upon our enemies and have them fall dead for they are wicked people." Oh, no, that is not the power they needed. The power they were to receive was the power of love. They were to go out to love and woo to Christ the very people who had crucified him. With this received power of love, they would be able to pray for their enemies who might even burn them in oil or crucify them, as they did their Lord.

We can go on developing our stock of atom bombs and hydrogen bombs, developing missiles of death, speeding up our planes and improving their deadly mechanical devices so that they can dive down from the air to destroy without aid of human hands; but that is not the power this old world needs. That is not the power of God. That is the power of the devil, the power of the world and the flesh of man.

God IS love, and when Christ was born, love was born and God in Christ is in the world to love men back to him—to reconcile a lost world unto himself. When he sent the disciples out on the Great Commission, he told them they were to go out and love men. The most transforming thing in the lives of those people who came out of the upper room was that they had received power to go and teach the Gospel of Christ—love and forgiveness—to the very people seeking to kill them. It takes power beyond one's own strength to do that. It takes power within and that power can be received only from God.

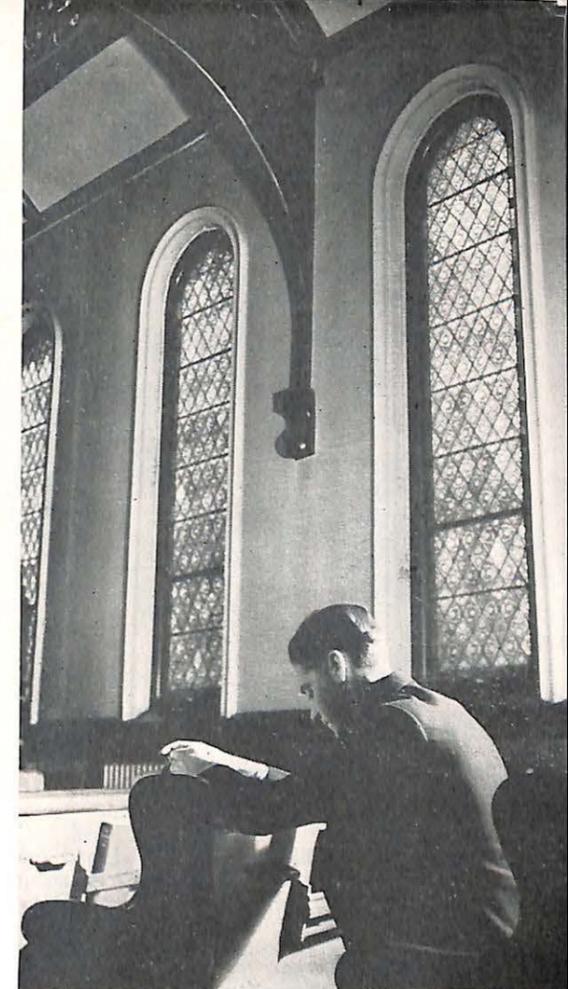
PENTECOSTAL POWER

Do you know how devoid we are of this love power? There are many people whose main ambition in life is to "get even" with someone who has done them a "dirty deed." God says in our Bible that "vengeance is mine.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"The devil is a chronic grumbler. The Christian should be a living doxology."

—Martin Luther.



From this pulpit the Word of God is proclaimed and the Bread of Life is broken to bless the hearts of the congregation in the sanctuary.

I will repay," saith the Lord. May I remind you that whenever you "get even" with a person who has done you a wrong, you never do so on a higher level but you do so always on a lower level.

When Jesus was crucified upon a cross, he gave a challenge to all mankind to rise to the high level and say, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." It is recorded that shortly after Jesus was crucified, one of the disciples lay persecuted and dying at the hands of their enemies and said, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." Do you have power like that? Do you think it nonsense that we are called upon to love our enemies?

Remember that this power is not material, physical, nor mechanical. It is the power RECEIVED of God to love those who are lost in sin—the power to love your enemies, and the power to pray for them that despitefully use you.

The power of God's love in Christ was turned on at Calvary and at Pentecost in order that you and I may RECEIVE this power and go out to win a lost world back to God. It is the power of love that overcometh.



—Photo by Betty Meister
The chapel at Monte Vista, Colorado, that is now being used by our Baptist mission to the Spanish-Americans in the Lariat area at that city.

Baptismal Blessings

on the Spanish-American Field of Colorado



By REV. PAUL APPEL of Monte Vista, Colorado

ON FEBRUARY 29, 1956, I had the pleasure of leading six of our Spanish young people of the San Luis Valley of Colorado through the baptismal waters at the First Baptist Church of Monte Vista, Colorado. Throughout the weeks from Thanksgiving into the New Year, we met weekly to discuss and study the responsibilities of the new life in Christ.

TEN CONVERTS BAPTIZED

Church membership and what it entails is a different thing for many of our people to grasp because of the close contact which almost all feel in some way with the Roman Catholic concept. To do more than simply attend church on Sunday is far from most minds, to say nothing of knowing about a personal experience of trust in God's Son. We are grateful on the field to our God for the young people

who are taking a stand for the Lord.

Last year at our Easter service in Del Norte, Colo., four young people were baptized, but this was somewhat disheartening to me for in our class of instruction twelve persons had been in regular attendance. However, on the night of baptism, eight were forbidden by their parents to attend. Such is the type of encouragement that many receive in the home.

PERSONAL GLIMPSES

The baptismal service on February 29th was conducted for five of our girls from Monte Vista and a young lad from our Center Mission. We had two sets of sisters and each of the candidates met with many problems as they prepared to follow their Master.

Cecilia, a girl who is now completing her seventh grade in school, is an encouragement to us as she grows in

the things of God. During the ministry of Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Young in the San Luis Valley, Cecilia expressed her belief in the redemptive work of Christ on her behalf. However, at that time she was quite young and was encouraged to wait before being baptized. Her faithfulness has increased throughout the years and today her interest is keen and her service is truly heart-warming.

On looking back into our own lives, how many of us can recall the prayerful concern of parents and loved ones on our behalf? Cecilia, on the other hand, is confronted with a father who believes nothing and who was wholly against her being baptized. Her mother was very indifferent and felt her daughter could do as she pleased. As for her devout Roman Catholic godmother, nothing was said to her of the event, although fear still exists that she will soon find out.

PERCILLA AND GRACE

A young sister of Cecilia's was also a candidate. Her name is Percilla. Percilla was strongly convinced of her desire to be baptized but almost turned back because of fear for what her father might do. Also she had many misgivings because of what the godmother might say, for she is a close and admired friend of Percilla's. However, the response of the godmother was very surprising, for she favored Percilla's decision.

A further look at the youngsters leads us to Grace, a fine looking young girl in the 5th grade. Her Dad was much against her being baptized and it was only by consent of her mother that she was able to fulfill her desire. Days ahead of time, she carried her necessary clothing for baptism to a



Miss Florence Eisele and Rev. Paul Appel, Spanish-American missionaries with five girls from Monte Vista, Colorado, who were recently baptized. Front row, left to right: Percilla Madril, Lucy Sanchez, Carla Sanchez, Cecilia Madril and Grace Ortega.

neighboring house and thus was able to appear for the service when her father knew nothing of it. Grace is an energetic girl and faithful in attendance at all mission activities. She expresses a deep concern in one day becoming a Baptist missionary "like Miss Florence."

LUCY AND CARLA

The two other girls are sisters, Lucy and Carla. They are now living without a mother's help because she has deserted her husband and family. Lucy therefore has had to miss her schooling this year to care for the home, because she is now the eldest of five children still living at home. Their father was in agreement that they should be baptized, although he appears to have no concern of a religious nature. The father works as he can, also drinks excessively, and thus they get along. These two new Christians are happy in the stand they have taken and are seeking in obedience to follow the commands of their Lord.

Filemon, the only boy, has a much more fervent home concern, for his mother is one of our faithful members in Center, Colorado. He, therefore, is always in attendance at the activities in the mission which concern him. Of profound significance is the fact that Filemon was the only candidate who had either of his parents in attendance at the baptismal service.

SPIRITUAL PREPARATION

Wondrous are God's ways and far reaching is the missionaries' influence for good and God. All of these young lives have been influenced by contacts through the Sunday School, in club participation, by attendance at services, and in home visitation. They have had the privilege of hearing the message of God's great love and of

studying with the missionaries as well as enjoying close friendships with them. Some sow the seed, while others water, but God has given the increase!

In developing this new life we seek to prepare these lives in our Baptist distinctives by meeting with them in a Pastor's Class. This group comes together for seven weeks in the parsonage where we seek to acquaint them better with the Christian life as we find it portrayed in God's Word. They are somewhat far behind because they lack what you and I would consider a normal beginning—that of a reasonably decent home-life.

Yet here they are eager to begin a new life in Christ. Ours is the task of guiding and leading them to new heights of spiritual attainment.

A FAR REACHING INFLUENCE

The Spanish areas of our little towns in the San Luis Valley are usually quite distinctive in the locations and boundaries. This then makes for small communities of the Spanish people in which most families are well acquainted with one another. Each of these new converts will have fine opportunities in making their influence felt: first of all, in the home, then among their relatives, of which they have many, and further as they reach into the whole area.

We as North American Baptists have a great opportunity in carrying on a good Protestant witness as we continue to share our God-given blessings so that Christ may have an opening into these needy hearts. Our new found friends in Christ will have a difficult and complicated task as they seek to witness for their Master. Yet we can see to it that they have access to God's abiding faithfulness by our faithful service to them.

ENGAGEMENTS

- Dr. Frank H. Woyke**
May 21—Relief Committee session, Baptist World Alliance, Washington, D.C.
May 22-23—Executive Committee session, Baptist World Alliance, Washington, D.C.
May 25-26—General Council, Forest Park, Illinois.
June 3—Dedication of new church, Billings, Montana.
- Rev. J. C. Gunst**
May 20 (Sunday A.M.)—Baccalaureate service, Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
- Dr. M. L. Leuschner**
May 15-18 — Ministers' Institute Northern Conference Pastors, at Faith Church, Regina, Sask.
May 20 (Sunday)—Dedication of parsonage and ground breaking exercises for new church, Calvary Church, Tacoma, Wash.

IMPORTANT DATES

- May 20—Pentecost Sunday.
May 20 — Commencement Sunday, Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. (See separate announcement.)
May 25-26—Annual sessions of the General Council, Forest Park, Ill.
May 25 (Friday, 8:00 P.M.)—Rally for Chicago churches and vicinity at Forest Park Baptist Church. Speaker: Dr. Herbert Gezork, president, Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, Boston, Mass. "The Baptist Witness in Russia as I Saw It."

CONFERENCE DATES

- May 17-20—ATLANTIC Conference at West Baltimore Church, Baltimore, Md. Rev. R. Schilke, Miss Ardice Ziolkowski, and Delores Henne, Guest Speakers.
May 20—SOUTH ONTARIO Association at the Central Baptist Church, Kitchener, Ontario. Rev. E. P. Wahl, Guest Speaker.
May 31-June 3—CENTRAL ALBERTA-SASKATCHEWAN Association at the Bethany Baptist Church, Lethbridge, Alberta. Prof. Herbert Hiller, Guest Speaker.
May 31-June 3—BRITISH COLUMBIA Association (also 50th Anniversary of Church) at the Hager Memorial Church, Prinz George, B. C. Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Guest Speaker.

SEMINARY COMMENCEMENT

- May 19 (6:30 P.M.)—Commencement Banquet. Rev. John Grygo, Toastmaster. Rev. S. Donald Gannstrom, Speaker.
May 20 (10:45 A.M.)—Baccalaureate Service. Rev. J. C. Gunst, Speaker.
May 20 (3:00 P.M.)—Commencement Program. Rev. John Wobig, Trinity Church, Portland, Ore., Commencement Speaker.



The present meetingplace for the North American Baptist mission to the Spanish-Americans at Del Norte, Colorado.

Evangelizing the "New Canadians"

Since 1946 a total of 160,000 German-speaking immigrants have come to Canada

By REV. WILLIAM STURHAHN of Winnipeg, Manitoba

THE NATIONAL - economic background of our country has a bearing on our Baptist-Christian approach to the immigrants. As evangelists and builders of the Kingdom of God, we start where the people are. Since immigration deals with the transplanting of people of every age and level of life, it is a direct and urgent concern of the Christian Church.

IMMIGRANTS IN CANADA

As Baptists of German ethnic background, we do have a very definite and particular ministry in today's Canada, for next to immigrants from the combined British Isles are the immigrants from Germany and German-speaking European countries. German-speaking immigrants in Canada form the largest non-English ethnic group. The Canada Yearbook of 1955 states that the number of German and Austrian immigrants from 1946 to 1954 is 142,674. Adding to this approximately 15,000 immigrants who arrived during 1955, the total number of German-speaking immigrants would be near 160,000 in Canada.

These immigrants are to be found from the industrial centers of southern Ontario to the frozen north, in the far Eastern Maritimes to the far western mines of British Columbia. German immigrants make good pioneers.

They will always move into areas with new industrial developments. Over half of the home owners in Kitimat, B. C., are German immigrants. I am informed that German immigrants staff some of Quebec's new developments, and that they can be found in the high forests of the Queen Charlotte Islands in the Pacific Ocean.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY

If we now in honesty combine the two factors—namely, the existence of a great number of German-speaking immigrants on the one hand, and on the other hand the existence of 65 North American Baptist churches in Canada, the majority of which minister in the German language, we must admit that the responsibility is ours. It is God's will that the church penetrate into the world. In our case we have the burden of leading German-speaking new Canadians to Christ.

What kind of people are these German immigrants? As a whole they are quite ordinary and decent. According to creed they are nominally adherents to the "Landeskirche" (State church) and Roman Catholics. I would say that the vast majority of them are nominal Christians. A minority are godless. I cannot see how, with good conscience, we can shake off a definite responsibility toward

these people. Shall we leave them to the Roman priests, or to other non-evangelical groups, or to the ever increasing cults? This would be simple, but it would be shameful and sinful for us. I must say many "Service" organizations seem to be more concerned about the moral, mental and physical welfare of immigrants than the Christian Church is concerned about their spiritual welfare.

I am fully aware of the great problems facing us and the vastness of the task, and as fellow-workers I would like to analyze this task in all frankness. One of the most difficult phases of the evangel to understand is the acceptance of the Savior by a man as he is—namely, a sinner, possibly of the lowest degree. Christ came to seek and to save that which is lost. The righteous have no need of the physician, but the sick. Adherents to the well known cults, such as Jehovah Witnesses, Seventh Day Adventists, delight in and concentrate on sheep stealing. Why do we often shy from our real task?

(1) To work among those who are in sin requires a clean and pure heart and character. Even the slightest sinful habit or character trait makes our testimony vulnerable and ineffective. To bring Christ to others requires that one has Christ, that he has the Spirit of Christ and the love of Christ. You cannot get this by the process of education. We can only get it by full surrender to Christ. I believe that the secret of the Apostle Paul's life and the secret of Billy Graham is in the little sentence, "I am crucified with Christ. I live, yet no longer I, but Christ liveth in me" (Gal. 2:19f). More than in any other activity, the Christian exposes himself in the task of evangelism.

UNDERSTANDING IMMIGRANTS

(2) Evangelism among immigrants requires a greater measure of Christ-like love and sympathy than in dealing with Canadian neighbors. Remember that a good deal of the arrogance and selfish greediness of the immigrants is created as a camouflage of his real feelings—namely, inferiority and homesickness and loneliness. He is suddenly surrounded by foreign-speaking people. To the average person language remains the most effective means of expressing his feelings, opinions, wishes, and thoughts. Our Christian religion deals directly

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Rev. William Sturhahn (center), North American Baptist director of immigration, becomes acquainted with some of the children of German immigrants, as the Canadian Pacific Railway "immigrant train" takes the immigrant families to their destination in the "new country" of Canada.

Calling All Men!

The last call for the Laymen's Conference to be held at Green Lake, Wis., from July 28 to August 4, 1956

By MR. WALTER C. PANKRATZ, Program Chairman

NORTH AMERICAN Baptists who have attended previous Laymen's Retreats at Green Lake, Wis., will need no special urging to attend this year's retreat to be held July 28 through August 4, because they have experienced the joys and blessings which such gatherings afford.

ENJOYABLE COMPANIONSHIP

These words, therefore, are addressed particularly to those laymen and their families who have never before attended one of these retreats. Nearly all of us have at some time or another attended regional or general conferences of our denomination, and have been thrilled by the periods of spiritual, social and recreational fellowship which have been interspersed among the many necessary business sessions. Our Laymen's Retreats, however, provide a much greater degree of this rich Christian fellowship because business sessions are entirely omitted.



Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom of St. Paul, Minn., pastor of the Riverview Baptist Church and former Cameroons missionary, who will bring the closing message at the Laymen's Conference on Friday evening, August 3, 1956.

Think if it! Here you can enjoy a whole week of mornings and evenings spent together with like-minded Christian friends under the inspiration of God's Word, or in the stimulating discussion of vital, gripping problems of our day. Here you can spend a whole week of completely free after-

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

A full schedule of the Laymen's Conference rates appeared in the January 12, 1956 issue of the "Baptist Herald," page 9.

The complete program of the Laymen's Conference was published in the April 19, 1956 number, page 10.

noons, according to your own pleasure, on vast grounds of surpassing beauty which offer a wide variety of forms of healthful and enjoyable recreation! There is also the further enjoyable companionship of friends at mealtime, with added "snackery activities" before bedtime.

A TYPICAL DAY

More specifically, a typical day at the 1956 Laymen's Retreat will offer you the following:

7:30 A.M. Breakfast.

9:00 A.M. Morning devotions (different participants each day).

9:20 A.M. Bible Hour, with Dr. Norman Paullin of Philadelphia as speaker each morning. Those of us who heard his delightful but challenging messages at the 1952 General Conference will consider him alone as sufficient inducement to attend the retreat.

10:30 A.M. (after 10-minute recess) A discussion period in five separate discussion groups, on the message of the evening before. These evening messages will be on the subjects:

"Can Missions Be Continued in a Revolutionary World?"

"Putting Life Into Our Local Churches."

"Bringing Christ Back Into the Home."

"The Art of Reaching People for Christ."

"On Guard for Our Christian Liberties."

The final message, to bring the retreat to a close, will be entitled, "This Is Your Reasonable Service."

12:00 Noon Luncheon.

Each afternoon—free time. However, the Recreational Committee will arrange for interesting group events, such as games, contests, tours, etc., for those who care to participate.

5:30 P.M. Supper (or Dinner??)

7:30 P.M. Evening meeting with one of the messages listed above presented by a capable speaker.

After the evening, either "snackery activities" or a group event, possibly



Rev. John A. Lavender of Chicago, Ill., pastor of the Morgan Park Baptist Church, speaker at the Laymen's Conference on Wednesday evening, August 1, 1956.

including a camp-fire sing or a moonlight lake cruise.

Our meetings this year will not be held in the Abbey Area, as in past years, but in worshipful Morehouse Hall, the main assembly hall of the grounds, and discussion groups for the most part will be held in nearby Brayton Case Hall. On Sunday morning there will be separate Sunday School classes for children, young people, and adults.

THINGS TO ANTICIPATE

At the morning worship hour, which will be open to the entire grounds, Dr. Paullin will bring the message, with the Green Lake Assembly Staff Choir and the Christian Fellowship Club Male Chorus of our own Foster Ave. Baptist Church of Chicago furnishing the special music. The male chorus will also sing at the evening service. During the week another male chorus, consisting of volunteer laymen, will be organized and will sing from time to time.

You will readily agree that this schedule is not a heavy one, calling for laborious efforts on your part. On the contrary, each day will bring you new and thrilling spiritual inspiration, delightful Christian fellowship with old and new friends, and as much healthful recreation as you care to have on the rolling greens, on the

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The Halls of Sacred Recollections

Message given at the General Conference, Waco, Texas, on June 11, 1955,
in honor of the departed members of our denomination

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

IT HAS BEEN SAID: "Our dead do not die until we kill them by forgetting them." As we reflect upon those who have left our ranks during the past years, we become increasingly conscious of the impact they have made on our individual and church lives. Visible evidences of their many contributions and accomplishments are ever before us.

Believing that God has a plan for every life, we accept the departure of our friends as the "completion of their run." Whether their departure was at the early morning, noon time, or the evening hour of life, we may be assured of the fact that they met their Maker on schedule.

SAINTLY HONOR ROLL

We are always inspired when we review the saintly roll of honor which we find inscribed in Hebrews 11-12. Today we are also inspired as we call to mind the many devout Christians who walk with us no more in the flesh, but who walk with us always as part of the eternal family of God. The memory of their work and words will be like apples of gold in a network of silver; the image of their Christ-like personality will be forever framed in the halls of our sacred recollections.

The great American poet, James Whitcomb Riley, has given us a very sensible and Christian pen-picture of this strange experience which we call death:

"I cannot say, and I will not say
That he is dead! He is just away!
With a cheery smile and a wave of
his hand,

He has wandered into an unknown
land,

And left us dreaming how very fair
It must be, since he lingers there."

A little boy, upon being questioned regarding the death of Moses which had been the Sunday School lesson, gave an even more vivid picture of the experience of death, the death of a Christian. "It was like this. God and Moses had taken a long walk when God finally said:

"Moses, you have come a long way from home and are tired; you had better come in and stay with me."

"And so he did. Nobody ever found his grave."

THEIR WALK WITH GOD

Some of our loved ones, too, walked a long way with God, and they are now at home with him. They were just pilgrims here: the realm of God was their destination. They bore the divine

spark in a chaste and humble heart through a life of unquestioned integrity. Beautiful in life, sublime in death, they are now at rest with their Creator "in the house not made with hands." We are richer because they lived among us. It can also be said of them: "The good they tried to do shall stand as if it were done. God finishes the work by noble souls begun."

As we pause to pay homage to our departed friends and fellow-Christians, we are reminded of the words of Lincoln who said that it was impossible to hallow the way the dead had walked; it had already been hallowed by them. Our task is to examine our own lives in order to discover how we can put them to greatest use.

One area of living which has been greatly neglected is that of expressing our appreciation to the living. Sincere encouragement and appreciation is an excellent way of expressing tenderness, and the time to express this tenderness is NOW! Permit me, via the help of an unknown author, to open an alabaster box for your consideration.

ALABASTER BOXES

"Do not keep the alabaster boxes of your love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness. Speak approving, cheering words while their hearts can be thrilled and made happy by them. The kind things you mean to say when they are gone, say before they go. The flowers you mean to send for their coffins, send to brighten and sweeten their home before they leave them. If my friends have alabaster boxes laid away, full of fragrant perfumes of sympathy and affection, which they intend to break over my dead body, I would rather they would bring them out in my weary and troubled hours, and open them, that I might be refreshed and cheered by them while I need them. I would rather have a plain coffin without a flower, a funeral without eulogy, than a life without the sweetness of love and sympathy. Let us learn to anoint our friends beforehand for their burial. Post mortem kindness does not cheer the burdened spirit. Flowers on the coffin cast no fragrance over the weary way."

We all see what we want to see, so why not look for the best in everyone and everything? Noah's ravens found carrion and returned not, but the dove came back with an olive branch. Yes, a man sees what he wants to see, and what he sees is the

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—Photo by William Siegrist

In the Pilgrim's Hall museum of Plymouth, Mass., there are many reminders of the staunch faith of those who founded this nation, such as the communion silver ware (shown in the cabinet) which was used in the Pilgrims' first church in America.

A One Way Trip to Cannibal Country

As Told by "Uncle" Elmer Strauss

AS THE SUN CAME up over the mountains, there was much activity in the native village. Many villagers looked sad. The missionary who had told them how to join the "tribe of God" was leaving, never to return. The missionary had promised to come back soon, but the natives knew better. For strangers who met the cannibal tribe up the river never returned.

But as the missionary arranged his baggage in his canoe, he smiled at his friends and said, "God has told me to go up the river. I must obey God, even if I never come back. God will be with me."

THE MISSIONARY'S SMILE

After a word of prayer the missionary asked if one of the men would go up the river, for they knew it was a one-way trip. They tried to stop the smiling missionary by telling him that one man up the river had eaten many men all by himself. Finally the missionary pushed his canoe away from the shore and began to paddle up the river. The natives wept as their missionary friend waved good-by.

As he neared the village of the cannibals, he heard weird noises. Suddenly the noises stopped . . . the missionary stopped paddling. As he fixed his eyes on the shore, he saw many eyes peering at him through the bushes. Yes, these were the eyes of the cannibals. Some of the men were coming to him in canoes with knives and spears in their hands. As they drew closer, the missionary smiled at them.

When the canoes of the cannibals had pulled alongside of his, several of the natives jumped upon him and bound him with crude ropes. What would happen next? Putting the missionary in another canoe, they carried him to the hut where the old chieftain lived. After setting the missionary upon his feet with hands still tied to his sides, the chief slowly came out of his hut leaning on his cane. The chief was greeted by the smiling face of the white man. A short distance away the natives were making ready to have a cannibal feast with the missionary as their main dish. However, the chief had to give his approval before the missionary was to go into the pot.

BEATEN AND IMPRISONED

As the chief hobbled closer to the missionary, a native gave the missionary sharp blows with a whip. But he quietly turned towards the man who beat him and smiled. The old chief was much impressed to see the man smile after having been beaten. Although the chief could not understand the language of the white man,

STORY PAGE

This page will appear occasionally for children and for those who love stories. Rev. Elmer Strauss is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kans., and founder and director of the Junior Division of the Challenger Club with more than 2,000 children and young people enrolled. EDITOR.

he knew the universal language of a sincere smile.

As the evening fires blazed, the missionary was carried to a hut. When inside, a native cut the crude ropes and freed our friend. Soon the weary missionary knelt to pray and then lay down on a mat and quickly fell asleep as the natives stood guard.

During the months he was held prisoner, the missionary began to learn a few words of this tribe by listening to the various guards as they talked outside his prison-hut. Finally

that he asked "the Chief of the skies"—his God, to watch over him.

Then the missionary asked the chief why he did not kill him when he took him captive. The chief replied, "We wanted to find out why you always smiled even when you were beaten with the whip." Then the missionary began to tell the natives of the love of God through Jesus Christ who loved them so that when men beat him and spat in his face, he said, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

A CHURCH IS BUILT

After some time, many of these cannibals became Christians and feasted on the living bread—Jesus Christ. Many of them were later baptized and soon a church was built in the cannibal village. The natives loved the smiling missionary and built a hut



Three cute little puppies huddle together and await their future "masters" who will take good care of them and be their pals for a life-time!

after many months, when the chief was informed that the prisoner could talk a little in their own language, he commanded that the white man be brought to see him.

The first question which the chief asked the white man was, "Why did you kneel before you went to sleep?" and the second question was, "How could you sleep, knowing that we might kill you that first night?" The missionary smiled and replied the best he could in their language by saying

for him, so he would stay for a long time and teach them about God. But soon the missionary died.

Many of the natives were looking forward to the day when they, too, would go to be with Jesus and again see the smiling face and their missionary. Let's pray that Jesus will fill our hearts with love. Then we will be able to smile even when others say untruths about us or try to hurt us.

—Freely adapted from the book,
C. T. Studd, by Norman Grubb.

A Thought Starter

By REV. RONALD C. MacCORMACK, Parkersburg, Iowa

SERVANT OR MASTER?

This is the machine age, and I am glad to live in it. What would we do without our muscle-saving devices? Every year, or more often, a gadget comes into the average home which the owner proudly declares to be a time-saver. How did our grandfathers ever manage to live and find time to do the work which is done for us automatically? How did they break the soil and rear their large families without a tractor or an electric washing machine?

Yet our forefathers had time to pray. They had time for family devotions and they took time to walk through forest paths to attend church. They had time to befriend their children, and time for genuine hearty good neighborliness. We have saved time,

but what has become of the time we save? Few families can manage to get together for family devotions, church services are streamlined to suit the rushing worshipers, and neighbors have little time to visit back and forth. Parents and children rarely sit down together and visit an evening in the family living room. What has happened? Why the big rush to nowhere? Why can't we settle down and enjoy this wonderful life which science has given us?

Ponder this question. Are people today the slaves or the masters of this machinery? If they are the masters, then the machine age is a blessing. If slaves, then we need to wake up and start living as God intended. Who is our Lord? Is it science or is it the living God?

Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Evangelist

ASSIGNMENTS

May 20-27 — Immanuel Baptist Church, New York. Rev. A. Husmann, Pastor.

June 10-22—Springside, Sask., Canada. Rev. Bert Milner, Pastor.

WE THANK GOD:

Some churches depend on their minister to do everything. And all the while they are contradicting his preaching by their lives. By their spirit and behavior they are witnessing point-blank against the Gospel, and they stand right square in the way of a revival.

How we thank God for true Christians everywhere, who by their godly conduct consistently testify to the

truth of the Gospel. Such Christians strongly undergird our preaching of the Word, and always promote a revival.

Let a church wake up and consistently lift up Jesus Christ in their conduct, and heaven will rejoice and hell will groan at their influence! Sinners will melt down under the power of God's Word, and a Holy Spirit revival will be a reality!

PRAYER REQUEST:

The heart of the Son of God is bleeding today in view of perishing souls. How concerned are you about it? Pray that God might fill your heart with holy concern for the lost.

Evangelizing the "New Canadians"

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with these factors. Non-German speaking organizations and churches lack the basic means of getting close to them—namely, language, and in our particular case, the German language.

Two things have amazed me in the present program of many Christian churches. One is the zeal of some churches to "Canadianize" the immigrant. Mind you, being a semi-immigration official, I have a task to integrate our immigrants into Canadian culture, but I cannot see why the Church of Jesus Christ should concern itself with this task, when it has the infinitely greater task of helping our immigrants into the Kingdom of heaven.

The second source of amazement for me is the zeal with which some members in the church wish to replace the mother tongue with the English language. I have probably an equally

high appreciation of the English language than most of us have, and I urge continued schooling and practice, but for purposes of evangelism and mission work there is nothing like the mother tongue for these people. Foreign missionaries are expected to learn the language of their objects.

Our brethren of the English language cannot understand why we as a historically and ethnic German group have a greater claim on German immigrants than they have. The standard argument, "If they would come to our church, they would learn English," is repeated quite often.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Men must be governed by God or they will be ruled by tyrants." —William Penn.

Knowing that the German immigrants are reasonably intelligent, I have never disputed this fact, but to gain the English language at the expense of spiritual nourishment, and often at the risk of spiritual death, is downright sin and spiritual manslaughter. I could bring a good number of tragic examples.

On the other hand, my good friend and brother, Rev. Cecil Carter of the Shantyman's Christian Association in Prince George, B.C., being a man of one terrestrial language but a man of God, confirmed this to me when he told me that by hard work he has acquired a limited vocabulary of Biblical German in order to be able to give a little to the many German immigrants whom he meets in logging and lumber camps.

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

To those of us who have the call of the Lord to become ministers of God, or to the many volunteer workers in our churches, we make the urgent plea—study the parables of Jesus in Matthew 25:14-30. The Lord who gave out the talents is not interested in excuses for not developing and using our talents to their fullest extent. I take the attitude that no one will have a valid excuse for neglecting to improve himself one hundred per cent in the use of the German or the English language in the proclamation of the Good News.

Professional ministers in particular ought to master the languages in which they are called upon to preach. To the volunteer workers in our churches, be it in youth work or Sunday School, the most essential necessity is a sympathetic attitude and understanding of the innermost problems of our immigrants, who, after all, have been uprooted and transplanted into a different and strange country, and who are trying to find themselves and God in Canada.

Do not be afraid or ashamed to speak to them in their own tongue, and in time you will find that they will speak in your tongue. Speak to them with Christ-like love and understanding and you will win them to yourself and to your Lord and Savior.

I must praise the wisdom of the Deputy Minister of Immigration, Col. Laval Fortier, a French Roman Catholic, who told us: "We are not interested in taking away the mother tongue from our immigrants, because people will pray only in their own tongue." No foreign missionary ever found a greater challenge or received a greater task than that offered to the German-speaking, Baptist young people in our Canadian communities.

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers" (Matt. 9: 37-38).

Spice of Life

First golfer: "The traps on this course are very annoying."

Second golfer (trying to putt): "Yes. Will you please close yours?"

Father (to his son's teacher): "How is Bobby doing in his history? I was never any good at it."

Teacher: "History is repeating itself, sir."

If you want to stay young, just associate with young people. If you want to get old in a hurry, just try to keep up with them.

Mother: "There was a robbery in our back yard last night?"

Son: "Yeah, two clothespins held up a sheet."

Have you heard about the elephant who quit the circus? He wouldn't work for peanuts.

Pat: "What is worse than a giraffe with a sore throat?"

Mike: "A centipede with corns."

Clerk: "Here is a lovely card with tender sentiment: 'To the only boy I ever loved'."

"That's fine," replied the high school girl. "I'll take a dozen of them."

Doctor: "The pains in your right leg are due to old age."

Grandpa: "Old age nothing. The other leg's the same age, and it's okay."

She: "I took this cake recipe out of a cook book, dear."

He: "I'm glad you did. It should never have been put in."

Mother (trying to help small son with home work): "Now, take the Smith family. There are Mamma, Papa, and baby. How many does that make?"

Small Son: "Two and one to carry."

Teacher: "Have you ever heard of Julius Caesar?"

Pupil: "Yes, sir."

Teacher: "What do you think he would be doing now, if he were alive?"

Pupil: "Drawing an old-age pension."

Returning home from his office, the father asked his children whether they had been good.

"Oh, yes!" said his little daughter. "I washed the dishes."

"And I wiped them dry," said his small son.

"And what did you do?" he asked, turning to the smallest.

"I picked up the pieces."



With folded hands and reverent hearts these parents and their child honor God at the family altar.

Family Altars

If every home in every land had altars
Where families worshiped daily and where prayer
Was lifted up and God's dear Word held sacred,
With Christ, a welcomed Guest, beside them there,
The nations would not need to reassemble
In further parley over future peace;
For enmity and strife would be forgotten,
And wars, and their wild rumors, would all cease.
The love of God is born at family altars;
Peace and goodwill to all mankind is part
Of any praying group's sincere devotion.
God, God, may every household take to heart
The old earth's desperate need and rear its altars
Close by its own hearthside—and peace, long sought,
Will lave the earth because of mankind's heeding
The vital lessons that the Master taught.

—Grace Noll Crowell.

A Pastor's Thought

You are my people, given me to love,
To serve, to shepherd through the days ahead;
I pray God that I may be worthy of this honor;
I am glad I was led to come to you,
That through God's gentle grace
My lines have fallen in this pleasant place.
I would be strong to work where there is need;
I would be true to serve you as I should;
And I would give the Bread of Life to feed
Each hungry soul who comes to me for food;
And I would honor with my every word
The blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
I plead with you for patience.
Should I make an error, I would gladly make amends,
Or if some unintentional mistake be mine,
I crave your understanding, friend.
As pastor and as people, my we be
As pastor and as people, may we be
Building together for eternity.

—Grace Noll Crowell.

We...the Women

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

MEET OUR NEW ENGLISH "BROADCAST" EDITOR

Opening our Bible to Ezekiel 22:30 we read, "And I sought for a man among them, that should build up the wall, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none."

A minister once used this passage in referring to Mrs. Henry Schmunk of Tacoma, Wash., adding, "But I found someone to fill the gap."

Mrs. Schmunk has been found to be a ready person, willing to substitute in any branch of Christian work. "We, the Women" are grateful because she is stepping into the gap and is hard at work editing our English "Broadcast."

She comes to us from a wonderful Christian home. Her parents were active and busy workers in their church. Her first memories are of family devotions and Sunday School. After Sunday School the family remained for church service.

At the age of ten, through the ministry of Rev. J. A. H. Wuttke, who was conducting revival meetings in Spokane, Wash., at that time, she found the Lord as her personal Savior. The next year her family moved to Tacoma, where she was baptized, and where she joined the only church to which she has ever belonged, the Calvary Church of Tacoma.

Through the years she has taught Sunday School classes, worked with Intermediate and Junior groups, conducted the church choir and served as pianist for the choir. Her husband is the good-looking redhead, who has charmed several General Conferences with the conference announcements. He has been a wonderful Christian worker, and together they are serving their Lord. They have three children, two boys, ages 21 and 15, and a married daughter.

Mrs. Schmunk asks for our continued prayers and cooperation as she takes up this work. Above all, won't you read the information that comes from the pages of her work? She gives us a message today on this "We, the Women" page.

THE LAND OF PRAYER

By MRS. HENRY SCHMUNK
of Tacoma, Washington

It seems to many of us that our lives are one mistake after another. We are prone to sin, so weak in our faith, so faltering in our resolutions,

that we can not live perfectly. Louise Parkington once wrote a poem:

"I wish that there were some wonderful place
Called the Land of Beginning
Again;
Where all our mistakes and all our heartaches
And all our poor selfish grief
Could be dropped like a shabby old coat, at the door,
And never be put on again."

For the Christian there is such a land—the land of prayer. Jesus has promised to meet us at the place of prayer and forgive all our sins if we earnestly seek his grace and his forgiveness. It is there that the Christian may leave his sins like a "shabby coat" and never put them on again.

Yet in the cares and "busy-ness" of life, we find ourselves putting on again "the shabby coat" which we had just left at the Savior's feet. Is it because of our lack of faith, or because we as Christians so often "say" one thing but "do" another?

God's Word is full of promises. We can claim them if only we accept and believe they belong to us. The reading of our Bibles should be a time of profitable listening to what God would say to us. We should really become quiet so we can hear the voice of our heavenly Father, as he instructs, comforts, admonishes, heals, challenges, and dares us to live for him.

Recently I heard a fine Christian woman bemoan the fact that in our churches as well as in our homes God's Word was not respected as much as it should be. From the time our children are able to sit up, we have them fold their hands and be quiet while we pray. When the Bible is read, often the children are allowed to run about the room and even make noise. When we pray, we are speaking to God, but when we read the Bible, he is speaking to us. How much more important that is to listen when God speaks!

Meteorologists tell us that the higher you go, the steadier becomes the temperature, the less disturbing the air currents, the more ideal the flying. You cannot go too high in the Lord. The higher up you go, the steadier your disposition, the less disturbing are your temptations, and the smoother is your everyday life.

We, as women in God's work, would go higher and higher, so that our service for him will truly be acceptable. Would that with each day we might

resolve to find more time for prayer and Bible reading. Then our zeal to work for the Lord will grow and much more will be accomplished.

"When God is close above—
So long shall life be worthy of
Our living and our love."

HIS PLAN

There's only one way that this world can know
That Jesus for sinners hath died;
To spread the glad tidings he's bidden us go,
And no other way doth provide.

If Christ's first disciples had silently gone,
And been to their great trust untrue;
God's plan of salvation we could not have known—
His mercy for me and for you.

Tell others what Jesus has done for your soul,
Of sins through his blood washed away;
And bid them on him every burden roll,
And taste his salvation today.

Dear Master, we hasten the story to tell,
And pass on the life-giving Word;
Then they must tell others, and they others still,
Till all the glad message have heard.

—Mrs. C. H. Morris

CALLING ALL MEN!

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beautiful blue lake, in planned events, or on a tour of the fascinating grounds of this most unique of Christian assemblies.

REASONABLE COST

What about the cost? If you will compare rates with the cost of a vacation spent almost anywhere else, you will agree that the cost is comparatively low. Remember that the price quoted in the Conference leaflet include lodging and three meals a day. What about your small children? They will have the time of their lives in safe, beautiful surroundings, under the watchful eyes and careful supervision of experienced persons, while you, as parents, will probably have more free time and relaxation than on almost any other kind of vacation.

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By REV. G. K. Zimmerman, General Secretary

WORKERS' CONFERENCES FOR SOUTHWESTERN CHURCHES

God's benediction is promised when work for his Kingdom is well planned and conscientiously performed. To acquaint our readers with some of the work which precedes successful Workers' Conferences, I wish to include in this report something about the months of planning which preceded the Workers' Conferences for Sunday School teachers and officers held April 9 to 13 in the Southwestern Conference area.

The efficient Sunday School Committee of the Southwestern Conference began its plans in September 1955. During these seven months before the actual meetings of the Workers' Conference, this committee worked together with each local church in their conference and with the guest leaders from our office in Forest Park, Illinois.

REGISTRATION OF 247 PERSONS

The written report of the conferences will not fully convey the experiences of blessings received both by those who shared in making them possible and by those who attended them to receive inspiration and instruction toward becoming more effective workers in their respective Sunday Schools.

The instructors at these conferences were Miss Ruth Bathauer, our Children's Worker; Rev. Norman Miller, secretary of the Southwestern Conference Sunday School Committee and pastor of the First Baptist Church of Durham, Kans.; and Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, general secretary of the Sunday School Union.

The first conference on April 9th was held at Creston, Neb., to which all the Nebraska Association churches were invited. The second conference, April 11th, was held at Marion, Kans., for the Kansas Association churches and the third conference on April 13th for the Oklahoma Association churches was entertained by the Immanuel Baptist Church of Loyal. The total registration at the three conferences was 247, which did not include those who attended only the evening meetings. Four workshop sessions for Sunday School workers were held during the day of each conference. An inspirational and dedication service was held in the evening.

The Southwestern Conference Sunday School Committee in its planning requested the guest leaders to use the following topics in their workshops: "Canvassing and Visitation," "Vacation Bible School," "Departmentaliza-

tion in the Small Sunday School," "Making the Most of Special Days," "Evangelism in the Sunday School," "Story Telling," and "Teacher Training in the Local Church."

A panel composed of the guest leaders and one or two of the local pastors gave opportunity for the discussion of questions presented by the audience pertaining to any phase of the Sunday School work. Many of the questions brought out the concern of our local Sunday School leaders to have improved schools with a more effective outreach.

The hospitality of each church entertaining the conferences added to the opportunity for fellowship. The festive dinners and suppers were served to all present free of charge. We want to express a special message of gratitude to all who made this possible. The decorations, which included a variety of spring flowers, added to the beauty of all that had been prepared by the host churches to make all guests feel that a Christian welcome greeted us. Conscientious leadership was evident by our host pastors: Rev. Reuben Stading of Creston, Neb.; Rev. Fred J. Knalson of Marion, Kans.; and Rev. Eleon Sandau of Loyal, Oklahoma.

Rev. Norman Miller not only assumed the responsibilities which became those of the secretary of the local conference Sunday School Committee, and served as an instructor at the workshops, but he also traveled with the team using his automobile. We are sincerely grateful that God provided us safe journeys as we traveled more than 1100 miles within the Southwestern Conference area to meet all planned meetings.

SPIRITUAL PREPARATION

The real reason for the success of these conferences was evident when we learned of the spiritual preparation which went hand in hand with all planning. The many prayers, both public and private, assured God's blessings for all who came spiritually prepared to receive from the Lord that which would make for better leadership and teaching.

God's blessings preceded our Workers' Conferences through a much needed rain for the dry countryside, which helped toward spiritual readiness to receive also the blessings from the conference sessions. The devotional periods during the conference included many prayers of gratitude for God's goodness, both of material and spiritual blessings.

With the Southwestern Conference having had Workers' Conferences for many years, we were especially grate-

ful to note the increased interest and participation by local Sunday School teachers and leaders. A testimony period at the close of the daytime sessions revealed the helpfulness and encouragement which were experienced from these conferences. It is the prayer of the guest leaders that the suggestions shared at the Workers' Conferences will be put into practical use toward "Effective Gospel Teaching in the Sunday School."

SACRED RECOLLECTIONS

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measure of the man. May our prayer be that Christ might anoint our eyes to see beauty in people instead of their faults just as he saw something in us worth redeeming. My friend, the late Rev. George Geis, missionary in Burma, told me that while walking through the jungles of India he could reach out his hand and seem to touch the hand of Christ. How I envied him!

LET US PRAY!

O God our Father, we come to thee in Jesus' Name! Keep us from all pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word, and deed. Let us be done with faultfinding and leave off self-seeking. May we never be hasty in judgment but generous. Teach us to put into action our higher impulses. May we realize that they are the small things which cause differences but that we are together in the essentials, we are one. Let us at all times remember to be kind.

Still are they ours whom thou hast taken from us. We thank thee for their ministries of faithful affection and self-denial. Make us like them, a blessing to the world. May their memory bring us strength to lead the joyful life of faith. Grant us, also, the necessary help to overcome, and bring us in thine own good time into the dear companionship and joy where reside those who have gone on before.

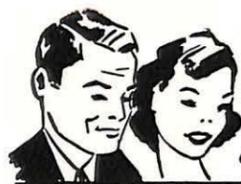
"Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer."

"And the peace of God that passeth all understanding fill your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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ple to reach with the Gospel of Jesus Christ are those who think they know it all. "Not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called" (1 Cor. 1:26). It is difficult to understand how a man can be a genius in the scientific realm and at the same time be so ignorant about the things of the Spirit. Yet the Gospel is for all men. His labor was not altogether in vain, for a small nucleus was begun even in Athens.



Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: May 27, 1956

Theme:

THE CHURCH IN ASIA MINOR

Scripture: Acts 12:25—15:35

The Central Truth: When a church is organized, it should be able to say with John Wesley, "The world is my parish!"

Introduction: We don't know why Peter didn't continue the good work which he began among the Gentiles (Acts 10:45). Some scholars believe that he was not educationally prepared to minister to the Greeks and Romans. There is an indication that he could not entirely free himself from the customs of his brethren, the Jews. He was bold in many things; a little timid in others. At one time Paul had to rebuke him for his inconsistency (Gal. 2:11-12).

United evangelistic efforts are most enduring when there is a good "follow-up" program. Peter went back to Jerusalem and reported his success among the Gentiles (Acts 11:1-18), but no further effort was made to establish a "beach-head." It was left to the church at Antioch to establish a continuing foreign mission program.

I. The Talent Of the Local Church. Acts 13: 1.

Churches often complain because they have no talent. Instead of looking with envy on other churches, it would be well to use and to train what you have. It is surprising how many leaders in the field of education, government, and business come from the one-room schools in small communities. This same is true of many of our ministers, teachers, and evangelists.

In Antioch they used their talents in the ordinary ministry of the church and the Holy Spirit gave them extraordinary power to enlarge their ministry. Someone said "If you do little things as though they were big things, God will let you do big things as though they were little things."

II. The Greatest Missionary Enterprise. Acts 13:2-4.

In the Concord Hymn Emerson speaks of "the embattled farmers who fired the shot heard round the world." When we read the account of this first missionary commissioning service in Antioch, we can still hear the sound of the Gospel as it began to be heard throughout the earth.

In the last lesson we mentioned some of the areas in which the Antioch church served as a model. Certainly no church has served as a better model for a missionary church.

(a) The missionaries were selected by the leading of the Holy Spirit (Acts 13:2).

(b) They were strengthened and prepared by the church: by fasting, by prayer, by the laying on of hands (13:3).

(c) The missionary itinerary was well planned by the guidance of the Holy Spirit (13:5—15:35).

It is important to remember that God chose the most gifted men in the church for this missionary work. To the credit of the church in Antioch it must be said that they willingly gave up their best leadership in order that the Gospel of Jesus Christ might be brought to both Jew and Gentile.

Note the contrasting experiences of Barnabas and Paul: The Gospel was received eagerly (13:42-44). It was accompanied by persecution (13:50). Their lives were in danger (14:5, 19). It was attended by miracles (14:8-10). They were almost deified (14:11-18). They came into conflict with the church at Jerusalem (15:5 ff.).

Contrast these experiences with those missionaries who first went to India, China, Burma or Africa.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: June 3, 1956

THE CHURCH IN EUROPE

Scripture: Acts 15:36—18:22

The Central Truth: The Holy Spirit act as our spiritual traffic signal; there is a time to stop and a time to go. To know the difference, it often takes much patience and prayer.

Introduction: When we work as individuals it is not so difficult to follow what we believe to be the leading of the Holy Spirit. The difficulties arise when two or more try to follow what they believe to be the will of God. Paul and Barnabas both held to their individual convictions (Acts 15:36-41). In spite of their contention, however, we can be sure that God blessed their efforts. For out of this misunderstanding there developed

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two groups of missionaries instead of only one. If it is necessary to divide in order to multiply, we can still remain united.

The greatest Christian attitude of love and tolerance can be learned from this experience. Nowhere do we read that Paul spread ill-will among the churches by denouncing Barnabas as being stubborn and uncooperative. Nor do we find any evidence that Barnabas spoke of Paul as an independent and self-willed individual. They were concerned about spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ and had no time to spread gossip about each other. Later Paul wrote to Timothy (2 Tim. 4:11) and asked him to bring Mark along because he was useful to him in the ministry.

I. Strengthening the Established Missionary Fields. Acts 15:36.

One of the dangers of our missionary effort is to lose ground. We must be constantly alert, deeply concerned, and vitally interested. When the missionary fields are neglected, the home church as well as the entire denomination suffers. We become strong in the home mission field only as we strive to strengthen the foreign mission field in our world outreach. With Paul and Barnabas we must be desirous to "see how they do" (15:36; 16:5).

II. The Call to Wider Missionary Horizons. Acts 16:6-10.

Paul believed in visions, but he was no visionary. He followed dreams which were inspired by the Holy Spirit, but he had no time for day-dreaming. The great apostle was convinced that in the missionary endeavor it is not enough to "hold your own." The time comes when it is necessary to "launch out." "Abraham went out, not knowing whither he went" (Heb. 11:8). He was sure of only one thing—he was obeying the voice of God. Paul went out of Asia into Europe, not quite certain as to where he was going, yet definitely sure that he was obeying the voice of the Holy Spirit. The call to Philippi was one of the clearest. And when we read the letter of Paul to the Philippian church, we realize that it was a call that gave him some of his greatest joys.

III. Missionary to the Intellectuals. Acts 17:16-34.

Athens was the intellectual center of the world. The most difficult people

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What's Happening

● Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson of McLaughlin, S. Dak., have announced the birth of a daughter on April 4 to whom the name, Carol Ruth, has been given. The Michelsons were formerly missionaries in the Cameroons, Africa, stationed at Great Soppo. This is their fifth child.

● The Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Okla., has called Mr. Leon Bill of Cherokee, Okla., pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Ingersoll, since 1954, to serve as its minister. He has accepted the call and hopes to begin his ministry in Okeene on June 1st. He will succeed Rev. Leland H. Friesen, now of Emery, South Dakota.

● The Baptist Church of McClusky, N. Dak., has announced that it has called Rev. Edward Oster of Hettinger, N. Dak., and that he has accepted the call. He began his ministry in McClusky on May 1st, succeeding the late Rev. Daniel Klein. Mr. Oster has been serving as pastor of the Grace Baptist Church of Hettinger since 1953.

● The March 22nd issue of the "Baptist Herald" reported that Mr. Bruno Voss is serving as the duly called minister of the Grace Baptist Church, Ochre River, Manitoba. This is not quite correct, since Mr. Voss is continuing to render an appreciated ministry as the interim pastor of the church. The church is still prayerfully considering the calling of a minister to the field to succeed Rev. Hugo Zepik, now of Plevna, Montana.

● The Edenwold Baptist Church of Edenwold, Sask., will hold its 70th anniversary celebration on Saturday and Sunday, June 2 and 3, 1956. A hearty invitation is extended to all former members and friends of the church to be present for this occasion or to send their greetings and congratulations to the pastor, Rev. Fred Ohlmann, Edenwold, Sask., Canada. This announcement was made by the clerk, Mr. Ed. Rumpel, in behalf of the church.

● The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County, Elmo, Kans., presented its anniversary program on Tuesday, March 6. Mr. Alden Ewert of Hillsboro, Kans., was the guest speaker. Recently he returned from Austria where he was engaged in a relief ministry. The Woman's Society is completing a series of Bible studies on Hebrews. For the Easter offering every member gave the money which she had received by selling the eggs

on her farm gathered on Easter Sunday, as reported by Mrs. C. A. Piper.

● On Sunday evening, April 8, the choir of the Oak Street Church, Burlington, Iowa, presented the cantata, "My Heart Is Glad" by David Williams Thornton. Mrs. Joseph H. Salyers is the choir director. Mrs. H. O. Kohrs served as organist, and Mrs. E. J. Johnston was the pianist. Twenty-eight voices comprised the choir that rendered this inspirational musical program. On Easter Sunday the Sunday School attendance was 391 with a total of 623 persons present for the morning worship service and 232 at the evening service. Rev. Emanuel Wolff is the pastor.

● On Easter Sunday morning the attendance at the Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich., was 547 with 300 people present at the evening service. At that time twelve converts were baptized and received into the church along with three others who came by letter and testimony. The Sunday School attendance on Easter Sunday was 417. During the past year 74 people have joined the church, 42 through baptism and 23 by testimony and nine by letter. The Easter Sunday missionary offering amounted to \$189.18. Rev. Aaron Buhler is pastor of the church.

● Dr. Donald G. Davis, pastor of Berean Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif., preached at both the morning and evening services on Sunday, February 18, at the newly organized Harbor Trinity Baptist Church, Costa Mesa, California. He conducted a Bible conference at the Bethel Baptist Church, Rev. Berthold Jacksteit, pastor, Anaheim Calif., from March 11 to 18. As vice-moderator of the California Association he brought the message at the ground breaking service of the Upper Bay Baptist Church, Rev. Fred David, pastor, Santa Ana Heights, Calif., on Sunday afternoon, March 11.

● "The Easter Alleluia," a half-hour choir cantata, was presented Easter Sunday night by the choir of First Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa, under the direction of Mrs. Fred Mashner. This cantata marked the first attempt by the choir to present a program in song of this nature. Six persons were received by Rev. Fred W. Mashner, pastor, into the membership of the church at the morning service, three coming by letter and three by baptism. "Claudia, Wife of Pilate," a short, interesting drama based on the reference to Claudia's dream, was

presented by members of the CBY on Sunday, March 18.

● Mr. Edwin H. Marklein of Brooklyn, N. Y., is serving as treasurer of the Watchman Examiner Foundation, Inc., which publishes the national Baptist journal, "The Watchman Examiner" that appears weekly, of which Dr. John W. Bradbury is the editor. Mr. Marklein is chairman of the Church and Parsonage Loan Fund Committee and also of the Committee on Organization and Objectives for the North American Baptist General Conference besides his many other responsibilities in behalf of our denominational enterprise. The late Dr. H. Theodore Sorg of Princeton, N. J., was president of the Watchman Examiner Foundation, Inc., for many years prior to his death.

● On Easter Sunday evening, April 1, the choir of the Baileyville Baptist Church, Baileyville, Ill., presented a special musical program entitled, "The Shadow of the Cross." The choir is under the leadership of LaVonne Zimmerman. A series of very fine studies is being held in the mid-week services on 1 Corinthians. Mrs. Elizabeth Renkema wrote: "We have just completed 'Christian Liberties' as found in the 8th chapter and are now studying 'The Christian Worker' in the 9th chapter." In the Sunday evening services Rev. John J. Kroeker, pastor, has recently concluded an exposition on the prophets.

● The annual North Dakota Pastors' Institute was held in Bismarck, N. Dak., from April 3 to 5 with 31 North-American Baptist ministers and 16 pastors from American Baptist Convention churches in attendance. Professor Herbert Hiller of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., brought messages from the book of Isaiah. Other speakers were Dr. Paul Smith of Des Moines, Iowa, and Dr. Charles Carman of New York, New York. Many of the pastors also participated in the inspirational programs. The sessions were held in the Bismarck Baptist Church of which Rev. John E. Grygo is pastor, and in the First Baptist Church with Rev. Roy E. Wiegand the minister.

● Since Jan. 1, 1956 the North American Baptist group of immigrants at St. Catherines, Ont., Canada, a mission of the German Baptist Church of Hamilton, has been served by Rev. Peter Blatt, formerly of Austria. From 1936 to 1941 he was a North American Baptist missionary and pastor in the Bosnia area of Yugoslavia. From 1945 to 1955 he was one of the pastors of the Baptist Church of Vienna, Austria. The meetings in St. Catherines have been held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nikal, but they have grown in numbers so that larger quarters are necessary. This Baptist mission has good prospects for the future. The minister of the Hamilton Church is Rev. John Wahl.

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Our Denomination in ACTION

Northern Conference

Baptism of 17 Converts and Easter Services at First Church, Leduc, Alberta, Canada

On Palm Sunday evening, April 29, we had the privilege of witnessing a beautiful and impressive baptismal service in the First Baptist Church at Leduc, Alberta. Seventeen young Christians followed their Lord in the waters of baptism. These were some of those who had made their decision to follow Christ during the revival services in January.

On Easter Sunday morning Rev. J. C. Kraenzler extended the hand of fellowship to the baptized candidates, and they partook of the Lord's Supper for the first time. Three others were also received into our fellowship, a young couple who had their membership transferred to us by letter, and a woman who was received by testimony. The choir and CBYF presented an Easter pageant and musical program in the evening.

"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4).

S. Verna Straub, Reporter.

Eastern Conference

Reception, Good Friday and Easter Services at Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

On Friday evening, March 23, the Temple Baptist Church in Pittsburgh, Pa., held a reception for Rev. and Mrs. Frank Veninga and family. A delicious pork chop dinner prepared by women of the church was served to a capacity crowd. Music was presented by the church quartet, a women's trio and



Rev. J. C. Kraenzler (right, back row), pastor of the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta., and 17 converts whom he baptized on Palm Sunday.

two trumpet solos by Mr. Daniel Rose. Mr. Arthur Luck served as toastmaster for the evening and introduced our special guests.

Among the guests were the former pastor, Rev. L. B. Holzer, now associate pastor of the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church; Rev. R. L. Kincheloe, who served as interim pastor; several representatives from the Pittsburgh Baptist Association and ministers and their wives from the neighboring churches in the Carrick-Overbrook Fellowship. Rev. and Mrs. D. Chaddock from Arnold, Pa., presented the Veningas a bouquet of red roses in behalf of the Union Baptist Church. Miss Freda Sayenga presented Mrs. Veninga a dish garden in behalf of the Temple Church. After some fine words of comment by our former pastor and some of the guests, both Mr. and Mrs. Veninga expressed words of appreciation.

On Good Friday at the annual communion service which is shared with the Knoxville Baptist Church, Rev. Frank Veninga brought the meditation, "Surveying the Wondrous Cross," to a very large audience. Rev. J. P. Pro from the Knoxville Church assisted

in the baptismal service when twelve candidates made their declaration of faith in Jesus Christ and followed him in the ordinance of baptism. The Junior Choir as well as the church quartet rendered appropriate music for this service.

On a beautiful Easter morning more than 400 people assembled to hear the Easter message, "The Three Resurrections," and to receive into the church 17 new members. Rev. and Mrs. Frank Veninga and their sons, James and Robert, were received by the chairman of the Board of Deacons, Mr. Wm. Briggs, with a prayer for God's blessing as they began their ministry in Temple Baptist Church.

Elizabeth Kapteina, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Evangelistic Services and Easter Sunday Programs at La Salle, Colorado

For the First Baptist Church of La-Salle, Colo., the year 1956 has been a blessed one thus far. A high point in the church's experience was reached during the month of March, when evangelistic services were held with Rev. LeRoy Schauer of Mott, N. Dak., as guest evangelist. Brother Schauer brought fine messages from the Word of God and the Holy Spirit truly moved in our midst. Through house to house visitation, 13 precious souls were won for Christ during those days, which included a mother and five children. All in all, we have a total of 17 candidates for baptism, which service we hope to have in the near future.

The accompanying picture shows the scene set up in front of the La-Salle Baptist Church. This was lighted at night. The other shows the choir on Easter Sunday as they gave the cantata, "The Risen Savior," directed by the pastor, Rev. F. H. Fuchs.

Our hearts were also gladdened when on Easter Sunday morning we were able to receive a couple on confession of faith, into the fellowship of the church.

F. H. Fuchs, Pastor.

Dedication Service and Easter Cantata at Shell Creek Baptist Church, Columbus, Nebraska

It was a glorious occasion for the Shell Creek Church near Columbus, Neb., on the afternoon of Easter Sunday, when friends and neighboring congregations gathered with us for a long awaited dedication service of our sanctuary. The church building was refinished throughout. We added to the sanctuary, allowing a spacious choir loft, a baptistry, Sunday School rooms, pastor's study, and prayer room. Along with this, members had donated beautiful pulpit and communion furniture in memory of loved ones.

The congregation stood to sing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," after which Rev. M. Strom of the First Baptist Church read from the Word of God, and Rev. Gunsally of the Evangelical Free Church led us in prayer.

The choir sang, "Praise Ye the Father." Our pastor, Rev. Paul T. Hunsicker, then spoke of impressions he had of our building when he first came to serve this church 5½ years ago. A dream of a finer structure and more worshipful sanctuary began to shape in his mind. This dream became more forceful as the need for better facilities became evident to him.

Mr. Hunsicker thanked God for having given the means and desire to work to enable all now to behold the dream as a lovely reality. Referring to the beautiful memorial furniture he emphasized the fact that nothing could speak more lovingly of those who have left our midst to be with the Lord than the pieces of furniture, placed in service of God's House, the building wherein they so faithfully worshipped. Not overlooked was the beautiful baptismal picture painted by a local pastor and donated by Miss Gertrude Lange, a member of our church.

Mr. Paul Deck of Radio Station KJSK, Columbus, sang, "God Bless This House," whereupon Rev. R. Standing of our Creston Church led us in the dedication prayer. We were very happy to have Dr. Frank H. Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., with us for the day to bring the Easter message in the morning and the dedication message at this occasion.

On Good Friday evening the choir of the church, directed by our pastor, presented the Easter cantata, "Thomas and the Risen Lord," to a capacity audience.

Mrs. George Behlen, Secretary.

Central Conference

Junior Choir Sings Easter Cantata and 13 Converts Baptized, Forest Park, Illinois

The bright sunlight streaming through the beautiful windows of the Forest Park Baptist Church sanctuary,



The beautifully remodeled sanctuary of the Shell Creek Baptist Church near Columbus, Nebraska, showing the new pulpit furniture and baptistry on Dedication Sunday.

Forest Park, Ill., on Easter morning seemed to lend its benediction to a wonderful rendition by the Junior Choir of F. P. Holton's melodious two-part cantata, "The Promise of Easter." Sixteen girls and boys, under the direction of Mrs. Rubin Kern and accompanied at the piano by Miss Louanne Fuchs, sang the 45-page cantata from memory during the Sunday School hour.

While the large and appreciative congregation listened raptly, they were carried in spirit by the fresh voices, singing in subdued tones, through the period of Christ's suffering and death. Lifting melodies then transported the audience to the climactic cadence: "He lives Who once was crucified! Alleluia!"

The cantata consisted of eight selections by the entire choir, augmented by solos and duets sung by Roger Fuchs, Irmgard Holz, Harriet Kern, and Paul Zimmerman. The members of the Junior Choir were arrayed in their new elderberry robes, purchased for them at a cost of \$180.00 by the

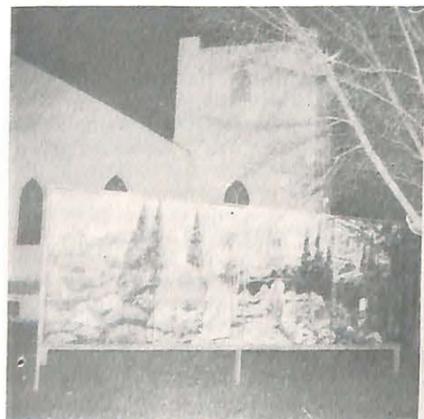
Woman's Missionary Guild, of which Mrs. Daniel Fuchs is president.

Organized four years ago by Mrs. Kern, the choir has frequently sung at the worship services and special programs of the church departments. As with the cantata, all previous numbers have been committed to and rendered by memory.

Easter was brought to a fitting close as 13 people signified through the ordinance of baptism administered by the pastor, Rev. Rubin Kern, that they were henceforth dead to sin and had been resurrected to a new life in Jesus Christ. The hand of fellowship was extended to these as well as to two others received into the membership of the church by transfer of letters. The church then joined in holy fellowship around the communion table to commemorate Christ's death "till he come."

So ended a blessed Easter spent in the house of God. All present at the services that day felt that they "had been with Jesus."

Irma L. Grieger, Reporter.



Easter scene on the lawn in front of the Baptist Church, La Salle, Colo. (left), and the church choir that presented the cantata, "The Risen Savior," directed by Rev. F. H. Fuchs.



The Junior Choir of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Illinois.

Left to right, front row: Janet Zumack, Roger Fuchs, John Steinklauber, Charles Danish, Karen Ziesemer, Jarene Gunst, Dorothy Fuchs, Suzan Baer and Dianne Schilke.
Back row: Paul Zimmerman, Frank Danish, Lucille Lorat, Irmgard Holz, Helga Hoyer, Mrs. Rubin Kern (director), Harriet Kern, Victor Gunst and Phyllis Zoschke.

Baptism of 13 Converts and Dedication of Baptistry Picture at Lansing, Michigan

The pre-Easter week of March 25 to 30 was one of great joy and blessing for the friends and members of the Colonial Village Baptist Church of Lansing, Michigan. Rev. Martin Murfin of Hudsonville, Mich., was in our midst presenting messages nightly, bringing the suffering and crucifixion of our Christ very vividly to us. Definite decisions for Christ were made during these meetings as well as the reconsecration of lives to God.

On Easter Sunday our hearts rejoiced at reaching our goal of 417 in Sunday School. In both the morning and evening services special music was presented along with stirring messages by our pastor, Rev. Aaron Buhler. In the evening service the congregation witnessed the baptism of 13 persons and the reception of these and three others brought through letter and testimony for membership.

Also during the evening service a special dedication service was held in the presentation of a beautiful baptistry picture in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Henry Sellhorn who donated the money to have the picture painted. Brother Sellhorn was pastor of our church from 1923 through 1927, then known as the Holmes Street Baptist Church. We as a church wish to thank Mr. Sellhorn for his graciousness in helping beautify our church unto the Lord in this manner.

This Easter Sunday also held another special significance for us. It has been just one year since we held services in our new church building. During this period of time the Lord has greatly blessed us through the winning of many souls in this new community. In this last year we have had the joy of receiving 57 new members into our fellowship.



Ladies' Chorus of the Baptist Church, Napoleon, N. Dak., that sang the Easter cantata, "Immanuel Victorious."

We thank God for the manifold blessings of the past year and pray for his guidance in the coming year. May we have renewed faith and grow in grace, as we labor for him.

Mrs. Evelyn Stobert, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Baptism of Ten Converts at the Temple Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The Temple Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., rejoices that under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. Rudolph Woyke, and the guiding of the Holy Spirit, ten new members were baptized and accepted into the fellowship of the church this Easter season. We are also thankful that the Lord so quickly restored our pastor to health after a serious illness last fall. We know that it was a direct answer to

out prayers since this leader had just begun his ministry here.

In addition to a father, son, and daughter, namely Mr. Gordon Mueller, Eugene, and Cynthia, the following made their decision for Christ: Mr. Gerald Yuds, Mr. Raymond Meronk, Bruce Radman, Douglas Dartsch, Sigrid Johnson, Mary Sue Chy, and Karen Cudnohufsky.

Another rare privilege witnessed by the church congregation was the presenting of the "God and Country" award to Michael Chy during Boy Scout Week. This has not been earned by many and we are indeed proud to have one of our boys win it.

Our pastor and his wife are helping to organize a Young Couple's Group. Many young adults feel the need for social fellowship within the church.

Mrs. W. Nasgowitz, Church Clerk.

Dakota Conference

Easter Cantata by the Ladies' Chorus and Easter Sunrise Service, Napoleon, North Dakota

The ladies' chorus of the Napoleon Baptist Church, Napoleon, N. Dak., presented the Easter cantata entitled, "Immanuel Victorious," to a full house on Easter Sunday evening. Miss Lucille Kramer was the able piano accompanist; Mr. Gideon Oldenburger was the narrator, while Rev. Henry Lang was the director of the chorus. The total offering for the day amounted to \$164.00.

The Young People's Society joined the Evangelical and Methodist young people for an Easter sunrise service with breakfast following. The CBY presents a program once every month.

In our mid-week prayer hour the pastor taught an outlined study on "the Life of Christ" ending with the Easter services which were enjoyed by all. Our prayer is that God might use our church to his glory.

Henry Lang, Pastor.

Evangelistic Meetings, Boy Scouts' Observance and Easter Cantata at Hebron, North Dakota

The First Baptist Church of Hebron, N. Dak., held revival meetings during the second week of January. Rev. John Grygo of Bismarck, N. Dak., was the guest speaker.

In February Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Seecamp, Mrs. Rose Miller, and Mrs. Charlie Heinle attended the Sunday School Workers' Conference at Ashley, North Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Vetter were pleasantly surprised with a fine celebration in the church basement by their children and relatives on their silver wedding anniversary.

Dr. Seecamp recognized the Boy Scouts who were in attendance in observance of Boy Scout Sunday. It was a great joy to hear "The Easter Story" cantata given by the mixed choir under the able direction of Dr. C. H. Seecamp on Easter Sunday evening, April 1st.

Mrs. Edwin Staiger, Reporter.



Rev. Walter Stein (right), pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak., and 14 persons whom he baptized on confession of their faith on Easter Sunday.

Inspiring Easter Services and Baptism of 14 Converts at Grand Forks, North Dakota

Showers of blessing from God have been falling on the Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, North Dakota. On Palm Sunday our hearts were thrilled as we listened to our choir under the direction of Mrs. Fred Kranzler present the beautiful Easter cantata, "Hail the Easter King."

Although the weather was cold on Easter Sunday, inside the church we experienced warmth and light! We began the day at 6:30 A.M. with an inspiring play, "Symbol of the Cross," given by our young people under the direction of Mrs. Charles Balogh. At 7:30 A.M. we were served a delicious breakfast, served by the men of our Brotherhood. At 9:45 A.M. we assembled for Sunday School, after which we heard a very inspiring sermon, "The Dawn of Triumphant Faith," by our beloved pastor, Rev. W. Stein.

On Easter Sunday evening Mr. Stein spoke on "In His Steps," and we realized more than ever the importance of following Christ every step of the way! The highlight of the day came as 14 candidates followed Christ into the waters of baptism. They were then given the hand of fellowship along with another couple at the Communion Service that followed.

Mrs. Joe Werre, Reporter.

Answers to Prayer at Immanuel Baptist Church, Beulah and Zap, North Dakota

It has been some time since a report has been sent in for the Immanuel Baptist Church of Beulah and Zap, North Dakota. We are happy to report that the pastor, Rev. Ernest Lautt, is almost completely recovered from his car accident which he had a year ago. After spending 45 days in bed at the Bismarck Hospital, he was on crutches for over six months after which he used the cane for several months. Thus the church was without his services for three months, at which time various students helped out. It was a happy day for the pastor when he could minister to his flock again after those horrible experiences. One of his first messages was, "Forgotten the Things Which Are Behind."

Mrs. Argo Brockel, Reporter.

The pastor announced recently that he felt that the Lord would have him conduct meetings at Zap each night for a week. Thus our meetings were born by the Spirit of God which brought peace to the hearts of 19 sinners. This was in answer to the prayers of the Christians who coveted with the pastor to pray at least 15 minutes a day for the three weeks of meetings which had grown from week to week. Several adults and a number of high school students were in this group. A mother and eight children were saved, the youngest of whom was in the fifth grade. Somehow we feel that the effects of these meetings are unrealized as yet.

Our church is experiencing a gradual but steady growth. Our clerk has informed us that 34 members have come into the church during our pastorate. Summer will soon be upon us. Thus we are making plans for Vacation Bible School and are rejoicing over the fact that we have two teachers coming to us under the Student Service Plan of the denomination.

Ernest Lautt, Pastor.

Annual Business Meeting and Missionary Service at First Baptist Church, McLaughlin, S. Dak.

The First Baptist Church of McLaughlin, S. Dak., held its annual election of officers with Rev. Edwin Michelson as chairman. Officers elected are as follows: clerk, Ralph E. Hale; deacon (three-year term), Ralph E. Hale; trustee (three-year term), Reuben Friez; treasurer, Mrs. J. J. Schweigert; pianist, Mrs. Andrew Bertsch; assistant pianist, Mrs. Christ Aldinger; ushers, Art Hetterley and Reuben Schlenker; assistant ushers, Argo Brockel and Art Moser; reporter, Mrs. Argo Brockel; and publication agent, Reuben Friez.

We have enjoyed Brother Michelson's services very much and have received many blessings since the arrival of the family. Recently Mr. Michelson showed colored slides of their work in Africa. It was very interesting and it challenged us to remember that work with our prayers and gifts. With the cooperation of each member, we are confident that with our new pastor and family we will be a blessing to one another and to the community.

Baptist Choir of Eureka, South Dakota, Presents Easter Cantata at Several Churches

The choir of the First Baptist Church of Eureka, S. Dak., under the able direction of our choir director, Rev. A. E. Reeh, has worked hard practicing songs to be sung to the glory of our Lord and Master. For the past few months we practiced our Easter cantata, "Life Eternal," which we presented at our church on Easter Sunday night, and again at Ashley, N. Dak., on Monday evening, as well as at Leola on Sunday evening, April 8.

On Thursday evening, April 5th, our choir was organized with the following officers being elected: president, Walter Dohn; vice-president, Don Heupel; treasurer, Otto Heupel; secretary and reporter, Thelma Bertsch; pianists, Barbara Brockel and Narola Reeh; and choir director, Rev. A. E. Reeh. May we as a choir sing words of praise unto our Lord and Savior at all times.

Thelma Bertsch, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Anniversary Program of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, Paul, Idaho

We of the Woman's Missionary Society of Paul, Idaho, have had a most gratifying year. Our Lord and Savior has richly blessed us for our efforts. We have 23 members on the roll. Even with so few members, we have accomplished much. We made 171 sick calls the past year. In November we had our annual supper and bazaar.

On March 18th we held our annual program. The program was as follows: welcome by president, Mrs. John Broeder; Scripture, Mrs. Vern Jennings; prayer, Mrs. John Riedlinger and Mrs. Huldrich Schafer; duet by Mrs. John Martin and Mrs. Bill Martin; secretary's report, Mrs. Lester Freeman; treasurer's report, Mrs. Paul Schafer; song by the Woman's Missionary Society; play, "Love or Duty" and another play, "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer," and closing prayer, Rev. John Broeder.

Mrs. Lester Freeman, Reporter.



—Photo by Henry F. Larson

Rev. Rudolph Woyke (second from left, back row), pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., and ten persons whom he baptized during the Easter season.

Baptism of 27 Converts and Easter Sunday Programs at First Church, Lodi, California

Towards the end of January the First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., conducted evangelistic services with Rev. G. P. Splinter of Winnipeg, Man., Canada, as our evangelist. We had the largest consecutive attendance of any special campaign, with six hundred and over present during the week nights. Many souls were saved, backsliders restored, and Christians edified.

At the end of Friday our pastor, Rev. Gustave G. Rauser, baptized 27 converts on profession of their faith. Thirty-nine new members were received into the church at the communion service following the baptismal service, some through letters, some on their testimony and 27 by baptism. We are looking forward to another baptismal service in the near future.

On Easter Sunday morning over a thousand people crowded into our spacious church. In the evening our church choir presented "The Life of Christ" in music and Scripture. It brought the day to a most wonderful climax.

In the quarterly business meeting the church gave its pastor quite a substantial salary increase in appreciation of the faithful and successful work he is rendering in the name of Christ.

Our two midweek services are well attended and the Sunday morning crowd fills our large sanctuary with members and friends and many visitors. We thank our Heavenly Father for the love and harmony, for the spirit of unity and for the grace he bestows. On Easter Sunday a mission offering of \$1,500 was laid on the altar of God by his faithful people.

Mrs. Thelma Fischer, Clerk.

Pacific Northwest Pastors' Retreat at the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Washington

From March 13 to 15 the Pacific Northwest Pastors' Retreat was held at the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Washington. The theme, "So Run, That Ye May Obtain," was used very effectively by all who took active part in the program. There were active and several retired ministers present. These days of fellowship afforded the pastors opportunity to discuss problems with which they are confronted in their pastorates.

Three guest speakers from the Tacoma area were invited to speak on assigned topics. They were Rev. K. W. Schalk, chaplain of the American Lake Veterans Hospital of Tacoma, who spoke on the subjects, "The Role of the Pastor in Counseling" and "The Parishioner in the Counseling Situation"; Rev. R. Erickson, pastor of First Covenant Church of Tacoma, who spoke on the subject, "Putting Prayer Promises in Their Proper Place"; and Rev. D. Barnette, pastor of First Baptist Church of Tacoma, who spoke on the subject, "The Pastor's Perspective."

Several of our own North American ministers spoke on the following topics: "Practical Living-Holiness of Life," "Practical Preaching—To Meet (Continued on Page 24)

OBITUARY

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

OWEN WELLS ARLO ERMAN of Golden Prairie, Saskatchewan.

Owen Wells Arlo Erman of Golden Prairie, Sask., was born on March 14, 1956 to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Erman of Golden Prairie. Two days after his birth he was taken from the Maple Creek Union Hospital, his place of birth, to the Moose Jaw Union Hospital where he underwent a major operation. Unforeseen complications set in causing his death on March 19, 1956. He reached the age of five days.

He leaves to mourn his passing the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Erman; one brother, Eugene Tommy; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Heller, and many other relatives and friends. "And he took (him) up in his arms, put his hands upon (him), and blessed (him)" (Mark 10:16).

First Baptist Church,
Golden Prairie, Sask., Canada
E. RADKE, Pastor.

MRS. MATHILDA F. GUENTHER of New Kensington, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Mathilda F. Guenther, age 78, of 1104 Warren Drive, New Kensington, Pa., died March 20, 1956, in her home after a short illness.

Born March 2, 1877, in Lucas County, Ohio, she came to New Kensington in October, 1916, at which time she transferred church membership from the Temple Baptist Church in Pittsburgh, Pa., to the Union Baptist Church of Arnold, Pennsylvania. She and her husband, Charles H. Guenther, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in October, 1951.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Theis, of Cleveland, Ohio; one grandchild and two sisters, Miss Mamie J. Rubel and Mrs. George Erdman, both of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

New Kensington, Pennsylvania
THE FAMILY.

MR. GUSTAVE A. GABELMANN of Lincoln, Kansas.

Mr. Gustave A. Gabelmann of Lincoln, Kans., son of Christ and Mary Gabelmann, was born in Hamilton, Ohio, September 14, 1871, and passed away February 25, 1956, at his home near Lincoln, Kansas.

He became a member of the Bethany Baptist Church of Vesper, Kans., on May 11, 1890, and was a faithful member until his death. His life was marked with a firm faith in God, and a belief in honest, hard work. On March 31, 1907, he was united in marriage to Minnie Hanson. They made their home on a farm near Lincoln, where they resided until his death. To this union eight children were born.

He is survived by his wife and his eight children who are: Mrs. Mary Berndt, Salina, Kans.; Mrs. Clara Dressler, Lincoln, Kans.; Mrs. Hulda Ulrich, Sylvan Grove, Kans.; Mrs. Minnie Sharp, Evanston, Ill.; Dr. Gustave, Santa Barbara, Calif.; Harry, Carl, and Emil, all of Lincoln, Kans.; and four brothers besides other relatives and friends. The words of the Lord Jesus in John 11:25 were used to bring comfort and strength to those in sorrow.

Bethany Baptist Church,
Vesper, Kansas
JOHN WOOD, Pastor.

MRS. JULIUS CROENI of Bethany Area, Oregon.

Mrs. Julius Croeni of the Bethany area, Ore., was born October 13, 1880 in Switzerland. She emigrated to the United States in 1890 and settled near Helvetia, Oregon. Here she lived until she was united in holy matrimony to Julius Croeni on May 22, 1908. To this union one child was born: Clarence Croeni.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Croeni settled down in the vicinity of the Bethany area. Since 1928, they have lived on the farm near

Bethany until the Lord called her home. Mrs. Croeni died on March 23, 1956 at the Tuality Community Hospital, Hillsboro, Oregon.

Mrs. J. Croeni was converted to a living faith in Jesus Christ at the tender age of 14 and was baptized by the Rev. John Croeni that same year. She united with the Bethany Baptist Church and was a faithful and influential member of that church until her passing. The community will remember her for the loving and sweet disposition she manifested toward others.

She is survived by her husband, Julius; one son, Clarence; three grandchildren, Dualla, Darlene, and Robert; and a host of other relatives and friends. Funeral services were held in the Donaldson and Sewell Mortuary, Hillsboro, Ore., on March 25. Interment was in the Union Cemetery, Cedar Mill, Oregon. May the Lord comfort the sorrowing, especially the bereaved husband and son.

Bethany Baptist Church,
Portland, Oregon
ARTHUR K. SCHULZ, Pastor

MR. AUGUST WUTTKE of Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. August Wuttke of Chicago, Ill., was born Sept. 28, 1876 in Guhringen, Germany. As a young man he accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized upon confession of his faith. His love to the Lord became evident in his loyal service to him, in the Sunday School, young people's organization, the choir, and he served the church as a deacon. Upon coming to America in 1947 he was a member of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church. For the past four years he was active in interest and support as a member of the Forest Park Baptist Church. He loved the worship services and found great joy in the Bible study hours of the German Men's Fellowship.

Following a brief illness he died on March 22. Funeral services were conducted on March 24. He leaves to mourn his departure his dear wife with whom he shared more than fifty years of devoted married life; four children: Mrs. Hildegard Schieber, Esther and Ruth of Chicago, and Frwin of Westchester, Ill.; one sister, Mrs. H. Hannenberg; and three grandchildren, besides many other relatives and friends. He was predeceased by four sons.

Brother Wuttke was a faithful, loving husband and father and a true follower of Christ. May the Lord's comfort accompany the bereaved.

Forest Park Baptist Church,
Forest Park, Illinois
RUBIN KERN, Pastor.

MR. JOHN BAUMAN of Madison, South Dakota.

Mr. John Bauman of Madison, S. Dak., was born on June 19, 1892 in Elgin, Iowa. As a young man of 21, he moved to Madison. In 1923 he was united in marriage to Sena Dirksen. Two children were born into their home. They lived on a farm until January 1955 when they moved into Madison because of his failing health. He suffered with a cancerous condition for about a year and a half. His sufferings came to an end on April 5, 1956. He had attained the age of more than 63 years.

Brother Bauman was reared in a Christian home near Elgin, Iowa. At an early age he professed his faith in Christ and was baptized by Rev. J. G. Draewell in 1907. He united with the Elgin Baptist Church and remained there until he moved to Madison in 1913, when he united with the West Center Street Baptist Church. He was always a willing worker in his church. He served as trustee for many years.

He is survived by his wife; two children: Betty Fawbush and Burton Bauman, both of Madison; three grandsons; one brother, Fred Bauman of Portland, Ore.; five sisters: Mrs. Ernest Grimm of Elgin; Mrs. Paul Stanke and Mrs. Paul Patet of St. Paul; Mrs. Eston Nesby of Sioux Falls; and Mrs. Everett Mennenga of Worthington, Minn.; and two step-sisters. Many other relatives and friends will miss him.

Rev. Don Patet, a nephew of Mr. Bauman, and the pastor were in charge of the memorial service. It can be said of our departed brother what was said of Enoch: "And Enoch walked with God; and he was not; for God took him" (Gen. 5:24).

West Center Street Baptist Church,
Madison, South Dakota
FRED SCHMIDT, Pastor.

MRS. MATILDA M. UHLHORN of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Matilda M. Uhlhorn, nee Kiesel, of Philadelphia, Pa., was born June 27, 1885 in Philadelphia. At the age of eleven she was reborn through faith in Christ and baptized by the Rev. George Knobloch. At the age of 16 she lost her mother and became housekeeper and mother to her father and brother besides going out and earning her own living. At the age of 22 she was united in marriage with William Uhlhorn by the Rev. George Knobloch, who was pastor of the Third German Baptist Church of Philadelphia at that time.

Of this union three children were born: William F., Eleanor M., and Ruth M., all of whom have found their way to the Lord. She was a faithful wife and mother to the end and she is with the Lord. In her youth she was a Sunday School teacher. In later years she was a diligent worker for the German Baptist Home for the Aged of Philadelphia through the Ladies' Board. She leaves three children, four grandchildren and a lonely husband.

Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
THE FAMILY.

MR. LUDWIG HEIN of Leduc, Alberta, Canada.

Mr. Ludwig Hein of Leduc, Alta., was born Dec. 27, 1867 in Maschk, Russia, and died on March 25 at the age of 88 years, 2 months, and 27 days. At the age of 17, he was baptized by Rev. August Albrecht, and joined the Baptist Church in Luzinoff, Russia. He entered holy matrimony with Gusta Reschke in 1891, with whom he shared the joys and sorrows of life for 43 years. This union was blessed with seven children, of whom three preceded him in death. In 1902 they came to Canada and settled on a homestead near Leduc. Here he joined the First Baptist Church of Leduc, where he remained a faithful member for 34 years, serving as a member of the church committee and wherever his talents could be used in extending the work of the Kingdom.

His first wife died in 1934 and in 1935 he married Mrs. Maria Kern with whom he lived in happy wedlock for 20 years. In 1935 he moved the Leduc and a few years later he joined the Temple Baptist Church where he continued as a loyal member serving as deacon and sharing in the interests and responsibilities in the work of the Lord to his end.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters: Mrs. Minnie Grunwald and Mrs. Paulina Grabla, both of Leduc; one adopted daughter, Sally Underdug, Rodeo, Calif.; two sons: Fred, Winfield, Alta., and Bennie, Leduc; five brothers: William, Ferdinand, and Gustav, living in the U.S.A.; Henry and August, Alta.; one sister, Pauline Hirsch, Chinook, Wash.; 15 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

By request of the deceased the service was held in the First Baptist Church with Rev. J. C. Kraenzler in charge. Rev. E. P. Wahl brought words of comfort in the German language and Rev. T. J. Haire spoke in English.

Temple Baptist Church,
Leduc, Alberta
J. C. KRAENZLER, Offic. Pastor.

MR. FERDINAND D. FALKENBERG of Wetaskiwin, Alta., Canada.

The funeral service for Mr. Ferdinand Daniel Falkenberg of Wetaskiwin, Alta., was held in the Calvary Baptist Church, Wetaskiwin, Alta., on April 14, 1956 with Rev. Henry Schumacher in charge of the service. Mr. Falkenberg was born on September 16, 1863, in Gernuffka, Russia. He was converted to God at an early age and was baptized by Rev. Schewe. In 1886 he was married to Helen Rathz at Sorotchin, Russia, who remained his companion through life.

He came to the United States in 1892 and from there he moved to Leduc, Alta., Canada, in 1897, where he was a member of the First Baptist Church of Leduc. In 1910 he moved to Trochu, Alta., where he lived until 1952 and while there he was a faithful member of the Trochu Baptist Church. In 1952 he came with his wife to Wetaskiwin, Alta., to stay at the home of his daughter, the late Mrs. Ruth Dickau.

He lived to the ripe age of 92 years, 6 months, and 19 days and died on April 4,

1956. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, Helen; one son, David Falkenberg of Chirliwack, B. C.; and one daughter, Ada Dickau of Wetaskiwin, Alberta. He was predeceased in death by one son, Samuel, and one daughter, Ruth Dickau of Wetaskiwin, Alberta. He also leaves to mourn his departure 14 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Calvary Baptist Church,
Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada
HENRY SCHUMACHER, Pastor.

MR. CHRISTIAN C. PERMANN of Carbon, Alberta, Canada.

Mr. Christian C. Permann of Carbon, Alta., was born in South Russia, April 20, 1881. In 1894 he came to the United States and settled in the Eureka, S. Dak., area. In 1921 he came to Carbon, Alta., where he remained until his recent homegoing.

It was during his stay in South Dakota, that Mr. Permann found peace and forgiveness in Christ Jesus and followed him in the waters of baptism. On July 23, 1922 he united with the Freudenthal Baptist Church, Carbon, Alta., where he was a faithful member until his death.

On December 4, 1900 he was united in marriage to Karolina Leidte, of which union five children are living today. His wife preceded him in death. Then in October 5, 1920 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Sophia Schmidt, of which union three children are living today. Again his wife preceded him in death. On March 3, 1953 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Christina Neher.

Mr. Permann was ill very little during his entire life. He was recently admitted to the Drumheller Municipal Hospital where he died on March 27, at the age of 74 years, 11 months, and 2 days.

To mourn his passing he leaves his wife, Christina; his sons: Jacob, John, Paul, Samuel, Walter, and Benny; his daughters: Mrs. Emma Ginger and Mrs. Ida Rempher; also his step-children: Theodore and John Schmidt; Mrs. Emma Hecktor, Mrs. Ernestine Tetz, Mrs. Frieda Rempher, Mrs. Ella Musiko, Emmanuel Neher, Mrs. Ella Bettcher, Mrs. Martha Gieck, Mrs. Kate Bettcher, Mrs. Alma Hoffman, Mrs. Edna Kraenzler; 73 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, and a large host of friends.

Funeral services were held in the Carbon Baptist Church on March 30 at which Rev. William Efa and the undersigned brought words of comfort from God's rich promises. May the God of all comfort give courage and strength to all those who mourn.

Carbon Baptist Church,
Carbon, Alberta, Canada
WILLY R. MULLER, Pastor.

MR. HENRY JOHNSON of Shannon, Illinois.

Mr. Henry Johnson of Shannon, Ill., age 71, died suddenly, about 3:00 P.M. on January 5, 1956, while working in the back yard of his home. He was born at Loran, Ill., in Stephenson County, on February 17, 1884, the son of Abbot and Christine Johnson. Mr. Johnson accepted Christ as his personal Savior in his early youth and was baptized on Feb. 14, 1904 at the Baptist Church of Baileyville, by Rev. J. G. Draewell.

On May 14, 1905 he joined the First Baptist Church of Avon, South Dakota. On Feb. 22, 1906 Mr. Johnson was joined in marriage to the former Martha Oorlog of Avon, S. Dak., and they established their home in Avon and were engaged in farming for some time. This union was blessed of the Lord with 15 children, two of them preceding him in death.

In 1938 Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and family moved from South Dakota to Shannon, Ill., and joined the Baileyville Baptist Church on May 14, 1939. After several years of farming they retired to town. Mr. Johnson seemingly enjoyed good health and his sudden passing away was unexpected. The funeral service was held at the Baileyville Baptist Church on January 9, 1956.

Survivors include his wife, Martha; nine daughters: Henrietta, Mrs. Herbert Pudwill; Ella, Mrs. Otto Pudwill; and Dorothy, Mrs. Wayne Smith, all of Avon, S. Dak.; Minnie, Mrs. Morell Earnest, Shannon, Ill.; Verbena, Mrs. Norval Steinhausen, Beloit, Wis.; Viola, Mrs. LeRoy Burma, Baileyville, Ill.; Alma, Mrs. Charles Gassman, Freeport, Ill.; Mabel, Mrs. Lester Kielman, Baileyville, Ill.; Mordell, Mrs. Harold Hille, Free-

port, Ill.; four sons: Ed Johnson, Avon, S. Dak.; George, Henry, Jr., and Albert, all of Shannon, Ill.; two brothers: Albert, a twin brother, of Shannon, Ill., and Fred of Avon, S. Dak.; two sisters: Mrs. Henry Salier, of Forreston, Ill., and Mrs. Peter Mohlencamp of Shannon, Ill.; 33 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends.

Baileyville, Illinois
JOHN J. KROEKER, Pastor.

MRS. ROSE MARY MAXWELL of Waco, Texas.

Mrs. Rose Mary Stoermer Maxwell was born in Waco, Texas, on July 5, 1937, and had lived here all her life. She had attended and graduated from Sanger Elementary School and West Junior High School and had attended Waco High School. As a young girl, she had opened her heart to the Savior, and was baptized into the membership of the Central Baptist Church of Waco on November 6, 1949.

Mrs. Maxwell was critically burned at 1:11 P.M. on Saturday, March 24, as a result of a Butane gas explosion, and death came at 6:10 A.M. on Sunday, March 25, just eight hours before her first wedding anniversary. Survivors are her husband, Dennis R. Maxwell; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stoermer, Jr.; two brothers, Airman 3/c Freddy Stoermer of Germany; and Kenneth of Waco, Texas; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stoermer, Sr., of Waco, Texas; and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Clearman of Oglesby, Texas; besides a number of uncles, aunts, cousins, and many friends.

Funeral services were conducted from the Wilkerson-Hatch Funeral Home in Waco, with the Rev. Louis R. Johnson officiating, assisted by a neighbor of the Stoermer family, the Rev. S. A. Baker. Interment was in the Oakwood Cemetery. May God himself comfort the hearts of all who mourn this untimely death!

Central Baptist Church,
Waco, Texas
LOUIS R. JOHNSON, Pastor.

MRS. SARAH ERNESTINE MATZ of Bismarck, North Dakota.

Mrs. Sarah Ernestine Matz, nee Grosinske, of Bismarck, N. Dak., was born September 10, 1886 in North Freedom, Wisconsin. She was reared and received her education at her home town. In her childhood she attended services at the First Baptist Church there, and at the age of 16 she accepted the Lord as her personal Savior. Rev. Julius Kaaz baptized her upon her confession.

On June 4, 1914 she and Rev. Julius R. Matz were united in holy matrimony. Rev. Christian Dippel performed the ceremony. Their very happy married life was blessed by three children: Wilma, who preceded her mother into glory several years ago; Edna Lorene, now Mrs. Nathan Lufi of Randolph, Minn.; and Raymond, now residing at St. Louis Park, Minnesota.

It was Mrs. Matz' great joy to minister beside her husband in various capacities. She directed church choirs, taught Sunday School lessons and guided Ladies' Aid societies. Thus the following churches at Brady, Mont.; Tabor, Idaho; Ableman, Wis.; Rosefeld, N. Dak.; New Leipzig, N. Dak.; Hilda, Alta., Canada; and Randolph, Minn.; bless her name today.

Since Mr. and Mrs. Matz' coming to Bismarck, N. Dak., she too was a very faithful member of the Bismarck Baptist Church. Her sincere interest in the spiritual welfare of our church endeared her to our congregation. She also was a member of the Board of Directors of the Baptist Home of our city.

Since she was stricken ill several months ago, many prayers have been uttered in her behalf. The Lord, however, willed it that she go home for good. On Wednesday morning, March 7, her soul took flight in order to be with the redeemed in glory. We wish to express our deep sympathy to Rev. Julius R. Matz; his children; Mrs. N. Lufi and Mr. Raymond Matz; as well as three grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Burr Dickie of North Freedom, Wisconsin.

Funeral services were held at the Bismarck Baptist Church, with Rev. E. Broeckel and Rev. John E. Grygo bringing messages of condolence and cheer. Another service was held at the Baptist Church of North Freedom, Wis., with the pastor, Rev. R. Lawrenz, officiating. There, in North Freedom, her earthly remains were laid to rest on March 12, 1956.

Bismarck, North Dakota
JOHN E. GRYGGO, Pastor.

**The Late Rev. Daniel Klein
of North Dakota,
God's Humble Servant**

By Rev. HENRY LANG of Napoleon, N. Dak., in Behalf of the North Dakota Ministers' Institute

My acquaintance with Rev. Daniel Klein can be traced back to my early childhood memories. He with his family homesteaded in the Crow Rock, Mont., area where he served a small group of Christians, my parents being among them. My father, being only a few years older, but at the same time being an uncle to Brother Klein, sat together with him in school in the old country which brought about a very close friendship which lasted through many years.

Brother Klein, indeed, was a humble servant of God. He was willing to do everything in his own strength to further the Kingdom of God wherever he labored. He began his work in difficult fields and often said to me, "Henry, with God all things are possible." I am certain he believed that with all his heart and trusted God for guidance for every day.

Since my own entry into the Christian ministry, Mr. Klein has been a very intimate friend and co-laborer to whom one could go for consolation. I had the personal honor and privilege to work with him as student pastor for two consecutive summers. My ministry has been richer because of the benefits of his humble guidance. I shall never forget his helpfulness and wise counseling in those blundering student days.

In the 37 years of his ministry in the various churches of our confer-

ences, his record will show that he served well. His humble spirit was the channel of blessing to many a sick soul who needed the help of a praying servant of God. The statement made at his funeral service by a pastor of another denomination portrays his spirit when he said, "I can only say that Brother Klein burned out his soul for God." Only a humble servant of God could receive such praise. May God bless those who mourn his passing with a memory of a servant, who lived and served, well-pleasing in God's sight.

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Today's Needs," "Practical Calling-Visitation Today," "Practical Witnessing—Soul Winning," and "Evangelism."

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Robert F. Penner, Reporter.

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● On Palm Sunday evening, March 25, a baptismal service was held at the Riverview Church, St. Paul, Minn.,

in which the members and pastor of the Randolph Baptist Church also participated. Rev. Donald Patet of Randolph, Minn., brought the message. Sixteen converts were baptized by Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom for the Riverview Church and two converts from Randolph were baptized. On Easter Sunday evening, April 1st, an Easter Musical was presented by the choir to a large congregation at the Riverview Church. Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom read appropriate Scripture passages between musical numbers. Mr. Al Ahlquist is director of the choir, and Milford Carlson is the organist.

● On Easter Sunday afternoon, April 1st, the German Baptist Church of Toronto, held a baptismal service in the College Street Baptist Church building with Rev. Philipp Scherer, pastor, baptizing seven converts. At the communion service that followed these and four others were received into the church's fellowship. On Sunday afternoon, April 8, Dr. M. L. Leuschner, editor of the "Baptist Herald" brought a message to a large congregation that taxed the capacity of the small chapel of the German Baptist Church. Afterwards the audience moved into the large sanctuary, which was not quite completed at that time, and held the first service there with the showing of several films on the Bansa Hospital in the Cameroons, the Baptist World Congress in London, England, and a tour of Austria and other European countries.

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