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**Our Home and God**  
**Pages From a Missionary's Diary**



# March of Events

1 The Bible continues to be the most widely translated book in the world, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization reported in New York, N. Y., in the seventh volume of its library on translations. UNESCO said that 21,676 Bible translations were published in 43 countries during 1954.

2 Dr. John R. Mott, Methodist layman and leader in many world movements, will be memorialized in a million-dollar fund planned by the YMCA. Dr. Mott, who died Jan. 31, 1955, was an executive of the YMCA from the late 1890's until 1928. He continued his interest in the YMCA throughout his life and was honorary life president of the World's Alliance of the YMCA.

3 The desk at which President Eisenhower wrote his famous Inaugural Day prayer now is part of his office furniture in the White House, Washington, D. C. The White House recently disclosed that the President ordered it placed opposite his desk in the large oval-shaped office from which he directs the nation's affairs. Mr. Eisenhower sat at the desk in his Hotel Statler suite on the morning of Jan. 20, 1953, and composed the prayer in longhand. Conrad Hilton, hotel owner, gave the desk to the President together with an engraved copy of the prayer. The presentation was made Feb. 2 at the annual prayer breakfast sponsored by International Christian Leadership.

4 The "desperately serious" need throughout Asia for "intelligently prepared and edited religious material" was described to members of the Protestant Church-Owned Publishers' Association at their meeting in Kansas City, Mo., in March by Roy L. Smith, retired Methodist publishing agent. Dr. Smith, now of La Jolla, Calif., recently completed a tour of southeast Asia. People there told him, he said, that the Christians have been teaching people to read, but now the Communists are furnishing them with reading matters. "It is not enough to send missionaries, foreign aid and Point Four supplies," said Dr. Smith. "There is a desperate struggle on for the mind of the Orient, and the place of the publisher is an extremely critical one."

5 The Dead Sea Scrolls will be studied at the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill., summer school this year. Beginning June 18, summer school will work its way through two three-week sessions—June 18 to July 6; July 9 to 27. "It is designed to sharpen

the wits, provide an opportunity for serious Bible study and practical Christian work," said Dr. S. Maxwell Coder, dean of education. Anyone from pastors and teachers to office secretaries, from "furloughing" missionaries to housewives can enroll. Tuition is free. The Dead Sea Scrolls is an intriguing new topic this year. Dr. Charles Pfeiffer will be lecturing on the Dead Sea Scrolls from the point of view of their historical perspective, the value of the Biblical and non-Biblical scrolls in Bible study.

6 Every 40 days a shipload of five to six hundred Japanese immigrants en route to Brazil makes a stop-over in Los Angeles, California. Before the vessel leaves on the final 30-day leg of its journey southward, a gift package for every man, woman, and child on the passenger list—together with several hundred bales of clothing is put on board. The gifts are the newest experiment in international friendship of Church World Service, international refugee relief, and re-

## Baptist Briefs

7 Baylor University of Waco, Texas, site of the 1955 General Conference of the North American Baptist General Conference, largest Baptist college in the world, announces that its physical assets have more than doubled in the past eight years. They are now valued at \$32,307,415.

8 One out of three "white" Baptist churches of the state of Massachusetts has Negroes in attendance or participating, according to a study made in 1955 of the 221 churches. Further analysis of the facts reveals that 38 per cent of these churches have Negroes in places of leadership.

9 Queen Elizabeth conferred the Member of the British Empire award during her three-weeks' visit to Nigeria, West Africa, upon Southern Baptist Missionary teacher Josephine Scaggs of Joinkrama. Miss Scaggs is the third missionary of that board in Nigeria to receive the MBE award, and the seventh to be honored with special recognition by the British.

10 Belgian Baptist work among the Poles in Liege, Belgium, is an encouraging feature. The church was organized among coal miners, brought from Poland, with their families, after the first world war. The group is highly

### CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

Today there are about 25,000 missionaries in the whole world—10,000 less than there were some years ago. Do we realize that this is just a few more persons than it takes to make up one division of soldiers in most armies?

What about money? Just the price of one day's fighting in World War II would pay for six years of continuous missionary work.

So fantastically much for destruction! So pitifully little for redemption! —The Pioneer.

habilitation agency. Local councils of churches and ministerial associations are helping to collect the clothing and are contributing money for the gifts. An estimated 9,000 Japanese are migrating to Brazil each year in their government's latest attempt to find a solution to the problems of poverty and over-population on the Japanese Islands. Of the 9,000, 5,000 are selected by the Government. Three thousand go at the invitation of relatives who have preceded them to Brazil and an additional several hundred are returning for a second time.

evangelistic, and is the largest of the seven Baptist churches in Belgium. It has a membership of 87, and steps are being taken to build a church.

11 Former Missionary to Burma Roger W. Getz, who was forced out of his mission post in 1950 by civil war, has been appointed president of Bacone (Indian-American) College and superintendent of the Murrow Indian Children's Home in Muskogee, Okla., by the American Baptist Home Mission Boards. Mr. Getz has been farm manager and instructor in agriculture at Bacone since 1951, and college administrator since last August.

12 Japan Baptist Theological Seminary at Fukuoka, Japan, on the southern island, Kyushu, dedicated a new, three-story, \$100,000 classroom, library and chapel building on the new campus in the country three miles from Seinan Gakuin. Orient Secretary J. Winston Crawley of the Southern (USA) Baptist Foreign Mission Board preached the dedicatory sermon. The modern dormitory building has been in use since 1951.

13 Central Philippine University, Baptist school in Iloilo, Philippine Islands, sponsored by the American (Continued on Page 13)

# Editorial

## Life's Tapestry

LIFE FOR EACH ONE of us is a tapestry made up of many threads. We are constantly weaving in this business of life. Some of the threads are as bright as our experiences on cloudless days; others are as drab as our paths across which somber shadows have fallen. But as we grow older, the pattern of this tapestry comes into view. Then we see the things we should have done and have left undone.

"But through each life run threads of red and gold  
Which, rightly woven with the dull and grey,  
Make up a pattern lovely to behold,  
And we may rest content at close of day,  
Knowing that God still lives and all is right  
As darkness turns to glowing inner light."

As we look at this tapestry of life, we see that there have been all kinds of experiences, good and bad, that have gone into the woven pattern. We recognize the influences for good and for ill that have exerted their power upon us. But we remember most vividly the sweetest experiences and the best influences in this tapestry of our pilgrimage. In that setting MOTHER always shines the brightest. She has woven the golden threads into our lives. Her touch upon us will never lose its glow or color. The memories associated with her loving ministry in our behalf add indescribable beauty to our life's tapestry.

We must always remember that many gifts of life have been given to us to use. There are the talents and capacities entrusted to us. They have come unbidden and unmerited from our homes, our parents, our heritage, our environment. The sad commentary of many of our lives is that we have used only a few of these gifts and invested only a portion of these talents. But the question always remains, "What was the inspiration that impelled you to a greater use of these gifts and talents?" The answer is often to be found in the inspiration of our mothers, who encouraged us and directed us to greater heights, to pioneer fields, to a maximum effort in a service of life. The words of Abraham Lincoln as a tribute to his mother will be quoted frequently on Mother's Day because it has a familiar ring in our souls: "All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother."

In life there are many guideposts which we pass and many lights that try to catch our attention. We become like the things which we love, like the ideals that serve as the compass of our lives. Blessed are those children whose mother has turned their faces to God, to the glory of his Word, to the saving grace in Christ as Redeemer. Madame Chiang Kai Shek tells us about the time in her life when she was in the depths of despair and had a feeling of human inadequacy: "I was driven back to my mother's God. Now God speaks to me in prayer. I wait to feel his leading, as his guidance means certainty."

In the picture of life's tapestry Mother's face shines brightly and beautifully. She has woven the threads of gold into our days and has shown us the pattern of what our lives ought to be, "well pleasing unto God."

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Mrs. Mildred Schneider, missionary and mother at the New Hope Settlement in the Cameroons, would like to present a bouquet of lovely African flowers to every Christian mother in our churches, especially to those who so faithfully remember the Cameroons Baptist Mission in their prayers and with White Cross gifts.

## We Nominate Our Mother of the Year



Three Tributes Among a Legion  
of Possible Testimonies to the  
Glory of Christian Mothers

### Mrs. Emil Glewwe of Minnesota

By MRS. ELMER C. STANKE of St. Paul, Minnesota

WE NOMINATE our Mother, Mrs. Emil Glewwe of Sunfish Lake, Minn., as "Mother of the Year." Mother's name is the name of a flower—Lily—proud symbol of purity, grace, and beauty. She has made the flowers bloom, not only in her garden, but in her heart and in the hearts of others.

"Mother's like a lily fair,  
Pure as the driven snow;  
No defiling thing is there  
In her heart, I know.  
Only holy purposes  
Can abide where Mother is."

One of Mother's favorite hobbies is flowers. As a very young child I recall how early in the morning she would plant the flower beds and borders around the house which later bloomed with all their beauty and fragrance. It was the work of God, and the patient toil on Mother's part that brought forth such an array of beauty!

#### LOVE FOR FLOWERS

So, too, she implanted in my life the love for flowers. Flowers have been a joy to her life. We, as daughters, feel that even as flowers are expressive of the beauty of God, so also are they expressive of the beauty of the Motherhood we have had.

Mother shares these beautiful flowers with many—the sick, the shut-ins—and especially hers has been a ministry of flowers in her church at the Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minnesota. These lovely flowers are

a silent witness in praise to God's beautiful handiwork and of his love for us.

Blessed be my mother, who in her godliness, unselfishness, patience, and love pointed out the way for us six daughters to go. "Train up a child"—and so she did. All six daughters are active in the Lord's work; five are active members in our denomination of the North American Baptist Conference in Minnesota and Iowa. The Lord's work has always come first for the family.

Going to church and Sunday School has been a family affair, as together, at a very early age, we sat in the house



Mrs. Emil Glewwe of Sunfish Lake, Minn., mother of six North American Baptist daughters.

of worship, listening to the choir, the singing of hymns, and praying. In the atmosphere of holiness we were taught reverence and learned to love God.

#### SPIRITUAL INSPIRATION

It was early in our youth and in Sunday School that we learned "More About Jesus." We were nurtured to grow in grace and truth and some day to be pillars in our own churches just as our parents have been these many years so faithful in the work of the Lord. Mother has been an inspiration to us in our own homes. Now that we have been blessed with little ones, we cherish more than ever these fine qualities of Motherhood.

Because God knows each one of us  
Needs love and tender care—  
Because he knows the longings  
Of his children—everywhere—  
Because he understands the strength  
Stout hearts can give to others,  
And what unflinching love can mean,  
He blessed the world  
With Mothers!

So on this Mothers' Day we thank God for all Mothers—for praying Mothers and for Mothers who bear their hardships sweetly. May God bless our "Mom" and all Mothers whose lives of service and whose training and example promise, according to God's Word, sons and daughters who will in turn "glorify God and enjoy him forever."

The six daughters are: Mrs. Harold Hunt, Anoka, Minn.; Mrs. Elmer Stanke, St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. Ted Hirsch, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. Karl Krueger, Hutchinson, Minn.; Mrs. John Vanderbeck, Elgin, Iowa; and Miss Doris Glewwe, St. Paul, Minn.

### Mrs. Rose Wolff of North Dakota

By REV. M. WOLFF of Gackle, North Dakota

WHEN MY FATHER CAME to Grand Forks, N. Dak., little did he know he was soon to meet his Lord. My Mother was left a widow with six children to bring up. My oldest brother was twelve and I was the youngest—four months old. Mother with the help of the Lord and a number of wonderful people managed to keep us fed, clothed and housed until we all grew up.

#### A PRAYER WARRIOR

Mother is a real prayer warrior, in fact, that is my earliest recollection of her. The seven of us would kneel around her bed for prayer—she would say a phrase or sentence and we would repeat after her. I can also remember times when she thought she was alone, and she would pray for each of her children.

I especially remember her prayer that God would give her life and health at least until I was old enough to take care of myself. A fellow doesn't forget things like that, even though there were times in my later teens when I tried to forget. Somehow Mother's prayer had a way of catching up with me. Many of the children in our neighborhood had more than we did in a material way, but we had a praying mother.

Not only did she pray, but she was always busy helping other folks who were in need. Many times we would come home from school or work and find a note on the kitchen table, telling us she was at Mrs. So-and-so's be-



Mrs. Rose Wolff of Grand Forks, N. Dak., a pastor's widow, beloved by her family, the Grace Church of Grand Forks and a large "family" of friends.

cause she was sick and we would find our supper in the oven.

Once I told her that I thought her first obligation was to her family. She answered very quietly, "Son, I cared for you through these many years and you're able to care for yourself on occasions like this, but Mrs. S. is sick and not able to care for her home." This was a good lesson for me.

When the neighbors came over to borrow her clothes pins, clothes rack, roaster, etc.—there were times when

the neighbors used them more than she was able to, for so often they were not at home to be used—she never turned them down. During the hard years when we had very little ourselves, she never turned down a tramp when he came begging for food.

Often we complained about her being so good to others when we had so little ourselves. We were selfish; she wasn't. We were concerned about our own well-being; she knew the Lord would provide for our needs. Mother never had much in a material way. She still doesn't have much, but she has laid up treasures in heaven.

#### ROSE WOLFF MEMORIAL

The Lord and his Church always came first for her. Come rain or shine, snow or cold, Mrs. Wolff and her pack of Wolffs were in church. For many years she served her Lord as Sunday School teacher, president of the Woman's Mission Society, and any place where she was able to help. She was founder of the younger ladies organization called the Dorcas Club and later she organized the young girls into an organization called, "The Searchlights." Both are functioning to this day. The women of the Grand Forks church have set up a Rose Wolff Memorial Project. It is wonderful that they honor her in such a fine way while she is still with us.

Mother at 72 years is still so active that it amazes us. The Lord has been good to her and good to me for giving me the privilege of having such a wonderful Christian mother. When the Lord calls her home I'm sure she'll hear these words. "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

### Mrs. Gus Bansemer of California

By MRS. CLYDE JOHNSTON of Northridge, California

IN OUR CHURCHES, all over the country, there are many dear Christian mothers who are worthy of being nominated "THE MOTHER OF THE YEAR." I would like to pay tribute to all of them, and may this, HER DAY, be a blessed one!

A Christian mother is one whom we are always happy to honor. On this MOTHER'S Day of 1956, I am proud of this opportunity to nominate my own dear mother, Mrs. Gus Bansemer of Los Angeles, Calif., for this honored title.

#### WORTHY OF ALL HONOR

"She openeth her mouth with wisdom and her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed, her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done worthily, but thou excellest them all" (Proverbs 31). Yes it is just such a mother that is worthy of being "The Mother of the Year."

Mother's courage and exemplary Christian life have been a constant guiding force in our family throughout the years. It took courage and faith in God for mother to leave her family in Europe and to embark upon the voyage that brought her to North Dakota to join my father. She didn't realize when she left her loved ones overseas that she would never see them again, or I am sure that the choice would have even been a harder one to make.

At that time a new beginning was a very difficult task, even in these wonderful United States. Mother uncomplainingly helped work in every way she could in order to provide for a growing family. They made friends quickly in Underwood, N. Dak.—wonderful friends—in the fellowship of the North American Baptists.

As I look back upon cherished memories of childhood, our church was always the most important factor in our lives. We were reared in a God-fearing home, often rebelling at the

strictness and what we termed—"rigid rules." I remember, also, that in Lodi, Calif., and later in Los Angeles, Calif., mother was never too busy to have family devotions before we went to school. She had the privilege of seeing all of her children accept Christ as their personal Savior. Yes—I would nominate a consecrated, praying mother for this honored title, "THE MOTHER OF THE YEAR."

#### A WONDERFUL INFLUENCE

Because of delicate health, mother has not been able to be as active in the Los Angeles church as she was in North Dakota and Lodi, California. Nevertheless, her every thought and concern are always for the good of the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church. Her beautiful flowers, which she grows especially for the church, have made many people happy—for mother's name is synonymous with flowers. When she is asked, "How can you grow such beautiful flowers?" her answer is this, "I plant them, but God makes them grow."

Due to mother's untiring effort and guidance, she has kept our family together in the church. Her four  
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Heaven moves into our homes when we read the Bible!

## Heaven Moves Into Our Homes



By DR. RICHARD A. ELVEE,  
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IT WAS a blessed day when Jesus Christ graced a wedding feast by his presence in Cana of Galilee. Here he performed the first of his mighty miracles. Here he demonstrated his interest in the everyday living of men and women.

It was another great day when as a result of the Reformation the Bible no longer was kept chained to pulpits in churches but was read by the common man at an altar of prayer in his own living room. Someone has well said, "Environment is man's second chance." You cannot do much about the color of your hair, the shape of your face, the stride in your walk, or the inherited tendencies that you have received from your forefathers, but you certainly can do something about the environment of your home.

### BIBLE CENTERED HOME

If a home is to experience the blessing that flows from Jesus Christ, it will be a Bible centered home. No one can estimate the dividends that are received for time and eternity when father and mother, sons and daughters, gather around and look into this, the Source Book of all wisdom. Following the reading or quoting together of the Word of God by a time of prayer in which each member of the family participates will produce the tie that will indeed bind hearts and lives together.

Heaven moves into our homes when we read the Bible. With Christ the center of your life, kneeling at a common altar, dwelling in the Savior's love, speaking a language all of you understand, and having the hope in your hearts of which neither is ashamed, this makes for a home with harmony and peace and happiness. Plan for it. Pray for it. Prepare for it.

As someone has said, "Harmony can only be obtained by establishing unity of a higher order where the original problem is not solved, but dismissed." This higher unity for the Christian home is found in the Bible. Fortunately that home where father and mother and children can kneel before an undivided altar and dismiss their problems in the presence of a loving, prayer-hearing God "with whom can be no variation neither shadow that is cast by turning" (James 1:17, RV).

A Bible reading home is an intelligent home. Bible reading in your home will help you to live intelligently. "When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee" (Proverbs 2:10-11).

Man seems to know more today about everything else than he does about himself. Without doubt, the greatest art is the art of living, and the application of a little Biblical intelligence in the average home would transform it from a dog house to a palace. The Bible is the Source Book of spiritual power. It will help you to fight against any force or evil, or habit, carelessness or negligence that would separate you in spirit and in love.

### A HOME OF KIND DEEDS

This Biblically intelligent living would make a home that allows for the free play of affection between father and mother and parents and children, a home which will be full of kind deeds, a home which constantly will have gentle and affectionate words and speeches, "Tis a word that's quickly spoken which, being restrained, a heart is broken."

A Bible reading home is a joyful home. With the Bible as the center of

your home, you will live joyfully. In Proverbs we read, "Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth, and be thou ravished always with her love." And again, Ecclesiastes tells us, "Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, for that is thy portion in this life and in thy labor which thou takest under the sun." There is no book which sends forth such streams of joy to the human heart as the Bible. The reality of this experience will bring joyful living to the home. It has its effects upon our tempers and our speech, and this in turn will affect those who live with us.

The attitudes of others are many times the reflection of our own. I think of that little boy standing on the edge of the woods shouting, "Hello," and a voice returned, "Hello." Then he shouted, "Who are you?" and the voice returned, "Who are you?" Then he said, "Why don't you come out?" and the voice returned, "Come out."

Finally he grew somewhat angry with the voice out of the woods and said, "I'll fight you." The voice returned, "Fight you."

He ran home and told his mother about the mean boy in the woods, and his mother suggested that perhaps he should stand at the edge of the woods and say, "I love you." This he did, and the response came back from the voice in the woods, "I love you."

### LIVING RIGHTEOUSLY

A Bible reading home is a righteous home. The Bible in your home will cause you to live righteously. Even old age can be faced with joy when one realizes that, "The hoary head is a crown of glory if it be found in the way of righteousness." Yes, gray hairs

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## Our Home and God

By FRANK CARLSON of Washington, D.C., Senator from Kansas

"Blessed are they who build families  
For they are the builders of the world."

Leland Foster Wood.

THE HOME IS the basic unit of our society and someone has truly said, "As goes the home, so goes the nation."

Far too often parents have left the responsibility of the early training of their children to the church, the public school and the community.

While the above-mentioned institutions and agencies are important in the life of our children, the childhood training in a home determines largely the adult life of the individual.

### FAMILY ALTAR

The fundamental responsibility of every father and mother is the nurture of the religious life in the home. Fortunate indeed is the child that is nurtured in a home where the family altar is preserved in the worship of their heavenly Father. As these children grow and reach adolescent age, they will have a knowledge of their Creator and an abiding faith in their Lord and Savior. These will serve as an anchor and be of inestimable value when trials and temptations beset them—as they most certainly will.

Some years ago a very prominent man told me how important he felt

the early home training and Sunday School had been in helping his own son through the age period of fourteen to eighteen years. This man stated that if our young people have the background to get through this period, we can feel that their future is secure. This has been my personal observation.

Not only that, I am deeply indebted to my parents, who have gone to their heavenly reward, for the early training in a Christian home—for the hours my mother spent in giving me instruction in the Scriptures—for their parental prayers and for a home where the atmosphere was conducive for the development of Christian character.

### SPIRITUAL IDEALS

While it is true that there have been many changes in our home life within the last fifty years, the fact remains that the stability of our economic, social, and religious life still depends on the family affections and a devotion to spiritual ideals.

If we are to continue to enjoy the heritage left us by those who have given us this great nation, we must again restore the family altars in the home and give our children and their children the same sound, fundamental Christian training for which we are indebted to those who have gone before. We break faith with them and with God if we do less.

## Building With the Bible

By DR. CLYDE N. NARRAMORE, Consulting Psychologist,  
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ONE TIME I HEARD a wealthy man and his wife say, "We are doing our best for our sons and daughter, but it is not our intention to leave them a financial fortune."

Naturally, I was surprised to hear such a statement, and I listened as they continued their explanation: "We have spent much time with our children, enjoying every minute with them. We have given them partial financial support through school, and we have led each one of them to the Lord Jesus Christ. We have taught them the Word of God. They are prepared for life."

It is surely true that when a person knows Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, and is instructed in the ways of the Bible, he is prepared for life. These are IMPORTANT things!

We are living in days of big business. Wheels are frantically whizzing around, producing items not by the dozens but by the millions. But for parents the greatest business of all is leading sons and daughters to a sav-

ing knowledge of Christ, and daily instructing them in the things of God!

How lamentable that so many men and women succeed at building a business or a reputation, but fail miserably at building a home. Parents who neglect their families, however successful they may be before the world, are failures before God.

"How," you may ask, "do you build a home?" The best way is for parents to know the Word of God themselves, then teach it to their children. "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" (Deuteronomy 6:6-7).

For good mental health, for joy, and stability, there is nothing like the Word of God.

When we build our homes with the Bible, we not only give our family members the best in the world, but eternal life — HEAVEN TOO!

### NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

National Family Week will be observed by many evangelical churches from May 6 to 13, 1956. The theme for this year is "Building With the Bible in the Home." The inspirational articles appearing on this page and page 6 were prepared under the auspices of the National Sunday School Association with Rev. Clate A. Risley as general secretary.

### HEAVEN MOVES INTO OUR HOMES

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may come as they have to grandpa and grandma sitting around the dining room table, but how blessed it is to know that old or young, the Bible causes us to live righteously!

The Psalmist has said, "These that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our Lord. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age. They shall be fat and flourishing."

When I was a boy, we sang the Psalms, and one psalm I shall never forget.

"Bless the man that feareth Jehovah,  
Walking ever in his ways,  
By thy toil thou shalt be prospered,  
And be happy all thy days.

"In thy wife thou shalt have glad-

ness,  
She shall fill thy house with good;  
Happy in her loving service,  
And the joys of motherhood.

"Joyful children, sons and daughters  
Shall about thy table meet,  
Olive plants, in strength and beauty  
Full of hope and promise sweet."

### MRS. GUS BANSEMER

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daughters sing in the choir, and together with the sons-in-law and grandchildren, all are active members. The Fifteenth Street Baptist Church, of which the Rev. E. Mittelstedt is the pastor, has been a wonderful influence and inspiration in the life of our family.

The poem on page 14 to my mother also expresses my thoughts as well as the thoughts of each member of my family—for we all nominate her "OUR MOTHER OF THE YEAR."

### TRIBUTE TO MOTHER

"A mother is the only woman on earth who can divide her love among ten children, and each child still have all her love."

The sweetest sounds to mortals  
given  
Are heard in Mother, Home, and  
Heaven.





Missionary Margaret Kittlitz and Evangelist Abel Gaduma holding an out-of-door service (left) in a new village in the Banso area, West Africa; and (right) Margaret Kittlitz with Missionaries Deiores Henne (left to right), Laura Reddig, Marjorie Lou Lawrence and Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer at the 1955 General Conference sessions in Waco, Texas.

## Pages From a Missionary's Diary

A missionary returns to the Cameroons, West Africa

By Miss Margaret Kittlitz, Missionary-nurse

**NOV. 17**—Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer, Laura Reddig, and I boarded the "R.M.S. Queen Mary" about mid-morning. The tourist class cabins are tiny, so that by the time we had stored suitcases, boxes of fruit and candy and other paraphernalia, brought along to fill long idle days, there was scarcely room for a happy puppy to wag his tail.

### OCEAN VOYAGE

Nov 22—The rest of the ship makes up in spaciousness what the cabins lack. After all, one doesn't need much room for sleeping. The days are spent wandering about the ship, reading in the lounge, listening to concerts by the ship's orchestra, also writing a letter or two in the library. Sunday there was a Church of England service, presided over by the ship's captain. It consisted in reading various Scripture passages and prayers from the "Book of Common Prayers," the chanting of Psalms by the congregation and responsive readings. One watched one's neighbor in order to know when to stand or when to sit.

In the evening the group of missionaries on board had a service which was more like the kind to which we are accustomed and proved a real blessing. The morning service was held in the First Class lounge and after the service we wandered about the "halls," window shopping.

The weather was not too inviting for deck games. However, the ocean was not too rough, so the fish waiting in the ocean went hungry for the most part. Tomorrow we land in Southampton, England.

Nov. 23—Immigration officers came aboard the ship and looked over everyone's passport. Then the landing and

the long wait in customs. Our agent helped us wonderfully. Without him we might have found it very expensive to get all our baggage through England to Southampton, for everything would have had to be bonded and that costs money.

The "boat train" which we caught just in the nick of time was crowded. Stewards were rushing up and down the aisles, stumbling over people's feet trying to meet the many demands for "tea."

We had an interesting conversation with a girl from India. She had been in the States studying medicine and is going home to be married. Her interpretation of mission work in India was enlightening. Her view is that the missionaries "bribed the poor people in order to get their following." The idea that the love of Christ constrains people to help the unfortunate seems entirely foreign to her. She is a staunch Hindu.

### SIGHTS IN LONDON

Nov. 15—We saw the sights of London. There was Buckingham Palace with the "Changing of the Guard," a bit drab this time of year, for the lovely red coats were covered by winter coats of grey. Westminster Abbey was a bit disappointing. From history books one had gained the idea that only the historically famous are buried in its precincts, but there were graves of all kinds of people, no doubt, in some way connected with royalty or statesmen.

Madame Tussauds Wax Works were a bit eerie. I walked up to the reception desk to ask directions and found that the receptionist was a wax figure. The same was true of the policeman at the head of the stairs. President

Eisenhower smiled at me amid a group of other presidents and statesmen. All in all, London was a pleasant experience.

This morning we came by train to Liverpool. Nov. 26—Liverpool is cold. There is no steam heat in the hotel. Some rooms have electric heaters into which one can drop fourteen cents every two hours or so. Mine is "heated" by the hot water pipes, which do not add to the cost of the room.

Nov. 30—We've been glad for the chance to do a bit of additional shopping. It seems that one buys out the stores in the States and then still finds things that "will come in very handy" once one arrives in the bush of Africa. A huge cathedral that has been in the process of being built for about one hundred years is one of Liverpool's show places. It leaves one gasping at its masonry and beautiful altar, while at the same time wondering what is accomplished by putting such huge sums of money into cold stone. Two hand-engraved books, listing the names of those who died in the two World Wars cost more than our Banso Hospital in Africa.

### ARRIVAL IN AFRICA

This morning we boarded the little banana boat, "Nicoya," for the last lap of our journey. It still seems like a dream that we are actually on the way to the Cameroons. The trip will take about 14 days.

Dec. 14—Early morning. We have been seeing the coast line of Victoria on the radar screen. We landed about 10 o'clock, being lowered into a lighter by "mammy chair," my first experience in one of those "vehicles." It took all day to get our baggage unloaded. Small banana boats do not

have the quick and easy escalator type platforms of unloading. The customs people were slow but in a generous mood and all went well.

We feel the heat of Victoria after the cold of England. Five o'clock finds us at the mission house in Victoria with George and Alma Henderson. From this high point we can look across Amba Bay and see the little boat which carried us to our destination.

Dec. 15—We went to the new Kingsway Store, very new and modern, to buy some groceries to tide us over until our cargo can be transported upland. Late afternoon we were on the road upland. We are staying at Kumba tonight.

### MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

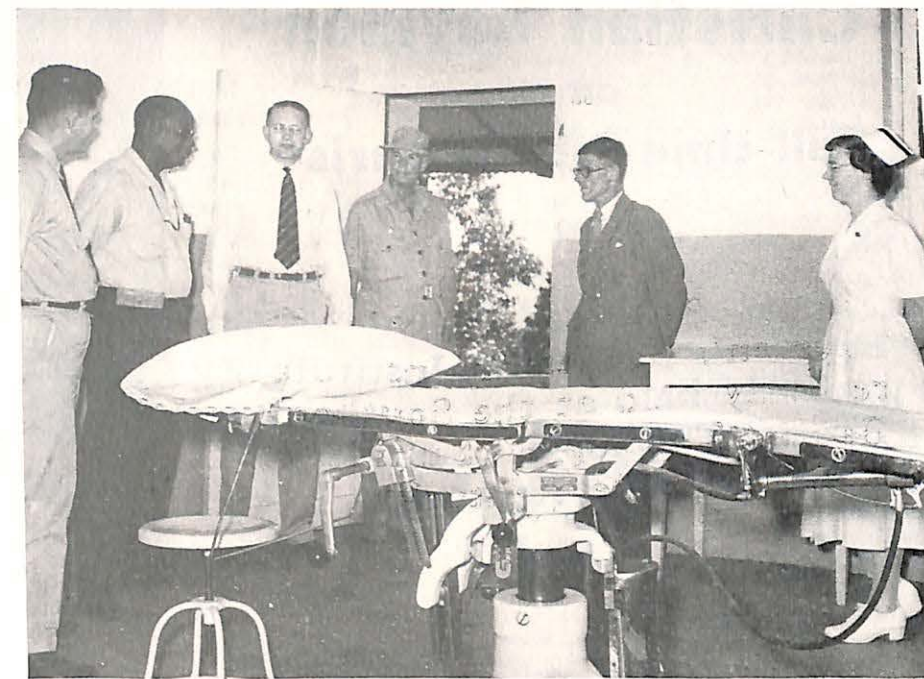
Dec. 16—Arrival at Bamenda, after driving all day from Kumba, that is, from about six in the morning until almost seven in the evening. We were just in time for supper and the opening session of the Annual Missionary Conference.

Dec. 23—Banso. Arrived late last evening with the Chaffees and Minnie Kuhn. The Annual Missionary Conference was one of the finest I've attended. There was a wonderful spirit of unity and many incidents occurred to show that most of us have grown in our outlook as well as in our spiritual life. They were blessed days spent in the company of fellow-missionaries!

Minnie Kuhn returned to Mbem today. I went down to the hospital to look around and found myself caught in a whirlwind of work. Banso Hospital is going full swing. No time for dilly-dallying. The wards are full of men, women and children. Many of the African nurses are away on vacations, leaving us a bit understaffed. It means that the missionary-nurse has to help out with taking temperatures and giving treatments, besides taking care of supplies and the other dozen and one things which are necessary to keep the hospital running smoothly. Having just one missionary-nurse here for a whole year has left its marks, although it is very noticeable that "she has done what she could."

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Dec. 24—Sitting on the floor, in an untidy house, surrounded by trunks and boxes, I am ever so glad that the "Christmas Spirit" does not depend on externals like trees and decorations. One item brightens the somberness of the untidy house. It is the angel chimes picked up in England, easily packed in a suitcase. They tinkle a merry tune as the heat of the candles swings the angels round and round. They echo the merry tune which I hum somewhat under my breath. (With the hoarse throat I have from the dry season dust, I wouldn't dare hum out loud; it would frighten the cat!)



—Photo by Federal Information Service of Nigeria

Members of a United Nations (U.N.O.) Mission inspect "the operating theatre" of the Banso Baptist Hospital in the Cameroons.

Left to right: Mr. Edward W. Mulcahy, member of Mission; Mr. Max Dorsinville, chairman; Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee, medical missionary; Mr. Frank Cottrell, principal secretary to Mission; Mr. J. Brayne-Baker, deputy commissioner in the Cameroons; and Miss Ardice Ziolkowski, missionary-nurse.

I am happy because it's Christmas Eve and because once more it is my privilege to tell the story of Christmas to those who have not heard, or having heard, have not quite grasped the significance of God's love for the world and must be told again, and yet again.

I am happy, too, because I have seen the growth of the "young church" in the Cameroons, expressed in the Christmas program at the church this evening. It was definitely African, with very little of the "white man's touch," if any. Herod was there, being saluted by his Counsellors like any African chief. The "Chief's" messenger, announcing the coming taxation of the people, was real in every way.

The Wise Men brought the traditional chief's gift of firewood to the Infant Jesus. (In their excitement they also carried it away again.) The wailing of the women, when it was announced that Herod was putting all male infants to death, was almost too realistic. The flight to Egypt was exciting and noisy. The whole thing was

### MISSIONARY LITERATURE

A large new map of the Cameroons Baptist Mission fields in West Africa, prepared and illustrated by Prof. George A. Dunger, is now available without charge. All churches and mission societies should have this map!

A new illustrated leaflet on the Banso Baptist Hospital in the Cameroons, West Africa, written by Missionary Ardice Ziolkowski, can also be secured from the headquarters office, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois.

done in the language of Nsaw. Although one understood few of the words the dramatization was so realistic that the story was easily followed.

The program was too long, so it is to be continued at the church services tomorrow.

### BACK AT BANSO

Feb. 26—Now, after two months back at Banso, my house is a bit more tidy and has begun to take on the semblance of home. The treads of the living room drapes are stuck up with adhesive tape, thanks to our women who have sent an adequate supply. Unpacking and storing were done at intervals that could be spared from hospital routine.

I am "at home!" In fact, I have never felt that I was away for over a year. It seemed more like having been away for a few weeks on a "local leave." Daily I am thankful for those who have prayed for me and kept faith alive in my heart when my only prayer was, "Lord, help my unbelief." It is a joy to see the spiritual growth of the young Christians here. The Word of the Lord is spreading beyond all expectations. There are now six churches in Banso area, most of them having been started through the witnessing of the Christians here at Banso.

I found a paraphrase of Romans 8:28, which comes to my mind over and over. "We know that in everything GOD WORKS with those who love him, whom he has called in accordance with his purpose, to bring about what is good."



# Christian Laymen on a Full-time Job for Christ



## Report of the Laymen's Leadership Institute recently held at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky



Mr. Walter W. Grosser of Oak Park, Ill., Baptist layman, moderator of the North American Baptist General Conference and a former vice-president of the American Bible Society, addresses a Bible Society banquet in Chicago. Mr. Grosser was invited to the Laymen's Institute in Louisville, Ky., but could not attend because of previous commitments.

SOME TWO HUNDRED and seventy-five Christian laymen from all over the United States and Canada assembled at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., on the evening of January 12 for what was to be the first such gathering in this country. The laymen invited to this conference were of many denominations but were all of one purpose—the increased activity of the Christian laymen in our world today.

On the first evening the meeting was open to the general public and the Alumni Memorial Chapel was filled to capacity. In charge of this particular session of the institute was Mr. Charles E. Curry, Kansas City, Mo., president of the Home Federal Savings and Loan Association. Mr. Curry was one of the laymen responsible for the organization of this institute and the successful planning that made such a meeting possible. He advised the group at the outset that the response to this Laymen's Leadership Institute had been tremendous. The committee had received many requests for admittance to the institute, but they had to be turned down due to the limited facilities available, and also due to the nature of the program to be presented.

### LAYMEN AS SOUL WINNERS

The first speaker for this session was 71 year old Horace H. Hull, Memphis, Tenn., president of the world's largest Ford Car Distributorship and an active Presbyterian layman. He testified to soul winning experiences, outlining case histories of persons he helped to bring Christ. Mr. Hull showed how through good Christian understanding and sympathy a layman can bring another person to the great fellowship of the Church. His most touching example was the story of the winning of his own business partner into the fellowship of Christianity.

Dr. Duke McCall, Seminary president, and Evangelist Billy Graham welcomed the laymen to this institute, and together they explained the tremendous work of the laymen from the conception of this idea of the institute until its reality on the night of January 12. They both emphasized the fact that this was truly a meeting of laymen of various denominations and that they hoped that the ideas presented and the thoughts carried away would be for the good of all Christian laymen regardless of position in life. Dr. Graham asked especially that "all forget their differences and remember that they should be of one mind concerning the salvation of mankind."

### BUTT OF TEXAS

Mr. Howard E. Butt, Jr., 28 year old vice-president of the H. E. B. Food Stores which does a multimillion dollar business through its chain of Texas Super Markets spoke on "Religion A Full-Time Job, Especially for the Layman." He said, "Every layman is responsible for the propagation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but many of us do it only on a part-time basis. Our business, our careers, what we consider our first responsibility often get the best of our efforts and God gets the leftovers."

Mr. Butt noted that historically, religious movements are primarily lay movements. He urged his fellow business leaders to "take up the burden from our overtaxed clergymen, and give the spirit of our ideals to the full benefit of your ability." Through his dynamic, energetic presentation Mr. Butt set the stage for the two days of discussions yet to come and kindled a fire of enthusiasm in the heart of each of the persons present that was helpful in carrying out the work which was at hand.

The following morning Dr. W. W. Adams of the seminary faculty and

past president of the Central Baptist Theological Seminary at Kansas City, Kans., led a Bible Study Session on the general subject that Christianity was for all mankind and not for any particular group. Dr. Adams through his knowledge of the Bible gave to the group the necessary scripture references to justify the place of the laymen in the great work of Christianity today.

### EVANGELIST BILLY GRAHAM

Following this Bible Study Group, Evangelist Billy Graham stated that he believes "religion may have grown too involved and complicated for the average man to comprehend. He said, "Sometimes I think we have made religion too complicated and too profound for the man on the street." To support his theory Dr. Graham quoted a psychiatrist who said "the average man has a mental age of a 12-year-old." The theme of his talk was "Chaos, Cause, and Cure."

In discussing the world's troubles he said, "We have lost the cold war with Russia." "We are living in the most critical period of world history today. While publicly world leaders express optimism, they admit privately (in an election year it is hard to get them to admit publicly) that they are extremely pessimistic. Despite the billions that we have spent to buy friendships on the physiological front, the Russians are winning." Turning to the cause of world crises Dr. Graham said, "Here is where many of the world's leaders are failing. Communism and socialism say that the problems of man lie without, but Jesus Christ said the problems lie within. We are beginning to see that the problem is man." Raising the Bible he said, "This Book has the answer."

Dr. Duke M. McCall, president of the Seminary, spoke to the laymen on "The Main Business of a Christian." He said, "The earliest Christian defini-

tion of evangelism was to make every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. The main business of a Christian is to see that every tongue does just that." "We must remember," Dr. McCall warned, "that we are ambassadors for Christ, not diplomats. Our message is not sociology but salvation—not reform, but redemption—not culture, but conversion. Christianity is not an antidote for Communism but an antidote for sin. The struggle is not between Christianity and Khrushchev but between Christ and the gods of this world."

### CONGRESSMAN ARMSTRONG

A writer for "Readers Digest" and a former congressman, O. K. Armstrong, talked on "Christian Witness of a Journalist." Armstrong, while in Congress, was co-chairman on an appearance by Dr. Billy Graham in Washington in January and February of 1952. Armstrong stated, "It is up to Christian journalists—newspapermen, feature writers, photographers, and all the rest who edit and publish—to take the lead in sponsoring Christian principles in our community, in our public affairs, and the world leadership of the nation. Every layman is a journalist in the sense that he upholds the truth and spreads the goodness of Christian living. Christian laymen should take the lead in solving the problems of juvenile delinquency, crime, alcoholism, and other problems that beset our families and communities. Any community will be only as good as the good people—the church people—make it."

Mr. L. Howard Jenkins, Richmond, Va., publisher and Baptist layman, spoke on, "How to Evangelize the World," in which he brought out the tremendous possibilities in the mission field for the spreading of the Gospel throughout the world. Mr. Jenkins showed the advancement in the last fifty years in missionary work throughout the world by the Baptist church, looking forward optimistically to a greater work in this field in coming years. It was his belief that with sincere missionary work in foreign lands that the possibilities of war and devastation could be reduced considerably and that the world would truly come to live peaceably one nation with another.

### ROTARY'S "FOUR-WAY TEST"

Mr. Herbert J. Taylor of Chicago, Ill., Board Chairman of the Club Aluminum Products Company and immediate past president of Rotary International, a Methodist layman, discussed the use of the "Rotary Four-Way Test in Business." Mr. Taylor has proved by his work with the Club Aluminum Products Company that this four-way test can be used successfully in business.

Mr. Taylor said that he had taken over a bankrupt firm in 1932 and had asked God for a way to proceed. After

### THANK YOU, BROTHER BENSON!

This first Laymen's Leadership Institute held from Jan. 12 to 14, 1956 on the campus of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., was epoch-making in scope and results. Because of the spiritual purposes of the retreat, it has not been widely publicized. This extraordinary account of the Institute is being presented to "Baptist Herald" readers by Mr. O. B. Benson, a Baptist attorney of Bottineau, North Dakota. It was provided for him by Mr. Robert W. Carpenter, Jr., and Mr. W. Curtiss English, general contractors of Altavista, Virginia. This is an article of unusual significance for every Baptist layman and "Baptist Herald" reader!  
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he had bowed in prayer the words of the four-way test came to him and he wrote them down. They are:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendship?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Mr. Taylor, while studying his Bible, found the "four-way test" in Scripture in Jeremiah 9:23-24.

Ben Wooten, president of the First National Bank of Dallas, Texas, stated that the supposed financial problems of the churches are not really financial at all. He said, "I am convinced that most of the so-called financial troubles of our churches are not basically of a financial nature. They are spiritual, and when these problems are resolved, financial ones have a way of disappearing." His subject was "The Christian Witness of a Businessman." "The conduct of business on a high plane is made possible because of the spiritual values that emanate from our churches. The responsibilities of a layman are as clearly and as emphatically laid down in the scriptures as those of the minister, although the approaches are different, and the procedures less spectacular. The businessman's influence (as a Christian) can be lessened, dwarfed, stunted or obliterated only by himself."

### DOCTORS AND SCIENTISTS

Dr. Nelson Bell, Presbyterian missionary from China, and at present a medical doctor and surgeon from Asheville, N. C., talked to the group on the "witnessing of a Christian Doctor." Dr. Bell is probably better known to most people as the father-

in-law of Dr. Billy Graham and was very instrumental in the spiritual conversion of Dr. Graham. Dr. Bell stated that two groups of people who need "a strong religion" are ministers and doctors, because they are usually in attendance at the miraculous birth of an individual and also at his departure from the world to eternity. Therefore for a doctor to be understanding, to serve his patients, and his God better, he must have an understanding not only of the physical structure of the individual, but the spiritual structure as well.

Mr. Ralph Oberman of Oak Ridge, Tenn., an atomic scientist familiar with this age of nuclear physics, discussed "The Christian Witness of a Scientist." Mr. Oberman is the son of a Baptist minister and was very much concerned over the confusion that seems to exist concerning the scientists of the atomic age and Christianity. Mr. Oberman stated that he feels that a great deal of fear is shown in the future of this world due to the lack of education among the people as to just what this atomic age has in store. He feels that science and Christianity are working together and not against each other.

Dr. Oberman brought out a point that was very enlightening in that he advised that people who had to have their religion proved scientifically were not truly Christians, "for the Christian accepts his religion on faith and feels that scientific proof is unnecessary. God is a Person of miracles, and the things that he accomplished here on earth and is accomplishing as time goes on are also miraculous things, far above and beyond the minds and skills of human beings. If this were not so, the Christian way of life would have nothing to offer to man that he could not give himself."

### LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT

From time to time discussion periods were held at which the exchange of ideas was informative to all attending. During the mealtime periods and the morning and afternoon coffee breaks, these discussions continued. From this meeting a great deal of personal power was stored which, it was hoped, would be used by those attending to show to those people about them in their own communities that Christianity is a way of life that can be used in all phases of daily activities.

Also it was made evident that the layman has a very important place in the Christian movement, that he must assume his responsibility, and take on the obligations that are his if this movement is to succeed as it should. Truly, this meeting was God's way of pointing the direction in which laymen must move to accomplish the great things that are to be done here on earth.



# Our Home Mission Fields

## Glimpses of Our Mission-supported Churches

### A LITTLE CHURCH IN A BIG STATE

By

REV. WALTER GORDON GUMMELT,  
Pastor

THE HURNVILLE Baptist Church of Henrietta, Texas, last December completed 61 years of continuous service in its community. For it was in December 1894 that a small group of German-speaking Christians organized the Hurnville Baptist Church in order that they might worship God according to the plan of Jesus Christ. Rev. D. J. Dahlke was the man who led in the organization and who was called as first pastor.

Without a building, the small group of 19 charter members met in the homes for service. The group began to grow and the need of a building was apparent. The concerted efforts of the members soon were shaped into a fine frame structure. It was in 1898, during the ministry of Rev. C. H. Keller, the second pastor, that the building was completed.

By 1918, the membership of the church had tripled. Although there was an older church of another denomination in the community, the Baptist church was the growing one, enlisting the people of the community. The members were devoted to their church and to the Head of the church, Jesus Christ.

### THREE CHURCH BUILDINGS

Through the ensuing years, the church grew in membership. The program of the church developed also with a major emphasis on the Sunday School and the music program. The second building was constructed of brick and served the church well as

facilities for worship and activity. Although discouraged by the loss of this building by fire in 1943, the people did not give up. They applied themselves to the task of the construction of a new building.

The result of their efforts is the building we worship in today. It stands on a hill in the center of our community, as an outward evidence of a Living Christ who dwells in the lives of the congregation. The present membership is 56.

Our community is located in the wide open spaces of north-central Texas. The principal occupation of the people is farming. With the advancement of the modern methods of mechanical operation, our population has scattered. Some of the members have moved into the urban areas, but there remains a faithful group of followers of Jesus Christ.

### ACTIVE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Each Sunday morning the people gather for Sunday School. This group is composed both of young and old, with ages ranging from a few months to nearly three quarters of a century. We are thankful for the wide range of age, knowing that the Sunday School can render a very helpful contribution to the life of every member. There are about five enrolled in each class of the first three age groups—Beginners, Primaries, and Juniors. It is in these groups that the attendance stays almost constant.

### A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Truth lies in character. Christ did not simply speak; HE was Truth."

—Frederick W. Robertson.

### HOME MISSION PROJECTS

As the North American Baptist General Conference, we are emphasizing the importance of HOME MISSIONS. Church Extension with the organizing of new churches in promising subdivisions of booming cities is one phase of our Home Missions ministry.

The Sunday School Union is challenging all of our Sunday Schools to give and pray for Home Mission churches as one of their missionary projects. The articles that appear from time to time on this page will present some of these churches and the story of their witness for Christ.

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We praise the Lord for the potential in the lives of these young children and trust that our efforts in Christian teaching will lead them to a personal acceptance of Jesus Christ and to a life of Christian discipleship. Our hearts were thrilled at the baptism of one of our Junior boys on March 11. We were truly seeing the fruit of weekly biblical teaching.

Our Young People's and Adult Classes have much larger enrollments than our elementary classes, through not as high a percentage of attendance. The average attendance of our Sunday School is 45. This number represents a fair percentage of the church membership, but we are hoping for the enrollment of those outside the church. We believe that our Sunday School can be the outreaching arm of our church to touch the lives of lost people and to start them on the road toward salvation in Jesus.

### TRAINING OF YOUTH

CBY Fellowship and the corresponding training groups of the other ages have rivalled the attendance of the Sunday School on several recent occasions. We believe that training needs to begin early and to continue all through life. The acquaintance with the immensity of God's work presents a challenge to those who will hear.

The challenge has been answered through the years by several of the young people of our small group. Two of our men are now preaching the Gospel and one is preparing through seminary studies. Two of the young ladies have become ministers' wives while many more, both women and men, have become outstanding Christian lay workers in God's Kingdom.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the church leads out in the mission emphasis. They not only study about missionaries and pray for them, but they do very practical work, such as White Cross work. Their activities widen the missionary vision of the members.

We face the future with hope of greater service for Jesus Christ. We believe we have been commissioned and sent out by Jesus Christ. We claim the promise that "faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it" (1 Thess. 5:24).

### 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.

Rev. R. Schilke

May 6 (Sunday) — Immanuel Church, Kankakee, Illinois.

Rev. J. C. Gunst

May 20 (Sunday A.M.)—Baccalaureate Service, Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Rev. G. K. Zimmerman and Miss Ruth Bathauer

May 4-6—Sunday School Christian Workers' Conferences for the St. Paul and Minneapolis Churches of Minnesota.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner

May 6 (Sunday)—First Baptist Church, Center Line, Michigan.

May 15-18—Ministers' Institute of Northern Conference Pastors, Regina, Saskatchewan.

May 20 (Sunday)—Dedication of Parsonage and Ground Breaking Exercises for New Church, Tacoma, Washington.

### MAY EVENTS

May 4 (Friday)—Publication Board meeting in Cleveland, Ohio.

May 12—Finance Committee session, Forest Park, Illinois.

May 13—Mother's Day.

May 15-18—Ministers' Institute of Northern Conference Pastors, Faith Church, Regina, Saskatchewan. Dr. M. L. Leuschner and Prof. T. W. Bender, Speakers.

May 17-20—Atlantic Conference at West Baltimore Church, Baltimore, Md. Rev. R. Schilke and Mrs. Frank Veninga, Denominational Representatives.

May 20—Pentecost Sunday.

May 20—Commencement Exercises, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

May 20—South Ontario Association at Central Church, Kitchener, Ontario. Rev. E. P. Wahl, Speaker.

May 24—Committee on Education at Forest Park, Illinois.

May 25-26—Sessions of General Council at Headquarters, Forest Park, Illinois.

May 25 (Friday Evening, 7:45 P.M.)—Rally for Churches of Chicago and Vicinity at Forest Park Baptist Church under auspices of the General Council.

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### OUR CHRISTIAN MOTHERS IN THE MASTER'S WAY

By ELSIE DUNCAN YALE

They make religion seem a lovely thing  
Those Christian mothers whom we hold so dear,  
When clouds are dark above them, they can sing  
And keep a hopeful heart when skies are drear.

They humbly follow in the Master's way,  
That way of patient, self-denying love,  
And in their lives they show us, day by day,  
The teachings that are given from above.

They prove that one who trusts in Christ the Lord  
Is given courage by his mighty power,  
They rest, in sorrow, on his changeless Word  
And look to him for strength in trial's hour.

O may that steadfast faith be yours and mine  
To help and keep us 'mid the earthly strife!  
Our mothers show us by God's grace divine  
The beauty of a lowly Christian life!

### BAPTIST BRIEFS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

(Continued from Page 2)

Baptist Foreign Mission Society, has undertaken a program of certified seed production and the testing of hybrid corn as well as rice, at the request of the Philippine Government. The College of Agriculture, under the direction of Dr. Burl Slocum, was told that it was doing "the only scientifically technical research we have seen south of Manila."

● The Baptist Missionary Society (London) has been working in the island of Ceylon since 1812. The missionaries are now facing a new language problem. Hitherto there have been three languages in regular use: Tamil, Singhalese, and English. The government is now pressing for the use of Singhalese as the language of national unity. When the Ceylon Baptist Union had its meetings recently at Carey College in Colombo, they were conducted in Singhalese.

● On invitation of Cuban Baptists, east and west, the Baptist World Alliance general secretary, Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, spent two weeks in Cuba and participated in annual conventions of Cuban Baptists the last week of March and the first week of April. The Eastern Cuba Convention was held at Santiago, the Western Cuba Convention at Santa Clara. The

American Baptist Home Mission Societies sponsor the mission work in East Cuba, the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in West Cuba. Both missions were launched near the end of the Spanish-American War, 1898, when American sentiment indicated the possible addition of the island to the United States.

● Observance of the 15th anniversary of the Baptist Hour will be held throughout the Southern Baptist Convention the week of May 21 to 27, it was announced by Rev. Paul M. Stevens, Director of the Radio and Television Commission. Highlight of the week-long ceremonies commemorating the first Baptist Hour, which was broadcast in 1941 on 16 radio stations in eleven states, will be a "Baptist Hour Sunday," to be celebrated in many Southern Baptist churches on May 27. The Baptist Hour, now broadcast weekly to more than 20 million people over 735 stations in 32 states and Hawaii, Canal Zone, Puerto Rico and the Philippines, is often termed a home and foreign missionary because of the ministry it performs. Letters are received almost weekly from more than ten foreign mission fields, indicating something of the potential of the Baptist Hour and of radio evangelism in general.

## Rev. H. Palfenier, Evangelist

### ENGAGEMENTS:

May 20-27—Edenwold, Saskatchewan. Rev. Fred Ohlmann, Pastor.

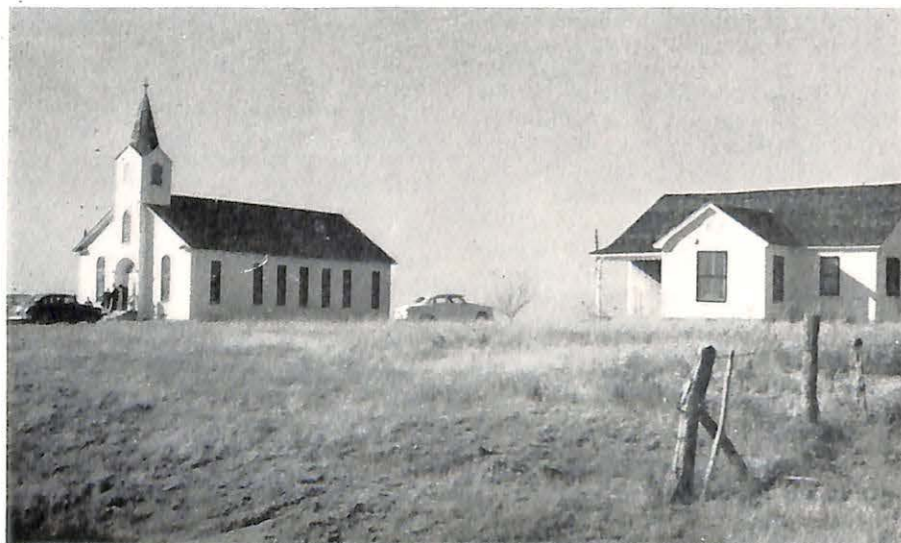
### THANK GOD:

For the convicting power of the Word of God by the Spirit. At the close of a service a young man requested that I talk with him. He took me into his car and, after he had closed the door, he turned to me and said: "Who told you about me?" When I assured him that nobody had, he continued: "But somebody must have, for you could not have talked the way

you did if nobody had." God says in his Word: "The heart is desperately wicked and above all things deceitful, who can know it?" But he does lay bare to us our heart so that we get a glimpse of it and turn away from ourselves and turn unto him.

### PRAYER REQUEST:

Pray that the Holy Spirit may bring conviction of sin upon those who hear the Word and yet go on in their indifference and sins. Without Spirit-wrought conviction, our preaching is in vain. Therefore, let us pray unitedly for just that.



—Photo by R. Schilke

The Hurnville Baptist Church and parsonage, located in "the wide, open spaces" near Henrietta, Texas, one of our mission-supported churches.



# We...the Women

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

## INTRODUCTION

MANY MINISTERS' daughters have been a great blessing to us as a denomination. "We, the Women" have been strengthened by their talents and untiring acts of service. I could not begin to name or to mention the ones who have been a joy and an encouragement to me, nor could I begin to list those who are active in our Woman's Missionary Union on this page because space would not permit it. But just look about and observe the ones you know. Consider what they have done and are doing in Christ's service. Mrs. Harry Geis of Okeene, Okla., is such a person and brings us a Mother's Day thought today.

## TRIBUTE TO MOTHERS

By MRS. HARRY GEIS, Okeene, Okla.

In the political world many great men have paid high tribute to their mother's influence in their life and have given them credit for what they have achieved and accomplished.

I will mention a few. The mother of George Washington was a devout, strict and praying mother. Lincoln's tribute, "All that I am or hope to be I owe to my angel mother," rings in our ears.

In Hebrews 11, we read a list of men of faith: "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain . . . By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death . . . By faith Noah prepared an ark . . . By faith Abraham, when he was called . . . obeyed."

In the same manner we could compile our list of faithful, God fearing women, who truly used Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it," as their basis for child training. Let us begin with Jochebed, the mother of Moses, who made use of her opportunity to teach him right from wrong. This was a help to him when he was older to make his great decision to leave the king's palace and to lead God's people.

Note that Hannah, Samuel's mother, who, even before he was born, dedicated him to the service of the Lord. We, too, with the Apostle Paul, call to remembrance the unfeigned faith of Timothy's mother Lois and his grandmother Eunice.

Many more could be mentioned but time will not permit it; yet we would not omit the greatest mother of the Bible, Mary, the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ. We call her the greatest mother because she was the mother of

the greatest Child ever born. When the angel came to her, he said, "Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women" (Luke 1:28). She portrayed the character of a good mother. She herself was obedient unto God and instilled God's love and obedience in the heart of her son. We would do likewise.

At this time of the year when the world is paying tribute to mothers, let us center our thoughts on Christian mothers. How could I fail to pay tribute to my own dear mother? Although she has been gone many years, I can never forget her nor will her influence in my life cease. She never did great things nor did she build a monument for herself, but she instilled in my life a faith and trust in God such as she herself had. She was a praying mother. Her life was a consistent Christian example.

In looking back into my earliest childhood memories, perhaps the Sunday afternoon story hour stands out most vividly. On that afternoon we all sat around mother and listened to the many Bible stories and Christian character building stories that she told or read. That left an indelible impression on my life. We looked forward to the story hour from one Sunday to the next. We were willing to help with the work or be quiet so that mother could have an opportunity to read the "Abendschule" and thus be ready with the stories. Our Sundays were never dull or long.

## OUR MOTHER OF THE YEAR

These wonderful years, dear mother, that God has granted you, Have brought you many a joy—yes, and many a heartache, too. With God's guiding hand, you reared us, ceaselessly praying for help, Giving all of yourself to your loved ones in a way that far exceeds wealth.

Many a storm came into your life with the passing of the years— But a constant joy filled your heart, for you always knew that our Father in heaven is near. True to his promise he never failed to guide and direct your life; The trials disappeared, and with God's help, you always conquered the strife.

We are thankful to God for our mother, who taught us to love our Lord, To pray to him when we are troubled, have faith, and believe in his Word; The debt we owe you is a great one, and we can never repay it, my dear—

But our Father in heaven has a record of OUR MOTHER OF THE YEAR!

In reading Proverbs 31:10-31, the description of a virtuous woman, I feel that my mother measured up to these standards. I pray that all Christian mothers may use this Scripture as their standard. To me, my mother was priceless. Her household was her concern. Her children have grown up and called her blessed. She often worked into the late hours of the night to provide for her children. Whenever help was needed, she stretched forth her hand to help.

Oh, mothers and grandmothers of today, let us be challenged to be true examples of God fearing persons, so it can be said of us, "Her own works do praise her," and our children may say, "She excelled them all."

"So it is only because of a mother kind and true I tried to write these lines, in gratitude For all the things you have done, for me, I truly thank God, for having had thee,"

## GOOD NEWS

The 1956 Packet will be available after June 1, 1956. The English Packet costs \$1.50; the German Packet \$1.00. Orders are to be sent to Woman's Missionary Union, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois. Please send remittance with order. Watch for a detailed announcement the first of June.

## AUTHOR OF POEM

The author of the poem, "Our Mother of the Year," that appears below is Mrs. Clyde Johnston, whose article about her mother, Mrs. Gus Bansemer of Los Angeles, Calif., is on page 5 of this issue. The poem is a beautiful tribute to every Christian mother. EDITOR.

# C.B.Y. Fellowship

By REV. LAWRENCE BIENERT, General Secretary

## HONOR THY MOTHER

MOST of the beautiful things in life come by two's and three's, by dozens and hundreds. There are many roses, stars, sunsets, and rainbows. Nearly everyone can claim brothers and sisters, aunts, uncles, and cousins. But there is only one mother in the whole wide world for you.

Make this Mother's Day a very special day in your family this year. We need not be ashamed of displaying our love to our mother. Artists throughout the world, with tender genius, have paid tribute to motherhood from Raphael's Madonna down to the painting of his own beloved mother by Whistler. Poets and statesmen alike have paid homage to their mothers.

When we think of our own Christian mother and the influence she has had in molding our lives, we cannot do less than give thanks to God. The command in God's Word is, "Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee" (Exodus 20:12). This commandment is to be observed not only once a year but every day of the year. Think of some special ways in which you can honor your parents.

## THE "BAPTIST WORLD"

The BWA Youth News is no longer being published as a separate paper but is now incorporated in the "Baptist World." The name "Baptist World" was chosen because "it calls up a vision of a fellowship not limited to certain countries or continents, but spread in a hundred lands, universal in its scope. The is a Baptist 'world' of 21,000,000 people within the two thousand million inhabitants of the globe." This bulletin of the Baptist World Alliance is published ten times a year at 1628 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington 9, D. C. The editorial staff consists of Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary; Robert S. Denny, associate secretary in charge of Youth Work; and Marjorie Moore Armstrong, editorial assistant. The subscription price is \$1.00 a year.

## ASIATIC BAPTIST YOUTH CONFERENCE

For a number of years there have been requests and suggestions for a Baptist youth conference for Asia. These dreams are being realized this year. The meeting will be held in Hong Kong, August 27-September 2. Akiko Endo Matsumura of Tokyo is

chairman of the committee at work on program and local arrangements. Although the attendance for this first Asiatic Conference will not be strictly limited to a given number, it is understood that it is for young Asians. Mr. Robert S. Denny, Youth Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, plans to attend this conference.

## CAMP COURTESIES

I would like to share with you of some of the courtesies which camp leaders can show to their guest teachers and speakers. Often we take things for granted and much confusion results.

If you have guest speakers at your camp, please inform them well in advance regarding their duties at camp. It is not fair to call upon anyone at the last moment and then expect them to do a "top-notch" job. Your teachers and speakers will appreciate this courtesy.

Be sure that all campers and guests know the exact location of your camp, the address for all mail, the telephone number at the camp, and the nearest railroad or bus depot. It is not uncommon for a "first timer" to ask for a ticket to "Lake CBY Fellowship" and discover there is no such place listed in the railroad directory.

Guest speakers and teachers are not able to take their bedding supplies

## CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAM

The 1956 Children's Day programs and recitation material were sent to all Sunday School superintendents before April 15. If they have not been received or if more material is needed, write to Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio.

Children's Day is to be observed in our churches on Sunday, June 10, 1956. The offerings are to be designated for the Chapel Building Fund of the denomination. The story of one of our new churches and Church Extension projects, helped by this fund, appears on the back page of the program. It is the Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif. EDITOR.

with them to camp. Members of the camp staff should see to it that these supplies are on hand. I have been pleased with the fine response we have had from our camp leaders in observing the above mentioned courtesies. Let us continue in this spirit.

## COUNSELOR TRAINING PROGRAM

Have you chosen your camp counselors yet? If not, do so at your earliest opportunity. Good counselors must know what their duties are. Give them an opportunity to do an effective work by giving them some helpful suggestions. A Counselor Training Program has been prepared for camp counselors by your CBY Fellowship. For further details and arrangements write to Rev. L. Bienert, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois. We are ready to serve you in such a training program.

## MARCH CONTRIBUTIONS—NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	March, 1956	March, 1955	March, 1954
Atlantic .....	\$ 4,025.89	\$ 1,475.43	\$ 1,994.96
Central .....	3,853.71	8,803.65	5,317.11
Dakota .....	6,596.42	6,057.29	6,404.49
Eastern .....	1,196.68	892.08	924.53
Northern .....	3,868.49	1,856.68	2,256.25
Northwestern .....	10,665.45	9,906.27	8,094.32
Pacific .....	6,806.34	8,945.39	6,176.85
Southern .....	428.12	701.47	663.61
Southwestern .....	4,744.29	3,518.39	3,589.14
Inter-Conference .....	225.34		303.56
Total Contributions .....	\$42,410.73	\$42,156.65	\$35,724.82

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	Contributions Budget	Purposes Other	Contributions Total
For the month of March, 1956 .....	\$37,756.35	\$ 4,654.38	\$42,410.73
For the month of March, 1955 .....	36,655.45	5,501.20	42,156.65
For the month of March, 1954 .....	32,805.58	2,919.24	35,724.82

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1955 to March 31, 1956 .....	\$479,300.90	\$ 83,936.62	\$563,237.52
April 1, 1954 to March 31, 1955 .....	506,890.38	113,291.62	620,182.00
April 1, 1953 to March 31, 1954 .....	531,999.26	24,724.79	556,724.05

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Same as for the "Fiscal Year."





# Sunday School Lessons

## A TEACHING GUIDE

May 13, 1956

**Theme: THE GOSPEL FOR ALL MEN**

Scripture: Acts 9:32-11:18

**The Central Truth:** God often has to give more light to Christians in order that they might see their responsibility toward those who have no light at all.

**Introduction:** It is not enough to be sincere in our beliefs. We must examine our beliefs to see whether they include the whole doctrine of God. It is not enough to be successful in our Christian ministry. We must look at our success in the light of God's plan. It is not enough to seek our immediate needs in prayer. We must also seek God's will for others.

Peter was sincere in his faith, but he was building a fence around it. He was a successful preacher, but he thought he did not have to launch out. He was a man of prayer, but he lacked vision. But by the power of the Holy Spirit his faith was enlarged, his preaching became more effective, and his prayer-life more meaningful.

### I. THE GOSPEL FOR YOU

You are God's starting point. Jesus asked Peter, "Lovest thou me?" (John 21:15-17.) Christ had to make sure of Peter first before he could use him to bring the Gospel to others. "How shall they hear without a preacher? How shall they preach except they be sent?" (Rom. 10:14-15.)

### II. THE GOSPEL FOR YOUR FRIENDS

"Beginning at Jerusalem" (Acts 1:8). It is often strange that the ones we love the most are the most difficult to win. But Peter was successful in Jerusalem and in Judaea. The church grew and multiplied (Acts 9:31).

### III. THE GOSPEL FOR YOUR NEIGHBOR. Acts 8:14

"And Samaria" (Acts 1:8). When the lawyer asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" (Lk. 10:29) he told him the parable of the Good Samaritan. When the Gospel reached the neighboring Samaritans, it was a deacon who led the way and the ministers followed (Acts 18:14).

### IV. THE GOSPEL FOR YOUR ENEMY. Acts 10

The Roman centurian, Cornelius, was certainly not an enemy. But the Roman government was the enemy,

not only of the Jews, but of the Christians as well. The persecution they suffered at their hands was beyond description. Yet the Gospel was also for the Roman. God is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34-35), of nations, of color, or of culture.

To get the Gospel to all nations it often takes:

1. Special preparation (Acts 10:30).
2. Special circumstances (Acts 9:43).
3. Special prayer (Acts 10:2).
4. Special vision (Acts 10:17).
5. Special obedience (Acts 10:20).
6. Special message (Acts 10:34-43).
7. It takes the power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:44).

## A TEACHING GUIDE

May 20, 1956

**Theme: THE CHURCH IN ANTIOCH**

Scripture: Acts 11:19-12:24

**The Central Truth:** The Church of Jesus Christ must be a praying church, a working church, a sacrificial church, a growing church.

**Introduction:** If there is any word which describes the church in Antioch better than any other it is "activity." They were busy, but they were not "busy-bodies." They talked about Christ so much that they did not have time to talk about each other. They had a common sorrow in the loss of Stephen (Acts 8:2). They had a common enemy in the intensified persecution (Acts 11:19). But their great comfort and strength came from the fact that they had a common Savior—the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 11:23).

### I. THE ANTIOCH CHURCH WAS A MODEL CHURCH

Our post-war period is a period of activity. Every town and city has a housing project. New communities are springing up everywhere. In no time in history have we built so many churches—each claiming to be a model of practicability. The worship sanctuary, the educational unit, the recre-

### SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGE EDITOR

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

ational area are all examples of the best architectural skill. In this respect the church at Antioch could have taken our church as a model. We do not know what kind of building facilities they had for preaching and teaching. But we do know that the Antioch church can still serve as a spiritual model for us, no matter how modern our building may be.

### II. THE ANTIOCH CHURCH WAS A WITNESSING CHURCH. Acts 11:19-21

They did not wait for a better church building, or more convenient teaching facilities, or a more favorable community. Antioch, according to history, was a city filled with superstition and immorality. All the more reason why Christ should be brought to them!

(a) They witnessed through preaching (vss. 19-20).

It is said that they "preached the word" and they "preached the Lord Jesus." The Word was Christ and Christ was the Word. We do not have a record of their sermons. They were no doubt very simple; but we do know that they brought results—"a great number believed and turned unto the Lord" (vs. 21).

(b) They witnessed through teaching (vs. 26).

It was the command of Jesus that they "teach all nations," "to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matt. 28:19-20). It is often easy to do the preaching. It takes patience to do the teaching. For a whole year "they assembled themselves with the church and taught much people." Their humility was evident in the fact that they recognized in Paul and Barnabas examples of Christian witnesses from whom they could learn.

### III. THE ANTIOCH CHURCH WAS A GENEROUS CHURCH. Acts 11:27-30

They received much spiritual help from the church at Jerusalem through the ministry and teaching of Barnabas. Now that their brethren in the south were suffering because of the famine, they did all they could to relieve them. They received with much grace and now they gave with much grace. As soon as Christ comes into the heart we have a heart for others. "Every man according to his ability" (vs. 29). We speak of musical ability and speaking ability. Let us also cultivate the "giving ability."

# What's Happening

● Rev. and Mrs. Henry G. Laube of Baltimore, Md., have announced the birth of a son on February 15 to whom the name, John Allen, has been given. Mr. Laube is the pastor of the West Baltimore Baptist Church. — Rev. and Mrs. Howard W. Roth, Camerons missionaries now in Portland, Ore., on furlough, have announced the birth of a daughter, Cheryl Ann, who was born to them on March 7.

● Miss Eyla M. Wensler of Swift River, Yukon Territory, Canada, has ordered the "Baptist Herald" to keep in touch with North American Baptist mission fields and activities. She is a member of the Baptist Church of Springside, Saskatchewan. She writes: "Except for a complete lack of Christian fellowship, I feel that this is very much like the foreign field. As always, God is faithful and it has been a real opportunity to serve him here."

● On Sunday, March 18, Rev. George A. McLean presented his resignation to the First Baptist Church of Neustadt, Ont., Canada, to take effect on October 28, 1956. At that time he will retire from the active ministry. He has served as minister of the Neustadt Church for the past seven years. From August 22 to 26 the church will serve as host to the sessions of the Eastern Conference. A pulpit committee has been appointed to seek a successor to Brother McLean.

● On Sunday evening, April 8, Rev. W. W. Knauf, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., baptized several converts. The Biola Choir of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Calif., presented a sacred concert to a large congregation at Elk Grove on Monday evening, April 9. The annual business meeting of the church was held on Monday evening, April 16. On Tuesday evening, April 17, the Elk Grove church was the scene of the ordination of Rev. William Dalton into the Baptist ministry.

● On Good Friday evening, March 30, Rev. Frank Veninga, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., baptized twelve converts. These and six others, including Rev. and Mrs. Frank Veninga and their sons, James and Robert, were received into the church's fellowship at the communion service on Easter Sunday morning. A Sunday School contest for two months began on Easter Sunday. On Sunday morning, April 8, Mr. Veninga preached on the provocative topic: "America's New Religious Outlook!"

● The Emmanuel Baptist Church of Morris, Man., Canada, has extended a call to Rev. David Berg of Trochu, Alberta. He resigned as minister of the Trochu Baptist Church on Sunday, April 8, 1956, and announced that he would begin his ministry in Morris on Sunday, July 22, succeeding Rev. R. Kanwischer, now pastor of the Grace Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta. Mr. Berg has served as pastor in Trochu since 1951. The Sunday evening services in Morris will be conducted in English hereafter.

● Rev. John C. Kastelein, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, Harvey, N. Dak., publishes a two-column sermon every week in "The Harvey Herald," the town's newspaper with a circulation of about 9,000 weekly. This newspaper message appears as a paid advertisement. Recently an article by Mr. Kastelein on "God's \$64,000 Question" attracted considerable attention in Harvey. The pastor and his family have also opened an evangelical book store on the main street in Harvey.

● Dr. Jacob Meister of Berlin, Germany, for many years the director of the Bethel Deaconess Home in Dahlem, Berlin, has recently resigned, effective April 1. Dr. Meister was honored by Sioux Falls College with the honorary doctorate degree on the closing day of the General Conference sessions held in 1949 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He and his wife have visited many of our churches and conferences in past years and spoken at conference sessions. They are residing in Zurich, Switzerland, at the present time.

● From April 3 to 5 the Southwestern Conference Ministers' Fellowship was held at the Zion Church of Okeene, Oklahoma. Guest speakers and discussion leaders were Rev. R. Schilke of Forest Park, Ill., general missionary secretary, and Dr. George M. Hixon of the Department of Christian Education at Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas. Officers of the Ministers' Fellowship are Rev. L. B. Hinz, president; Rev. Paul Appel, vice-president; and Rev. F. J. Knalson, secretary-treasurer. The evening sessions were open to the members of the Zion Church and friends of the community.

● Since September 1955 Rev. A. R. Bernadt, pastor of the Central Baptist Church, New Haven, Conn., has been privileged to serve as chaplain at the nearby New Haven Hospital with its

900 beds. In the polio ward alone there are more than 40 patients for whom a special worship service is held each week. Some of these come to the solarium in wheel chairs; others come on rocking beds that go up and down during the church services; while others come in iron lungs. Mr. Bernadt stated: "It is the strangest congregation I have ever served, but it is also the most appreciative group I have ever met."

● On Sunday, April 29, the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., worshipped for the last time in the church edifice at 527 E. 15th St. The building is over 50 years old and has been sold to the Los Angeles Public Schools. The church choir rendered a concert under the direction of Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt on this Sunday and the 70th anniversary of the church was observed. Beginning with the first Sunday in May the church is meeting in the San Pedro Elementary School building. Plans are going forward for the new church edifice and it is hoped that the ground breaking exercises can be held in the next month or so.

● At the Good Friday service of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., the guest speaker was Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, general Sunday School secretary. On Easter Sunday morning the Junior Choir of 17 voices, directed by Mrs. Rubin Kern, presented the 40-minute cantata, "The Promise of Easter" by F. B. Holton. The Junior Choir was wearing the new maroon colored robes, purchased and presented by the Missionary Guild, for the first time. An illustrated report about the Junior Choir will appear in a later issue. On Easter Sunday evening, Rev. Rubin Kern, pastor, baptized 13 converts and received these and two other persons at the communion service that followed.

● The Palm Sunday broadcast of the "Lorraine Hour" from the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kans., was the 100th program of the radio series. At the Good Friday service the High School Boys' quartet sang, Mrs. Paul Schroeder rendered a violin solo and Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, pastor, spoke. An Easter sunrise service was held for the Baptist Church young people on Cleo Rathburn's pasture. The special Easter choir of the church sang, "From Gloom to Glory," under the direction of Mrs. Paul Schroeder on Easter Sunday evening, April 1st. "Northern Baptist Seminary Sunday" was held on April 15 with Dr. Charles W. Koller of Chicago, Ill., president of the Northern Baptist Seminary, preaching at both services.

● At the Good Friday service on March 30 Rev. R. S. Hess, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., received 17 new members into the church's fellowship. Thirteen of

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# Our Denomination in ACTION

## Atlantic Conference

### Anniversary Program of Woman's Missionary Society, Faith Church, West New York, N. J.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Faith Baptist Church, West New York, N. J., held its 23rd anniversary program on Friday, March 23rd. Our President, Mrs. William Klein, led us in our singing and welcomed our guests. Our vice-president, Mrs. Anthony Dembeck, read the Scripture passage, and our pastor, Rev. H. J. Freeman, led us in prayer.

Mrs. James Bird and Mrs. Alexander Sturm favored us with a duet, following which the annual report was read by the secretary. The highlight of the report was the addition of ten names to our membership during the past year. Miss Delores Henne, missionary appointee to the Cameroons field, West Africa, shared her testimony with us, following which our speaker, Miss Ardice Ziolkowski, with the use of colored slides, reported on her work at the Banso Baptist Hospital in the Cameroons.

There was a question-and-answer session following Miss Ziolkowski's talk, and the program was closed with prayer by Rev. Donald Mostrom of the Grace Baptist Church, Union City, N. J., and the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Jersey City, New Jersey. Refreshments were served following the service.

Mrs. Harry C. Behnke, Secretary.

## Southwestern Conference

### Evangelistic Meetings and Basketball Team Visit at Emmanuel Church of Marion, Kansas

The Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kans., held evangelistic meetings from February 19 to March 2. We were privileged to have as our guest speaker Dr. Arthur A. Ittermann of LeMars, Iowa.

Prior to the meetings, cottage prayer meetings were held in the various homes each week, which proved to be a blessing. Pre-prayer services were held nightly before the meetings. There was a contest for the children which proved very successful. There was keen interest among the children, and they listened intently each night for the missionary story given by Brother Ittermann. Each Wednesday during the meetings, our pastor, Rev. Fred J. Knalson, with Dr. Ittermann, presented a radio broadcast over station KJRG, Newton, Kansas.

On February 26, our church enjoyed having the basketball team and its coach, along with other members of the faculty, from Northwest-

ern College at Minneapolis, Minnesota. Each of the boys gave his testimony, and in the evening a quartet, composed of the basketball players, presented several special musical numbers. At various times during the meeting we enjoyed music from Tabor College at Hillsboro, from Strassburg and Ebenezer Baptist churches, our neighboring churches, as well as from our own church choir.

Our meetings proved to be a real blessing and a time of spiritual uplift, and there were some 20 first-time decisions made for the Lord, as well as rededication and the desire of some expressed for church membership.

Mrs. Harry Koslowsky, Reporter.

### Woman's Missionary Circle of Bethany Church, Vesper, Kansas, Celebrates its 35th Anniversary

The Woman's Missionary Circle of the Bethany Baptist Church, Vesper, Kansas, celebrated its 35th anniversary on Friday, Feb. 17, with a silver tea. A pageant, "The Macedonian Call," was given which represented people from Africa, Japan, Austria, Canadian Indians, Spanish-Americans and the neighbors who are calling us to help bring them the Gospel. The World Day of Prayer was also observed.

Following the program and prayer session a silver tea and fellowship hour was held in the church parlors. White Cross articles made by the women for our missionaries were displayed, also a map showing pictures of our missionaries and their field in which they serve. Our offering of \$92.66 will be sent for mission projects and Church Extension work. Refreshments of dainty cookies, sandwiches, nuts, mints, tea and coffee were served to 36 guests, 25 members and eight children.



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wemmie of Burlington, Iowa, at their golden wedding anniversary celebration in the Oak St. Baptist Church.

Our annual report for the past year has shown a number of projects such as homemade candy sent to our service boys, used clothing and quilt pieces to Canada. Our missionaries in Colorado were remembered with two comforters, two quilts and three baby quilts, 42 pounds of candy and nuts at Christmas time, and "Power" magazine. Ten dollars were sent to the Old People's Home in Chicago, and five boxes of used clothing to the needy in different places. A box of White Cross articles was sent to our missionaries in Africa. The Lord has richly blessed us in his work and we truly thank him for it.

Mrs. Leslie Van Amburg, Reporter.

## Northwestern Conference

### Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wemmie at Burlington, Iowa

On Saturday afternoon, Feb. 25th, at the Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa, the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wemmie, faithful members of the church, was celebrated.

Many relatives and friends called during the afternoon hours to extend their congratulations. The social hall was decorated for the occasion, and a program was given, presided over by Ruth Weyl, a granddaughter. The program included recitations and songs by their children and grandchildren, fitting remarks by Rev. Emanuel Wolff, and an original poem by the undersigned. A beautiful wedding cake graced the table, and delicious refreshments were served to the guests.

Fred Wemmie and Mary Huneke were married February 27, 1906 in Burlington at the home of Rev. Mr. Scholz. They lived for a while in town, but after a while the wide open spaces called them, and they moved to a farm on Irish Ridge Road, where they have lived ever since.

They are the parents of four children: Mrs. Gus Weyl of Danville, Iowa; Mrs. John Kohrs of Stafford, Kansas; George Wemmie of Batavia, Iowa; and Albert Wemmie of Burlington, Iowa. They also have eight grandchildren.

Ruth Lohmann, Reporter.

### Riverview Baptist Sunday School of St. Paul, Minnesota, Enjoys Valentine Party

The Beginners Department of the Riverview Baptist Sunday School, St. Paul, Minn., launched something new when they had a Valentine Party on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 12. The parents were invited and a Parent-Teacher session was held with Rev. Don Ganstrom, pastor, Gerald Miller, Sunday School superintendent, and Mrs. S. Dahlin, department superintendent, speaking, using "Love" as their Valentine theme. This session proved to be a real blessing. Meanwhile, the children were enjoying themselves playing games under supervision and exchanging Valentines.

Following this, the children returned to their class quarters with their

teachers: JoAnne Glewwe, 1st graders; Junineta Crapson, Kindergarten department, and Mrs. S. Dahlin, the nursery group. While the teachers related what they were teaching, opportunity was given for a "Buzz" session and problems and lessons were discussed and the parents had a wonderful time discovering what their children were learning.

A time of fellowship and "Get Acquainted" period with cake and coffee were a fitting close to this undertaking at which the attendance was 59 of whom 35 were pupils.

Ida Glewwe, Reporter.

### Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wis., Observes 24th Anniversary, Honors Sunday School Teacher

Sunday, March 4, on the 24th anniversary date of the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., the young people and choir presented a concert entitled, "The Gospel in Song." Among the selections rendered by the choir was Mozart's "Gloria in Excelsis," Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus," and Fred Waring's arrangement of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." Instrumental and vocal solos and quartets included "Sweet Little Jesus Boy," "The Lost Chord," "Ride the Chariot" and "One Sweetly Solemn Thought." Appropriate readings between the selections were given by Rev. W. Quiring, pastor. The choir was directed by Kenneth Miller with Mrs. Fred Abitz at the organ and Karen Roepke at the piano. The offering amounting to \$47.00 was received for the Wisconsin CBY project.

On Sunday, March 4, Miss Laura Weihe, one of the charter members of the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, was presented a citation from the Department of Christian Education of the Wisconsin Baptist State Convention for serving continuously as a Sunday School teacher in a Baptist church since 1903. The citation was presented at the morning worship service by the Sunday School superintendent, Miss Marie Baudisch, along with a corsage and plant from the Sunday School. Miss Weihe has taught in various capacities, including adult German classes, ladies' classes, teacher training classes and at present a primary class.

Gladys J. Schielke, Reporter.

### Woman's Missionary Society of North Freedom, Wis., Celebrates its 75th Anniversary

Through God's graciousness to us, the Woman's Missionary Society of the North Freedom Baptist Church, North Freedom, Wis., celebrated its 75th anniversary on Thursday evening, March 1.

Two delightful plays were given, the first, the story of a missionary meeting back in the days when German was the preferred language. The ladies who took part were dressed in the costumes of that day, adding much to the enjoyment of the evening. The second play, "The Fifty Dollar Bill," was also very well given, with a lesson for us all concerning our use of God's money. Several musical numbers were given and a missionary message by our pastor, Rev. Richard Lawrenz. We then enjoyed a time of



Miss Laura Weihe of Milwaukee, Wis. (left), is presented a citation by Miss Marie Baudisch of the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee for having been a Sunday School teacher continuously for 53 years as the pastor, Rev. Wilmer Quiring, looks on with happy approval.

Christian fellowship and refreshments in the church dining room.

We have a membership of 30 women and the average attendance is 16. Our members have been very thoughtful of the sick and shut-ins, with over 250 visits to them reported. During the past year our Mission Society has given to the Red Cross, Cancer Drive, Orphans' Home, Old People's Home, missions, and also contributed toward the new carpeting in our church. May we truly follow God's leading in all things in the coming year!

Mrs. Lawrence Ulrich, Secretary.

## Northern Conference

### Christian Workers' Conferences in Alberta, Canada, for Sunday School and Youth Leaders

The Alberta Baptist churches of the Alberta Assembly in Canada experienced days of inspiration and instruction from February 27 to March 6. It was during this time that we were privileged to hold our second Christian Workers' Conference in this area.

Seven of our churches were hosts to the conference. Through combined efforts we were able to contact approximately 17 churches and Sunday Schools. God gave us a break in our long Alberta winter, enabling us to travel at ease from one place to another, also giving our people the opportunity to come out to receive instruction and to take part in discussion. About 400 workers took advantage of this opportunity.

It was a privilege to have a team from Forest Park, Ill., visit our

churches in the interest of better Sunday Schools and CBY Fellowship work. Rev. G. K. Zimmerman gave us practical instruction on "Effective Visitation" and the "Monthly Workers' Conference" for our Sunday Schools. Under the leadership of Rev. L. Bienert, our young people were shown, "How to Build a Strong CBYF" as well as how to do "Program Planning." Many of our Sunday School teachers who are teaching children were encouraged by the enthusiasm of Miss Ruth Bathauer who gave instruction in "Teaching Which Makes a Difference" and "Worship and Pre-session" work in the children's department.

In addition to the departmental sessions, an educational film was shown at every conference. Display material representing various phases of our denominational work was exhibited. The display review as well as the fellowship period which followed the meetings gave many Christian workers the opportunity informally to discuss their problems of work with a member of the team.

It was my privilege to travel with the team as Sunday School Director of the Alberta Baptist Tri-Union. It was a challenge to see the response shown by our Sunday School and youth workers of our churches.

It is our hope and prayer that the Workers' Conferences will inspire the teachers and officers of our Sunday Schools and leaders in our CBY Fellowship to be better workers for Christ. Conferences like these make us aware of our opportunities and direct us to become more effective workers, using the talents that God has given us.

Arthur Smith, Reporter.



## Evangelistic Meetings With Decisions for Christ at McDermot Avenue Church, Winnipeg, Man.

Although we of Winnipeg, Man., Canada, have had a severe winter, activities have been constant at the McDermot Avenue Church of Winnipeg. With Rev. E. J. Faul of Calgary, Alta., as our evangelist, our campaign from March 12 to 23 was successfully completed with a number of decisions for Christ and a newly instilled challenge in Christians to "win" while it is yet time.

Musical selections by the brass band, choir, solos, duets, trios, and male quartet and "story-time" for the boys and girls held by Brother Faul, which always made clear the way of salvation and the necessity of accepting Christ now, were part of the opening exercises every evening. The stories were told with pictures and their message was imprinted on the minds of all the listeners.

In the closing service, Rev. E. J. Faul stated that eternity alone will reveal all that has been accomplished, but we rest on God's promise that his Word will not return void. We pray that the seed may have fallen on good soil and will bear much fruit. Although we rejoice with those who have decided to follow Jesus, we know that there are still some outside his fold. May God help us to be faithful to the commission and intensify our efforts to win them also.

Miss E. Redlich, Reporter.

## Recognition of the Newly Organized First German Baptist Church of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

On Saturday evening, March 10, delegates and pastors of three invited neighboring churches; Rev. H. Schatz, our Northern Conference worker; and Rev. K. Korella, our Northern Conference mission secretary, met in the newly organized First German Baptist Church of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. We gathered upon their invitation for examination of their faith and advisability of recognition.

Rev. H. Schatz who helped with the organization of the church and who had served the field prior to its organization, opened the service with song, Scripture and prayer.

Rev. Korella was elected permanent moderator and Rev. A. Buech of Jansen permanent secretary. We then proceeded with the examination on purpose of organizing the church, the purpose of the church, doctrine of faith, and relationship with other conference churches and our denomination. Being satisfied with the account and doctrines given, the council withdrew to the basement of the church for further deliberation. It was unanimously recommended that the church proceed with the recognition service on Sunday.

On Sunday morning, Mr. Neuman, the local Sunday School superintendent, was in charge. Rev. W. Reimche of Glidden led in the discussion of the lesson. At 11 o'clock we entered the morning worship service. Mr. Buech read Matt. 16:1-20, and Rev. H. Schatz led us to the throne of grace. The high point was reached in the message brought by Rev. Karl Korella, who challenged all of our hearts

## LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE

Will you be enjoying the wonderful conference for our laymen and their families at the Green Lake Assembly, Wis., from July 28 to August 4? There's still time to make your reservation!

on the topic, "The Key of the Kingdom" (Matt. 16:19). The church choir and special numbers rendered by individuals helped to beautify the services.

On Sunday afternoon the recognition service for this new church was held. Rev. H. Schatz served as chairman, and Rev. O. Fritzsche of Nokomis brought a brief message on, "The Avenues of Church Growth," taking the example from the first Christians at Jerusalem. Rev. W. Reimche led in the dedication prayer. Many wishes were received from friends and visitors present. The hand of fellowship was extended in behalf of our conference by Rev. K. Korella to Mr. O. Hellner, church clerk. They were also challenged with words from Joshua 1:6-7, "Be strong and of good courage." The meeting was closed with the hymn, "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds." This new group has many opportunities. We covet your prayers that they might grow in numbers and in spiritual strength.

O. Fritzsche, Reporter.

## Central Conference

### Baptismal Service, Pastor's Ninth Anniversary and Building Plans at Benton Harbor, Michigan

The Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., is steadily going forward in the work for the Lord in this locality. On February 19th, 21 candidates followed the Lord in baptism. These people, who ranged in age from 8 to 70 years of age, were won to Christ through the medium of personal visitation and invitations at our regular Sunday services.

On February 25th, at a regular communion service, 32 people were extended the hand of fellowship. This was a most inspiring and impressive service, long to be remembered by the membership of our church.

On March 4th, our pastor, Rev. William Hoover, celebrated his ninth anniversary as pastor of the Clay Street Baptist Church. A large basket of gladiolus was presented to the pastor and his family by the church on this festive occasion. In keeping with a standing rule of the church that a vote of confidence be given to its pastor by secret ballot every three years, our pastor received a most commendable vote of 95 per cent.

Our services are so well attended that they tax the seating capacity of our two auditoriums and adjoining choir room. Beginning with Palm Sunday and for the indefinite future, we are holding two morning services in order to accommodate the many visitors. Our Sunday School is also

gaining rapidly, so that every available space is being utilized to take care of the many scholars. The adjoining parsonage with its eleven spacious rooms is also crowded with Sunday School scholars.

The Church Boards are busily engaged in devising plans for a new educational building and church on our new building site in Fair Plain, a suburb of Benton Harbor. The near future will reveal our ability or inability to proceed with the actual building of such a structure.

In order to assist the pastor and his wife with the increasing responsibilities with a growing membership, the church extended a call to Miss Marjorie Bourdeau to become the Christian Education Director and Youth Worker. She was welcomed to her new position on Sunday, March 4. Mrs. Dan Bittner, Reporter.

### Leadership Course and Christian Life Conference at White Ave. Church, Cleveland, Ohio

The month of February was a busy one for us at the White Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio. It began with a three-day course in Leadership Training which was sponsored by the Sunday School. Rev. Peter Pfeiffer of Erie, Pa., was our teacher for these sessions. Our subject was, "Gladly We Serve," in which Mr. Pfeiffer sought to impress us as teachers and officers of the importance of the work in the church school as well as to show us some of the privileges and the opportunities which teaching affords us. The extreme weather conditions hindered our attendance record to a certain extent, but those of us who did attend found the sessions to be exceedingly helpful.

Later in the month we had a week of services which we called a "Christian Life Conference." For this conference we were fortunate in having Dr. A. Dale Ihrie of the Grosse Pointe Church, Detroit, Mich., as our speaker. These were the first meetings of this kind to be held in our church in a number of years and our people looked forward to them with a great deal of anticipation. They were not to be disappointed. Each night Dr. Ihrie led us step by step into the meaning and the purpose of the Christian life.

He began with the first step of "Receiving the Grace of God" and ended by giving the challenge to each one to give his life to "The Service of God." A fine spirit prevailed throughout the week, and we will always be grateful to Dr. Ihrie for coming and to the members of his church for releasing him to us for this week. Our hearts were deeply stirred and were challenged to put forth greater efforts to reach out in our city and let our Christian influence be felt.

We are looking forward to a baptismal service in the near future. Thoughts of "relocation" for our church are beginning to loom large in the minds of our people. We will need much of God's grace and guidance from above as we face this problem which is forcing itself upon us. We are grateful to God for all of the blessings that he has bestowed upon us and for the indications of spiritual progress within our church.

Edward Kary, Pastor.

## Dakota Conference

### Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hagel, Wishek, North Dakota

On Jan. 14th children, grandchildren, other relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hagel of Wishek, N. Dak., gathered at their home to honor them on the observance of their golden wedding anniversary.

A program was given with Art Hagel in charge. A song, "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us," was sung. Two very appropriate talks were given by the Rev. L. O. Wahl of Wishek and the Rev. Henry Lang of Napoleon. Rev. Henry Lang, a nephew by marriage of the Hagels, chose Romans 8:27 for his text and spoke in German.

Three readings were given by Mrs. Roy Schnabel, Delmar Schnabel, and Gladys Hagel. Then the song, "God Will Take Care of You," was sung by the group. A delicious goose and turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served to 70 people.

After the opening of the gifts Mr. and Mrs. Hagel expressed their deepest appreciation and thanks to every one present, but most of all to their Lord and Master who so graciously had guided them in the days that are past. Then some favorite songs were sung. The Hagels are members of the First Baptist Church of Wishek, North Dakota.

On January 1, 1906 they were united in marriage by Rev. Christian Bishof in the Kassel Church. Mr. and Mrs. Hagel resided on a farm 6½ miles northwest of Ventura until October 1945 when they took residence at Wishek.

They have five children, all of whom were present for the occasion. They are: Arthur at Jamestown, N. Dak.; Mrs. Roy (Martha) Schnabel; and Gideon of Ventura, N. Dak.; Ernest, Moorhead, Minn.; Mrs. Leo C. (Palma) Goehring of Bismarck, N. Dak.

L. O. Wahl, Pastor.

## Pacific Conference

### Homebuilders Sunday School Class of Calvary Church, Tacoma, Wash., Observes 25th Anniversary

Friday, Jan. 27, will long be remembered by the "Homebuilders" of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., as the observance of the class' 25th anniversary. Our celebration consisted of a banquet for members and out of town guests.

Our president, Gay Kageler, was master of ceremonies. Due to unexpected weather conditions, our guest speaker and former teacher, Rev. Oscar Luchs of Portland, Ore., could not be with us on this occasion. Letters and telegrams of congratulations from former pastors and class members were read.

A brief memorial service was in charge of our capable teacher, Mr. Otto Stolz. Musical selections con-



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hagel of Wishek, N. Dak., at their golden wedding anniversary celebration.

sisted of numbers by a mixed quartet, vocal duet, men's chorus and piano solo. Reminiscences of experiences and amusing incidents of the class were given by some of the members. Then, too, the class history wasn't forgotten.

During this time the Lord has truly been with us, and we have felt his guidance in many ways filled with blessings from on high, which will be long remembered by the "Homebuilders."

Ethel Kageler, Reporter.



Sunday School teachers and workers of Portland, Ore., at the Institute held at the Immanuel Baptist Church sponsored by the Oregon Baptist League with Rev. A. W. Wardin, director, in front row, right.

### Two Sunday School Teachers' and Workers' Institutes for Oregon Baptist League Churches

The Oregon Baptist League sponsored two Sunday School Teachers' and Workers' Institutes for the Oregon Association churches. One institute was held in the Immanuel Baptist Church of Portland for the Portland area, February 17, 18 and 24. Six classes were taught with the assistance of eight teachers.

The second institute was conducted farther south at the Salt Creek Baptist Church for the Salt Creek and Salem churches, February 20, 24, 27 and March 1. Two classes, one on

Sunday School administration and the other on Sunday School teaching, were taught there. Rev. A. W. Wardin, interim pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, was in charge of the two institutes.

The institutes were well attended. A total of 87 persons registered, and together with 17 others who attended and ten teachers, 114 people participated in some way. Out of this total, 65 persons earned certificates. This was a decided advance for the Oregon churches over the previous year when only 29 certificates were earned. One reason for the increase was the fact that the League sponsored two institutes instead of one as last year, and also more classes were offered to meet the specific needs of the teachers and workers.

The institutes were inspirational and helpful, and at least partly through such means we look for improved Sunday Schools in the Oregon Association reaching more people for Christ.

A. W. Wardin, Reporter.

## NOT DEPENDENT ON FEELINGS

Someone asked Luther, "Do you feel That you have been forgiven?" He answered, "No, but I'm as sure As there's a God in Heaven. For feelings come, and feelings go, And feelings are deceiving. My warrant is the Word of God Naught else is worth believing."

—Selected



# Atlantic Conference Program

May 17-20, 1956

Place: WEST BALTIMORE BAPTIST CHURCH,  
Corner of Monroe and Frederick Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland

Theme: "THE CHURCH TODAY"

Ephesians 5:16, "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil"

## THURSDAY, MAY 17

- 3:00 P.M. Devotions and Prayer: THE PRAYING CHURCH, Ephesians 1:15-23. Leader, Rev. Roger Schmidt.  
3:30 P.M. Business Session.  
6:00 P.M. Supper.  
7:30 P.M. Evening Service: THE BLUEPRINT OF THE CHURCH, Ephesians 2:1-22, Rev. Richard Schilke.

## FRIDAY, MAY 18

- 9:30 A.M. Devotions and Prayer. Leader, Rev. John Schmidt.  
10:00 A.M. Business Session.  
11:15 A.M. Memorial Service. Leader, Rev. Herman Kuhl.  
11:30 A.M. Address: CHRIST LIVING THROUGH THE CHURCH, Ephesians 3:1-21, by Rev. Herbert Freeman.  
12:30 P.M. Luncheon.  
2:00 P.M. Business Session and Program of the Women's Missionary Union. Speakers: Mrs. Frank Veninga and Miss Ardice Ziolkowski, Missionary.  
6:00 P.M. Supper.  
7:30 P.M. Evening Service: THE PERFECTING OF THE CHURCH, Ephesians 4:1-32, by Rev. Lenox Palin.  
8:30 P.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE. Leader, Rev. Roger Schmidt.

## SATURDAY, MAY 19

- 9:30 A.M. Devotions and Prayer. Leader, Rev. Donald Mostrom.  
10:00 A.M. Business Session: Elections.  
11:15 A.M. Address: THE CHALLENGE TO THE CHURCH, Ephesians 5:1-16, Rev. Paul Wengel.  
12:30 P.M. Luncheon.  
2:00 P.M. C.B.Y. CONFERENCE RALLY. Miss Ardice Ziolkowski and Miss Dolores Henne, Missionaries.  
4:00 P.M. Young People's Business Session.  
6:00 P.M. C.B.Y. CONFERENCE BANQUET. Speaker, Rev. Richard Schilke.

## SUNDAY, MAY 20

- 9:45 A.M. Sunday School.  
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship: THE FAMILY AND THE CHURCH, Ephesians 5:17-6:9, by Rev. Paul Zoschke.

### PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

E. Barker, R. Cook, H. Laube, P. Kemper.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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these had been recently baptized and the other four came by letter and statement of faith. All were adults except for three children. Mr. and Mrs. Hess and their daughter moved into the new parsonage early in April at 202 South 65th St. of Tacoma. However, the former address will still be used for church mail. The new parsonage will be dedicated on Sunday, May 20, at which time the ground breaking exercises for the new church edifice will also be held with Dr. M. L. Leuschner as guest speaker.

● A mimeographed volume of 116 pages with a special attractive binding on "A History of the North American Baptists in Oregon" has been prepared by Rev. A. W. Wardin as a thesis presented to the Department of Church History of the Western Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary, Portland, Oregon. Mr. Wardin is now serving as the interim pastor of the Bethel Church, Salem, Oregon. It is a factual report of the history of our Oregon churches with all source material identified in 20 pages of footnotes and prepared in a colorful and narrative account. Copies of this documentary volume are available at

# OBITUARY

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

## MR. DANIEL F. GRUNERT of Edmonton, Alberta.

Mr. Daniel Fred Grunert of Edmonton, Alta., was born on May 5, 1885 in Warsaw, Poland, and was called home to be with the Lord on March 19, 1956, thus reaching the age of 70 years, 8 months, and 14 days.

As a child of four years he came with his parents to Canada in which country he lived all these years with the exception of a short while residing at Butte, Mont.

On October 31, 1913 the deceased was united in marriage with Minnie Jackson. This union was blessed with three daughters and one son. As a young man of 21 years Mr. Grunert sought and found his Lord and Savior. Upon confession of his faith he was baptized by Rev. Abraham Hager and united with the church. As a faithful member of the Central Church, Edmonton, Alta., he will always be remembered.

He leaves to mourn his departure his wife, three daughters, one son, three sons-in-law, five grandchildren, his mother, four sisters, four brothers, and many friends. During the days of his illness he often felt lonely and homesick and waited to be taken to his heavenly Home. Peace and rest be his forevermore!

Central Baptist Church,  
Edmonton, Alta., Canada  
E. P. WAHL, Officiating Minister.

## MRS SELMA LUEDEMANN of Mill Creek, Texas.

Mrs. Selma Luedemann, nee Brandes, of Mill Creek, Texas, died at her home on March 7, 1956 after a lingering illness at the age of 75 years, 6 months, and 19 days.

She was born at La Bahia, Washington County, Texas, on August 17, 1880, daughter of the late S. G. and Emma Siebel Brandes. On September 14, 1902 she was united in marriage to William Luedemann at Greenvine, Texas, by Rev. A. Becker. The following year she was baptized and became a member of the Greenvine Church. The Lord blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Luedemann with two daughters and one son.

Mrs. Luedemann was a Sunday School teacher in the Greenvine Church for 25 years and a member of the same church for over 50 years. Truly, she was a Christian wife and mother in the home, a most faithful and active worker in the church, and a true testimony in her community. All who knew her spoke highly of her.

Funeral services were held at the Greenvine Church on March 9, 1956 with the pastor bringing a message of comfort en-

\$1.60 postpaid from the author, Rev. A. W. Wardin, 807 S.W. Troy Street, Portland 1, Oregon.

● During the Sunday School hour for several weeks prior to Easter Sunday at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kenosha, Wis., a newly organized orchestra composed of string instruments accompanied the singing. On Palm Sunday morning, March 25, the pastor, Rev. E. W. Klatt, preached on "King for a Day!" That Sunday evening a number of the women of the church brought an Easter presentation about "Simon Peter." Vocal selections were by Mrs. Lillian Tracy, Mrs. Alice Ehlert, and Gladys Dart. Scripture readings and pictures on the life of Peter during the last days of Christ on earth were brought by Mrs. Joseph White. On Easter Sunday morning three persons were baptized on confession of their faith in Christ.

titled, "She Walked With God." It was based on Genesis 5:24. Rev. J. J. Lippert spoke briefly basing his message on Isaiah 46:4, after which Mrs. Lippert sang the beautiful solo, "The Love of God."

Survivors of the deceased include the husband, William Luedemann; two daughters: Mrs. Willie Heinemann of Mill Creek, Texas; and Mrs. John Mitchell of Austin, Texas; one son, Willie of Mill Creek, Texas; three sisters: Mrs. Ophelia Wendt of San Angelo, Texas; Mrs. Hugo Mueller and Mrs. Emily Renger, both of Hallettsville, Texas. One sister preceded her in death.

Greenvine Baptist Church,  
Brenham, Texas  
FRANK ARMBRUSTER, Pastor.

## MR. GEORGE ANTHOLD of Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

Mr. George Anthold of Manitowoc, Wis., was born May 21, 1890 in Kossuth, Wis., son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anthold. On September 12, 1922 he married Miss Erma Specht, and they located on a farm in Kossuth, Wisconsin. Mr. Anthold was ushered into Christ's presence in the morning of February 20 at the age of 65 years.

From boyhood Mr. Anthold was associated with what is now known as the First Baptist Church of Manitowoc and was baptized and received into the church's membership on September 5, 1909. He served the church faithfully over the years. For 25 years he was superintendent of the Sunday School and also gave consecrated service as a deacon of the church to the time of his death.

He was preceded in death by two sisters and a brother. Surviving are his wife; three daughters: Mrs. Richard White of Skokie, Ill.; Mrs. John Eldin Gates of Manitowoc, Wis.; Mrs. Marvin Madson of Menomonie, Wis.; a brother, Erwin of Route 5, Manitowoc; two sisters, Mrs. William Muesel and Mrs. Frank Streitenberger of Milwaukee, Wis., and seven grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Harvey Rakow who delivered a message on the blessedness of the dead based upon the text of Rev. 14:13. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery of Manitowoc.

First Baptist Church,  
Manitowoc, Wisconsin.  
HARVEY RAKOW, Pastor.

## MRS. DOROTHEA KETTERLING of Wishek, North Dakota.

Mrs. Dorothea Ketterling of Wishek, N. Dak., was born in Kassel, South Russia, on March 28, 1871, and died on March 21, 1956. She was married to John Ketterling in Kassel, South Russia, on January 6, 1892. To this union eleven children were born, nine sons and two daughters.

In 1894 the Ketterlings came to the United States, settling at Hosmer, South Dakota. In 1930 they moved to a farm southwest of Wishek, N. Dak., where they lived until 1935, and then retired and moved to Wishek, North Dakota. Since the death of her husband in 1954, Mrs. Ketterling lived with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred K. Zimmerman of Ashley, North Dakota.

She is survived by two daughters: Mrs. Martha Gobel of Lodi, Calif.; and Mrs. Emma Zimmerman of Ashley, N. Dak.; seven sons: Philip of Lodi, Calif.; Alvin of Fullerton, N. Dak.; Adam of Marion, N. Dak.; Albert of Streeter, N. Dak.; Reuben of Zeeland, N. Dak.; Emil of Rapid City, S. Dak.; and Arthur of Wishek, N. Dak.; 50 grandchildren, and 64 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Her husband and two sons, Jacob and Peter, preceded her in death. She was baptized and joined the First Baptist Church of Wishek, N. Dak., on April 24, 1938, and remained a faithful member until her death. Memorial services were held on March 26, 1956, with Rev. G. W. Breikreuz of Lehr, N. Dak., assisting in the German language.

Wishek, North Dakota  
L. O. WAHL, Pastor.

## MR. REINHOLD SCHULTZ of Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. Reinhold Schultz of Detroit, Mich., was born Jan. 25, 1889 in Poland and died March 14, 1956 at a hospital in Detroit. He reached the age of over 76 years. Our brother suffered for a number of years. It began when one day he fell and thereby

injured one of his hips, so that he was forced to walk on crutches. In the course of time other ailments showed up which made him a very sick man so that he had to be taken to the hospital where he spent eight weeks until the Lord delivered him from all suffering. During his lengthy sickness, he was faithfully taken care of both by his wife and daughter.

He was converted in his youth in the old country. In 1903 he emigrated to America and lived for a number of years in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Meanwhile, he was married to Martha Glahnert. This union was blessed with seven children, of whom three died in early childhood. At the end of the first World War the family moved to a farm in Pinconning, Michigan. In 1930 the family moved to Detroit where they joined the Burns Ave. Baptist Church.

Here our brother served the church as deacon for a number of years. Faithfully he attended the services of his church, even at a time when he was weak and handicapped with crutches, but we could see our brother with a smile upon his face.

The funeral was held on March 17 at Peters Funeral Home. The service was in charge of Dr. Dale Ihrie. Psalms 46 and 84 were read, and fitting words of comfort were spoken. The deceased leaves to mourn his departure his wife, Martha Schultz; his four children: William, Alfred, Henry, and daughter, Marion; also five grandchildren: as well as one brother, Alfred Muench; and two sisters: Lydia Burger of California and Martha Sauter of Germany. Then the funeral went to the Cadillac Memorial Gardens East cemetery where the body was laid to rest until the return of Jesus Christ. May the God of all comfort richly bless the bereaved family!

Grosse Pointe Baptist Church,  
Detroit, Michigan  
H. P. KAYSER, Correspondent,  
A. DALE IHRIE, Pastor.

## MRS. MARIE ROEGE of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Marie Roegel of Cleveland, Ohio, was born on February 4, 1869 in Memel, Germany, and passed to her eternal rest here in Cleveland on March 18, 1956, having reached the age of 87.

As an 18-year-old girl she came to America, making her home first of all for a short time in Buffalo, N. Y., before coming to Cleveland. For many years she worked for the prominent Nicola family of Cleveland, earning for herself their undying love and respect. Fourteen times they permitted her to visit her beloved homeland, Germany, during her stay with them. In 1908 she was united in marriage with Henry Roegel with whom she lived 15 years until he passed away in 1923.

Upon the death of Mrs. Nicola, she then returned to Germany, intending to live the rest of her days in her native country. The trying times of the second World War brought with them many difficulties so that she decided to accept the invitation of her only brother, Otto Markuschat, to return to Cleveland and make her home with him. Upon the death of her brother in November of 1955, she made her home with her only niece, May Markuschat, where she received the kindest care until she passed away.

Her parents were devout Christians and so it came about that as a young girl in Germany she accepted Christ Jesus as her personal Savior and was baptized and received into the Baptist Church fellowship. Here in Cleveland she was a faithful member of the White Avenue Baptist Church. Her one niece, May, and one half-sister in Germany remain to mourn her passing. Rev. Edward Kary conducted the memorial service directing words of comfort to the bereaved, based on the words of scripture found in 1 Thess. 5:1-11.

White Avenue Baptist Church,  
Cleveland, Ohio  
EDWARD KARY, Pastor.

## MR. HARM H. DREYER of El Monte, California.

Mr. Harm H. Dreyer of El Monte, Calif., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Dreyer, was born in Aplington, Iowa, June 16, 1883. Here he received his education and grew to manhood. On March 25, 1906 upon confession of his faith, he was baptized by the Rev. D. Koester and received into the fellowship of the Aplington Baptist Church.

He was united in marriage to Ida E. Scott on November 16, 1911. Two daughters and one son were born to this union. His

wife, one daughter, Millicent (Mrs. Robert Rowell); the son, Dr. Clifton Dreyer; and two grandchildren, all of El Monte, Calif.; three sisters and two brothers of Aplington are left to mourn his departure. His parents, one daughter, Ruth, four brothers, and one sister preceded him in death.

For quite a number of years the departed was engaged in business in Aplington. He served as a member of the Aplington School Board and took great interest in many community affairs. He loved music, as was shown by the many years he was a member of the town band. In 1926 he, with his family, moved to Des Moines, Iowa, where he operated a suburban grocery store. In 1934 the family returned to Aplington, later moving to Los Angeles, California, and then to El Monte, California.

He made yearly visits to Aplington and enjoyed meeting his old friends and attending services in his home church. Wherever he went, his charming personality won him many friends. He suffered a heart attack in 1949 which was later followed by several strokes from which he only partially recovered. His death came suddenly in a sanitarium in Azusa, Calif., on March 22. He reached the age of 72 years, 9 months, and 6 days.

Funeral services were held on Monday, March 26, at the Baptist Church of Aplington with Dr. John Leyboldt officiating. Interment was in Pleasant View Cemetery.

Aplington, Iowa  
JOHN LEYBOLDT, Interim Pastor.

## MR. OTTO W. KRUEGER of Clermont, Iowa.

Mr. Otto W. Krueger of Clermont, Iowa, son of John and Wilhelmina Krueger, was born on the family farm near Sumner, Iowa, on February 24, 1887. At approximately twelve years of age he came to live in the Clermont-Elgin community, where he made his home. On January 6, 1909, he was united in marriage to Clara Miller, thus beginning 47 years of happiness in the love of his family. From this happy union two children were born.

Early in life he felt his need of accepting Christ as Savior. He was baptized and united with the Elgin Baptist Church on August 30, 1903. From this time, his church and his Lord were his primary interests. He soon became a teacher in the Sunday School and retained this labor of love until his passing. Because of his sincere Christian testimony, he was elected to the highest office of his church, as deacon, on July 2, 1933. He served faithfully in this ministry, being of invaluable assistance to the pastors. He was greatly blessed to see the organization of the Sumner Baptist Church. It was a thrill when the church, once a mission station of Elgin, became a self-supporting congregation, dedicated to the glory of God.

He was active in all phases of church and denominational life. He had the joy of knowing many of our denominational leaders through fellowship in his home. He was elected vice-moderator of the Iowa Association of North American Baptists in October of 1954. When the position of moderator was vacated, he served in this higher capacity in so far as his health permitted.

His interests extended to the community. He was president of the Clermont Cooperative and the Clermont-Elgin Telephone Company. Through his many activities he became acquainted with people whose respect and admiration he gained because of his sincere Christian testimony and personal integrity. He had the gift of putting love and enthusiasm into all of life.

Otto Krueger passed away to be with his Lord on March 15, 1956, following a sudden and very brief illness. He had reached the age of 69 years. He is survived by his beloved wife, Clara; two daughters: Mrs. Harry Johnson of Elgin, Iowa, and Mrs. Willis Potratz of Emery, S. Dak.; four grandchildren, and a multitude of relatives and friends.

Services were held in the Elgin Baptist Church on March 17, with his pastor, Rev. H. John Vanderbeck, officiating. Honorary pallbearers were his dear friends and fellow deacons. Memorials were presented to the Building Fund of his church. Interment was made in God's Acres at Clermont, Iowa. He has gone to be with the Lord who loved him best.

First Baptist Church,  
Elgin, Iowa  
H. JOHN VANDERBECK, Pastor.



# Spice of Life

Teacher: "What supports the sun in the sky?"

Bright Boy: "Its beams, of course."

Young husband: "This pie is burnt. Send it back to the store."

Young wife: "I didn't buy it. It's my own cremation."

The twins, five years old, had knelt for bedtime prayers. Little Clara prayed first, concluding: "Amen. Good night, God. And now stay tuned for Clarence."

The baby ear of corn asked its mother, "How did I get here?" and got the inevitable reply: "The stalk brought you."

Jim: I didn't sleep so well last night.

Paul: Well, what was the matter?

Jim: I plugged in the electric toaster instead of the electric blanket and I kept popping out of bed.

An American boasted to a Londoner, "Why, if you were to board a train in Texas, 24 hours later, you would still be in Texas." The Londoner said, "We have trains like that, too."



Rev. J. C. Gunst, Promotional Secretary.

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Man: How many fish have you caught, Son?

Boy: Well, if I catch this one I'm after now, and then two more, I'll have three.

"If we were to walk out-of-doors on this lovely winter morning," said the teacher, "what would we see on every hand?"

"Gloves!" answered a student.

"Jimmy, sit down and tell your sister a story."

"I can't sit down. I just told Daddy a story."

"When I go to bed at night I always keep seeing red and green lights in front of my eyes."

"Have you seen an optometrist?"

"No, only red and green lights."

"What are you studying in college now?" asked the fond mother of her son, who was a freshman.

"We have just taken up molecules."

"That's fine. I hope you will like them. I always tried to get your father to wear one, but he couldn't keep it in his eye."

Mother: You were a very tidy boy not to throw your orange peel on the floor of the train. Where did you put it?

Little Boy: In the pocket of the man next to me.

Teacher: What are the people of New York noted for?

Small Boy: The people of New York are noted for their stupidity.

Teacher: Wherever did you get that information?

Small Boy: Right from the book. It says, "The population of New York is very dense."

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