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March of Events

● Warner Sallman, artist of the famous "Head of Christ" and other religious paintings, produced the "The Bible Speaks Today" poster being used in this year's world-wide Bible-reading campaign sponsored by the American Bible Society. Many thousands of copies of Sallman's poster have been produced in foreign lands.

● In Egypt, Sunday has become a workday for many Christians. Ever since last July, when the National Bank of Egypt began closing on Friday, the Moslem Sabbath, and remaining open on Sunday, there has been a movement toward closing all business places on Friday and staying open on Sunday. Anyone who fails to follow "the customs and traditions of the country" is subject to a fine.

● Harry A. Ironside, for many years before his death pastor of Moody Memorial Church, Chicago, Ill., has been memorialized with a bronze plaque placed in the new \$30,000 Ironside Memorial Library on the campus of William Jennings Bryan University, Dayton, Tennessee. Dr. Ironside, a trustee of the university for 20 years, spoke at Bryan a number of times. He willed his entire library to his son, John, who selected books which were sent to Bryan as a personal gift.

● Dedication ceremonies during which a cornerstone was laid were held late in September for the Robert E. Speer Library on the campus of Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey. The \$1,500,000 structure will house "the largest theological seminary library in the world." The cornerstone-laying marked the conclusion of a two-day autumn conference held by pastors and teachers throughout the east who were former students at Princeton. Plans call for the library which was begun last spring to be formally dedicated next spring.

● The Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill., is on television now. A series of 13 films is being shown on stations across the country. Everything from the theory of relativity to talking fish, from astronomy to carnivorous plants is covered in these television films. They have been adapted from the famous "Sermons from Science" color films produced by Moody Institute of Science. From the mail response the TV films are proving popular. Youngsters are finding them as exciting as the eternal western or crime story seen on TV, and to grown-ups they are not only entertaining but thought provoking. And, of course, the Gospel message is given in these television "Sermons from Science."

● Trustees of the Zoological Garden in Cincinnati, Ohio, have agreed to make the zoo a preparatory receiving station for goats donated by the American Milk Goat Association for shipment to Albert Schweitzer at his mission hospital in Lambarene in Africa's Congo. The association says that it has been shown that goats are the only practicable source of fresh milk for patients in the hospital. While the animals are at the zoo a local veterinarian will supervise their acclimatization to conditions in the Congo. A campaign is under way to raise the \$8,000 needed to transport the goats to Africa.—Christian Century.

● Three hundred signposts are being erected by the Israeli government to mark Biblical and historical sites throughout the country. They are designed to aid tourists and remind Israelis of their heritage. Printed in Hebrew and in English, they link the past to the present. The first to go up is a sign pointing up to Sodom, on the shore of the Dead Sea, mentioning also that, today, it is the center of Israel's potash production. Another, on the Jerusalem-Beersheba highway, shows the spot, in the valley of Elah, where David slew Goliath (1 Samuel 17:2, 50). General Yigael Yadin, Israeli war hero and noted archeologist, is chairman of a council advising the government on archeological matters of historical importance.—Watchman-Ex-

● New York's subway patrons are being given a chance this month to contemplate the Ten Commandments as they ride the trains. They owe the opportunity to Adelaide O'Mara, a

Brooklyn stenographer who had long studied the advertising cards on the sides of subway cars and concluded that "it might do some good" if people reading the advertisements were occasionally confronted by the Decalogue. This month she is paying to have advertising cards bearing the commandments in black and white placed in every train on the B.M.T. The cost: \$400. Miss O'Mara, a Roman Catholic, emphasizes that neither her church nor any other organization is sponsoring the project or contributing to the cost. "It's something personal I always wanted to do," she says.—Christian Century.

● The Moody Chorale of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Ill., will be making its second concert tour of the British Isles in 1958. Donald P. Hustad, director of the 45-voice student choir from Chicago's Moody Bible Institute, made the announcement recently. Mr. Hustad is head of the Institute's sacred music department. The young Americans were a hit with British audiences and critics on their five-week tour in the summer of 1954. Critics praised them for their warmth and depth of feeling, for their precise training and unusual interpretations. Mr. Hustad indicated that the 1958 tour will take five to eight weeks and will include some appearances on the continent as well as the British Isles. Dr. S. Maxwell Coder, dean of education at Moody, will accompany the Chorale as speaker.

● Charles B. (Chuck) Templeton, former evangelist and now pastor of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City, in a recent sermon challenged Christians in the United States to give articulate witness to their faith as a means of sharing it with their "spiritually hungry" countrymen. Accusing Christians of "sleeping in the midst of revolution" he declared: "Never within living memory has there been more avidity to hear the Christian message. The tragedy is that in a spiritual dearth, the Christian church has not spoken through its members." His advice: "Do not speak in religious cliches or repeat the words of ministers. Speak, rather, of the personal encounter you, presumably, have had with God. You do not need a grasp of theology. If you have faith, yours is the responsibility of sharing it—as you would bread—with the spiritually hungry."

● The parochial school movement among Protestants is gaining rapidly. This report was made to two national meetings of teachers and parents during the month of August. More than 36,000 pupils are enrolled in 187 day schools affiliated with National Union of Christian Schools, Dr. Joh. A. Van Bruggen reported to 425 delegates at the union's Grand Rapids convention. He predicted that enrollment (Continued on Page 23)

FRONT COVER

The front cover picture shows the King's Crusaders Quartet and Professor Roy Seibel of the North American Baptist Seminary in an inspiring view with Mt. Rushmore of South Dakota in the background. The report about the quartet's summer adventures appears on Page 8 of this issue. Professor Seibel as director of public relations for the Seminary accompanied the quartet on a part of its summer itinerary. This picture reminds one of the words of Jesus which are applicable to the Christian minister as well as to the Christian statesman: "Whosoever would be great among you, let him be your minister (servant)" Matthew 20:26.

Editorial

"Grace For Grace"

IN THE GOSPEL according to John (chapter one) the fulness of blessing which we as Christians have received of God is described by this unique phrase, "grace for grace." These are wonderful words that ought to be vocal on our lips and enshrined in our hearts at this Thanksgiving season of the year. Dr. J. B. Phillips in his translation has caught the spirit of this verse: "Indeed, every one of us has shared in His riches—there is grace in our lives because of His love." That has been our experience in Christ—"grace for grace."

These words tell us forcefully that our sufficiency is of God. You cannot set boundaries around the grace of God. When you try to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth and length, depth and height of the love of Christ, it goes beyond knowledge and you are "filled with all the fulness of God" (Eph. 3:18-19). We must marvel at the redeeming power of God's grace, at the matchless love revealed on the cruel Cross, at his daily answers to prayer. "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (2 Cor. 9:8).

As we consider this "grace for grace" of our God, we are reminded of an elderly lady who was thrilled by her first view of the ocean, stretching out before her, after having waited all her life for such an occasion. She then exclaimed: "At last I have seen that of which there is enough." This is our spiritual view when we have received God's grace through Christ into our lives!

There is also an "all inclusiveness" to be found in these words "grace for grace." It is not just a repetition of the word. It means that "God so loved the world," that everyone has potentially shared in his riches. In his dispensation of grace, God is no respecter of persons. Grace knows nothing about "segregation of persons." His saints come marching in from all points of the compass and with every blending of color. Christ is "the true Light, which lighteth every man which cometh into the world" (John 1:9). When we consider this "grace for grace" of our God, we can thank him that no one of us has been left out but that he also has included you and me!

These "three little words" also tell us that God gives because he is love! "There is grace in our lives because of his love." If it depended on our human merit and our daily achievements or on our keeping of the law, we would be the most miserable creatures on earth. But grace is God's love for us before the foundation of the world, before we merited his favor, while we were yet sinners. This is beautifully expressed in the closing stanza of one of Annie Johnson Flint's familiar poems:

"His love has no limit, his grace has no measure,
His power no boundary known unto men;
For out of his infinite riches in Jesus
He giveth and giveth and giveth again."

"And of his fulness have all we received, grace for grace."

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God in his grace showers his people with bountiful mercies in harvests of the field and blessings of life.

Christian Stewardship and Thanksgiving



A message for the denominational Thanksgiving and
Sacrifice Week, November 18 to 25, 1956



By REV. J. C. GUNST, Promotional Secretary

STEWARDSHIP, without a doubt, is one of the great essentials of the Christian life. The true meaning of Christian stewardship ought to be clearly expressed in the life and function of every church.

The Apostle Peter admonishes the followers of Christ to render their best in Christian service when he refers to them "as good stewards of the manifold grace of God" (1 Peter 4:10). In this statement, first of all, Peter recognizes that all followers of Christ are stewards. Although we find that the word is sparingly used, when it is used, the true meaning could be considered much more seriously.

All of us are familiar with the definition of the word, "steward." A steward is one who serves as an employee, who takes on the responsibility of a supervisor, an administrator, or a manager. In the early days of Christianity the function of a steward must have been regarded with considerable more significance than in our day. But even today, for the Christian, the meaning of stewardship is extremely important.

GOD'S MANIFOLD GRACE

In giving further thought to Peter's words, he exhorts the followers of Christ to think about "the manifold grace of God," as he puts it. Grace is a gift of God. It is the free mercy of God, also the enjoyment of his favor. But grace is more than that. Paul quotes Jesus as saying, "My grace is sufficient for thee" (1 Cor. 12:9). Peter says all of that and more when he speaks of "the manifold grace of God."

Think again about these striking expressions. What should it mean to the 20th century Christian? Can it mean all of God's mercies enjoyed by the believer? What are these mercies? At the close of a busy year, when the harvest is garnered, the farmer may

say to his family: "This year we have done well. See the manifold returns for our labors. The fields have yielded richly. The herd has increased and is quite ready for a good market. The garden and vineyard have produced bountifully. What more can we ask?"

The business man likewise may have had an equally successful year. His business turn-over has been better than in the previous year. He has had more and better customers, and a larger supply of products for the market. The business man may say: "I have had a great year but, of course, I worked harder than ever. Therefore I have better results." True as this may be, we must agree with Peter that all these bounties, all the success that people are having in every walk of life is due to "the manifold grace of God."

However, having bestowed this grace upon his people, God calls on them to be "good stewards of the manifold grace of God." We need to be reminded that God's grace goes beyond material riches. Good health, talents, and the ability to use these talents are God-given. Without the proper amount of natural resources such as rain, sunshine, even the soil itself, which only God can provide, plus the actual tangible products we boast so much about as our own, none of these bounties would have been possible without the manifold grace of God. To some it may seem strange that God in his grace showers his people with these bountiful mercies. But, alas, there is a reason!

God bestows this manifold grace of his because he trusts his people to be good stewards. Stewardship is one of the basic doctrines of Christianity. Stewardship means the recognition of God's ownership of all material resources and of life itself, including

one's thoughts, time, talents, energy, and influence, as well as possessions. Too many Christians confine the term "stewardship" to the giving of the tithe. One can immediately see how that warps the true meaning of stewardship and narrows it down to an unattractive limited function.

GOOD STEWARDS OF GOD

Stewardship is not merely a scheme to raise money for the church, but a means of entering actively into partnership with God. The believer becomes the trusted one in charge of the "manifold grace of God" allotted to him, whatever may be in the believer's possession. Stewardship in the loftiest sense is the noblest expression of the Christian ideal and provides the motive power for mighty achievements. It does so by leading the way to discipline, sacrifice, and service, through which one finds the victorious life.

Daily the Christian is aware that he is in partnership with God. This awareness calls for a disciplined life. A devoted Christian knows the meaning of sacrifice; therefore, he exercises Christian stewardship. The daily service rendered by the follower of Christ is not for self-advancement, but becomes a service rendered for God and in his stead.

Paul puts it in these words: "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'" (Acts 20:35). Such stewardship involves not only the use of time, talents, and money, but also the trusteeship of all things from God.

Christ used many parables to show the virtues of good stewards, whom he meant to be administrators, supervisors, managers of estates, or trusted servants. Such good stewards are to be found in all Christian churches throughout the land.

Paul places great stress on the spiritual implications of stewardship: "Let a man so account of us, as ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" (1 Cor. 4:1-2). Paul's exhortation is to be faithful in supervising the manifold graces of God entrusted to his followers.

THE CHRISTIAN'S THANKSGIVING

Stewardship calls for faith in God and the realization that life and possessions are gifts from him, to be used for the benefit of others, with a thoroughgoing dedication of one's total resources and powers in the unselfish service to fellowmen—all in the spirit of the Cross.

One might ask, What has Thanksgiving to do with stewardship? The answer to this question is found in the words of the Psalmist: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name" (Ps. 103:1). The Psalmist never knew what the Apostle Peter was going to write, but it is apparent that the emphasis of the two writers is the same in this matter of stewardship.

This Thanksgiving Day should not be just another day for thanksgiving. For Christian believers it ought to be THE Thanksgiving Day of the year. Let it be a day set aside to take inventory of ALL our benefits, and to recognize the fact that what we possess comes from God, the Creator, the Provider, the Sustainer, and the Loving Father whose mercies are endless.

Everyone has cause to give proper thanks to God for that. Let his people give thanks on this day that they were chosen as stewards in charge of God's riches which he has placed into their trust for supervision. Cautiously and most conscientiously, let us carefully supervise these God-given possessions in such a way that the accounting is found accurate.

Thanksgiving Day should be a day when we may distribute, share, or apply possessions in our trust in such a way that we shall be assured of HIS sanction and pleasure.

SACRIFICE WEEK

Thanksgiving is a day of rejoicing and of praise. It is also a time of heart-stirring prayers to God. It must also be a day of making sacrifice unto the Most High by rightfully and genuinely sharing riches entrusted to our care. Truly, the children of God have much to be grateful for, particularly in the great land of America. In sharing the bountiful riches with which God has blessed his people, they will make it possible to make known the Gospel of Christ around the world.

For this 1956 Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week, November 18 to 25, let us remember our responsibility to the larger missionary enterprise God has entrusted to the North American Baptist General Conference churches to maintain.

Our Missionary Program

A timely message for every North American Baptist church that appeared, first of all, in the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church News (Detroit, Mich.) prepared by its pastor, Dr. A. Dale Ihrie

THANK GOD for the missionary program of our church, but I have some questions to raise concerning it, with the hope that it can become an even larger and better part of our church life.

I wonder, first of all, whether we are getting the real joy out of our missionary work that we should. Two thoughts have impressed themselves on me as the need for happy and united missionary giving becomes more and more urgent.

THE CAUSE OF CHRIST

First, we have not helped missions in our church by designating our money to people rather than causes. It is a mistake to put missions on a strictly personal basis. When we support individuals simply because we know them, or enjoy their speaking ability, we have injected a secondary factor which is sure to stir up difficulty. The difficulty is that we don't all know, or like, or enjoy the same individuals to the same degree. Then, when the congregation votes to support one and not another, friendships are strained and personal feelings of animosity are aroused. We can't include everybody's relatives or personal friends. The question of why we support one but not another becomes a recurring question that is never solved.

It seems to be wiser to let people support whatever private individuals they wish but not to build our mission program around people. I do not even think we should support them simply because they grow up in our church, unless they happen to become part of a cause to which we are obligated as Baptists—and then our support is indirect. No young person called to be a missionary is going to be true or untrue to his calling simply because his home church does or does not support him. The call to missionary service is deeper than that. To be specific: the Holzimmers' to stay in Africa is based on God's call, and not whether their support happens to come from this church or another.

This is not to say there is no blessing in knowing a missionary personally. It is always a blessing to know and to pray for individuals who are active for Christ. But surely our motive for giving is deeper than mere personal acquaintance. The New Testament always subordinated individuals to the Great Cause. It is my in-

creasing conviction that a stable mission program which is truly Christian must be built around causes rather than individuals.

Second, there are many worthy causes within the over-all program of Christ, but we certainly cannot include them all in our missionary program. This raises the question: What cause or project or program or institution should have precedence among us? The answer is: We should feel our major obligation to the things which depend on our kind of church for their exclusive support. There are certain causes that can go to any kind of a church and get support. Finding it convenient to be independent, they are not confined to any one set of loyalties when it comes to asking for money. They are not averse to going to denominational churches or independent churches, Baptist, or Methodist, or any other group.

OUR MISSIONARY OBLIGATION

True, Baptists cannot do this. One price they pay for their Baptist convictions is a dependence on Baptist churches for all the help they get. (Nor do you find them invading other groups to seek funds competitively from non-Baptist sources.) Even among Baptists this high sense of ethics is maintained. North American Baptists draw their entire support from North American Baptist churches. If our churches do not support our North American Baptist program, no one else will.

Frankly, I'm pretty much of a Baptist by conviction. As pastor of our church, I feel obligated to be a loyal supporter of the North American Baptist Conference, of which we are a part by God's providence. This (for me) identifies the cause which God would have us maintain. It is a sound and Scriptural one. I even wonder if the time hasn't come when we should write to some of the independent individuals on our specific project list and explain that our Baptist work is being expanded and we feel obligated to put our funds into it. After a year has passed, they will not be disturbed to learn that we have felt our Baptist responsibility should have first place.

It is my firm belief that these things point to a better, larger, more effective mission program than our church has ever known.

Showers in a Dry, Dusty Land

The story of three Vacation Bible Schools in Colorado for 254 Spanish-American children

By MISS HELEN LOHSE, Missionary

SHOULD YOU VISIT the San Luis Valley of Colorado in late spring or early summer, you would soon discover it to be a land of dust and very, very little rain. Clouds of dust billow across the land and bump into the mountains on the opposite side, adding to the height of the Sand Dunes, which are now the highest in the world.

Physical showers of rain have virtually amounted to nothing, but as we began our first Vacation Bible School in Center we realized we were to see spiritual showers of blessing. At the close of this school we realized that 119 boys and girls had been touched

homes. The house fairly burst at the seams, but the only visible damage consisted of two doors off their hinges and one broken window.

From 50 to 80 dusty and eager Crusaders marched into the building each day to the tune of "Sir Christian." Our material for the three schools was "Crusading With the King." After each child found a spot to seat himself, they all stood to repeat "The Code." This code contained three rules, which were as follows:

1. God is to have first place.
2. Christ shall be our King.
3. Love is the supreme rule.



Rev. Paul Appel, Spanish-American missionary at Monte Vista, Colo., and some of the Vacation Bible School children on the steps of the Monte Vista chapel.

with the teaching of the Gospel. Fifty-three "Brownies" squeezed into the mission room on the first day of school and by Friday there were 78 (without teachers and helpers) sitting on the chairs, benches, window sills, tables, stairs, oil can, and on larger laps.

During the first week of school in Center there were no other Vacation Schools being held in our area. The Catholic school began the second week and since the Spanish Assembly of God was without a pastor, they held no school whatsoever. This accounted for a good percentage of our attendance.

CODE OF LIVING

The second week our attendance dropped. The more energetic ones would spend the morning at the Catholic school and come to us in the afternoon, but for some it was too much. As the youngsters piled in for opening session each day, my cat sought refuge under the bed and remained there until sure that all had returned to their

homes. With each rule a suitable verse of Scripture was repeated and a chorus sung. You will agree, I am sure, that our code for living as Christian Crusaders was a good one.

But to live with love as the supreme rule and to repeat it with other youngsters are two different things. We soon realized that much teaching in "social" growth must be included in our schools.

During the opening session our crusaders received more admonitions as to how they could be better daily crusaders and all listened attentively to "Man-Eaters and Masai Spears" which told the adventures of a missionary and his two African helpers who needed a lot of faith in God to overcome obstacles as they attempted to bring the Gospel message to a people that had never heard it before.

The third rule of our code received a real test as the youngsters seated themselves in their classrooms. Working in limited space, the temptation to

place elbows in near-by ribs was too much. The children of the Junior class were to build Sir Christian's castle and keep it in their room for study purposes, but we soon realized that we had better build the castle room by room, and only bring one in each day because there just wasn't room for anything more than necessary.

VACATION SCHOOL WORKERS

Three girls from the local Baptist church worked with as many as 33 Beginners a day. We were most thankful for the services of these high school girls who gave up six weeks of their summer to help in all three of our schools. One of the girls is a senior this year and has helped us at the mission for many years and was our Beginner teacher again this summer.

Her younger sister aided Miss Mary Ann Guthals who taught the Primary Class. Mary Ann came to us from our Ebenezer Baptist Church at Elmo, Kans., for the summer months. The Spanish boys and girls were very fond of Miss Mary Ann and she rendered a fine service while with us.

Every school must have a recess period and our Vacation Bible Schools were no exception. Where could love find more practical application than when taking turns and sharing equipment? While I taught Crusader songs to some, Rev. Paul Appel took another group out for their recreation period. Again the code for living was tested. Repeatedly we heard, "If I have to be on her side, I won't play at all."

It was a hard choice for some of the older boys to make when they had to decide between playing ball and sitting on the roof next-door to throwing water at the youngsters who were getting their drinks of water. Here again we heard, "I had to throw my water at him; can I have some more?"

HANDCRAFT FOR ALL

To boys and girls who seldom know what to do with spare time at home, craft time is a special treat. Anxiously they would wait for their materials to be handed out so that they could begin work. Here, too, their patience and love were brought to a testing point.

The schools in Del Norte and Monte Vista were run like the first. The only exception was a young people's class in these two schools. The juniors just aren't juniors anymore; they are grown-up and are ready for more difficult material. By the end of the summer we discovered that we had enrolled 254 Spanish-Americans in our Vacation Bible Schools.

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Japanese children from our Baptist Sunday School in Ise, Japan, parade through the streets (left) to announce the Vacation Bible School. At the closing program held in the Baptist Chapel the Vacation School children recite (right) and colorfully describe the events of creation.

Vacation Bible School, Ise, Japan

By MRS. CLEMENCE AUCH, Missionary to Japan

"But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God" (Luke 18:16).

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY children from the ages of six to 13 attended our Vacation Bible School in Ise, Japan, this summer during the month of August. Two different schools were conducted, one in the Kurose area and one in our present church building.

"ONWARD, CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS"

The teachers were Kitahata San, who has been a faithful teacher in the Sunday School and a helper for Miss Florence Miller in the house, and Yamamoto San, Miss Miller's co-worker. Ono San, Walter Sukut's co-worker, also taught in the school at the church.

The school began each morning at 9:00 o'clock with the singing of "Onward Christian Soldiers." New songs were learned and a short story told before they were divided into their respective classes. Their daily lessons centered about the faithfulness of God to his promises. This was taught with a brief review of the creation and fall of man, then the promises given to Noah, Moses, Abraham, and the prophets, with emphasis on the promise of a Savior, terminating with the coming of Jesus Christ.

CROWDED CLOSING PROGRAMS

A program was held at the close of the school in each place for the parents and friends. They were very well attended at both places. Even the windows had to be removed so that the people crowded around outside could look in. It was a joy and a thrill to see and to hear the children repeat the many Bible verses they had memorized

and to listen to their lusty voices as they sang. Six awards were given to the children who did the best in their daily work.

May the seed of the Word that has been sown in those young hearts grow to the honor and glory of God!

IF BUT ONCE

If I in the harvest fields,
Where strong ones reap,
May find one golden sheaf
For love to keep,
May speak one quiet word
When all is still,
May help some fainting heart
To bear thy will,
Or sing one high clear song,
On which may soar
Some glad soul heavenward,
I ask no more.

—Author Unknown ((From Book, "101 Inspirational Poems").

SHOWERS IN A DRY LAND

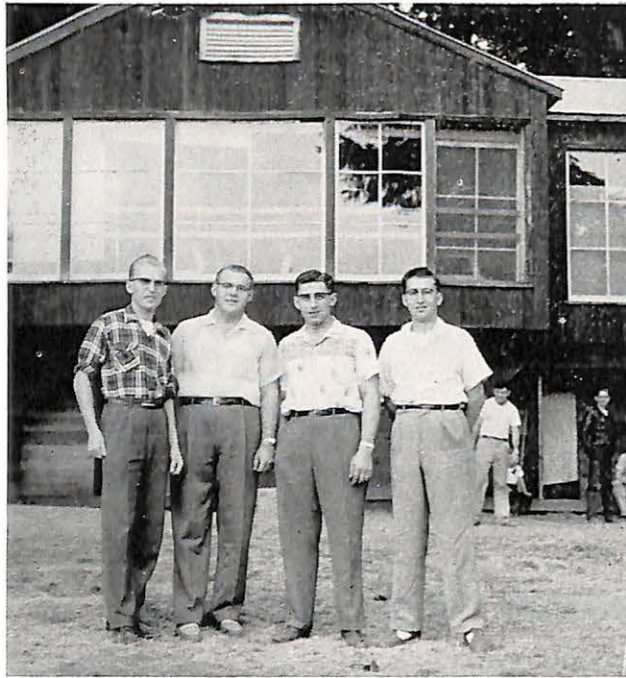
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Capacity crowds attended the closing exercises in each of our towns. The scholars did their best and the parents enjoyed watching them—somewhat surprised at the ability of the smaller folk. At each program a Christian film was shown which proved to be a real blessing. We were very happy to have Rev. J. C. Gunst with us at our closing program night in Del Norte. It was also a treat to use our own church for the school and closing program in Monte Vista.

A popular tune uses the words, "Que será, será," meaning, "What will be, will be." Spanish words they are, but this cannot apply to the spiritual condition of our people. So we endeavor to reach them with the Gospel message and to help them materially, physically and mentally where necessary.



Jesus taught his disciples in parables and mighty words that were a revelation of God's Truth to them and which still show the Way to Life Eternal to all mankind.



The King's Crusaders Quartet of the Seminary at the Oregon Senior Youth Camp at Falls City, Oregon.
Left to right: Charles Littman, Robert Hoffman, Paul Siewert, and Art Boymook.

NORTH AMERICAN
BAPTIST SEMINARY

The Seminary Quartet's Summer Adventures



By the King's Crusaders Quartet of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

THE HEAVENS DECLARE the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork." These words of the Psalmist became more vivid and meaningful to us as we journeyed across vast plains, scenic valleys, across dry barren land and majestic mountains on our way to various churches of our denomination which we as a quartet were privileged to visit.

As we look back upon our experiences, we realize that we have been, as the song writer puts it, "drinking at the springs of living water." Rich and meaningful experiences were ours as we met together with God's people across the land. Although we were not personally acquainted with many of the churches and people, we felt knit together because of our Savior Jesus Christ. We experienced that many people are supporting our Seminary in prayer and by other means, for which we are very thankful. Being thus supported and united, we feel enriched and strengthened for future service.

VISITING OUR CHURCHES

In visiting the individual churches, we found that people have caught anew a glimpse of Christ's challenge, "Ye shall be my witnesses," and thus are moving to new areas, building new churches so that more people may be reached for Christ. This to us was an indication of spiritual growth and advancement to meet the need of a lost and dying world.

Many churches have improved their facilities by adding educational facilities for the instruction of the many children and others who come to these churches. Besides providing a place for Christian instruction to those who

come, these new buildings and facilities also give opportunities for the young people and others in the churches to use their talents for the Lord.

Not only did we see the individual churches at work, but we were also privileged to see the laymen of our conference working together as a group during the Laymen's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin. This stop at Green Lake was a source of spiritual refreshment to us before we continued on our way.

After a few weeks in the United States, we visited some of the churches of our Northern Conference in Canada. There also we saw churches rising to meet new situations and opportunities which present themselves in a rapidly expanding land such as Canada. While in Edmonton, Alta., we went back once again to the Christian Training Institute and remembered with joy the many blessings we had received while attending there some years ago.

While in the Pacific Conference area, we were able to spend some time at the Oregon Youth Camp. As we worshiped and had fellowship in this way, the Lord was very near as we saw his handiwork surrounding us on every side. Especially meaningful was the last evening at camp as we met together for a closing consecration service. Many young people told of their experiences with the Lord, and others consecrated themselves to the Lord for his service. God is calling men and women everywhere to give themselves in service for him but there is a need for many more who are willing to follow.

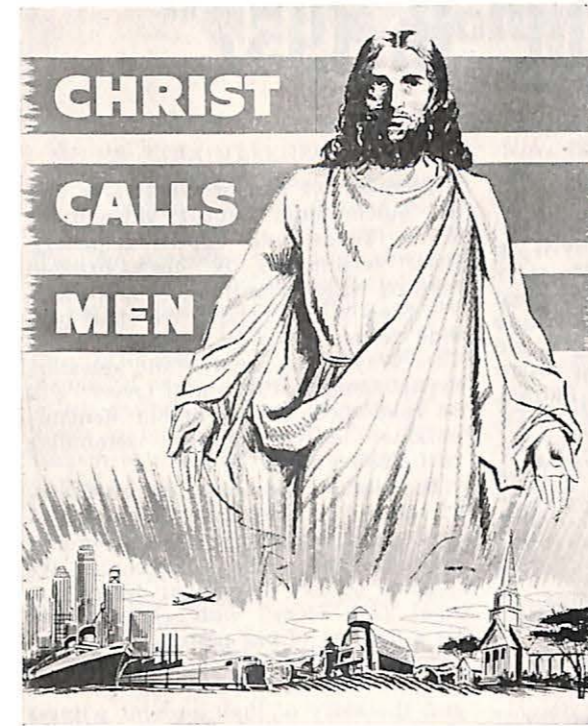
We were drawn closer to the Lord as we saw his blessing and strengthening power upon the labors of his servants everywhere. It was of special blessing to see that God is still calling people to the great harvest fields of the world. Our prayer is that many more might respond to his call, for "truly the harvest is great but the laborers are few."

Seminary News and Activities

By PROFESSOR ROY SEIBEL, Director of Public Relations

THE LARGE CALENDAR hanging in the president's office read September 10, 1956. It was early in the morning when the stately halls of the Seminary long subdued in silence through the summer months suddenly echoed with quickened footsteps and cheery voices as students gathered from the east and west to enroll in the 107th year of the North American Baptist Seminary.

On hand assisting President Lang and the registrar, Professor Martha Leyboldt, to greet the incoming students was the genial president of the student body, Don Rich, and his fellow student body officers. From the first moment each student was made to feel that he was a part of a closely knit Christian community dedicated to a consecrated and a better trained ministry. (Continued on Page 22)



Billy Graham Challenges Men For Christ



The Evangelist's Message to the
United Church Men Convention
in Cleveland, Ohio

THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED men from 33 states met for three days in Cleveland, Ohio, from Sept. 14 to 16 in the nation's first interdenominational gathering of Christian laymen. They listened to talks and addresses by 13 speakers who included two evangelists, a congressman and a mayor—and they returned to their homes and businesses with the conviction that the experiment was a significant success.

In an informal poll taken at the closing session, most of the men said they wanted more such national meetings as evidence that "laymen are on the march." There was every likelihood that they will have their way. The convention program included no business actions. There were no resolutions, no elections of officers, both matters beyond the scope of the meeting. However, assembling in seven sessions, delegates heard from a group of notable speakers and listened to what most felt must have been one of the year's finest programs of sacred music.

Through the kindness of Rev. Edward Kary of Cleveland, Ohio, pastor of the White Avenue Baptist Church, who served as a reporter at the convention, the "Baptist Herald" was able to secure the manuscript of Billy Graham's message, largely as he delivered it at the convention on Sunday, Sept. 17, to 7,000 eager listeners.

BILLY GRAHAM'S SERMON

"There is no success at bargain prices."

The Scripture lesson is taken from Mark, the 10th chapter. It's the story of the rich young ruler who came to Christ seeking a full-orbed life. He was searching for success and happiness in this life, as well as assurance

of the future life, but he wanted all of this at "bargain prices." He wanted a short-cut to success and Heaven. Jesus refused to bargain with him. Jesus said that he would have to commit not only his personal life but his business and domestic life as well to God.

In athletics there are no short-cuts. Ask Mickey Mantle, Bob Feller, or Ben Hogan. In education there are no short-cuts. You might cheat on an examination but you only cheat yourself, not the professor. There are four things for which we have to pay a high price, which I want to suggest:

First, there is the **HIGH PRICE OF SIN**. There is a fundamental and basic law of God that says "whatever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Many of you are now forging links of a chain that will some day blind you. You cannot buy sin for cash. It is only bought on the installment plan. The sins that we commit today are paid for throughout eternity. The Bible says that we shall some day eat the fruit of our own way of life.

SIN OF NEGLECT

The sins of neglect are just as great in the sight of God as deliberate sins. We neglect to be grateful to God for his blessings on America. We neglect to love our fellow-man as we should. This neglect has brought about the racial strife in this country. We neglect to keep our bodies strong and healthy. We are becoming a nation of softies; we have come to love ease and pleasure.

We have become unwilling to face the hard realities of life. While the communist world is dedicated, sacrificing, and training for the ultimate conflict, we are taking it easy. This

very neglect may some day cost us our liberties and freedoms. These sins may seem to be small but they pay terrible dividends.

Christ taught that we are to prepare for the next world. He continually warned that life is short and death is certain. He continually pointed out that this world and all of its pleasures and attainments soon passes and that we shall all stand at the Judgment.

THE WORLD'S PLEASURES

A famous actress in London, some time ago, after one of the greatest ovations of her career was seen to be in tears. A friend said, "What's the matter?" She replied, "I'm afraid I'm getting old and there will not be many more such scenes of enthusiasm and applause over my acting as I have seen tonight!"

The world's stars burn out; its idols fall; its favorites wane; its glamor fades; its popularity and ovations pass; its days are numbered. The Bible says, "The world passeth away, but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

The second thing is the **HIGH PRICE OF SALVATION**. The Cross has become the emblem and symbol of Christianity. Whether it's a Catholic or Protestant church, you will see a cross on its spire. The Bible teaches that our redemption is bought by the sacrifice of Christ on that Cross. Our redemption cost Christ his reputation, his dignity, his pride and his life, but he was willing to pay it because of his consuming love for the human life. At the foot of this Cross is man's only hope of redemption.

This Cross tonight could light a torch and become a symbol of hope, (Continued on Page 13)

The "Baptist Herald" in 1957

Announcement of "Things to Come" by Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Editor

ALL OF US look forward with joy to new and exciting things. Anticipation is almost as thrilling as the adventure itself. We can now pull back the curtains and announce the unveiling of the improved and different "Baptist Herald" for 1957. It will not be nearly as glamorous as the unveiling of a new model of automobile, but we feel it will be equally wonderful for all "Baptist Herald" readers and friends.

The January 10, 1957 issue will greet you with an entirely new front cover and with artist's sketches for all departments besides changed printing style for the headings. All reports for churches and conferences as well as the obituaries will be kept to a brief maximum number of words, thus giving us at least three or four new pages for spiritual and inspirational articles.

WELCOME CHANGES

In 1957 you will find the fine sermons by great preachers of the country in the "Baptist Herald." You will be thrilled and delighted to read messages by such well known men as Dr. Vance Havner, Bible teacher; Dr. V. Raymond Edman, president of Wheaton College; Dr. Alan Redpath, pastor of Chicago's Moody Memorial Church; Dr. Charles W. Koller, president of Northern Baptist Seminary; and many others. Our pastors and denominational leaders will contribute articles which will be equally inspirational.

Look for some unusual publishing events and "scoops" in the "Baptist Herald." An article on Billy Sunday and his great 1917 evangelistic campaign in New York City will be followed by the story of the 1957 meetings in the same "metropolitan center" by Billy Graham, the present firebrand of God! We hope to have Dr. Clarence W. Cranford of the Calvary Church, Washington, D. C., report about the presidential inauguration in January 1957 and the story of religion in our capital city.

Have you ever heard of Henry Drummond and his best seller book, "The Greatest Thing in the World"? We shall give you the story of this English minister on the 60th anniversary of his death in a 1957 issue of the "Baptist Herald." The poems of John Greenleaf Whittier have often been quoted from your pulpit or have been sung by you from your hymnal. The story of this Christian poet on the occasion of his 150th anniversary of birth will be of interest to you. The thrilling story of Baptist men and women enshrined in the stained glass windows of the new sanctuary of the First Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., will be another captivating account.

BAPTIST LIFE STORIES

We shall introduce you to several outstanding Baptist personalities of our day by means of their life story and pictures. We hope to have you meet such men as Dr. Theodore Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance; Dr. Richard E. Day, author of many books; Dr. Norman A. Paullin, preacher and Seminary professor; Dr. Walter A. Lewis, former associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance with an outstanding ministry in Europe; and Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, editor of the new publication "Christianity Today."

Everyone loves to sing—especially in North American Baptist Churches. The story of Isaac Watt's hymn, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," will be brought to "Baptist Herald" readers at the time of the 250th anniversary of its first publication. Charles Wesley has given us a rich legacy of hymns. The 250th anniversary of his birth will be remembered with an article about the many songs that he wrote.

We shall continue to feature the informative missionary articles and reports from God's faithful servants on our wideflung missionary fields. In addition, we shall bring a new approach to the general missionary issues and problems of our day. Dr. W. J. Appel will describe "Europe Through a Minister's Eyes." One of our Cameroons missionaries will tell the story of "The United Nations and Its Protectorate Over the Cameroons, Africa." In the January 10, 1957 issue we shall publish Rev. Clemence Auch's fascinating article from Japan, "Language—A Burden and a Challenge."

NEW DEPARTMENTS

Several new departments will make their important debut in 1957. The religious cartoons of Mr. Jack Hamm,

a graduate of Baylor University and an outstanding Baptist layman of Waco, Texas, will appear regularly. Brief testimonies by our Christian laymen will appear in the department, "In Step With Christ." We shall provide letters from readers in "Write This Way!" An answer and question department, "Let's Talk It Over!" will be conducted by one of our denominational leaders. Prayer reminders will also be listed.

Regularly there will be book reviews, a Christian novel in serial installments, and news items from our churches and about our people. We hope to publish a series on "My Spiritual Life Story" with contributions by a number of our pastors. Plans are being made to feature a number of our churches with front cover pictures and the story of their present witness for Christ in the "Baptist Herald." The General Conference in Edmonton, Alberta, will receive a good deal of publicity throughout the year.

More than ever the "Baptist Herald" will minister to the entire congregation of every North American Baptist Church. It will be a spiritual treasure house for those who love inspirational reading material and who desire a wider acquaintance with the Christian world and its outstanding religious leaders. It will bring you up-to-date on the missionary work of our missionaries and on the latest denominational developments.

EVERY FAMILY PLAN

Because of these improvements in our papers, and because of these high publishing objectives for the "Baptist Herald," we believe that every North American Baptist Church should adopt the EVERY FAMILY SUBSCRIPTION PLAN. It will be a great blessing to your church if every family receives and reads the "Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote."

We covet every family in your church as an active subscriber and reader. Let us demonstrate to them that this is their Christian paper which they will love and cherish as their church work and our denominational enterprise become more precious to them. We shall certainly be very happy to hear from you if you would like to make other suggestions for the 1957 issues of the "Baptist Herald."

Get acquainted with the EVERY FAMILY SUBSCRIPTION PLAN. Adopt it as a church! Get the "Baptist Herald" into every home and family of your church, and we shall endeavor with God's help to make 1957 a wonderful year for every "Baptist Herald" reader.

EVERY FAMILY SUBSCRIPTION PLAN

- Various methods of financing this plan:
 - (1) Include the sum of money needed for the papers in the annual church budget.
 - (2) Hold a special offering for this "item" in the church budget on some designated Sunday (preferably January).
 - (3) Encourage individual families to subscribe through the Publication Society agent or some other person, and the church will pay for the remainder of the subscriptions, such as new members, etc.

Leaflets describing the "Plan" are available in your church or at our headquarters, Forest Park, Illinois.

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"God's Volunteers" on the March

By DR. M. L. LEUSCHNER, Editor of English Publications

"GOD'S VOLUNTEERS" are on the march. Six North American Baptist young people from the United States and Canada have completed their training program and are now engaged in visitation evangelistic work in various communities. They are giving their time freely until the close of April 1957. They represent the vanguard of an inspiring procession of other young people who will follow them to make Christ and his Gospel known to those in spiritual need.

These six young people, representing "God's Volunteers" are:

- Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Orthner of Serath, Sask., Canada;
- Miss Eunice Kern of Leduc, Alta., Canada;
- Miss Katie Michelson of Lodi, Calif.;
- Miss Bonnie Louise Teskey of Ventura, N. Dak.;
- Miss Lu Ella Wolff of Ellendale, North Dakota.

From September 17 to October 12 they participated in an intensive training program at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta. Dr. George A. Lang and Professor Roy Seibel of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., besides Rev. E. P. Wahl, president of the Christian Training Institute, and other members of the CTI faculty, served as the teaching staff for this program. During the last two weeks Rev. Daniel Fuchs, the director of "God's Volunteers," joined the training program.

From October 14 to 21 the group embarked on its first venture of an evangelistic campaign at the McKernan Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta. Meetings were conducted at the church with Rev. Daniel Fuchs as evangelistic speaker. An intensive visitation program was carried on in the surrounding community by members of the team of "God's Volunteers." In the next issue of the "Baptist Herald" Mr. Fuchs will relate the story of the training period and the first phases of this practical work program in Edmonton.

The further itinerary of "God's Volunteers" will take them thousands of miles across the United States and Canada. Their schedule is as follows:

- Oct. 24 to Nov 11—Two "Volunteers" at Fenwood and Ebenezer West and Springside Churches, Sask.
- Oct. 24 to Nov. 11—Two "Volunteers" at Ebenezer, Saskatchewan.
- Oct. 24 to Nov. 11—Two "Volunteers" at Yorkton, Saskatchewan.
- Nov. 4 to 11—Evangelistic meetings at Yorkton, Sask., with Rev. D. Fuchs, Director.
- Nov. 13 to 18—Entire group at Turtle Lake, North Dakota.

- Nov. 18 to 25—Three "Volunteers" at Turtle Lake, N. Dak., N. Dak., with evangelistic services conducted by Rev. D. Fuchs.
- Nov. 19 to 25—Three "Volunteers" at Washburn, North Dakota.
- Nov. 25 to Dec. 2—Entire group at Washburn, N. Dak., with evangelistic services conducted by Rev. D. Fuchs.
- Dec. 4 to 16—Entire group at the West Side Baptist Church of Beatrice, Nebraska.
- Dec. 17 to 29—Christmas Vacation.
- Dec. 30 to Jan. 13—Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Montana.
- Jan. 15 to 27, 1957—First Baptist Church, Sidney, Montana.
- Jan. 30 to Feb. 17, 1957—Conner Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan.
- Feb. 19 to March 10, 1957—Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Pa.
- March 12 to 31, 1957—Parma Heights Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio.
- April 3 to 21, 1957—Pioneer Baptist Church, Pound, Wisconsin.

2,500 U.S. FAIRS OFFER GOSPEL OPPORTUNITY

The fearless testimony of Faithful and Christian at Vanity Fair resulted in the conversion of Hopeful, who thereafter became Christian's companion on his journey to the Celestial City. So runs Pilgrim's Progress, evidencing that fairs operated way back in the days of John Bunyan, author of that renowned allegory.

Today in the United States there are held annually some 2,500 fairs, with attendance ranging up from a few thousand to over two and a half million. A list of 48 of the larger fairs tabulates a total attendance in 1952 of 20,625,288, or an average of almost 430,000 per fair. These are mostly state fairs or industrial fairs, such as the National Dairy Cattle Congress at Waterloo, Iowa, and the California National Orange Fair at San Bernardino. But many county fairs will draw well over 100,000.

Most of these fairs are held in the fall, between the closing days of August



"The word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you" (1 Peter 1:25).

A station wagon has been purchased for the transportation of "God's Volunteers," enabling them to travel from place to place to meet their engagements. While the station wagon was at the Forest Park headquarters, it was photographed with several of the denominational secretaries. That picture will accompany the next report. We urge all of our people to remember these "Volunteers" of God, lifting up their hands in prayer, as they go forth to win souls for Christ.

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS

- Posters about the "God's Volunteers" program are on your church bulletin board. Study them!
- Contributions towards "God's Volunteers" will receive denominational credit for you and your church.

and the opening days of October. They operate for periods of from six or seven days to two weeks. The thousands of persons who attend them come to look and listen, to be entertained and instructed. They have leisure to hear and to see, if their attention can be captured. And because of this, hundreds and hundreds of manufacturers and others with something to sell spend effort and thought and time and money to court this tremendous market.

Here, then, is an excellent opportunity for a Gospel effort. From time to time evangelists and other workers have seized this opportunity, and have found it rewarding in results... Who knows how many Hopefuls can be won by well-planned, prayer-backed Gospel exhibits at some of America's 2,500 annual fairs?

Another New Church in California

Report on the Progress of the Upper Bay Baptist Church, Santa Ana Heights, California

By its Pastor, REV. FRED DAVID

„And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing” (Exodus 35:21).

LIKE THE ISRAELITES, who lived during the time of the building of the Tabernacle, great demands are being made upon the small congregation of the Upper Bay Baptist Church of Santa Ana Heights, California. But like the children of Israel, we are convinced that we are living in times which call for personal sacrifice.

It is imperative that we prepare for, and anticipate continued growth in numbers in the Sunday School and church services. However, with our present small church membership and very moderate means, the advisability

**CHURCH EXTENSION
OBJECTIVE**
\$50,000.00
By March 31, 1957.

What will be your gift in response to these Macedonian calls and worthy Church Extension opportunities?

The members of the Board of Trustees are acting as our Building Committee, and these brethren "left no stone unturned" in their attempt to raise a loan large enough to cover

loan and proceed on the basis of volunteer labor.

The response to our call for volunteers has been most gratifying and heart warming. From the time that the trenches were dug for the footings until the present, there has been a marvelous spirit of cooperation. Along with our own men, there are men, who are members of our sister churches, as well as "unchurched" neighbors. All are generously giving of their spare time to help complete our new church building. The work is being done on Saturdays and evenings during the week. At the present time the rafters and trusses for the roof are being built.

GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

Among the many blessings of the building program to date is the feeling expressed by Mr. Harold Welch, owner of the Welch Ready-Mix Concrete Company. After waiting for a number of weeks for a bill for the 32 yards of concrete used in the pouring of the footings, the Building Committee instructed the pastor to stop by Welch's and ask for the bill. This he did.

After being introduced to Mr. Welch and stating the reason for his call, Mr. Welch said, "What's your hurry? You haven't finished the job yet." (A concrete floor is yet to be poured.) After explaining that, because of the limitations of our building fund, we do not wish to over-purchase and find ourselves without money to pay our bills, he thought for a moment and said, "We had thought of charging you half for the amount of concrete you will use, but I believe we can even do better than that. Just go ahead and spend the money for something else you need. After the job is finished we will work out something for you. We believe in what you folks are doing."

Through God's grace and providence, the Upper Bay Baptist Church of Santa Ana Heights is now an established institution for spiritual good in our community. During the course of this past year, the Lord has granted us the privilege of seeing a number of souls come to Christ. Some have followed the Lord in baptism and have become charter members of the church. Others have come to the pastor for counsel and spiritual guidance. We are happy to report that much Gospel seed has been sown throughout the community by means of tracts and personal visitation. We praise God for his faithfulness.

"And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into the land, for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of" (Genesis 28:15).



The Upper Bay Baptist Church, Santa Ana Heights, Calif., under construction. Rev. Fred David is pastor of this Church Extension project.

of going into a rather extensive building program at this time could seriously be questioned. After much prayer and waiting patiently upon the Lord, several incidents, which we believe to be direct answers to our prayers, have given us the assurance to go ahead with our new building.

HELP OF THE BRETHREN

Two Christian brethren, Mr. Eugene Bressel of the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., and Mr. Elvin Grauer, a member of the Harbor Trinity Baptist Church of Costa Mesa, Calif., presented the church with checks amounting to \$2,500. Additional encouragement came to us in the form of a check for \$500 from the Harbor Trinity Baptist Church. With this amount of money, plus a number of small gifts amounting to another \$300, it was agreed by the church that we proceed with the building. Plans for a 30 by 90 foot church structure were then made.

the cost of the new building. But somehow, the Lord in his own wonderful way led us to abandon the idea of a

**17 CHURCH EXTENSION
PROJECTS**

As North American Baptists we have begun 17 Church Extension Projects or come to their financial aid. The encouraging story of these 17 projects will be reviewed on this page and the latest development described.

This is the second article in the series about our Church Extension fields. In the next issue the Lincoln Village project near Stockton, Calif., and the new work at West Fargo, N. Dak., will be described.

A Church Extension poster on your church's bulletin board will give you more information about this program. Church Extension leaflets and offering envelopes are also available at the North American Baptist headquarters, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois.

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke
Nov. 2-3—Church Loan Fund Committee, Forest Park, Illinois.
Nov. 10-11—Dedication of new building, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia.
Nov. 17—Finance Committee, Forest Park, Illinois.

Rev. R. Schilke
Nov. 7-11—Dedication of new chapel, Spanish-American Mission, Monte Vista, Colo., and visit to mission field.

Rev. J. C. Gunst
Nov. 1-4—California Association at the Temple Church, Lodi, Calif.
Nov. 8-11—Oregon Association at the Bethel Church, Salem, Ore.
Nov. 11 (Sunday P.M.)—Bethany Church, Portland, Oregon.
Nov. 13 (Tuesday)—Paul, Idaho.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner
Nov. 4-9—Sunday services and Leadership Training Class, Gackle, North Dakota.

Nov. 11 (Sunday)—Dedication of sanctuary, Trinity Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
Nov. 18 (Sunday)—Dedication of sanctuary, West Side Church, Beatrice, Nebraska.

Rev. Lawrence Bienert
Nov. 4 (Sunday)—Youth Rally, Faith Church, Regina, Sask.
Nov. 14 (Wednesday)—First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Michigan.

Rev. G. K. Zimmerman
Nov. 4 (Sunday)—Youth Rally, Central Church, Yorkton, Sask.

Rev. Daniel Fuchs
(See schedule of "God's Volunteers" on Page 13 of this issue.)

Rev. Herman Palfenier
Nov. 4-11—West Baltimore Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland.

CHRISTIAN WORKERS' CONFERENCES

Rev. Lawrence Bienert and Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, Leaders

Oct. 31 (Wednesday)—Jansen, Sask.
Nov. 1 (Thursday)—Yorkton, Sask.
Nov. 2 (Friday)—Regina, Sask.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Rev. E. Broeckel
1100 Boulevard
Bismarck, North Dakota

Rev. James B. Hutton
First Baptist Church
Sidell, Illinois

Rev. George A. McLean
Orillia, Ontario, Canada

Rev. August F. Runtz
159 Elmside Road
Benton Harbor, Michigan

Rev. Paul Twist
Gillett, Wisconsin

Worldwide Bible Reading

Thanksgiving to Christmas

This is the 13th year of the Worldwide Bible Reading program, when people around the world join in the daily reading of a similar passage of Scriptures that is suggested by the American Bible Society in its annual observance of this program. The reading lists, of which more than 15,000,000 were distributed by the Bible Society last year, are conveniently printed in the form of a bookmark. They are without note or comment which means that a person of any faith may follow them. This year, for the fifth time, the Bible Society will produce the daily reading list in Braille for sightless people.

The program has been endorsed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who, as Honorary Chairman of the National Sponsoring Committee, has said:

"The Bible is endorsed by the ages. Our civilization is built upon its words. In no other book is there such a collection of inspired wisdom, reality, and hope. It describes the condition of man and the promise of man with such power that, through many eras and generations, it has made the mighty humble and has strengthened the weak.

"We are grateful to your great voluntary society for distributing the Bi-

ble over the past one hundred forty years, without comment or interpretation, throughout the breadth of our land and across the seven seas. You have written The Word upon the doorposts of the world.

"I am glad to receive again your list of suggested passages to read from my Bible from Thanksgiving to Christmas."

The theme for the program is annually selected by representatives of over 50 denominations and a poster is designed to illustrate it. The artist of the famous "Head of Christ" and other religious paintings, Warner Sallman, has produced the poster for this year's theme, "The Bible Speaks Today." Thousands of copies of the poster will be produced in foreign languages.

The program includes Universal Bible Sunday, always the second Sunday in December, which this year falls on December 9th. Dr. Eugene A. Nida, secretary for Translations of the American Bible Society, is author of the brochure that is mailed, with other appropriate materials, to Protestant pastors throughout the country. These packets will be mailed to more than 183,000 pastors, more than 12,000 more than in the previous year.

BILLY GRAHAM CHALLENGES MEN FOR CHRIST

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peace, and love to the entire world. If the thousands of men attending this convention would go out from here determined to live crucified lives, it could transform the world. Christ took twelve men and changed civilization. What could thousands of dedicated men do for a confused, bewildered, frustrated, and terrified world!

THE CHRISTIAN'S COMMITMENT

The third point is the **HIGH PRICE OF COMMITMENT**. It's not easy to live a Christian life. The road is difficult and extremely hard at times. You must pay a price. However, you are not called on to live the Christian life alone. Christ gives you the strength and the wisdom—but he did state categorically, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." It will mean self-denial in many areas of your life. He demands that you share his Cross.

To some of you this life of dedication and commitment to Christ and his cross will mean that you have to go back to your communities and take a firm stand on a moral issue that is unpopular. To others it will mean that you will have to re-arrange your finances so that a portion of your in-

come goes to the work of the Lord. To others it will mean cleaning up your personal life. To others it will mean saying, "No," to the temptations of the day in which we live.

And, fourthly, the **HIGH PRICE OF WITNESSING**. We witness in two ways—one is by the way we live before our fellow-man, such as honesty, integrity, faithful church attendance—but we are also to go out and win others to Christ. This is difficult for many but it is the command of the "Commander-in-Chief." The rewards are beyond comprehension. The greatest thrill I ever had is winning another man to Christ. If you have never personally won another man to Christ, you have missed life's greatest ecstasy.

America will never be won to Christ by the clergy alone—as important as our millions of pastors are who direct the churches. It will take dedicated laymen witnessing in every sphere of life to win America to Christ.

I may be wrong—and I hope I am—but I fear that America is facing some hard and difficult hours ahead. Our only hope is a renewed faith in God and a dedication to Christ that will give us the moral strength to withstand that which lies ahead.

We...the Women

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

INTRODUCTION

Childhood memories and teachings do wonders for us as we get older in years and in life's experiences. Well do I remember the big "Thank Offering Days" of my childhood. It usually meant a whole day of thanksgiving and praise in our church. Services were held from morning until after nightfall. How we looked forward to that day!

Usually a missionary spoke to us, and I thought they were the most wonderful human beings whom God had ever called.

The love offerings were brought. Mite boxes were opened and, now as I think back, it was truly a sacrifice offering, too.

We should not become discouraged, but many times I have asked myself, "Why did we as a denomination fall short of our mission budget by approximately \$60,000 last year? My prayer is that it will not happen again and that our missionaries will not need to cut their operating expenses another year.

I must mention that my heart rejoices that Miss Laura Reddig has given us a message for this season. It recalls to my mind those rich blessings of those "Thank Offering Days" of the past. It makes me rejoice to think we have a mission work to do today. May we prove our joy with love offerings and sacrifices during this Thanksgiving and Sacrifice season.

You will find her article and missionary story very interesting. Also study the picture of "God-Love," the husband of Christina.

CHRISTINA, TRUE TO GOD'S LOVE

By LAURA E. REDDIG.

New Hope Settlement, Cameroons, Africa.

Not long after her marriage to the Baptist church-teacher, whose native name is Nkongingong (this means "God-Love"), it was discovered to the heartache of Christina and her husband that he had leprosy. Why should this happen to one who was busy and happy in God's work? Why should their young lives be tried and tested in this way?

But the fact was real, the heartache real, and it had to be faced. Many hours were spent in prayer together, as Christina and her husband asked God to make it possible that they might bear this trial, and still see God's hand of love through it all. Little did either of them know of the years of disappointment and discouragement that they would be called upon to face.

In 1943 there was nothing much to offer a person having leprosy, and when the disease progressed, Nkongingong tried what you and I would try. He went to those who gave out even a tiny ray of hope with their country-medicines, the only treatment available to him at that time, far away from motor roads or hospitals.

But the way of hope grew as Nkongingong received word from Missionary Paul Gebauer to come to Bamenda, to get injections for his leprosy, and at the same time serve as the church-teacher of the little segregation village there. Christina knew her husband should go if at all possible, but it would mean she would

also have to come along and live nearby so that she could visit him occasionally. This was not easy.

It was decided that she would stay at his family compound, where she was really quite a stranger. She saw her husband go to Bamenda, promising she would pray for him and wait for him. Do you realize that her temptations to leave her leprous husband and marry again were very real, and that many relatives and friends said she was wasting her life if she stayed with her husband? But God was very real and she quietly declined and waited.

Just how long can someone wait? Just how long does it take to get an answer to prayer? But where else could she turn? After six months of treatment at Bamenda, it became apparent that Nkongingong was getting progressively worse. "I had better return to my home and wife," he explained to the missionary as he "checked out" of Bamenda and went wearily and foot-sorely back home.

Back to what? Would he become crippled, fingerless and footless as so many he had seen at Bamenda? Christina welcomed him back, being shocked at his change. Together they would work their farms and continue to pray.

Several years more went by, bringing painful foot ulcers, which healed, and then returned. Still they prayed together. One day the evangelist asked him why he waited. "Why don't you go to Mbingo where the missionaries are giving new medicine for leprosy?"

At last their prayers were answered and Nkongingong left as soon as he could in December 1953. How empty were the days without her husband! Two lovely children had come to bless their home. Christina didn't want them to grow up without a father, so after her husband left for Bamenda New Hope Settlement, she picked up her two children and moved her few pots, shovel, mats, and baskets to a village about six miles from the settlement where her husband was.

Christians of that village gave her permission to make her farm, and she worked hard and long so that her family could eat. She watched with interest the activities of the settlement as she came usually every market day to bring Nkongingong food and news of the children. How was that ugly ulcer progressing? Sometimes better; then worse again! The swollen face became almost normal once more.

Some days Christina brought one of the children to see the sick father, and how he enjoyed these visits. He had something to live for and God would see him through some day. Encouragement followed their times of prayer together on these visits, and Christina would go back to care for her children and wait some more.

Two years, three years passed, and still the ulcer was there on her husband's face.

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Sunday School Union Spice of Life

By REV. G. K. ZIMMERMAN, General Secretary

INTRODUCTION

"How to have a better and more effective Men's Bible Class" has been a request repeatedly made on our visits to our Sunday Schools. The article on "Building a Men's Bible Class" presents practical suggestions which will help every Sunday School. The author, Dr. W. W. Wessel, is the newly appointed professor of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Dr. Wessel comes to our Seminary from the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., where he served as assistant pastor and director of Christian Education.

BUILDING A MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

By PROFESSOR W. W. WESSEL
of Sioux Falls, South Dakota

A major problem to be faced in building a Men's Bible Class is the indifference evidenced by so many adults to Sunday School. The educational program of the church must be "sold" to adults, and to men in particular. The Christian educator can find help in accomplishing this from the current trend towards adult secular education.

Literally thousands of adults are taking night school classes and extension courses to increase their knowledge and skill in as widely divergent subjects as calculus and carpentry. Why not capitalize on this trend in promoting adult Christian Education? Too often the curve of religious learning, after rising sharply in childhood and adolescence, levels off or even drops in adulthood. A selling job has to be done if growth and success are to be achieved in an adult Sunday School class, especially a men's class.

The importance of building an aggressive and growing men's Sunday School class can hardly be over-emphasized. Experience reveals that if the men are not present in the Sunday School, the boys, especially when they come to adolescence, will tend to drop out. "Sunday School is for women and children," will be their inevitable conclusion. But if the men are in Sunday School, the likelihood of the boys remaining will be much greater. Indeed, if you get the men you will keep the whole family.

There are a number of key factors in building a Men's Bible Class. Probably the most important is the teacher. Of course, the teacher is important in every department of the Sunday School but he is especially so in the adult department and particularly in a men's class. A poor teacher in a men's class will be fatal to its effectiveness and growth.

Ideally the teacher should be a layman who knows Jesus Christ and the Bible experimentally and who can put across the lesson in an interesting and practical manner. A respected and well known business man or professional man who is also a virile Christian makes an ideal teacher. Often a pastor can do a good job with a men's class, but a layman with the above qualifications is usually more suitable.

It cannot be emphasized too much that if we expect adult men to come to Sunday School and to keep on coming, the lesson must be presented on an adult level. The reason some adults, especially men, refuse to go to Sunday School is that by experience they have learned that all they get is what they learned years previously: the same hackneyed phraseology, no new thoughts or ideas, no attempt to relate Biblical truth to the contemporary situation. Is it surprising that they refuse to come?

A carefully and prayerfully prepared lesson presented in a bright and interesting fashion with emphasis on the practical application to life situations is a sure formula for teacher and class success. The application of Christian principles to business, the Christian and his relation to government, the Bible and science and the application of Christianity in the home situation are just a few topics which would prove interesting to a men's class. The average Christian man is more interested in learning how Christianity may be applied where he lives than in how to explain the doctrine of predestination!

Another important factor in building a men's class is organization. An effective president who can put people at ease and dispatch the class business promptly and efficiently will do much for the success and growth of the class. Opening class exercises which are overly long and sloppily handled are not conducive to numerical growth. This is too often overlooked.

Effective contact work is another important factor in growth. There are a number of ways in which this can be accomplished. One of the easiest and best is through the "Baptist Men's" organization. A men's class which is interested in growth will certainly see to it that every new man present at the "Baptist Men's" meeting is invited to the Men's Sunday School class. And not only the new men! In most "Baptist Men's" organizations you are almost certain to find a number of men who never attend Sunday School. These men constitute a challenge and should not be overlooked.

The train from London halted for a moment at a small station: A traveler reached out of the window, called to a boy, and said: "Here, Son, is a shilling; get me a six-penny sandwich and one for yourself."

Just as the train started to pull out, the boy hurried up to the window and shouted: "Here's your six-pence, Mister. They had only one sandwich."

Felix: "You're afraid of aeroplane poison? What's that,"

Leo: "One drop and you're dead."

A man walked into a restaurant, handed the waiter two vitamin pills, asked him to dissolve them in a bowl of clam chowder. After a long interval the customer asked why he hadn't been served his soup. "You'll get your soup," answered the waiter, "as soon as we can get the clams to lie down."

They were both writing letters, but suddenly the husband stopped and looked worried.

"What's the matter, dear?" asked his wife.

"Why, er—I had it on the tip of my tongue and now it's gone."

"Never mind," she said, "just think hard, and it's bound to come back." It was a three-cent stamp!

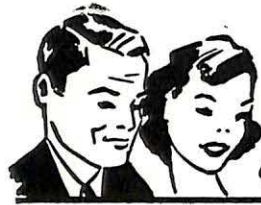
"Thinking won't bring this back."

Another good place to get prospects is the Guest Book of the church. The pastor, of course, can help here a great deal. The active solicitation on the part of the class members of prospects at their places of employment, in their professions or at their business establishments is another excellent means of building. This contact work must go on unceasingly if growth is to be achieved.

One further means of building should be mentioned. This is visitation. Too often visitation is conceived of as being solely the responsibility of the teacher. In an adult class no greater opportunity for service is afforded the members than the visitation ministry. I shall not forget the impression received when during the week after my first visit of an adult class, I was called upon not by the teacher, but by three members of the class. It was not surprising that the class which was so effectively putting into practice a visitation program was achieving phenomenal growth. There is absolutely no substitute for effective and consistent visitation. It is an indispensable factor in building a Men's Bible Class.



God-Love (center) and his two brothers, Ndim and Joseph, when they were leprosy patients at the New Hope Settlement, Mbingo, Cameroons.



Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: November 10, 1956

Theme: THE LORD'S REQUIREMENTS

Scripture: Micah 4:1-5; 6:6-8.

THE CENTRAL TRUTH: In every age man has been given a standard of right and wrong. God demands that we live up to the highest that we know.

INTRODUCTION: Micah was a minor prophet with a major message. He saw through the external forms of worship and went directly to the heart of the matter. Rites and ceremonies had no meaning, particularly if they were used as a cover for corruption, immorality, and cruelty. There are fundamental moral laws which God had given to Israel, and if these are not heeded, then they must suffer the consequences. No people or nation is exempt from punishment for sin committed. The fact is that Israel as well as the Christian today often suffers more because of the greater light and understanding he has through God and his Son, Jesus Christ. For him the difference between right and wrong is more clearly defined and his responsibility is therefore so much greater.

Sin is sin in every age. If God does not change, then we have no right to change his laws. Whether the message was given 2,000 years before Christ or 2,000 years after Christ, the problems are basically the same—the problem of injustice, the problem of world peace, and the problem of suffering and sin. But in spite of all the problems, there is always the vision of the mercy and grace of God, available to all who are willing to repent and obey.

I. A VISION OF UNIVERSAL PEACE AND LOVE FOR GOD'S LAWS. Micah 4:1-5.

This is in contrast to the messages of condemnation and wrath in the first three chapters. Micah denounces the social sins of Judah, the sins of the wealthy, the hypocritical priesthood, the greed of the aristocracy, and finally he proclaims the ultimate destruction of Jerusalem. In the midst of all these strongholds of commercialism and materialism the prophet has visions of hope:

(a) "Jehovah's house shall be established" (Micah 4:1).

(b) Where now nations come together to ally themselves against others for war, they will come together "to go up to the mountain of Jehovah, and to the house of Jacob" (Micah 4:2).

(c) Where all the natural resources are used for weapons of destruction, they will be beat "into plowshares and into pruning hooks" (Micah 4:3).

(d) Military training will be replaced by Christian training (Micah 4:36).

(e) Insecurity will be replaced by security (Micah 4:4).

With such visions of splendor before us, we can sincerely pray, "Even so, Lord Jesus, come quickly" (Rev. 22:20).

II. THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LORD. Micah 6:6-8.

First of all, we must remember that God will never accept any "hush money" as far as our sins are concerned. No burnt offerings, no sacrifice, however great or costly, can be a substitute for repentance and obedience. The prophet reminded the Israelites of three major requirements which God had shown them (Micah 6:8).

(a) The requirement of justice. This includes honesty and a "fair deal." It can often be discussed and debated because our sense of justice is varied; but it can never be bought.

(b) The requirement of kindness. According to the American Standard Version, kindness is also the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:22). We need kindness in our justice or else it will be nothing but a legal procedure.

(c) The requirement of humility. No truly great men are ever proud. It is said that "Moses was very meek above all the men which were upon the face of the earth" (Num. 12:3). The meek inherit the earth; the proud are only buried in it.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: November 18, 1956

Theme: THE BEATITUDES

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12.

THE CENTRAL TRUTH: Permanent happiness is not found in striving for things and physical comfort; rather it is found by acquiring and developing the fruit of the spirit.

INTRODUCTION: The word "beatitudes" means bliss, happiness or blessing. Imagine the unusual surprise and joy which the opening words

EDITOR OF LESSONS

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of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount must have created in the hearts of his disciples and the multitude who listened to him. Often when they read the law, particularly in Deuteronomy, chapters 27 and 28, they must have been filled with fear when, again and again, they came upon the words, "cursed shalt thou be." Their state of blessedness must have been far removed when they heard the priests and Pharisees say, "This people who knoweth not the law are cursed" (John 7:49).

Now they listen spellbound to Jesus as he repeatedly says, "Blessed!" He does not question them on the law or its various interpretations and added traditions. They probably would have failed such an examination. Jesus goes above and beyond the law to a realization of an inner fulfillment and an outer achievement. He was simply saying, "Get right on the inside and you will be right on the outside; get right with God and you will get right in your attitude toward man." Jesus was proclaiming the constitution of a new kingdom—the Kingdom of God, and a new king—the Lord Jesus Christ!

I. THE POOR IN SPIRIT. Matt. 5:3.

The Kingdom of Heaven is reserved only for those who feel a spiritual need. It is not for the self-sufficient person who has no need of God and his spiritual benefits. The anxious, troubled, and fearful soul can find forgiveness and rest in Christ.

II. THE MOURNERS. Matt. 5:4.

We would never know the blessedness of comfort unless we have first known the pain of sorrow. Before God can give "songs in the night" (Job 35:10), he must first make it right. Mourning without a source of comfort is a curse; mourning with "the God of all comfort" (1 Cor. 1:3) is a blessing.

III. THE MEEK. Matt. 5:5.

Contrary to the opinion of many, the Christian is not the shy, retiring, and helpless creature who goes about spreading a superficial type of love and good will. The truly meek Christian is a very aggressive person who has put his own will in the background and the will of God in the foreground.

IV. THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS. Matt. 5:6.

Paul must have had this hunger which he describes so vividly in Romans 7:15-25. When he was finally filled he could say, "I thank God (Continued on Page 21)

What's Happening

● The Baptist Church of Gillett, Wis., has called Rev. Paul Twist as its pastor. He has accepted the call and began his ministry in Gillett on September 1st. The church bought a parsonage for \$6,000 for Mr. Twist and his family. He was formerly pastor of an American Baptist Convention Church in Lancaster, Wisconsin.

● On Sunday, Sept. 16, Rev. W. S. Sommerschild presented his resignation as pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., which he had served since 1952. Mr. Sommerschild brought his ministry at the Bethel Church to a close in September. His decision as to his future ministry is not known at the time of going to press with this issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● An organ vesper recital was held at the First Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa, on Thursday evening, Sept. 6th, by Mr. Wendell Baechler, a member of the church. He was assisted by Misses Beverly Muehlethaler and Beverly Trautman, soloists. Mr. Baechler has resumed his studies at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, where he is majoring in music. Rev. H. John Vanderbeck is pastor of the church.

● The Baptist Church of Trenton, Ill., has announced that its pastor, Rev. James B. Hutton, has resigned and tober 1st. He served the church from 1952 to 1956. He has accepted the pastorate of an American Baptist Convention Church in Sidell, Illinois. On Sunday, October 14, the remodeled and renovated church building at Trenton was dedicated with Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., serving as guest speaker.

● Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Lohmann of Burlington, Iowa, members of the Oak Street Church, Burlington, Iowa, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Thursday, Sept. 20, and held Open House for their church friends on Sunday afternoon, September 23. Mr. and Mrs. William Hill of the Burlington Church celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on September 27. Rev. Emanuel Wolff, pastor, also expressed the congratulations of the church to these honored couples of Burlington.

● Miss Viola Wall of Forest Park, Ill., and Mr. Clarence H. Nelson of Chicago, Ill., were married on Saturday evening, October 20, at the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., the home church of the family. Mrs. Clar-

ence Nelson is a member of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Illinois. She has served as a secretary in the North American Baptist headquarters since 1954. She will continue her services at the headquarters office. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are making their home at 7231 Jackson Boulevard, Forest Park, Illinois.

● On Sunday, September 23, Rev. John Schmidt of Maspeth, Long Island, N. Y., was called to his heavenly home following a brief illness. He had served as pastor of the Second German Baptist Church of New York City since 1947. He also served our churches in Nokomis, Sask.; First Church of Union City, N. J.; Foster Avenue Church, Chicago, Ill.; before going to the Second Church of New York City as pastor. He was widely known and beloved by fellow-pastors and people in our denominational fellowship. The memorial tribute will appear in the next issue.

● On Sunday, September 9th, the young people of the Chicago area churches gathered at the Grace Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., in the annual business meeting to elect new CBYF officers for the year 1956-1957. A hearty song service was led by Frank Pascher after which the CBYF past president, Bill Telkamp, conducted the business meeting. The results of the election are as follows: Ruben Pelzer, president; Herman A. Holz, first vice-president; Bob Brock, second vice-president; Doris Schuster, secretary; and Arthur Helwing, treasurer.

● The Woman's Missionary Union of the Eastern Conference met on August 24 in the Neustadt Baptist Church, Neustadt, Ontario, with Mrs. Hulda Hartman, president, presiding at the business session and evening service. The special offering at the evening service was designated for White Cross work and for the Ndu mission project in the Cameroons. During the year \$650 were given to the Ndu project, as reported by Mrs. Merle Gibbens, secretary. A memorial service was also held for those women of the various societies who had passed away during the year.

● Gospel meetings were held by the First Baptist Church, Buffalo Center, Iowa, from August 26 to 31 with Rev. Carl Zimmerman of LaCrosse, Wis., serving as evangelist. The church has provided Rev. and Mrs. Don Lang, missionaries in Chile, South Amer-

ica, with an accordion to be used on their mission field. At the August meeting of the Christian Men's Fellowship the guest speaker was Rev. G. Thompson, superintendent of the Open Door Mission of Omaha, Nebraska. Rev. W. G. Gerthe, pastor, edits the monthly paper, "Your Baptist Visitor," with church news and inspirational items.

● In its April 19th issue the "Baptist Herald" stated that "His Excellency, the Governor General of Nigeria, Sir James Robertson, accompanied by Lady Robertson and their daughter visited the Bansa Baptist Hospital and occupied the Bansa rest-house as the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer and the Cameroons Baptist Mission." Miss Ida Forsch of Ndu, Cameroons, one of our missionaries, called attention to the fact that His Excellency and Lady Robertson were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Leslie Chaffee while at the Bansa Baptist rest-house. We are very happy to make this correction in order "to keep the records straight."

● The Bismarck Baptist Church of Bismarck, N. Dak., held its Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, Sept. 23, with three well attended services. Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., brought the messages and showed the latest Indian mission film. The mission offerings of the day amounted to almost \$2,500. Rev. John E. Grygo, pastor, conducted evangelistic meetings in Isabel, S. Dak., from Sept. 24 to 30, and in Aberdeen, S. Dak., from Oct. 1 to 7. A new \$25,000 parsonage is being built in Bismarck for the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. John E. Grygo. From Oct. 22 to Nov. 2 revival meetings were held in the Bismarck Baptist Church with Dr. C. H. Seecamp of Hebron, N. Dak., serving as evangelist.

● Mrs. Anna Gebauer, the mother of Dr. Paul Gebauer, Cameroons missionary, and of Rev. G. P. Gebauer of the Immanuel Church, Vancouver, B. C., passed away at Norheim, Hannover, Germany, on August 31, 1956. She was almost 79 years of age at the time of her homegoing. In recent years she lived with her daughter and son-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. Walter Berger. The memorial service was held in the Norheim Baptist Church and interment was in the cemetery of the church. Mrs. Gebauer was a winsome saint of God whose picture appeared on the front cover of the "Baptist Herald" on May 1, 1939 and whose Christian influence was felt, not only by her children, but by hosts of people who came to know and to love her!

● Rev. and Mrs. William Effa of Drumheller, Alta., have announced the birth of a son on September 17 who has been named Roger William. Mr. (Continued on Page 22)

Our Denomination in ACTION

Northwestern Conference

Annual Missionary Rally With Rev. and Mrs. Asaph Tobert at Baileyville, Illinois

On Sunday, August 5th, the Baileyville Baptist Church, Baileyville, Ill., held its annual Missionary Rally. We were happy to have Rev. and Mrs. Asaph Tobert and their three children with us for a few days. The Toberts are missionaries of the Sudan Interior Mission in Nigeria, Africa.

Mrs. Tobert gave us a very challenging message on Matt. 28:18, "All power is given unto me." Rev. Asaph Tobert also stirred our hearts with his message on Heb. 4:14. He brought us face to face with Christ, our "High Priest." Appropriate musical numbers were brought to us by our men's quartet.

The Toberts are on their way back to Africa for another term of service for the Lord. We pray that God will bless them and give them many souls for their labors.

Mrs. E. Renkema, Reporter.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary Program of the Tabitha Society at Elgin, Iowa

The Tabitha Society of the First Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa, celebrated its 25th anniversary at an afternoon service on Sunday, September 20.

Mrs. Alfred Baechler presided. Mrs. Hugo Hackmann led the devotions. "A Closer Walk With Jesus" was sung by the ladies' sextet, composed of the Mesdames Lester Wenger, Edward Krueger, Arbie Schroeder, Selmer Erickson, Paul Zurbruggen, and Abe Habeger. Mrs. Guy Probert prepared and read a paper, "Tabitha's 25 Years." The highlights of the afternoon's program was an address, "God's Continuing Mission" by Mrs. Walter Grosser of Oak Park, Ill., past president of the denominational Woman's Missionary Union.

Special guests were the ladies of the Summer Baptist Church. Following the program, an anniversary tea was served.

Present officers of the society are: Mrs. Alfred Baechler, president; Mrs. Lester Trautman, vice-president; Mrs. Selmer Erickson, secretary; and Mrs. John Schaer, treasurer.

Mrs. Fred Schaer, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Reception Held for Rev. and Mrs. Edward Kopf at Odessa, Washington

On Sunday, Sept. 2, the members of the Odessa Baptist Church, Odessa, Wash., held a reception for their new

pastor, Rev. Edward Kopf and family from Appleton, Minnesota. After the close of the morning service, everyone enjoyed a fellowship dinner in the church basement.

In the afternoon the reception program was opened by the singing of choruses, Scripture reading and prayer. A musical number was rendered by Donna Weisser and Jean Werner, and a song of welcome by the Junior Sunday School Classes.

Words of welcome were given by the various officers of the church as follows: Mr. Dan Koth, deacon; Mr. Adrian Werner for the Sunday School; Mrs. Ruby Weisser for the Woman's Missionary Society; Mrs. Alethea James as the Junior Sunday School superintendent and Jean Werner as CBY president.

Rev. Edward Kopf thanked the congregation for everything they had already done for them, also for filling their pantry shelves prior to their coming to Odessa. He also asked for the cooperation and the prayers from the congregation in the future work of the church.

Mrs. James Goetz, Reporter.

Oregon Baptist League Summer Camps at Falls City, Oregon, for 226 Campers

The Oregon Baptist League Summer Camps were held August 4 to 25 at Camp Tapawingo, Falls City, Oregon. God richly blessed the Intermediate Camp, which was held August 4 through 11, with 53 campers. We truly praise God for the work that was accomplished with them. Most of the success may be attributed to the outstanding work that was done by Miss Ruth Bathauer, whom we were very happy to have with us, Rosie Bauder, and Rev. A. Wardin who fulfilled the teaching positions. Rev. Frank Friesen did a wonderful work as camp pastor, and Harold Schirman very ably fulfilled the post of camp leader.

Junior Camp, which was held August 11 through 18, was filled to the maximum with 110 juniors. We praise the Lord for this large turnout. Rev. D. Blackler, a missionary who had just returned from Japan a few weeks prior to camp, Miss Bathauer, Mrs. William Fern and Miss Norma Kuper were the teachers. Rev. E. Gerlitz did an incredible piece of work as camp pastor as did Harland Buhler as camp leader. We are thankful that God imparted new life to some of the campers and caused many others to grow spiritually. Next year, the Lord willing, we will divide this camp and have two weeks for juniors.

We were very privileged to have Rev. Roy Seibel from the North Amer-

REPORTERS!

Watch for an important announcement about changes in regulations for all reports for the "Baptist Herald" to appear in the November 29th issue.

ican Baptist Seminary with us at our Senior Camp which was held August 18 through 25. Approximately 63 young people attended this camp. Dr. W. Wessel, who is now teaching at the Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was the camp pastor and George Bauder took over the duties of camp leader. We were very happy to have Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Schneider, Cameroons missionaries, with us for part of the week.

We really praise God for our counsellors, cooks, and nurses who, although greatly overworked at times, were the key to our success at each of the camps. We are also very thankful to God for the provisions he made and for all the blessings received through these camps.

Norma Kuper, Secretary, Pro tem

Southwestern Conference

Rev. Leon Bill Is Ordained by the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Oklahoma

The Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Okla., called together the pastors and two representatives of each of the churches of the Oklahoma Association of the North American Baptists on Tuesday, Sept. 18, 1956 for the purpose of examining their pastor, Rev. Leon Bill, for ordination.

After spending some time in hearing Mr. Bill's testimony and statement of faith, the Council joyfully recommended that the church proceed with formerly recognizing his ordination of God. The guests, consisting of many friends and representatives of the Oklahoma Churches and relatives and friends of the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, Kans., Mr. Bill's home church, his parents and sister, and Mrs. Bill's parents and brother were all entertained by the church at a fellowship chicken dinner.

The evening service was devoted to the ordination of Mr. Leon Bill. Rev. H. J. Wilcke of Stafford, Kans., brought the message. The local church supplied music with a ladies' trio and a piano-organ duet. Rev. Jack Block of Corn brought the charge to the candidate, while Rev. David Keiry of Bessie brought the charge to the church. Rev. C. B. Thole, father-in-law of the candidate, offered the ordination prayer while the pastors of the Oklahoma churches and Mr. Wilcke laid hands on the brother being ordained. Rev. Eleon Sandau of the Immanuel Church then extended the ministerial hand of fellowship and presented the certificate of ordination after which Rev. Leon Bill spoke words of gratitude and dismissed the service with the benediction.

Rev. Leon Bill served his home church at Stafford, Kans., as interim pastor for some months, spent a few years as pastor of the Ingersoll Church at Ingersoll, Okla., and now has been serving for some months at the Okeene Church. We thank God for his testimony and life and wish him great blessings in his office as minister of the Gospel.

Jack Block, Reporter.

Eastern Conference

Sessions of the Eastern Conference and 97th Church Anniversary at Neustadt, Ontario, Canada

On Thursday evening, August 23, members and friends of the churches of the Eastern Conference convened at the Neustadt Baptist Church, Neustadt, Ont., for the opening session of the 105th Eastern Conference. The host pastor, Rev. George A. McLean, who is retiring from the ministry this fall, welcomed us, and our moderator, Mr. Wilbert Neuffer, responded in behalf of the conference guests. Rev. Frank Veninga of Pittsburgh, Pa., delivered the key message on our theme, "Star Christians."

Other messages on various subjects pertaining to our theme were brought during these days by Mr. John Helwig, "When a Christian Prays He Communes With God"; Rev. R. Schilke, "When a Christian Gives He Shares With God"; Rev. R. Mikolon, "When a Christian Serves He Shows Forth God"; Rev. P. Pfeiffer, "When a Christian Studies God's Word He Learns from God." All of these messages inspired our hearts to more Christ-like lives.

At the Friday evening service recognition was made of the 97th anniversary of the Neustadt Baptist Church with Mr. McLean in charge. Mr. John Derbecker read a brief history of the Neustadt Church from 1859 to 1956. We enjoyed the display of pictures of the former pastors of the church and their years of service together with the pictures of many of the pioneer members of the church. Following this service the Woman's Missionary Union was in charge with our guest missionary, Miss Eleanor Schulert, showing us some very interesting slides of the Cameroons fields and acquainting us further with the work.

On Saturday night at the CBY banquet we enjoyed many special musical numbers and a rousing song service. We thrilled at this service to hear a portion of the hymn, "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus," sung in four languages. On another occasion we had a prayer service conducted in three languages. Surely, God's children are united as one over the face of the earth! Miss Schulert brought the evening message on the topic, "Ye are my Witnesses."

Miss Schulert spoke at the Sunday School session Sunday morning using the parable of the Good Samaritan as the basis for her talk. Rev. R. Schilke brought the closing message on the subject, "A Christian Seeking the Unsaved Works With God." We closed this service by the installation of all conference and CBY officers with Rev. G. Friedenberg in charge and by meeting around the Lord's Table for Holy Communion.

We express our thanks to our Lord God for the blessings provided during these days and rejoice in this opportunity for Christian fellowship as provided by the members and friends of the Neustadt Baptist Church.

Walter Schmidt, Secretary.



Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Lehr of Gackle, N. Dak., at their golden wedding anniversary celebration held in the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle.

Dakota Conference

Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Lehr of Gackle, North Dakota

On Sunday evening, Sept. 2nd, the members of the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle and Alfred, N. Dak., and friends of the community met to celebrate the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Lehr. The Lehrs were ushered to the front center pew with their three children and grandchildren seated behind them. The congregation sang a number of their favorite hymns. A German duet was sung by members of the Ladies' Aid.

Words of congratulations were spoken by our deacon-at-large, Mr. Harry DeWitt; the deacon of the Gackle Church, Mr. Conrad Rivinius; the president of the Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. Wm. Schlenker; and the Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Norman Martin. A solo, "God Leads Us Along" was sung by Mrs. M. Wolff. Rev. M. Wolff, the pastor, reminded them of the vows they had made to one another fifty years ago. To the strains of the traditional wedding march, Mr. and Mrs. Lehr marched down the aisle and stood at the door to receive the congratulations of the many who had come.

A reception followed in the church parlors where the table of honor was

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appropriately decorated and centered with a large wedding cake. More of their favorite songs were sung by a trio. Mr. and Mrs. Lehr expressed their thanks to the many friends and to Almighty God who had given them such a long life together.

The Lehrs were married on Sept. 2, 1906 at Kulm, North Dakota. Their faithfulness to the church has been greatly appreciated. May the Lord bless them in their remaining years!

M. Wolff, Pastor.

More than 200 Young People Attended South Dakota Junior and Senior Camps

The South Dakota CBYF Camps were a great success. Past attendance records were broken when 124 young people were registered for Junior Camp held from July 31 to August 3, and 85 for Senior Camp which was held from August 6 to 10 near Mitchell, South Dakota.

Miss Eleanor Schulert, our missionary from Africa, was a guest speaker for both camps. Her classes about missionary work were enjoyed by all. Rev. Henry Pfeifer was the other guest speaker for Junior Camp and his course on "The Church" was very informative. Rev. L. Bienert was the other guest speaker for Senior Camp. His talks were centered around the theme for camp which was "Be Thou An Example" (1 Tim. 4:12).

There was a wonderful spirit at both camps and all the activities were very successful. All received much spiritual enrichment from the "Quiet Moments," chapel services, etc. The highlight of the Senior Camp was the all night prayer chain which was preceded by a very inspiring vesper service about prayer. Camp had a wonderful ending, since a crowd of approximately 400 people came and saw a challenging missionary play presented by the young people of the Plum Creek Baptist Church of Emery, South Dakota.

Rose Marie Lippert, Reporter.

Inspirational Youth Rally of the Badlands Area Churches at Plevna, Montana

The Baptist Young People of the Badlands Area met for a rally in Plevna, Mont., Aug. 30, 31 and Sept. 1. This three day rally was attended by such outstanding speakers as Dr. Ralph Powell and Professor Roy Seibel from our seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Even the seminary quartet was there on Saturday night to bless and uplift our hearts with sacred music. About a hundred young people were present from our various churches scattered throughout this great area. On Saturday night and Sunday some 250 or more were in attendance for the services. The host church of Plevna royally entertained and provided for food and night lodging.

New officers, elected to lead us for the coming year, are as follows: dean, Rev. Iver Walker of Hettinger, N. Dak.; president, Miss Irene Moser of McIntosh, S. Dak.; vice-president, Miss Ramona Roehl of New Leipzig, N. Dak.;



Vacation Bible School children and teachers at the Baptist Church, Onoway, Alberta.

secretary, Miss Darlene Mattis of New Leipzig, N. Dak.; treasurer, Miss Joan Hintz of New Leipzig, N. Dak.; recreational director, Ted Walker of Selfridge, N. Dak.; music director, Rev. LeRoy Schauer of Mott, N. Dak.; and missions director, Rev. Edwin Michelson of McLaughlin, South Dakota. "The Rally Journal" is to be printed by the Selfridge Society.

This new executive Board then set \$1,500 as our missionary goal for this coming year, of which \$1,000 will go to our Japanese missionary program. We thank God for the enthusiasm of youth and are trusting God to do great things through them in this coming year.

Herbert Vetter, Reporter.

Farewell Reception for Rev. and Mrs. P. Galambos and Mission Festival, Streeter, North Dakota

The members and friends of the First Baptist Church of Streeter, N. Dak., assembled on Sunday morning, September 9, to hear Rev. Paul Galambos deliver his last message on "The Advantages of a Christian" before he began his work on his new field at Yorkton, Canada. Mr. Galambos stated that to him it was not a farewell message but one more sermon.

In the evening the members and friends of the Streeter and Medina

THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK

Sunday, November 18, to
Sunday, November 25

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churches gathered at the church at Streeter for a farewell program in honor of Rev. Paul Galambos and his family. Mr. Philip Docktor, our deacon, led the program. Mr. Reinhold Wittmier, our other deacon, gave a short talk in the German language. Ted Meisch, our Sunday School superintendent, gave a short talk for the Sunday School. Mr. Irvin Becker spoke for the Trustee Committee. Mrs. Philip Docktor spoke for the Ladies' Aid; Miss Esther Wittmier for the CBY; Mrs. Ted Meisch for the choir; and Mr. Harlen Brenniere for the

Northern Conference

Farewell and Welcome Receptions by the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta

On Wednesday, August 29, Dr. John Leyboldt and Mr. Bernard Schalm rendered their last services for the summer months in the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta. Dr. Leyboldt was our interim pastor for three months. We are thankful for his special ministry in our midst for he fearlessly preached the truth and has given us valuable advice. A great inspiration for us was the study of the first Epistle of John.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Schalm did a splendid job of teaching and leading in various activities during the summer months. Mr. Schalm has now gone back to Chicago in order to continue his studies. His ministry in our church was very much appreciated and his effective preaching was a great blessing to all of us.

We of the Central Church in Edmonton were privileged to welcome our new pastor, Rev. Herbert Hiller, and his family with a special Reception Program on Sunday, Sept. 9. For this happy occasion our four sister churches in Edmonton were invited to participate.

Rev. E. P. Wahl, president of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, acted as chairman. The congregational singing was led by Rev. A. Lamprecht, pastor of the McKernan Baptist Church. Rev. G. J. Thiessen, pastor of the Lauderdale Baptist Church, read Phil. 3:1-17, and Mr. Karl Bornau, representative of the Immanuel Baptist Church, and Mr. Gunter Rochow, student pastor and representative of the German Zion Baptist Church, led in prayer.

On behalf of the Board of Deacons Mr. J. Murach expressed a warm welcome to our new pastor and his family. The Sunday School was represented by Mr. Bruno Kohl who addressed the Hillers with Col. 1:9-10. A humorous but very meaningful reading was given by Mrs. Wm. Link who spoke words of welcome on behalf of the Woman's Missionary Society. Mr. Helmut Strauss brought greetings from our young people's organizations. The representative of our choirs, Mr. Heinz Kleiber, stated in his words of welcome that our choirs are ready and willing to assist the pastor in bringing songs of praises unto the Lord.

We had the honor of having Rev. W. J. MacDonald, secretary of the Baptist Union of Western Canada in our midst. In his message he brought greetings and good wishes. Our North American Baptist General Conference was represented by Rev. Karl Korella who based his message upon Acts 18:7-10.

In response our new pastor and family expressed words of appreciation for the warm welcome. Mrs. Hiller found words which have spoken right to our hearts. She stressed the fact that it takes a united effort to forward "the Good News."

W. Neumann, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School With Forty Children Enrolled at Baptist Church, Onoway, Alberta

August 6 to 10 were exciting days for the children of the Onoway Baptist Church of Onoway, Alberta. For three years the church remained pastorless, and the children missed out on these glorious opportunities. The children beamed with delight as again this year they could march into their class rooms as "Champions For Christ," the theme of our Bible School.

The school was under the supervision of their new pastor, Rev. Arthur Zeller. Since it was difficult to have enough teachers, we labored under the strain of three teachers and one helper. However, the Lord blessed us very much, and we feel confident that what the children learned during this week will never be forgotten.

On Friday evening we had our closing program, at which time we presented the things the children had learned. After the program the church and children gathered in the basement for refreshments, which also gave the parents and friends an opportunity to look at our displays and handwork.

Mrs. A. Zeller, Reporter.

Daily Vacation Bible School of the Lauderdale Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta

The days of August 7 to 17 were busy ones for the teachers and helpers of the Lauderdale Baptist Vacation Bible School in Edmonton, Alberta. It was our privilege to teach 67 children the precious word of God. They were divided into three classes: Beginners, Primary, and Junior departments.

Teachers and children co-operated in a marvelous way to make the school a success. Every morning during the worship period the children brought their missionary offering which amounted to \$22.65. This was sent to our denominational missionary treasury.

A closing program was held on Sunday evening, August 19. The children brought some of the things they had



Vacation Bible School group of the Lauderdale Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, with Rev. G. J. Thiessen, pastor, at the top of the steps (left).

learned in class. They presented memory verses, parts of lessons discussed and many choruses and hymns.

The Lord has given us the privilege to serve many children and young people in our part of Edmonton. There is a fruitful field for the Gospel of Christ. We are the only church in this part of the city, and therefore have children of different denominations coming to Vacation School and Sunday School.

G. J. Thiessen, Pastor.

Out-of-door Baptismal Service for Four Converts by Whitemouth Baptist Church of Manitoba

The friendly glow of the warm sun brought joy and thanksgiving to the hearts of the members and friends of the Whitemouth Baptist Church, Whitemouth, Manitoba, when on Sunday morning, Aug. 26, they met on the banks of the Whitemouth River for a special service. It was amidst picturesque surroundings that the local pastor, Rev. J. Kuehn, had the joy of baptizing four young people on confession of their faith in Christ. God's presence was very near to us!

Lunch was then served at the church, after which we met for the service. At the Lord's Supper, which followed, the church extended the hand of fellowship to these four persons and two others.

We prayerfully trust God that he will grant spiritual strength to the new members and that we, as a church, may continue to be a light in this community by the grace of God.

Mrs. J. Kuehn, Reporter.

**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
of Baptist Home for the Aged
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WE, THE WOMEN

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band's foot. But in May of 1956, Nkongingong had a look of triumph on his face as he held up his foot for the missionary to inspect. "It is all healed." "Thank God for that," were his only comments. But news soon went to Christina, and her hopes soared at this news. Some day, her husband would return to his family again.

When the final day was announced for Nkongingong's discharge, Christina and her children (three now) came all dressed up and beaming. Now would end the long separation and heartache. When Dr. Kenneth Jones gave the "discharge certificate" to Nkongingong, he spoke a few words, giving praise to God for healing, and, quoting from Phil. 3:21, he told how God had changed his leprous body to a new and healthy body. He gave testimony before all the patients and the congregation of how he never could have borne his illness alone had it not been for his loving and faithful wife, Christina, for her faith, and her prayers. Christina knew in her heart that it was God's great love which had kept them all for this glad day.

Truly, God's love has been shown to God-Love and Christina, and a real victory in physical and spiritual realms only points the more to God's great faithfulness to those who trust him.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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through Jesus Christ our Lord." See also Psalm 42.

V. THE MERCIFUL. Matt. 5:7.

The mercy we manifest toward our fellowmen is not always returned. Jesus was the most merciful, but he obtained no mercy. Nevertheless, we can always be sure of the mercy of God.

VI. THE PURE IN HEART. Matt. 5:8.

The Psalmist had an insight into this truth when he said, "To the pure thou wilt show thyself pure" (Psalm 18:26). Spiritual blindness is primarily the result of an impure heart.

VII. THE PEACEMAKERS. Matt. 5:9.

Christ is the Prince of peace (Isa. 9:6); he has made peace for us (Col. 1:20); he has given us his peace (John 14:27). Is it any wonder that he expects us to be peacemakers?

VIII. THE PERSECUTED. Matthew 5:10-12.

We would think the climax of all this should be "Blessed are ye with glory and honor because of your righteous and holy life." But such is often not the case, and we will have to wait for a future reward.

SEMINARY NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

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When the task of registration was completed, President Lang was happy to report that the number of students this year will be approximately that of last year which marks a continued trend toward larger classes.

A glance down the student register reveals the fact that the students came from nine states as well as four provinces of Canada. It is interesting to note that eight of our nine conferences have sons or daughters in the Seminary at the present time.

The breadth of outreach and ministry of the Seminary is seen in the fact that Harold Lang is continuing his training here after a year of study abroad at the Hamburg-Horn Seminary in Hamburg, Germany. Leslie Zilkie from Winnipeg, Man., Canada is studying in Hamburg as the representative of our Society this year.

The missionary vision of the Seminary is enlarged by the presence of Missionary Ruby Salzman as she studies in the Seminary prior to her sailing in a few months for the Cameroons of Africa. Studying with Miss Salzman is Mr. William Rentz who is preparing to direct the educational program of our mission work in the Cameroons.

The opening chapel session on September 11 struck a high spiritual note as Dr. Lang led the students in a serious evaluation of the task facing them both in training and in the service of Christ. The students responded with heart warming testimonies of faithful ministries performed in the summer months in churches, camps, and evangelistic meetings.

During the first week of school Dr. Lang announced that Miss Joyce Ringering from Bison, Kans., was awarded the scholarship offered by

the National Woman's Missionary Union. This is a significant development because Miss Ringering is the first Seminary student to receive the scholarship.

Miss Ringering is pursuing the course of study leading to the degree of Master of Religious Education. The granting of the scholarship highlights the fact that the Seminary has recently entered this new field of training and now is an associate member of the American Association of Schools of Religious Education.

The activities of the first week were climaxed in the Fall Convocation held in the Seminary chapel Friday night, September 14, with Dr. Walter Wessel delivering a stirring message on the theme, "The Christian Athlete."

Though they are but one month in the new school year the students have found their way into many places of service throughout the community. Some are ministering as student pastors. Others serve as Sunday School teachers, choir directors, singing in choirs, youth leaders. Representatives of the Seminary have reached into five states and one province of Canada in ministering to our churches.

With a clear vision of their task and a firm commitment to their mission the faculty and students move forward with a resolute step toward the goal of being counted good and faithful servants of Christ.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Effa is pastor of the Zion Baptist Church of Drumheller. — A son was born to Rev. and Mrs. Harold Weiss of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on September

1957 CONFERENCES

ATLANTIC: First Baptist Church, Jamesburg, New Jersey. Date to be decided by Program Committee with Rev. Raymond Yahn, Chairman.

CENTRAL: June 27-30, 1957. Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan.

DAKOTA: June 26-30, 1957. South Canyon Baptist Church, Rapid City, S. Dak. (pending), with Rev. E. S. Fenske, Chairman of Program Committee.

EASTERN: Place and date still to be determined.

NORTHERN: July 3-7, 1957. Temple Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta.

NORTHWESTERN: July 10 - 14, 1957. First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis., with Rev. Donald Patet, Program Committee Chairman.

PACIFIC: June 12-16, 1957. First Baptist Church, Lodi, California.

SOUTHERN: Canaan Baptist Church, Crawford, Texas. Date still to be determined.

SOUTHWESTERN: Place and date still to be determined.

10th, to whom the name Rodney Paul has been given. Mr. Weiss is pastor of the Northside Baptist Church of Sioux Falls. — Word has been received from Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut of Kyoto, Japan, our missionaries in Japan, that a son was born to them on September 19th who has been named Donald Dwight. — Rev. and Mrs. Laurence Prast of Mt. Pleasant, Mich., have announced the birth of a daughter on September 10th who has been named Brenda Laure. — Rev. and Mrs. Norman Miller of Durham, Kans., have announced the birth of a son, Mark Norman, on September 27th. This is their third child.

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. MATHIAS OBERGEFELL of Bakersfield, California.

On Thursday, April 26th, the Lord called Mr. Mathias Obergefell of Bakersfield, Calif., to his heavenly Home at the age of 81 years. At the time of his death he was a member of the Grace Baptist Church in Bakersfield, Calif., where he and his wife, Cecelia, had made their home since coming west in 1946 from Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Obergefell came to America in 1901, living in New York and then moving to St. Joseph, Michigan. From there he moved to Blackfoot, Idaho, where he farmed for a number of years, then coming back to Chicago, Ill., where he was active in the Grace Baptist Church until retiring and moving to Bakersfield.

Early in life he accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior and lived a consistent Christian life until his death. We have indeed lost a great prayer warrior and soldier of the Cross, and his testimony to his loved ones and friends will never be forgotten. To him the change was a glorious experience.

He is survived by his wife, Cecelia, who tenderly cared for him in the last months; two sons: Dr. Albert Obergefell of Bakersfield, Calif.; Irvin of Chicago, Ill.; three daughters: Evelyn Kleinfeldt of Mundelein, Ill.; Melva Logan of Taft, Calif.; and Wilma Obergefell, also of Taft, California.

Bakersfield, California

THE FAMILY.

MR. EDWARD FRIED of Plevna, Montana.

Mr. Edward Fried of Plevna, Mont., was born in Russia in 1897. In 1924 he came to the United States where he stayed with an uncle at Lemmon, South Dakota. From there he went to Plevna, Mont., where he took up mixed farming. In 1930 he married Lydia Ehret. God blessed them with three sons. In 1939 he was converted, baptized, and became a member of the Plevna Baptist Church. The deceased had been in poor health many years. Death came on September 12 while he was on the way to the hospital.

He leaves to mourn his passing: his wife; three sons: Elmer of Baker; Leon of Malta; Clarence of Terry, Mont.; one sister in Germany; and one uncle in Lemmon, South Dakota. Funeral services were held from the Plevna Baptist Church with the pastor in charge. May the bereaved receive of God the comfort which their hearts desire in this hour of their sorrow.

Plevna, Montana

R. H. ZEPK, Pastor.

MR. R. M. STREIBEL of Fessenden, North Dakota.

Mr. R. M. Streibel of Fessenden, N. Dak., was born January 5, 1892, on the farm near Fessenden, where he lived all his life. He passed away August 19, 1956, Sunday morning, at 12:05 a.m., in the St. Aloisius Hospital, Harvey, North Dakota.

Funeral services were held August 23, 1956, in the Germantown Baptist Church, and interment of the remains followed the service in the Germantown Baptist Cemetery.

Surviving him and mourning his passing are: his wife, Frieda, nee Frieda Broschat, with whom he was united in marriage on Nov. 24, 1921; two children: S. Bryce of Fessenden, N. Dak.; and Shirley Mae of Stockton, Calif.; one grandson, Kent Bradley Streibel of Fessenden; four sisters: Mrs. Charles Rappuhn of Fessenden, N. Dak.; Mrs. Albertine Boese, Mrs. Martha Clow, and Mrs. Bertha Van Buskirk, all of Lodi, California. A host of other relatives and friends also lament his passing.

Mr. Streibel led an active public life in his home community and state. He served on the local school board for 30 years. He was Township Supervisor for a number of years, and was best known throughout the state for his 20 years of service as State Senator from his home in Wells County.

His community and his state, North Dakota, will feel the loss of Mr. Streibel as one who had the public welfare at heart.

Germantown Baptist Church,
Cathay, North Dakota

ELMER BUENNING, Pastor.

MRS. ANNA PAUL of Branch, Louisiana.

Mrs. Anna Paul, nee Maschke, of Branch, La., was born Feb. 12, 1866 in Germany. While visiting her son in Detroit, Mich., for the summer months, she passed away quietly on August 31. In her early youth she accepted Christ as Savior and Lord, was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Baptist Church in Koenigsberg, West Prussia. In 1899 she was united in marriage to Johannes Paul who passed away in 1940.

God blessed this union with five children, of whom her son Willi and her daughter Hertha preceded her in death. She is survived by her son, John, of Detroit, Mich.; her daughters, Anna (Mrs. Alex Sootzmann, Branch, La.) and Helen (Mrs. Ernest Frankl of Utica, N. Y.). Her faithfulness to her Savior has always been an inspiration to the life of her children and friends.

Rev. Victor Priebe, who was in charge of the funeral service, spoke comforting words based upon Genesis 24:55 which was her desire for her funeral text. She was laid to rest in Cadillac Memorial Gardens in Detroit, Mich., awaiting the sound of the trumpet and the resurrection of the dead.

Mowata Baptist Church,
Branch, Louisiana

ALEX SOOTZMANN, son-in-law and pastor of the Mowata Baptist Church,
her home church.

MR. JACOB S. HOWEN of Lodi, California.

Mr. Jacob Samuel Howen of Lodi, Calif., was born January 30, 1893 in South Russia. He came to the United States in 1913, settling in North Dakota, but in 1920 he moved to Lodi where he remained a resident, except for two years spent in Stockton, California. His earthly life came to a sudden and tragic end on September 15 when the truck which he was driving was struck by a train. He was 63 years of age.

Mr. Howen was a devoted Christian, having accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior in the year 1921. The following year he was baptized by the Rev. G. Eichler into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Lodi. When Temple Baptist Church was organized in 1948, he became a charter member. He served for a number of years on the Board of Trustees and was also a member of the Building Committee during the construction of both units of the church building. He was regular in his attendance at the services, frequently expressing his personal testimony when opportunity was given.

He was united in marriage with Martha Rawe on May 25, 1916. That he together with his wife built a fine Christian home is evidenced by the fact that their three sons are active in the church.

Those who mourn his passing are his beloved wife, Martha; his three sons: Walter, Edwin, and Verne, all of Lodi; two brothers: Carl of Hibbing, Minn.; and John of Lodi; ten grandchildren, and a great host of friends. "He being dead yet speaketh." The testimony of the life of our brother will long speak to those who await a reunion with him in eternity.

Temple Baptist Church,
Lodi, California

ROBERT SCHREIBER, Pastor.

MR. FERDINAND KRANICH of Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. Ferdinand Kranich of Detroit, Mich., was born in Russian Poland on October 13, 1869, and departed this life on Sunday, September 9, 1956 at the age of 86 years. He

was united in marriage in March 1893 to Emilie Eichblatt, who preceded him in death in 1925. To this union were born ten children, of whom Paul died in infancy.

In 1889 Mr. Kranich with his family emigrated to the U.S.A. and settled in Detroit, Michigan. In 1900 they moved to Gladwin, Mich., and became pioneer farmers. After retiring from farming, Mr. Kranich again resided in Detroit, Michigan.

In July 1934 he was married to Bertha Domreis, who passed away in 1954. During the last 2 years Brother Kranich lived with his children, who lovingly cared for him and ministered to his needs. He was a kind and loving father to his family. For many years he was a faithful member of the Conner Baptist Church of Detroit. He was a sincere, devoted Christian who loved his Lord and his Church. Now he is at home with his Lord forever.

He is survived by nine children: Benjamin of Drayton Plains, Mich.; Arthur of Sunfield, Mich.; Reynold of Gladwin, Mich.; Mrs. Esther Stobert of Mason, Mich.; Mrs. Naomi Schlak of Lansing, Mich.; Ruth of Los Angeles, Calif.; Daniel of Rochester, Mich.; Mrs. Sarah Thornau of Gladwin, Mich.; and Joseph of Detroit, Michigan. He also leaves a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren and many friends. Funeral services were held at the Gladwin Baptist Church on Thursday, September 13, followed by interment in Highland Cemetery beside the remains of his first wife.

Conner Baptist Church,
Detroit, Michigan

OTTO PATZIA, Pastor.

MARCH OF EVENTS

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would double by 1965. (The union's schools are operated independently of churches, but are controlled by parents of Calvinistic faith, mostly members of the Christian Reformed Church.) At River Forest, Ill., 400 delegates attending the combined annual meetings of the National Lutheran Parent-Teacher League and the Lutheran Education Association were told that the Missouri Synod now operates more than 1,330 full-time parochial schools in the United States and Canada. It has by far the largest private school system among Protestant groups.

● The first issue of "Christianity Today," a new international evangelical journal, has been published from Washington, D. C. Some 275,000 copies of the initial issue were printed in October. Future issues will appear bi-weekly. First article, "Changing Climate of European Theology," was written by Dr. G. C. Berkouwer, professor of systematic theology, Free University of Amsterdam. Second article, "Biblical Authority in Evangelism," was authored by Evangelist Billy Graham. Almost half of the new periodical was devoted to world news under the heading of "The Conflict of the Gospel With Paganism" and "Books In Review." Editor Carl F. H. Henry provided "The Fragility of Freedom in the West," a scholarly treatment of world freedom from the evangelical point of view, in which he asserts that "... the freedom of the West is a very brittle and a very fragile thing." One year in preparation, the first issue of "Christianity Today" represents the composite effort of a staff of some one hundred editors, journalists, and correspondents throughout the world.

"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (2 Cor. 5:1).

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