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**First Things First!  
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The Fruits of Thanksgiving**

# March of Events

● Vatican authorities announce the discovery of a catacomb in Rome, Italy, with the largest and finest collection of Christian murals ever found in the underground burial places where Christians hid from persecution in the days of ancient Rome. The catacomb dates from the fourth century.

● Plans for the publication of a dictionary of American Hymnology have been announced by the Hymn Society of America. The book will contain the story of hymnody in America, the writers of hymns and Gospel songs, and known facts about the hymns and music now used in American churches.

● According to a report made by Bishop Rajah B. Manikam of the Lutheran church of India, which has three of the four Protestant theological seminaries now operating in China, there are 32 Baptist students attending the Nanking Union Theological Seminary in China. The 183 students in this seminary come from 19 denominations. Anglicans, Baptists and Methodists have 32 students each, and there are Baptists attending three of the remaining schools.

● The Central American Mission has plans under way for opening a Bible Institute in Mexico City in February, 1957. Among Mexico's 30,000,000 people there are scattered groups of believers—outside denominational lines—in great need of Bible instruction. The venture is not entirely new, but is to be built on foundations already laid in a Night Bible School, now operating in the Capital City in an unoccupied garage—the “vision” of Edward Pentecost. The Board of this night school suggested that the Central American Mission open a Bible Institute with regular day classes, making the present night class program the Evening School of the Institute. Rented buildings are to be used until it is possible to have adequate facilities for a full program.

● Dr. Edward D. Simpson of Minneapolis, Minn., was elected president of the National Sunday School Association in the business meeting preceding the annual convention. The National Sunday School Convention, meeting at the Moody Memorial Church in Chicago, Ill., attracted some 4,000 delegates from 45 states. Other officers elected were Rev. Bert Webb, Springfield, Mo., vice-president; Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Nashville, Tenn., secretary; and Rev. Paul W. McBeth, Elizabethtown, Pa. treasurer. General Secretary is Dr. Clate Risley of Chicago. Simpson, who suc-

ceeds Dr. Harold W. Erickson of Rockford, Ill., as president, is a member of the Conservative Baptist denomination and is chairman of the department of Bible at Northwestern College, Minneapolis. An alumnus of Wheaton (Ill.) College and Eastern Theological Seminary of Philadelphia, Simpson has had experience in business and the ministry before joining the faculty of Northwestern College in 1949.

● Karl Schwenzfeier, a 22-year-old Penn State graduate student, has been described as “the little Philadelphia boy who has become a big Olympic hope.” Karl will compete against the best gymnasts in the world next No-

ember at Melbourne, Australia, as a member of the U.S. Olympic team. A sincere Christian, Karl witnesses a good profession, saying: “Many people misunderstand how an athlete feels about religion. They think he prays to win, when all he actually asks is to be able to do his best. I learned a long time ago that a fellow can't do it all by himself.” Karl, an active church member, is five foot seven inches tall (his pastor, Christian J. Schenck of Philadelphia's Prince of Peace Lutheran church remembers that he served longer as acolyte than any other boy because “he grew slowly and was able to wear the vestments longer”), and his trainer at Penn State says he did not consider him a “natural” athlete. “Karl made himself into a champion,” he recalls. But the boy from Philadelphia worked methodically towards the goal (“Spartan-like” is the term used by his coach) and won most of the important amateur athletic titles last year.

## Baptist Briefs

● “Dr. Truett's church” is still the name used in many places in the world to identify the First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas. Dr. Truett's very successful successor in the pastorate is Dr. W. A. Criswell. This church—with a membership of about ten thousand—recently adopted a budget for 1957 which probably is a record anywhere. The total is \$705,000.00, of which a little more than half—345,000 goes to all sorts of mission enterprises outside the local work of the church itself.

● Dr. Ernest Payne, General Secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, visited Bratislava and Prague, Czechoslovakia, in August, and had the opportunity to meet President Tomes of the Czechoslovakian Baptist Union and several other pastors. There are 26 Baptist churches, besides a large number of preaching stations; there are about 80 preachers, ordained and non-ordained. A monthly journal is published. Dr. Payne also had an interesting interview with the minister for religious affairs, Dr. Havelka.

**THANKSGIVING NUMBER**  
This THANKSGIVING issue describes the first fruit of the Cameroons field, the first converts of our Japan mission, the first services with the Muscowpetung Indians, and the first adventures of “God's Volunteers.” You will be reminded of the “First Things First” and challenged by “The Fruits of Thanksgiving.” If you enjoy this Thanksgiving number, let us know at our editorial office.  
EDITOR

● Baptist work in the Gold Coast, Africa, was begun by native Yoruba Christians who came as traders from Nigeria prior to 1925. The First Baptist Church was organized at Kumasi in that year. In 1947 Southern Baptists opened up work at the request of the Baptists already living in the Gold Coast. Dr. R. Paul Caudill, who has recently visited this work writes: “I found the warmest spirit of cooperation and encouragement to intensify the work already begun. . . . All in all, I doubt if Christian missionaries ever worked in a more favorable climate, so far as local government are concerned.”

● Dr. Daniel A. Poling of Philadelphia, editor of “Christian Herald” magazine and president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, was honored at Carey, Ohio, on the 50th anniversary of his ordination. Dr. Norman Vincent Peale of New York addressed a capacity crowd in Memorial Evangelical United Brethren church where Dr. Poling was ordained. He described Dr. Poling as “one of the great Americans of our time” and “one of the greatest servants of Jesus Christ in this world.” Another capacity crowd watched the special service over closed circuit television in First Methodist church.

● Four delegates from the Romanian Baptist Union attended the meetings of the European Baptist Federation held in Norway, August 28-31, 1956. The Union is composed of 15 district communities of which eleven are of

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# Editorial

## Let the Redeemed Of the Lord Say So!

THANKSGIVING is the Christian's time to testify of the goodness of his Lord and God! It is his peculiar privilege to remind all men that the gifts of life and the blessings he enjoys come only from the true God, his heavenly Father. Thanksgiving is the Christian's prayer meeting, reviewing the evidences of God's blessing in his life and saying with the Psalmist, “Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness” (Psalm 107:8). This is the time of the year when the hearts of Christians everywhere ought to overflow with gratitude. “Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!” (Psalm 107:2.)

The Christian recognizes the goodness of the Lord in all the earth. The 8th Psalm opens and closes with the words: “O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!” God's redeeming grace is for all men and women everywhere. God is nigh unto all who call upon him, regardless of their station or circumstances of life. As children of God from all over the world, who have received God's grace through faith in Christ, we are brethren, one of another. We share in the worldwide blessings that come from the heavens above, for the joys and victories of Christian brethren across the seas are ours also for encouragement and strengthening of faith. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so that the goodness of the Lord is manifested in all the earth.

The Christian can testify that the goodness of the Lord has been experienced in his salvation and help in time of need. This is not book knowledge; this is not a second hand story. This has been a vital, dynamic, personal experience. The testimony of the Christian becomes especially meaningful when it is autobiographical: “Now know I that the Lord saveth his anointed” (Psalm 20:6). “We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners.” God has saved us through Christ and by his “unspeakable gift” of love. Christ our Savior has lifted us out of the miry pit of sin and has set our feet on the rock of salvation. “We are risen and stand upright” (Psalm 20:8). This is the testimony of our rejoicing in Christ.

Increasingly the Christian can testify that the goodness of God is his crown of victory. The Psalmist reminds us that it is God “who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies” (Psalm 103:4). Even as God's mercy is “from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him,” so the Christian has the assurance that God's victories in his life will be his increasingly without fail. Thanksgiving is not only a review of blessings already received but also a preview of God's glory in the lives of his children.

“Whoso is wise will observe these things” (Psalm 107:43) by testifying of God's wonderful works to the children of men. The Christian's privilege is to give thanks to the Lord in testimony and to prove the genuineness of his words in his ministry of love to others in need and in spiritual darkness. Let your testimony overflow in your prayers and gifts of thanksgiving! Let the redeemed of the Lord say so in a mighty chorus of joyous gratitude!

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Gratitude expresses itself in a life of peace and appreciation.

# The Fruits of Thanksgiving

A Message for Our Observance of Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week, November 18 to 25, 1956

By DR. JOHN WOBIG of Portland, Oregon, Vice-moderator of the General Conference

THE STORY of Naaman in 2 Kings 5:15-19 is full of bewitching interest and suggestive of spiritual analogies. Although it deals with some simple facts of history nearly three thousand years ago, yet it conveys to our present age an important lesson on the fruits of a thankful spirit. It recognizes the religious needs of humanity.

Like Naaman, we today enjoy the worldly advantages of wealth, influence and pleasures, yet suffer from the deadly disease of sin and ingratitude. Like Naaman, people today are interested in and seek after a possible cure, too often through insignificant agencies. Still they are not willing to accept and are even offended at the divine methods prescribed for obtaining the cure. Like Naaman, those who comply with the prescribed conditions and find the cure will gratefully acknowledge and adore the power and goodness of God as the source of the blessing.

## A LIVING WITNESS

When Naaman first came to the Prophet Elisha, he came to buy his healing. Here we find him coming to thank God, thus showing the sign of a truly thankful heart. A real acknowledgment of God as the Giver of all good gifts reveals the true fruits of thanksgiving. In these verses four virtues that such a spirit produces are stated.

The first is A LIVING WITNESS. "Now I know" was Naaman's testimony concerning the goodness of God. He acknowledged his leprosy, the necessity of a cure, and his folly to trust any other than the Word of God and that this Word was dependable. He openly acknowledged what he had experienced.

So every Christian should give testimony to the blessings God has bestowed. There are the positive bless-

ings of life, as health, food, raiment, shelter. We ought to praise God for our homes, churches, schools, and their conserving and cultural influence. We should extol him for national blessings such as material prosperity, rich harvests, peace, and healthfulness. How great is the sum of them! We need to express our appreciation to him for spiritual blessings for his Word, for the presence of the Holy Spirit, for Christ, for missionary activity, for the bond of Christian fellowship, and for the love and kindness of our fellowmen.

How often we dodge this great privilege of speaking a word of testimony



to Christ for these manifold blessings. If we have experienced God's grace, then gratitude should prompt us to testify to others and to God of the blessings that we have received during the past year, even as gratitude prompted Naaman to acknowledge the God of Israel.

## A GENEROUS THANKOFFERING

The second virtue was A GENEROUS THANKOFFERING. Naaman said, "Now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant." He hastened to Elisha to express his gratitude by offering gifts. To Gehazi, his own servant, he gave a double portion. Elisha took none because he wished Naaman to learn that salvation is a matter of grace. But the fact remains that willingness to give is a fruit of gratitude.

When God has given to us the sunshine of his love and the showers of his grace, then we should be ready and willing to give him the powers of our body, mind, and our endowments. Giving indicates a useful life. If we are to live useful lives, we must have the spirit of self-sacrificing benevolence. God has given us of his rich bounties this past year; how fully should we not give in gratefulness to him!

God has opened up to us various avenues through which we can carry out a great missionary work for his cause. He has given us our mission fields in the Cameroons, in Japan, in Austria, and among the Indians and Spanish-speaking people. He has provided us with a Seminary where we can train young men and women for fulltime Christian service. He has set before us an open door to propagate a ministry toward youth through our Bible School and CBY Fellowships, toward our aged folk

through Homes for the Aged and other means of benevolence.

Thanksgiving is an appropriate time for our churches to observe the denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week and express our gratitude to God by receiving a cheerful, generous and sacrificial offering for this missionary enterprise that God has entrusted to us. May every church and individual member count its blessings and share in this worthy and pleading cause!

## A GENUINE PRAYER

A third virtue that Naaman expressed was A GENUINE PRAYER. He asked for a load of ground from Palestine to take to Syria. On it he wanted to pray to Israel's God. Evidently Naaman was still bound to the idea that God was a local deity and limited to Israelitish soil. He thought that worship in any spot on that soil would secure the favor of God. Elisha made no reply to that request. However, the spirit expressed is what was important.

Every true believer will have an altar where he can express to God his gratitude for mercies bestowed. The finest prayers are born out of gratitude. The Apostle Paul's great prayers show that. How often we pray only when we want things. How much more we should pray when God has blessed us with things. When men with thankful hearts go to God, the eternal Source, then the qualities of large and abundant living and giving will blossom from their lives.

## A GRATEFUL LIFE

The final virtue of real thanksgiving is A GRATEFUL LIFE. It seems that Naaman's heathen background was too strong to permit him to become a genuine convert to the Jehovah religion. Yet he felt that bowing down with his master in the house of Rimmon would be inconsistent with his proposed devotion to the God of Israel. Though Naaman's dissembling of his religion cannot be approved, yet because of his promise to offer no sacrifice to any God but to Israel's only, and by asking pardon in this matter, he did show a degree of conviction and cause Elisha to take fair leave of him with the blessing, "Go in peace."

The knowledge of the living God and the experience of his grace is the fountain of all grace. With that alone man can go gladly on his way. So gratitude expresses itself in a life of peace and appreciation. Gratitude is one of the finest characteristics which a human being can have. It is worth more than all the wealth of the world. Grateful people are a blessing all through life. We like to do favors for a grateful friend, or help a grateful student, or do kind deeds to grateful people. Naaman in gratitude resolved to sacrifice only to Jehovah and was eager to bestow rich gifts. With such a spirit he could go his way in peace.



"The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing."

# First Things First!

By MR. WALTER W. GROSSER, Moderator of the North American Baptist General Conference

FRESH IN OUR MINDS will be the words and promises of political aspirants in the national election. "We are the richest, most favored people in the world. Elect me, and you have not seen anything yet to compare with the abundance of things I will make available." Even God comes in for honorable mention, but the abundance of things is the all important. The politician knows that millions of his listeners are willing believers of promises.

## GOD'S RICHES FOR US

From the epistle of James the writer reminds us that man proposes but God disposes. Riches may well prove to be only a liability and not an asset. In Jesus Christ, we have been born into a life of hope, to a perfect inheritance, which is beyond the reach of change and decay. It is reserved in Heaven for us.

While the voter is being urged to express his wants, this same citizen is urged by the Prophet Micah to ascertain what God demands of him. "He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God?"

This requirement suggests to the Christian citizen of prosperous America, that he look beyond his own borders to the needy in all parts of the

world. To a degree our North American Baptist mission fields indicate our awareness of world need. We have devoted missionaries in Africa, Japan and elsewhere. Their dedication and commitment to the assignment given to them can only be blessed with a harvest, to the extent that we meet God's requirement of us.

It is not enough that we pray. As we do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God, we uphold them by our example and our willingness to sacrifice for others. Our material blessings will not give us any joy unless we make them available to the less fortunate.

## OUR TASK NOW

Christian insights toward the future indicate that the day is far spent. Nationalism may soon prevent us from staying in these mission fields. While time remains, our task is to train adequately hundreds of native Christian leaders, who can continue to carry out the great commission, after we have been told to recall our missionaries. We need facilities of every description on our missionary fields.

May we express our gratitude to God at this abundant harvest time for his manifold blessings with us by putting **First Things First!** Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added unto you.

When we, too, will express our gratitude to the Lord for his blessings by a prayer of thanksgiving and by a sacrificial offering for the

Thanksgiving Mission Offering, then the benediction "Go in Peace" will be ours. May our lives show forth the fruits of thanksgiving!



One of the Cameroons Christians and her child at the New Hope Settlement for the leprosy patients.

## First-fruits of the Field

### A Thrilling Thanksgiving Story from the Cameroons

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By Mrs. Lois S. Ahrens

"Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine" (Proverbs 3: 9-10).

YEAR AFTER YEAR, the land of the Cameroons, Africa, had seen the dedication of the first-fruit symbolically offered up. Year after year had been alternate plenty or near-famine, with the stoic acceptance of whatever the gods of harvest had to offer. Now with the growth of the Christian women of Ndu came the awareness of the need to show those still steeped in the joyless, fruitless ritual of offering up first-fruits to gods which could neither see, hear, nor bless, that there is One who does hear. He it is who made the seed. He it is who gave the increase. He it is who loved and gave his only Son.

#### NEW CHRISTIAN CUSTOM

The idea was first born and nurtured in the Ndu women's meeting council during their weekly meeting in a humble grass-thatched home. As women will do (they say!), they digressed from the discussion of planning for coming meetings to the almost ripe crops. "I wonder," said one, "how many Christian women will be weak and succumb secretly to the pagan practice of allowing the first-fruits to be blessed by the medicine man at the sacred stone because of family pressure."

Said another, "How sad, that so many of our people do not know that only God in heaven can bless their crops. For only he is Creator."

"But some day," said yet another, "perhaps someone will find a way to show them that Christians put their belief in God, not only on Sundays, but as regards crops, too. You know we Christians don't practice that pagan custom, but do most pagans know this truly and know WHY we do not?" Then came the next question, "Why

do we have to wait? There is time to show our faith THIS year in the God of harvest. Can't we make some kind of Christian substitute?"

They prayed about it, talked excitedly about it, and made a proposal at the next meeting of Ndu church women which resulted in the following:

Early on the day named (a country Sunday), women began pouring into the "Women's Meeting House" although usually it was 10 or 11 o'clock before they began. Each Christian woman came bearing the first fruits of her harvest, until a great heap of maize, beans, cabbage, and pumpkins lay before them. Nine-thirty o'clock saw so many gathered that they overflowed into the yard outside, singing animatedly.

They first had their usual meeting, with several women taking part in a lesson on PRAYERS THAT PLEASE GOD. Some of the pagan women who had been invited came and listened indifferently. Later, since there were more outside than inside anyway, they went outdoors. Some women had been dispatched before the meeting to "the kitchen detail" to cook maize in huge gasoline drums.

#### WONDERFUL TESTIMONIES

Now, outdoors, they formed a circle, and started singing praises to the Lord, shuffling rhythmically. To my surprise this lasted only a short time. When asked by the head woman to be seated on the ground, they obeyed quite readily, even the pagan women who had come out of curiosity. Then began a series of informal testimonies. They started this phase at 12:00 o'clock.

One after another the women rose and gave testimonies something like those which follow. (These I have taken from the written report of their church teacher, Mr. Solomon Ndamsa Jato, who begins his report by saying, "It was a spiritual, strengthening, and educative experience to me the



A Cameroons Christian with a precious load on her back and a basket-full of "first-fruits" on her head.

day the women made their corn-feast to the Lord.")

Hannah said that against pressure from her family and her husband's, she had refused to sacrifice to the pagan gods at planting time. Most of the corn which she planted did not germinate. However, the little which did germinate brought forth heavy yields and she had enough at harvest time as a result of committing all to the Lord.

Another, Magdalena Jingla, told how two of her storehouses of corn were burned and pressure was brought to bear that she should consult the sorcerer and find out the cause. She told them that Jesus knew the cause and the cure. Such hatred and pressure were brought to bear that she was forced to move to another village, where she showed her trust in the Lord and was rewarded by having her need supplied.

Two o'clock came, with already two hours of testimonies behind them. It started to rain lightly. No one moved. A young woman rose and said: "I am one who would have participated in the pagan first-fruit practice if this gathering had not been today. I did last year, and some of you know it. My heart is grieved that I so sinned. In my heart I do love Jesus. I thank God for this meeting, and I want you all to pray for me, that I may be a stronger Christian in the future."

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

This started off a time of prayer requests. Still it rained lightly. For another hour we sat out in the rain, sharing the blessings of God together.

Then, at 3:00 o'clock the church teacher was asked to give the prayer of dedication of the first-fruits after the head woman had given a brief but sincere appeal to any unbelievers present.

A hush fell over the crowd as the church teacher prayed something like this: "O God, our Father, you have  
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## First Converts of Our Japan Mission

The story of the Spiritual Growth of Christians in Ise, Japan,  
by REV. and MRS. CLEMENCE AUCH, Missionaries

"A sower went forth to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path . . . on rocky ground . . . upon thorns . . . on good soil."

This is one of the best known parables to all Christians. Perhaps if it were not for this parable, many sowers of the Seed would have become very discouraged, perhaps, even to despair.

In the sowing of the good Seed in Ise, Japan, this parable certainly is illustrated. We thank God for the good soil we have found and we wish to share with you some of the fruits on this soil.

#### THREE BAPTISMAL SERVICES

Without an established church of nationals, the missionary is at a loss to know who are qualified for the step of baptism. In some cases the missionary has prayed and doubted as to the qualifications, but because the one requesting baptism was insistent, the desire was granted. Some of these were able to gain root and grow; others were crowded out by the thorns or dried because of lack of depth. Statistics are never interesting to hear but they give us the true picture.

At the first baptism, there were four converts baptized. All are still with us, but one is very irregular in church attendance.

At the second baptism, there were ten baptized. Three, the Ono family, moved to Kyoto, and one decided to become a Catholic because he felt the Bible was too strict. Another stopped coming because the sin he was secretly committing was denounced from the pulpit one Sunday. Another of these is now a deacon of the church.

At the third baptism there were eleven converts baptized. Of these one is not very regular in attendance. Within this group is our first Christian family, Mr. and Mrs. Eto. Both

husband and wife were baptized. They have two small children, the younger one named "Megumi" which means "Grace." These are the facts we can put in writing.

Some of these who are irregular in attendance are going through storms. We trust the Great Captain will bring them through and back to fellowship.

#### MURAKAMI SAN

I would like to select a few and tell you a bit about their ventures in the faith. The most radiant Christian we have is Murakami San. She is in her sixties, but she is busy for the Lord. She misses very few services. Usually she has a contribution to make in terms of a testimony, a Bible verse, or a prayer.

Readers at home, look at this radiant Christian and learn! When is the last time you quoted several verses from the Bible from memory? Murakami San does it regularly. Also she has come with others we seek to tell about Christ. "Sensei (teacher)," she will say, "this person wants to know about Christianity. Will you tell her about Jesus?" Whenever there is a need to be filled we can depend upon Murakami San. She reminds us of the widows in the New Testament. As the days pass, her testimony is spreading among her relatives, all influential people, who are beginning to ask about Christianity.

Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature . . ." In the life of one of our deacons, Inoue San, we have seen this displayed. When he first came to the church he was, as one missionary said, "a bundle of nerves." Even his face was covered with a rash, perhaps due to his nervous condition. Since he has become a new creature in Christ, he has gained confidence, his personality has become

radiant, and his face cleared. Inoue San is quiet but he knows his Bible.

At times we have been concerned about his spiritual life, but we feel God has brought him through to a stronger Christian life. He has been very tactful in pointing out to the missionary where he has been perhaps too neglectful. Inoue San is still unmarried but has been looked up to by others, which is a good testimony in a land where age is greatly respected.

Several weeks ago he asked us to have a meeting in his home so that his mother might become more interested. When we came there, he had gathered eight adults and several younger children to hear. May the Lord use this man as a pillar in our church at Ise!

#### A RADIANT YOUNG CHRISTIAN

Kubota San is a young man whom I would like all of you to meet. After he became a Christian, I met him only once without a radiant smile on his face. This time, his uncle, who had cared for him since childhood, had just died, and without Christ. The evening we called on him, we had a strange experience.

As we came near the house, we heard the chant of the Buddhist mourners. It is very difficult to describe the feeling one gets when you hear this chant. The chant has few variations and is chanted in a very minor key. At those times one feels the direct conflict with the evil that exists on a large scale here in Japan.

When Kubota San realized we were there, he came out of the house seemingly with the desire to escape the clutches of this satanic atmosphere. He was grief-stricken and broken. His uncle had died without Christ and his older brother, who is a member of one of the liberal Christian churches in the city, consented to a Buddhist funeral.

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Murakami San (left), the Christian grandmother of Ise, Japan, at the time of her baptism, and Mr. and Mrs. Eto (right) who were both baptized and are now the first Christian family in the Ise Baptist Church, with their children, the younger one being "Megumi" or "Grace."

# First Services With Muscowpetung Indians

The Story of New Missionary Adventures on the Muscowpetung Reserve of Saskatchewan  
by REV. R. NEUMAN, Missionary

IT HAS PLEASED our Great Chief in Heaven to place us on a new trail on "the warpath" for him. He gave the signal, stakes were pulled, the tents folded and wheels began rolling, leaving the old path to fade away with many pleasant memories to treasure. The new trail, now stretching before us, is also a path of joy, for "God leadeth his sheep along."

Wending our way to our new camping grounds in Saskatchewan by car with family, horse and dog, it was possible for us to stop in Saskatoon where my parents live. Here we had dinner, several hours of relaxation and spiritual refreshing before continuing our trip. Rev. H. Schatz came over to see us, and his visit inspired us greatly.

Saskatoon is a large city in the center of the province, rightly named the Hub City. It is a beautiful city extending its borders in every direction. It's a great industrial city that holds a promising future for its inhabitants and growing population. This area where the city stands was the Indians' old camping grounds for many years long before the white man came to this country. Now he is seen only occasionally dotted among the thousands of pale faces that walk the streets of this great city buying the little that his meager allowance permits.

## INDIAN CHAPEL REBUILT

Towards evening of the 31st of August we arrived in Edenwold, the nearest town to the Muscowpetung Reserve, which lies directly south ten miles. Not Indian style, although we were a small caravan, but due to modern means of transportation we were able to make the distance of 600 miles in less than two days. Believe me, it felt good to be among friends and acquaintances in Edenwold.

After supper at the Ed Rumpel home, nothing would do but that we go to the Reserve and see where the church and our living quarters are. It was almost dusk but our excitement loomed high as we approached our future home and field of service. Our readers will remember that the original church, nearing completion last winter, was completely destroyed as a result of a fire accidentally originating while Mr. Rumpel was finishing the interior of the living quarters. The present beautiful chapel and living quarters are built on the original foundation and, due to the advancement of the building, makes it difficult to believe that only last year the beautiful original building was destroyed by fire.

The Chapel had to be rebuilt! This was the decision of the Northern Con-

ference and General Missionary Committees. This was good news and the building program was set up and soon got underway. There was difficulty in securing a foreman. Although considerably handicapped due to his burns and recent release from the hospital, Mr. Rumpel consented to rebuild the chapel and living quarters upon the request of the brethren of the Saskatchewan Association.

Strong and courageous in spirit Mr. Rumpel is looking forward to the completion of this soul saving station on the Reserve among our many Indian people. It is in place here personally to thank all our readers for your prayers and support in behalf of this work and of Brother Rumpel who so willingly and sacrificially has given of his time and whom God has restored to health and strength through much suffering for Jesus' sake. We, the missionaries on the Muscowpetung Reserve, are indeed fortunate to be the recipients of such a lovely and comfortable building.

## FIRST INDIAN SERVICE

Sunday came and people gathered from near and far in the basement of the church for our first worship and reception service. Indians from the Reserve and nearby Reserve were present. Ministers and laymen from our churches, friends, and neighbors came until we were about 140 persons seated on rough planks laid on cement blocks.



The Indian is one of the precious "red" jewels in the coronation diadem of the King of kings!

The missionary's typewriter table served as a pulpit. Mr. William Kramer was in charge of the service. He led in the song service and the reading of the Scriptures. Special musical numbers were rendered by the Edenwold Baptist Church and the missionaries. Welcome words were extended to the missionaries by Rev. E. Thiesen on behalf of his church and the Association, by Mr. Chalmers Wirth, pastor of the Edenwold Baptist Church, and Mr. Bill Kramer on behalf of the Indians. Mr. Kramer carried on a fine work on a part-time basis on the Reserve until we arrived.

Mr. Pete Dubois of the Reserve welcomed us personally and on behalf of his people. Mr. Dubois is a nearby neighbor to the mission, well educated and a promising future leader. He was saved and baptized last year. Pete offers his assistance freely and takes an interest in church affairs.

It was my privilege not only to respond to these gracious speeches of welcome but to bring the message of the day at this festive occasion. The message was based upon Psalm 115. "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake. Wherefore should the heathen (ungodly) say, where is now their God?" Yes, the enemies of Christ and the Baptist denomination were rejoicing over the destruction of our church. But we could rejoice in knowing, "But our God is in the heavens, he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased."

## SASKATCHEWAN INDIAN TRAILS

As I stood before the people that afternoon, looking into the faces of natives and whites, memories clouded my mind of years gone by. Most all of these Indians before me were known to me from the weeks of evangelistic campaigns conducted in the past. We were in a warm, friendly, welcome atmosphere that prevailed throughout the entire service. All this was directed in channels to honor and glorify God whose presence made sacred and beautiful everything that was done.

We realized that from henceforth, at least temporarily, we would be God's chosen ones to proclaim his unsearchable riches in his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and to witness to his marvelous transforming power in our own lives. In all humbleness we bowed before him to dedicate our lives to making him known to the Indians and to all with whom we come in contact.

The Baptist Chapel on the Muscowpetung Indian Reserve stands in a  
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# "I'll Be a Medical Missionary"

The Story of Delores Henne, Cameroons' Missionary  
by REV. R. SCHILKE, General Missionary Secretary

IT WAS HARVEST time in North Dakota in the summer of 1947. A young lady was helping her father in that harvest season, doing a man's job, shocking wheat on the wheat field. As with Ruth of old in the field of Boaz, when the Lord directed her steps, so no less with Delores Henne on the wheat field of her father.

A few moments of rest turned into a great experience with God as a result of reading Laura Reddig's article in the "BAPTIST HERALD" concerning the medical needs on our Cameroons mission field. God spoke through his servant. His voice was clearly heard and from Delores Henne's heart came the consecrated response: "Lord, I'll be a medical missionary."

## EARLY LIFE AND INFLUENCES

Delores Lenora Henne was born on a farm near Alfred, N. Dak., on October 20, 1928. She was the first child of Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Henne. Some 22 months later another girl was born into the family and the two received every loving care and attention that any Christian parents can give to their children. Their faithful attendance at the services of the Grace Baptist Church of Alfred brought them early under the influence of the Sunday School and church.

The parents did not have the opportunity in their life to acquire much education, but they recognized the value of education and desired that their daughters receive every opportunity possible to acquire what they themselves were unable to do. The primary education was received in both rural and town grade schools. But the high school course had to be taken away from home, at Jamestown, North Dakota, some 32 miles away. It is not always easy for children of teen age to be away from home, away from the immediate loving care of parents, beset by other outside influences.

## CALL TO SERVICE

During the middle of her high school course, Delores, together with her sister, was brought to a saving knowledge of sins forgiven and the gloriousness of becoming a child of God. With Delores this experience stands out and made that a red letter day in her life. She marked down on her calendar of life the day of January 29, 1944 as the day of her second birthday which brought to her eternal life.

Someone has fittingly said: "If we are born once, we shall die twice; but if we are born twice, we shall only die once." This second birth takes away second death and puts in its place the glorious hope, yea, more than



Miss Delores Henne, missionary-nurse, who left from New York City on November 1st for the Cameroons mission field.

hope, the blessed reality of eternal life.

Almost simultaneously with this blessed experience of salvation came the call to service. Delores had never

before thought of missionary service. Her childhood dream was to become a teacher but never a missionary. On the day of their conversion as the two sisters retired for the night, the one said: "I am going to be a missionary." Without hesitation and without fully realizing why, Delores replied, "I am too." It was a simple promise to the inward call of God, but from that day on God directed every step to bring that promise to its realization.

## TRAINING TO QUALIFY

Although Delores Henne won a scholarship to Jamestown College upon completion of her high school course, she was led to decline the same. God had different plans for her and was directing her steps to a different course of studies at this time. Rather than pursuing a secular education, she was directed to pursue a Bible college education. This opportunity came to her at the Northwestern College of Liberal Arts where she enrolled in 1946 and completed the course in June of 1950 with a B.A. degree, majoring in Christian education.

The years at college offered her many opportunities of service in Child Evangelism classes, Week-Day Church School classes, and during the sum-  
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# With Jesus as My Pilot!

Testimony of MISS DELORES HENNE, Missionary-nurse Bound for the Cameroons, Africa

AS I REVIEW the call of God to Africa as a medical missionary, I'm convinced that Psalm 32:8 is a true promise. "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye." As a child I always wanted to be a teacher. I will briefly tell you how the Lord called me to be the first missionary from my home community of Alfred, North Dakota.

While my sister and I were attending high school, we both accepted Christ as our personal Savior on Jan. 29, 1944. The following night Jean-nien said, "I'm going to be a missionary." I was surprised, but added hesitantly, "I am, too."

In the days that followed my soul was moved by the Holy Spirit finally to consecrate my life completely to the Lord. I said, "Lord, I'll go where you want me to go and do what you want me to do."

After graduating from high school in 1946, I was offered a scholarship to the local college. I was unable to see

it because I knew that God wanted me to get some Christian education. I also had the stereotype idea that all the training a missionary needed was Bible School. Little did I realize that God would lead me to spend the next ten years in preparation for his service.

Step by step the Lord has led me to wait patiently, study seriously, work hard, and plan with purpose as he consecutively opened one door of training after another until his compass now points to service at the New Hope Settlement in the Cameroons.

During the years of preparation the Lord has given me the opportunity to attend Northwestern College, Minneapolis General Hospital School of Nursing, the University of Minnesota, the Maternity Center in New York, and the John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland.

The Lord has been a wonderful Pilot. I now yield myself to him to direct me in his service in Africa.

# "God's Volunteers" Are Ready

By REV. DANIEL FUCHS, Director of the Newly Organized Evangelistic Band

LET ME personally introduce to our "Baptist Herald" readers each of "God's Volunteers." In order to be able to pray more intelligently for the Lord's work which these young people are doing, it is helpful to know something about them.

"God's Volunteers" are a splendid group of consecrated Christian young people sincerely dedicated to the great task of personal soul winning. Their ages range from 19 to 34 years, and they come from four different states and provinces. Three of them are citizens of the United States and three are Canadians. Among them is one married couple; the other four are single. All of them are able to converse in both the English and the German languages.

## DEDICATED YOUNG PEOPLE

Eunice Kern hails from Leduc in the sunny province of Alberta, Canada. She is a member of the Temple Baptist Church of which Rev. T. J. Haire is the pastor. Eunice has been active in various departments of church work and is a graduate of our Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta. It was at a recent youth camp that she felt the Lord calling her into his service as a "Volunteer."

From the extreme west in the United States comes Katie Michelson. Her membership is with the Temple Baptist Church of Lodi, California. Rev. R. Schreiber is her pastor. After graduating from the Lodi Union High

School, Katie entered the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Calif., and after three years graduated from that institution. Later she attended Humphrey's Business College at Stockton, California. Although she was most active in her home church and had a good position at work, upon hearing about God's Volunteers she promptly enlisted, knowing that this was the Lord's leading for her.

Oswald and Ethel Orthner are the married couple in our group this year. They come from our Baptist Church at Serath, Sask., where they are both members. Rev. E. L. Thiessen is the pastor. Brother Orthner is a graduate of the Briercrest Bible Institute of Caronport, Sask., and Mrs. Orthner graduated from our Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta. Both have been active in their church as Sunday School teachers and workers in the Daily Vacation Bible School. The great challenge of winning souls for Christ constrained them to leave their farming for a time and to join "God's Volunteers."

## DAKOTA CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES

Along with the Pacific Conference and the Northern Conference, the Dakota Conference also has good representation in "God's Volunteers." From our Baptist Church in Ventura, N. Dak., Bonnie Tesky has enlisted. Her pastor is Rev. R. Dickau. Bonnie graduated from the Ashley High School, Ashley, N. Dak., and then went

to the Valley City State Teachers College, Valley City, North Dakota. She has been active in Sunday School and youth work in her church. It was at Crystal Springs Youth Camp that Bonnie decided to enlist in the Lord's service as a member of "God's Volunteers."

LuElla Wolff comes from Ellendale, North Dakota. She is a member of the First Baptist Church of Ellendale, where she has been active in youth work and in the choir. Last April she graduated from our Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, Alta., Canada. Her deep desire is increasingly to serve the Lord as a personal soul winner for him.

These are the six charter members, as it were, of our newly formed organization of "God's Volunteers."

On September 17 all of these young people met at our Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, Alta., for five weeks of intensive training in visitation evangelism and associated subjects. Dr. George A. Lang and Professor Rev. Roy Seibel of our North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., together with Rev. E. P. Wahl and Rev. Ed. Link of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, along with the "God's Volunteers" director, Rev. Daniel Fuchs, constituted the faculty.

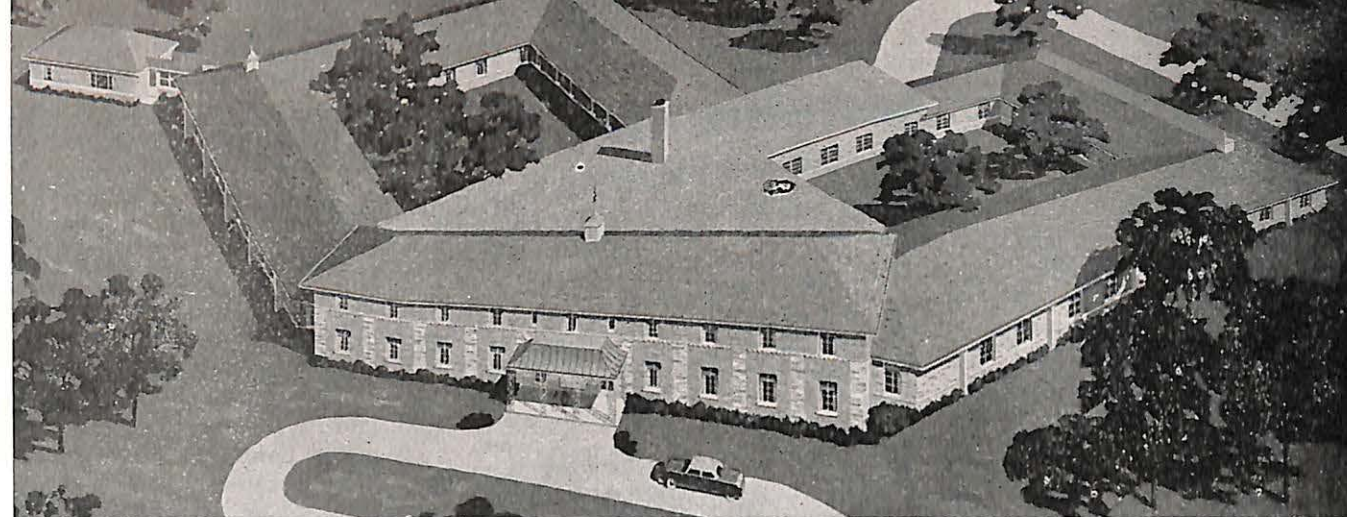
The practical phase of the training period was worked out in cooperation with our McKernan Baptist Church of Edmonton with Rev. A. Lamprecht the pastor. From Edmonton, Alta., "God's Volunteers" moved on to the Yorkton, Sask., area for a visitation evangelism effort of three weeks. Following that their work will take them into the Dakota Conference and then into the Central, Eastern, and Northwestern Conferences, respectively.

## VISITATION EVANGELISM

"God's Volunteers" are able and willing to conduct boys' and girls' meetings in our churches and communities. They are also prepared to take part in the regular services of the churches which they visit, as well as cottage prayer meetings, CBY meetings, or some extra evening services where it might be advisable. Their main emphasis, however, is visitation evangelism. They want to spend as much time as possible personally contacting people who should be won for Christ and the church.

It is hoped that many local members of the churches which they visit will go along calling with "God's Volunteers," and so experience new enthusiasm and zeal for the work and learn to become more effective as soul

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The architect's sketch for the new building of the Central Baptist Old People's Home near Chicago, Illinois

# Open House at the Chicago Home

By MR. ELMER A. BENSON, Chairman of the Public Relations Committee

WELCOME! Welcome! It will be my pleasure to take you on a guided tour through our new Central Baptist Home for the Aged in Chicago, Illinois. This modern, handsomely appointed building designed exclusively for the comfort of our older folk is indeed the God-given realization of the prayers and labors of many.

As you will note from the picture, the building is constructed in the shape of two hollow squares, joined at one corner, with the front of the building nestled in the triangle, formed by adjacent sides of the two squares. This type of construction insures that every guest room in our Home will have a large window opening directly to the outside and so provide sunshine and fresh air in every room. The building is completely fireproof, being constructed of concrete and steel, and finished in warm, yellow brick with Lannon stone trim.

## HOME-LIKE ATMOSPHERE

As we cross the large porch and pass through the double entrance doors, we find ourselves in a spacious lobby decorated and furnished in a most un-institutional-like manner. The warm coloring of sand and turquoise are blended together in the draperies, the walls, and the comfortable lounge furniture.

To the right of the lobby is the nerve-center of our Home. Here we find the general offices, including the superintendent's office. Here the business of our Home is transacted. The superintendent is in touch with all parts of the Home by means of a public address system with speakers in the hallways throughout the Home. Announcements and music will be broadcast, insuring a maximum of efficiency and pleasure for our guests.

Let us continue across the lobby and enter the dining room. Here seating for 122 guests is provided in comfortable arm chairs. The frosted walnut finish on both chairs and tables blends

with the drapes and walls to convey a home-like atmosphere.

To the left of the dining room, and connected by a large folding door is our Chapel. The Chapel contains 120 armchairs, and an overflow crowd can easily be accommodated by opening the folding door and making use of the dining room. An outstanding feature in our Chapel is the beautiful stained glass window behind the pulpit depicting Christ as "The Good Shepherd" welcoming all who "are weary and heavy-laden" and also the stained glass panes in the French doors on either side of the pulpit. The beautiful Hammond organ and grand piano will contribute greatly to the spirit of worship and spiritual comfort to be found here.

Adjoining our Chapel is a TV room with a large television set mounted on a platform easily visible from any of the 20 comfortable armchairs in the room. Access to one of the two large, landscaped, and completely private enclosed courts is gained through the large French doors to the right.

## THE HOME'S LIVING ROOM

We continue now to a room which we feel will be one of the most popular and greatly appreciated rooms in our Home—the living room or parlor.

## OPEN HOUSE AND DEDICATION

The new building of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged is located at Lawrence Avenue at Canfield Road, Norridge, Ill., about two miles due west of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois.

Open House at the Home will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 8 and 9. The dedication festivities are scheduled for Sunday afternoon, Dec. 9. The public is invited.

Much effort has been expended to make this room one in which our guests may come to relax and to feel "at home." The beautiful tiled and panelled fireplace, the two comfortable sofas and other lounging chairs harmonize with the decor of the walls and drapes to preserve the feeling of "home."

Nearby is a room designed to provide the ladies in our Home who are interested in sewing and other similar activities with the opportunity to pursue these interests. Here we find sewing machines and cabinets to contain the materials and supplies for these activities. Our men will find a workshop in the basement for their use.

Let us proceed now to the kitchen, gleaming with stainless steel and tiled from floor to ceiling and containing the most modern equipment of its type available. The large, three-section Magig-Chef stove with its assortment of burners and large built-in griddle and the huge separate four-level oven insure that the baking and cooking will lack in nothing.

The large walk-in refrigerator with a separate section for dairy products and another for the fresh-frozen food storage provides a more-than-adequate cold storage facility. All the latest conveniences are here, from the large dish washer to the conveyor-type toaster and large mechanical food mixer.

## 102 GUEST ROOMS

Our Infirmary and Nurses Stations are equipped to provide First Aid and care for lesser ailments and illnesses not requiring hospitalization. All eleven rooms on this corridor are equipped with a nurses' call system to insure prompt attention by the nurse and her staff.

The 102 guest rooms in our Home are all newly furnished with modern comfortable furniture. Each room is decorated in one of several decorating

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"God's Volunteers" with faculty for their training period at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta.

Left to right, seated: Mrs. O. Orthner, Lu Ella Wolff, Katie Michelson, Bonnie Tesky and Eunice Kern.  
Standing: Mr. O. Orthner, Dr. George A. Lang, Rev. E. P. Wahl, and Rev. Daniel Fuchs.

# Church Extension in Lincoln Village

Report of Developments at Lincoln Village, California,  
by REV. Orville H. Meth, Church Extension Pastor

THE WORK in Lincoln Village, Calif., near the city of Stockton, had its beginning about two years ago when Dr. W. J. Appel, then our Church Extension worker, investigated this area. With help from our two Lodi churches, a religious census was taken. Upon analyzing the results of the census and after contacting other people with North American Baptist background in Stockton proper, a tract of land was purchased.

The two-acre site is located next to the Village Oaks School and close to the Village Oaks shopping district in Lincoln Village itself. This will put the future church in the center of community activities which makes it ideal. Due to lack of finances in the Church Extension fund, it was over a year later before a call was extended to bring a worker on the field.

## 17,000 PEOPLE IN NEIGHBORHOOD

The first of this year I received a call from the committee to become Church Extension pastor for the Lincoln Village project. After much prayer and some inquiry, we accepted the challenge which we felt the Lord

four other churches before we came: Catholic, Episcopal, and Presbyterian in the village and a Lutheran near the village. About a month ago the Southern Baptists began a mission in the area.

Soon after we arrived, we were pleasantly surprised when we were asked to be guests at a reception given us by our two Lodi churches which was held at Temple Baptist Church. After a fine program there was fellowship over coffee and cake. We received a good supply of food stuffs for which we were grateful.

## FIRST MEETINGS IN HOMES

My first task was to follow up on the survey cards and call on those people who had expressed themselves interested in a Baptist church. Because of the delay of a year and a half, changes had developed. Some of our denominational families had moved; some had joined other churches and were no longer interested.

On May 22nd we began our first meeting at our home with twelve persons present from the area and six visitors from Lodi. It was decided to

For some time we were unable to find such a meeting place. During that time we visited various churches, and from time to time I supplied the pulpit for the pastors of our churches while they were away on vacation, etc.

Then the Lord wonderfully opened a door for us. Lincoln Center is the larger of the two shopping districts in the village. There are 32 different merchants besides a small medical center, and all in this area with plenty of free parking. It is a growing place with some merchants moving from one location to larger facilities. This was our opportunity when one merchant moved, leaving a place open and we are able to use this space for our meetings until some other merchant wants to lease it for business.

So with praises unto the Lord on our lips, we made plans for our first Sunday service on August 19th. The First Baptist Church of Lodi loaned us chairs and song books, and the Temple Baptist Church loaned us a piano. After many telephone calls informing the people whom I had previously contacted that we were now going to hold Sunday services, we waited for the response. There were 20 present for Sunday School and 27 for the worship service. This number included some visitors from Lodi.

## ATTENDANCE OF 45

Since then the number has not increased but there have been different people present on different Sundays until September 23rd when we were thrilled to have a record attendance of 31 for Sunday School and 45 for the worship service. Every chair we had was occupied.

The work here is strictly a mission work. The nucleus of Christians needed to reach out to bring others in is very small. On one Sunday there were 26 persons present, of whom only one family had North American Baptist background. The majority were either backslidden Christians or those who never made a profession, or were of some other faith.

But all feel a need for a Baptist church in the community. There are many children in the area who do not go to any Sunday School as well as many parents who are indifferent to spiritual things.

Thus, we go forth on faith trusting that the Lord will provide the workers needed and that by his grace we will be able to have a meeting place until spring when we hope to build on the property site. We ask that you uphold us at this Church Extension project and this mission work in your prayers.

## "I'LL BE A MEDICAL MISSIONARY"

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mer vacation in Daily Vacation Bible Schools. It was in one of these Vacation Bible Schools, in the summer of 1949, that God gave her another directive through the work of the children. They set for their goal as they brought their daily offerings to help support leprosy work on the mission field. That was even before we had our own leprosy mission. This service of the children resulted in getting her interested in leprosy work. Four months later she promised the Lord that if he would lead into that type of work, she would willingly follow.

Upon completion of her college work, Delores Hene enrolled at the University of Minnesota in a pre-medical course in the fall of 1950. Her course was yet not clearly discerned. After two years she took up nurses' training at the General Hospital in Minneapolis, Minn., and found that in this field lay her avenue of service as a missionary nurse. In the fall of 1955 she received her R.N. diploma.

## APPLYING FOR LEPROSY SERVICE

In the spring of 1955, when Delores Henne applied for appointment to the North American Baptist General Missionary Society, she clearly stated: "I have been interested in Africa since I dedicated my life to the Lord in 1944. I have chosen the Bamenda New Hope Settlement because in 1949 I dedicated my life to serve those afflicted with leprosy." Her appointment followed in April, 1955.

At the General Conference in Waco, Texas, she was among those who were commissioned for service. From February to the end of September 1956 she took the additional training, in midwifery (now required of every nurse going to the Cameroons) at the Maternity Center in New York City and John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland.

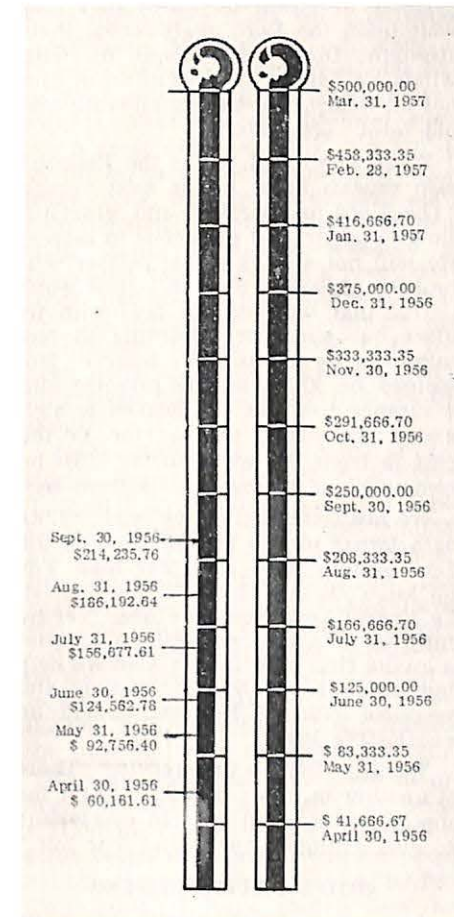
On November 1st she sailed from New York City in the company of others and the direction of God to the land of her calling and the field of her service: Bamenda New Hope Settlement in the Cameroons of West Africa.

In 1949 our leprosy mission was barely a dream. Today we have more than three hundred patients at the Bamenda New Hope Settlement with another two hundred in clinics and segregated villages and with a missionary staff of between six to ten, not counting the native help. Truly, God has been gracious and merciful in giving us this mission, in supplying us with missionary personnel and in bringing new hope to these hopeless of humanity's outcast, yet potential children of God.

# General Conference Missions Budget

September 30, 1956

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## ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke  
Nov. 17—Finance Committee Meeting, Forest Park, Illinois.  
Nov. 18 (Sunday A.M.)—Central Church, Erie, Pennsylvania.  
Nov. 18 (Sunday P.M.)—Tenth Anniversary Open Bible Tabernacle, Erie, Pennsylvania.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner  
Nov. 18 (Sunday)—Dedication of Edifice, West Side Church, Beatrice, Nebraska.  
Nov. 25 (Sunday)—Wishek, N. Dak.  
Nov. 26-30—Leadership Training Class, Wishek and Lehr, N. Dak.  
Dec. 2 (Sunday)—Lehr, N. Dak.

Rev. Daniel Fuchs  
Nov. 18-25—Turtle Lake, N. Dak.  
Nov. 25-Dec. 2—Washburn, N. Dak.

Rev. Herman Palfenier  
Nov. 25-Dec. 7—Golden Prairie, Saskatchewan.

## WORKERS' CONFERENCE at Emery, South Dakota

Nov. 27—Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, Rev. R. Grenz, and Rev. I. Schmuland.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON COMMITTEE

Nov. 28-30—Seminary Buildings, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Rev. Henry Smuland  
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**REMEMBER**  
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**THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK**  
November 18 to 25, 1956



Rev. Orville H. Meth and his two children (left) in front of the temporary meetingplace of the Baptist Church at Lincoln Village, Calif., and (right) the pastor and the prominent sign announcing the new site of the Church Extension sanctuary to be built in 1957.

had laid before us. We were told then that the field here would be more difficult and the growth slower than some of our other projects. On Sunday, April 8th, we brought our ministry to a close in Odessa, Wash., and journeyed to sunny California to take up the new work here.

Lincoln Village was one of the first subdivisions in the area north of the city of Stockton. It began to develop in 1948 and now has over 1300 homes. However, Lincoln Village is only one of a number of other sub-divisions that have since developed in the area around the village. The report now is that there are about 17,000 people living in these new areas. There were

have a Bible study every Friday night in our home.

A place to hold Sunday services in this new area is very difficult to find.

## 17 CHURCH EXTENSION PROJECTS

As North American Baptists we have begun 17 Church Extension Projects or have come to their financial aid. The inspiring story of these 17 projects continues with this account about the Lincoln Village Church in California. EDITOR.

# We...the Women

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

## INTRODUCTION

It is such an inspiration to listen to someone offer thanks and praise to God. It is contagious. We should do it more often. I have often been surprised and prompted to think seriously when I hear someone rejoice over hardships, difficulties, sorrows, and problems of life. In the Christian life, however, these things do bring us closer to God.

Mrs. R. Jahn, president of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Atlantic Conference, has written a devotion for our page. The inspiration that she has received from the Psalmist is contagious. Won't you read the article and rejoice? Won't you give God "Thanks" and "Praise" now and always?

## PRaise AND THANKSGIVING

By MRS. R. JAHN of Philadelphia, Pa.

While thinking on the theme, "Thanksgiving and Praise," it was hard to find just the right words. For, truly, when we count the many blessings we receive daily from God's loving hand, words cannot express them. I asked the Lord's help and some nights later I was awakened from sleep and the first thought that entered my mind were these words of the Psalmist: "Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits" (Psalm 103:1-2).

Immediately I realized my prayer had been answered. These words expressed the feeling of my own heart for this theme, "Praise and Thanksgiving." How can we forget ALL his benefits to us when we read those words over and over again! The heart of the Psalmist truly must have been overflowing with love and praise for God. Only out of a heart like that can one cry out as did David.

## WONDERFUL PROMISES

"All" that is within me, bless his holy name! What wonderful promises as we read on in this Psalm: "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases." Yes, from all our diseases of sin we are thoroughly cleansed through his blood.

"Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies; who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's." The eagle is known to have great strength and power in his wings. So also the Lord wants to renew our strength in order that we,

too, may mount high above the discouragements, temptations, trials, and testings of life which often tend to keep us down.

Isaiah also tells us: "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint" (Isa. 40:31).

What wonderful truths the Psalmist also reveals to us in the next verses. "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He will not always chide; neither will he keep his anger forever." How wonderful that he does not deal with us after our sins nor according to our iniquities as we so often deserve. No, instead he gives us the promise and assurance that "as the heaven is high above the earth, and as far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us."

We are reminded as we read: "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame." Yes, indeed, he knows how weak we are. Yet he forgives us again and again. Oh, what a loving God and Savior! Can we help but praise him who is so patient and merciful with us? He loves us with an everlasting love.

We are often so undeserving. There is another precious promise: "And the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on them that fear him."

## GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

As we see ourselves with our many weaknesses, shortcomings, and failures, we marvel at his patience and great love for us. As we look away from ourselves and behold him in all his glory and power and faithfulness, we, too, find words of praise. We would say with David: "Our hearts are overflowing with joy and our cups are running over." Just think of his love for us! He died on Calvary for you and me. We, too, would cry out with the Psalmist: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." Let us not rejoice for just one day of the year only but every day.

We want to thank God for salvation, for the gift of the Holy Spirit, for victory over sin, for courage and power to witness for him, for the peace and love that "passeth all understanding," for prayer. These and many more are some of the daily benefits we receive from him. We also want to praise and thank him for the harvest of souls through the ministry of our missionaries.

We thank God for our greater work as a denomination. We thank him for the work that he has called each of us to do. We especially wish to express joy in the service that we can do as a Woman's Missionary Union in God's vineyard. What a privilege is ours to join our hearts unitedly in this great Psalm of praise.

"Christ, the Light of the World" is the theme for Woman's Day of Prayer, December 7, 1956. If you are the president of the Woman's Missionary Society or any other Ladies' Society in your church and have not received material for this service, please write Woman's Missionary Union, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Ill., and ask for it at once.

## MUSCOWPETUNG INDIANS

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most picturesque area. It is much more beautiful than can be described in words. The heavens and the earth are full of our God's greatness. The Great Shepherd Chief Jesus who has called and led us on this new trail from the Alberta Bull Reserve hunting grounds to the Muscowpetung hunting grounds in Saskatchewan will some day lead us to the last new trail that leads to "a big heap happy hunting ground," where we shall rest from our labors and be on the warpath no more.

Already we know the Great Shepherd Chief Jesus is on his way down, but the tents will remain pitched and we will work real hard gathering these red precious jewels of all ages for his Kingdom. Yes, we know that red jewels will help to make beautiful this happy hunting ground, set by God among similar precious jewels of other colors, in their respective places, the saints of God dressed in the robes of righteousness. That will be a dazzling sight to behold!

All glory and praise throughout endless ages to God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus and the blessed Holy Spirit. We are ready, Jesus, to pull stakes the moment you give the signal!

## BAPTIST BRIEFS

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the Romanian language group, three of the Hungarian and one of the German. There are 1400 churches and chapels with a membership of 80,000. The convention meets once in three years, the last meeting being held on December 9-10, 1955, at which time Theodor Vicas was elected as president. The theological training school is located at Bucharest and has from 70 to 80 students yearly. The Union publishes a monthly paper. This year they are also publishing 20,000 copies of a new hymnal, and a Bible Dictionary. The denomination is entirely supported by voluntary contributions.

# C.B.Y. Fellowship

By REV. LAWRENCE BIENERT, General Secretary

Many glowing reports have come to our office from the 18 students who served under the Student Service Plan this summer. These students served in 26 of our churches and five youth camps. Their work included the following: conducting Vacation Bible Schools, teaching, preaching, visitation, and camp work, as well as other activities of the church. The blessings received by both church and student workers were numerous. Here are some excerpts from the reports of only a few of these young people.

## REPORTS FROM STUDENT WORKERS

**Bruce Rich** (student at the North American Baptist Seminary). During the time of my service this summer I had the joy of teaching Vacation Bible School in the Northside Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., leading the choir, teaching in the Sunday School, working on improvements around the church, as well as fellowshiping with members through recreation. I also had opportunity to attend the deacons and trustees meetings, to make a canvass in four trailer courts and in a nine-block-area near the church. From our Vacation Bible School and other contacts we were able to add around 50 families to our prospect list. It is the aim of the church to make further acquaintance with these families during the fall months.

**Lydia Albright** (student at the Christian Training Institute). God has been very good to me this summer and I was drawn even closer to him through study and the teaching of his Word. I have greatly enjoyed my service for him and, above all, thank him for the wonderful opportunity of showing ten souls the way of salvation. The Lord has laid a burden upon my heart for children's work, and it is my prayer that I might be able to do much more of this kind of work. All this has been a good experience, putting into practice what I have learned through the winter months at the Christian Training Institute.

**Edmond Hohn** (student at the North American Baptist Seminary). Working under the Student Service Plan was a wonderful experience for me in the Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota. We had a blessed time at Vacation Bible School, coming in contact with children of different religious faiths. The most challenging experience of all was making

church surveys in different areas of the city. A large variety of people were met in the many contacts made.

**William McLatchie** (student at Dropsie College). The experience has been of great practical benefit in two aspects. Visitation and pastoral work are a great help, not only in learning to understand others and their spiritual needs, but also to develop one's own personality and ability to deal with them. A regular schedule of preaching has taught me a great deal, since, like most students, I have had for the most part only sporadic opportunities. I hope that the Lord has been honored in the work and that I may have been of some help to his people.

**Joyce Ringering** (student at the North American Baptist Seminary). Though I have taught Vacation Bible School for several years, this summer has given me a chance to put into practice the training received this past year at our Seminary. I had never supposed that a completely departmentalized school could be carried out on such a small scale, but we tried it in the schools this summer. I was thrilled with the results. I feel it made the program more profitable for all.

This summer has helped me in my own spiritual life as well as in preparation for future service. I have become better acquainted with our work both in the home fields and in the foreign fields. I have gained new insights into the work of our churches. I have met many of our faithful work-



Mr. Bruce Rich (second from right), Seminary student worker at the Northside Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., for the summer months and some of the Vacation School boys display bookshelf and four bulletin boards made by the class.

## FIRST CONVERTS IN JAPAN

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It did not seem proper to enter the house under these circumstances. Under the street light we read God's Word and prayed. As adults walked by with curious glances and children passed with giggling remarks, Kubota San, without shame or fear of criticism, fed upon God's Word for comfort and strength at that time.

His desire to serve God through the various activities in the church is a wonderful example and challenge for all. For a period of time he was leading a Bible study once a week. At the present time he is president of the young people's group and also teaching a soroban class to children not able to afford to attend regular class.

Kubota San is still quite young with great possibilities. We thank God for his testimony and life. In comparing Kubota San with the others, we feel he has made the greatest progress. Let us again challenge young people with this young Christian. Kubota San, during his first year as a Christian has read the Bible through twice. He knows the contents of the Bible as well as many Seminary graduates.

Some are bearing fruit one hundred times, others only thirty times. I have become convinced more and more that people are the same in all parts of the world.

One temptation which is great is the temptation to drop back to the old way of worship. This is done many times, not because they believe in the idols but because of family and community pressure. Many people in America do not realize the power of community pressure. In America you may be laughed at for being a Christian but in the community you are still respected as a person.

Here in Japan often the Christians are not accepted in such a way. To conform outwardly seems to be the easy way out for many. But "thou shalt not bow down..." These are the people entrusted into our care. Pray for them that the Spirit of God might fill them and pray for us that we may have wisdom in guiding them.

ers and I count this a great privilege. Best of all, I feel that this has been a summer of service for my Lord.

**Mr. and Mrs. Loren Weber** (students at the North American Baptist Seminary). In the experiences that were ours this summer at Ashley, N. Dak., we were impressed with the fact that a minister is under the burden of his calling seven days a week and 24 hours a day. It was a rich experience cooperating in the wise and capable ministry of Rev. Alfred Bibelheimer. Through his help I was able to learn many things which would undoubtedly take years to learn otherwise.





# Sunday School Lessons

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: November 25, 1956

Theme: THE PRODIGAL SON

Scripture: Luke 15:11-24

**THE CENTRAL TRUTH.** The sinner is never too low to reach up and God is never too high to reach down.

**INTRODUCTION:** When we call the current lesson the Story of the Prodigal Son, we must realize that this is but a portion of the truth. For while we picture the wayward, sinful son in a far country, the story would be tragic without the picture of an expectant, a loving and a forgiving father at home. Jesus is giving us a picture in contrasts: the awful sinfulness of man over against the wonderful grace of God.

In connection with the Parable of the Prodigal Son, it would be interesting to compare it with some prodigal sons in the Old Testament—prodigals who never said, "I have sinned, I will arise and go to my father." Cain never sought forgiveness for his sin. He only bemoaned his punishment (Gen. 4: 8-16). Absalom left the comfort and luxury of the king's palace and finally met a tragic death. The grief of a loving father has since been heard in countless homes all over the world: "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son" (2 Sam. 18:33).

There is one great consolation which we have today. David wanted to die for his son, but Jesus did die in order to bring many sons into glory (Heb. 2:10).

### I. THE SELFISH SON. Luke 15:12.

The danger to children in any age is when they look upon their parents and think only of what they can get out of them. It is true that many material benefits often fall upon children. But unless they are willing to accept the spiritual benefits, they will soon lose or waste the material benefits. Jesus said, "The rain falleth on the just and on the unjust" (Matt. 5:45), but only the just know how to use the blessings of God unselfishly.

### II. THE SINFUL SON. Luke 15:13.

The Prodigal thought, the more money he had, the happier he would be. He thought the farther away from home he would be (loosed from all restrictions), the more freedom he would have. He thought the more he would attend to his personal pleasure, the more satisfaction he would have. He thought the more friendship he could

buy, the more security he would have. His sin lay in the fact that he thought of no one but himself.

### III. THE SUFFERING SON. Luke 15:14-16.

There is great consolation and joy when a person suffers because of righteousness (Matt. 5:10-12). It has a cleansing and strengthening effect on the soul. But when a man suffers because of his sin he finds himself in the pit of despair. He can blame no one but himself.

### IV. THE AWAKENED SON. Luke 15:17-19.

There is a stubborn desperation among many sinners which keeps them from turning back until they come to a "dead-end street." A poet appropriately named this condition as "wits-end corner." It is not so much a matter of coming to yourself as it is a coming to God. The Prodigal realized that he was not born to be a son of perdition, but a son of a loving father. No longer did he have the thought of what he could get out of his father, but he actually thought of how he could serve him.

### V. THE RESTORED SON. Luke 15: 20-24.

Here is a graphic example of what Jesus meant when he spoke of the "joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth" (Luke 15:7). When a man simply says, "I have sinned," God opens the treasure of heaven for him.

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: December 2, 1956

Theme: LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED

Scripture: John 14:1-12.

**THE CENTRAL TRUTH:** Faith in Jesus Christ does not always take trouble out of your surroundings, but it does take trouble out of your heart.

**INTRODUCTION:** Little did the disciples suspect that this was Jesus' farewell message. Humanly speaking, we would barely assent to their readiness to grasp the wonderful words of life. They still seemed like babes in Christ—lacking so much in education, in training, in experience, and in courage. Often we speak of our faith in Christ. But Jesus must have had an

Rev. Bruno Schreiber of Oak Park, Illinois, is the editor of this fine page of "Sunday School Lessons."

abounding faith in these poor, illiterate disciples when he spoke to them of the wisdom of God and entrusted them with the message of salvation.

It is said that when Abraham Lincoln stopped in Philadelphia after his election on his way to Washington, a woman took one look at him, raised her hands in despair and said, "God help us when that man takes the oath of office." Perhaps our hearts would have been in the same way if we had looked upon the first men in whom Christ entrusted the high office of ambassadors for Christ.

### I. CHRIST'S MESSAGE TO TROUBLED HEARTS. John 14:1.

Sometimes our troubles arise out of selfishness. The disciples were troubled about those who would occupy the positions of honor when Christ comes into his kingdom. To all such Jesus gives the message of humility in the form of a child (Matt. 18:1-4). Some hearts are troubled because of sin, and well they should be. For only then can they find comfort in the message of salvation (1 Tim. 1:15). Some hearts are troubled because of the fear of danger, persecution, and death. But faith in Christ and in the Father, whom he represented, will help all to win the victory over life's tribulations.

### II. CHRIST'S MESSAGE FOR THE FUTURE. John 14:2-3.

Jesus had no place to lay his head; the disciples had to flee from one place to another; Paul said that we have no abiding city on earth. Today we have political boundaries, segregation, religious intolerance, exclusiveness in cliques, clubs, and groups wherever we go. Our circles are drawn to keep people out, but God's circle is drawn to bring everyone in.

### III. CHRIST'S MESSAGE TO THE QUESTING SOUL. John 14:5-12.

It is always interesting to listen to questions which people ask. They are often an index to their ignorance, their doubts and their curiosity. We should never discourage our children, nor belittle them, when they ask questions. It is a normal learning process. Adults often withhold their questions because they are afraid to show ignorance and doubt. Yet we are immeasurably grateful for the disciples who were not timid in asking Jesus questions. Our faith and knowledge of Christ have been greatly enriched. We have learned through these questions that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, that he is the image of the Father, that faith in Christ will help us to do the work of Christ.

# What's Happening

● Since September 23 Dr. John Leyboldt of Forest Park, Ill., has been serving as the interim pastor of the Third German Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba. This is the church formerly served by Rev. Heinrich Herrmann, now of Jansen, Saskatchewan. Dr. Leyboldt will continue in his fine, helpful ministry of the church at least until November 30th.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Ind., has called Rev. Lawrence W. George of Killaloe, Ont., as its minister. He has responded favorably and announced that he would begin his ministry on the new field in Indianapolis on Sunday, Dec. 9th. He has served as pastor of the First and Calvary Baptist Churches of Killaloe, Ont., since 1952. At the Bethel Church of Indianapolis, Ind., he will succeed Rev. Laurence R. Prast.

● On Sunday, August 5, Rev. Kurt Marquardt, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Steamboat Rock, Iowa, baptized seven young people on confession of their faith in Christ. Those following the Lord in baptism were George Hemmen, LaVerne Wubben, Karla Frerichs, Marilyn Marquardt, Karen Green, Janet Luiken, and Beverly Luiken. They were welcomed into the church's fellowship on Sunday, September 2nd.

● The Ebenezer Church of Shattuck, Okla., has extended a call to Rev. LeRoy Schauer of Mott, North Dakota. He resigned as pastor of the Mott church on Sept. 30 and announced that he would begin his pastorate in the Shattuck Church about Jan. 1, 1957. He has been the minister of the First Baptist Church of Mott, N. Dak., since his graduation from the Seminary in 1953. In Shattuck, Okla., he will succeed Rev. Oliver K. Ringering, now of Bison, Kansas.

● The German Zion Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta., has extended a call to Rev. Robert Kluttig of Luechow, Kreis Dannenberg, Germany, to become its pastor. He and his family expected to leave Germany as immigrants for Canada during this month. By the time this issue reaches the reader, Mr. Kluttig will be the new pastor of this Edmonton church, succeeding Rev. Eduard Hornbacher, at present studying at the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

● The members of the two adult Sunday School classes of the First Baptist Sunday School, Underwood, N. Dak., recently held a surprise birth-

day party for their pastor, Rev. Richard A. Grenz. He received gifts from the families and individuals. From October 19 to 21 the Underwood Church observed its 10th anniversary with special services. Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., served as guest speaker. A more complete report about these festivities will appear shortly.

● The pulpit of the First Baptist Church, Avon, S. Dak., has been filled since the latter part of June by Mr. Henry Haas, student at the North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The home church of Mr. Haas is Venturia, North Dakota. His ministry is deeply appreciated by the large congregations. He will continue to serve the church as its student pastor until the congregation has found a successor to Rev. Henry Smuland, now of Seattle, Washington.

● Miss Minnie Kuhn, missionary-nurse in the Cameroons, West Africa, who has completed her first term of missionary service, sailed from Africa on Oct. 30 for her home at Leduc, Alta., Canada. She is a member of the Rabbit Hill Baptist Church of South Edmonton, Alberta. Dr. Paul Gebauer, superintendent of the Cameroons Baptist Mission, wrote at the time of her departure from Africa: "We wish her snow and joy in her Canadian wigwam at Christmas time." She will probably be at home in Canada by the end of November.

● The Terrace Heights Baptist Church of Spokane, Wash. (formerly called the Arthur Street Church), held the ground breaking ceremony for its new chapel unit on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 7, with the pastor, Rev. Walter F. Berkan, in charge. Construction of the \$25,000 chapel has begun and will be substantially completed this winter. The new chapel is located at 21st and Myrtle Streets of Spokane. The chapel will be the first unit on the property. Plans have been made for the aggressive outreach of the Sunday School and departments of the church into the community.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., ordained Rev. Kenneth Fischer, its assistant pastor, on Sunday evening, October 7. Several ministers took part in the impressive service, besides Rev. B. W. Jacksteit who was in charge of the meeting. They were Rev. Menno Thiessen, Rev. Herman Wedel, Rev. Bob Kevorkian, and Dr. Lawrence Allen, who brought the

ordination sermon. On Wednesday evening, October 24, the church held a dinner and reception in honor of Miss Ardice Ziolkowski, missionary-nurse to the Cameroons, who is being supported by the Anaheim church.

● On November 4th the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., heard Rev. Gilbert Schneider, missionary in the Cameroons, in the closing service of a series in its School of Missions. Other programs held every week were "Christ for the Chinese," "Christ for the West Indies," "World Vision Night" with Dr. Richard Cummings, Baptist executive secretary for Detroit, and "Christ for Israel." A family supper was held each week prior to the missionary service. On November 4 Mr. Schneider was the guest speaker at the Sunday services. Dr. A. Dale Ihrie is pastor of the Grosse Pointe Church.

● Rev. Henry Smuland, formerly pastor of the Baptist Church in Avon, S. Dak., has enrolled in post-graduate studies at the University of Washington, Seattle, Wash., taking classes in the mornings, working afternoons, and serving wherever opportunity affords. The Seattle address of Rev. and Mrs. Henry Smuland and their family is given elsewhere in this issue. During the summer months Mr. Smuland supplied the pulpit in a number of churches in the Seattle area as well as across the Canadian border. They follow our denominational events as recorded in the "Baptist Herald" with great interest.

● The Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, Kans., held a farewell reception for Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hildebrand, Cameroons missionaries, on Sunday, Sept. 23, with Rev. H. J. Wilcke, pastor, in charge of the program. On Sunday evening, Sept. 30, Mr. Hildebrand spoke in the service of the Foster Ave. Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois. They left New York City by boat on October 4th and arrived in West Africa early in November. Mr. Hildebrand will be in charge of the construction program on the Cameroons mission field. They hope to return to the United States about May 1st, 1958.

● The Baptist Sunday School of Eureka, S. Dak., held its Rally Day on Sept. 23 with Promotion Day on the following Sunday. On Sunday evening, Sept. 30, a program was given by the Church School under the leadership of the superintendent, Mr. Alvin Bertsch. The Harvest and Mission Festival at Eureka was held on Sunday, Oct. 7, with Rev. Edwin Michelson of McLaughlin, S. Dak., as the guest speaker. In the Leola church the Harvest and Mission Festival was held on Sunday, October 14, with Rev. Thomas Lutz of Aberdeen, S. Dak., bringing the messages. Rev. (Continued from Page 24)

# Our Denomination in ACTION

## Southern Conference

### Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, Bids Farewell to Rev. and Mrs. Louis R. Johnson

After 4½ successful years at the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, our pastor, Rev. Louis R. Johnson, resigned to enter the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Ft. Worth, Texas, where he will do research and writing on his doctoral dissertation. Mr. Johnson preached his farewell sermon on Sunday, August 26.

After the evening service, members and friends gathered in the Educational Wing for a farewell service in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Johnson, Vaughn, and little Victoria. The Johnsons served our church faithfully during these years and made many friends through their gracious and warm Christian friendliness.

Representatives from the various organizations of our church spoke words of appreciation and recognition for their faithfulness and their untiring efforts in the upbuilding of the Lord's work among us. Gifts were presented to them from the church, the Woman's Missionary Union, the Brotherhood, the Fellowship S. S. Class of which Rev. Louis Johnson was the teacher, the Young Couple's S. S. Class which Mrs. Johnson directed so well and which under her leadership rendered so many beautiful choir numbers which will long be remembered. The Johnsons graciously responded, expressing their appreciation for all the gifts and for the many kindnesses shown them.

Refreshment time gave everyone an opportunity personally to bid them farewell and wish them God's blessings. Rev. J. E. Roth, executive secretary and treasurer of Latham Springs Encampment, is our interim pastor.

Mrs. J. N. Kittlitz, Reporter.

### Rev. Eldon G. Schroeder Is Speaker for Preaching Mission at Florida Air Base

Rev. Eldon G. Schroeder, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kyle, Texas, was the guest of Bartow Air Base in Florida at its annual Protestant Preaching Mission, September 26-30.

The theme of the Mission was "The Faith By Which We Live." Mr. Schroeder's sermons included messages on "The Unchanging Word," "A Firm Foundation," "Unmerited Favor," "The Place of Reconciliation," "The Light of Certainty," and "Stewards of the Gospel." He stated, "I have felt that for a Christian to know and experience a more 'abundant life' in Christ or a 'deeper life' we must know more about the essentials of our faith, the vital elements of the Gospel we profess to accept, believe, live, and pro-

claim. With this in mind I prepared a series of messages that will cause us to realize and appreciate the Gospel we live by."

Mr. Schroeder was born in Lorraine, Kans., September 29, 1926. He served in the Army Air Corp during World War II, leaving that for higher education. He attended Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kans.; Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.; and Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois. He has been at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kyle, Texas, near Edward Gary Air Base, since July 1953. He is married and has one child. His wife, Ramona, brought special music at the services through her violin.

Bartow Air Base is one of the Primary Pilot Training Bases, where men of the Reserve Officer Training Corp receive their first flying instruction with the Air Force. It is located four miles from the famous Florida Cypress Gardens in the Citrus Belt of the state. Mr. Schroeder worked with the Base Chaplain, Chaplain (1st Lt.) Lucas W. Buttry, a former classmate of his at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., and Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois.

Chaplain Buttry encouraged each Protestant military servicemen, his wife, family and friends, civilian employees of Garner Aviation Service Corporation, friends, and guests of the community to take advantage of these meetings, so that they might be a spiritual blessing in their lives and enable them to live a "deeper life" in their daily living.



Rev. Eldon G. Schroeder of Kyle, Texas, Protestant Preaching Missioner for the Bartow Air Base, Fla., preaching his first sermon on the "Unchanging Word."

## Central Conference

### Rededication of Baptist Church Building, Damaged by Tornado, at Trenton, Illinois

The Lord blessed the Trenton Baptist Church, Trenton, Ill., with a beautiful Indian summer day for its dedicatory service and rededication of its renovated sanctuary on Sunday, October 14. The church has been entirely redecorated and refinished, even to a new exterior paint job. The buildings were quite severely damaged in the February 25th tornado.

Dr. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., was with us for the morning and evening services. In the dedication service in the morning a new piano was presented by Mrs. Ted Klasing, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Shafer, from their daughter and their families. The response of acceptance was given by Mr. Orley Wharry. A new communion table was presented by William Ahrens in thankfulness for Baptist Church. New offering plates 50 years of membership in the Trenton were presented by Miss Martha Ahrens and Mr. Arthur Ahrens. The message of acceptance in behalf of the church was made by Mr. Otto Luginbuhl. The sanctuary was adorned with beautiful flowers, some of which were presented in memory of loved ones. Rev. and Mrs. Harold W. Gieseke of Lorraine, Kans., had sent some of these memorial bouquets.

Dr. Leuschner brought the morning message in a stirring sermon on "Ready for the Future" based on Psalm 118:17. We enjoyed a lovely Fellowship Dinner in the basement following the morning worship.

In the evening service we were privileged to see the colored films of our Cameroons Baptist Hospital in Africa and of our mission fields in Austria. God has truly blessed us and given us a challenge to face the future with Jesus as our Pilot!

Mrs. Elmer Ranz, Church Clerk.

## Dakota Conference

### 110th Session of the South Dakota Association at Baptist Church, Parkston

The 110th session of the South Dakota Association convened at Parkston, S. Dak., from Oct. 7 to 9. The First Baptist Church of Parkston, with its capable pastor, Rev. Alfred Weisser, served as the host for approximately 500 guests. Rich blessings were received from the inspirational meditations and messages based on the conference theme, "Now Is the Time."

The opening service began on a beautiful Sunday afternoon with a CBYF rally. President Barbara Weisser presided and Dr. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., spoke on the theme, "Youth: Now Is the Time." We are grateful to God for the ministry of the guest speakers: Miss Ruby Salzman of the Cameroons, Africa;

Rev. Edwin Michelson of McLaughlin, S. Dak.; and Dr. Martin L. Leuschner.

Building plans for the Nursing Home at Madison, S. Dak., are expected to be approved soon and it is hoped that construction will begin this fall. A committee was appointed to investigate the possibilities of establishing a radio program designed to inform and challenge the people of the South Dakota Associational area.

It is our prayer and hope that the inspiration, information, and fellowship of these conference days will continue to bind our hearts together in Christian love and service. Now is the time to do the will of God. God says: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

The newly elected officers of the South Dakota Association are: moderator, Elton Kirstein; vice-moderator, Gordon Huisinga; secretary, Rubin Herrmann; and treasurer, John Terveen.

Gordon Huisinga, Reporter.

### Ground Breaking Exercises for New Sanctuary, Grace Church, West Fargo, North Dakota

"O, sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvelous things" (Psalm 98:1).

We of the Grace Baptist Church, West Fargo, N. Dak., are certainly praising God these days, for we are experiencing many wonderful blessings from our Lord. Our prayers have been answered, for the Lord has opened the doors so that we might begin the construction of our new church.

At a recent meeting of the Church Extension Committee, a solution was found whereby funds could be made available to us so that we could begin construction immediately and not be handicapped by cold weather.

It was a thrilling and happy occasion on Tuesday, Sept. 18, when we had our ground breaking ceremonies for the new edifice. We were privileged to have as speakers the mayor of West Fargo, and the pastor of the Community Presbyterian Church. The chairman of our Building Committee, Bennie Rott, and John Albrecht, chairman of our Standing Church Committee, spoke a few words also, after which our pastor, Rev. B. R. Fritzke, spoke words of faith and encouragement from the book of Nehemiah.

It was a fitting climax when the men with the excavating equipment drove up to begin the actual digging just as we were closing our service. At the time of this writing, the basement walls have already been poured and we are looking forward in faith that we may soon see the completion of the church. We hope to be able to use the basement for church services by December 1st.

We have been greatly encouraged to see the attendance at our services steadily increasing. Our Sunday morning services usually average in the 60's with the record attendance being 72. The Sunday School enrollment shows 65 members. Earlier this summer we had a baptismal service at the Calvary Baptist Church in Fargo



Ground breaking ceremony for the new edifice of the Grace Baptist Church, West Fargo, North Dakota.

Left to right (foreground): John Albrecht; Rev. Bernard Fritzke, pastor; Andrew Walburg, mayor of West Fargo; and Bennie Rott (with shovel), chairman of the Building Committee.

and three adults were baptized. Three others also recently received the hand of fellowship by church letters and our church membership is now 33.

We held our Rally Day and Promotional Sunday on Sept. 30th at which time the children presented a program and advanced to the next classes as their age indicated. The Lord has been good to us and we pray for his continued blessing upon us as we unitedly strive to do our part in his Kingdom.

Mrs. Milton Hochhalter, Reporter.

## Southwestern Conference

### Strassburg Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas, Observes Its Harvest and Mission Festival

The Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kans., enjoyed a day of great spiritual blessings when its Harvest and Mission Festival was held in the church on Sunday, Sept. 20. The Durham Baptist Church and the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion were our guests for this joyous day. Our pastor, Rev. L. B. Hinz, was in charge of the services.

Rev. Norman Miller of Durham brought the Sunday School Lesson summary in the morning hour and Rev. Fred Knalson of Marion brought a meditation in word and song in the afternoon. Musical numbers were also brought by each of the churches throughout the day which were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Dr. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., was the guest speaker for the day. His messages were a great inspiration to all. In the evening he showed pictures of our mission fields among the Indians on the Montana and Bull Reserves of Canada and also of the mission field in Austria. These pictures united our hearts in Christian love for these people to whom we send our mission money. The offering for the day amounted to \$636.

As this day drew to a close, we were all inspired to serve our Lord better here at home and in our giving for the mission fields at home and abroad.

Mrs. Roy Vogel, Reporter.

### Visit of Rev. Otto Brenner to Mt. Zion Church, Junction City, Kansas

Following a three-year's absence, Rev. Otto Brenner of Carlstadt, N. J., arrived in the vicinity of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Junction City, Kans., to spend his vacation of two weeks in fellowship with his brothers and sisters, relatives and friends. The Mt. Zion Baptist Church was privileged to have him as guest speaker on August 19 and 26.

Sunday, August 19, proved to be a memorable day. A delectable dinner was served in the basement of the church to the members and friends of the church. A special feature of the day was the evening service where Lt. Col. Carl Brenner showed colored slides of Palestine, Greece, and other "old world" sights where he had been stationed. We walked the streets of Jerusalem and viewed Mars Hill where Paul once preached. Col. Brenner, who is a son of Rev. and Mrs. Otto Brenner, journeyed from Colorado with his wife to spend the weekend with his father.

Many friends of his youth came to hear Rev. Otto Brenner speak and listened with rapt attention to the serene gray-haired gentleman who with resonant voice related incidents from a long and varied life of service for his King and told of the goodness and greatness of the Lord Jesus Christ whom he has so faithfully served.

We trust that God will grant Mr. Brenner many more years of service for the Master and that, not only he, but his wife and daughter, can return to the little church atop the hill from whence he departed many years ago to enter the ranks of the North American Baptist ministry.

Betty Zoschke, Reporter.

## Eastern Conference

### New Parsonage of the First Baptist Church, Arnprior, Ontario, Is Dedicated

On Sunday, Sept. 9, the First Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ontario, dedicated its newly built parsonage. Our special speaker was Dr. Frank Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., who also spoke to the Sunday School. During the morning service we were favored with a duet by Mrs. Hazel Philips and Mr. Leslie Kauffeldt. The choir also rendered a special number.

Rev. Walter Schmidt, our pastor, recognized the many gifts for the new parsonage. The younger organization, the Junior BYPU, donated a beautiful bronze table lamp, while the Senior BYPU took charge of the landscaping. "The Willing Workers," a group of young women of the church

by the chairman of the finance committee, Mr. R. L. Heins, and by the chairman of the building committee, Mr. Leslie Kauffeldt. Fitting remarks of congratulations and best wishes were expressed by Rev. Lawrence George, of Killaloe.

Following the solo by Miss Lorraine Scheel, Dr. Frank Woyke presented his message using as his text, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." He presented the theme, "The Christian Home."

Mrs. Gerald Kuehl, Reporter.

## Northern Conference

### Vacation Bible School for 38 Students at Baptist Church, Trochu, Alberta

A successful Vacation Bible School was recently held in the Baptist

### Farewell and Welcome Reception Held by the Central Baptist Church, Yorkton, Saskatchewan

On Sunday, September 16, the congregation and friends of the Central Baptist Church, Yorkton, Sask., Canada, met to bid farewell to Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Milner and at the same time to welcome our new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Galambos. At the morning service Brother Galambos brought his opening message.

The farewell and welcome reception service took place in the afternoon. All the neighboring churches of Ebenezer, West Ebenezer, Springside, and Fenwood were invited for this occasion. Rev. B. Milner of Springside served as chairman. The various departments of the church took part in extending words of welcome to the new pastor and at the same time expressing best wishes to the Milners. During the course of the afternoon corsages were presented to the pastors' wives and boutonnieres to the pastors.

Rev. and Mrs. B. Milner served us as interim servants for one year. As a token of our appreciation for the faithful services rendered, the church presented a beautiful mantel clock to them. Mr. and Mrs. Milner then thanked all for their kindness shown to them during their ministry in Yorkton.

Then Rev. and Mrs. Paul Galambos responded to the words of welcome and challenged the congregation to stand with them as they labor in this field and to uphold them in prayer. We rejoice that God has sent us such consecrated servants and we know God's blessing will be upon our church and pastor as we work together to the glory of God.

Arthur Fritzke, Reporter.

## Southwestern Conference

### Southwestern Conference Sessions at the West Side Baptist Church, Beatrice, Nebraska

The 76th annual session of the Southwestern Conference convened at the West Side Baptist Church, Beatrice, Neb., from August 22 to 26. The general theme of the conference was "The Indwelling Christ" based on Ephesians 3:17, "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye being rooted and grounded in love."

The special messages of the conference were brought by Prof. Hugo Lueck of our Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; Rev. E. P. Wahl, president of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta.; Mrs. Thomas Lutz, Woman's Missionary Union president; and Miss Helen Lohse, San Luis Valley, Colorado. The daily expositions on the Book of Ephesians were given by the following conference pastors: Eleon Sandau, Loyal, Okla.; Fred Knalson, Marion, Kans.; Horald Gieseke, Lorraine, Kans.; Fred Fuchs, La-Salle, Colo.; John Wood, Vesper, Kans.; and Jack Block, Corn, Oklahoma. Mr. Sunny Shank, Youth for Christ of Lincoln, Neb., was the special

speaker at the CBYF program Saturday evening.

The new officers for the coming year are as follows: moderator, Rev. L. B. Hinz; vice-moderator, Rev. Fred Knalson; recording secretary, Rev. W. L. Weber; statistician, Rev. Jack Block; mission committee secretary, Rev. Elmer Strauss; and Sunday School secretary, Rev. Norman Miller. At the time of adjournment it had not as yet been determined when and where the 1957 conference will be held.

Walter L. Weber, Reporter.

### INSTRUCTIONS

for "Baptist Herald" reporters for the 1957 issues will appear in the next number. These will be important to follow. EDITOR

### Woman's Missionary Union of La Salle, Colorado, Observes Its Golden Anniversary

The 50th anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church of La Salle, Colo., was celebrated on Sunday, August 19. It was a privilege to have the church filled with members and friends who shared in the celebration.

It was on August 5, 1906, under the guidance of the Rev. R. M. Miller, that the Union was organized. The first meeting was held September 3, 1906, in the home of Mrs. Jake Oster, near Gilcrest, Colorado. The first Union officers were: Mrs. H. G. Meyer, who served as president for 25 years; Mrs. John Mayer, who held the office of secretary for 15 years; and Mrs. Margaret Baab who served as treasurer for many years. In the first 25 years, the women handled \$4,540, and in the second quarter century they contributed \$8,000 to various church and denominational projects. Present membership is 28 active and six honorary members.

An inspiring program was presented under the leadership of our president, Mrs. H. Bohlender, which included special reports of past activities, various numbers in song, and an address by our guest speaker, Dr. Frank H. Woyke of Forest Park, Illinois. Mrs. Fred Fuchs, wife of our minister, had charge of the recognition service for the charter members, and each was presented with a corsage.

We were delighted that two of our former ministers and their wives could be with us for the occasion, namely, Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Reeh of Eureka, S. Dak., and Rev. and Mrs. David Zimmerman of Cathay, North Dakota. Among the many out-of-town guests were Rev. and Mrs. Henry Lang of Napoleon, N. Dak., and Dr. and Mrs. Frank H. Woyke and family.

The offering of \$75 will be contributed to North American Baptist projects in Africa, Japan, and for Church Extension. After the program refreshments were served in the basement, which was also decorated with many flowers, and a huge birthday cake which was topped with a gold "Fifty." Our prayer is that God will continue to be present in our midst, and that his work may progress to his honor and glory.

Mrs. Albert Croissant, Secretary.



The centerpiece display at the 50th anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church, La Salle, Colorado.

## Northwestern Conference

### Anniversary Program of King's Daughters and Woman's Missionary Societies of Racine, Wis.

The King's Daughters Society of the Grace Baptist Church, Racine, Wis., observed its 30th anniversary on September 18th, with the ladies of the Woman's Missionary Society as guests.

Following the devotional period and special musical numbers, we heard a book review by Mrs. Philip Whitaker, pastor's wife from the First Baptist Church of our city. The book was written by her sister, Thyra Ferre Bjorn, and depicted the life of their own family; the father being a Baptist minister in Sweden.

Recently the Woman's Missionary Society celebrated the 74th anniversary of its organization when women of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kenosha, were guests.

Mrs. Leslie Whittington welcomed the group and introduced the program. Vocal solos were sung by Mrs. Otto Boss, accompanied by Mrs. Axel Johnson, and Mrs. F. Weiss of Kenosha, accompanied by Mrs. Dudek. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Dudek joined in presenting organ-piano selections.

Mrs. Lloyd Van Bebbler conducted devotions. Miss Eleanor Schuler, Camerons missionary on furlough, was the guest speaker and showed slides of her work in the Camerons, Africa.

Refreshments were served at tables decorated in fall flowers. Mes. George Genich, William Kresel, Arthur Hilker, and James Hurley served on the Refreshments Committee.

Mrs. Hugo Schacht, Reporter.

### Sessions of the Minnesota Association and Commissioning of Delores Henne at St. Paul, Minn.

The Minnesota Association of North American Baptist churches met at the

Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., September 21, 22 and 23. Rev. Adam Huber, moderator, presided over the sessions. The theme of the 1956 Association centered around the Sunday School. Dr. Clifford Larson, dean of Bethel College, was the principal speaker. At the Saturday evening youth rally, Rev. Leonard Carroll, pastor of the Payne Avenue Baptist Church of St. Paul, spoke.

At the Saturday afternoon sessions discussion groups were conducted emphasizing the work of Elementary, High School, and Adult Classes. Discussion leaders were Miss Gloria Wallin, Junior Department superintendent, Minnetrista Baptist Church, St. Bonifacius; Mr. Peter Fehr, Sunday School superintendent of Faith Baptist (Minneapolis) Sunday School; Mr. Milton Jahn, superintendent of the Dayton's Bluff (St. Paul) Sunday School.

The business session of the association was held Saturday morning. The reports from the churches indicated many spiritual blessings received in the churches of the association during the past year. In most cases increases were reported in church membership and in Sunday School attendance. Two new pastors were welcomed, namely: Rev. Bert Itterman, pastor of the Randolph Baptist Church, and Rev. John Ziegler, pastor of the Appleton Baptist Church.

The Association Mission Committee recommended that the association begin a Sunday School in the Bloomington area of South Minneapolis. This recommendation was enthusiastically adopted by the delegates. A tentative site was suggested on 82nd and Portland Avenues, pending rental arrangements. The opening date of the Sunday School was tentatively set for October 21. Mr. Ray Wasterman, a member of the Riverview Baptist Church living near this area, will be the superintendent of the Sunday School. The Sunday School will be financed by the churches of the Minnesota Association as a project through the denominational Church Extension program.

Association officers elected for the



The new 8-room house and parsonage of the First Baptist Church, Arnprior, Ontario, Canada, which was recently dedicated.

donated furnishings for the manse. The Sunday School made its donation of a beautiful desk in the pastor's study, a mirror over the fireplace and the screen and accessories for the fireplace. The Woman's Missionary Society donated an automatic electric kitchen stove.

The message for the morning was presented by Dr. Woyke, as he plainly commended the people of the church for their wonderful achievement in the building of a new parsonage for the pastor's family. His message dealt with the sacrifice of love in our relationships with men and God.

During the course of the afternoon over 150 people, many from out-of-town, went through the parsonage. A brief service was conducted at 4:00 P.M. in the living room by the fireplace. Music was supplied by Bette Chabot and her piano accordion and also a solo by Mrs. Bert Blackmore.

During the evening service with our guests from our sister churches of Killaloe and Sebastopol present, we all received a wonderful blessing. The choir presented their selection, "I Love Him," followed by the reports given Church of Trochu, Atla., with both

morning and afternoon sessions. There were 38 students enrolled with an average attendance of 34. The material used was "Champions for Christ." Each session was begun with the theme chorus, "We come here to Vacation School to grow as Jesus did."

The children were divided into four departments and their teachers were as follows: Beginners, Mrs. Johnny Neibauer, assisted by Miss Miriam Schimke who was also our pianist; Primary, Miss Freda Derman, also in charge of the organization; Juniors, Miss Anita Froehlich; and Intermediates, Mr. Jake Derman, former missionary to the Montana Indian Reserve. Each day Mr. Derman also presented slides and movies of missionary work among the Indian people.

On Friday afternoon the children enjoyed a peanut scramble, cookies and ice cream. The climax to the weeks' activities came with a closing program, which was presented on Friday evening. Through this program we demonstrated to our parents and visiting friends all the truths that had been taught, and also displayed the handwork.

Anita Froehlich, Reporter.

new year include: moderator, Rev. Bert Itterman, Randolph; vice-moderator, Rev. Elton Bleeker, Jeffers; secretary, Rev. John Ziegler, Appleton; treasurer, Mr. Robert Stassen, Riverview Church, St. Paul; mission secretary, Rev. S. D. Ganstrom, Riverview Church, St. Paul.

The Sunday afternoon women's meeting brought the association to a close. Miss Delores Henne, missionary appointee to the Cameroons, was the speaker.

The five churches in the Twin Cities area dismissed their Sunday evening services on September 23 to join with the Riverview Baptist Church in an impressive commissioning service at which time Miss Delores Henne was commissioned by the supporting church to the work to which God has called her in the British Cameroons.

Those present were thrilled by the testimony of Miss Henne as she related how God had called her and then led her step by step through years of preparation to the greater task he has for her as a nurse in our Cameroons Baptist Mission. The final preparation had been completed just the week previously when she and Miss Ardice Ziolkowski completed their midwifery training at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland.

The challenge to the candidate was presented by the pastor, Rev. S. D. Ganstrom. Mr. Reuben Glewwe, moderator of the Riverview Baptist Church, presented Miss Henne with monetary gifts from the church and its organizations to be used in purchasing her outfit. Rev. Adam Huber, Northwestern Conference Mission Committee secretary, gave the challenge to the church. He urged the members of the Riverview Baptist Church to follow the missionary with their monetary support, letters and, most of all, with their prayers. The prayer of dedication was given by Rev. Edwin Omark, dean of Bethel Theological Seminary and formerly interim pastor of the Riverview Church.

During the evening our thoughts were again brought back to our missionary endeavors at home as we received the initial offering toward the support of the Portland Avenue Sunday School project. The offering amounted to \$131.63.

Ellen L. Lehr, Reporter.

## FRUITS OF THE FIELD

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see our hearts today. We bring back to thee the first-fruits of that which thou hast given first to us. As we do so, we ask thee to use all our crops in the way thou wouldst have us do. We bring to thee not only our crops, but our hearts, even as thy Son Jesus Christ gave himself for our sins."

Then, as it is customary in the traditional way, each person was given an ear of steaming hot maize. Munching mine on the edge of the crowd I thought, "What an answer to the deceits of Satan!" I was thrilled to the core of my being, because this was not only the dedication of the first-fruits, but a "first" in the Cameroons.

For a long time there have been

# Homegoing of Rev. John Schmidt

Obituary and Memorial Tribute Prepared by His Church and Friends



† Rev. John Schmidt †

## REV. JOHN SCHMIDT OF NEW YORK CITY

On Sunday, Sept. 23, 1956, Rev. John Schmidt, pastor of the Second German Baptist Church of New York, N. Y., went to be with the Lord at the age of 68 years. He was born in Lodz, Poland, April 12, 1889. At the age of 18 he accepted the Lord as his personal Savior and he obeyed the Lord in the ordinance of baptism.

In 1907 Mr. Schmidt came to Philadelphia, Pa., where he married Emilie Fehler. Four children blessed this marriage.

During his many years of ministry he served the following Baptist Churches: Nokomis, Sask., Canada; First Church, Union City, N. J.; First Church, Chicago, Illinois. From 1947 to his departure he was pastor of the Second German Baptist Church in New York City.

We had in him a perfectly fearless preacher, one who cared nothing about criticism of any sort, but who always stood up and in a manly, fearless way, taught and adhered strictly to Christ's teaching. He was loved and respected by all. He is survived by his beloved wife, Mrs. Emilie Schmidt; his son Arthur; two daughters: Mrs. Ruth Haas and Mrs. Alice Herley; and six grandchildren.

thanksgiving services, and there will still be such at Ndu. But this was a direct testimony as to how Christians can find substitutes to pagan customs and use them as a means to witness to the power and love of God. Already there is talk in many women's meetings about finding Christian parallels to planting customs as well. There is evidence that God is spreading the influence of this one day dedicated to him.

One woman told the pastor, "After

A special service was held on Tuesday, Sept. 25, with Rev. Paul Wengel in charge. The funeral service was held on Wednesday, Sept. 26, by Rev. H. Freeman in Union City, New Jersey. May the bereaved ones be comforted by the God of all comfort!

Second German Baptist Church, New York City  
Selma Blischke, Church Secretary.

## TRIBUTE TO REV. JOHN SCHMIDT

by Rev. FRANK ORTHNER of Brooklyn, New York.

On Sunday, Sept. 23, 1956, our dear brother and friend, Rev. John Schmidt, passed on to be with his Lord. His death was a shock and a surprise to his many friends and to his church.

The funeral service was held on Tuesday, Sept. 25, 1956 at the Second German Baptist Church in New York City. Rev. Paul Wengel was in charge of the service with the Reverends W. C. Damrau, Paul Zoschke, A. Husmann, D. Kaups, Frank Orthner, and Dr. S. B. Hazzard participating. Sorrow and sadness were mingled with love and thanksgiving for the life and work of our departed pastor and brother.

It was a privilege to know our Brother Schmidt as a friend and counsellor. He was untiring in this pastoral duties and the care of his members, especially the newcomers and immigrants. He was intensely interested in God's Kingdom at large and in our denomination in particular. His efforts and prayers concerned about our manifold missionary responsibilities at home and in the foreign lands. He was charitable towards others and he was much concerned about the welfare of those less fortunate and in dire need.

We wish to pay our tribute to Mrs. John Schmidt, his faithful wife and helpmeet. May God's comfort be with her and with the children and relatives who are bereaved by this unexpected death!

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them" (Rev. 14:13).

this day I can no longer give the Lord only what I think I won't really need to put in my storehouse, but what really belongs to him!"

"For they themselves show of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come" (1 Thessalonians 1:9-10).

## THE CHICAGO HOME

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schemes which blend the colors of walls and floor with the drapes and furniture. The majority of these rooms are single rooms, but there is a limited number of double rooms and deluxe rooms.

The basement contains extensive storage space and a large recreation room which can be used as an informal assembly room and will contain shuffleboard courts and other recreational facilities. The men's workshop, laundry room, boiler room, and garage for the Home's cars along with a large two-room janitor's apartment complete the basement.

The superintendent's home is a separate building adjoining the east wing of our Home. Spacious, and with two bedrooms, it provides the superintendent and his family with all the conveniences and whatever amount of privacy he should desire.

The remainder of the ten-acre tract, including a wooded section, will provide a landscaped expanse of lawn and shrubs and flowers to be enjoyed by our guests.

We trust that the prayer and care that have been put forth in the erection of this building will be blessed of God in the years to come in the ministering to the aged of our denomination.

## GOD'S VOLUNTEERS

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winning Christians. We also hope that others will feel led of the Lord to enlist in "God's Volunteers" for next year. Write now to Rev. R. Schilke, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill., and ask for a special application form.

These young people are giving their services without salary. However, they do have their expenses paid. It is obvious that there are various expenses involved in operating "God's Volunteers." There are the traveling expenses and the various supplies used in the campaigns, besides the hundreds of tracts, Testaments and literature distributed in the homes visited. This is a work of faith. We are depending on the prayers and gifts of God's people who are interested in the winning of souls. As God lays it upon your heart, send your gift directly or through your church to North American Baptists, Inc., Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois. Mark it for the work of "God's Volunteers."

"God's Volunteers" do not bring a spiritual revival along with them in their traveling bags. They do bring willing hearts, however, sincerely willing to serve the Lord together with the churches they visit, so that God might work his will in and through their lives for his glory and the salvation of souls.

# 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.)

## MRS. JOHN CRAMER of Steamboat Rock, Iowa.

Mrs. Lena Luiken Cramer of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, was born June 23, 1877 in Steamboat Rock, Iowa, and passed away Sunday, September 2nd, at a hospital in Evanston, Illinois. She is survived by her husband, one daughter, three sons and one grandchild, besides three sisters: Mrs. E. B. Johnston, Eldora, Iowa; Mrs. H. A. Eckhoff, Steamboat Rock, Iowa; and Mrs. J. W. Grieves, Waterloo, Iowa; two brothers: Enno Luiken, Steamboat Rock, Iowa; and John Luiken, Auburn, Alabama.

Mrs. Cramer was baptized on May 27, 1894 and joined the First Baptist Church in Steamboat Rock. In 1902, she married John Cramer of Steamboat Rock. Four children were born to this union: Cathryn of Oak Park, Ill.; Henry and Louis of Chicago, Ill.; and John of Mason City, Iowa. Before her marriage she taught in various schools in Hardin County. Interment was in the Steamboat Rock cemetery.

First Baptist Church, Steamboat Rock, Iowa  
KATHLEEN HEMMEN, Correspondent.

## MR. HENRY CRAMER of Steamboat Rock, Iowa.

Mr. Henry Cramer of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, was born in Forreston, Ill., on Aug. 30, 1872 and died at his home in Steamboat Rock on September 10, 1956 at the age of 84 years. In 1901, he came to Steamboat Rock and engaged in the hardware and harness business in partnership with his brother John for a period of 22 years.

He was united in marriage to Dena Ruppelt on August 25, 1903. To this union one son, Henry R., was born. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, having been baptized by Rev. Howard Johnson and joining the church on August 29, 1948.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Henry and Trientje Cramer, one brother Jacob, and one sister, Mrs. Sarah Christians. Surviving are his wife, son, one brother, John, and one sister, Mrs. Kate Luiken, all of Steamboat Rock, Iowa.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Kurt Marquardt in the home and in the First Baptist Church at Steamboat Rock on Thursday, September 13. Burial was in the Steamboat Rock cemetery.

First Baptist Church, Steamboat Rock, Iowa  
KATHLEEN HEMMEN, Correspondent.

## JACOB CRAMER of Steamboat Rock, Iowa.

Mr. Jacob Cramer of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, was born in Forreston, Ill., on Feb. 14, 1883, and died after a lingering illness at the University Hospital at Iowa City, Aug. 25, 1956, at the age of 73. He was the youngest son of Henry and Trientje Cramer. The family moved to Steamboat Rock in 1902, and five years later Jacob was united in marriage to Eda Ruppelt. They were the parents of a daughter, Beatrice, now Mrs. James Riggan of Dixon, Kentucky.

The Cramers were residents of Steamboat Rock during their entire married life. For a number of years he was a partner with his brother-in-law, Louis A. Luiken, in the farm implement business. Mr. Cramer was baptized by the Rev. A. G. Lang in 1920 and was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock.

The deceased was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Mrs. Sarah Christians of Steamboat Rock. Surviving are his wife, a daughter, a granddaughter, and also one brother, John; and a sister, Mrs. Kate Luiken, all of Steamboat Rock.

Funeral services were held in the First Baptist Church at Steamboat Rock on Tuesday, Aug. 28, conducted by the Rev. Howard Johnson of Cedar Falls in the absence of Rev. K. W. Marquardt who was engaged in an evangelistic campaign at

the time of the funeral. Burial was in the Steamboat Rock cemetery.

First Baptist Church, Steamboat Rock, Iowa  
KATHLEEN HEMMEN, Correspondent.

## MRS. LAURA MANTZ of Elk Grove, California.

Mrs. Laura Mantz, nee Rausser, of Elk Grove, Calif., was born February 21, 1915 to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rausser at Mercer, North Dakota. In 1936 she was united in holy wedlock with Jake Mantz with whom she shared 20 happy years. The Lord blessed this union with three children.

At the age of eleven, she accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized by the Rev. E. Broeckel and added to the fellowship of the Tabor Baptist Church of North Dakota. Coming to the Elk Grove, Calif., area in 1946, she became a member of the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove in fellowship of which she served the Lord in her humble way as a member of the choir and as Sunday School teacher. On September 19, 1956 an earthly life, well lived, came to an abrupt end, when she underwent serious head surgery from which she never recovered.

Those who mourn her loss are her loving husband, Jake Mantz; her three children: Darryl, Evalyn, and Allen; her mother, Mrs. Minnie Rausser, and Allen; her mother, Mrs. Bertha, Bismarck, N. Dak.; Mrs. Reka Meyer and Mrs. Minnie Mantz, Elk Grove, Calif.; and Mrs. Rose Presser of Fresno, Calif.; six brothers: John Rausser, Bismarck, N. Dak.; William and Henry Rausser of Elk Grove, Calif.; Martin and the Rev. G. G. Rausser of Lodi, Calif.; and Edward Rausser of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., as well as many other relatives and friends. But we sorrow not as others who have no hope, for precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

Rev. Clarence Walth assisted the undersigned in services conducted at the church, speaking words of comfort and salvation to a large gathering of mourners and sympathizing friends.

First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, California  
W. W. KNAUF, Pastor.

## MRS. FREDRICKA NIES of Eureka, South Dakota.

Mrs. Fredricka Nies, nee Kurle, of Eureka, S. Dak., born April 22, 1875 in South Russia, passed away September 19, 1956 at the Eureka Hospital. With her parents she came to this country in 1883, and ten years later she married John Nies on Nov. 7, 1893. Together this young couple established their home on a farm, in what is now known as the Johannesthal district. In 1896, she and her husband were converted under the Gospel ministry of the late Rev. Goling, baptized on confession of their faith in Jesus Christ, and thereupon taken into the fellowship of the Ashley Church, Johannesthal station, where she was a faithful and devoted member until 1944.

With the declining years, it became necessary to retire from active farm life. She moved to Eureka, transferring her membership to the First Baptist Church, Eureka, South Dakota. She belonged to "the quiet ones," supporting the Lord's work loyally, being loved and respected by all.

Her beloved husband preceded her in death in 1943 and since then her daughter Martha shared her life, taking care of her mother. Her death is mourned by one brother, Henry Kurle of Eureka, and 13 children, seven sons: Henry, Jacob and Ruben of Eureka; John of Aberdeen; David of Lehr, N. Dak.; Carl of Pine River, Minn.; Albert of Hawthorne, Calif.; while Walter, the eighth son, lost his life during the second World War in 1944; six daughters: Christina, Mrs. Philip Rueb of Leola; Mary, Mrs. George Dais and Martha of Eureka; Katharine, Mrs. Edward Goehring of Hosmer; Margaret, Mrs. Jacon Fischer and Leah, Mrs. Gust Puhman, both of Ashley, N. Dak.; 46 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren; a great relationship, many friends and neighbors and all the members of the First Baptist Church.

The memorial service was conducted by the undersigned who was assisted by Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer of Ashley, N. Dak., while interment took place at the Johannesthal Cemetery. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

Eureka, South Dakota  
A. E. REEH, Minister.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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A. E. Reeh is pastor of the Eureka and Leola churches.

● Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Gerber of Billings, Mont., have announced the birth of a son on Sept. 26 to whom the name Steven Wesley has been given. Mr. Gerber is pastor of the Billings Calvary Baptist Church. — Rev. and Mrs. Orville H. Meth of Stockton, Calif., are the parents of a daughter born to them on October 7th who has been named Esther Marie. This is their third child. Mr. Meth is pastor of the Lincoln Village Church Extension project, which is reviewed on page 12 of this issue.—Rev. and Mrs. Adolph Braun of Center Line,

**THANKSGIVING AND  
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"God loveth a cheerful giver"

Mich., have announced the birth of a son, Daniel Paul, born to them on September 29. Daniel Paul has twin sisters, Carol Lynn and Carla June. Mr. Braun is pastor of the First Baptist Church in Center Line.

● Mr. Henry Kuck of Peoria, Ill., quietly observed his 90th birthday at his home at 613 Stratford Drive, Peoria, Ill., on September 26, 1956. He

was baptized on confession of his faith in Christ at 16 years of age by Rev. Jacob Albert, and thus has been a member of the State Park Baptist Church of Peoria for almost 75 years. Until blindness and other afflictions hindered him from attending the services, he was always in his place at the church. He has served as vice-moderator of the church, chairman of the board of deacons, choir director and Sunday School superintendent for 29 years. He and the late Mr. H. P. Donner of Cleveland, Ohio, were lifelong friends since Brother Donner was the one who took him to Sunday School for the first time. Brother Kuck enjoys the fellowship of North American Baptists on their visits to him at Peoria or through correspondence.

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