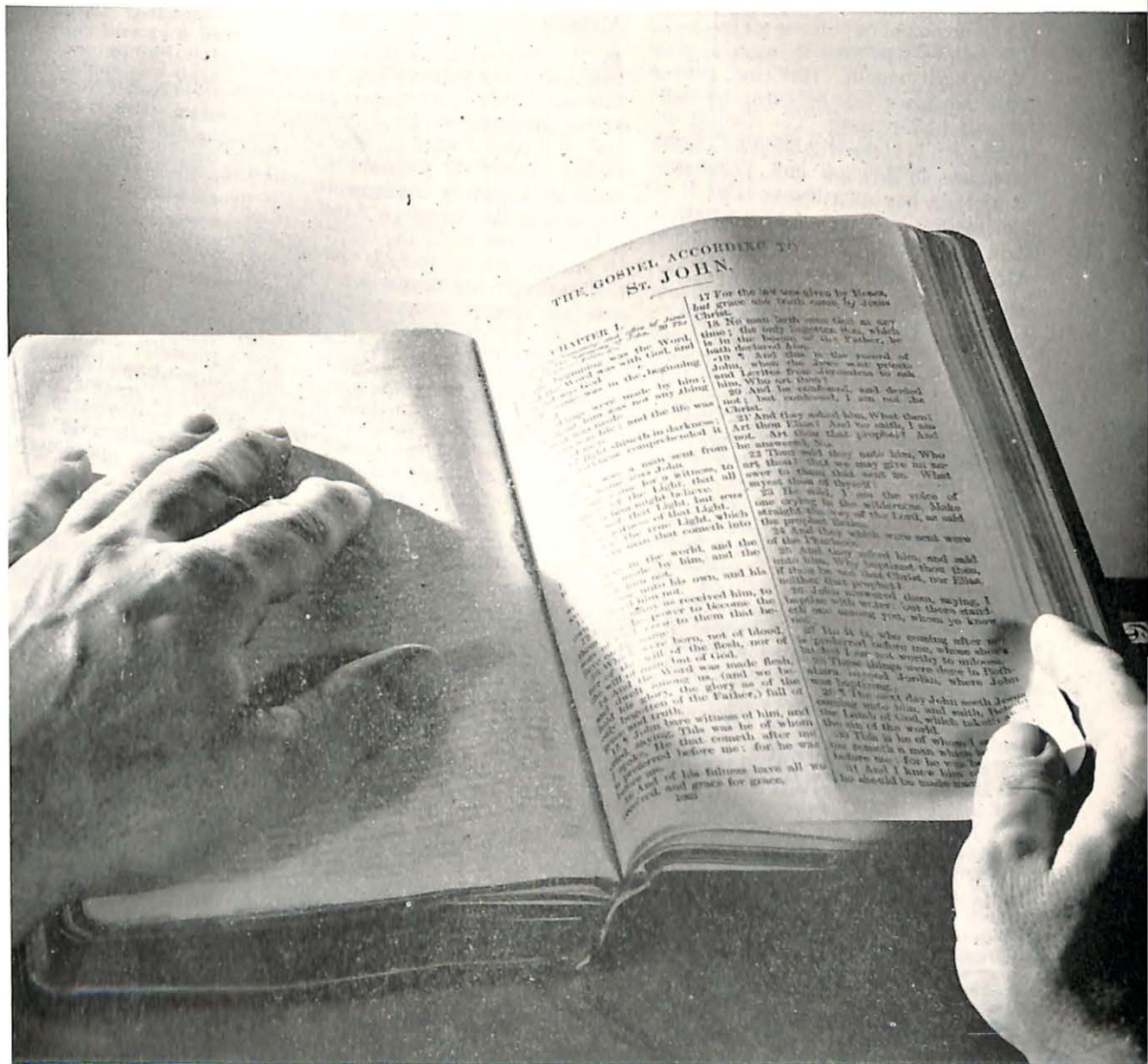


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March of Events

● Evangelist Billy Graham will change his technique when he goes to New York City a year from now for a six- to eight-week evangelistic campaign. He will not attempt to do all the preaching himself but will bring six or seven clergymen from various parts of the world, including at least one or two from Africa. This is an attempt to reach the "diversity of national groups living in New York as in a miniature United Nations."—Watchman-Examiner.

● The Danish Seamen's Church in Foreign Ports has arranged to buy a brownstone house in Brooklyn, N. Y., close to the Danish line piers, to serve as a "home church" for the 1,200 Danish seamen who visit the port of New York each month. Half the \$60,000 purchase price will be borne by individuals in Denmark. The Danish organization is at present building Danish churches in London and Yokohama. It already has such churches at Hull, Newcastle, Antwerp, Ghent, Rotterdam, Hamburg, Gothenburg, Buenos Aires, and Baltimore.

● The Massachusetts Congregational Christian conference met this year in Williamstown in honor of the famous "Haystack Prayer Meeting" which took place near there 150 years ago. In 1806 a handful of Williams College undergraduates in the midst of a prayer meeting were chased into the shelter of a haystack by a sudden thunderstorm. The resulting discussion bore fruit ultimately in the establishment of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, the original interdenominational foreign missionary agency of this country and now the overseas arm of the Congregational Christian missionary movement. The anniversary was celebrated with suitable services and addresses.

● Three union Protestant theological seminaries will soon be providing higher training for ministers in Africa. At Dondi, in Ango'a, the Methodist and Congregational Christian churches will join with the United Church of Canada in a seminary to open in 1957. In Rhodesia, U.S. and British Methodists will begin joint training of church workers on two levels in 1959: for ordained ministers in close cooperation with the new university at Salisbury, and for evangelists, supply pastors, religious education directors and other workers at Old Umtali. In Mozambique, the Christian Council will sponsor a union school on a property of the Swiss Mission at Ricatla, beginning this fall.—Christian Century.

● In the seventh annual series of overseas preaching missions for personnel of the United States air force,

six Protestant civilian clergymen and two air-force Catholic chaplains will conduct five-day missions this fall at bases in the Far East and in areas under the Northeast air command. The Protestants participating are: William C. Allshouse of the First Church of the Nazarene, Washington, D. C.; Paul W. Yinger of the Upper Montclair, N. J., Union Congregational Church; S. Marion Smith of the Butler University school of religion; Murray A. Cayley of the Rochester, N. Y., Institute of Technology; Luther W. Holcomb of Lakewood Baptist Church, Dallas; and Henry E. Russell of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Montgomery, Alabama.

● The Massachusetts Baptist convention, under the leadership of Executive Secretary Edwin H. Tuller, has completed preparations for a "pilot project" in the training of lay church leadership. The state program will precede by a year a nationwide effort throughout the American Baptist Convention to revitalize the denomination by creating a large body of "disciplined and trained" lay people who will be able to assume responsibility in all areas of church life. The program is reminiscent of the "pilot" and later "sector" projects in the field of money-raising which a few years ago brought tremendous increases in financial support of the work of the denomination. The program now envisioned is expected to do for the total church witness what the earlier program did for its finances.

● The largest group ever to be sent by "The Navigators" to overseas posts will be leaving this fall and early spring for four continents. Announcement of their appointments was made by Director Lorne Sanny at the closing meeting of the annual staff conference at Glen Eyrie, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

A GOLDEN ILLUSTRATION

When Marian Anderson sang in Washington, there was a blind girl present who insisted on shaking the hand of the great Negro contralto. Her companion arranged for the meeting. Thereupon the sightless one said: "Oh, that God had opened my eyes for that one instant that I might have seen her face." Her companion thoughtlessly said: "She is only black." "No," said the blind girl. "She could never have been only anything. I know her face was as beautiful as her trembling fingers."

rado. Six of the appointees will go to the Orient, seven to Europe, three to Latin America and one to join the team recently sent to Africa. Reporting on expansion of the work both on foreign and home fields, Mr. Sanny paid tribute to the late founder-director Dawson E. Trotman, whose "Spirit-guided foresight" had set in motion many of the advances now being made. (It was largely through Trotman's vision and faith that Glen Eyrie was secured in 1953 as international headquarters and training center for the work.) "Detailed evidence of his forward planning have been revealed at every turn," stated Sanny, "with plans for moves into new territory already under way at the time of Trotman's death" last June 18.

● In the last rush before adjournment, the Senate of the United States bowed to Roman Catholic pressure and approved a bill which will pay an estimated \$8,000,000 of public funds to that one church for its schools in the Philippines. This unconscionable grab was engineered by House Majority Leader McCormack of Massachusetts, the papal knight who also helped persuade the 84th Congress to bestow nearly a million more dollars, collected from Protestants and Jews as well as Catholics, to cover alleged war damages to the Vatican summer palace. The latest raid was accomplished by amending the 1948 Philippines War Claims act so that claims which had previously been rejected might be allowed. It was opposed by representatives from the National Council of Churches and from Protestants and Other Americans United and by messages from Episcopal, Baptist, Presbyterian, and Methodist missions leaders, as well as by other concerned individuals.—Christian Century.

● Karl Barth, world-famed Swiss theologian, was honored July 4 at one of the largest and most distinguished gatherings of theologians and other churchmen ever to greet a scholar in England. The Archbishop of Canterbury at a reception at Lambeth Palace presented to Dr. Barth a copy of the book "Essays in Christology for Karl Barth," edited by T. H. L. Parker and published by Lutterworth Press the day of the gathering. Barth was evidently pleased that the 13 younger theologians who wrote the essays had grasped the central point of his theological system, and that in his 70th year he should be received with such honor in Britain. "The discovery of your serious concern in Christology makes this a great day for me," he said. "It shows that today much more than before we are looking into the same direction. When all of us agree that this center has to be searched for and discovered again and again, then the English channel and one day perhaps even the Atlantic Ocean will not be a demarcation line."—Christian Century.

Editorial

Remember Especially the Parchments

HOW IMPORTANT is Christian reading material to you? If you haven't read your Bible, or an uplifting poem, or your church publication for a few days, do you really miss them? Do these belong to the important spiritual essentials of your life?

Unashamedly the Apostle Paul regarded reading material as one of the great necessities of life. He placed books high on the list of things he needed most when he was a prisoner at Rome. He asked Timothy, when he came to visit him, to bring along the cloak that he had left at Troas with Carpus, but he was also to remember to bring the books, "especially the parchments" (2 Tim. 4:13). These were to occupy the Apostle's mind and to set his life aglow with spiritual inspiration, even in the Roman prison.

Our age has pushed Christian reading material into the background. We would rather watch a television program than spend a profitable half hour in provocative reading. We need more intensive training in the enjoyment of reading adventures. We ought to have good books, inspirational material, denominational publications, besides the Bible, near at hand where we can have access to them at a moment's notice and read them with real enrichment.

Your Publication Society has this as its great objective to place these modern "parchments" into your hands. It is God's business agent to provide you with the things that he has prepared for your mental and spiritual growth. Our Roger Williams Press in Cleveland distributes thousands of copies of the Scriptures annually. You can secure almost any style and binding of the Bible or New Testament from our house. In addition, many Bibles are distributed free on various mission fields of the world through the ministry of our press. We recognize that the Scriptures are "profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness (2 Tim. 3:16).

Christian people do not open a book by chance in order to while away the time. They become interested in good books through the guidance or inspiration of others, through the catalogue of our Publication Society, through the reviews appearing in our papers. Our Roger Williams Press has a large stock of such Christian books on hand to meet your requests immediately. Any book order that is received will be taken care of that same day. But your needs must be expressed. You must want to have certain books for your reading pleasure. You must remember "the parchments" that are so essential to your Christian growth.

Our denominational publications, including the "Baptist Herald," also belong to "the parchments." The paper and type have changed with the years. But they still contain in permanent printed form the account of God's dealing with his people and churches and the presentation of his revelation of eternal truth in Christ Jesus. We believe that every member of one of our churches, who wants to be informed about God's work of grace on our mission fields and who desires to grow spiritually in the knowledge of God's truth, ought to be a diligent reader of the "Baptist Herald."

Enjoy this Publication Society issue by remembering the importance of the parchments for the Apostle Paul and of good reading material in your Christian life!

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A Sower Went Forth to Sow



A Message for Publication Sunday, October 21st,
by Members of the Publication Board

"He that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit" (Matt. 13:23).

OUR PUBLICATIONS

By REV. JOHN E. GRYGO
of Bismarck, North Dakota

WHENEVER OUR denominational publications make their appearance, we are invariably reminded of the Biblical words: "Read this, I pray thee!"

Indeed, there would be little virtue in just looking at them. The benefits, which they offer, can only be realized, if they are appropriated by reading. Thus, thousands of lives are being blessed.

We, too, have been privileged to enjoy the blessings of these silent messengers. They have often brought new light, new joy, and new appreciation to our house.

What makes our periodicals doubly welcome, is their personal touch. Our editors are greeting us as old friends. Their editorials have for us a certain charm. Other contributors cheer us as Christmas cards in December. Good reports from various fields evoke instantaneous praise to God. Other reports humble us.

Many times we are deeply impressed by the loyalty of many of our people. Their loyalty to the Lord, his Word and his work is simply exemplary. They usually are avid readers of our papers. One can hear it in their prayers. They are well disposed toward Christ's cause. They cheerfully support his servants. Somehow, they seem to sense the Kingdom's needs more than others.

There are publications which are more attractive, more scholarly, more diversified—they also are more expensive—but they are not as close to our hearts as ours. Therein, we believe, lies the worth of our publications.

A saintly lady said recently: "With the arrival of the 'Baptist Herald,'

there's always something new for me to enjoy."

Dear reader, let us encourage others also to claim these manifold blessings of the printed word. Their lives, we are certain, will be greatly enriched.

WHAT THE PRINTED PAGE MEANS TO ME

By REV. PAUL F. ZOSCHKE
of Brooklyn, New York

Reflected in the printed page are two of man's most ingenious achievements: the one, more immediate, that of the removable type; the other, underlying the first, that of encasing thought in language and reducing language to writing.

These two achievements enable man to preserve and transmit the intellectual and spiritual heritage of all generations to posterity. What Lincoln and Washington, Luther and Calvin, Socrates and Plato, Moses and Abraham experienced can be yours and mine. Achievements in society, science, philosophy and religion can be for the enrichment of every citizen. How easily we accept the printed page as though it always was ours. But what would our lives be if we did not have it? How complete would be our intellectual and spiritual poverty!

But since we are thinking about Publication Sunday of our denomination we are primarily concerned about the printed page in relation to God and ourselves. So, prior to the printing press and thought encased in writing, we must remember that God has wanted to reveal himself to his creature, and man has had the spiritual sensitivity to perceive the thought of God. This miracle of "inspiring" (for so it is) flows through words and type to you and me and generations unborn.

Now, what does the printed page mean to me? As I sit down with the

Bible it means that God and I have an intimate visit. God comes to me and I go to God. His thought reaches and enriches me. When I want to know the answer to the riddle of life, the Designer can give it to me. When I am at a loss for the way of life, he can direct me. When my heart is hungry for deep-sating fellowship, he can satisfy me abundantly.

This is mine not only through the printing of the Sacred Book but also through the auxiliary publications of the "Baptist Herald," "Der Sendbote," and others. Their elucidating editorials and articles on thought and activity are ways in which my perception of God is more real and satisfying.

Am I speaking for you, too?

THE MINISTRY OF THE PRINTED WORD

By DR. H. VON BERGE
of Dayton, Ohio

For practical purposes let us change the word "The" to "Our" in the above headline, for we are really thinking of "Our Ministry of the Word" through our North American Baptist Publication Society. What does this ministry mean to us?

1. It unifies us, and under God's guidance it has bound us together into our North American Baptist fellowship. Our denominational papers grew out of the recognition of their great need to bring the widely scattered churches into unity and common interests. Thus in 1853 Konrad Anton Fleischmann began to edit "Der Sendbote des Evangeliums." This paper still carries on its ministry. In 1922 it was joined by our beloved "Baptist Herald" in order to minister also to those who were not familiar with the German language. The "Baptist Herald," too, binds us together in our fellowship, the brotherhood we love.

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Blessings from Church Publications

By Mrs. Henry L. Ruth and Reprinted from "Gospel Herald"

IS MAIL TIME an anticipated time of the day for you? Have you checked yourself to see which part of the mail you are most anxious to look at? The personal letter or the unexpected post card from a close friend usually receives first attention at our house. But after that has been read and re-read, what will I reach for next? Will it be **Successful Farming** or the **Baptist Herald-Better Homes and Gardens** or **Christian Living**?

One evening as I was about to settle for a bit of relaxation with something to read, it suddenly occurred to me that I was more anxious to read **Reader's Digest** than the Bible. After having spent the greater part of the evening with the **Digest**, my eyes heavy with sleep, I reached for my Bible.

STUDYING GOD'S WORD

There were no two ways about it. I did enjoy reading secular material more than the Word of God and that which pertained to it. This thought caused me no little concern. But I thank God that within recent years the Lord Jesus Christ has become more precious to me. And with this new relationship came a growing desire to study the Bible and also a better understanding of what I read. I praise God for this blessed Book which is God himself speaking to us. I praise him for those portions of Scripture which suddenly stand out from among the rest as though they were spoken directly to us to give new hope and courage. I'm grateful to men of the past who risked their lives to preserve its pages so that I can have the Bible in my possession today.

Along with Bible reading came a greater interest in our church periodicals. It seemed as though the articles published were suddenly very much more interesting than before; I was the one who had become more interested.

I have found our church publications to be a good, regular supplement to Bible reading. They have been a source of innumerable blessings to me. Recently we had two families visiting in our home over mealtime. During the course of the dinner one of the men asked whether the other two men would be interested in going to a certain revival meeting that evening. "Sure," said one of them, "we'll go along; we like to be where the blessings fall." After the dessert was eaten, the men were off to enjoy an evening of revival blessings about 25 miles from our home. I'm speaking for the other two women when I say that we, too, would have liked to be where the blessings fall, but it was

THE AUTHOR

This brief article from the pen of a busy housewife highlights and illustrates the purpose behind Publication Sunday being observed on Sunday, Oct 21. In few but well-chosen words she reveals six ways in which she and her family have been blessed through the reading of church publications.—EDITOR.

our lot to clean up the food and dishes, keep seven children happily entertained, and then see that they got to bed at a reasonable time. This is the circumstance we mothers often find ourselves in.

I thank the Lord, however, that we can enjoy rich blessings right in our own home without having to take the baby from his crib, dress up, and drive 25 miles. Reading our church publications has brought blessings to me which I'd like to share with you. With the mail coming at the time of day when I'm busy working and wouldn't take time out for Bible study, I will pick up the **Baptist Herald** or the **Youth's Christian Companion** and glance through. It may be just a poem or a thought for the day or a short article written by a favorite writer that will catch my attention.

CHURCH PUBLICATIONS

1. I have been moved to a greater faith in my Lord, a more patient attitude toward my children, a little more

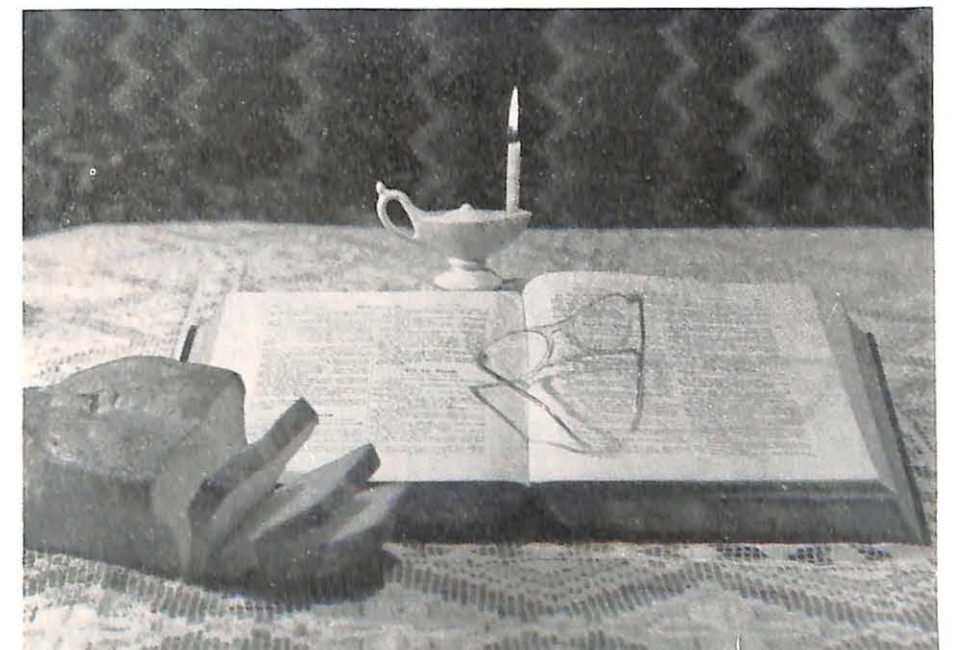
kindness to my neighbor, in this way.

2. I have found our church literature to be a good stimulant to my prayer life. While the Bible points us to our own need of prayer, our church periodicals bring the needs of others to our attention. Many a time I've been led to bow my head and ask the Lord to supply the needed strength and courage to a foreign mission worker to overcome some obstacle. I have asked him to give wisdom to those struggling with a difficult language and to supply the material needs for the cold and hungry refugees, also asking him to lay a greater burden upon my own heart to help supply the needs of those less fortunate.

3. Church publications have proved to be a helpful source to direct me in my giving. I count it a privilege to be able to help send Bibles to students in Africa who have never had a Bible before. Recent pleas by the Mission Board have made me want to give liberally toward the work of missions throughout the world. Needy fields which are presented throughout the various publications can be brought to the attention of the youth classes who are taking an offering and are looking for a special need for which their gifts may be used.

AN ENRICHED LIFE

4. Church publications have been a means of educating myself at a very low cost. Most of the writers have gone deeper into the school of learning, both by actual study and by experience, than I have. The language (Continued on Page 15)



Jesus said: "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4).

To Edify and to Unify

The Work of our Publication Society Through the Printed Word

By Mr. Harold B. Johns, Chairman of the Publication Board

EARLY IN THE LIFE of our denomination our predecessors saw the need for a Publication Society to further the work among German-speaking Baptists and others in North America.

In those days the worship services and the publication work were almost exclusively in German. As our people became accustomed to speaking and to thinking in English and, more especially, as a newer generation of "all English" speaking folks grew up, our work and publications became more and more bilingual.

Today our publications continue in the two languages with subscriptions being more numerous in the English language.

OUR PUBLICATIONS

At first and for many years our main publication was a German weekly, **Der Sendbote**, which in recent years has become a bi-weekly paper. Its purpose was for both spiritual edification and the dissemination of denominational news. Thus it served to build, to encourage, and to unify our various churches and people as they were spreading all over North America.

A German lesson paper also was published, **Lektions-Blaetter** (Lesson Leaves), which even today continues to serve a number of our Sunday Schools as a bilingual paper.

As the years passed, more and more of our young people (not to mention older folk who joined us) knew less and less of the German language. It became necessary then to supplement the German periodicals and other literature with English material.

In 1922 an all-English young people's paper, the **Baptist Herald**, was begun which today is our main publication from the point of view of its being a bi-weekly with some 8,000 or 9,000 subscribers. Thus today the **Herald** as well as our **Sendbote** keep us informed of the activities on our mission fields and in our churches and for other denominational purposes.

For many years, now, our publication activities have included the operation of our own printing establishment, located in Cleveland, Ohio, along with the other parts of the Roger Williams Press business and administrative personnel. Some outside printing work also is accepted, thus serving to keep our machines busy and to reduce the cost of our own publishings at least to some extent.

Twice during its history our publication house has edited and published its own German hymnal. Even as these words are being written another

thousand copies of the "Neue Glaubensharfe" are being printed to satisfy our needs. We also for the first time are now publishing in English the "North American Hymnal."

PUBLICATION BOARD MEMBERS

Our denomination places the responsibility for the operation of our Publication Society in the hands of nine Board members who are elected at the triennial General Conference.

The current members of this Board are Stanley Ernst of Detroit, Mich.; Rev. John Grygo of Bismarck, N. Dak.; Rev. Edward Kary of Cleveland, Ohio; Walter Kohrs of Peoria, Ill., (vice-chairman); Paul Ludwig of Parma, Ohio; Rev. E. Arthur McAsh of Detroit, Mich.; Edmund Streuber of Winnipeg, Man., Canada; Rev. Paul F. Zoschke of Brooklyn, New York (secretary); and Dr. Herman von Berge of Dayton, Ohio, who after serving some 25 years as an elected Board member has been voted an honorary life membership by the Board.

The business manager and editors (also elected by the denomination) are responsible to this Board and report to them periodically.

The Board, of course, has various ways of endeavoring to carry on its work, including the appointment of committees as needed. For example, the committee responsible for the new "North American Hymnal" consists of Rev. Paul Wengel, chairman; Herbert Pankratz, secretary; Mrs. Emma B. Meier, Rev. Assaf Husmann, Dr. Frank H. Woyke, and Dr. Martin L. Leuschner. The late Rev. Elmer J. Baumgartner also was a member.

This committee has gone to great pains in trying to give us a good worship hymnal which will be of service to our churches. In addition to almost all of the hymns usually found in a worship hymnal, we are including translations of a number which originally were favorites in the German language. Thus we hope further to "edify and unify" our people through another of our publications.

Another of our committees which currently is hard at work is that which is working out the details of our new "Every Family Subscription" plan. This committee consists of Mr. Paul Ludwig, chairman; Dr. M. L. Leuschner, secretary; the Reverends J. C. Gunst, Edwin Miller, Edward Kary, W. J. Luebeck, Ervin B. Strauss, and Dr. Frank H. Woyke.

Under the guidance of this committee we are endeavoring to work out an arrangement which we trust will

do even better than our "Club Plan" in getting the **Baptist Herald** or **Sendbote** into the homes of our people. Details of this plan are being revealed elsewhere in this issue of the **Herald**.

In addition to publishing the work of our two main editors (the Rev. W. J. Luebeck and Dr. Martin L. Leuschner), and such miscellaneous printing as may come from both denominational and outside sources, the Roger Williams Press also handles and promotes the sale of other Sunday School literature, religious books, and especially Bibles, in both English and German.

LITERATURE OF ALL KINDS

Books and Sunday School literature (and supplies of all sorts) may be obtained from or through our Cleveland office for exactly the same prices as from other publishing houses and, doing so, gives us a bit of a profit not otherwise available. This opportunity to serve our Sunday Schools and churches when used by them helps us to defray the costs of our printing work and costs the local church or Sunday School nothing except perhaps a day in the transmitting of the order. We appreciate all of this type of business we can obtain!

Two other "regular" publications of our own should be mentioned: **Der Wegweiser** is a German tract-like leaflet which is issued quarterly. Brother Luebeck is the editor.

Our **Annual** is per copy the largest and finest of our publications. Dr. Leuschner is the editor.

Rev. H. R. Schroeder of Chicago, Ill., is the very helpful editor of "**Lektions-Blaetter**" handling both languages for us.

Dr. Leuschner also is responsible for the editorial material on the back pages of the **Every Sunday Bulletin** which so many of our churches are using. Seventeen thousand copies are distributed weekly. These weekly messengers also are sold below cost to try to encourage our churches to share in the efforts of our publication society to "edify and unify" our denomination. In this instance, more orders would cost us more money but we still would welcome them most heartily! The back page messages are both instructive and inspirational, containing varied material such as sermonettes, mission activity accounts, and other pertinent matter.

Our staff at Cleveland consists of a dozen or more faithful employees who are ready and willing to serve. The

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"Give Attendance to Reading"

Book reviews by the editor of the "Baptist Herald"

BOOKS are good friends who walk with you and talk to you along the way. They are within easy reach of everyone. The magic of reading is found in the blessing of a book which somehow changes or transforms the life of the reader. Blessed is he who loves good books and keeps them within reach for frequent fellowship with the authors.

Winifred Ernest Garrison wrote of what a book had done for him:

"Softly I closed the book as in a dream,
And let its echoes linger to redeem
Silence with music, darkness with
its gleam.

"That day I worked no more. I
could not bring
My hands to toil, my thoughts to
trafficking.
A new light shone on every common
thing.

"Celestial glories streamed before
my gaze.
That day I worked no more; but, to
God's praise,
I shall work better all my other
days."

We want to suggest a few good books that will inspire you to "work better all your other days." None of them is expensive, and they can easily be ordered through the Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Avenue, Cleveland 14, Ohio. Hereafter, the "Baptist Herald" will make further recommendations of some of the best books on the market for your reading pleasure.

THE GOOD NEWS (American Bible Society) \$2.00.

This is an unusually beautiful book, presenting the New Testament in the King James version, with over 500 illustrations and maps. It is a large book, 8 by 11 inches in size, with a strong, durable binding, and with six colored scenes from the Holy Land on the covers. Informative introductions like brief commentaries appear at the outset of every book. The New Testament will come alive with new meaning and glory as you read "The Good News." It's a real bargain at \$2.00.

VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN LIVING.
By Alan Redpath. (Fleming H. REVELL Co.) 254 pages. \$3.00.

In Chicago most Christian people know about Dr. Redpath, pastor of the Moody Memorial Church. He has been called "an oak swept by a gale," for "the sheer bigness of the Gospel blows

clearly and powerfully through his soul." This book of 20 sermons or studies in the book of Joshua is expository preaching at its best. He shows us Joshua counting the cost, preparing for battle, facing setbacks and celebrating victory, but he always includes the reader in the picture. The application of these messages are not theological "Big Berthas," but spiritual "flame throwers," in the words of the foreword. Such sermons as "The Royal Road to Blessing," "Possessing Our Possessions" and "Power for Service" are inspired expository preaching. You will live with a book like this for many months!

MAN TO MAN. By A. C. Archibald. (Broadman Press.) 123 pages. \$1.75.

This is the fourth book on evangelism by an outstanding Baptist preacher now living in retirement in Florida. Here are ten sermons on visitation evangelism that show with great forcefulness that every Christian should be a winner of souls. Dr. Archibald shows clearly how every layman can be "a winning witness." The chapter on "Men—It's Up to You" ought to be read by every layman in our churches. Ministers and lay people could not invest a small sum of money with greater spiritual blessing than by ordering this book at once and reading it with deep earnestness.

A MINISTER LOOKS AT HIS WORLD. By Dr. R. Paul Caudill (Broadman Press). 132 pages. \$1.75.

As chairman of the Relief Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, Dr. Caudill is well known to North American Baptists and has made extensive tours to many parts of the world with all expenses paid by his church in Memphis, Tennessee. This is a timely,

incisive book about tragic world conditions, about millions of people in the midst of misery and want, about the dangers of cold wars and the terrible threat of Communism. "This world has but one path to peace," Dr. Caudill declares, "and that is the power of Christ to deliver the hearts of men from fear and savagery." The chapter on "The Waking Giant" about Africa ought to be read by every missionary-minded Baptist interested in the Cameroons. The chapter on "The Refugee Problem" will appear in the 1957 ANNUAL with the author's permission. This is a remarkable volume for an introduction to present day world conditions and for its challenge to every Christian to be "about the Lord's business."

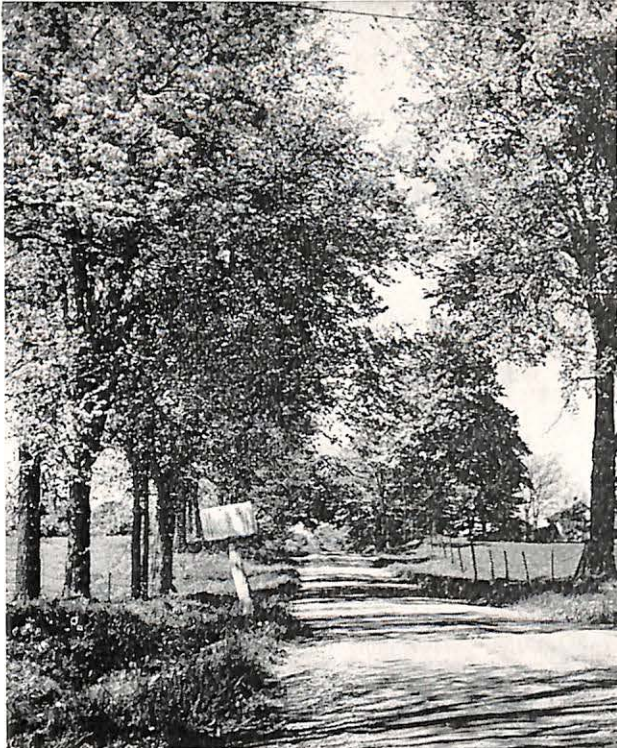
LET THERE BE LIGHT. By Benjamin P. Browne. (Fleming H. Revell Co.) 157 pages. \$1.95.

This is one of the best books on sermon illustrations now available. The author, who has been a Baptist preacher in New England for 25 years and at present is Executive Director of the Division of Christian Publications of the American Baptist Convention, counsels with speakers and ministers about how to find effective illustrations and then contributes scores of the best stories, witticisms, and anecdotes out of his treasury of experience. "Illustrations must never be sprinkled on the sermon like colored candles on a birthday cake," he advises "but must open like vistas in the landscape when one climbs a hill." The reader will find this book delightful for the sheer enjoyment of it. The minister will find it helpful and enriching. You will want to quote from it repeatedly. You will remember its golden nuggets and sparkling stories. You will add this

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The reading of a good book opens up new vistas of understanding and enriches a mind and life with timeless blessings.



—Photo by Edith Riddle, Chicago, Ill.

The mail box on Rural Route No. 4 awaits the arrival of the latest issue of the "Baptist Herald" and important letters.

Every Family Subscription Plan

A new and exciting plan for our papers in every church home announced by the Publication Board

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

AMONG THE SADDEST words ever spoken to some of God's people were those of Hosea, the prophet: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Both for the prophets of old and for the Apostle Paul, acquaintance with God's truths and program through intensive reading was altogether necessary for every true servant of God. "Give attendance to reading!" (1 Tim. 4:13.)

A CHRISTIAN'S READING MATERIAL

Our Publication Society endeavors with God's help to provide the best possible reading material adapted to the needs of our churches and people. These publications interpret God's revelation, proclaim his glorious Gospel and magnify his matchless Name through sermons, devotional articles, and editorials. They tell the story of God's miracles of grace on many mission fields through reports, pictures, and testimonies of the Christian nationals. They announce the program of denominational service to which God has called us in an ever inspiring spiritual advance. They bind us together in Christian love by sharing the news from churches, educational institutions, pastors, and leaders. The privilege of membership in a North American Baptist church involves also the privilege of intimate acquaintance with this great work and grand fellowship which Christ, our Savior, has entrusted to us.

About 15 years ago our Publication Society inaugurated the Club Plan which proved to be very successful. "Baptist Herald" subscriptions increased almost 100 per cent. About one half of our churches adopted the plan whereby one or both of our publications were received by at least 75 per cent of each church's family units.

But increasingly we faced intricate problems in carrying out the Club Plan effectively. A new subscription plan was needed.

Beginning with Jan. 1, 1957 every North American Baptist church will be encouraged to consider the new EVERY FAMILY SUBSCRIPTION PLAN. We feel that when this plan is fully understood and prayerfully considered, every church of ours will want to adopt it for the wonderful spiritual blessings it will impart to the local church. Leaflets describing the plan will be distributed in our churches on Publication Sunday, Oct. 21st. Pastors and publication society agents will become well acquainted with the plan.

ACTIVE FAMILY UNITS

Every Christian, who wants to grow in grace and knowledge, must read the Bible and helpful spiritual and devotional material. The EVERY FAMILY SUBSCRIPTION PLAN recognizes this truth and presents a plan whereby this reading material can easily be placed into every home of the local church. Every Christian should know what is going on in far flung mission fields until he earnestly heeds Christ's command to go into all the world. The church has a right to expect that every one of its members will be informed about God's Kingdom enterprise in which his church and sister churches are engaged. In this way the EVERY FAMILY SUBSCRIPTION PLAN actually undergirds the work of the local church by deepening the spiritual life of each of its members and clarifying the missionary vision of the individual as well as of the church.

The plan is quite simple. It calls for one or both of our papers to be sent to each active family unit of the church

and the payment for the same to be made by the church through its annual budget or in some other way. The Publication Board is suggesting a number of practical ways whereby the plan can be financed without much difficulty.

It is understood that an active family unit represents one or more persons living together under the same roof. If a minor child is the only member of the church from a family and is not a wage earner, then such a child is not to be regarded as a family unit. However, it would be highly commendable if the church on its own would provide a subscription for such a person.

The plan calls for 100 per cent of "the active family units" of the church subscribing to our papers. The local church through its pastor, board of deacons or church board is to determine these "active family units." Again, the church itself may determine these "units" in any way it may deem wise. If the church barely reaches the quota for some reason or another, it is hoped that the church on its own will secure several copies for free distribution as samples among visitors to the church.

FINANCING THE PLAN

There are several ways by which the EVERY FAMILY SUBSCRIPTION PLAN can be financed. The church can adopt one plan or follow a combination of ways.

1. The sum of money needed for the subscriptions to our papers under this plan can be included in the annual church budget. The spiritual growth of the church's membership is just as important as new church pews. Both deserve to become a part of the annual church budget!

2. A special offering for the EVERY FAMILY SUBSCRIPTION PLAN

can be received on some designated Sunday. A Sunday in January or on a date convenient to the church can be selected when this offering might be held. The offerings will go toward the budget item set aside by the church for the subscriptions. Articles and announcements about this special offering or these offerings in January will be featured in our publications. The Publication Society will help every church to try to reach its offering objective.

3. Another suggested plan for financing the EVERY FAMILY SUBSCRIPTION PLAN is to encourage individual families to subscribe to their papers through the Publication Society agent or some other person designated by the church. In other words, the subscription monies will be collected by this person with the understanding that the church will provide the additional money in subscriptions for those who found it impossible to subscribe in order to make up the total number required for the plan.

4. Any other plan which the church may devise whereby the requirements of the plan have been met will also be satisfactory. This could be a combination of one or two plans, such as the church paying part of the subscription and the individual members paying for the other part.

SUBSCRIPTION LISTS

With the EVERY FAMILY SUBSCRIPTION PLAN the names and addresses of all "active family units" together with their subscription requests for the "Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote" are to be forwarded by a designated person to our Roger Williams Press. The list should be accompanied then by the check covering this amount. The church will then be assured that its entire membership is growing in the knowledge of spiritual truths and is becoming acquainted with the advance of the Gospel message everywhere. The responsibility for subscribing to our papers is not then left up to the personal desires of the individual. It becomes a God given privilege and responsibility for every member to add knowledge of these spiritual truths to the gift of salvation received through Jesus Christ.

This plan is not something new. It has worked with remarkable results by the Baptist General Conference of America (formerly Swedish Conference) in the publication of "The Standard." It is called "The Family Plan" by the Presbyterians with more than a million subscriptions to "Presbyterian Life." In a modified way it is the plan that is used to finance "Crusader" of the American Baptist Convention.

SPIRITUAL BENEFITS

We believe sincerely that it will work because of the spiritual benefits it will bring to the local church, to an increased number of readers, and to the unifying and edifying of the en-



Seven different "Baptist Herald" covers which have been in use during the past 32 years are shown in this composite picture. In the bottom row (right) you will see the 1927 faculty of our Seminary, and in the top row (right) the picture of Mrs. Paul Gebauer, Sr., mother of Missionary Paul Gebauer.

tire denominational fellowship. If given a chance, it is bound to work effectively. It can become a clear channel of the Holy Spirit's blessing in your church.

Some years ago, Dr. Farrington addressed a great Baptist gathering on "The Religious Press in America." He was on fire in his enthusiasm for our Baptist publications. "I know of nothing that impresses my soul more definitely and continuously than the fact that when God was ready to stir the world, he called a man and when that man appeared he held a writing in his hand." (Think of Martin Luther, John Bunyan and others.) "The world has never gotten away from the power of that writing, and never will."

Dr. Farrington went on to say: "I have never seen a person who reads his Bible and his denominational paper that was not a spiritual person, and not interested in every department of the Kingdom work. No war is won by

one gun. Some particular battle may be won by the prominence of one gun, but not even one battle, to say nothing of the entire war, can be fought with the communication lines broken down. And that is just how important our religious press is! It is imperative!"

In the EVERY FAMILY SUBSCRIPTION PLAN each of our publications will cost \$3.00 a year for the 26 issues, altogether featuring 624 pages of inspirational reading material. Under regular subscription rates, each paper will cost \$3.50 a year.

If the EVERY FAMILY SUBSCRIPTION PLAN is adopted and put into operation in half of our churches for five years, it is the prediction of our Publication Board that it would transform our entire denominational life. May God open our eyes to see the benefits and blessings of this plan, and then give us the energy and wisdom to do this great thing for the advancement of his work on earth.

EVERY FAMILY SUBSCRIPTION PLAN

- 100% of all "active family units" of a church must be subscribers to one or both of our publications.
(The family units are described in the accompanying article.)
- Various methods of financing this plan:
 - (1) Include the sum of money needed for the papers in the annual church budget.
 - (2) Hold a special offering for this "item" in the church budget on some designated Sunday (preferably January).
 - (3) Encourage individual families to subscribe through the Publication Society agent or some other person, and the church will pay for the remainder of the subscriptions, such as new members, etc.
 - (4) Any other plan which the church may devise whereby the requirements of the plan are met.
- Subscription rates to the "Baptist Herald"

Every Family Subscription Plan	Regular Subscription Rate
\$3.00 a Year	\$3.50 a Year

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Dr. Charles W. Koller of Chicago, Ill. (left), turns over "the reins of leadership" as president of the Association of the Presidents of American Baptist Seminaries and Training Schools to Dr. George A. Lang of Sioux Falls, S. Dak. (right), president of the North American Baptist Seminary.

Baptist Conference on Christian Higher Education



By PROF. ROY SEIBEL of Sioux Falls, South Dakota

THE AMERICAN Baptist Education Association, representing 50 Baptist colleges, seminaries, and institutions of higher education, held its second annual conference on Christian Higher Education at Green Lake, Wis., July 21-25, 1956.

BAPTIST SCHOOLS REPRESENTED

The conference was attended by 160 representatives of Baptist institutions of higher education which have a total enrollment of 35,000 students. University pastors and youth workers reach an additional 25,000 Baptist youth enrolled in state universities.

For the past ten years the presidents of American Baptist seminaries and training schools held annual conferences, with the directors of public relations meeting separately. However, to increase the effectiveness of their program the two groups with the addition of two other groups, the presidents of American Baptist Schools and Colleges and the Baptist Associates in College Work, met jointly last year and again this year.

The four groups met in sectional seminars for workshop studies of problems related to their specific fields and met jointly in plenary sessions to hear lectures and reports on subjects of common interest.

The conference wrestled with many educational problems arising out of the times in which we live making it necessary to re-evaluate the place of Christian higher education in our contemporary society. Methods and means were sought to carry on a more effective educational program under the social and economic pressure of our day.

PROVOCATIVE LECTURES

One of the features of the plenary sessions was a series of three lectures on "Fundamentals of Fund Raising" delivered by Dr. Louis Robey, vice-president of Marts and Lundy, Inc. Attention was given to this subject because of the tremendous task that America faces in providing an adequate education for the rising tide of American youth that is expected to swell the college ranks by 60 per cent within a decade and increase the college population by 100 per cent within 20 years.

The impact of this problem was felt in the declaration by Dr. George Armacost, president of the University of Redlands, Calif., that his state can ex-

pect a 250 per cent increase in college enrollment between the years, 1952 and 1970. To meet this situation he stated that one-half of the present college student body should enter the teaching profession.

In spite of the tremendous expansion of college students, the major denominations face a critical shortage of qualified and trained pastors. Ways and means were sought to combat the tremendous pressure exerted by business and industry upon our most promising youth. The conclusion was reached that the church must take the initiative in presenting the claims of Christ upon our Christian youth.

HONORS FOR DR. LANG

Dr. George A. Lang of our North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was elected president of the Association of the Presidents of American Baptist Seminaries and Training Schools to succeed Dr. Charles W. Koller, president of Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Ill.

As the four groups which comprise the American Baptist Education Association met later for a conference plenary business session, Dr. Lang was elected to the post of vice-president for the coming year.

Other officers elected were Spencer Parsons, university pastor at Harvard, as president; Wesley Haines, assistant to the president of Keuka College, New York, as secretary-treasurer; M. K. Curry, president of Bishop College, Marshall, Texas, member of the Executive Committee; and Roland V. Wells, associate executive secretary of the Board of Education of the American Baptist Convention, as the executive secretary.



Dr. Walter W. Wessel, newly appointed member of the faculty of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

A Reunion and a Birthday Celebration at St. Joseph, Mich.



By REV. AUGUST F. RUNTZ,
Superintendent of the Children's
Home, St. Joseph, Mich.

A REUNION of high school and college graduates is a common affair, but a reunion of the alumni of a Children's Home is something rare. Such was the reunion of some of those who had lived in the Children's Home at St. Joseph, Mich., during the 21 years that the Rev. and Mrs. H. Steiger managed the Home (1922-1943).

Because the Home is soon to cease operation, and since it might be the last time they could freely roam through the grounds and the buildings, and perhaps because it would be the last time they could be guests of the Home, these former children, some coming from great distances, and those living in this area met here in St. Joseph on August 18th for a wonderful reunion. Of course, they all brought their families!

ALUMNI REMINISCENCES

What a great time they had! Everywhere one could hear the familiar expression as some husband or wife told each other's helpmeet and their children, "This is the room where I used to sleep," or, "This is a chore that I used to do." There was happiness and laughter as the children ran through the halls and up and down the stairs. Some of the men, especially, were amazed at the way the shade trees had grown since the time they had lived in the Home. Some of these had been planted by the late "Pa" Steiger, others by the Rev. Frank Goergens, who brought "the family" from Kentucky to St. Joseph in 1916.

On Saturday noon the nearby Kiwanis Playground was the scene of the reunion's big picnic. This is located near the Home and is a place of many happy memories. Right next to it is the "clay" hill, where so many items were "found" as they went back and forth to school. Although it was a rainy day, it could not dampen the spirits of the group as they gathered about the tables.



A wonderful and memorable picture showing Mrs. H. Steiger (center) on her 80th birthday, former matron of our Children's Home, St. Joseph, Mich., with 24 of "her children," alumni of the Home, now splendid, fine looking men and women who came back to St. Joseph for this "final reunion."

On Saturday evening 24 former "children" of the Home with their families and special guests, making a total of about 60, sat down to a sumptuous banquet. Then came a time for reminiscences. There was many a laugh as one after the other told of some incident, perhaps even embarrassing, in which they had played a part.

80th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Then came the big moment for "Ma" Steiger who was celebrating her 80th birthday. A large, beautifully decorated birthday cake was brought in and set before the guest of honor. All joined in singing, "Happy Birthday to You." For Mother's Day the Alumni, as they call themselves, had given her a television set, and now they presented her with a check for \$100. Rev. L. H. Broeker also presented her with a check from the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Michigan. Then it was Mrs. Steiger's turn, and she could tell some stories on the youngsters, too!

During the 21 years that the Rev. and Mrs. H. Steiger were in the Home, they rendered a fine ministry in bringing up "the orphans" of our churches. To Mr. Charles Bradley and Mrs. Hulda K. Smith, sister to Mrs. Steiger, who now makes her home with Mrs. Steiger, goes the credit for making this gathering a success. May God be good to "Ma" Steiger in the sunset years of her life!

HARVEST AND MISSION FESTIVAL for All Sunday Schools

Observance on Sunday, Oct. 14, 1956
Program and recitation material
has been sent to all churches.

All Harvest Mission Festival offerings are to be sent to NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST HEAD-QUARTERS, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

ATTEND TO READING

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book to your personal library to be used again and again with a deep sense of gratitude to the author as your "personal friend."

TOGETHER WE PRAISE HIM. By Florence C. Brillhart. (Fleming H. Revell Co.) 144 pages. \$2.00.

This book is designed to help women's organizations achieve a high level of inspiration and to provide interesting material for public speakers and Sunday School teachers. Built around interest centers, such as a rose, a candle, vegetables, salt and pepper shakers, the 32 devotional themes are developed with stories about remarkable people, practical techniques for deeper spiritual adventures, varied musical arrangements and brief, penetrating prayers. These devotional messages will arouse a happy and delightful awareness of God for the speaker and also in the hearts of the listeners. It's a book that can be highly recommended to all officers and program leaders of our women's organizations.

COME, LET US ADORE HIM. By Virginia Ely. (Fleming H. Revell Co.) 159 pages. \$2.00.

This book of worship services presents 52 well-rounded programs on a great variety of themes. It is an effective "springboard" for all kinds of programs. Leaders can use the material exactly as it appears. All the programs can be shortened or lengthened. Again portions of many programs can be used in combination with others. The versatility of its material, the freshness of the programs, the devotional atmosphere and Scriptural content of the worship services make this a most helpful book for every church leader and pastor as well as for every Christian who desires a deepening of his spiritual life.

1957 Yearbook of American Churches

Latest Official Statistics Released on Sept. 15, 1956

FOR THE FIRST TIME in the nation's history church members in the United States number more than 100,000,000.

Continuing an upsurge that goes back to World War II, church membership gains in the past year again outstripped population gains. There are 2.8 per cent more church members as against 1.8 per cent more people.

Other notable gains shown in new annual statistics on America's religious life include:

Sunday School enrollments—up 3.4 per cent for a new total of nearly 39,000,000.

Local churches—305,449, representing an increase of 5,393 or 1.8 per cent.

Pastors with charges—222,018, a substantial gain of 8,051.

Per capita contributions—\$48.81 annually, up 7 per cent.

The latest annual compilation of the Yearbook of American Churches, published Sept 15, shows there are now 100,162,529 church members of all faiths in the United States. In the previous year the total was 97,482,611.

Of the 100,000,000-plus with religious affiliation, 58,448,000 are Protestant, 33,396,000 are Roman Catholic, and 5,500,000 are Jewish. In addition, there are 2,386,000 members of Eastern Orthodox Churches in this country.

Translated into percentages, the grand total shows that 60.9 per cent of Americans belong to churches, the highest percentage on record. By comparison, it was 57 per cent in 1950, 49 per cent in 1940, and 36 per cent in 1900. One hundred years ago, in an age popularly considered to be devout, less than 20 per cent of Americans belonged to a church.

THRIVING SUNDAY SCHOOLS

To complete the membership picture, a record total of 38,921,033 Americans, mostly children and youths, are enrolled in Sunday or Sabbath Schools. Slightly more than 3,000,000 of the total are teachers and officers who work on a voluntary basis. The new complete enrollment figure represents a gain of 1,297,503, or 3.4 per cent over the previous year. Protestant churches, which traditionally have emphasized Sunday Schools in their program, report about 93 per cent of the total enrollment.

Churches to accommodate the mounting number of worshippers now number 305,449—up from 300,056 the year before. While 5,393 new churches are reported, many of the established ones have been enlarged for greater accommodations. This accounts for the \$736,000,000 spent during the year for new construction—an all-time record.

To minister to the record number of American church members there are now at least 222,018 pastors with active charges, compared to 213,167 the year before. The new total of ordained persons, with or without charges, is 353,695. The figure was 342,422 the year before.

And to provide financial support to the religious enterprise, members of 41 church bodies reporting, contributed \$48.81 each over the year (\$45.63 the previous year) for an increase of 7 per cent.

Forty-nine denominations—all Protestant—reported receipts of \$1,687,921,729, which is 9.3 per cent more than the year before. Thus contributions in these bodies increased at a rate three times greater than that of membership. Other church bodies do not make stewardship and benevolence figures available, but informed estimates indicate the total for all faiths to be well above \$2,000,000,000 annually.

AMERICA'S RELIGIOUS LIFE

The new church membership figures are based on official reports furnished by 258 religious bodies of the 268 listed in the Yearbook—the nation's only authoritative source of religious statistics of all faiths. Most of these bodies are small in numbers. The compilation shows that more than 98 per cent of all members are concentrated in 82 religious bodies. Going further, over 96 per cent are members of 53 church bodies.

The data covers the calendar year 1955, for the most part.

"There is no doubt that the latest information offers fresh statistical evidence of increased interest in religion in the United States," declared Dr. Benson Y. Landis, editor of the Yearbook of American Churches. "But figures alone cannot tell how deep this interest goes or whether the nation is actually undergoing a spiritual reawakening. More members, new churches, gains in contributions—these are all good signs. But they are not conclusive," he said.

The relative strength of Protestant

A GOLDEN ILLUSTRATION

When an artist was asked to paint a picture of a dying church, he did not depict a small congregation in a ruined building. Rather he showed a stately edifice, with a rich pulpit, organ, and beautiful windows. But in the porch there was hung a small box, with the words above it, "Collection for Foreign Missions." And just where the contributions should have gone, the slit was blocked by a cobweb.

and Roman Catholic church bodies remains the same this year as it has over past generations. Today 35.5 per cent of Americans are members of Protestant churches; 20.3 per cent are Roman Catholic. In 1950 the percentage ratio was 33.8 to 18.9; in 1940 it was 28.7 to 16.1. In the mid-1920's, 27 per cent of Americans were Protestant and 16 per cent Roman Catholic.

The different faiths have different ways of defining a member. Protestant churches in general count as members only those who have attained full membership, and all but a small minority of these are 13 years of age or over. The Roman Catholic Church counts all baptized persons, including infants. In the Jewish faith members are defined as all Jews in communities having congregations.

PROTESTANT MEMBERSHIP

(The membership of major Protestant groups is listed below. Figures given in parenthesis following the name indicate the number of member bodies reporting in the group.)

Baptist (27 bodies)18,793,097
Methodist (22 bodies)11,784,060
Lutheran (19 bodies) 7,059,593
Presbyterian (10 bodies) 3,860,686
Latter Day Saints (6 bodies) 1,372,640

The largest single Protestant church body is the Methodist Church with 9,292,046 members. The Southern Baptist Convention is next with 8,467,439; and the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., is third with 4,557,416 members.

A SOWER WENT FORTH

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2. It inspires us. The reading of God's printed Word, or the interpretation and application of it by the editorials or contributed articles are real spiritual blessings. And blessed are they who, by the articles which they contribute, share their treasures with the readers of our publications.

3. It challenges us, as it brings the stories of our mission fields in our own land and in foreign countries. The missionaries in all these fields are our representatives. It is up to all of us to stand by them with our deepest interest in their work, with our sympathy in their tribulations, with our daily prayers, and with our sacrificial contributions to their support.

Thinking of this ministry of the printed word, we have already changed the word "The" to "Our." Let all of us still make another important change, making it "My" ministry instead of "Our," and let each of us earnestly try to get out of this ministry all we can for ourselves, and put into it all we can for others!

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke

Oct. 7 (Sunday)—Harvest Mission Festival, First Baptist Church, Dickinson County, Kansas.

Oct. 10-11—General Commission on Chaplains, Washington, D. C.

Oct. 14 (Sunday)—Visiting California Church Extension projects.

Oct. 19-21—Pacific Northwest Association, Arthur St. Church, Spokane, Washington.

Rev. R. Schilke

Oct. 7 (Sunday)—Harvest Mission Festival, Herreid, South Dakota.

Oct. 14 (Sunday)—Harvest Mission Festival, Pound, Wisconsin.

Oct. 20-21—New England Association, Rock Hill Church, Boston, Massachusetts.

Rev. J. C. Gunst

Oct. 5 (Friday)—Dedication of new addition to Home for the Aged, Bismarck, North Dakota.

Oct. 7 (Sunday)—Harvest Mission Festival, Ashley, North Dakota.

Oct. 14 (Sunday)—Dedication of Temple Church, Medicine Hat, Alta., Canada.

Oct. 15—Victoria Ave. Church, Sask., Canada.

Oct. 16—Faith Church, Regina, Saskatchewan.

Oct. 17—Southey, Sask., Canada.

Oct. 18—Nokomis, Sask., Canada.

Oct. 19—Jansen, Sask., Canada.

Oct. 20—Saskatoon, Sask., Canada.

Oct. 21 (Sunday)—Harvest Mission Festival, Fenwood, Sask., Canada.

Rev. G. K. Zimmerman

Oct. 7 (Sunday)—Harvest Mission Festival, Underwood, N. Dak.

Oct. 14 (Sunday)—Harvest Mission Festival, Temple Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Oct. 21 (Sunday)—Harvest Mission Festival, Bethany Church, Vesper, Kansas.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner

Oct. 7 (Sunday A.M.)—Northside Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Oct. 7-9—South Dakota Association at Parkston, South Dakota.

Oct. 14 (Sunday)—Rededication of church building, Trenton, Illinois.

Oct. 19-21—Tenth anniversary program, Underwood, North Dakota.

CHRISTIAN WORKERS CONFERENCES

in
EASTERN CONFERENCE CHURCHES

Oct. 15—Central Church, Erie, Pa. (Open Bible Tabernacle invited.)

Oct. 16—Munson, Pa.

Oct. 17—Pittsburgh, Pa. (Arnold Church invited.)

Oct. 18—Bethel Church, Buffalo, N. Y. (Temple Church invited.)

Oct. 19—Rochester, N. Y. (Folsomdale Church invited.)

Oct. 21—Killaloe, Ontario. (Neighborhood churches invited.)

OCTOBER CONVENTIONS

Oct. 7-9—SOUTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION at Parkston, S. Dak. Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Guest Speaker.

Oct. 8-10—IOWA ASSOCIATION at Buffalo Center, Iowa.

Oct. 15-17—KANSAS ASSOCIATION at Ellinwood, Kansas. Prof. Roy Seibel, Guest Speaker.

Oct. 18-21—PACIFIC NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION at Spokane, Wash. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Guest Speaker.

Oct. 20-21—NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION at Rock Hill Church, Boston, Mass. Rev. R. Schilke, Guest Speaker.

Oct. 22-24—SASKATCHEWAN ASSOCIATION at Ebenezer, Sask. Rev. J. C. Gunst, Guest Speaker.

Oct. 25-27—OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION at Immanuel Church, Loyal, Oklahoma.

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INFORMATION WANTED

Gustaf Mildes, born Dec. 6, 1914, near Kiew, Russia, is trying to locate his uncles, Gustaf and Wilhelm Mildes, who came to the United States in 1904 and 1905, respectively. The last contact was in 1927 when these two lived in the state of Washington. Gustaf had a daughter Margaret, born 1914, and Wilhelm had at least one son, Emil, born 1912. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the above, kindly write to Mrs. Ida Laser, 600 Garfield St., Winnipeg, Man., Canada. H. J. Waltereit, Correspondent.

Spice of Life

Old lady to little girl left in charge of bake shop: "And don't you feel tempted to eat some of the cookies, my dear?"

Little girl: "No, I just lick them."

"So you desire to become my son-in-law?"

"No, I don't, but if I marry your daughter I can't get out of it."

The five children were huddled around the television set watching their favorite program when mother stuck her head in the door.

"Who knows the difference between a head of cabbage and a lemon?" she asked.

"I do," answered Tom.

"Then get your hat and coat," said mother, "I'm sending you to the store for groceries."

"Son," said his father sadly, "after four years of college, you're nothing but a loafer and a nuisance. I can't think of one good thing it has done for you."

The son was silent for a moment. Then he said timidly:

"Well, I cured Ma of bragging about me."

During the last war, an irate woman saw a healthy-looking farm boy milking a cow. "Why aren't you up at the front?" she demanded.

"Because the milk is at this end," he replied.

A girl was driving in her new car when something went wrong with the engine. The traffic light changed from green to red and back to green and still she could not get the car to budge. The traffic cop came up. "What's the matter, miss?" he inquired. "Ain't we got colors you like?"

A distinguished clergyman was invited by a Women's Institute to address them on "China." He admitted knowing little about the subject, but said he would read up on it, and spent several evenings preparing a talk on the background and possible consequences of the present Chinese situation. Just before the meeting began, he asked the president why China had been chosen for a topic.

"Well," she replied, "we're having an exhibition of old china afterwards and thought your subject should be in keeping with it."

"I'm afraid this bed is not long enough for you," said the landlord to a seven-foot guest.

"Never mind; I'll add two more feet to it when I get in."

We...the Women

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

INTRODUCTION

We are thankful to Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, for our article today. Again it proves to us how thankful we can be that he was able to visit our Cameroons mission field and thus share with us the first hand information that he observed while there. Surely, we can thereby know what our missionaries are doing.

As you read this, can't you see them not only busy with their daily schedule, but also testing their physical strength to its end to meet the unexpected events?

Can't you picture them as they bid their children good-bye and send them at very young ages away to school? Won't you put yourself in their places? Most of us have a hard time to see ours go away to high school and college.

Surely, our missionaries are giving their best for the work that God has called them to do. Does our support in prayer, tithes, and offerings make it easier for them? Are we giving our best?

DUTIES OF A MISSIONARY'S WIFE AT BAMENDA

Edited by REV. R. SCHILKE

"It was a busy month." She always said that, but this time there were added duties. Walter, ten years old, was ill in bed most of the month. With his recovery his mother became a bit more free, but not enough to find sufficient time to answer the many personal letters which were filling her drawer at the side of her desk.

The official correspondence of her husband, whose personal secretary she is, takes all the time she can muster. To that have been added many other duties. Mrs. Paul Gebauer is a missionary, the wife of a missionary who happens to be Field Superintendent of our Cameroons Mission, Manager of Bamenda Field Station with its churches and schools and at the time also acting Supervisor of Schools within the Cameroons Baptist Mission.

Mrs. Gebauer has so many tasks that she fears she cannot do any of them well. There are tasks about which, she confesses, she knows little. But she is assured that God will bless her efforts if she does the best she knows how. As missionaries they have been alone on their station at Bamenda, she and her husband, and so all tasks of various phases become theirs to do. As Field Superintendent, Station Manager and Acting Supervisor of Schools, her husband has had the job of three men to do,

and as usual he did it without losing his head. To lose in it his health may be another question.

As personal secretary to her husband it is her lot to type the many letters which his correspondence with his home office and the field require. As Station Manager's wife she is charged with the women's work which consists mainly of the weekly women's meetings, an all morning session of devotions, hygiene and domestic classes.

Miss Eleanor Schulert was staying with her for a week, and one morning joined her and two African deaconesses in visiting a new mother in town. Customarily the women folk on both sides of the family take over the delivery and make quite a fuss over the mother for several weeks. The woman on whom they called that morning had been deserted by her family in her time of need for the reason that her husband had not paid all the dowry. How important is such a village visitation, but Mrs. Gebauer has to give up most of it in order to do the many other tasks that she might do more village visitation through which the vital contact is maintained.

Since Bamenda Station has no single missionary to manage the schools, as some other stations have, Mrs. Gebauer also has to assume the duties of supervising the elementary school, teaching the domestic science class in the school, directing the adult literary classes, and holding teachers' meetings.

The Sunday School has also become her responsibility. It was in need of general supervision and so she had to give up teaching the women's class in order to be free to observe the African teachers. The deacon of the church had to take over the teaching of this class of about 35 women. He did it very reluctantly at first. Later, as Mrs. Gebauer would sometimes listen in, she was amazed to find how well he carried on and how aptly he applied Christianity to the everyday problems. This observation convinced her that even more and greater responsibility should be given to the African.

Bamenda Station is Mission Headquarters and situated on the crossroad of the Cameroons. That fact also makes Mrs. Gebauer the official hostess for the Mission. There is a constant stream of stranded tourists, scientists, journalists, and missionaries: sometimes for meals, sometimes only for a cup of tea, sometimes for overnight. As many as six beds are held in readiness most of the time. Hospitality is more than a virtue. It

becomes a necessity in this land where hotels are still a strange commodity.

That same year the school for missionary children could not be held. This meant that as mother she also became teacher of her two children, Anne and Walter. With the many other duties this task became an impossibility. The children were left too much to themselves to work out their lessons as best they could. They also grew up where companionship with other children of like age was most desirable. At first Anne was sent to the American Presbyterian School in the French Cameroons, and a year later Walter was also sent there. It was not an easy decision to send the children to a strange school in a strange land among strangers.

Mrs. Gebauer longs to have the time to concentrate on a few tasks and do them well. But that time will not come until more of the responsibilities can be turned over to the African. More stress is therefore laid on training the African for leadership. Where such training has been given, it is a joy to see them take over and to take the work assigned to them seriously. In church and school these responsibilities are gradually transferred. Growth is evident everywhere.

For the many tasks Mrs. Gebauer needs our prayers that God might give strength for the day whatever that day may hold. In praying for her, we will want to pray for all the missionaries who have their particular duties in their respective fields. God bless them all!

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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every Christian to teach by precept, by example, and by influence. If the Gospel is worth receiving, it is worth giving. Dr. Frank Laubach, one of God's great saints, said that he must talk about God or he cannot keep him in his mind. He must constantly be giving him away or he cannot keep him. The prophet speaks of the consequences of neglecting to warn the wicked (Ezek. 3:18), and Jesus speaks of judgment in no uncertain terms upon those who bury their talent (Matt. 25:28-30).

PLUM CREEK CHURCH

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that God may give us many more converts in this next year and that each one may be found faithful to the very end.

On Sunday evening, July 29, the young people of the Plum Creek Baptist Church gave a three-act play entitled, "The Sacrifice." A mission offering was received which amounted to \$112.50 for our Japanese mission project. This play was also given at our young people's camp held at Camp Riverside near Mitchell, South Dakota. This proved to be a great climax to a week of camp activities.

Mrs. Vernon Janssen, Reporter.

C.B.Y. Fellowship

By REV. LAWRENCE BIENERT, General Secretary

SET UP YOUR PROGRAMS NOW

September brought with it a renewed emphasis in our church program. The church and all of its organizations will have made adequate plans for the months to come. The youth department is no exception. Your "Youth Compasses" were mailed out early to aid you in setting up your programs for the months ahead. If you have not ordered your fall issues of "Youth Compass," you may still do so at your earliest convenience. This issue contains some very worth-while Bible studies, a short play on stewardship, a thought-provoking program on Science and the Bible, a Youth Week program, as well as ideas for library books, visual aids, religious plays, along with other challenging programs. The subscription price is only \$1.00 per year.

NEW THEME FOR 1956-1957

Posters announcing our theme for 1956-1957 have been mailed to all CBYF presidents and pastors. If you did not receive your copy, it may be because we do not have the name of your president on our mailing list. You may write for your free copy of this poster.

The theme for all North American Baptist young people for this coming year is "THAT I MAY KNOW HIM." This theme is based upon the words found in our key verse, Philippians 3:10. We feel that this theme has a great challenge for all of us. It should be the earnest desire of each one of us to know Christ better through prayer, Bible study, fellowship, and service. We want to know more of his power, his suffering, his holiness and all of his other attributes. To know him is to love him.

The theme song, "That I May Know Him," is found in only a few of the chorus books. Therefore we want to make it available to you in printed form as soon as we receive permission from the copyright owner.

In thinking of this great theme, THAT I MAY KNOW HIM, we all wish that we might see his face as the disciples of old did. Not having that sacred privilege, we gather our mental picture of our Christ through the word portraits as set forth in the Gospels and also through the eyes of the artist as he sets down on canvas what the eye of his soul sees.

The picture which is used on our poster this year is the painting by a deaf artist, Signe E. Larson of Lins-

borg, Kansas. The picture was first of all known as "The Christ of the Lord's Prayer" but is now called "Thy Kingdom Come." Here is a picture that avoids the suggestion of femininity so common in other pictures and emphasizes the masculinity of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The story of the picture itself is thrilling, largely because of the person who produced it, and the circumstances out of which it was born. Refer to the story of this picture as found in the July 17, 1952 issue of the "Baptist Herald." An inspiring and worth-while youth program could center around the story of this picture of our Lord.

CAMP QUESTIONNAIRES

A number of the camp questionnaires have already been returned to our office, but there are a few camps we have not heard from as yet. We urge all of you to check to see if your questionnaire has been mailed to us. The information which we receive in this way is very valuable to us. Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

STUDENTS AT SCHOOL

We are asking all pastors to send us the names and addresses of young people who are away from home attending college, Bible school or Seminary. Churches which are located in educational centers like to plan for student receptions for our young people. We can help to introduce these young people to our churches by supplying names and addresses of those at school. A special letter with the request for this information has also been sent to your pastor.

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100 persons is located one-fourth mile east of the permanent church site on Magnolia Road between Orange Ave. and Ball Road. It has been announced that construction will soon begin on the educational unit and auditorium. This is a Church Extension project of the church and of the North American Baptist General Conference. A contribution of \$1,000 toward this project was made by Mr. Eugene Bressler of Anaheim, Calif., and another contribution of \$500 by Mr. William Knott, the owner of the famous Knott Berry Farm. Rev. B. Jacksteit is pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church.

TO EDIFY AND UNIFY

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difficulty of their task has been increased by the sudden passing of our business manager, the Rev. Elmer J. Baumgartner.

The position of business manager is in some ways a very trying and certainly a very challenging one. A combination of business and spiritual acumen are required to meet the problems and to anticipate the needs of our denomination in this field.

Two of the outstanding leaders who have held this position passed away this past year. In addition to Brother Baumgartner as mentioned above, God also called Mr. Henry P. Donner to his heavenly home. Brother Donner preceded Brother Baumgartner as our business manager, serving for some 30 years. Their work lives on, however, even as others step in to do their tasks.

Thus our Publication Society carries on "edifying and unifying" our churches through the printed word!

CHURCH PUBLICATIONS

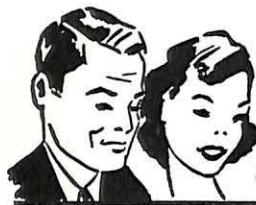
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and vocabulary of the writer eventually becomes the language and vocabulary of the reader. Surely a growing vocabulary is a valuable asset to any person who is interested in witnessing for the Lord, whether it is witnessing to our children, to Sunday School classes or to the salesmen coming to our door.

5. Reading our church publications is a means of widening our acquaintances throughout the church. After reading and enjoying the articles or poems written by a certain person, we can't help getting a good idea of what that person is like. Some of our writers seem like good friends of mine because I've enjoyed their articles so many times.

6. I can say that our church publications have greatly helped me to grow toward a more rounded Christian life. I am grateful to men of the past who saw the value of printing Christian literature periodically and also to those who are putting long hours of real work into our literature today. May the Lord continue to bless them as they look to him for guidance and wisdom to publish that which will be to the strengthening of the church.

Let us be good stewards by faithfully subscribing to our publications and keeping up the payments. But let us not feel it is the proper thing to do and then stack our literature in the magazine rack and, eventually, on the trash pile without reaping any spiritual benefit from it. It would be a great benefit to each one of us to heed the advice given to Timothy by the Apostle Paul, "Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine" (1 Tim. 4:13).



Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: October 14, 1956

Theme: THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17.

THE CENTRAL TRUTH: We must always remember that God has not only given us his laws to keep us from harming our neighbor, but also to keep our neighbor from harming us.

INTRODUCTION: Every God-fearing person will avoid a community in which there is much lawlessness. We want protection; we want security; we want peace. The lowest level of justice is found in any nation of whom it is said, "Every man did that which was right in his own eyes" (Judges 21:25). There must be a higher standard in which it can be said, "And Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord" (1 Kings 15:11).

Those nations whose judicial systems are most closely patterned and built upon the Ten Commandments are the nations in which its citizens have the best protection and the most freedom. The more reverence people have for the laws of God, the more respect they will have for the laws of the land. Someone must be in authority of God and let him control your life?

The Israelites were getting out of control. Moses could not do it in his own power, and the wonderful revelation on Mount Sinai kept the Israelites in a right relationship with God and with one another.

It is interesting to note that Cecil B. DeMille is filming a new reproduction of the Ten Commandments. It is a tribute to the historical accuracy and the reality of Israel and Moses at Mount Sinai. We hope all those who participate in it, as well as those who will see it, will realize that these commandments came from God, and that they were never repealed.

I. THE COMMANDMENTS AND OUR RELATIONSHIP TO GOD. Exodus 20:3-11.

We judge the laws by the lawmaker. A despotic ruler will usually make unreasonable demands based on selfishness and greed. His primary aim is to subjugate his people, giving them few rights and very little freedom. The result is that he receives resentment and hate instead of the respect and love he demands. Many of the rulers of Israel made the yoke of the people grievous (1 Kings 12:4). Jesus also condemned the laws of the scribes and Pharisees which were "heavy and grievous to be borne" (Matt. 23:4).

God, on the other hand, can demand love and honor and worship because his laws are just and reasonable. John

tells us that "his commandments are not grievous." Even the pious Psalmist could say, "Oh, how I love thy law" (Psalm 119:97). It is easy to love the law when you love the Law-giver. Our relationship to God depends upon whether we put him first in our lives, whether we honor and respect his Name, and whether we take time in our busy week to lay all aside and worship him.

II. THE COMMANDMENTS AND OUR RELATIONSHIP TO EACH OTHER. Exodus 20:12-17.

Our first relationship is the relationship between parents and children. This commandment is of primary importance because our years of training, discipline and cooperation will affect our attitude toward the subsequent commandments. There is much truth in the Biblical proverb, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6). Murder, unfaithfulness, stealing, lying, and covetousness are sins which are committed primarily by those who have seen and experienced them in the home. We can be sure that when God said, "Honor thy father and mother," he expected them to be examples in word and in deed so that they might be worthy of honor.

All the tensions in the world today, all the crime, vice and delinquency can be directly attributed to the breaking of God's commandment. No substitute for obedience to God's commandments can cure the ills of the world.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: October 21, 1956

Theme: GOD'S COMMISSION TO ISRAEL

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 20-25.

THE CENTRAL TRUTH: God's truth must have a far-reaching effect, beginning with our individual lives, our homes, our nation, and our posterity.

INTRODUCTION: Every real leader feels it his solemn duty, before he passes on, to leave some parting words of instruction, advice and comfort. The Book of Deuteronomy is Moses' "Farewell Speech" to the children of Israel. He gives a wonderful summary of the basic laws that had previously

EDITOR OF LESSONS

The editor of this Sunday School page is Rev. Bruno Schreiber of Oak Park, Illinois, a deacon and Sunday School teacher in the Forest Park Baptist Church.

been given to the Israelites. It is an exalted interpretation and an instructive elaboration on the Ten Commandments. If it was all given at one service, it must have lasted a good many hours. For a man who gave the excuse that he was not eloquent, slow of speech and slow of tongue (Exodus 4:10), it was all the more surprising. But God can help us overcome our handicaps if we obey him.

Perhaps we can refer to Deuteronomy as Moses' great commission to the Israelites. It was primarily a promise of blessing for obedience or punishment for disobedience. The Great Commission of Jesus, however (Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 1:8), was a promise of his power and of his presence. It was based, not merely on instruction on how to keep his commandments, but on power to do his commandments.

I. GOD'S COMMISSION IS BASED ON OBEDIENCE. Deut. 6:1-3.

We often sing the song, "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord; I'll say what you want me to say; I'll do what you want me to do." But often the song is only a number on the church bulletin as part of the worship service and not a reality in our everyday living. Moses was anxious that the Law of God should be obeyed, and not merely read and recited. When they come into the possession of the land, which was described as a land of milk and honey, he realized the danger that material possession had on obedience to God. Lip service is never accepted by God unless it is backed up by the service of our hearts, our minds, our strength and our possessions.

II. GOD'S COMMISSION IS BASED ON LOVE. Deut. 6:4-6.

Love is, first of all, a process of elimination. The vow that is taken by the lovers in the marriage ceremony is a vow of elimination: "To love, honor and keep, in sickness and in health; and FORSAKING ALL OTHERS..." This was the requirement of the first commandment—that the children of Israel forsake all other gods and accept Jehovah as one God, and to concentrate all the love of their heart and soul and strength on him. This was the testimony of the first disciples of Christ, "They forsook all and followed him" (Lk. 5:11).

III. GOD'S COMMISSION IS BASED ON TEACHING. Deut. 6:7-9, 20-25.

"Thou shalt teach them diligently." Over two hundred times the Bible speaks of "teach" or "teaching." It is one of the greatest responsibilities of

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What's Happening

● The Third German Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba, has announced that its pastor, Rev. H. Herrmann, has presented his resignation to the church effective Sept. 16th. He has served the church as its minister since 1954. The congregation, composed largely of immigrants and refugees from Germany, is considering the calling of a new pastor as soon as possible.

● The Harbor Trinity Baptist Church of Costa Mesa, Calif., has extended a call to Mr. William Acton to become its first full-time pastor to which he has responded favorably. He began his ministry at the church in August 1956. The Harbor Trinity Church was recognized by sister North American Baptist Churches on June 7th. Mr. Acton is well known in our California circles, and at present plans are being made by the church for his ordination.

● On Sunday evening, July 1st, the East Olds Baptist Church, Olds, Alta., Canada, held a reception for its new pastor, Rev. H. Pohl, and his family. Mr. Weidman, deacon, was in charge of the service. Welcoming messages were given by representatives of all the church's organizations. Special numbers were rendered by the young people. A hearty response was given by Mr. and Mrs. Pohl. The pleasant evening was concluded with a fellowship hour.

● Rev. Martin Gigseder has resigned as pastor of the Baptist Church at Salzburg, Austria, and announced that he has accepted the appointment as director of the Baptist Youth Camp at St. Gilgen, Austria. This is a camp sponsored by the Youth Committee of the Baptist World Alliance and the Baptist Federation of Europe. It is hoped that this camp will be an outstanding youth center for all Baptist young people on the continent of Europe. It has great promise for the future!

● On Sunday evening, Aug. 12, the CBY Fellowship of the Baptist Church, Leola, S. Dak., presented a missionary program, featuring the dialogue, "Converting Dad to Missions," recitations, several choir numbers and other vocal selections. A second dialogue, "Darkness to Light," told an effective missionary story from India. The offering was \$50. About 160 people attended the program, as reported by Eileen Albrecht, CBY secretary. Rev. A. E. Reeh is pastor of the Eureka Baptist Church and its mission station at Leola.

● On August 1st the supervision of schools on the Cameroons Mission field in West Africa became the responsibility of Rev. G. Ben Lawrence. Dr. Paul Gebauer, field superintendent, reported that "this assignment includes care for the American school at Belo, our concern for the Bali college and supervision of the Elementary Training Center at Soppo, in other words, our complete educational program." His title is that of Supervisor of Schools (SOS). Late in July Miss Ida Forsch left the Ndu field and her educational assignment there to serve on the Elementary Training Center staff at Soppo beginning with Aug. 1st.

● The first Sunday services at the Lincoln Village Church Extension project near Stockton, Calif., were held on August 19th. The attendance was 20 for Sunday School, 27 for morning worship and 17 for the evening service. The pastor, Rev. Orville H. Meth, reported: "The Lord has wonderfully opened the door so that we were able to move into a store at the 'Lincoln Center' shopping district." Twelve Friday evening meetings were held previously in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Meth but without much success. An illustrated article about these encouraging developments at the Lincoln Village Church will appear in a forthcoming issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● The reception for Rev. and Mrs. John J. Kroeker by the Zion Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., was held on Sunday evening, July 29, with Mr. Brenner, church moderator, in charge. Greetings were extended by the pastors of sister churches of Milwaukee: Rev. Wilmer Quiring, Bethany Church; Rev. R. Woyke, Temple Church; Mr. Monroe Roth, Immanuel Church; and also by Dr. Ezra Roth of the Wisconsin State Convention. Rev. John Wessel of the local church brought brief greetings in German and led in prayer. On the following Sunday Mr. Kroeker received 23 new members into the church's fellowship, making the total membership of the church 175.

● On Sunday morning, August 12, at the Upper Bay Baptist Church, Santa Ana Heights, Calif., the guest speaker was Rev. Eric Kuhn of Alpena, Mich., who spoke on the topic, "A Sower Went Forth to Sow." Mr. L. Ray Moor, reporter, stated that "Brother Kuhn's message was joyfully received by the congregation. We were happy to have one of our Central Conference pastors visit the newly organized Upper Bay Baptist Church, a product of the Church Extension Program of our

General Conference." After the evening service the members of the church surprised their pastor, Rev. Fred David, and his family, with a pantry shower.

● During June the Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., enjoyed the supply ministry of Mr. Ed. Hohn of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He did extensive Sunday School and Vacation Bible School visitation and assisted in conducting one of the most successful Bible Schools ever held in the Riverview Church, as reported by Rev. A. Donald Ganstrom, pastor. There was an enrollment of 110 pupils with an average attendance of 82. The mission offering by the children was \$96.37 with an additional offering at the closing program of \$57 making a total for missions of \$153.37. The material used centered around the theme, "Adventuring with Christ."

● On July 8th the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, celebrated the 8th anniversary of its pastor, Rev. Edwin Miller. This included his ministry at the mother church, Erin Ave. Church of Cleveland. At the close of the quarterly business meeting, Mr. Joseph Ludwig in behalf of the church presented \$1,100 to Mr. Miller toward the purchase of a new Oldsmobile car. The Parma Heights church is now engaged in the "Christian Life" Sunday School contest, ending Nov. 17, 1956. Its objective is a 200 per cent increase in enrollment, making a total of over 600, if the objective is attained. Mr. Carl Guenther, Jr., is the Sunday School superintendent.

● Mr. Jake Derman has resigned as missionary to the Indians on the Montana Reserve near Hobbema, Alta., Canada. It was announced in a recent issue of the "Baptist Herald" that Mr. and Mrs. Derman were going to the Bull Reserve as the new missionaries. As a result of Mr. Derman's resignation, some changes in placement have been made. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Maier are now the new missionaries on the Bull Reserve near Wetaskiwin, Alberta. Plans are being made for new missionary appointees for the Montana Reserve. Rev. and Mrs. R. Neuman and their family have gone to the Muscowpetung Reserve of Saskatchewan. The new address of Mr. and Mrs. Derman appears elsewhere in this issue.

● The opening service of our Church Extension project at Anaheim, Calif., to be known as the Magnolia Baptist Church was held on a Sunday in August at the Community Hall. Rev. Kenneth L. Fischer, formerly director of Christian Education at the Bethel Church of Anaheim and the organizing pastor of the new church, spoke on "The Lift That Lasts." Community Hall with a seating capacity for over

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Our Denomination in ACTION

Eastern Conference

New Pastor Called and Vacation Bible School at Baptist Church, Neustadt, Ontario

The First Baptist Church of Neustadt, Ont., Canada, has called Mr. Henry G. Ramus of Arnprior, Ont., now assistant pastor of the Oak Street Church, Burlington, Iowa, to become its pastor to which a favorable response has been given. He will begin his ministry in Neustadt on Nov. 4, succeeding Rev. George A. McLean who will retire from the active ministry. Mr. McLean has served the Neustadt Church since Nov. 1949. Mr. Ramus is a graduate of the 1956 class of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A week of Vacation Bible School was held from July 30 to August 3. Over 20 children attended. The Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Ronald Helwig, was in charge, assisted by Mrs. J. Schnurr, Mrs. Arthur Jennsen, and Misses Unice Derbecken, Joyce Aikins, and Mrs. Harold Lamont.

R. Hahn, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Anniversary Program of Woman's Missionary Society, Immanuel Church Near Loyal, Oklahoma

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Immanuel Baptist Church near Loyal, Okla., held its anniversary program on Sunday evening, August 5, with members of the Zion Church of Okeene as our guests. Words of welcome were spoken by our president, Mrs. Eleon Sandau, after which musical selections were rendered. Reports were also given by the secretary and treasurer.

It was our privilege to have Mr. Raymond Castro, missionary to the Spanish-Americans at Rio Grande City, Texas, as our guest speaker. His message was a blessing to everyone present.

In our society we have an enrollment of 25 members. We held twelve meetings during the year. Our theme was, "Where There Is No Vision the People Perish." At each of our meetings we have a devotional period led by different members, a program of varied topics, a Bible study led by different women and "Missionary Echoes" at which time we spotlight specific missionaries and also read missionary letters.

Our officers for the coming year are: president, Mrs. Eleon Sandau; vice-president, Mrs. Albert Hill; secretary, Mrs. Sam Geis; treasurer, Mrs. Kermit Geis.

Mrs. Sam Geis, Secretary.

Northern Conference

Summer Highlights and Plans for Fall by Ebenezer Baptist Church of Saskatchewan

Every organization of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Ebenezer, Sask., is busy for the Lord Jesus Christ. Some of the highlights of the summer activities are the following: A Vacation Bible School was held with an attendance of 64 children. We rejoiced to know that out of this group 17 found Christ as their personal Savior. We had nine workers on the staff with Mrs. Walter Hoffman as the director of the school.

On July 15 we had the privilege of having an out-door baptismal service. Eight converts stepped into the waters of baptism at York Lake, in this way testifying to their faith in Christ and their desire to follow the Lord in full consecration.

We as a church are looking forward to God's blessing as we anticipate some of the fall activities. We will be privileged to act as host church to the Saskatchewan Baptist Association which will be meeting some time in October. We will also be privileged to have with us "God's Volunteers" in our evangelistic effort. This visitation evangelism will be concluded with a campaign with Rev. Richard Grabke of Regina, Sask., as our evangelist.

Walter Hoffman, Pastor.

Vacation Bible School With 83 Pupils at Bridgeland Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta

We thank God for a successful Vacation Bible School at the Bridgeland Baptist Church, Calgary, Alta., which was held from July 30 to August 10. The half day sessions were directed by Harold Sailer, student of Northwestern College, Minneapolis, Minn., and taught by three capable Christian



Rev. Walter Hoffman (right) of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Ebenezer, Sask., and eight converts whom he baptized at York Lake near Yorkton.

Training Institute students of Edmonton, Alberta.

In charge of the two Beginner Classes were Miss Betty Olhauser and Mrs. Inez Strippling of Calgary, Alta.; Primary, Miss Myrtle Huber; Juniors, Miss Lydia Albright; Intermediates, Mr. Harold Sailer; Helper, Miss Mona Holwegner. The daily offering which was designated by the boys and girls to be sent to Japan for purchasing Bibles amounted to \$17.35. The theme, "Champions for Christ," was carried throughout the school, using Scripture Press Material.

A program was also given by the children on Sunday evening, Aug. 12, at which time a fine presentation was given by each class. Certificates for perfect attendance were given as well as awards for Scripture memorization. A display of handwork and workbooks was viewed by the parents and visitors attending. As God is blessing the seed which was planted, we pray that many will dedicate their lives to him for future service.

Harold Sailer, Director.

Baptismal Service and Vacation Bible School at Baptist Church, Edenwold, Saskatchewan

The members of the Edenwold Baptist Church, Edenwold, Sask., rejoiced with three young people who had accepted Christ as their Savior and who were baptized by Rev. F. Ohlmann on Sunday, June 24. After the baptismal service, the hand of fellowship was extended to them and they were received into the church.

From July 9 to 13 we held our Vacation Bible School and at this time we used the Gospel Light material and found it to be very fine. There were four classes with the following teachers: Pre-school, Mrs. F. Brucker; Primary, Mrs. C. Wirth; Juniors, Mrs. D. Warkentine; and Intermediates, Mrs. F. Ohlmann. Rev. F. Ohlmann took charge of the devotional period and singing.

We had an enrollment of 45 children and it made us happy when we could reach some of our neighboring parents through their children in the Vacation School. All the teachers had other helpers assisting them during those days.

Mrs. F. Brucker, Reporter.

Rally Program and Summer Camps for the Saskatchewan Tri-Union and Churches

The Saskatchewan Baptist Tri-Union is composed of the Sunday Schools, CBY Fellowships, and musical groups of the co-operating churches. On July 1st we had a Rally Day in Regina, Saskatchewan. Here the three different organizations were presented by the directors of each department: Sunday School Work by Rev. Bert Milner; Youth Work by Rev. Richard Grabke; and Music by Rev. Walter Hoffman. Guest speakers were Rev. E. P. Wahl and Rev. E. L. Thiessen. The Song Festival included seven choirs and the massed choir of 80 voices. Our mission project for the past year was \$1,200, of which \$400 were contributed at this rally.

The Tri-Union also had its Camp Time from July 16 to August 3rd. We

experienced three weeks of blessing with the boys (one week); young people (second week), and girls (third week). Total attendance was about 160. Six persons found Christ as their personal Savior and seven souls were restored in full consecration to Jesus Christ. Our general workers and guest speakers were: Rev. E. P. Wahl, Prof. H. Lueck, Miss Joyce Ringering, and Evangelist H. Palfenier. The new mission project for the year that is before us has been set at \$1,500.

The new officers for this year are as follows: Rev. Bert Milner, president; Rev. Eldon Jansen, vice-president; Rev. Oscar Fritzke, dean; Jake Lang, treasurer; Otto Neuman, secretary; Rev. E. L. Thiessen, Sunday School director; Rev. Richard Grabke, youth director; and Rev. Walter Hoffman, music director.

Walter Hoffman, Reporter.

Activities of the Camp for Manitoba Baptist Churches at Nutimik Lake

This year the builders got busy in erecting a chapel for our Manitoba churches on the grounds of our camp at Nutimik Lake. The rainy weather hampered the progress somewhat, but the determination of the carpenters was such that the sanctuary was completed by the time the boys' camp opened on July 9th. The building (32 by 60 feet) with a seating capacity of 300, was dedicated to the Lord on August 5.

The grounds were a beehive of activity during the camps for boys, girls and young people. A well planned program was carried out and those attending received spiritual as well as physical refreshing. Swimming, boating, hiking, volley ball, etc., helped in making the recreational periods happy. The evening services were always the highlights of the day. In all 24 boys and girls made first time decisions for the Lord.

Sunday, Aug 5, was the climax of all. Over 300 people were present for the dedication of the newly erected chapel. Prof. H. Hiller of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., brought a very timely message in the morning on "Faith." Rev. D. Fuchs, denominational evangelist, brought the dedication prayer. After a full-course dinner had been served, people gathered in groups and talked about the wonders of the Lord, who gave us the site for such a magnificent camp.

In the evening we again gathered in the chapel with its beautiful pews for the evening service. Rev. D. Fuchs



Teachers and pupils of the Vacation Bible School held by the Wiesenthal Baptist Church at the Willow Creek School near Calmar, Alberta.

brought the message and spoke on "Dedicating Our Lives Anew." At the end he gave an invitation for rededication, and many thronged to the front to do so. Rev. H. Waltereit of the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church of Winnipeg led in the dedication prayer.

The next morning, on Monday, the young people once again gathered in the chapel for the last day of study and meditation. In the afternoon everyone was busy assembling the tents which had been erected and prepared to leave. By the end of the week 127 young people had registered. After the last supper, the young people lingered at the tables and several messages of appreciation were given. Rev. H. Hiller then led in prayer and thanked God for the wonderful opportunity of meeting in such a fashion and asked God's guidance and protection on the homeward way.

J. Kuehn, Camp Director.

Vacation Bible School at Wiesenthal Church and Willow Creek School of Alberta

During the first and second weeks in July the Wiesenthal Baptist Church at Millet, Alta., conducted Vacation Bible Schools at the Wiesenthal Church and at Willow Creek School near Calmar, Alberta.

A record attendance of 57 children enrolled at Wiesenthal with an average attendance of 47 each day. Four classes were held each morning and afternoon: the Kindergarten Class taught by Mrs. Alice Meyers and Phyllis Ertman; the Primary Class taught by Marlene Dojohn and Max-

ine Ertman; the Juniors with teachers Arlene Ohlmann and Norman Ertman; and the Young People's Class with Mrs. E. A. Hoffman in charge. Norman Ertman acted as superintendent for the week and kept activities running smoothly.

The boys and girls enjoyed a week of "Adventuring With Christ in the King's Adventure Land." They sang choruses, heard missionary and Bible stories, did handwork and together glorified Christ, the King. On Sunday evening, July 8, a closing program was presented to parents and friends to show what had been accomplished at the Vacation Bible School.

The Wiesenthal teachers and pastor, Rev. E. A. Hoffmann, conducted Vacation Bible School Classes at Willow Creek School. Here a record attendance of 32 boys and girls came to take part in the activities. Two classes were taught: the Primary Class by Marlene Dojohn and Mrs. Alice Meyers; and the Juniors by Arlene Ohlmann and Rev. E. A. Hoffmann.

Here, too, the boys and girls became "knights" and "ladies" following their King in the King's Adventure Land. This was the theme of the school. On Friday afternoon parents and friends gathered to hear and see the closing program put on by the boys and girls.

These weeks certainly proved to be a great blessing, showing us that God has a task for each one of us, whether great or small. In his great Kingdom there is much work to be done.

Marlene Dojohn and

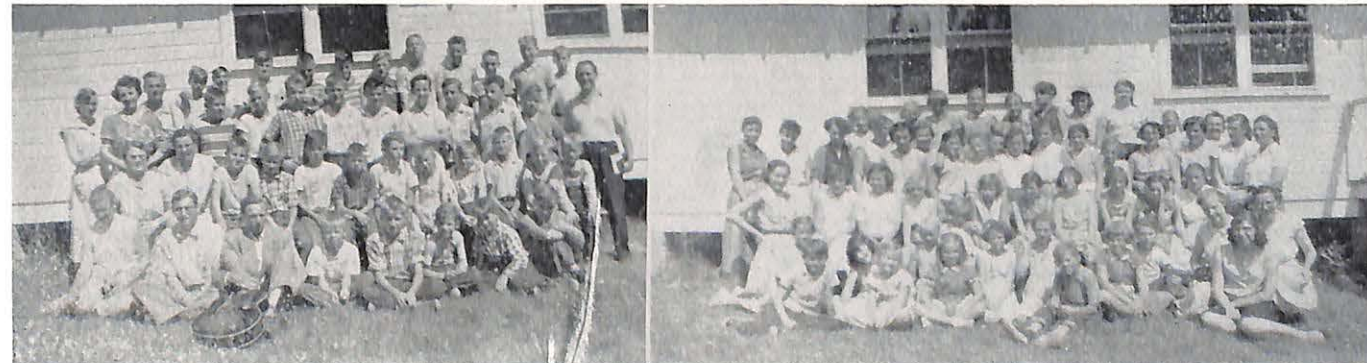
Arlene Ohlmann, Reporters.

Pacific Conference

105 Children Enrolled for Willow Rancho Vacation Bible School, Sacramento, California

That God answers prayer today is a glorious reality to the new Willow Rancho Baptist Church at Sacramento, California. The Vacation Bible School was scheduled to be held from July 9 to 19. Early prospects were for about 50 to 60 students. Prayer was for 100 students. God gave an overwhelming response by giving a total enrollment of 105 boys and girls.

The limited facilities that the church now has with a chapel in the parsonage were indeed tested as the closing program was presented. The number that came to that specially prepared program numbered upwards from 140.



The Manitoba Boys' Camp (left) and Girls' Camp (right) with their respective program leaders at the Manitoba Baptist Camp at Nutimik Lake.



Ground breaking ceremony for the new Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church (formerly Fifteenth Street Church), Los Angeles, Calif., with Rev. E. Mittelstedt and the two charter members, Mrs. M. Schulze and Mr. A. Freudenberg, in the center at the foot of the cross.

The theme was "Adventuring With Christ."

Special thanks goes to an efficient staff of leaders and teachers who did a splendid job in spite of the crowded conditions. The inspiration was contagious for a frequently overheard statement from teachers was, "Isn't this wonderful?" Refreshment and transportation committees also helped much toward making it a successful first year of Vacation Bible School.

Most of all, we are grateful to God for calling forth the workers, and then blessing the efforts of the teachers and leaders as they made known the Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Clarence H. Walth, Pastor.

Ground Breaking Ceremony for the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California

Sunday afternoon, July 15, was a typically beautiful day in Los Angeles, California. A large group of excited and happy people met to observe an impressive ground breaking ceremony at the new site of the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church. The desirable location at Imperial Highway and Spinning Avenue is in a lovely residential area. Here in this location we are going to be known as The Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church of Inglewood Knolls, California.

The ceremony culminated more than two years of hard work and planning by our various building project committees. Our energetic pastor, Rev. E.

Mittelstedt, is the guiding force behind each of these committees. Members of the plans and construction committee worked many months together with our architect, David O. Patterson, in order to give us a new church edifice of which we can be proud. Now these plans are to become a reality! It was a day of rejoicing for all.

Our pastor was in charge of the ground-breaking ceremony. He opened the service by leading the audience in the appropriate song, "The Church's One Foundation." The choir sang the beautiful anthem, "The Heavens Resound," by Beethoven. Mrs. Henry Wetzler accompanied very nicely at a portable organ. Rev. J. Penner, chaplain of Harbor General Hospital, led in prayer. We were greatly blessed by our pastor's inspirational message based on the words, "Christ, the True Foundation." After responsive reading by the pastor and the congregation, the official ground breaking began.

The first ones to turn the earth with a ribbon-bedecked gold shovel were Mrs. Margaret Schulze and Mr. August Freudenberg, our charter members. A huge white cross, painted on the ground by Mr. Alvin Walrath, lent itself appropriately to dignify the ceremony. The head of each committee turned the ground at his designated place on the cross. David O. Patterson, architect, and Vance Beaird, general building contractor, also participated. Our pastor, Rev. E. Mittelstedt, completed the impressive cross.

While waiting anxiously for our church to be completed, we are meeting in a fine school auditorium at San Pedro Street and Washington Blvd. in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Esther Johnston, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School With 113 Children at Stafford Church Near Sherwood, Oregon

"Adventuring With Christ" was the theme of the Vacation Bible School at the Stafford Baptist Church, Sherwood, Ore., with Rev. E. A. Gerlitz, pastor. With Christ as King, 113 young crusaders, ranging in age from 2 to 14 years, rallied to his banner. The crusade was led by a staff of 18 teachers and helpers.

The department heads were as follows: director, Mrs. Mabel Walters; Nursery Class, Mrs. D. F. Oppel; Beginners, Mrs. E. Angell; Primary, Mrs. Dan Keller; and Juniors, Mrs. John Baker. Mrs. R. Gould officiated during the opening exercises with interesting songs and stories.

God provided beautiful sunny weather, thereby enabling all the children to line up and march into church each morning singing, "We Are Crusaders Living for Our King." Children's daily offerings amounted to \$54.15 which was sent to help the Spanish-American children in Colorado.

On Thursday evening our Bible School program was held. Parents reviewed the children's handcraft, songs and memory verses. Younger children wore crowns they had made and adorned with jewels which they earned by memorizing Bible verses. Friday was special treat day with ice cream.

We praise the Lord for eight children who accepted Christ as their personal Savior.

Mrs. D. F. Oppel, Church Clerk.

Northwestern Conference

Sessions of the Northwestern Conference Woman's Missionary Union at Minneapolis, Minnesota

Sessions of the Northwestern Conference Woman's Missionary Union began with a breakfast on Friday, August 10, at the Victory Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn., with Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, being our host church. Ninety-one women attended the breakfast which was held in conjunction with the annual business meeting. Our president, Mrs. Henry Fluth, capably led in the business sessions and program. Our Camerons missionary, Miss Ruby Salzman, and Mrs. Thomas Lutz, our national president, were given corsages as an expression of our love and appreciation.

The newly elected officers are: president, Mrs. Henry Fluth of Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn.; vice-president, Mrs. Richard Lawrenz of North Freedom, Wis.; secretary, Mrs. Vernon Heckman of Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn.; and treasurer, Mrs. Rueben Glewwe of Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota. Following the dispensing of the usual business, Mrs. Thomas Lutz spoke to us basing her message

on Mark 16:15. We were challenged to greater service as we were made to realize that we must be faithful if there are to be women to carry on the work in the future.

The program of the afternoon was opened with a song led by our president, Scripture and prayer by Mrs. Jothan Benke. Mrs. Fluth welcomed three new pastors' wives into the conference fellowship. Special music was provided by the women's chorus led by Mrs. Alvin Quiring, and a solo by Mrs. Kenneth Miller. Rev. Emmanuel Wolff, conference moderator, installed the newly elected officers. A missionary offering of \$121.37 was received. Together with monies on hand, approximately \$225.00 was designated to our national project. Miss Ruby Salzman brought us a challenging message.

Mrs. Bert Itterman, Reporter.

Oak Street Church, Burlington, Iowa, Dedicates Lounge Honoring Dr. and Mrs. O. E. Krueger

On Sunday morning, May 6th, the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, had the privilege of dedicating two beautiful oil paintings of our beloved Dr. and Mrs. O. E. Krueger. These pictures are approximately 18 by 24 inches in a sepia type finish, and are hung in the Krueger Lounge in the basement of the church. Underneath the pictures is a bronze plaque as follows:

KRUEGER LOUNGE
DEDICATED TO
DR. AND MRS. O. E. KRUEGER
WHOSE PASTORATE HERE, 1910-25
and 1954-55
LEFT AN ENDURING IMPRESSION
OF CHRISTIAN
LIVING AND LEADERSHIP.
NOVEMBER 1955

These pictures and lounge are a fitting memorial to our beloved friends who have done so much for our church and the denomination, and an inspiration to all who meet there.

Ruth Lohmann, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

Vacation Bible School Held at the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Under the direction of Miss Audrey M. Miller, the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., conducted a suc-



Mr. and Mrs. Christian A. Albrecht of Bismarck, N. Dak., who with their children and the members of the Bismarck Baptist Church, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, August 5, 1956.

—Photo by L. W. Naegle-Campbell's Studio, Bismarck.

cessful Vacation Bible School from July 2 to 13. On enrollment was 122 girls and boys, with an average attendance of 99. With the aid of 16 teachers and helpers, the children of school age through Intermediate age were kept busy learning God's Word, singing and various other activities that are included in a Vacation School.

The teachers were as follows: Beginners, Miss Audrey Miller, Mrs. Ruth Schweitzer, Miss Betty Reeh, Miss Anna Heinz; Primary, Mrs. Olive Pfeiffer, Mrs. Lydia Richards, Mrs. Alberta Negley, Mrs. Freida Bross; Juniors, Miss Doris Wetter, Mrs. Lina Acker, Mrs. Mildred Glaukel, Mrs. Anna Eisbrenner; Intermediates, Mr. William McLatchie, Mrs. Greta Damrau. Mrs. Lydia Kosik was secretary. The Rev. Walter C. Damrau is the pastor of the church.

A program was held on Friday evening, July 13th, in which all the children took part, and the handwork from the departments was displayed. We praise God for what was accomplished during the school and for his grace and strength to the workers.

Audrey M. Miller, Director.

Dakota Conference

Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration for Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Albrecht, Bismarck, N. Dak.

Sunday, August 5, was a happy day for Mr. and Mrs. Christian A. Al-

brecht of Bismarck, N. Dak., on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Our Bismarck Baptist Church and community took note of the golden event.

An abundance of appropriate flowers decorated the altar section of the church auditorium on that glad day. The usual worship atmosphere was signally heightened during the latter part of the morning service, as special attention was given to Mr. and Mrs. Albrecht.

Mr. Clinton Grenz rendered a vocal solo, "God Leads His Children Along." Thereupon the pastor, Rev. John E. Grygo, brought a congratulatory message based on Psalm 63:3, "Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee." It was a solemn moment, when for the thanksgiving prayer, the worshipers too rose, thus uniting hearts and minds in quiet benediction.

For several hours during the afternoon, the spacious residence of Mr. and Mrs. Albrecht was declared open house. It was a delight to see so many well-wishers milling about the house and garden.

Fifty years ago, our honored friends were married in Linton, North Dakota. The Lord had granted them eleven children. Two sons, Harold and Carl, lost their lives during the last war. Five children live in Bismarck. They are: R. B. Albrecht, Walter and Robert Albrecht, and Mrs. F. W. Redlaczky and Mrs. J. M. Sailer. Emmanuel and Arthur live in California at Fort Dick and Mt. Laguna, respectively. Another son, Samuel, lives in Minot, N. Dak., and another daughter, Mrs. Arthur Pfaff in Tillamook, Oregon.

During their earlier years Mr. and Mrs. Albrecht farmed, but later ran a general store in Temvik for several years. They came to Bismarck 13 years ago and have carried on a very successful seafood business. They still enjoy a controlling interest in the venture.

Having accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, and having later joined the Linton Baptist Church, they are now valuable members of the Bismarck Baptist Church. Mrs. Albrecht was able to serve the Lord as Sunday School teacher and president of Ladies' Aid Societies. Mr. Albrecht served effectively as church clerk, Sunday School superintendent, and deacon.

John E. Grygo, Pastor.



Rev. Henry Lang (right), pastor of the Baptist Church, Napoleon, N. Dak., and five converts whom he recently baptized at the Crystal Springs Youth Camp.

Baptismal Service for Baptist Church, Napoleon, North Dakota, at Crystal Springs Youth Camp

Sunday, August 5, was a special day of rejoicing for the Napoleon Baptist Church of Napoleon, North Dakota. This was the day on which five candidates were baptized on their confession of faith at the Crystal Springs Baptist Youth Camp, Crystal Springs, North Dakota. These persons confessed Christ as Savior at previous meetings of the church. Two found Christ at the camp. It was a special thrill for the pastor, Rev. Henry Lang, to baptize his own son.

On Sunday, August 12, these candidates were welcomed into the church's fellowship at a specially arranged communion service. We are ever rejoicing that God still answers the prayers of his people. We are already looking forward to our revival meetings in October with the Dalzell Party. Our prayer is that we may be found faithful servants of Christ.

Henry Lang, Pastor.



Rev. Willis Potratz, pastor of the Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, S. Dak., and three Sunday School children whom he recently baptized.

Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Karl J. Bertsch of Venturia, North Dakota

A happy and memorable day was celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. Karl J. Bertsch of Venturia, N. Dak., on July 8, 1956. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with all 17 children present. This was a unique achievement, since some of the children live in California, Idaho, North and South Dakota, and one son is in the Air Force stationed in Texas.

It was a large gathering about the tables as children and grandchildren sat down at a delicious ham dinner. After dinner all met in the auditorium of the Venturia Baptist Church for the program that had been prepared by the children. The pastor, Rev. Raymond F. Dickau, presided and opened the program with the song, "Count Your Many Blessings." Psalm 121 was read and prayer offered by the pastor. Several of the children and grandchildren then presented various numbers in songs and readings. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bertsch sang a duet.



Mr. and Mrs. Karl J. Bertsch of Venturia, N. Dak., at the celebration of their golden wedding anniversary.

Jeannie Wangen played a violin solo, accompanied by Patsy Bertsch. Leonard Bertsch gave a reading. A vocal solo by Carol Bertsch followed. Leroy Hagel sang "Always Cheerful" in both German and English. Curtis Bertsch sang a German vocal solo, "Gott wird dich tragen." Rev. R. F. Dickau addressed the group in a short talk. At the conclusion of the program the 17 children combined their voices and sang a song for their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Bertsch enjoy the distinction of having reared the largest family in the Venturia area. Besides their 17 living children, one died in infancy. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bertsch have been faithful members of the Venturia Baptist Church for many years. Mrs. Bertsch is still active in the Woman's Mission Society.

R. F. Dickau, Pastor.

Baptismal Service and Missionary Play at the Plum Creek Church, Emery, South Dakota

We of the Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, S. Dak., are thankful for God's blessings showered upon us. On Sunday, August 12, three

OBITUARY

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

MR. HENRY EILER of Brooklyn, New York.

Mr. Henry Eiler of Brooklyn, N. Y., was born August 11, 1876, in Torzsa, Hungary. He learned to know Christ as his Savior and Lord already in Hungary and was joined to the Baptist Church. He was united in marriage in 1899 to Catherine Keipper. Four children were born to them.

About 1900 the family first came to America, located in New York City, and became members of the Immanuel Church. For a short time they returned to Hungary but again sought their fortune in America, this time joining the First German Baptist Church. Later the family moved to Brooklyn and transferred their membership to the Evergreen Church. For a number of years the parents made their home with their daughter living in Springboro, Pa.

After a lingering illness, he was called home to glory August 7. Surviving are his wife, Cathrine; one son, Philip; two daughters: Mrs. Helen Steinhoff and Mrs. Mary Benlisa; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Fervent in spirit, he loved to be active in the Kingdom of God.

Evergreen Church, Brooklyn, New York

PAUL F. ZOSCHKE, Pastor.

MRS. FLORA TINA KABUSH of Bawlf, Alberta.

Mrs. Flora Tina Kabush, nee Schickerowski, was born July 16, 1889, in Germany. At the age of 19 she emigrated to this country with her parents and settled in the vicinity of Bashaw, Alberta. She was united in marriage with Rudolph Kabush on Dec. 28, 1909. This union was blessed with eight children. After her marriage they moved to a farm near Leduc, where they spent many happy years. In 1928 they moved to Bawlf, where she lived the rest of her life.

In 1917 she was baptized by Rev. F. Orthner and joined the First Baptist Church near Leduc, where she remained a member until the Lord called her to himself. For the last three years she suffered much, being bed-ridden most of the time. However, she knew how to draw upon the grace of God, to whom she was deeply devoted. She died at the hospital in Camrose on August 5, 1956.

She was to her husband a faithful wife, and to her children a loving mother. She leaves to mourn: her bereaved husband; five sons: Ben, Eddie, Dan, Art, and Herb, all of Bawlf; three daughters: Mrs. Bertha Wesch, Mrs. Edna Henkel, both of Edmonton; and Mrs. Gladys Meadahl of Bawlf; one sister and eleven grandchildren, as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held in the Fellowship Baptist Church, Camrose, Alta., with Rev. J. C. Kraenzler officiating, assisted by Rev. Arnold Rapske, pastor of the Fellowship Baptist Church.

First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta

J. C. KRAENZLER, Pastor.

young converts stepped into the waters of baptism at Lake Hanson and in so doing confessed their faith in Christ.

After several fine rains during the past weeks and seeing once again the beautiful green hillsides around the lake, everyone indeed felt that God was there. Our pastor, Rev. Willis Potratz, led in a brief message taken from John 14:6. We were favored with two special numbers from our double men's quartet and a number from our ladies' trio.

In the evening we held our communion service, and the hand of fellowship was extended to the three young people. It is our earnest prayer (Continued on Page 14)

MR. HERMAN NEUMANN of Brooklyn, New York.

Mr. Herman Neumann of Brooklyn, N. Y., was born in Lauth, Germany, July 19, 1890. As a young man he experienced God's grace in regeneration and was baptized on confession of his faith. In 1915 he was joined in marriage with Augusta Wydra. One son, John Gerhardt, was born to them. The family emigrated to America in 1923 and established their new home in Brooklyn, New York. Here they were received into the membership of the Evergreen Baptist Church.

Because he was a painter by trade, he volunteered to paint the window trim on the church. While engaged in that service Mr. Neumann suffered a fatal heart attack and died on July 31. He is survived by his wife, Augusta; his son, John; two sisters and two brothers, one niece and three nephews. He was a faithful child of God and always active in his church.

Evergreen Church, Brooklyn, New York

PAUL F. ZOSCHKE, Pastor.

MRS. JULIUS NERLING of Wasco, California.

Mrs. Martha Nerling, nee Spingath, of Wasco, Calif., was born on April 1, 1892, at Kiev, Russia. She went to be with her Lord on June 22, 1956, at the age of 64. Mrs. Nerling found peace soon afterwards by her grandfather, Rev. Gottlieb Spingath. Coming to America alone in 1910, she lived with an uncle, Gustav Spingath, in Anaheim, Calif., where she became a member of the Bethel Baptist Church.

She married Julius Nerling, also a native of Russia and a member of the Anaheim church on October 29, 1912. In 1917 the Nerlings moved to Wasco, Calif., where Mr. Nerling engaged in farming until his recent retirement. Both were very active in the First Baptist Church of Wasco, where they found their greatest joy in serving the Savior.

She is survived by her husband and four children: Ernest, Mesdames Edith Stiern and Lillis Harris, both of Bakersfield, Calif.; and Mervin of San Diego, California. There are four grandchildren. For a number of years her health had been failing, but she remained active in her Christian service. She was in attendance at morning and evening services in her church the Sunday before her death. Memorial services were held at the First Baptist Church, Wasco, Calif., with the pastor, Rev. Harold Thomas, officiating. Interment followed at the Wasco Cemetery. "She hath done what she could!"

Wasco, California

DONALD G. DAVIS, Correspondent.

MR. EDWARD W. KRULL of George, Iowa.

Mr. Edward William Krull of George, Iowa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hillery Krull, was born on a farm northwest of George on November 4, 1915. He passed away on August 6 at the Osceola Hospital in Sibley, Iowa. He attained the age of 40 years, 9 months, 2 days. His death came suddenly, although he had been ailing for several years. He had been a victim of diabetes since a youth of 17 years.

On September 6, 1944 he was united in marriage to Anna Arends of Ellsworth, Minnesota. To this union one son, Leland James, was born.

In the summer of 1939 Edward was led to the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus, and on April 17, 1949 he was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Central Baptist Church, where he attended Sunday School and church regularly until his death.

Edward Krull was a devoted husband and father. Although he realized everything physically had been done to restore his health, but to no avail, he never complained, but smiled and patiently awaited for the Lord to call him home.

He leaves to mourn his departing, his wife, Anna; one son, Leland James; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hillery Krull; and five brothers and three sisters: Alice (Mrs. Henry Jansen), George, Fred, Ernest, Phyllis (Mrs. Weldon Peters), Harriet (Mrs. Fredwin Ackerman), and Virgil, all of George, Iowa, and Wilfred, who is stationed with the air corps in England, and who was unable to come home at this time.

Central Baptist Church,

Mrs. KENNETH HARMS, Correspondent.

MRS. EMMA DREGER of Ebenezer, Saskatchewan.

Mrs. Emma Dreger of Ebenezer, Sask., was born on August 12, 1879 at Lublin, Poland, and died in Yorkton General Hospital, Yorkton, Sask., on June 12th reaching the age of 76 years and 10 months. At the age of ten she migrated to Canada with her parents, settling at Winnipeg for one year. The following year the family moved westward, and her father took up a homestead one mile west of Ebenezer, Sask.

When she was 18 years of age she accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized becoming a member of the pioneer Baptist Church of Ebenezer, Saskatchewan.

On July 31, 1901 she entered into holy matrimony with the late Mr. Chris Dreger. This union was blessed with ten children, four daughters and six sons. Two daughters preceded her in death. She lived in Ebenezer until 1949 when Mr. and Mrs. Chris Dreger moved to Kelowna, British Columbia. From here they moved to Vancouver, B. C., in 1952, and then they returned to Ebenezer in 1954.

She leaves to mourn her departure two daughters: Olga (Mrs. Rudolf Yorkshut); Anne (Mrs. John Falkenberg), both from Vancouver, B. C.; six sons: William, Paul, Fred, Andy, Edward, and Bennie, all in Ebenezer district; two sons-in-law, three daughters-in-law; 14 grandchildren, of whom three died in infancy; and the sister, Amanda (Mrs. Jack Borgen) of Richmond, California.

The funeral service was conducted by the undersigned with Rev. A. Milner who spoke words of encouragement in the German language. May God bless those who have been left behind to carry on the faithful witness for Christ.

Ebenezer Baptist Church, Ebenezer, Saskatchewan

WALTER HOFFMAN, Pastor.

MRS. CAROLINE KLUDT of Longview, Washington.

Mrs. Caroline Kludt, nee Huether, of Longview, Wash., was born at Bridgewater, S. Dak., on July 16, 1880 and died at Longview, Wash., on Aug. 20, 1955 at the age of 76 years, 1 month, and 4 days.

On Feb. 15, 1900 our sister joined hands in holy wedlock with Emanuel Kludt at Bridgewater, South Dakota. To this union were born eight sons and four daughters. Her husband and two sons, Emil and Carl, have preceded the mother in death. In 1905 Mr. and Mrs. Kludt moved from Bridgewater to Herreid, South Dakota. Shortly thereafter they moved to North Dakota living at Washburn, Denhoff, and McClusky. In 1924 they settled at McLaughlin, South Dakota. Here Mr. Kludt died in August of 1946. Several years after Mrs. Kludt came west and lived with her children at Portland, Ore., and Longview, Washington.

In the year 1904 Mrs. Kludt was converted and baptized under the ministry of Rev. Heinrich Hiltzinger and became a member of the Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, South Dakota. She also held membership in the Baptist churches of Washburn and McClusky, N. Dak., and McLaughlin, South Dakota. At the time of her death she was a faithful member of Trinity Baptist Church in Portland, Oregon. She assisted in the organization of several churches in North Dakota, was active in women's missionary work, and served as a Sunday School teacher. She was deeply devoted to her Lord and loved to worship him in God's house.

Those who mourn her departure are: ten children, Ben of McClusky, N. Dak.; Mrs. Lydia Bradley of Longview, Wash.; Mrs. Hannah Wolt of Crystal Springs, N. Dak.; Mrs. Clara Skinna, Elmer, and Elsworth of Portland, Ore.; Reuben of Garv, Ind.; Clarence of Crookston, Minn.; Milton of LaCrescent, Minn.; and Mrs. Gertrude Wichtenberg of Lincoln, Neb.; one brother, Simon Huether of Calgary, Alta.; two sisters, Mrs. Carl Lange of Emery, S. Dak., and Mrs. Abe Aktorsky, Pasadena, Calif.; 35 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; besides a great many relatives and friends.

At the memorial service at Portland the undersigned spoke words of comfort on Psalm 116:15, the text that was used at Mrs. Kludt's funeral service. Rev. Emanuel Broeckel had charge of the service and interment at McClusky, North Dakota.

Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon

JOHN WOBIG, Pastor.

MR. CORNELIUS J. HAAN of Aplington, Iowa.

Mr. Cornelius J. Haan of Aplington, Iowa, was born May 7, 1887 in Pilsun, Germany. He came to this country at the age of six years, spending his early life in Minnesota and Iowa. On October 6, 1909 he was united in marriage to Katie Alberts. Together he and his wife farmed in Grundy County for five years, and then moved to Aplington where he remained until the time of his death. To this union were born nine children: Mrs. Julius Kusian (Rosa) of Iowa Falls; Mrs. Eddie Rindels (Carrie) of Shell Rock; Alvin of Cedar Falls; Harlan of Aplington; Mrs. LuVerne Fletcher (Lorraine) of Ft. Collins, Colo.; Mrs. George Kirkelie (Ruth) of Anaheim, Calif.; Duane of Iowa Falls; Mrs. Victor Carl (Muriel) of Fullerton, Calif.; and Mrs. Marvin Ayers (Inis) of Aplington.

On June 22, 1956, Mr. Haan, in simple, childlike trust, confessed his sin and accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. The confidence of his personal relationship to Christ was a fresh and realistic stronghold to him to the end. He is survived by his wife, nine children, 16 grandchildren, one brother, four sisters, and a host of other relatives and friends.

He received the summons to go up higher on July 10, 1956 at the age of 69 years, 2 months, and 3 days. The memorial service was held on Friday afternoon, July 13, at the Aplington Baptist Church of Aplington, Iowa, with the pastor, Rev. Donald Patet, officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Harm Sherman rendered two vocal selections.

Aplington Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa

DONALD PATET, Pastor.

MR. FRED F. WOYKE of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mr. Fred F. Woyke of Minneapolis, Minn., son of Friedrich and Maria Woyke, was born in Griechinow, Russia, on April 2, 1893 and died at Minneapolis, Minn., on August 15, 1956 at the age of 63 years, 4 months, and 13 days. He was converted before he reached the age of 10 years and was later baptized by Rev. Herman Schimke of the Baptist Church, Bessabatowka, Russia, on June 24, 1906.

Mr. Woyke came with the rest of his family to Bingham Lake, Minn., on December 10, 1908. Here he joined the Carson Mennonite Brethren Church. His special interests there were in the choir and other singing groups. He came to reside in Minneapolis in the year 1922 and joined the Faith Baptist Church on June 15, 1924. He was a faithful and devoted member of this church until his death. The greatest joys of his life came to him in service for Christ and his church. At the time of his passing, he was serving in his 28th year as deacon and his 25th year as treasurer.

Fred F. Woyke was married to Flora H. Minks on October 15, 1925. This union was blessed with one daughter, Winnifred. During the last 32 years of his life the deceased was employed at the Toro Manufacturing Corporation, Minneapolis, Minn.

His health began to fail in the last few years. Nevertheless, he was active until his last day. He suffered an attack while at work on August 15th and was taken to the hospital. It pleased the Lord to close his eyes in death and to usher him into his heavenly abode at 10:25 that night.

Brother Woyke lived a life for others. No task was too small nor did he strive for honor to himself. Christ and his Church were central in all his planning and living. He was a pillar in the church who will be missed for his wise counsel, his sincere devotion, his thoughtful and faithful service and his example of Christ-like living. He was preceded in death by his brother, John; his father; his sister, Wilhelmina; his mother; and his sister, Marie.

There remain to mourn his passing his wife, Flora; daughter, Mrs. George J. (Winnifred) Rakos, Minneapolis, Minn.; five brothers: Henry, Willis, and Ben of Minneapolis; Dr. Frank H. Woyke of Forest Park, Ill.; Rev. Rudolph Woyke of Milwaukee, Wis.; and three sisters: Justine and Anna of Minneapolis, and Mrs. Alvina Hirsch, Cleveland, Ohio. There are also eleven nephews and seven nieces as well as many near relatives and friends who mourn his passing. Words of comfort and challenge were taken from 2 Tim. 4:7-8.

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