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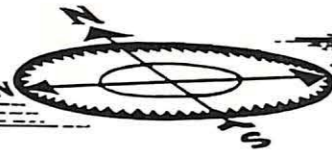
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Protestants, Roman Catholics and Jews paid for a large display ad in Dallas, Texas, newspapers urging support of a campaign to raise \$2,500,000 for expansion of Baylor Hospital, a Baptist institution. The ad said that "for 53 years Baylor Hospital has given unselfish care to sick and suffering humanity of all faiths and all races, rich and poor alike."

Louis T. Talbot, chancellor of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Calif., reports that B'ola is re-entering the radio field with a new FM station. The newly licensed station has the call letters KBBI and is located at 107.5 on the FM band. Dr. Talbot says that work has already begun on construction of the station and present plans call for having KBBI on the air "before the end of this year."

E. Stanley Jones, 73-year-old American missionary and evangelist, recently wound up a two-week speaking tour of Korea and departed for India. During the tour he spoke three times a day to packed audiences. Prior to his Korean tour the vigorous Methodist missionary had conducted a three-month evangelistic campaign in Japan. He told a Korean audience that God had promised him another ten years of work and he did not intend to use the time just sitting around.

Ivan Magal, a former Mennonite missionary among the Slavic peoples of Eastern Europe, and editor of *The New Way*, has been working for some years on the project of having Bunyan's *The Pilgrim's Progress* reprinted in the Russian language. The Mennonite Publishing Co., Scottsdale, Pennsylvania, have completed half of a 3,000 edition and copies are being distributed to Russian-speaking people in 27 countries, including some behind the Iron Curtain.

A Billy Graham Crusade train from Richmond, Virginia, which carried more than 200 persons to New York to hear the evangelist, was equipped with a special chapel car. The Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, which operated the train, converted a former dining car to serve the spiritual needs of the train's passengers. The rolling chapel, which seated 80, had an organ, a pulpit and hymn books. The railroad cut a side of the car away in order to get the organ installed. Ministers among the train's passengers conducted gospel services at night and sunrise.

A 2,500-volume "gentleman's library" was sold recently by a New York City gallery. The highest prices

were paid, as expected, for two fifteenth century manuscripts that brought \$1,250 and \$1,200. Martin Luther's copy of a volume by Erasmus, bearing many notations by the reformer, was sold for \$1,100. In 1935 Mr. Thomas Henry Foster paid \$220 for a lot of 210 volumes by Harriet Beecher Stowe, a number of them being "Uncle Tom's Cabin" in different languages. The same lot sold at the sale for \$800. The prize item was a fine Italian illuminated manuscript, probably executed in Florence about 1490. Bidding began at \$500 and quickly ran to \$1,250.

After more than 30 years "the book store with the Scripture sign out front" in Toronto, Ontario, moved from its Bay Street location to new facilities on Yonge Street. An-

nouncing the recent move of Evangelical Publishers, A. J. Stewart, managing director, declared: "We were pushed out of the pantry 50 years ago, and we have been pushed by Providence ever since." "It is no mere accident that this ideal location and modern space has been made available to us. Once again, we have been pushed by Providence," explains Mr. Stewart. "We are now able," he adds, "greatly to increase our ministry on one of the country's busiest thoroughfares and at the same time maintain each department of our work under one roof." The new building, remodelled in modern functional design, is located close to Toronto's two large department stores and is easily accessible by car, bus or subway.



Baptist Briefs

Baptists in Russia. The Rev. Alexei Karpov, pastor of the Moscow Baptist Church, reports that Russian Baptists are celebrating their 90th anniversary this year. The observance marks the anniversary of the baptism of the first Russian Baptist, Nikita Voronin, at Tbilisi, capital of Georgia, in 1867. Russian Baptists now number 512,430.

Chinese Pastor Chosen. The First Baptist Church of New Brunswick, New Jersey, has chosen a 28-year-old Chinese minister, the Rev. Richard Chen, as its pastor. Mr. Chen, the son of a banker and industrialist, became a Christian in 1948. He is a graduate of St. John's University in Shanghai where he earned the A.B. degree at the age of 20, and also has attended Melbourne College of Divinity in Australia and the Baptist College of Victoria, Australia. At the same time he served as a home missionary in Australia.

Grenfell Honored. The Belgian Congo government has unveiled a monument to George Grenfell, pioneer Baptist Missionary Society missionary to Africa, on the bank of Lake Leopoldville II. It commemorates Grenfell's exploration of this great lake 70 years ago. District commissioner Delangaheg paid tribute to the civilizing and beneficial work done by the BMS in that district, a work which has shown concern not only for spiritual well being of the people but also for their physical health and economic life.

Baptist Union Meets. The Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland met in London, with Dr. H. H. Rowley succeeding Sir Herbert Janes as president. Dr. T. G. Dunning was elected vice-president. The annual meeting welcomed 24 new churches into the Baptist Union, more than in any single year for a long time. The report listed 203,674 members in England, 98,500 in Wales and Monmouthshire, 20,146 in Scotland, and 5,164 in Ireland, making a total of 327,484. Large gains were shown in Scotland as a result of the current "Tell Scotland" Campaign.

Providence, Rhode Island. Providence's First Baptist Meetinghouse, oldest Baptist church in America, is to be renovated and restored, thanks to a \$500,000 gift from John D. Rockefeller which expresses his "deep appreciation of the religious, architectural and historical significance" of the building. Mr. Rockefeller is an alumnus of Brown University, whose commencement and baccalaureate services have been held in the stately white colonial style church ever since it was built in 1775. Designers of the Brown University quadrangles, assisted by experts on timber structure, are drawing up plans to halt deterioration and restore the meetinghouse to its original condition. The framing will be strengthened, the vestry renovated, the pulpit area restored, the sanctuary redecorated and the organ repaired.—*Christian Century*.

Editorial



"The Apple Of Thine Eye"

THE HYMN writer, Timothy Dwight, wrote that the Church of Jesus Christ was as dear to him as "the apple" of God's eye. This was his way of saying that the Church was as precious to him as anything that human words could describe. The Church's walls stand with stately majesty before God. She is graven on God's hand. She is as "dear as the apple of Thine eye."

In literature, "the apple" refers to the pupil of the eye. Hence, it is a figurative expression for something that is highly cherished. The pupil gives the clarity of sight to the eye, the thrill of taking in the glorious beauty of the world, and the ability to be a participant in all the marvelous happenings of life. So also the Christian's love for his church is a real, living part of "the Church our blest Redeemer saved with His own precious blood".

What precious memories are associated with this church for every true believer! Here, within these walls, you have felt God's touch and met him face to face through the inspired preaching of his Word. Here, in this sanctuary, the hymns of love and praise sung by the choir as well as by you in the congregation have lifted you heavenward. Here you have laid hold on God's gifts that will enrich all of your life. This church of yours should be cherished by you with love and esteem as much as "the apple of God's eye."

It follows that your church has the right—the God-given authority—to call for your loyalty and support. Sometimes we regard "the solemn vows" which we have made in a church rather lightly. God forgive us for such negligence! For your church in Christ's Name can expect unswerving loyalty from you for its program, its ministry, and its objectives.

"For her my tears shall fall,
For her my prayers ascend,
To her my cares and toils be given,
Till toils and cares shall end."

When we have experienced this pull of the Church of Jesus Christ upon us, drawing us ever closer to our Savior in devotion to him, then we shall be loyal to our church, regardless of the circumstances, the preacher, other people, or things that we do not seemingly like.

This church of yours in the sight of God is the greatest prize of life! Here is a congregation of God's people, endeavoring to live by his will and to usher in his Kingdom, who are experiencing the blessings of God upon them. This is an abiding work, sealed by the Holy Spirit. Our greatest joy is in making our contribution to this ongoing, invincible life of the church.

"Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways"

Consider your church and her ministry in the light of this truth that she is as "dear as the apple" of God's eye. Let nothing deter you from giving your church your undying love and unswerving loyalty. Then you will receive "the brightest glories earth can yield and brighter bliss of heaven".

In this issue of the "Baptist Herald" we continue to publish the glowing accounts of church dedications and begin a new series on some of our churches which have an amazing story to tell. These are "the church walls" that stand before God "as dear as the apple of Thine eye".

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Mrs. Paul Gebauer is photographed in front of the round hut at Mbamka Village on the Mambila plateau in the Cameroons (left), which she and her husband had visited 20 years ago. Today a large Bible School is prospering in Mbamga Village, as is shown, at the right, with many Bible School students coming to greet the Gebauers.

Change and Decay in Africa?

Observations on Another Visit to Mbamga Village on the Mambila Plateau After 20 Years
by Dr. Paul Gebauer

TWENTY years ago Clara Gebauer and I rode into Mbamga Village on the Mambila Plateau in the Cameroons' interior on horseback. The rest camp was swept. Vessels filled with water stood ready. Baskets of food for the carriers were lined up like soldiers on parade. Behind the tall grass that surrounded the camp hid the villagers, watching the reception which their thoughtfulness would receive.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

We remember well the first afternoon in that camp of twenty years ago. We sat in front of the largest round hut at tea time. The quietness of that afternoon, the good air, the friendliness of the African spelled peace. The picture taken that afternoon became the favored one with Dr. William Kuhn, general mission secretary. He had been concerned about our going into Mambiland. To see us well installed in camp chairs

GEBAUERS ARE HOME
Dr. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer and family expected to arrive in the United States about August 5. It is a joy for all North American Baptists to welcome them HOME for a well deserved furlough.

and with camp table in front of us spelled peace for Dr. Kuhn at Forest Park, Illinois.

Just a few months ago the two of us sat again at the self-same camp, before the same round hut of twenty years ago, during another Mambila afternoon. This time we had come by "Land Rover." The little car had climbed nicely up unto the plateau. Rolling over the Mambila heights was one great delight. Our coming had not been made known; so nothing was ready—and nothing came!

THE NEW ORDER

The old chief and the old order have died. He who claims to be the chief has no authority. None of the

former elders are left, either. The schoolboys whom we had rounded up to collect water inquired about the rate of pay beforehand. The camp caretaker came to collect his fees before services were rendered. Nobody swept the camp, which was at least done for the least in former days. The chief sent no firewood. Luckily, "Land Rover" needed no cornmeal, no water, no firewood.

This change in attitude is evident everywhere, of course. The switch from a subsistence economy to the western money-economy is not made easily anywhere, to be sure. The breakdown of any tribe anywhere results in loss of authority on every level, including the family level. Unchecked freedom results in loss of discipline of every form. But—Baptists have had a growing church in this village for the past twenty years. We have had a large school on this spot since 1948. Our missionaries have given much attention to this place. Should not the influence of the Christians check these symptoms of decay?

CHRISTIAN INFLUENCES

Not yet! Not so soon! The "saving few" do exert a healthy influence within the church membership. They do stand out within the community, but they have yet to learn that Jesus of Nazareth set the whole man free, that he is concerned about the entire life of the individual and community. They have to be led deeper into the secrets of his Word and his fellowship. For just a few more years these Mambila people need the guiding fellowship of missionaries that can relate faith to practice, love to spontaneous action, freedom to discipline, testimony to reality, the power of Christ's resurrection to the life now and here.

Have you mastered these Christian secrets of power and of a powerful influence upon the decay of your own society?



Paul and Clara Gebauer on their visit to Mbamga Village in Africa's Mambila grassland country 20 years ago enjoying some tea in front of the largest round, grass-thatched hut in the village.



A one-million acre area of 24 parks and monuments in the United States form the world's largest parish during the summer months where the Gospel is presented in specially arranged worship services.

Presenting Christ in National Parks

The Ministry of 121 College and Seminary Students This Summer in 24 National Parks

UNDER the giant sequoias or beside a mountain lake in one of our majestic National Parks, visitors this summer are coming upon family groups taking part in unusual worship services led by college men and women enthusiastic about their ministry.

Now in its fifth year, the Christian Ministry in the National Parks reaches from Michigan to California and from Texas as far north as Mt. McKinley in Alaska.

121 STUDENT MINISTERS

Describing this ministry, the Rev. Warren Ost, executive director of the program, announced that 121 college and seminary students have taken up their duties this summer in Yellowstone, Sequoia, Yosemite, Glacier and our 20 other National Parks.

"This is a record number," he said, reporting that these trained student ministers represent 18 Protestant denominations. They are conducting religious services for many of the fifteen million park visitors this summer in rustic chapels, luxurious lodge hotels and out-of-doors wherever people feel like gathering.

Students provide their leadership on a "priest-worker" basis, Mr. Ost pointed out. On weekdays, they drive trucks, bell-hop and do chores for the hotels and park concessions to help pay their way and to support their ministry. They also conduct Vacation Bible Schools and recreation for the children of park visitors as well as for the permanent and seasonal park personnel.

On weekday evenings, the student

leaders collect other young employees for song fests, talent shows and talks around a campfire discussing problems and solutions to them.

WORLD'S LARGEST PARISH

"In my opinion there is no better practical preparation for the ministry than serving in our National Parks," Mr. Ost declared. He explained that during the winter months hundreds of students applying for the park ministry are carefully screened to take part in one of the five regional training conferences nearest them. They are also briefed by United States Park Service directors at these conferences.

As supervisor of the program, Mr. Ost has what is probably the world's largest parish — an approximately one-million acre area of 24 parks and monuments—which he oversees by jeep, plane and on horseback each summer.

"I estimate I cover about 35,000 miles a year," he said, "from the Dakota Badlands, Death Valley, and Mt.

McKinley in Alaska to Texas." On these annual summer trips, Mr. Ost assists student leaders in building up programs and straightening out problems that may require his expert advice.

Mr. Ost was himself a college student bell-hop at the Old Faithful Inn in Yellowstone, and he got the idea for the student ministry while organizing a 120-member chorus among his fellow workers at Old Faithful, which proved a great success. Later at Princeton Theological School, he developed the plan with officials of the National Council of Churches.

PARK WORSHIP SERVICES

"Six of the largest parks now have year-round ministers with permanent chapels of their own," Mr. Ost reported, adding that they serve 3,000 employees in Sequoia, Kings Canyon, Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, and Yosemite. A ministry is also being provided this year from Oct. 15 to May 1, 1958, in the Death Valley National Monument which is being served by one seminary student.

Park areas where visitors join in Sunday worship this summer include: Isle Royale, Mich.; Big Bend, Tex.; Black Hills, S. D.; Zion and Bryce Canyon, Utah; Crater Lake and Oregon Caves, Oreg.; Glacier, Mont.; Grand Canyon, Ariz.; Grand Teton and Yellowstone, Wyoming; Kings Canyon, Yosemite, Sequoia, Lassen Volcanic and Death Valley, Cal.f.; Mesa Verde and Rocky Mountains, Colo.; Mt. Rainier and Olympic National Parks, Wash.; and Mt. McKinley, Alaska.

OPERATION TFC

"Thousand for Christ"

- Launched at the Christian Leaders' Conference, August 1-4, 1957, by the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship.
- To be described in the August 22 issue of the "Baptist Herald".



An airplane view of beautiful Colonial Village, Lansing, Mich., showing the Colonial Village Baptist Church to the right of Boston Boulevard (almost at center of photograph alongside the board street).

The Church at the Heart of Colonial Village



The Amazing Story of the Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing, Michigan



By Rev. Aaron Buhler and Rev. E. A. Roloff

THREE scripture verses came to our minds as we set about writing this article for the "Baptist Herald" about the Colonial Village Baptist Church of Lansing, Michigan.

"So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof. FOR THE PEOPLE HAD A MIND TO WORK" (Nehemiah 4:6).

"We will build . . . God will prosper" (Nehemiah 2:20).

"This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes" (Psalm 118:23).

The truth of these scriptures has been demonstrated in the life of our church repeatedly over the past three years since we began building the new church plant. This contemporary building got under way after nine months of searching and praying for a suitable site and financial help.

God gave us a buyer for our former Holmes Street Church building. He so arranged it that we were able to get financial help from various agencies, including our Forest Park headquarters office. He gave our people willing hearts to donate their time and to give sacrificially of their money to make the structure a reality. The plant, while valued by some at \$300,000 was built at the cost of a little more than \$200,000, including furnishings and one acre of land. We will build . . . God will prosper!

CHURCH SANCTUARY

In April 1957, it was two years since we moved into the lower auditorium, while the main sanctuary was being completed. We have found almost everything to be very functional. We would not need to make many changes, if we were to do it over again. The total seating capacity, including the wing, is 700. We can easily care for that many people. Youth for Christ on one occasion crowded in 800.

The church building is 120 feet long

SERIES OF ARTICLES
This is the first of a series of articles about some of our North American Baptist churches which have shown an amazing growth in recent years because of a relocation program, new building or a more aggressive outreach into the community. The second in the series will be the story of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia.

and 50 feet wide. The wing is 44 by 30 feet. The church parlor is 39 feet by 19 feet. The nave floor has air step, sponge rubber base for carpeting. The pews are cushioned. Five dimmers are mounted on the instrument panel in the control room. They regulate lighting effects at all serv-

ices. The public address system, that goes to all parts of the building, is also controlled from here. Occasionally we broadcast the entire morning service. The radio station engineer gives instructions from the control room. We will build . . . God will prosper!

However, we are glad to report that the spiritual blessings that have been ours far outshine the beauty of the physical structure. The Lord has done exceeding abundantly for us. He has honored his Word. We can report many conversions, as many as nine on a single Sunday. In two years, from April 1955 through April 1957, a total of 166 persons have united with the church. Of this number 105 were baptized, 43 came by testimony, while only 18 came by letter. In 1956 one hundred people united with the church. A number of people from other churches have been saved and have returned to their churches. We



The Colonial Village Baptist Church of Lansing, Mich., at the time of Dedication Sunday, two years ago.

rejoice in their salvation. Our present church membership stands at 403. We will build . . . God will prosper!

The youth work under the direction of our capable church missionary, Miss Bonnie Morgan, has made great strides. The enrollment in both the senior and junior groups is gratifying. A third group is to be added next fall. Several of our young people are studying for the ministry. Mr. and Mrs. Andy Mixter sponsor the senior group, and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Perry the "Jet Cadets". We will build . . . God will prosper!

THREE SUNDAY SCHOOL BUSES

Mr. E. A. Dachtler is our aggressive Sunday School superintendent. The Sunday School has now nine departments and 25 classes. All department superintendents, teachers and officers are doing a great job in our rapidly growing Sunday School. The all time high attendance was 544! Three buses are now in action every Sunday bringing in children from unchurched homes. The average attendance thus far in 1957 has been 380. Several families have been won to Christ because of our contact with them through their children. The Sunday School is contributing to several missionary endeavors. One of them is \$500 per year toward the support of one of our Cameroon's missionaries. We will build . . . God will prosper!

The Junior Church encompasses all children between the ages of 5 and 10. They have been close to the hundred mark in their attendance. They meet during the 11 a.m. hour while the adult church meets upstairs. When they reach the age of 11, they are officially welcomed to the adult church.

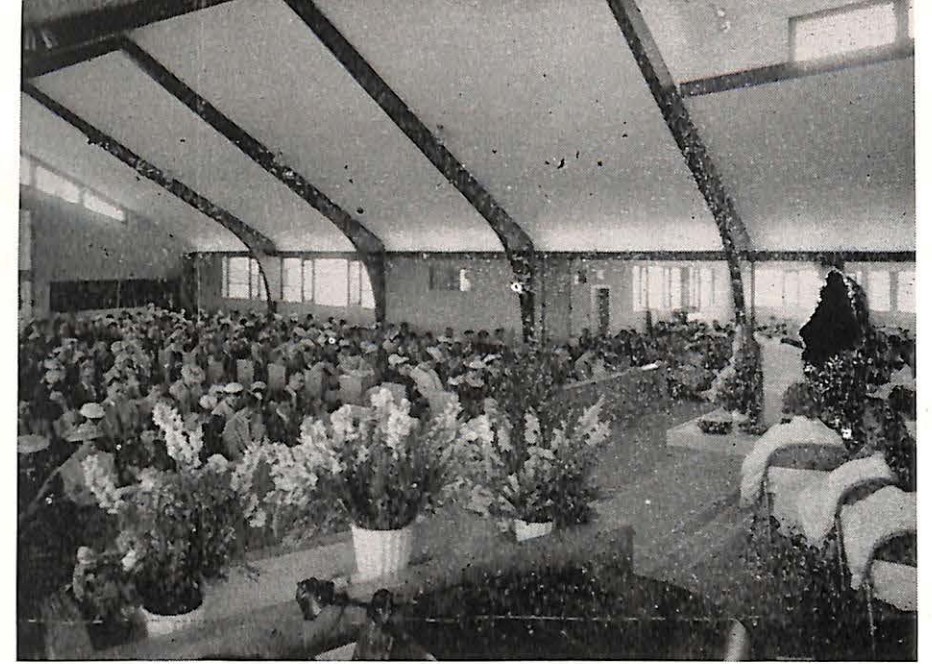
Those below the age of 5 are taken care of during the services by Mrs. Edna Marshall, our white uniformed nursery attendant and her assistants taken from the five missionary circles. Many parents make use of the nursery facilities, and thus they are able to enjoy the service undisturbed. We will build . . . God will prosper!

The Ladies' Missionary Society is divided into five circles with a total enrollment of 152. All circles carry on various missionary projects. Mrs. Dorothy Buhler is the president. We will build . . . God will prosper!

FORTY VOICE CHOIR

Our forty voice senior choir, under the direction of Margie Baier sings every Sunday morning and evening. On the second Sunday in June they presented a sacred concert. The 30 voice junior choir, under the direction of Miss Ann Dachtler, sings once a month. We will build . . . God will prosper!

A new venture, as far as our church is concerned, is the organization of a Boy Scout troop. We started it on a trial basis, and thus far it has come



The congregation of the Colonial Village Church of Lansing, Mich., at prayer with the pastor, Rev. A. Buhler, at the pulpit. A wing of the church sanctuary is shown at the right.

along in great shape. Jack Garnaat, our scout master, informs us that we have no trouble getting enough boys. We have all we can handle without much promotion. The men who work along with the scout master every Monday night and during camping trips on weekends, place the spiritual emphasis high on the list of activities for the boys. We will build . . . God will prosper!

In addition to our own organizations using the facilities of the church, we have many others to whom we open our doors, such as Child Evangelism, Lansing Christian School, Sunday School Convention, Lansing Rescue Mission, and Youth for Christ. These groups use our building without cost to them. We believe a church plant should be used more than on Sundays and Wednesdays. We do!

A large number of groups have come through our church during the past two years. One group from another Michigan city came four times to gather ideas for their church. The

result: Almost a copy of ours. A church from Reno, Nevada, wrote for a set of our church plans.

Often these groups ask the question: How are you as a church being received in the new community? Do the people show an interest? What percentage is directly from the area where your church is located? It is difficult to answer such questions precisely. However, let me say that the longer we are in the community, the more we are being accepted and the greater is the response.

VISITATION EVANGELISM

We, like many other churches, draw people from all parts of the city. Some come from the country and drive 60 miles every Sunday. However, the larger part of the people whom we reach are from the area where the church is located. Naturally, our concerted efforts in canvassing and visitation are expanded where the church is located. Twenty-five

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The Advisory Board of the Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing, Michigan, with Rev. Aaron Buhler, pastor, fourth from left in the front row.

Elijah's Mantle Over New York City

The Story of the New York Crusade to July 1st With Billy Graham as Evangelist
Reported by Rev. Paul F. Zoschke of Brooklyn, N. Y.

THE ORIGINALLY planned duration of the Billy Graham Crusade in New York City has now passed into history, but the Team has moved the closing date up to July 20 to climax with a tremendous rally in Yankee Stadium, with the hope to "fill the Stadium for the Lord." (This rally will be reported in a later issue of the "Baptist Herald").

SOME STATISTICS

As of June 30th, a total of 805,800 persons had heard the Gospel in Madison Square Garden. With a seating capacity of 18,500, the Garden was filled to capacity a number of nights and nearly filled all other evenings.

On the Sunday evening of June 30th, when Dr. Graham presented his mother, Mrs. William Frank Graham, the Garden management had admitted about 700 standees, bringing the total attendance to 19,200. This still left an estimated 5,000 people stand-

nightly singing of the newly popular Swedish anthem, "How Great Thou Art," with George Beverley Shea as soloist.

Of about 3,500 enlisted counsellors, upward of 450 were engaged every night, and the reserve counsellors were often called into action by the evangelist.

About 400 ushers of a corps of approximately 2,000 did a masterful job of handling the huge crowds with no jams or bottlenecks.

THE INVITATION

The number of decisions as of this writing stood at 25,551. A goodly percentage of these were, of course, rededications. But nevertheless it was a thrilling sight to see the large area around the improvised pulpit platform filled with inquirers, even having to fill the aisles for some distance.

There was almost no pleading

Team then analyzed their action in brief, simple sentences so that all could know what they were doing.

The trained counsellors spoke personally with the inquirers, helping them to read Scripture verses that well confirmed them in their decision. These counsellors were trained for ten weeks prior to the Crusade in leading an inquirer from doubt to certainty, out of bewilderment into a new direction God-ward, and out of spiritual anguish to peace with God.

The counsellors not only dealt with the converts on the nights of their decisions, but they also endeavored to keep in contact with them subsequently. One of the abiding benefits of the Crusade to the churches will be the services of these trained and experienced counsellors in years to come.

SOME CASE HISTORIES

Of course, the conversions at such meetings come from all strata of society, from the lowest to the highest. A cross section of the public is always reflected in such a group. A few samples follow:

One night an Air Force colonel and his wife attended the meeting and were led by the Spirit of God to a saving knowledge of Christ. The colonel had often participated in horse-jumping events in the Garden and had won several blue ribbons. He had also joined in the singing of the national anthem. But he had returned home from these engagements with a sense of lacking real satisfaction, and he stated that singing "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" meant infinitely more to him than "The Star Spangled Banner" could ever mean, even though he loves the national anthem dearly too.

A candy salesman and his wife were watching television one Saturday night. She had dialled to the Crusade program. After watching and listening for several minutes, he had asked her to change to something else, but since she was deeply interested she did not heed her husband's request. When Dr. Graham especially addressed a sentence to the viewing audience saying, "Even you who sit before your television set with a glass of beer in your hand can come to Christ in your own home," it struck this man so forcefully because he was sitting with a glass of beer in his hand. The next day after his acceptance, he attended a communion service in his church, and afterward said: "What a difference it makes in



—Religious News Service Photo

In a dramatic action photo, Evangelist Billy Graham addresses a great rally during his New York Crusade in Madison Square Garden, calling on the people to make "decisions for Christ."

ing outside to whom the message was brought by public address.

It is unprecedented in the history of this arena that one group could so consistently fill, or nearly fill, the Garden for more than seven weeks.

A corps of 5,000 singers had been recruited, of whom about 1,200 to 1,500 formed a choir every night under the direction of the genial Cliff Barrows. Their special feature was the

with the people on the part of Dr. Graham while they were coming. After the evangelist had stated his invitation and challenged the people to come to Christ, he usually stood in silence with his arms folded until the procession had reduced itself to a few. Then he briefly reiterated his call and spoke words of encouragement before dismissing them to the inquiry room, where others of the

The Billy Graham Crusade will be extended another three weeks from July 21 to about August 11, according to the latest reports from the New York headquarters of the evangelist.

taking Communion when you know Christ personally!"

LIFE'S NEW MEANING

The wife of a foreign ambassador to the United Nations heeded the invitation and gave herself in faith to Christ as Savior. In a letter to Dr. Graham she said: "I feel now as if I were walking on air. Life has taken on a new meaning for me. My decision for Christ has marked the beginning of a transformation in my family."

The religious editor of a syndicated column made his decision for Christ one day while talking with one of the workers in the Crusade office. A few days later he made his acceptance public by responding to the invitation. He said that while he was doing it, he prayed that his "action would influence a competitor to do the same."

A young actor had yielded himself completely to Christ one evening. Afterward he refused a part in casting a film in Hollywood because he did not want to miss the meetings. He then helped in the choir and in whatever way he could to assist in the Crusade.

VISITATION EVANGELISM PROGRAM

After the close of the Crusade, a part of the Graham Team will remain in New York City to guide a Visitation Evangelism Program next October, in which it is hoped that more than 1,000 churches will participate. This plan will be an effort in part in a longer-range, follow-up work with the new converts, and also to harness the general spiritual impetus generated by the Crusade to the purely local parish tasks.

Further guidance is offered to the churches in training the augmented lists of visitors and counsellors. These services of the Graham Team are without charge to the churches since they are made possible by the Crusade budget.

THE SERVANT OF GOD

Thus the consecrated, generous, humble spirit of Billy Graham will remain as an Elijah mantle over New York for time to come. The earnestness of his spirit, the forthrightness of his message, the humility manifested in his approach, and the continual retirement of Graham, the man, into the background in order to give God all the glory will remain a sweet savor to all.

As of this writing there is no sign of fatigue, physical or spiritual, and no lessening of effort or enthusiasm. In God seems to be his perpetual strength.



The old city wall at Ingolstadt, Germany, where Mrs. Riddle found a Baptist Church meeting in small, damp rooms under the wall at the right, just beyond the telephone pole.

A Church Under the City Wall

The Story of a Baptist Church in Southern Germany
by Mrs. Edith Riddle of Chicago, Illinois

THIS past summer I spent a month in Germany. While visiting in Ingolstadt, a city of about 75,000 people, about 50 miles north of Munich, I went walking one day and unexpectedly found a Baptist church. I had only a small camera with me for pictures.

Their meeting place is in a little, dark, damp room under the old city wall. I went to this Baptist Church and attended the services the follow-

ing Sunday. It was Mission Day, and the offering was going to the French Cameroons.

They had no minister; and a lay brother spoke. They had a little organ, but no one to play it. The church had plain wooden benches, probably built by the men of the congregation.

After the service, I spoke with the people. They are mostly refugees from other parts of Europe, who have lost their former homes and possessions. There are 75 members on the roll. About 70 people were present that morning. They do not have Sunday School or young people's meetings, and there were not many children and young people at the service.

I would say that most of the people were of middle age, but a few younger couples had their children with them. They have a lot for a church edifice and hope someday to erect a real building. There is only one other Protestant church in the city that is evangelical, but there are many Catholic churches to be found in Ingolstadt and all schools are parochial. Therefore, it is necessary for Protestant children to attend the Catholic schools.

The people in the Baptist Church with whom I spoke did not seem to know very much about the great Baptist work in America. It was a joy for me to take a few pictures while visiting with our Baptist brethren in Ingolstadt and to tell them something about our Baptist witness in far-off United States.

HARVEST AND MISSION FESTIVAL MATERIALS

The programs and recitation material for the Harvest and Mission Festival to be observed this fall by our Sunday Schools have been sent to all churches. The two page programs can easily be used as bulletin inserts. The back page tells the latest story of Semi Jam of the Cameroons, Africa. The offerings will be designated for our foreign mission work.

Harvest and Mission Festival is observed in Canada on the first Sunday in October. In the United States usually the third Sunday is the date for this Sunday School observance. It can be held on any appropriate Sunday late in September or in October. If further material is desired, please send your request at once to Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio.

Hutchinson, Minn., Church Dedicated

Report by Mrs. Henry Schott, Hutchinson, Minnesota

SUNDAY, June 16, was a day of great rejoicing in the Lord for the Bethany Baptist Church of Hutchinson, Minn. We dedicated our new church edifice to the Lord on this day for the purpose of winning souls and glorifying God. The guest speaker for the morning service was Dr. Martin Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill. The choir sang "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" directed by Rev. Elmo Tahrán, our pastor.

Dr. Leuschner gave an inspiring message, "Let Mount Zion Rejoice," in the afternoon at the dedication service. The choir sang "The Heavens Resound" and "Open the Gates of the Temple". Many congratulatory letters were read and the visiting pastors from various churches offered their congratulations on the new church.

The evening service consisted of many special numbers in song from the Ladies' Chorus, male quartet,

mixed quartet and two solos by Clayton Schott. Guest speaker was Rev. Emil Becker of New Leipzig, N. Dak., a former pastor. Meals and lunch were served in the basement by the women of the church.

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" echoes in the hearts of our people, for truly God has been faithful in answering our prayers. For years the need for a new place in which to worship was keenly felt in our hearts. But with only a few hundred dollars in the building fund, that vision seemed impossible. In September, 1955, the people called a young pastor and his family whom God has used to make the impossible possible. This pastor, Rev. Elmo Tahrán, had a vision of a new edifice.

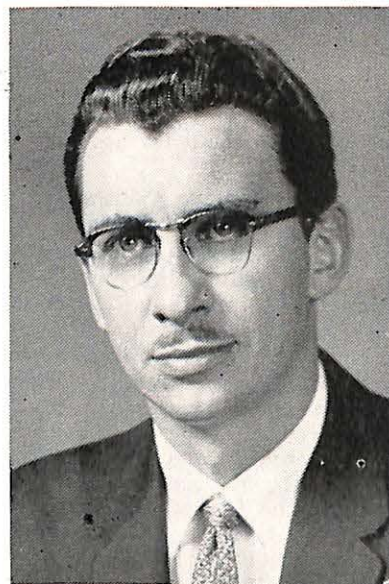
Soon afterwards, the building fund began to grow and on a March evening in 1956 with a little over \$1,000 in the building fund, the church voted to buy 4 lots in South Hutchin-

son costing over \$5,000. This seemed to be the challenge which the people needed. The ground-breaking service was held in August 1956, and the church was completed for its first prayer service on April 17, 1957 with its first church service following on Easter Sunday. At this service 5 new members were added to the membership, making a total of 65.

The Bethany Church was formerly known as the North Side Baptist Church located on Highway 7, across the street from a light plant. The church was first organized on Feb. 14, 1899 under the leadership of Rev. Henry Bens, and was dedicated in June 1899. There were 39 charter members. Two charter members remain on the church membership list, namely, Mrs. Bertha Fratzke and Mrs. Anna Klammer. The church acknowledges with thankful hearts all donations of labor, free will offerings and memorials.



The new edifice of the Bethany Baptist Church, Hutchinson, Minn., which was dedicated on Sunday, June 16, 1957.



Rev. Elmo Tahrán of Hutchinson, Minn., pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church.

Dedication of Immanuel Church, Vancouver, B. C.

Report of Dedication Festivities by Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, Alberta

FOR SOME time plans had been considered by our Bethany Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia, to start another church in the city. Space was at a premium in the Bethany Church and also the spirit of missions prompted this idea among the Bethany members. Last year Rev. Gerhard P. Gebauer and a group of the people belonging to the Bethany Church decided to undertake the venture in the Name of the Lord. A church was organized and named the Immanuel Church, which gathered

for its Sunday services in the Bethel Christian Reformed Church.

\$69,000 BUILDING

Soon plans were made to build a house of God. For the members of this new organization, who were "newcomers," seeking to establish themselves in the new country of Canada, it became very difficult to undertake a building project. The Lord, however, gave his people much joy to plan, work, give and pray towards the realization of an edifice for their needs of worship.

A building site in a proper residential area was secured, and a building of the size, 46 by 82 feet, was constructed. Three brethren of the church who are building contractors directed the work and gave of their time and ability freely. Indeed, practically all the labor in building the church was donated by church members. A total of \$35,000 had been given by the people by the time of the dedication for the new place of worship. All but the basement of the church has been completed at a cash

outlay of \$69,000. It is a beautiful building which is a credit to the pastor and his people. The mother church also gave a sizable sum of money for the cause.

Sunday, May 19, was the great and blessed day for the Immanuel Church people. Early in the morning the people started gathering around the entrance of the church. Promptly at 9:15 a.m. the pastor, Rev. Gerhard P. Gebauer, led in the devotions from the door steps and received the key from the architect, Brother Buttjes. Upon opening the portals, the people followed the pastor and guest speaker for the day, Rev. E. P. Wahl, president of the Christian Training Institute, into the new house of the Lord. Over 500 people came to attend this opening dedication service. Mr. Wahl found much joy bringing the dedicatory message based on Genesis 28:22. The pastor led his people in the dedicatory prayer.

MEMORABLE FESTIVITIES

At 7:30 p.m. another great service was held when 750 people crowded into the building. Besides a brief message by Mr. Wahl, words of congratulation and best wishes were brought by others: among them being Dr. A. S. Felberg from the Ebenezer Church in Vancouver, Rev. I. Faszler from the Bethany Church, Rev. G. Beutler of Chilliwack, B. C., and Dr. Liebrecht, consul of the German Consulate.

This great event was not to be commemorated with just one day of special services. For the entire week there were special meetings every night, concluding with a special evangelistic appeal by Rev. G. P. Schroeder of Lodi, Calif., who served as evangelist.

The Lord has graciously led his people at this church. May the congenial pastor, Rev. G. P. Gebauer, and his people be given much strength and wisdom to continue laboring for the Master and spreading the Gospel at home and abroad.



The Immanuel Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia, with the large congregation standing outside just before the church doors were opened on Dedication Sunday.

Dedication Services at Arnold, Pa.

Report of the Dedication of the Parsonage and Educational Unit of the Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Pa.,

by Mrs. Fred Pressick

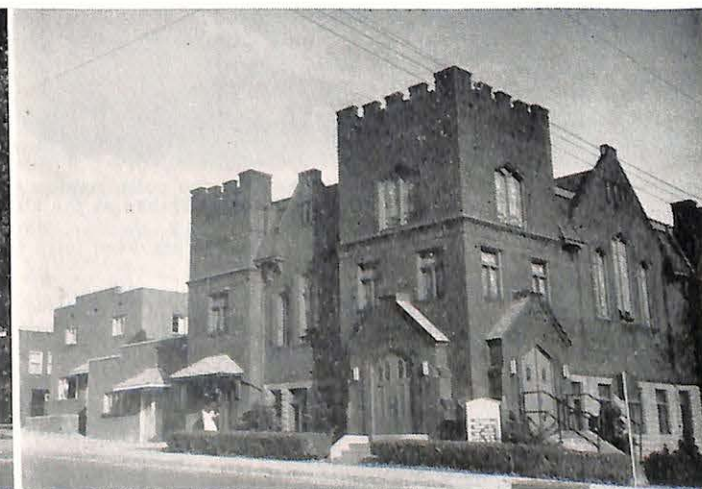
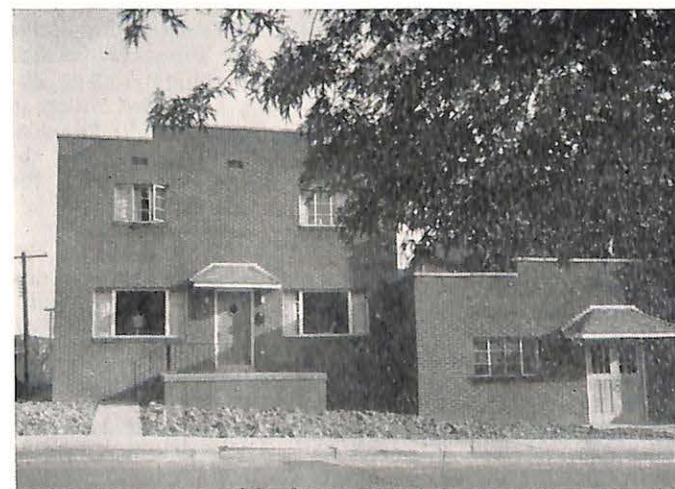
SUNDAY, May 26, became a memorable day for members and friends of the Union Baptist Church of Arnold, Pa. We met to dedicate to the Lord our parsonage and educational building. We were privileged to have Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., with us for the day.

At a special business meeting on February 19, 1953 we began plans for our new parsonage and educational unit, and \$2,835.00 was pledged by our members that night. The Lord has wonderfully blessed us since that time.

Dr. Leuschner brought the message at the morning service. His topic was "How to Become Alive." At the afternoon service, the invocation was

by Mr. Fred Pressick, anthem by the choir, remarks by the contractor, Mr. Ed. Spires; by the Building Committee chairman, Mr. Clarence Susek; and Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Judson Guenther.

Rev. Frank Veninga, pastor of Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., our mother church, brought a brief challenge to the church. Prayer was by Rev. Allen Herman, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church of Brackenridge, Pa. The dedicatory message was brought by Dr. Leuschner and the benediction by our pastor, Rev. Dale Chaddock. Open House in the parsonage and educational building followed the service with refreshments.



The newly dedicated parsonage and educational unit of the Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Pa. (left), which have been built to the left of the church edifice, as shown in the photo at the right.

A Church With a Great Name!

The Story of the Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Saskatchewan, a Church Extension Project of the Denomination, by Rev. Richard Grabke, Pastor

A NEGRO preacher wound up his Sunday morning sermon with the following statement: "We ain't what we want to be . . . and we ain't what we gwinter be . . . but thank de Lawd, we ain't what we was!"

Three chapters of the history of the Faith Baptist Church of Regina, Saskatchewan, have been written. "What has been written has been written". The 17 charter members, in looking back to those difficult beginnings, can confidently say with joyous hearts: "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us".

STEADY PROGRESS

Early in 1954, the first service was held in a downtown building known as the Orange Hall. The building was old, dark and forbidding. But the rent was only \$5.00 a service, which made the auditorium seem attractive to us. The first service was attended by 19 people. The first quarterly report indicates that the attendance had

floors about us, and old undependable chairs at hand, but to us it was God's House. We had worked and we had prayed and we had given! The church was built in a new expanding area with tremendous opportunities.

The approximate cost of the completed building is \$100,000. To date over \$40,000 have been spent. The basement has been made acceptable and is kept attractive by a Christian couple who live in a suite in the church.

That it was God's leading that we move into a suburban area is now evident. In three years we have received almost 150 people into the church. Six baptismal services have been held. Our morning attendance in the winter months ran about 185 and 150 at night, with an enrollment at Sunday School of 165.

All the various organizations of the church have been active and have contributed much towards the prog-

itors call on the homes of people who have attended our morning worship services. From time to time, our area and our sections of the city are canvassed. Over 1000 homes are visited every year.

Many families and individuals have been reached for Christ and for the church through this medium of service. Still more wonderful is what this work does for the ones who do the visiting.

Our Men's Brotherhood has also been doing a remarkable job. Through the means of taking Christian movie films to halls and churches of all denominations, the men have had many opportunities of witnessing for Christ and serving the Lord. Also almost \$1000 have been raised in support of their projects. An assistant pastor will be supported by the men for the summer months. A church lawn is also being put in by the men and financed from their treasury.

Three Vacation Bible schools have been held. The enrollment of the first school with pupils and teachers was 140. Last year a successful school was conducted by Miss Helen Leskis, a convert from Roman Catholicism. The enrollment was 200. This year we set the goal of our school at 300 with 65 teachers. Mrs. Jack Sailor, a convert of one year, has done a remarkable job in directing the school.

Our annual Stewardship Emphasis Month and Every Member Canvass has proven to be a tremendous blessing and a victory for our church. Our giving increased 42 percent over the previous year. The setting up of a church budget has aided in supporting more faithfully our mission causes. This last year 71 earning resident members pledged \$18,000 towards the church budget. About forty people have pledged to tithe their income to the church. The average giving of pledging members is \$250 per year or approximately \$5.00 every Sunday. This has aided much in meeting the many heavy financial burdens as well as doing our part towards meeting the needs around the world.

MISSIONARY INTEREST

Even though our church is young and the local needs are almost insurmountable, we realize that our vision must be larger than this city. The more we give to missions, the more will we prosper at home. Our first Missionary Convention was held last fall with Miss Ardice Ziolkowski. We have just completed another great Missionary Convention with three of our own denominational missionar-

ress of the work. We could not dispense with the Music Department, the Woman's Missionary Society, the Boys' Brigade, the Pioneer Girls, the CBY or the Men's Brotherhood.

VISITATION PROGRAM

Perhaps the strongest arm of the church has been our visitational program carried on by the Faith Crusaders. Every Sunday afternoon, vis-



Speakers at the Missionary Convention held by the Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Sask., with the pastor, Rev. Richard Grabke at the right.

North American Baptist missionaries are Mrs. R. Neuman, Rev. R. Neuman and Tina Schmidt (3rd, 4th and 5th from left).

rised to 70 in the morning and 75 at night. Hundreds of balloons with invitations to attend Sunday School were passed out to children of neighboring schools and in a short time we had a Sunday School of 40 children.

Time flies quickly! What a memorable day it was when we moved into our own church building! To others it was only a basement, with steel girders above, cement walls and

OPERATION TFC

(Thousand for Christ)

A Personal Youth Evangelism Crusade sponsored by the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship

LAUNCHING

Program launched on August 5, 1957 at the Christian Leaders' Conference, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

PURPOSE

To lead young people into a soul winning experience for Christ.

NEXT ISSUE

Watch for the August 22nd issue of the "Baptist Herald" for complete information about OPERATION TFC

ies: Miss Ernestina Schmidt of the Cameroons, Africa, and Rev. and Mrs. Reinhold Neuman of the Indian field. Rev. and Mrs. Edgar Martens, members of our church and serving in Aruba, also spoke at this convention.

The main message was brought by "the father of missions", Dr. Oswald J. Smith of the People's Church in Toronto, Ontario. He encouraged us to be faithful in our denominational missionary program and to do all we could to advance the cause of Christ wherever our missionaries serve.

Our Faith Church is a Church Extension Project. We wish to thank all those who have aided us. Some day the fruit of your sacrifices will be seen. The sympathetic interest of our denominational leaders has impressed us all and has made us more desirous of working together to do a better job for Christ's glory.

But we are not satisfied. There is such a great job to be done and time is running out. God has entrusted all of us with a work. Let us not fail him. May there be a continual advance! Let's not be "what we was!"

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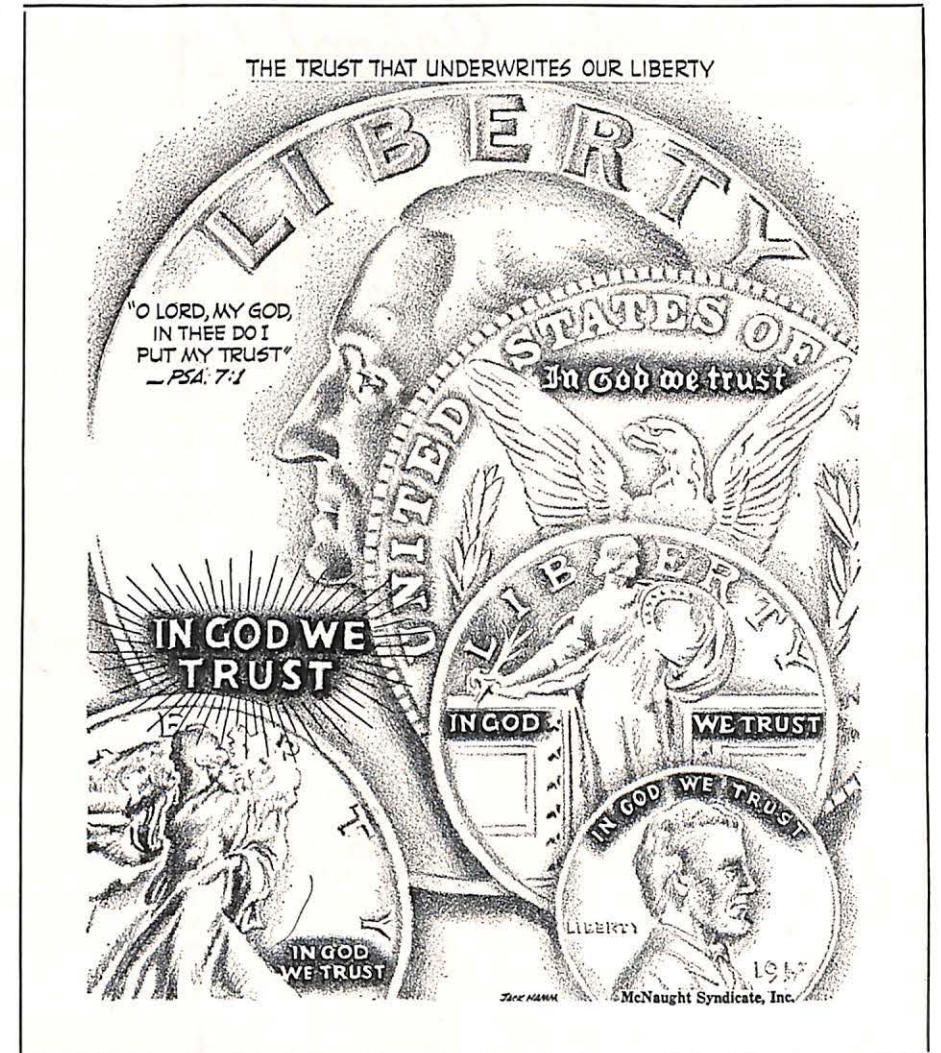
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ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke

August 15-25—Baptist World Alliance Representative at the Lutheran World Federation sessions, Minneapolis, Minn.

August 26-30—Baptist World Alliance executive committee session, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario.

Rev. R. Schilke

August 11 (Sunday Afternoon — Missionary Rally for Portland, Oregon, area churches at Bethany Church, Portland, Ore.

Rev. J. C. Gunst

August 11 (Sunday) — Immanuel Church, Wausau, Wis.

August 18 (Sunday)—German Baptist Church, Toronto, Ontario.

Rev. L. Bienert

August 18 (Sunday)—Hager Memorial Church, Prince George, British Columbia.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner

August 11 (Sunday) — Bethel Church, Missoula, Montana. (Dedication of new church edifice).

August 25 (Sunday) — Temple Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

CONFERENCES AND CAMPS

August 10-17—Oregon Baptist League Junior Girls' Camp at Falls City, Oregon. Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman and Rev. Richard Schilke, Guests.

August 12-16—South Dakota Junior Camp at Camp Riverside, Mitchell, S. Dak. Miss Ruth Bathauer and Miss Ida Forsch, Guests.

August 17-24—Oregon Baptist League Junior Boys' Camp at Falls City, Oregon. Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman and Rev. Edward Link, Guests.

August 19-23—South Dakota Senior Camp at Camp Riverside, Mitchell, S. Dak. Dr. Walter W. Wessell and Miss Ida Forsch, Guests.

August 22-25—Eastern Conference at Central Baptist Church, Erie, Pa. Professor Roy Seibel, Rev. G. K. Zimmerman and Mrs. Harm Sherman, Guest Speakers.

August 24-28 — Central Conference Young People's Camp at Oakwood Park Camp, Syracuse, Indiana. Miss Florence Miller and Prof. Roy W. Seibel, Guests.

August 24-31—Oregon Baptist League Senior Camp at Falls City, Oregon. Dr. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer and Rev. Edward Link, Guests.

Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: August 18, 1957

Theme: JONATHAN, NOBLE IN FRIENDSHIP

Scripture: 1 Samuel 18:3, 4; 19:1-7; 23:15-18

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: What you get out of friendship depends upon what you put into friendship.

INTRODUCTION: With all the war and hate that were continually going on during Saul's reign, it is refreshing to read the intermingling of love and friendship in the story of Jonathan and David. Torn between loyalty to his father and love for his friend, Jonathan had much to lose and little to gain. If he thought of the material things in life, we are not made aware of it by reference or inference. He loved with his eyes open to the fact that he would lose a whole kingdom if he continued his friendship with David. Yet he chose the love of a single friend to the riches of a kingdom.

It is true that Samuel had already anointed David as the future king, but Jonathan never questioned nor contested the choice. Finally, Jonathan fought and died for a kingdom over which his best friend would someday reign.

I. THE COVENANT OF FRIENDSHIP. 1 Sam. 18:3, 4.

Someone has said, "I love mankind in general, but I hate them in particular." It is common experience to love people from a distance. But when our relationships become personal, we see all the faults, failures and peculiarities that make it so difficult to forgive them, to tolerate them and to love them. David and Jonathan loved each other without trying to pull the splinters out of each other's eyes. If they would have tried this method, they soon would have been separated by beams. Although they lived long before Paul wrote the 13th chapter to the Corinthians, they bore all things, they believed all things, they hoped all things and they endured all things. In death as well as in life love never failed them.

II. A FRIEND'S DIVIDED LOYALTIES. 1 Sam. 19:1-7.

When a person is brought up on the commandment of God to honor father and mother and then becomes aware of the injustice of his parent, it creates a mental and spiritual struggle which becomes both difficult and embarrassing. It was certainly not easy for Jonathan to honor his father and to love David at the same time. Yet he was true both as a son and as a friend. Family relationships

are not necessarily the closest relationships. When we are bound by duty on the one hand and love on the other, it takes all the grace of God to be true to both.

III. A FRIEND'S RECOGNITION OF GREATNESS. 1 Sam. 23:15-18.

It is not always easy to see true greatness in oneself; neither is it easy always to see it in others. Particularly is this true when present circumstances blind us to future possibilities. Jonathan nevertheless saw the potential in David physically, spiritually and politically.

Someone asked Toscanini what instrument in his orchestra was the most difficult to play. Almost without hesitation he replied, "The most difficult instrument in any orchestra to play is second fiddle." Jonathan had the gracious gift of playing this difficult instrument with great love and understanding and without envy or jealousy.

IV. SORROW OVER THE DEATH OF A FRIEND. 2 Sam. 1:17-27.

It was certainly no comfort for David to know that in having reached the top he had lost his best friend. The triumph of victory and freedom were blunted by the death of Jonathan. Nevertheless, the love and sacrifice of his friend must have been an inspiration to David in his personal life as well as in his administration of the kingdom.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: August 25, 1957

Theme: AMOS, CRUSADER FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

Scripture: Amos 1:1; 6:4-7; 7:10-15

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Genuine religion cannot stop with the individual. It must strike out at the injustice and unrighteousness in every area of life.

INTRODUCTION: Our message is often directed to individual sinners. Jesus often used this method of calling men one by one. It was not until he condemned the organized unrighteousness of the scribes and Pharisees and the formal temple worship that his life became endangered. There is little personal danger in our preaching if we simply save the criminal but ignore organized crime; if we save the drunkard and ignore the liquor interests; if we save the dishonest politician and ignore corrupt government; if we save the Negro and ig-

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nore the race problem. In fact, the devil doesn't mind losing a few customers as long as you do not disturb his business. The purpose of the church is lost if we simply gain a new member and ignore his economic and social life.

We live in an age in which we have many so-called "popular" preachers. Of all the preachers in the Old Testament Amos could easily be counted as one of the most unpopular. He had no appreciative audience, unless it was among the poor and the afflicted. Yet he had a message that is certainly timely and needful today.

I. AN OBSERVING SHEPHERD. Amos 1:1.

There is a great difference between seeing and observing. When a person sees through the eyes of God, he becomes a most observing person, particularly in relation to sin and evil. The transgression of Israel must have been very great for Amos to use such strong and terrifying language, "The Lord will roar from Zion" (Amos 1:2). Today, even as then, Amos would be looked upon as an extremist, a radical, a coarse and peculiar preacher who would be ignored because of his lack of education and culture.

II. THE UNOBSERVING ARISTOCRACY. Amos 6:4-7.

There are many things which we cannot help but notice. But there are also many things to which we are blind because we do not want to see them. These lords and ladies of Samaria were blind to the needs of the poor and helpless. They were blind to their spiritual needs and to their future physical danger which was brought about by the conquering Assyrians. Their present sinful bondage was symbolic and prophetic of the political bondage which followed.

III. THE UNWELCOME PREACHER. Amos 7:10-13.

If Amos would have waited to receive a call from the Samaritan congregation to be their minister, he would have waited in vain. Very few prophets of the Lord could have continued to preach after they had been asked in no uncertain terms to leave. In times of prosperity there is danger of exercising great personal liberty at the cost of personal and national morality. It is strange that the highest political leader (King Jeroboam) and the highest religious leader (Amaziah, the priest) were the ones who were the most anxious to get rid of Amos.

IV. THE CALL OF GOD. Amos 7:14, 15.

What Amos is trying to say is that he has no aristocratic ancestor, no formal education, no ordination into the priesthood; but he does know the difference between righteousness and unrighteousness and he has the direct authority from almighty God to preach the truth, no matter what the cost.

What's Happening

● Rev. and Mrs. Walter Schmidt of Arnprior, Ontario, have announced the birth of a son on June 8th who has been named Mark Stephen. The baby was born prematurely and had to be confined to the Civic Hospital in Ottawa for about a month before joining the Schmidt family in the Baptist parsonage at Arnprior.

● The Grosse Pointe Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., has called Mr. Ray Hanson of Portland, Oregon, for a summer ministry of assisting the pastor as a director of youth work in the church. Mr. Hanson received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in May 1957.

● The First Baptist Church of Bellwood, Illinois, held a very successful Vacation Bible School from June 17 to 28 under the direction of Mr. Paul Koonter. The average attendance was 139 children. The children's offerings of \$119.80 were designated for Rev. and Mrs. Clem Auch, their "missionary friends in Japan," as reported by Lorraine Grupp. Rev. Connie Salios is pastor of the church.

● Mr. Ernest E. Hahn of Detroit, Mich., a 1957 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, assisted Rev. Fred Moore in the ministry of the Baptist Church, Chancellor, S. Dak., during the month of June. During July and August he is assisting Rev. Richard Grabke in the Faith Baptist Church of Regina, Sask., doing visitation work and supplying the pulpit in the pastor's absence. Mr. Hahn is a member of the Conner Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.

● On Sunday, June 21, the choir of the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, and Rev. L. B. Hinz, pastor, presented a 30-minute religious program over Channel 6 and the television station KCEN-TV in Waco. It was a thrilling experience for those participating, and the response of viewers was most encouraging. The Vacation Bible School of the church began on Monday, June 22, with an enrollment of 111 children. It was a very successful Bible School.

● Miss Ilsa Fuhrmann of the Forest Park headquarters office, the secretary of Dr. Frank H. Woyke, left by plane on July 20, on a six-weeks tour to Europe. She is visiting her home and family at Stuttgart, Germany, during most of this time. She hopes to visit Austria and to see Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Appel, the director of our Austrian Mission and his wife at Salzburg. She also plans to spend some time in Italy on a sightseeing tour.

● Rev. Phil Daum recently resigned as minister of the Hager Memorial Baptist Church of Prince George, British Columbia, and brought his ministry there to a close on July 15. He had served as pastor of this church for more than six and one-half years. He has retired to Vancouver, British Columbia, but he will be available for pulpit supply and assistance as the Lord will lead. His new address is given elsewhere in this issue. During the month of August, Mr. Daum is supplying the pulpit of the Ebenezer Church of Vancouver, B. C., during the vacation absence of the pastor, Dr. A. S. Felberg.

● This year Rev. E. C. Schoenleber of Yakima, Washington, brought his ministry of 20 years as the statistical secretary of the Pacific Conference to a close. The conference in session at the First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., voted a resolution of honorable recognition to Mr. Schoenleber for his devoted services during the past 20 years. At his urgent request, another person was elected as the statistical secretary for the next year. As usual, Mr. Schoenleber's completed records were the first to be received at headquarters for the printing of the "Annual Reports" volume. Congratulations, Brother Schoenleber, for a superbly fine job during these 20 years!

● At 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, July 23, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer and their daughter Anne were presented to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, at Buckingham Palace in London, England. Dr. Gebauer received his decoration of the "Order of the British Empire" from the Queen while his wife and daughter witnessed the ceremony. Walter Gebauer, the son, had to "stay outside the gate while his friends took care of him," because of his age. Dr. Gebauer has tentatively promised the editor of the "Baptist Herald" to see to it that "we are duly photographed at the Gate of the Palace, top hat and morning coat and all," for the benefit of our readers.

● The Temple Church of Milwaukee, Wis., held its Vacation Bible School from June 17 to 21 with 43 children registered and a total daily attendance of 53, including the teachers and helpers. Moving pictures were taken of the class activities and shown at the demonstration program. This feature was greatly enjoyed by the children. The offerings for the week amounted to \$73.11. On June 2nd, the Church Choir and Rev. Rudolph Woyke, pastor, conducted an hour long worship (9:00 to 10:00 A.M.) program over the televi-

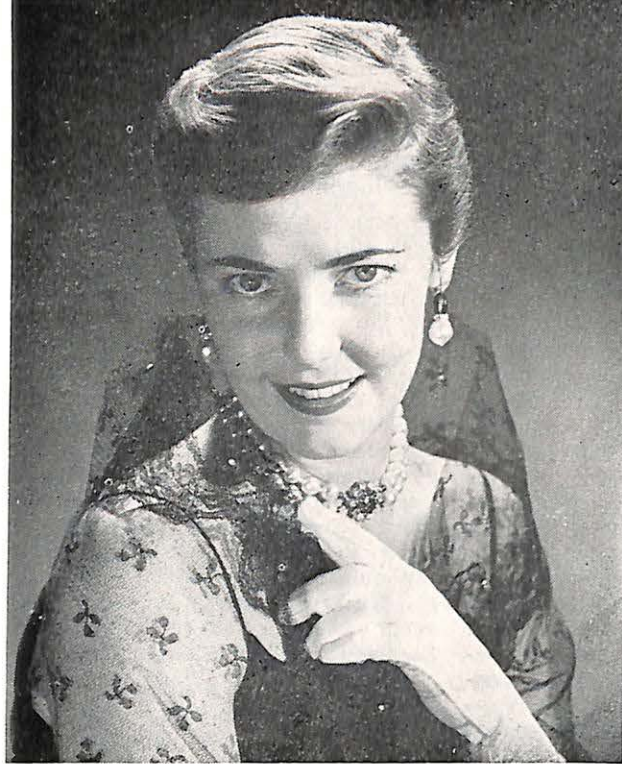
sion WTMJ-TV in Milwaukee. Mr. Woyke reported that "this was an interesting and challenging experience."

● Mrs. J. W. Deutschman of Chicago, Ill., has served on the council of the United Charities for the Aged in Chicago for 14 years, representing the North American Baptist churches of the city and the Central Baptist Home for the Aged. The council meets each month for 10 months of the year, and in its 14-year period, Mrs. Deutschman has seldom missed a meeting. Following the 1957 Tag Day, when \$1,319.42 were collected for the Central Baptist Home for the Aged in Chicago, Mrs. Deutschman relinquished her position which she had held so honorably for these many years. She is a member of the Grace Baptist Church of Chicago.

● Rev. and Mrs. Paul Galambos of Yorkton, Sask., refugees from Hungary to the United States following World War II, are proud of their children's achievements in the past summer in this "land of opportunity". Their son, Charles F., graduated "cum laude" from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, N. Dak., as a civil engineer and is working in Alaska for the summer months. Their daughter, Gerda, and her husband, Mr. Robert E. Klingbeil, received their M.D. degrees from the University of Illinois, Champagne, Ill. Another son, Ted, is working toward his Ph.D. degree in civil engineering at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa. He was married on June 25th to Barbara Asp in Fargo, N. Dak., with her brother, Rev. George Asp, a Baptist minister, officiating. Another son, Bill, is studying to become a geology engineer.

● The First Baptist Church of Elberta, Alabama, held a baptismal service on Sunday, June 2nd, at Wolf's Bay near Elberta, at which Rev. Philip Potzner, pastor, baptized seven converts. These seven people and several others who came by letter were received into the church's fellowship on Sunday, June 30, when Mr. Potzner brought his ministry at the Elberta church to a close. From May 27 to 31, a Vacation Bible School was held with an enrollment of 78 children and an average attendance of 72. The offerings were designated for the Spanish-American Mission of Rio Grande City, Texas, and for a Mission Bible School in the neighborhood. Several of the Baptist church members helped in the Bible School held for the children of Mexican laborers who worked in the potato harvest. Thirty-nine Mexican children were enrolled in the school.

● Scholarships have been awarded to five North American Baptist students at Bethel College in St. Paul, Minn. Richard Bennert, son of Mr. and (Continued on Page 24)



—Ewing Galloway Photo
Kathryn Greig was a woman of breath-taking beauty with a mysterious secret about a valuable emerald necklace.

The Emerald Necklace

By ELISE FRASER



A Christian mystery novel
laid in the exciting city of
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SYNOPSIS

When John Rowland slips his Bible into his pocket and walks out of the mission hall that November night in San Francisco, he begins a strange adventure. For out of the mist steps a woman of breath-taking beauty who calls his name and brings to his startled remembrance his lovely school classmate, Kathryn Greig. Kathryn begs him to have dinner with her, saying she needs help. She asks him to return a small trinket to a friend, hastily scribbling an address on a card. Later he opens the box and discovers a valuable emerald necklace in it. In the meantime, Kathryn is kidnapped by two thugs and taken to a hide-out. Soon thereafter, John Rowland falls into a trap by Sabra, the maid of Kathryn, and the thugs force him to turn the valuable jewels over to them. Later John Rowland goes with detectives to the hide-out to look for clues of the kidnapers. He is questioned at length by the police. Suspicion is thrown on Sabra Kingsbury, the maid of Kathryn who has disappeared, and on Farningham who is about to leave for India, but he says that he has just proposed to Kathryn Greig. As the days pass, John Rowland realizes that he is deeply in love with Kathryn.

CHAPTER SIXTEEN

The police were hard upon the trail of the kidnapers. Kathryn accompanied Nyman and John on only one expedition. That was to identify her car which had been so ruthlessly driven off the cliff. It was obvious that after the kidnapping, the car had been taken down the highway beyond Monterey and then after all identifications had been removed, the motor had been started and the car allowed to jump the highway.

Nyman explained that the job had been done so well they were unable to find any finger prints on the car. While identification of the car solved a problem for the police department, it did not bring the finding of the jewels any nearer.

But the house behind the eucalyptus trees furnished the best evidence. The bottle of acid yielded fingerprints which established the identity of one of the kidnapers. The finger print appeared to be that of Frank

Pierson, an ex-newspaper man, an international jewel thief who had served a previous sentence. His companion was believed to be Jeffrey Kimball, one of the toughest gangsters who ever came out of Chicago. The crooks had been clever in eradicating fingerprints but the little bottle of acid pushed back on the shelf in the row of other bottles had been forgotten.

Rooming houses and apartments in San Francisco were being combed for the crooks as it was believed that they were in hiding some place in the city.

In the meantime, Kathryn accompanied by her cousin, Roxanne, had returned to her apartment in San Francisco. The dishonest hotel clerk had been discharged but Lee, the Chinese cook, was back in Kathryn's employ. He had promised to take orders only from Kathryn.

John had returned to Kathryn the unmounted jewels which he took from the cache in his room. She had put them in her desk, murmuring that she would turn them over to Won Long for appraisal as soon as possible.

Farningham's continual visits to Kathryn worried John. Lately he had seemed to sense a dread in Kathryn whenever Farningham made an appearance.

After one of his visits Kathryn said, "Oh, John, if only the jewels can be found. I don't believe I'd ever have another worry in the world."

John took Kathryn's hand. "Can't you place confidence in God?" he asked.

"Ah, yes," she said. "That is what I must do."

It seemed to John that things were progressing too slowly and he decided to do a little investigating on his own.

He went first to Won Long's jewel-

ry shop in Chinatown. He introduced himself.

Won regarded him gravely. "I recognized you at once," he said, "from your picture in the paper."

John saw that Won Long was direct, straightforward. He took a liking at once to this Chinese man of culture and distinction.

Won Long reflected: "It is strange indeed the fascination which jewels hold for men. Men have betrayed their best friend for a few paltry stones."

"But you deal in jewels," John said pointedly.

Won Long nodded. "Jewels are my life. But what I have, I come by honestly. They are better enjoyed without blood and tears. Besides, I know jewels. I'm not to be deceived. But others are. They come in with what they think a precious stone only to find it paste."

"But this diamond and emerald necklace is the real thing," John said.

"It's the real thing," Won Long agreed. "I couldn't touch it myself but I was negotiating for its sale for Mrs. Lockwood. There's a buyer for it when the necklace is found."

"You've known Mrs. Lockwood for some time?" John asked.

Won nodded. "Whenever the Lockwoods came to San Francisco, they came to see Won Long," he said. "Mr. Lockwood was mad about jewels, insane, I'd say. Sold all he had and bought jewels. Then he gambled them away. Near the end he'd pass a jewel across the table for a bottle of wine, Mrs. Lockwood told me."

As Won talked he tapped his fingers aimlessly on the counter. Then he looked up, gazing intently at John. "I see by the papers that Bruce Farningham has been questioned."

"Yes," John replied. Then casually, "Do you know him?"

Won nodded. "Too well."

"What do you mean by that?" John asked.

Won shrugged. "Just that."

Then John asked a question point-blank. "Where does his money come from?"

"Gambling houses," Won said succinctly.

"You mean he gambles?" John asked.

Won shrugged. "I mean he owns gambling houses."

"Where?" John asked.

"Shanghai, Monte Carlo, Calcutta . . . other places."

"It was gambling that ruined Howard Lockwood," John said.

"Yes."

"I'm putting two and two together," John said.

"They always make four," Won agreed.

John leaned over the counter. "Do you think Farningham's involved in the jewel theft?"

"What I think isn't of much importance," Won said. "He'd sell his soul for jewels, I know that. Caught the fever from Lockwood, it seems."

"This is all very interesting," John said. "Tell me more."

"He was in my shop not long ago. First with two friends. Called their names, Tom Wiley and Adrienne Lennox."

John started.

"Know them?"

"Yes. Go on."

"Farningham came back and bought a ring Miss Lennox had liked."

John felt his blood rising. Bruce and Adrienne! It was unthinkable.

When John left the jewelry shop he went to a public telephone booth and tried to call Tom Wiley. But Tom was out and so John called Adrienne.

Adrienne's voice was enthusiastic. "John! How wonderful to hear from you. We've been praying for you."

"Good!" John said. "I want to see you, now. Could I come up to the studio?"

"Come right along," Adrienne said.

When John entered Adrienne's office she said, "It's good to see you again, John."

"It's good to see you, Adrienne."

"Tell me," she said, "how true are those newspaper reports we've been reading?"

"Close to the truth," John said, "although some of them are on the lurid side."

"I want to hear all you're willing to tell me," Adrienne said.

John walked around the studio, looking at the ad proofs. "I'm ready to tell you about it, Adrienne, and then in return I'm going to ask something of you."

"You have me curious," Adrienne admitted.

John studied the drawings. "You

know this is the first time I've been in your studio."

"What do you think of it?"

"Interesting. It's really interesting."

Adrienne smiled. "I think so, of course. Now John, tell me about things. I'm anxious to know."

Again John went over the story he had repeated now so many times. When he had finished Adrienne remarked, "Kathryn sounds lovely. Her pictures are beautiful, too. I'd love to paint her."

"She is beautiful," John agreed.

Adrienne sighed. "Imagine living with jewels like that! I guess I've a weakness for jewels, too. That necklace must be superb. How did you feel when you had it, John?"

"Very uncomfortable," John admitted.

Then Adrienne said thoughtfully, "I don't blame you for falling in love with Kathryn, John."

John looked at her in comical dismay. "Who said I was in love with her?" he asked. "You mustn't jump to conclusions."

"Oh, that's a prerogative of my sex," she answered airily. "Besides, you can't deny it."

"I won't attempt to," John said. "Only it may interest you to know that Bruce Farningham has asked her to marry him."

John saw Adrienne start and the color leave her face. "Are you sure, John?"

"Very sure."

"Not recently," Adrienne faltered.

"Very recently, I have every reason to believe."

Adrienne seemed to consider this. Then she said, "It's very strange. Unbelievable."

"Unbelievable that Farningham should ask Kathryn to marry him? He's known her a long time. Was a friend of her husband while in India."

"No, not that he should ask her. But odd in the light of other things," Adrienne said.

"What things?"

Adrienne shook her head. "I wouldn't mention this ordinarily, John, but the circumstances seem so strange. Just a short time ago Bruce Farningham asked me to marry him."

"Ah," he said, "tell me about it! This may help . . ."

"John, you don't think . . .?" Adrienne asked aghast.

"We don't know anything yet," John said, "we're just trying to find all the facts."

Adrienne then told John of the various contacts she had had with Farningham and about the ring which she had returned.

Coming away from Adrienne's office, John thought over the information he had had that day from Won Long and from Adrienne. Kathryn should know all this, he thought, especially if she were planning to marry

Farningham. But how to tell her? John did not relish the task.

He turned his footsteps in the direction of Kathryn's apartment. Roxanne opened the door. "Yes, Kathryn is home. Come in, John."

John examined the Chinese urns on the mantel while he waited for Kathryn. He was beginning to like them.

When Kathryn appeared he said, "Strange thing, Kathryn. I'm beginning to appreciate this art."

Kathryn smiled. "You are becoming accustomed to them. We appreciate the things with which we are familiar."

Kathryn wore a blue velvet dress with gold braid. He noticed that her face was radiant and that the worn look seemed to have disappeared. "Have you had good news?" he asked her.

"Not the sort you think. But I have found peace."

He looked at her. "You mean . . ."

Kathryn walked across the room and picked up a small Testament. "Yes. This is what I mean. 'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you.' I have accepted Christ and His way of life. He has given me His peace."

John was deeply moved. "You will never regret it, Kathryn. The way will grow more beautiful for you each day."

"This is the verse I have made my own, John. 'This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.'" Kathryn looked up and smiled radiantly. "That's what I must do, John. Forget the past. Press on to a new life in Christ."

She sat down and motioned him to a chair. "Now I can see you have something to tell me. Out with it."

"You are clairvoyant."

"Indeed?"

"What I have to say isn't pleasant." "But you said you were a plain man from the Middle West," Kathryn reminded him.

"What do you mean by that?" John asked, surprised that she should remember his chance remark of his.

"That you should speak plainly, my friend. Do not attempt to spare my feelings."

John looked at her with astonishment. "What makes you think that what I have to say may hurt your feelings?"

"I don't think that but you look so dismayed, I thought it must be something hard to say."

John sighed. "Yes, it is hard to say. But first I'd like to lay the foundation, as it were. Farningham has given Nyman and me the impression that he is going to marry you. Is that right?"

(To Be Continued)

Our Denomination in ACTION

Northern Conference

Edenwold Baptist Church, Sask., Holds Missionary Conference

The Baptist Church of Edenwold, Sask., held its first Missionary Conference June 12 to 16. The rich messages given by the various speakers proved to be a challenge to all. We were reminded of the responsibility and privilege of each Christian in the Great Commission of Christ.

We were privileged to have as our speakers: Rev. R. W. Affleck of Winnipeg, Man.; Rev. R. Jaster of Regina, Sask.; Rev. and Mrs. Edgar Martens, members of Faith Church, Regina, and missionaries to Aruba; Mr. Norman Taylor, a member of our Baptist Church in Fenwood, Sask., and missionary to the Indians under the Northern Canada Evangelical Mission; also Rev. and Mrs. R. Neuman, missionaries to the Indians on the Muscowpetung Indian Reserve.

We also experienced many blessings during our evangelistic meetings, May 20th to 31st, with Rev. R. Neuman as our evangelist and Mrs. Neuman who brought the stories for the children. There was one public decision for Christ and another a rededication to the Lord. Many more of us were drawn into closer fellowship with our Lord.

Eileen M. Wirth, Reporter

Several Alberta Mission Circles Hold Anniversary Program

On May 22nd 130 ladies representing the Mission Circles of the Wiesenthal, 1st Leduc, and Temple Leduc churches of Alberta celebrated 50 years of service in the missionary cause. Mrs. Ernest Kern presided at the meeting held at the First Church of Leduc. A brief song service was led by Mrs. A. Klatt. Words of welcome were extended by Mrs. R. Ohlman. The devotional period was conducted by Mrs. T. J. Haire from Psalm 145.

A trio entitled "Close to Thee" was rendered by ladies of the Wiesenthal church. A brief historical sketch was given by Mrs. E. A. Hoffmann showing 50 years of progress. A solo, "How Great Thou Art", was rendered by Mrs. Lounsbury of Temple Church. Miss Ernestina Schmidt, missionary on furlough from the British Cameroons, gave the address, basing her message on Philippians 4:8.

An offering for missionary purposes within our Conference amounting to \$108 was taken. A skit by Mrs. E. Ziegler and Mrs. B. Kuhnert was given during the lunch hour. Miss Schmidt was presented with a personal gift as a remembrance from the Ladies' Circles.

T. J. Haire, Reporter

Alberta Association Convenes With Carbon Baptist Church

The Alberta Association met from May 30 to June 2 at the Carbon Baptist Church to transact the necessary business and to be spiritually refreshed during the devotional periods. Our appreciated guest speakers were Miss Tina Schmidt, missionary to the Cameroons, and Dr. Walter Wessel, faculty member of our seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. The first service on Thursday evening set a tone that was apparent throughout the Association. Rev. Herbert Hiller brought the thought-provoking subject, "Walking with God", to our attention. The Association theme, "The Believer's Walk," was further developed during the next two days by Rev. Alfred Frank, "Walk in Love"; Rev. A. Rapske, "Walk as Children of Light"; and Rev. Ervin Faul, "Walk Circumspectly."

Rev. E. Faul gave the summarized report of the work of the churches. He pointed out that the first of the Alberta Churches, the Rabbit Hill Church, was organized in 1892, making it the oldest church in our Association. Eleven churches of the Association reported 61 baptisms. The total giving for all purposes was \$124,738.40. Giving for denominational mission causes amounted to \$34,129.00 and giving for other than denominational missions was \$4,149.40.

Officers elected to serve for the coming year are: moderator, Rev. E. Faul; vice-moderator, Rev. H. Hiller; secretary, Rev. A. Lamprecht; treasurer, Robert Hoffman; youth director, Elmer Breikreuz; music director, Rev. E. B. Link; Sunday School director, Arthur Smith; business manager, Rev. G. J. Thiessen; pianist, Georgine Kern; assistant pianist, Mrs. E. Faul.

Arnold Rapske, Reporter



The 50th Birthday Cake at the anniversary program held by the Mission Circles of the First Leduc, Temple Leduc and Wiesenthal Baptist Churches of Alberta.

Prayer and Service Circle, Whitemouth Church, Manitoba

The Prayer and Service Circle of the Whitemouth Baptist Church, River Hills, Manitoba, met on June 11 to elect new officers. Rev. John Kuehn, our pastor, was our special speaker.

We meet twice a month for devotions and prayer. We have been meditating on the fruits of the spirit with a different member always leading us. Two of our members, Mrs. R. Kujat and Mrs. C. Henning, with their husbands had the privilege of celebrating their silver wedding anniversaries recently. We have again supported two Bible students in the Cameroons, Africa, and have done some White Cross work. The sum of \$25.00 was given for Hungarian Relief.

On June 25 we met at the home of Lill Rempel for a pot-luck supper. The evening was spent in singing and the reading of poems. An offering of \$21.00 was received which will be sent for the Women's Golden Anniversary Mission offering.

Mrs. Fred Grabke, Reporter

Manitoba Association and Tri-Union at Winnipeg

The conference of the Manitoba Association and Tri-Union held from June 13 to 16 at the German Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, was undoubtedly the largest ever held in our province. At the opening service, Rev. W. Laser, host pastor, extended a hearty welcome with a response by Rev. J. Kuehn of Whitemouth. Rev. H. J. Waltreit brought a challenging message on "Gifts of the Holy Spirit."

The association business was conducted on Friday morning. Our association officers for the year are: Rev. H. J. Waltreit, chairman; Rev. W. Laser, vice-chairman; and Mr. Stober of Morris, secretary. On Friday evening, at Youth Night, the Mission Church was filled to capacity with many people standing. The program featured band music, singing by the Mission Church Youth Choir, a dialogue on "What Would Jesus Say," and inspiring messages by Mr. Kochle of the Third Church, Winnipeg, and Rev. E. H. Nikkel of Swan River, Man.

On Saturday the business of the Tri-Union was transacted. The officers are: Rev. David Berg, president; Rev. J. Kuehn, vice-president; Ida Hoffman, secretary; Adina Tulman, Sunday School director; Rev. William Sturhahn, music director; Mr. H. Bushkowsky, youth director; Rev. J. Kuehn, camp director; V. Paske, Tri-Union "Echo" editor; and Erna Bergstesser, treasurer.

On Sunday afternoon, June 16, our Song Festival was held in the First Mennonite Church of Winnipeg with more than 1000 persons in attendance. The brass band under the di-



Leaders at the Silver Anniversary Tea held by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pa., in honor of the 50th anniversary of the denominational Woman's Union.

Left to right: Mrs. Charles Goleman, president; Mrs. Herbert Freeman, guest speaker; and Mrs. Robert Cook, pastor's wife.

rection of Mr. W. Rempel of Morris played, followed by inspiring numbers by the mass choir under the direction of Rev. William Sturhahn of Winnipeg. Messages were brought by Prof. H. Lueck of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and by Mr. H. Bushkowsky of Winnipeg, Man. Yes, this afternoon left golden memories of blessing in our mind!

Daniel Kolke, Reporter

Atlantic Conference

Women's Silver Anniversary Tea at Bethlehem, Pa.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Calvary Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Pa., recently held a silver anniversary tea in honor of the Woman's Missionary Union of the denomination. The offering was designated for the Scholarship Fund. Mrs. Charles Goleman presided, and Mrs. Earnest Zentgraf offered the prayer. Scripture was by Mrs. Edward Davis.

The society's history was read by Mrs. Paul Perverzoff. The highlights are as follows: the Society was organized in 1911 with 12 members. There are still 5 charter members: Mrs. Michael Wamser, Mrs. Frank Stangl, Mrs. Peter Schuster, Mrs. Joseph Prendering, and Mrs. Paul Perverzoff. In June 1949 when Mrs. Perverzoff was elected president, the group changed to the use of the English language.

The present officers who have served faithfully are Mrs. Goleman as president for seven years; and Mrs. Edgar Lewis as secretary for six years; Mrs. Perverzoff has served for 29 years in various offices. The evening message was presented by Mrs. Herbert Freeman of the Faith Baptist Church of West New York, N. J. Prayer was by Mrs. Wilson Kreier. Tea was served in the recreation room.

Betty Masteller, Reporter

Southwestern Conference

Baptist Vacation Bible School at Lorraine, Kansas

From May 27 to June 7, a splendid group of boys and girls of the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas,

went "Pioneering with Christ." The enrollment in our 1957 Vacation Bible School was 82 pupils; 26 teachers and helpers made a total of 108. Average attendance for the ten days was 98. On the closing day we reached 107. Rev. Harold W. Gieseke was the general superintendent. Department heads were: Mrs. Herschel Janssen, Mrs. R. C. Rolfs and Mrs. Harold Gieseke. Our summer student assistant, Mr. Edmond Hohn, taught the 7th and 8th grade boys.

Special features this year included:

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Vacation Bible School students and teachers with the United States and Christian flags in front of the First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas.

Visitors' Days, when the parents saw the Bible School in action; participation in a lovely service at our Lorraine Baptist Cemetery on Decoration Day morning; and singing our pioneer songs (including "I Know God Loves Me") over the "Lorraine Hour", our weekly radio broadcast. The successful school was climaxed by our annual Sunday School picnic held in the church park on the afternoon of closing day, June 7. We pray that the Lord will keep all these boys and girls "blazing a gospel trail!"

Harold W. Gieseke, Pastor

Ordination of Rev. Gerald Meyer, La Salle, Colo.

The First Baptist Church of La Salle, Colorado, had the joy and privilege of ordaining a son of the church, Mr. Gerald Meyer, into the Gospel ministry on June 13. The ordination council was composed of pastors and delegates from Marion, Kansas; Creston, Nebraska; Derby, Colorado; and Greeley, Colorado. Rev. Fred Knalson was elected moderator and Rev. Joe Simpson was elected clerk. After the council had heard the testimony of conversion and call into the ministry from Mr. Meyer, they also requested him to state his doctrinal beliefs.

At the evening service Mrs. Lloyd Krieger and Mrs. I. Gaetzke, sisters of Mr. Meyer, rendered a duet, "Just for Today". Rev. P. Wichern of Brighton, Colorado, brought the message. The ordination prayer was offered by Rev. F. Knalson, after which Mr. F. Tanner of Denver sang a solo. Rev. F. Fuchs, host pastor, welcomed the candidate into the ministry and also presented him with the ordination certificate. Rev. J. Simpson of Greeley gave the charge to the candidate and Rev. R. Stading gave the charge to the church. Following a hymn by the congregation, the Rev. Gerald Meyer offered the benediction.

F. H. Fuchs, Reporter

Pacific Conference

Progress Report from the Calvary Church, Tacoma, Wash.

There is a German saying to the effect that many hands soon make an end. This has certainly proven true as far as progress on the new edifice of the Calvary Church, Tacoma, Wash., is concerned. God willing, we hope to hold the dedicatory service on Sunday, September 29, 1957. The concrete floors have been laid, the walls in the unit to be occupied have been plastered, the painting job is in progress, and pews and chancel furniture are to be installed by the first part of September.

A very successful men's and boys' banquet was held recently. At this time a men's brotherhood was organized. A one-week Vacation Bible School under the capable leadership of Mrs. R. S. Hess and her able corps of teachers was brought to a close on June 14th. Sixty-four enthusiastic scholars were enrolled this year.

The Pioneer Girls' and Boys' Brigade groups concluded a profitable year's work the end of May. We are grateful as a church to the men and women who have been willing to give of their time and talents to these very worthwhile projects. A number of these young people have found the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior during the meetings held throughout the year.

Elfriede Gudelius, Reporter.



Rev. Robert S. Hess (right), pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., and Mr. Edward Stabbert, chairman of the Building Committee, at the cornstone laying exercises for the new edifice.

Sessions of the Pacific Conference at Lodi, Calif.

The Pacific Conference of North American Baptist churches met June 12-16 at the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., for its annual meeting. The conference theme, "I Am That I Am" (Exodus 3:14) was emphatically inaugurated with the opening address by Dr. Albert S. Felberg, conference moderator, and repeatedly heralded by other speakers including the Gen-

eral Sunday School secretary, Rev. Gideon Zimmerman, and Cameroons missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Schneider.

The host church and its pastor, Rev. G. G. Rauser, provided for the visitors and delegates in a most congenial manner. The Woman's Missionary Society prepared an abundance of appetizing food, and the church choir and men's chorus rendered inspiring musical selections. The conference voted to accept the invitation to meet next year at the Bethel Church of Missoula, Montana, from July 16-18. It also went on record that all our churches be urged to have representatives at next year's conference, which conveniently precedes the General Conference that meets at Edmonton, Alberta.

Newly elected conference officers include: moderator, Rev. F. E. Klein; vice-moderator, Rev. G. G. Rauser; recording secretary, Rev. Fred A. David; statistical secretary, Rev. Walter Dingfield.

Clarence H. Walth, Reporter

Women's Sessions of Pacific Conference, Lodi, Calif.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Pacific Conference met in Lodi, Calif., on June 14th at the First Baptist Church. Mrs. W. W. Knauf of Elk Grove, Calif., presided in the absence of our president, Mrs. J. Kornalewski of Kelowna, British Columbia, at the annual business meeting.

Mrs. Henry Barnet of Portland,

tary, Mrs. Robert Penner of Dallas, Oregon; treasurer, Mrs. Walter Dingfield of Startup, Washington; Pacific Northwest vice-president, Mrs. C. T. Remple, Missoula, Montana; Oregon vice-president, Mrs. Jacob Voth of Salt Creek, Oregon; California vice-president, Mrs. Clarence Walth of Sacramento, Calif.; White Cross chairman, Mrs. Fred Klein of Colfax, Washington.

A most profitable evening program was provided by the women, including musical numbers from the various churches. The gross receipts were \$597.34 for our mission projects. An inspiring message was given by Mrs. Gilbert Schneider of the Bamenda New Hope Leper Settlement of the British Cameroons, West Africa.

Mrs. Henry Hengstler, Reporter

Southern Conference

Southern Conference Youth Encampment at Latham Springs

With a theme of "Know Christ" and a key verse of Philippians 3:10, the summer youth camp of the Southern Conference was held from June 11 to 16 at Latham Springs Baptist Encampment Grounds near Aquilla, Texas. There were 123 full-time campers. We were privileged to have as our guest speakers: Dr. W. W. Wessel of the Sioux Falls Seminary; Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman, Cameroons missionaries; and Mr. Dale Rott, our summer student worker from the Seminary in Sioux Falls. Dr. Wessel brought the evening messages, and we rejoice in the fact that 15 young people rededicated their lives to Christ on Friday evening.

Camp officers were: Ray Niederer, president; Karl Bieber, vice-president; Rev. Walter G. Gummelt, camp director; Rev. Douglas Gallagher, camp pastor; Rev. Eldon Schroeder, dean of men; Mrs. Charles Schmeltekopf, dean of women; Rev. Leonard Hinz, recreational director; Rev. Howard Shenk, choir director; and Arthur David Lengefeld, camp registrar.

On Saturday afternoon, the C. B. Y. business meeting was held and the new officers for the following year were elected as follows: Donald Schmeltekopf, president; Raymond Loewer, vice-president; Dolores Schmeltekopf, secretary; Esther Benton, treasurer; Rev. Walter G. Gummelt, camp director; Rev. Douglas Gallagher, camp pastor; Rev. B. F. Taylor, dean of men; Mrs. Charles Schmeltekopf, dean of women; Roxie Hill and Mary Frances Schmeltekopf, Young Peoples' News Editors; and Harvey Spross, Ray Niederer, and Rev. Leonard Hinz, members at large.

A banquet was held on Saturday evening. Ray Niederer was toastmaster. Following several musical renditions, a stirring report of the work in the mission field was given by Mrs. Kenneth Goodman. On Sunday morning, Dr. Wessel brought the message. A Youth Rally with Ray Niederer presiding, was held on Sunday afternoon with Rev. Kenneth Goodman as the speaker.

Dolores Schmeltekopf, Secretary



Pupils and teachers of the Vacation Bible School at the First Baptist Church, Sumner, Iowa, with Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, pastor, at left (rear row).

First Anniversary, Garcia Ranch Chapel, Rio Grande City

On Monday evening, June 2, the Garcia Ranch Baptist Chapel of Rio Grande City, Texas, celebrated its first birthday in its new chapel and a time of refreshments and fellowship was enjoyed afterwards. The meeting was opened with a song led by Missionary Castro with Mrs. Castro playing the piano. Rev. B. F. Taylor, pastor of the Donna Church, gave the invocation. Testimony time followed and the people responded in a lively way. Teresa Lara then read Luke 2: 27-50 and led in prayer. The speaker for the evening was Rev. Felipe Vazquez, who is working in a mission across the border from McAllen. He in turn introduced his wife and brother who sang a duet accompanied on the accordion by Mrs. Bales from Reynosa. The theme of Mr. Vazquez's message was "The Life Is in the Blood."

The ladies of the church (mission) then took their places beside the refreshment table. The cake was two feet long, sixteen inches wide and three inches high, was iced with white icing with "Happy Anniversary, Garcia Baptist Chapel" written with pink coloring. While the ladies served the cake, Mrs. Vazquez and her brother-in-law sang another duet and Mrs. Vazquez taught a new chorus. There were 90 persons in attendance at this service.

B. F. Taylor, Reporter

Northwestern Conference

Vacation Bible School, Bethel Church, Sheboygan, Wis.

"Pioneering With Christ" was the theme of the Vacation Bible School at Bethel Church, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, June 10 to 20. Evidences of pioneer days were prominent inside and outside of the church. The traditional covered wagon and tepee stood outside, and pictures and cut-outs of those days were seen around the various rooms inside. To accommodate the anticipated large group, the "brethren" quickly made accessible another door into the parsonage wall in order to utilize half of the basement for additional rooms. Our average

attendance was a record high of 108, with 9 teachers and 3 staff members.

The children were transported in private cars. The daily school opened with the usual flag salute. After Bible lessons, missionary stories and handwork, a music period brought forth the thrills of joyful voices in the singing of songs and choruses. The demonstration program was held on Thursday night before a capacity crowd and a fine response in the offering.

Mrs. Dale Oostdyk, Director

Hymnal Dedication and Vacation School, Sumner, Iowa

On Sunday evening, May 19, a very impressive dedication service was held at the First Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa, with our pastor, Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, in charge. One hundred "North American Hymnals" and a Christian and American flag were dedicated. The hymnals were donated by the M. and A. Potratz families in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Potratz, who pioneered our Baptist work in Sumner. The flags were given by Mrs. Josephine Potratz, in memory of her late husband, A. B. Potratz.

Our Vacation Bible School, supervised by Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler, was



Pupils and teachers at the well attended Vacation Bible School held by the Bethel Baptist Church, Sheboygan, Wis.

very successful. The children's eagerness to learn under the general theme, "Pioneering with Christ," was encouraging. The demonstration program was very ably given by the children on Sunday, June 2nd, and the offering of \$38.50 which was designated for our Japan mission was very encouraging. We are grateful for the continued growth of our Sunday School with an enrollment of 105 at the present time.

The interior of our parsonage was redecorated, including the laying of a wall to wall carpet in the enlarged living room. A coal stoker was also installed in the parsonage basement.

Mrs. W. O. Potratz, Clerk

Musical Program and Vacation School, Watertown, Wis.

We of the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wisconsin, praise God for his working in our midst. In recent months 19 members have been taken into the fellowship of our church, 14 by baptism and 5 by experience and letter. On Sunday evening, June 16, our Senior Choir under the direction of our pastor's wife, Mrs. J. G. Benke, presented a most inspiring musical program.

Our Vacation Bible School was held from June 10 to 21 under the direction of Rev. J. G. Benke. Teachers were: Nursery, Mrs. Glenn Sutton, assisted by Mrs. Paul Chase, Mrs. Howard Seybold, Mrs. Reinhold Stibb and Judith Sutton; Beginners, Mrs. Arnold Krause, teacher, assisted by Mrs. Marvin Goetsch and Mrs. Art Krueger; Primary, Mrs. Ben Musser, teacher, assisted by Mrs. Wesley Leischer and Mrs. Michael Flucker; Juniors, Mrs. D. D. Pederson with Mrs. J. G. Benke as assistant; and Intermediates, Mrs. Roger Norman.

On Friday evening, June 21, parents and friends witnessed the demonstration program. A fine display of handcraft was displayed by each department. The total attendance of our school was 119. Certificates were awarded to 105 pupils. During the two weeks 27 children accepted Christ as their personal Savior.

Mrs. Edgar Goetsch, Reporter

Dakota Conference

Father's Day Program at Cathay, North Dakota

A Father's Day program came over station DAD at the Cathay, N. Dak., Church on Sunday evening, June 16. All of the Sunday School classes took part in presenting devotions, recitations, several band numbers, a play-let and a trio. Boutonnieres of roses, symbols of Father's Day, were presented to the oldest father present, Fred Pepple; the youngest father, Marvin Helm; the CBYF father, Fred Reddig, and Rev. D. Zimmerman. Marvin Helm was also recognized as the Sunday School father.

The station signed off with the benediction and all came to the lower auditorium where refreshments were served by the Sunday School teachers and assistants.

Mrs. Harold Boelke, Reporter

Bible School, Northside Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

While planning our Vacation Bible School this year at the Northside Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., we had three main goals in mind. Firstly, we wanted to win as many as possible for Christ. Secondly, we wanted to increase our outreach into the community by meeting new boys and girls. Thirdly, it was the prayer of our hearts that boys and girls who knew Christ as their Savior might grow in their understanding of him and of what it means to live the Christian life. We are thankful to God and give him all the glory for these purposes were realized.

As for statistics, our total registration was 154 with 19 teachers and helpers. Our average daily attendance was better than 100. Fifty dollars and fifty cents were given in offerings toward our mission field in Japan. Our school was under the direction of Mr. Dave Nasgowitz, a student from our Seminary who is working with us during the summer months. Mr. Bill Neuman and Ray Hanson of our Seminary also assisted.

Mrs. Henrietta King, Reporter



Vacation Bible School children and teachers from the Baptist and Methodist Churches at Cathay, N. Dak.

Northern North Dakota Association at Turtle Lake

June 2-5 were days of manifold blessings for those attending the Northern North Dakota Association at Turtle Lake, N. Dak. Rev. E. P. Wahl and Rev. Herman Palfenier, guest speakers of the association, inspiringly lifted the hearts of the delegates and friends, as in various messages they covered the theme, "The Holy Spirit."

The following topics were used: "The Holy Spirit Convicts of Sin", "Is the Holy Spirit a Person?", "The Holy Spirit as Teacher", "What Is Meant by the Filling of the Spirit?", "The Sin Against the Holy Spirit", "The Holy Spirit, Giver of Life", "The Holy Spirit and Assurance of Salvation." The local pastors led the association in a time of prayer before the morning and afternoon sessions. The Turtle Lake church welcomed us very kindly into their spacious new sanctuary. The ladies of the church served all three meals daily in great abundance.

The officers of the association are: moderator, Rev. Otto Fiesel; vice-moderator, Rev. David Zimmerman; secretary, Rev. Carl R. Weisser; and treasurer, Mr. George Kessler.

Carl Weisser, Reporter

Sunday School Joys and Blessings at Plevna, Montana

The Plevna Baptist Sunday School of Plevna, Montana, conducted a very successful Vacation Bible School from May 27 to June 1. Forty-three children registered and had perfect attendance. Six teachers taught the four classes with the pastor, Rev. R. H. Zepik, superintending and helping with the handwork. The course this year was "Jesus Calls". Teachers and pupils enjoyed both the studies and the handwork, and the picnic on the last afternoon. The Demonstration Program was presented on Sunday, June 2. The school mission offering was \$26, which was voted for our work in Japan. The Sunday program offering was added to this to make it \$64.

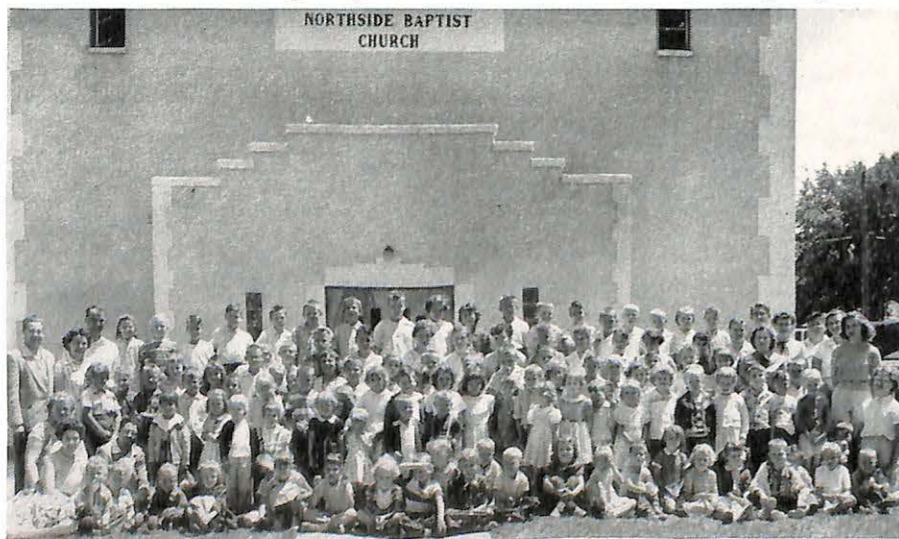
The Scripture Memory Course also had a banner year. Twenty-three children enrolled and completed the course. Of these 6 received first year awards and 17 second year awards. Completion Day was on June 9 in connection with Children's Day. Directing the course was Mrs. E. Haar, and assisting were Mrs. E. Lang and Mrs. C. Lang. We are very happy for the effort of these ladies to help the young to hide God's Word in their hearts.

R. H. Zepik, Pastor

Montana-Dakota Central Association at Gackle, N. Dak.

The Montana-Dakota Central Association met with the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle and Alfred. We were challenged to a closer Christian walk in the light of our theme, "For Such a Time as This." The opening service was conducted by the host pastor, Rev. M. Wolff, who extended a warm and friendly welcome. Special choir numbers were rendered by the host church that uplifted the spirits of all and prepared us for the keynote address given by Rev. Richard Schilke, the mission secretary of our denomination.

The morning devotions were led by Rev. Hugo Zepik and Rev. Iver Walker. Rev. Thomas Lutz spoke on "The Perilous Times", Rev. Jacob Ehman on "What the Spirit Saith to the Churches" and Rev. Bernard Fritze



Students and teachers at the well attended Vacation Bible School of the Northside Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. D., with the pastor, Rev. Harold Weiss, at the extreme left.

on "Man's Response to the Spirit of God." A panel discussion led by Dr. Seecamp with participating pastors, Rev. Bernard Edinger, Rev. L. O. Wahl, Rev. A. J. Fischer and Rev. Herbert Vetter, proved interesting and stimulating on the distinctives of our faith. Miss Tina Schmidt, missionary from our Cameroons field, sparked the Women's Missionary program and our Sunday morning service with her informative and clever presentation of our mission work, and Rev. Richard Schilke spoke to our hearts at the youth service on Saturday night and the closing service on Sunday afternoon.

In order to add to the enjoyment of many, a German service was held at the Gackle church with Rev. Victor Prendinger in charge and Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer speaking. This was held simultaneously with the Sunday School hour at the school auditorium at which Mr. Martin, the local superintendent, presided and Rev. E. Michelson spoke.

The new officers for next year are: moderator, Dr. C. H. Seecamp; vice-moderator, Rev. A. Reeh; secretary, Rev. J. Ehman; treasurer, Mr. Martin of Gackle.

Herbert Vetter, Reporter

Central Dakota Woman's Union Sessions at Gackle, N. Dak.

The annual business meeting of the Central Dakota Woman's Missionary Union was held at Gackle, N. Dak., on June 14, and began with a noon luncheon. Mrs. A. Reeh brought a brief message. Mrs. E. S. Fenske, president of the Union, extended a hearty welcome. Mrs. M. Wolff reported on the commendable activities of the societies. The treasurer's report by Mrs. H. Lang showed a total income of \$15,749.21.

The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. M. Wolff, Gackle, N. D.; vice-president, Mrs. A. Reeh, Eureka, S. D.; secretary, Mrs. Wm. Giedt, Ashley, N. D.; treasurer, Mrs. Henry Johnson, Lehr, N. D. A very impressive memorial service, in memory of ten deceased members was led by Mrs. C. H. Seecamp.

Mrs. A. Bertsch opened the evening program with a song service, followed with Scripture reading by Mrs. I. Walker and prayer by Mrs. E. Becker. Mrs. A. Bibelheimer directed the women's choir. Mrs. Fenske responded to the hearty welcome given by the Gackle Society. A pageant written by Mrs. M. Wolff beautifully portrayed the progress of the Woman's Missionary Union. Mrs. Fenske installed the newly elected officers.

Miss Tina Schmidt, our guest speaker, told us what the women in the Cameroons, Africa, do at their Association meetings. The offering, amounted to \$264.82.

Mrs. Emil Becker, Reporter

Eastern Conference

Senior Youth Fellowship, Temple Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Senior Youth Fellowship of the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., meets every Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

Obituary

(Obituaries are to be limited to about 150 words. A charge of five cents a line is made for all obituaries.)

MR. WILLIAM A. REMUS of Forest Park, Illinois.

Mr. William A. Remus of Forest Park, Ill., was born in Germany Jan. 17, 1882. He came to America in 1891. As a young man he accepted Christ as his Savior, was baptized upon confession of his faith, and became a member of the Forest Park Baptist Church where he was faithfully active. He was also a life member of the Gideons.

After several years of failing health, he was called to his eternal reward June 28, 1957. He leaves to mourn his departure his wife, with whom he shared nearly 46 years of life; two daughters and a son-in-law, Martha, and Betty and Alwin Giegler; two brothers, one sister, six grandchildren, and many friends. The life and Christian witness of our brother Remus will long be remembered. May the Lord's comfort accompany the bereaved!

Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Illinois

Rev. R. KERN, Pastor.

MRS. CLARA RUTH ROLFS of Lorraine, Kansas.

Mrs. Clara Ruth Rolfs of Lorraine, Kansas, was born in Peotone, Illinois, on July 12, 1891 and passed away in Ellinwood, Kansas, on June 17, 1957. She was 65. As a girl of six, Mrs. Rolfs moved to Kansas with her family. At the age of eight, she accepted Christ as her Savior, was baptized by the Rev. Robert Stracke, and became a member of the First Baptist Church of Lorraine. For 57 years, she was a faithful member of her church, serving devotedly in the King's Daughters and Dorcas Societies and as a Sunday School teacher. Always, she had a deep heart-interest in the cause of missions, particularly our field in the Cameroons, West Africa.

On July 4, 1911 she was united in marriage to Henry R. Rolfs, who passed away last November 20 (1956). Now, after a short separation, this dear couple is united forever in the Homeland. Mourning a loving mother's departure are three children: Marvin and Hugo Rolfs of Topeka, Kans., and Mrs. Emil Ploog of Lorraine.

Funeral services were held at First Baptist Church, Lorraine, on June 20, 1957. Mr. Walter Schmidt assisted in the service and the pastor brought words of comfort from Amos 5:6, 8.

First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas

HAROLD W. GIESEKE, Pastor.

MR. JOHN ALLEN of Stafford, Kansas.

Mr. John Allen of Stafford, Kansas, was born June 6, 1890. His entire life was lived on the place where he was born. His life came to a sudden end as the result of a heart attack. After five days of hospitalization, he closed the earthly chapter of his life on June 1, 1957.

Mr. Allen married Anna Marie Witt, June 20, 1916. Together they shared the

for fellowship, worship and study. We meet under the guidance of Rev. and Mrs. Frank Veninga and the leadership of our officers. Each Sunday our program is different.

Since our organization a year ago, we have had a roller skating party, a swimming party, and we have attended baseball games too. Once a month we go to the South Hills Community Singing. The boys organized a basketball team and won a trophy for good sportsmanship. The girls have helped at various church dinners. We visited the "Who So Ever" Rescue Mission and later

blessings of a rich family life. Six children living in Kansas mourn their father's passing with their mother. They are Laverne Fink, Wichita; Edgar, Stafford; Adele Kail, Tribune; Irene Calvird, Stafford; Valeta Roe, Stafford; and Elsie Pound, St. John.

Mr. Allen was a man who enjoyed richly the experiences of God's great outdoors. He was baptized June 1, 1934, and sought to knit closely the larger family group of which he was a part. The funeral service took place at the church June 3. A male quartet served in song and the pastor brought words of strength in the meditation from God's Word.

Calvary Baptist Church, Stafford, Kansas

HANS J. WILCKE, Pastor.

MRS. GEORGIA JOHNSTON of Randolph, Minn.

Mrs. Georgia Lucille (Burgett) Johnston of Randolph, Minn., was born at Faribault, Minn., on Nov. 18, 1886, and passed away at her home near Randolph on June 29, 1957 at the age of 70 years, 7 months, and 11 days. She taught school at Sauk Centre, Minn., and at Brookings, S. Dak. It was at Brookings where she met Ralph Johnston and on Feb. 1, 1919, they were united in holy wedlock. In her childhood she gave her heart to the Lord and was baptized at the age of 14 in the Faribault Baptist Church.

The Johnstons left Brookings, where they had settled after their marriage, and came to Randolph in Nov. 1933. For some time they attended the Presbyterian Church at Farmington but later Mrs. Johnston became a member of the Randolph Baptist Church. Through her suffering over the last ten years, her life was a real testimony to all those who knew her, because she carried her cross unflinchingly as a soldier of Christ. She leaves to mourn her passing, her beloved husband, Ralph; three sons: Ralph, Roy, and John, all of Randolph; one daughter, Elizabeth Herman, of Cleveland, and six grandchildren.

Randolph, Minnesota

BERT IITERMAN, Pastor.

MR. FRED MEHLHAFF of Parkston, South Dakota.

Mr. Fred Mehlhaff of Parkston, S. Dak., was born in Hutchinson County, S. Dak., on April 19, 1883. He received Christ as his personal Savior in March of 1905 and was baptized by the Rev. H. G. Bens in June 1905. He united with the Lake Baptist Church, where he served as a Sunday School teacher and as church treasurer for several years.

He was united in holy matrimony to Lydia Meyer on December 28, 1905. Six children were born to them, one of whom, Bennie, preceded him in death. Those remaining are his wife, Lydia; three sons: Helmut, Alton and Leonard of Parkston; two daughters: Lena (Mrs. H. Schoon) and Viola, Parkston; one brother; five half-brothers; and four half-sisters.

Mr. Mehlhaff was engaged in farming east of Parkston until 1950, when the family moved to town. He sought to serve the Lord to the best of his ability in the work of his Kingdom. He was called to be with his Maker on June 19, 1957, at the age of 74.

Parkston, South Dakota

ALFRED WEISSER, Pastor.

we sent them a gift to help in their unselfish work. We are very conscious of the missionary work in the Cameroons that Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Stockdale are carrying on and we are anxious to help them too.

On Sunday, June 23, we took charge of the morning worship service with invocation, Scripture reading and prayer. We also gave a brief report concerning our work. We are grateful for having Mr. Harold Lang of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., with us for the summer months who is helping us in our meetings and programs.

Carol Bartus, President

Sessions of the Ontario Association at Arnprior

The churches of the Ontario Association met at Arnprior from June 21 to 23. Rev. Norman Berkan of Killaloe, Ont., brought the opening message on the theme, "Ye Are My Witnesses". On Saturday morning Prof. Hugo Lueck of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., spoke on "Practical Witnessing". Later in the morning Rev. Kenneth Goodman presented to us the challenge of the Cameroons mission field.

We met on Saturday afternoon at the cottage of one of our members for fellowship. The young people were in charge of an informal meeting. Then we were challenged by Rev. K. Goodman as he reminded us of our own missionary opportunities.

Sunday was a full day of blessings. At our Sunday School session, Mr. Goodman spoke to the young people and adults, and Mrs. Goodman told the children a story on the church lawn. At the morning service Prof. Lueck presented an inspirational message. The afternoon service was in charge of the Woman's Missionary Union and Mrs. Goodman told us about the work of the Bible Schools in the Cameroons of Africa. At the closing evening service Mr. Goodman presented to us modern heroes of faith.

Walter Schmidt, Secretary

Reception for New Pastor at Erie, Penn.

Situated on the beautiful blue waters of Lake Erie, the Central Baptist Church of Erie of the "Forward Look", as our beloved interim pastor, Dr. John Leypoldt, termed it, is gratefully accepting God's blessing and promise of greater things to come in the arrival of our full-time pastor, Rev. Eugene Stroh.

He began his ministry on June 23rd and was officially welcomed by both the Central Church and the Open Bible Tabernacle at a reception and pantry shower that same evening. Deacon Robert Eichler was in charge of the devotional service at which Rev. W. S. Argow, pastor-emeritus, welcomed the Strohs. Rev. R. Mikolon of the Open Bible Church brought this challenge: "Every Christian should be alert to every opportunity of carrying out God's will." The Koss Sisters Trio sang, "Have I Done My Best for Jesus?" Then the Adult Fellowship presented the Strohs with corsages.

We as a church feel that God's hand is in all that the future has for us. The sincere devotion to Christ of our pastor assures us that "Central of the Forward Look" is just that!

K. Louise Eichler, Reporter

Ontario Youth Rally and Pentecost Sunday Services

On Saturday, June 8th, 220 young people from our churches in Ontario assembled themselves at Kitchener for a Youth Rally. The young people came from the following churches: Toronto, Hamilton, St. Catherine, and Windsor. In addition to the churches of Ontario, there were delegations

from the German Zion Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Foster Avenue Church, Chicago, Illinois; Clay Street Church, Benton Harbor, Michigan; Erin Avenue Church, Cleveland, Ohio; and the Andrews Street Church, Rochester, New York. The messages at the services during the day included "How the Church Ministers Unto Me" by Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, general secretary of the Sunday School Union, and "What I Owe To My Church" by Rev. William Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The Pentecost Sunday services were held in Toronto. The pastor, Rev. Philip Scherer, led the services throughout the day and together with his people provided every accommodation to make for a blessed and enriching experience for those in attendance. The church was filled to capacity which included more than 500 people. All of the services were conducted in the German language. The guest speakers were: Rev. A. R. Weisser of Rochester, N. Y.; Rev. G. K. Zimmerman; Rev. William Sturhahn; Rev. J. Goetze of Kitchener, Ontario; and Rev. J. Wahl of Hamilton, Ontario. The spirit which prevailed as testimonies were given and as many participated in prayer made one experience the very spiritual atmosphere which must have prevailed on that memorable first Pentecost Day.

G. K. Zimmerman, Reporter

Central Conference

Fifth Anniversary of Pastor Celebrated at Lansing, Mich.

On Sunday evening, June 2, the Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich., held a surprise for its pastor, Rev. Aaron Buhler, on the occasion of his fifth anniversary of service for Christ in our midst. The service started as usual with the Junior Choir taking its place in the loft. When it was time for our pastor to bring his message, the Junior Choir started to sing, "Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. A. Buhler". Then one of our deacons, Mr. Andy Mixter, proceeded to be the chairman of the evening.

He introduced some of the following: Miss Bonnie Morgan, our church missionary, who said what a joy it is to work with Mr. and Mrs. Buhler; Mrs. Robert Baker for the ladies as vice-president of the Missionary Circles; Walter Kuhn, chairman of the Board of Trustees; and Rudolph Kwast, chairman of the Board of Deacons. The Sunday School was represented by the superintendent, Mr. E. A. Dachter, who spoke on the growth of our Sunday School.

Following this our pastor responded with challenging words on the text: "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." Mr. Buhler was then presented with a tape recorder upon which his sermon of the morning service and the complete evening service had been recorded.

Frederick W. Pletz, Jr., Reporter

COLONIAL VILLAGE CHURCH

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percent of the people in the immediate area surrounding the church are Roman Catholics. Some of these have been saved and baptized. Others are attending the services.

People still will not flock to the church on their own. That is why we meet every Thursday to go calling on prospects, saved and unsaved. God in a wonderful way has blessed this effort, and we have many in the church today who were saved in their homes during this visitation ministry. We will build... God will prosper!

Three years ago we built this church plant on the outskirts of Lansing. The question was raised repeatedly: Why go out so far? Now we are in the heart of a rapidly expanding community. Two large areas are being developed to the west of us, and another building concern is building to the south of us. Truly, God has thrust us into a tremendous field. It is white unto harvest. FOR THE PEOPLE HAD A MIND TO WORK. We will build... God will prosper!

CORRESPONDENTS

The correspondent for the "Baptist Herald" at the Lansing, Mich., church is Rev. E. A. Roloff, a member of the church and teacher of the Senior Bible Class. He had begun this article when he became ill and asked the pastor of the church, Rev. Aaron Buhler, to complete it. A report about the fifth anniversary of Rev. A. Buhler's ministry at the Lansing Church appears on page 24 of this issue.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Mrs. Rudolph Bennert of St. Paul has been awarded the Harold Slawik Foundation Scholarship amounting to \$200. The Emil Aspaas Journalism Scholarship went to Marie Magnuson and Allan Stahnke, each receiving \$25. This is given for proficiency in journalism. Marie and Allan have been co-editors of Bethel's school paper, "The Clarion", during the past year. Marie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Magnuson of Dennison, Minnesota, and Allan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stahnke of St. Paul. The Bethel Religious Council Scholarship of \$40 has been awarded to Marilyn Junker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Junker of Parkersburg, Iowa. Marlene Durscher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Durscher of Clermont, Iowa, has been awarded the Bethel Women's Association Scholarship, in the amount of \$30.