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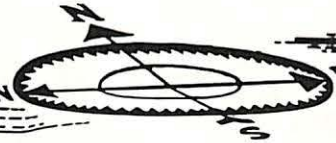
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● The sixth Mennonite World Conference to be held in Karlsruhe, Germany, Aug. 10-16 will have as its theme "The Gospel of Jesus Christ in the World." Participants will include delegates from Indonesia, South America, India, France, Canada, Holland, Switzerland, Germany and the United States. Church officials expressed the hope that there would be representatives of the Mennonites in Russia. Addresses, sectional meetings and discussion groups will consider the conference theme in relation to the church's activities in missions, education, peace witness, youth and women's work.

● The American Church in Paris, France, reported to be the first American chapel founded on foreign soil, marks its 100th anniversary this year. Formed to serve the American colony in the French capital, the church is the oldest non-governmental American institution in Europe. The present English Gothic structure, erected over the foundation of a tobacco warehouse on the Quai d'Orsy, was completed in 1931 at a cost of \$1,000,000. It replaced the first chapel on the Rue de Berri, off the Champs Elysees. The building was called a chapel until 1883 when a French law prohibiting use of the "church" for a Protestant house of worship was repealed.

● An estimated 5,000 persons from over the country of Guatemala, gathered recently in Guatemala City for week-long celebrations marking the 75th anniversary of the introduction of Protestantism into Guatemala. The celebrations were organized by the Presbyterian Church's mission in Guatemala to commemorate the invitation issued in 1882 by President Justo Rufino Barrios to the Presbyterian Church in New York to send missionaries to his country. About 100 foreign visitors attended the celebration. According to Protestant sources here about 75,000 Guatemalans out of a total population of 3,200,000, belong to Protestant groups. Of these Baptists number about 2000.

● The Summer Institute of Linguistics in Glendale, Calif., in cooperation with the Wycliffe Bible Translators, is offering even weeks of intensive linguistic training for evangelical missionaries and missionary candidates. Courses are being conducted on four campuses: University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla., June 17—August 30; University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, N. Dak., June 24—September 6; Briarcrest Bible Institute, Caronport, Saskatchewan, Canada, June 17—August 30, and Turnours Hall Camp near Lon-

don, England, July 2—September 20. The school in Australia is in session during the months of January, February and March.

● On February 23, nineteen new workers of the great missionary organization, the China Inland Mission, sailed from Hoboken, N. J., for Singapore, representing the first contingent of 184 new missionaries which the mission is planning to send out in 1957-1958. At the language school in Singapore, each worker will study one of seven basic languages used in fields now being entered by the China Inland Mission: Tagalog for the Philippines, Malay for Indonesia and South Thailand, Cantonese and Hokkien for Chinese work in Malaya, Kuo-yu for Taiwan and Chinese work in Indonesia, Japanese, and Thai.



## Baptist Briefs

**Unusual Conversion Experience.** The Rev. Seddik Wasily Girgis, pastor of the Cairo Baptist Church, Cairo, Egypt, tells of an unusual conversion experience. He was visiting the Garden of Gethsemane as a Mohammedan tourist when he became interested in Christianity. He walked to Jerusalem, came into contact with Baptists and was converted. He later studied a few years in American seminaries, returning to Egypt in 1931. He now is the recognized leader of the 150 Baptists in five churches.

● **Baptist Congress in Berlin.** The European Baptist Congress is scheduled for July 26-31, 1958, in Berlin, Germany. The Executive Committee of the General Council of the Euro-

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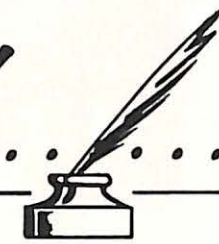
The Bamenda Baptist Mission drum house, shown on the front cover, can be seen by all who pass by on the motor road at this important key city in the Cameroons, West Africa. The drum is beaten early in the morning and on Sundays, calling people to worship in the Baptist Mission Church. It can easily be heard all over Bamenda as a testimony to the Gospel invitation of Jesus Christ! Dr. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer are stationed at Bamenda as our missionaries. They are now on their way home to the United States for their furlough.

● Mrs. Florence Soper Booth, 95, of the Salvation Army, died on June 11 at her home in Finchampstead, England. In 1880, at the age of 19 Mrs. Booth turned from the study of art to begin her 77-year career with the Salvation Army after hearing a speech by her future mother-in-law, Mrs. William Booth, wife of the Army's founder. Two years later she was married to the late Gen. Bramwell Booth of the Army. In 1888 she was appointed one of the Army's commissioners and was responsible, until 1925, for the organization's social work in the United Kingdom. She also became a justice of the peace in London, a visiting magistrate of the Holloway Prison for Women and a director of the Mother's Hospital, Hackney.

pean Baptist Federation will meet on July 24. The Council itself will congregate on July 25. The Congress will have an opening session in the Eastern sector of Berlin on Saturday, July 26, and another in the Western sector on Sunday, July 27. Other sessions will be held in the Eastern sector on July 28 and 30, and in the Western sector on July 29 and 31. General theme for the Congress is taken from II Corinthians 9:8, "God is able to make all grace abound toward you."

● **Baptists in 100 Countries.** There are now 100 countries in which Baptists have organized work, Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, announced. The 100th nation in BWA records is New Guinea, where baptized believers number 865 in the Baiyer Valley and Lumis areas. The converts are the result of mission activity started by Australian Baptists in 1949, shortly after the Southwest Pacific island's central highlands were opened to the white man for the first time. The churches have formed a Baptist Union of New Guinea, and were reminded at their organization meeting that though they themselves were the object of missionary work a year ago they now hold responsibilities for extension of evangelistic efforts to others. Dr. Ohrn said that organized Baptist work flourishes on all six continents and many islands of the sea, and that Baptist membership the world over now totals 21,044,758. More than 18 million of these Baptists are in North America.

# Editorial



## The Whole, Wide World

THE CHRISTIAN'S greatest inspiration comes by breaking out of the narrow confinement of his own little circle of activities and by taking into his heart "the whole, wide world". That is the picture of God as described in the Negro spiritual: "He's got the whole, wide world in his hand". That is the story of the compassion of Jesus for the multitudes. There is a spiritual worldview (Weltanschauung) that opens our eyes to look on the harvest fields, to consider our world-wide task, to have a keen understanding of our role as Christians in God's plan for today's world!

This summer issue of the "Baptist Herald" will bring "the whole, wide world" to your attention. It is your invitation to an armchair adventure to go places with Christ and to proclaim the Gospel to the far ends of the earth.

All of us need a deeper appreciation of the ties of fellowship that bind us together. Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, has just announced that there are now one hundred countries in which Baptists have an organized work. (See page 2). This is cause for great rejoicing by every Baptist! In Austria this summer a large cottage is the new, exciting center for youth conferences and retreats for Baptist young people from all over Europe. Everyone should know about this "Balthaser Hubmaier House" and its dedicated programs. (See page 6).

This issue is filled with the colorful accounts of dedication services of new churches at Los Angeles and Anaheim, California; at Vancouver, B. C. (next number), at Auburn, Michigan, and at Medicine Hat, Alberta. Rejoice with others over the marvelous things that God has wrought. As a result, you will have a better appreciation of the ties of fellowship that bind us together and you will have a clearer view of "the whole, wide world" that God has loved.

Even more important is the need for a greater realization of the world's needs. As Christians we are to "shine as lights in the world" in "the midst of a crooked and perverse nation." We should grow and prosper as palm trees and be as an oasis in the desert. There is a spiritual challenge in the meditation to be found on page 5 that will go with you for months to come. Recognize these needs of the world. Open your heart to them with Christ-like understanding. Take them upon you until they become personal burdens of responsibility for you to meet in Christ's Name.

You are then bound to have a vision of the many people in the world to be won for Christ. The Christians of the Cameroons, Africa, are our brethren in Christ. We are witnesses with our missionaries of these spiritual victories. (See page 4). The decisions and plans of our General Council in the furtherance of God's Kingdom represent this vision for the future. (See pages 12 and 13). It is a world-encircling task! Even the theme song of the Woman's Missionary Union (see page 14) challenges us with winning "the whole, wide world for Christ".

There's a refreshing blessing in opening your eyes to the whole, wide world and in getting God's view of the task that is ours to do! "Open my eyes that I may see!"

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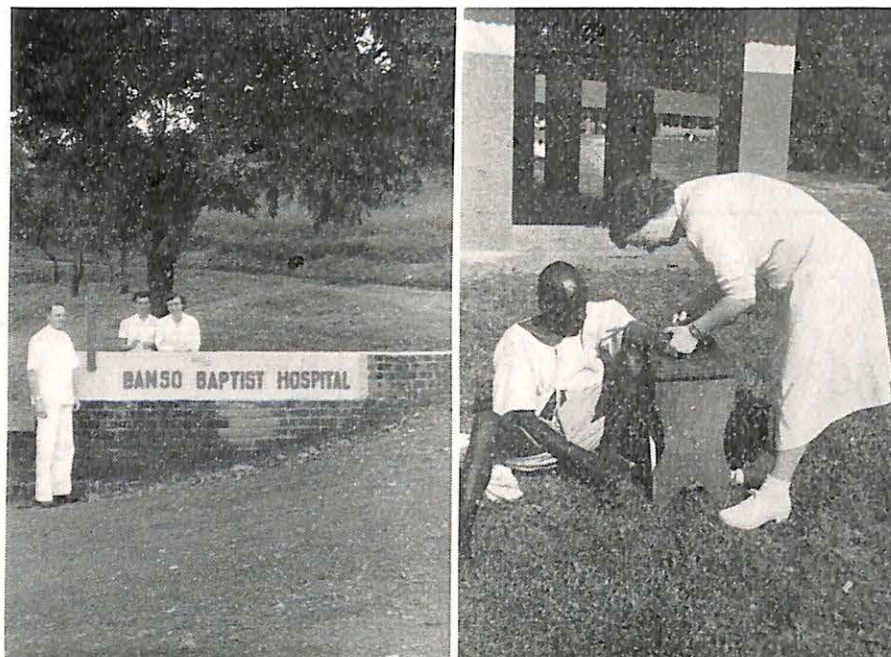
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Miss Ardice Ziolkowski, Miss Eleanor Weisenburger and Dr. Leslie Chaffee (left) are photographed at the Banso Baptist Hospital sign; and (right) Nurse Ziolkowski treats the hand of an African chief.

## Banso's Thrilling Welcome!

The Banso Hospital Personnel and Patients Welcome a Missionary-nurse Back Again to Africa as Reported Colorfully by Miss Ardice Ziolkowski

HOW GOOD it is to be back at the Banso Baptist Hospital in the Cameroons! I am happy and thankful, not because I expected no problems and discouragements, but because I feel it is a privilege to serve here, and I know we will experience many blessings. Who can help but praise God and expect great things with a promise like Deuteronomy 31:6? "Be strong and of a good courage, fear not nor be afraid of them, for the Lord thy God; he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."

It has been spiritually refreshing to be at home, to sing our wonderful hymns and to listen to challenging messages with you. It has encouraged me to get to know the many who have been faithfully praying and giving; who feel keenly the responsibility for the evangelization of the Cameroons which God has entrusted to us as a North American Baptist family. I appreciated the fine Christian hospitality as I visited in many of our churches. Your prayers during the illness and passing of our father made this "trial of our faith" much more precious than gold that perisheth."

### SMILES AND HANDSHAKES

Many of you have shown a genuine interest in our Banso Hospital, and so I want to share with you the experiences of my first few days back here. It was almost like seeing part of my

family again to greet Eleanor Weisenburger and the Chaffees. They have done a good work, as evidenced by the filled hospital beds. The children's ward has had extra beds put in the aisles to accommodate the many who have been brought. It was wonderful to see the smiles and to get the hearty handshakes of our African nurses.

A few changes have taken place during the last year. We now have a recognized Midwifery Training School. The first class has just graduated, and one of the midwives has gone to help Miss Weeldreyer in her busy Maternity Center at Belo. We appreciate our new Diesel generator which makes it possible for us to have electric lights throughout the hospital from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Our

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water heating system has improved somewhat.

My first day in Banso was a very full and interesting Sunday. It began at 6:00 a.m. when I heard singing outside my bedroom window. The pupil midwives and other girls working at the hospital had come to sing a welcome to me. It was thrilling to realize that Africa was no longer a land of complete strangers.

### WITNESSING GROUPS

The morning church service at 9:00 a.m. and Sunday School were quite well attended. The drums and singing were good to hear again, and it was interesting to greet former friends and especially to see how the children had grown, many of whom I had helped to bring into this world.

After the church service Mrs. Chaffee and I went with one of the "witnessing groups" to visit some of the nearby compounds. We stopped to talk to some pagan women on their farms, a Mohammedan tailor, a pagan "big man" and his wives, and a young Baptist Christian. It was encouraging to see how the African Christians and pastor were taking the lead in speaking to these various ones about their need for believing in Jesus for salvation. In the afternoon at the regular Sunday prayer meeting, the three groups told of their experiences in witnessing that morning. They told of speaking to Catholics, Mohammedans and pagans; some indifferent, but others interested.

In the course of the day, I asked many times "what news?" and found that now Pastor Yerima who was ordained here in 1955 is travelling evangelist and counsellor to the nine churches in this area. Eight of these were started in the last three years and there are three more villages anxious to have a church.

I told some of you about Sam Jaff, one of our Banso deacons who started a daily prayer meeting in his home. He has now been put in charge of one of the new churches for lack of a church teacher.

### BIBLE CONFERENCES

Just the week before I arrived there was a short-term Bible School for one week for church workers and interested Christians in the area. I was privileged to be able to attend the local Bible Conference my first week at Banso. It was inspiring and encouraging to hear the messages of pastors and other African leaders and their interest in making their churches self-governing, self-supporting and self-propagating.

Among other news I found that a new Mohammedan mosque has been built and a large Catholic cathedral is going up in the middle of town. When God's people are busy, there is always opposition. So pray that your brothers and sisters here may be "steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord".

# The City of Palm Trees

A Meditation by Dr. Frank McCoy Field

WHEN THE Psalmist of old wrote "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree" (Ps. 92:12), it probably meant more to him than it does to us. It gave a suggestive picture of the godly life for those who heard this song read or joined in singing it in their worship.

Imagine a group of worshipers who have come up to the Holy City through Jericho for worship in the temple. They have seen many palm trees on the way. Both the Old Testament and Josephus refer to Jericho as "the city of palm trees". When the aged Moses had his last look over the Promised Land from Mount Nebo, it included "the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees" (Deut. 34:3).

In the time of the Judges and five hundred years later in the last days of the Kingdom of Judah Jericho was called "the city of palm trees". (Judges 1:18, 3:13, II. Chron. 28:15). There must have been an abundance of these trees around Jerusalem in Jesus' time to provide a ready supply of palm branches for his triumphal entry into the city.

### LUSCIOUS PALM GROVES

After these worshippers in the temple had sung "When the wicked spring as the grass and when all the workers of iniquity flourish, it is that they shall be destroyed forever." (v. 7), they were ready to chant with joy and understanding, "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree."

They knew how the palm trees grow. They are different from other kinds of trees. They grow in unpromising situations, often at the edge of the desert, in oases all through Arabia. It is true in Jericho, at the edge of the wilderness of Judea. The palms may not be as plentiful in Jericho as in Bible times, but there are many there, especially the useful date palms.

We saw great groves of them and in 1954 and 1955 it was interesting for us to watch the development and ripening of the colorful clusters of dates on the trees. From pale green to a golden brown, we saw the fruit maturing and then we saw them hanging in the date markets.

Coming down from Jerusalem to Jericho, as we did many times through the wilderness of Judea, where it seemed nothing could grow, it was a thrilling experience to come suddenly upon the luscious palm groves. We knew as did the people of Bible times, that these beautiful, useful trees flourish because of the presence of Elisha's Fountain, an

ever flowing spring, sending forth a copious supply of the waters of life.

We can understand something of the impression made upon the Israelites coming out of Egypt, making their way through a desert wilderness and suddenly coming upon some palm trees. They traveled three days through the wilderness of Shur where there was no water. At Marah the water was bitter, unfit to drink. Then they came to Elim where there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees. (Ex. 15:22-27) Desolation all around and the refreshing sight of palm trees.

### A CHRISTIAN OASIS

God's people are like that. In the wilderness of this world we find them living and bearing fruit because they have life from a hidden source. Their surroundings may be far from inspiring, but they are like the palm trees found in oases in the desert, enriching life in difficult situations.

I have often thought of Paul writing from wicked first century Rome to the Philippians: "The saints salute you, especially those of Caesar's household." (Phil. 4:22) Servants of

### THE BIBLE'S PROMISES

● The Bible has 8810 promises according to a count recently completed by Everek R. Storms, editor of "The Gospel Banner," weekly organ of the United Missionary Church. Of this number only 1,104 (one out of every eight) are in the New Testament. There are eight kinds of promises to be found, the chief being the 7,487 promises given by God to man. This is 85 per cent of all the promises in the Bible. There are 991 promises made by one man to another, 290 made by man to God (most of them in the Psalms), 28 by angels, nine by the devil, two by an evil spirit, two by God the Father to the Son, and one promise made by a man to an angel. One of the 66 books has no promises at all—Titus. Seventeen others contain less than ten promises each. Even a book like Ephesians has only six promises, according to Editor Storms. Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel each have slightly over 1,000 promises—3,086 in the three books, or more than one-third (35 per cent) of all the promises in the Bible. Most of these are of a prophetic nature, such as, "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son." Editor Storms rates Psalm 37 as the most wonderful chapter in the Bible for promises. It contains 43 precious promises such as, "Delight thyself also in the Lord and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart."

Nero, one of the most debauched, extravagant tyrants the world has known, were Christians, spiritual palm trees in the desert.

How could these brave souls carry on? The answer is found in how the palm tree grows. It is an endogen, we are told, growing from the heart outward. The life of most trees is in the sap under the bark; the life of the palm tree lies deep in its heart. For this reason it is not susceptible to outward circumstances. Storms may beat upon it, biting sands may be driven against it, chunks of bark may be knocked off; but it heals quickly.

The Christian life is like that. It does not lie on the surface. It is not a code of ethics merely, but a new life within. It is only because of this inner strength that Christians are able to endure trials and even persecution and martyrdom.

The palm tree is deeply rooted. It sends its roots down deep and draws its nourishment from the depths. When ground around dries out, it still drinks deep from underground springs. In one place the Psalmist writes: "My roots are in thee", and in the verse following the reference to the palm tree he makes plain where this source of life is found. "Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God." (Ps. 92:13) The church fellowship is an oasis in the desert.

### A CHRISTIAN'S SERVICE

The palm tree suggests the Christian life by its service to humanity. In many ways it is a blessing to mankind. It provides daily food for millions. From its sap a drink is made. Date honey is a delicious substitute for sugar. Its seeds are ground for camel feed. Fibers at the base of the leaves are woven into ropes. The plume-like fronds are made into bags, brushes and baskets. It bears its fruit in old age; even to two hundred years. This inspires the Psalmist to sing: "They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be full of sap and flourishing." (Psalm 92:14)

It is our Father's will that we should bear much fruit and be a blessing to others. We shall be happier Christians if we help others. Some of the most fruitful opportunities for service are afforded by institutions of Christian helpfulness. All of us can witness for Christ with our gifts and service in his Name. Even down to old age we may thus have fruitful and happy lives,—like the palm tree.



## Balthaser Hubmaier House

The new European Baptist Young People's Holiday Home in St. Gilgen in the Salzkammergut of Austria

By Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Appel of Salzburg, Austria

Baptist friends and leaders, including Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Appel, after the dedication of the Balthaser Hubmaier Holiday Home, named after the Baptist pioneer and martyr who was burned to death at Vienna, Austria, on March 10, 1528.

IN ALL of Austria there is no place touched by beauty more enchantingly than the magnificent Salzkammergut area east of the festival town of Salzburg. Here, midst an unending chain of towering, snow-capped mountains and peaceful turquoise lakes nestling in the valleys, lie industriously tilled slopes of rich farmland. On the higher levels, known as the "alms," the mountain pasture where the cattle and sheep graze in the summer, are endless stretches of luxurious emerald-green pastureland. Life is simple and in a way leisurely in the Salzkammergut. The scenery is magnificent and, although there is much rain, the climate is good. Every season of the year has its own peculiar beauty and gives ample opportunities for enjoyment. The people are friendly and generous, always ready to welcome a stranger.

### SALT MINES AND SCENERY

The "Salzkammergut" derives its name from the salt mines located in the area. The mine at Hallstadt, the oldest one, has been known and worked since the time of the Celts. These salt mines rank among the largest in Europe and are the main source of industrial employment for the folk living in the region.

The "Salzkammergut" owes another debt to the salt mines, for they provide the rich brine, sulphur and healing waters for the cures which have made the area so well known as a health resort. No wonder then that the section has become popular as a vacation center for thousands of people, who enjoy the lovely scenery and at the same time restore their health there.

Among the many interesting towns situated in the Salzkammergut, three in particular warrant our attention.

At the foot of Schafberg (Sheep Mountain), with an altitude of about 6,000 feet, lies the picturesque town of St. Wolfgang, known as the Pearl

of the Salzkammergut, which prides itself in a unique chapel located on the shore of Wolfgangsee (Lake Wolfgang).

### LAKE WOLFGANG'S LEGEND

According to legend, an abbot, weary of life with all its misunderstandings and worldly pursuits, seeking refuge in the region of beautiful Wolfgangsee, discovered a quiet spot on its desolate shores where he could find peace and begin life anew. He settled there and began teaching the few natives the Christian religion and methods of cultivating the lands, thus laying the foundation for what later became a productive and prosperous settlement.

The devil, jealous of the progress, sought to destroy the abbot by crushing him with rocks. As the abbot saw the rocks falling, he reached out his hands in an effort to save himself, and discovered that the rocks had become soft as wax and his life spared. In gratitude to St. John for deliverance, the abbot decided to build a chapel in his honor. From

the top of the cliff he threw his axe into the ravine below, and chose the spot where it fell as the site of the chapel.

Foiled in his purpose, the devil selfishly agreed to help in the building, with the understanding that the first soul to enter would belong to him. In response to the abbot's prayer, the first to cross the threshold of the new chapel was a wolf—and with this disappointing prize the devil had to return to Hades. The abbot was later canonized as St. Wolfgang, and the town where the chapel lies bears that name.

### TWO RESORT TOWNS

A short distance from the town of St. Wolfgang, and situated in the heart of the Salzkammergut, is Bad Ischl, a town uniquely built on both sides of the winding, rapidly-flowing Traun River. It is of peculiar interest to us as North American Baptists, because here is located one of our active Baptist churches. Under the leadership of Pastor August Hirnboeck, who is also chairman of the



The picturesque village of St. Gilgen, Austria, on the shore of Lake Wolfgang, where the Baptist Holiday Home for the young people of European countries has been dedicated to God's glory



The sign outside the Baptist Holiday Home at St. Gilgen, Austria, (left), with Lake Wolfgang in the distance; and (right) one of the beautiful dormitory rooms in the Holiday Home.



young people's work of our Austrian Baptist Conference, a fine group of young folk is being carefully trained for future leadership in the church. Appreciating the beauty surrounding them, these young people take frequent trips into the woods and up the mountains for quiet Bible studies and Christian fellowship in God's temple of nature.

To us as Baptists, however, the focal point of interest in the Salzkammergut is the town of St. Gilgen, located on expansive, sunny Wolfgangsee, birthplace of the mother of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, where our newly-acquired Balthasar Hubmaier House, holiday home of the Baptist youth of Europe, is situated. Remodeled and equipped under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Martin Gigseder, who have sacrificially and untiringly worked for the improvement of the home, it is now able to accommodate groups up to 25 in number. With the use of tents, this number can be increased considerably.

Rev. Martin Gigseder was for many years pastor of our Baptist Church in Salzburg, where he began with a small group meeting in his own home. This group has grown into an organized church now worshipping in a modest, comfortable chapel.

The first official gathering at the home was planned for the Easter weekend. A time of Christian fellowship and Bible study under the direction of Pastors Hirnboeck and Hacker proved a spiritual feast and a season of rich blessing. The afternoon service on Easter Sunday, attended by about 100 persons, was a service of dedication of the home.

This service began with the singing of several beautiful old Gospel hymns, Scripture reading and prayer. Mr. Hirnboeck gave an account of the inception and development of events leading to the securing of the home. For some years the matter of a home as a center for our young people's work in Europe had been considered, but it was not until a gathering of European youth workers brought Rev. Joel Sorenson, former Secretary of the Young People's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, into the picture. His enthusiastic support assisted in the crystallization of the hopes and dreams which resulted in enlisting the cooperation of the larger Baptist fellowship and making possible the day of dedication.

The director of the home, Rev. Martin Gigseder, brought the dedication message, in which he emphasized the purpose of the home, stressing especially the mental, spiritual

and physical development, not only of the youth of Austria but of all Europe. Pastor W. J. Appel, Director of our Austrian work, led in the prayer of dedication.

The first Austrian Baptist Youth Conference held at the home over the Pentecost weekend brought a group of sixty young people to St. Gilgen. The young people were divided into three study groups, considering: (1) "The Plan of Salvation," (2) "A Bird's-eye View of I Timothy," and (3) "Youth Problems."

The following list of Baptist youth groups scheduled for the first season will illustrate the extensive outreach of the ministry of the home:

- June 8-23—Junior Youth Group from Austria
- June 16-23—Junior Youth Group from Germany
- July 1-13—Senior Youth Group from Austria
- July 14-27—Senior Youth Group from Berlin, Germany
- July 28 - August 7—Student Group from Berlin, Germany
- August 8-17—Youth Group, Holland.
- August 18-31—Youth Group from London, England
- September 2-14—Youth Group from Munich, Germany
- September 22-30—European Youth Workers' Conference



Baptist young people of Bad Ischl, Austria, (left) on an outing into the Salzkammergut Mountains; and (right) these young people get an entrancing view of the valley and villages beneath them and of the mountains bathed in sunset colors in the distance.



Architect's portrayal of the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif., costing approximately \$150,000, and dedicated during the festive days of May 30 to June 2, 1957.

## Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church Los Angeles, California

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"Dedicated to God's Glory"  
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By Mrs. Esther Johnston, Reporter

MEMORIAL DAY, May 30, was the beginning of dedication festivities at the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church, Inglewood, California. The day dawned sunny, reflecting the happy spirits of a thankful people. Now — eleven months after the ground-breaking ceremony—our new sanctuary and educational units were ready to be dedicated to God's honor and glory!

### THE BUILDING PROJECT

Services opened on Thursday evening with an informal "Family Night Program." Our dynamic pastor, Rev. E. Mittelstedt, happily welcomed the members and friends who came to rejoice with us. Our Christian architect, David O. Patterson, presented the buildings to the church in a very inspirational manner. Then our general contractor, Vance Beard, presented the keys to Mr. Henry Wetzler, chairman of the board of trustees. He accepted them with a fitting response in behalf of the church.

Interesting facts pertaining to the church's building program were given

by the heads of the various committees. Ferdinand A. Post reported for the plans and construction committee; Walter Heiman—furnishings and equipment; Harold Wetzler—promotion and publicity; and Everette Schirman—building fund. We are grateful to all committee members for the time they have devoted so unselfishly to complete this great task.

We were overjoyed to have our own Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, editor of the "Baptist Herald," in our midst for these festive days. He is especially dear to us since he and his family were once a part of our inner circle. His father, the late Rev. Max Leuschner, served our church faithfully for 14 years. For the opening message,

### A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Live as with God; and whatever be your calling, pray for the gift that will perfectly qualify you in it."—Horace Bushnell

Dr. Leuschner spoke on the topic, "The Church Beautiful," based on the 90th Psalm, verses 16 and 17.

Friday evening was "Youth Fellowship Night." Testimonies of praise were given by John Wolff, church school superintendent, and Raymond Jantz, youth fellowship president. We are proud of our young people who have accepted the challenge to win the youth of the neighborhood. They have canvassed the surrounding area inviting them into our fellowship. In our second service of music and praise, we had a "special number" on our program. It had been learned that Dr. Leuschner's birthday was on this day. At this point in the program he was presented with a gift from the church by Mr. Emil Schadick, chairman of the executive board. Immediately following the service, we enjoyed a birthday celebration initiating our new fellowship hall.

### SUNDAY SERVICE TELEVISED

The formal dedication service was on Sunday morning, June 2nd, at 10:45 A.M. This program was tele-

vised on Channel KTTV as one of the "Great Churches of the Golden West." God worked another miracle by giving us the opportunity of reaching thousands of people through the medium of television! Our pastor, Rev. E. Mittelstedt, led the congregation in the "ACT OF DEDICATION", and the people humbly responded, "To Thee, O Lord, we dedicate this house."

The choir, directed by our pastor, sang "Unfold, Ye Portals", by Gounod, and "Holy Art Thou" by Handel. Mrs. Ruth Wetzler accompanied at the organ. We still hear superlative things from the television audience about Dr. Martin L. Leuschner's inspiring sermon, on "God's Glory in the Sanctuary." To us who were there, God's glory was truly present.

During the afternoon meeting, many of our denominational churches joined us to offer thanks. Felicitations were brought by Rev. Berthold Jacksteit, Dr. Donald Davis, Rev. Henry F. K. Hengstler, Rev. Fred A. David, Rev. William Acton, and Rev. Kenneth Fischer. The northern churches sent written congratulations. At this time we were privileged to honor two charter members: Mrs. Margaret Schulze and Mr. August Freudenberg; both are 93 years of age and still attending services. Mrs. Emma Leuschner, wife of our former pastor, was also honored.

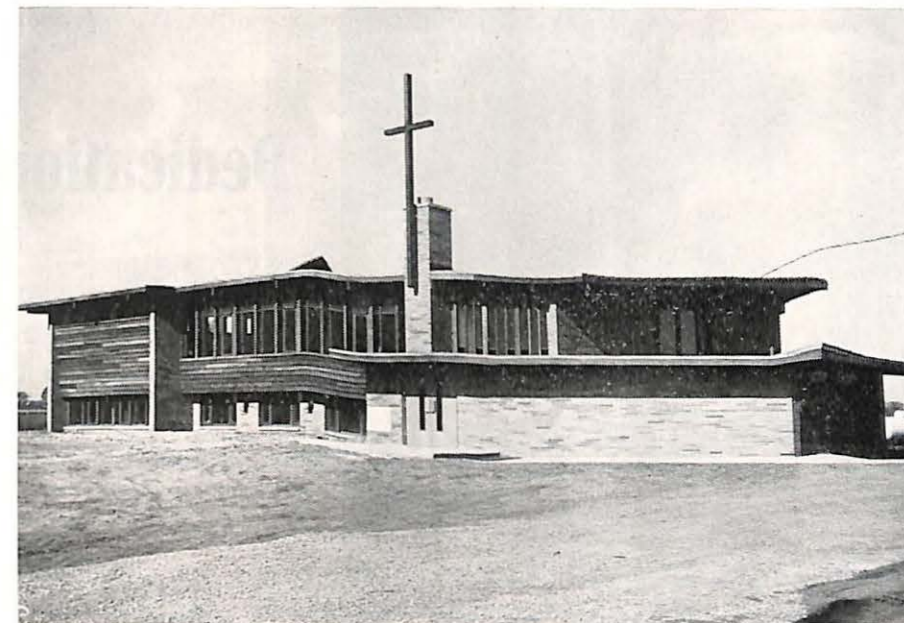
The ladies were presented with orchid corsages by Mrs. Sam Maschner, president of the Ladies' Missionary Society. Mr. Freudenberg received a carnation boutonniere. Miss Ruth Schulze gave her mother's wonderful response, and Mr. Freudenberg gave a challenge that he himself had written. The consecrated lives of these two dear people will serve to guide us in the future.

### CLOSING CONSECRATION SERVICE

The glorious day came to a close with a quiet consecration service at 6:30 P.M. Tribute was paid to the pastors who had ministered to us during the past 71 years. As Helen Winkelman, church clerk, read the names, a red rose was placed in a beautiful floral piece by the deacons. Our present pastor, Rev. E. Mittelstedt, and his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Mittelstedt, have labored faithfully in our midst since 1943.

Our loyal choir sang two beautiful anthems, "Ho, Everyone That Thirsteth" by Macfarlane, and "Lead Us, O Father" by Spross. After the "Communion Meditation" by Dr. Leuschner, the Lord's Supper was observed. We are happy that our building fund has been enriched by more than \$1,500 during these wonderful dedication days.

With God's guidance we have accomplished what seemed like an insurmountable problem only a few years ago. Negotiations for our



The new edifice of the First Baptist Church, Auburn, Michigan, on Dedication Sunday, May 19, 1957. Rev. David Draewell is pastor of the church.

## Dedication at Auburn, Mich.

Story of the New Edifice of the First Baptist Church, Auburn, Michigan, by Marie Rinas

SUNDAY, May 19, was a memorable day for the members of the First Baptist Church of Auburn, Mich. Our new church edifice, which had been begun less than a year previously, was dedicated on this day. Dr. Frank Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., guest speaker for the day, appropriately spoke on "A Dedicated Congregation" at the morning worship service and on "A Sure Foundation" at the afternoon service. Dr. Woyke said that, although our church edifice is beautiful, it is the membership com-

posing the church which lays the "Sure Foundation."

The Ebenezer choir of Detroit, Mich., also our guests for the day, helped to beautify our services by rendering several musical numbers. Former pastors, members, representatives from our sister churches, friends and representatives of the community, also took part in the service.

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid which is Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 3:11). This is the meaningful inscription on the cornerstone of our church building. On this foundation, we as a church with our pastor, Rev. David Draewell, hope to move forward to honor and glorify our heavenly Father.

### INTERIOR VIEW

Another photograph showing the interior of the First Baptist Church sanctuary in Auburn, Mich., appears on the next page.

church property on Fifteenth Street began with the Board of Education in 1955. The following year they purchased the property for \$60,000. After much prayer and surveying by our pastor and all of our people, our present lots were purchased. Here, on the corner of Imperial Highway and Spinning Streets, our sanctuary was erected, costing approximately \$150,000.

### A BEAUTIFUL SANCTUARY

There are about 10,000 square feet in our buildings, with ample parking area. As one enters the beautiful sanctuary, there is an air of quiet and restfulness about it. The choir is located behind the pulpit, and the raised baptistry can be seen by everyone in the sanctuary. The beautiful

woodwork which graces our platform and choir was done by one of our members, Mr. Herbert Jantz. Two large folding doors can be opened on each side of the platform to enlarge the sanctuary.

The educational unit completely enfolds a lovely patio, an ideal gathering place for our young people. The delightful kitchen has birch cabinets, a center work area, and disposal unit as a few of its desirable features. The mezzanine at the entrance of the church provides a projection room and a nursery to accommodate the mothers.

Our church has been dedicated to God! We know that with his continued love and guidance, our ministry in the community will be victorious!



Another view of the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif., (left), showing the Church School Chapel, Educational Unit and Sanctuary; and (right) television trucks of Channel 11 (KTTV) at the rear of the church prepare for the televising of the Sunday morning dedication service as one of "The Great Churches of the Golden West."



The entrance to the remodeled building of the Grace Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alta.

## Dedication at Medicine Hat

Church Dedication Services and 40th Anniversary at the Grace Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta



By REV. R. KANWISCHER, Pastor

SUNDAY, April 28, was a day of special significance for the Grace Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta. Not only were we privileged to observe the 40th anniversary of our church but also to dedicate the completely remodeled church building with its beautiful 24 by 46 feet new annex.

### \$18,000 PROJECT

It is only nine months ago when the pastor, Rev. R. Kanwischer, made the suggestion to the church that such a building project should be undertaken and the plan was presented. On Sept. 3, 1956 the work actually began. It was a joy to see how members and friends came and of-

fered their help, donating many hours of labor and making liberal contributions of money. Over 8,000 hours of free labor were donated. We were therefore able to complete the project at a cost of only \$18,000.

### DEDICATION OFFERING

On the day of dedication an offering of \$3,200 was received which reduced our debt to the low balance of \$1,100. We are very thankful to God who has blessed us so abundantly. The church is grateful to Mrs. R. Kanwischer who painted the beautiful oil painting for the baptistry. The 6 by 14 feet painting was presented as a gift to the church and was unveiled at the dedication service.

### DEDICATION SERVICES

At the dedication service a happy congregation filled the 460-seat auditorium to overflowing. The speaker for this occasion was Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, Alta., who based his message on the words of the Psalmist, "Delight thyself also in the Lord." After the message he led the people in the dedicatory prayer.

The anniversary service was at 11:00 A.M. with Rev. A. Kraemer of Kelowna, B. C., as guest speaker. Of the ten pastors who have served the church during the past 40 years, Mr. Kraemer served for the longest period of time. After the message he led the congregation in a prayer of thanksgiving. Of the other pastors who served the church in the past, only Rev. E. Faul of Calgary, Alta., and Rev. R. Milbrandt of Medicine Hat, Alta., could be with us to take part in the services.

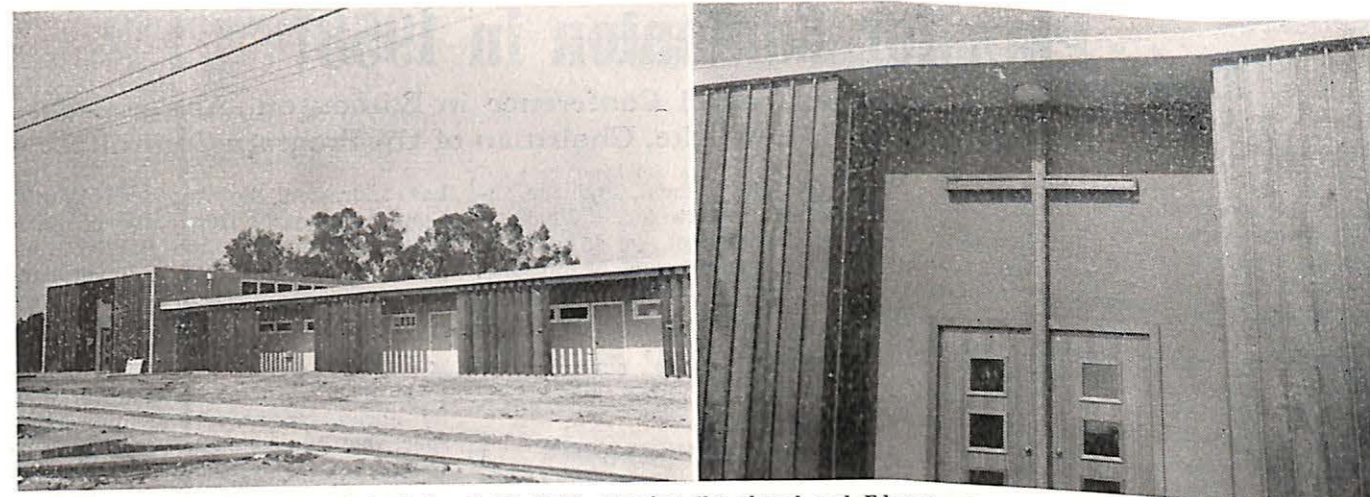
### BUILDING REPORTS

The program for the afternoon was varied. After a joyful singspiration, Rev. E. Faul brought a challenging message that stirred our hearts to render even greater service for our Lord in the years to come. Rev. R. Kanwischer, pastor, then gave a bird's-eye view of the history of the church, and Mr. J. Hofer, the building treasurer, gave the financial report on the building project. Pastors of our neighboring churches also congratulated the church for its accomplishments. The church choirs and brass band rendered special music during the day which helped to promote the spirit of festivity in all the services.

The evening service was evangelistic with Rev. E. Faul as the speaker. In all it was a blessed day in the history of our church which will long be remembered.



The interior view of the worship sanctuary of the First Baptist Church, Auburn, Mich. The report about the dedication services appears on page 9.



The Magnolia Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif. (left), showing the chapel and Educational Unit with classrooms; and (right) the impressive cross at the entrance into the chapel. Rev. Kenneth Fischer is pastor of the church.

## Magnolia Church, Anaheim, California

The Story of the Dedication of a New Church Extension Project in California  
by Mrs. Lillian Pinkel

LESS THAN one year ago, the Magnolia Church of Anaheim, California, had its inauspicious beginning. Now it has a growing membership and a beautiful edifice in which to worship, which was dedicated on Sunday, June 9.

As the city of Anaheim grew to almost 70,000 population, the Bethel Baptist Church felt the need of starting a Church Extension project in a growing and promising neighborhood of West Anaheim. Plans were made to purchase land. The church leaders were pleased to receive one acre of land from Mrs. Emma Leuschner on the property of her late husband's orange grove and a second acre purchased by the denominational Church Extension Committee.

The first meeting of the Magnolia Baptist Church was held in August 1956 in a small community hall located near the site of the present location. The beginning of our church was a humble one with 33 persons present. But with every Sunday our numbers grew as did also the blessings of God. With the growth of our new church, plans were made by the Extension Committee for the new building.

### CHURCH OFFICERS

In March, 1957, our church was granted its charter by the state of California and our first election of officers was held. The following were elected: deacons, Edward Bohnet, Marvin Hartmann, Rudolph Wesner; deaconesses, Mrs. E. Bohnet, Mrs. F. Schmidt, Mrs. R. Wesner; trustees, Duane Black, Victor Lindsay, Ronald Pinkel, Frederick Schmidt, Robert Froslic; board of Christian Education, Mrs. E. Wheadon, Mrs. R. Zuidema, Gary Ream, and Sunday School su-

perintendent, Duane Black. Rev. Kenneth Fischer, who had been serving as assistant minister at the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, responded favorably to our call to become our full-time pastor. He has worked with us with the Lord's blessing and for the furtherance of his Kingdom.

During this period of time, two days of visitation were held in the immediate neighborhood of the church, as we called on 1008 homes in a mile radius around the church. As a result we were able to make our neighborhood conscious of our church, and we grew in grace with the blessings of the Lord upon our visitation ministry.

In April of this year, we were again blessed with the news that our new building would be ready much sooner than expected. We moved to the new building for our services, even though it was far from complete, and every Saturday we cleaned away the carpenters' tools and lumber and held our services on the following Sunday. From the 33 persons we had in our congregation on the first Sunday, we grew to 171, which was our largest attendance in the finished church edifice.

Our new building costs approximately \$77,000. It was financed by the Bethel Baptist Church building fund, with a loan of \$5,621.65 from the Church Extension Fund of the denomination and \$50,000 loaned by bond holders. This is the first unit of the proposed buildings. It includes 12 classrooms, a large auditorium in the chapel which seats 250 people and a spacious kitchen. The construction is stucco with red wood trim and is modern in architectural design. It has a very large, spacious parking area.

Sunday, June 9, was a day to be remembered for a long time to come. It hardly seemed possible that in less than a year so much had been done. On this Sunday, we gathered to thank the Lord for his marvelous blessings. The services for the day were Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 A.M.; the church family dedication worship service at 10:45 A.M. with a children's church also held at that time. The formal dedication service was at 3:00 P.M., which was very impressive. Dr. Martin Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., editor of publications, was our speaker. He brought a very impressive message for this occasion. Music was furnished by the choir of the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim under the leadership of Mr. Herman Zachay. Over 400 people gathered for this service, seated in the sanctuary and in Sunday School classrooms and listening over loud speakers at the various entrances.

### FIRST BAPTISM

The evening service was held at 6:00 P.M. with the baptism of 5 converts. They were led through the waters of baptism by our pastor, Brother Fischer. The converts were Mr. and Mrs. G. Nanke, Mr. and Mrs. W. McLaughlin and Belinda Kaylor. Rev. B. Jackstet of Anaheim brought the message.

We have learned that God can provide for every need of ours. We are now looking forward to greater blessings in the future in the hope that we may be drawn closer to our Lord. Even on Dedication Sunday and on the succeeding Sundays, many people of our community have come forward to join ranks with our church membership. To God be the glory!

# Plan for Edmonton in 1958!

Announcement About the General Conference in Edmonton, Alta.,  
from July 21 to 27, 1958 by Rev. H. J. Wilcke, Chairman of the Program Committee

"Like children round a radiant light  
We gather here, O Lord,  
To hear what to our hearts there  
might  
Be spoken from thy Word."

WITH the rousing singing of the above prayer of praise and adoration, North American Baptists will gather for the 32nd General Conference in Edmonton, Alberta, July 21 to 27, 1958. Some 1200 Baptists of Edmonton churches will serve as hosts and a like number of those from the surrounding area will welcome the visiting delegates and friends from every one of our nine local conferences. Together we shall be inspired by Bible study, fellowship, and the opportunity given to look ahead in the further work entrusted us in the cause of Christ.

## OUR ALBERTA CHURCHES

Edmonton, a city that has more than doubled in population since 1942, will offer a grand meeting place. Our churches here represent the glowing fervor that is so much a part of our heritage. A short time ago only one church and a preaching mission made up our witness in Edmonton. Today with a total membership of some 1200, five churches carry on a splendid ministry under strong capable leaders.

In the churches of Alberta near Edmonton, the membership has also more than doubled in the same period. Much of this growth has come by way of immigration. Yet a strong evangelistic fervor has also been a part of this constant expansion.

Here, too, we will be able to see our Christian Training Institute. Through the years our prayers and interests have been channeled to this Christian institution. When we meet in Edmonton, we shall be able to see the spacious buildings of the school that has meant so much to the work of our denomination and particularly to the Northern Conference.

Yes, Edmonton will be a grand meeting place! Much has been done and will be done to make this one of the greatest General Conferences in our history.

The theme of the Conference is, "Continue In My Word." Our Master's declaration will serve as a promise to us. "If ye continue in My word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31b-32). Each time we gather for our triennial Conference we are reminded of God's leadership in the work entrusted us.

The past, the present, and the future are all intertwined. Whatever we do at the moment, we do with his strength. The future will be prosperous and bright, if we continue in the ministry of his Word. What can we do to make our ministry for him more meaningful? Perhaps our General Conference in 1958 may unlock new doors of service.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

It is hard to point to any single highlight in the planned program. As we meet, we will find each day to be filled with blessings. Our missionary cause will be well represented as we hear quite a number of missionaries who are home on furlough. Two great rallies will be held. The latter service will be combined with the singing of a great mass choir of choir members of the Edmonton area under the leadership of Professor Edward Link.

A commissioning will follow when we shall be introduced to those who have answered the call of Christ to be his messengers. The many phases of our great denominational ministry will be brought to our attention at the daily services. As we hear the message we will be eager to "continue in (Christ's) Word."

Many of our pastors and lay people will participate actively in the week's program. By message, discussion, prayer, testimony, pageant and service, we shall be drawn closer to our Christ.

The luncheons for the various groups will be held in the fine, well-equipped eating places of Edmonton. Pastors, Sunday School workers, Commissioned Baptist Youth, and the Woman's Missionary Union will all plan their own special programs for these gatherings. Our young people will join for the opening night get-acquainted hour, the morning outing, and the great Saturday evening banquet. Each of these gatherings will offer special opportunity for Christian fellowship.

## DR. HERBERT GEZORK

Dr. Herbert Gezork, president of Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, will be one of our guest speakers. Many of our people are anxiously looking forward to the opportunity of hearing him. His background is much like that of many of our folk. As a former pastor of our churches, as the author of the fascinating book of his world travels, "As I Saw the World," and as one who came as an immigrant from Germany to become an adopted child of the United States, he offers a rich message of discernment and discipleship.

In the last few years Dr. Gezork

has addressed the American Baptist Convention quite frequently as devotional speaker. At the Baptist Congress in London, in 1955, he brought the challenge of Baptist unity most forcefully to the assembled delegates. With our theme, "Continue in My Word," Dr. Gezork's own words offer their challenge to us. "Whatever may lie ahead for us, of one thing I am sure: that our common Lord wants us to give the witness he has entrusted to us Baptists as unitedly, as winsomely, and as strongly as we can."

Dr. Gezork will be speaking to us daily on the Words of the Master. Included in this progressive series will be "Love," "Missions," "Education" and "Social Service."

Two other influential Christians will also speak. Mrs. Edgar Bates, Dean of Women at McMaster University at Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, comes as one of the most influential Baptist lay women of Canada. She has spoken frequently to large audiences and has been much in demand for such gatherings. Her ability as educator and Christian witness is widely recognized. She will be bringing the main message at the joint service conducted by Baptist Men and the Woman's Missionary Union.

The Hon. Ernest C. Manning, Premier of Alberta, will also be heard as he delivers one of the main addresses of the Conference. He is known far and wide as one who has been able to practice his Christianity actively in high places. It will be a challenge to hear this capable political figure as we meet in Edmonton, capital city.

## SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS

In view of the fact that many of the residents of Edmonton prefer the German language, we shall have two simultaneous services each evening. The day sessions, and all business will be conducted in the English language. Adequate space has been planned for to take care of all of our meetings.

Soon the program of the General Conference will be printed in the "Baptist Herald." May we encourage you to be much in prayer as you look forward to these great days of blessing in Edmonton, July 21 to 27, 1958. Plan now to attend. God has given us a work to do. May we "continue in (Christ's) Word."

Even in these next twelve months we shall be living and proclaiming the Gospel of a saving and keeping Christ. Let us look to Edmonton as a time of sharing our Christian experiences. May our goals be set as we make Christ supreme in the days to come!

## ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke

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

Rev. R. Schilke

July 28—Martin, N. Dak. (60th Anniversary Program).

August 11 (Sunday Afternoon) — Mission Rally for Portland Area Churches at Bethany Church, Portland, Oregon.

Rev. J. C. Gunst

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

Dr. M. L. Leuschner

August 11 (Sunday) — Bethel Church, Missoula, Mont. (Dedication of new building).

## PASTORS' CONFERENCE

July 31 - August 4 — North American Baptist Sem'nary, Sioux Falls, S. D. Dr. Sidney Powell and Missionary Gilbert Schneider, Guest Speakers. "A wonderful time of retreat for every North American Baptist pastor."

## CHRISTIAN LEADERS' CONFERENCE

August 5-9—For all Christian workers at the Seminary buildings, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. See full page announcement on page 24 of June 13, 1957 issue of "Baptist Herald."

## CONFERENCES AND CAMPS

July 22-28 — Saskatchewan Young People's Camp at Echo Lake Camp. Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Guest Speaker.

July 27 - Aug. 2—Manitoba Young People's Camp at Lake Nutimik, River Hills, Manitoba. Rev. Karl Korella and Miss Ida Forsch, Guests.

August 3-5 — Manitoba Camp Youth Rally. Rev. Kari Korella, Guest.

August 3-10—Oregon Baptist League Intermediate Camp at Falls City, Oregon. Rev. Richard Schilke and Miss Florence Miller, Guests.

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. Wessel and Miss Ida Forsch, Guests.

# General Council's Decisions

Report of the General Council's Sessions Held on May 24 and 25  
by DR. M. L. LEUSCHNER

DECISIONS are the stepping-stones that lead to new heights of achievement. That is certainly true of the important decisions that the General Council at its annual sessions is called upon to make. On May 24 and 25, more than 50 members and guests of the Council, met in the William Kuhn Conference Room at the Forest Park Headquarters to plan for the denominational program for the coming year. The decisions of those days, which were made in the light of God's guidance, will affect some way or other every North American Baptist in the days ahead.

## FINANCIAL GOAL — \$616,500

An atmosphere of buoyant faith in God's power to do great things through our churches and in the possibilities of service by our people pervaded the session. This was the note sounded by Dr. John Wobig of Portland, Oregon, vice-moderator, in the opening devotions. It was the spirit shown by the moderator, Mr. Walter W. Grosser, in his fine leadership of the sessions.

A very vital decision of the General Council was the adoption of the challenging financial goal for 1957-1958 which totaled \$616,500. As a result of the faithful stewardship of our people during the past year, the General Council was encouraged to go forward and to set a goal that represents a modest increase over the past year.

Th's goal for the year 1957-1958 is as follows:

Cooperative Missionary Budget	\$530,000
Church Extension Fund	
Goal	50,000
God's Volunteers	7,500
Japan Mission — Special Requests	5,500
Special Grants Approved	23,500

Total Financial Goal.....\$616,500

Decisions were made by the General Council upon the recommendation of the General Missionary Committee which will send forth new missionaries to several far-flung fields. Rev. and Mrs. Fred Moore of Chancellor, S. Dak., will be leaving for Japan in December, 1957. Dr. and Mrs. Peter Fehr of Minneapolis, Minn., will depart for the Cameroons, Africa, after the 1958 General Conference in Edmonton, Alberta. A couple was approved to be placed on the teaching staff of the Soppo Teacher Training Center by January 1958.

Funds amounting to almost \$20,000 were approved for the Cameroons building projects, for the repair of

the Baptist Chapel in Salzberg, Austria, for the continuation of the building of the chapel on the Indian Muscowpetung Reserve in Canada, and for special requests for the Japan Mission Field.

The General Council voted to approve active participation in the Baptist Jubilee Advance during the period of 1959-1964. This is a major decision that will bring much spiritual blessing to North American Baptist churches and which will unite us for a great cause with Baptists everywhere.

## BAPTIST JUBILEE ADVANCE

Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, has described the program as follows: "The Baptist Jubilee Advance, launched in recognition of the 150th anniversary of Baptist work on a national level in the United States and North America, is a program calling upon all Baptists in North America to unite in a mighty evangelistic effort. Its purpose has been briefly termed to be a challenge to all Baptists of North America to work cooperatively, to witness effectively and to celebrate worthily. All the major Baptist groups serving in the United States and Canada have already agreed to participate."

The August 22nd issue of the "Baptist Herald" will devote several feature pages to the story of this inspiring program in which we shall actively participate.

Following the presentation of the tentative General Conference program by the chairman of the Program Committee, Rev. H. J. Wilcke, the General Council voted on several important matters affecting the program, the conference site, and arrangements for those days from July 21 to 27, 1958 in Edmonton, Alberta.

There is a general feeling that this will be a momentous conference with record-breaking attendance, with a wonderful setting in a Canadian city, and with a stirring program. It can now be announced that Dr. Herbert Gezork of Newton Centre, Mass., who is one of the most outstanding Baptist speakers of our day, will be the General Conference guest speaker, bringing messages at both the English and German services.

The official program of the 1958 General Conference will be published in one of the October issues of the "Baptist Herald". Our denominational outreach in Church Extension was given the serious consideration of the General Council. Decisions were made to approve an appeal for \$50,000 for our churches for the year

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# We the Women

By MRS. T. D. LUTZ, President  
of the Woman's Missionary Union

It is time for a vacation!

Readers of "We, the Women"! We shall give you a little rest by omitting several issues of our page from the "Baptist Herald" in August. You will note that we have had extra articles for our anniversary and many beautiful tributes to women throughout the pages of the "Herald" recently. Weren't they wonderful?

Before we take this pause or breathing spell, I want to give a brief report of some of the activities that have taken place this spring.

I was able to take part in the Workshop Committee sessions, the General Council meeting and the Executive Committee sessions of the W.M.U. of the Baptist World Alliance. Also I sat in on the Summer Visitation Committee sessions and the General Mission Committee sessions. Mrs. Harm Sherman also attended the Mission Committee Sessions. Mrs. Frank Veninga attended the General Council sessions.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES WERE EXTENDED TO OUR WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION UPON ITS 50th ANNIVERSARY BY OUR GENERAL COUNCIL.

Many anniversary program reports reached my desk as early as May of this year. Several women's organizations within local churches have united, making one big happy family, to commemorate this 50th anniversary. Do plan to observe this occasion in your society sometime during 1957. Since we cannot give the complete program, we will mention the names of the churches that sent in the first reports: Lorraine, Kansas; North Freedom, Wis.; Anamoose, N. Dak.; Stafford, Kansas; Pittsburgh, Penn.; Aplington, Iowa.

A unique W.M.U. program was developed in our Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minnesota, entitled "Who's Who Among Women". They studied "Women of the Bible", "Women of History" and "Women of our Denomination".

A most pleasant opportunity was granted to me recently when I was asked to speak to the Seminary Guild Girls. Missionaries, pastors' wives and professors' wives were present. The living room of Dr. and Mrs. Dunger's home was alive with active and enthusiastic women. I am inspired as I think of the potentialities of this group. Even now many of these women are scattered in various places of our denomination.

Our motto is, "The Whole Wide World for Jesus". Are we seeking to know his will and then do our part to accomplish this?



The Mowata Baptist Church of Branch, Louisiana, on the beautiful Sunday of its 50th anniversary festivities.

## 50th Anniversary in Louisiana

Anniversary Festivities of the Mowata Baptist Church, Branch, La., Reported by Mrs. Henry L. Bieber

ON SUNDAY, May 19, the Mowata Baptist Church of Branch, Louisiana, celebrated its 50th anniversary. In the morning service all were honored to have the following pastors in our midst: Rev. and Mrs. Frank Armbruster and Rev. Paul Hintze of Texas. We were also privileged to have as our guest speaker, Dr. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill. Following the morning worship service conducted in German, dinner was served in the dining hall at which the charter members were honor guests.

### FESTIVE SERVICES

At 3 P.M. we met at the church for another anniversary service. Again we heard a sermon by Brother Leuschner. During the service the secretary read a telegram and letters from other churches sending their congratulations and best wishes. We had visitors from neighboring churches in our midst. We want to mention that we were honored to have seven of the charter members of our Mowata Church with us. They are as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bollinger; Mrs. Gustav Casselmann, all of Texas; Mrs. David Loewer and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bieber, all of Branch, La.; Mr. Jakob Bieber of Arkansas.

Afterwards Rev. and Mrs. Alex Sootzman, our pastor and wife, were hosts to our many visitors. In the dining hall cake, coffee, sandwiches and punch were served. We returned to the church at 7 P.M. for a missionary film shown by Dr. Leuschner.

The following brief review of the Mowata Baptist Church of Louisiana reminds us that this church by God's grace still has its humble place in God's plans to proclaim the Gospel.

### THE CHURCH'S HISTORY

During the years, 1902-1905, Baptist people of the Province Hessen in Germany emigrated to the U.S.A. and settled in southwest Louisiana about nine miles south of Eunice. In true pioneer spirit, these German settlers overcame the trials and difficulties which they had to face, including the climatic change between the old country and their new homeland.

In 1907, a few families organized the First German Baptist Church of Mowata, La., in order to worship as they had been accustomed in their homeland. Until the present time this is still the only Baptist church in Louisiana which is of German origin. At the beginning, they met for church services in the home of Friedrich Loewer. Several years later services were held in a small house for a duration of 14 months.

The year 1920 was a great turning-point for this congregation. The first church building was erected which served until 1952. The parsonage was built in 1926, and in the course of the years many alterations have been made. Recently remodeling and re-decorating have taken place.

On Thanksgiving Day, 1951, the ground was broken for a new edifice. Thus, the congregation had an addi-

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# What's Happening

● Rev. and Mrs. Fred Ohlmann of Vernon, British Columbia, have announced the birth of a son on June 3rd, to whom the name Freddie Richard has been given. Word has also been received from Rev. and Mrs. Leon Bill of Okeene, Okla., that a daughter was born to them on May 26th who has been named Maxine Elaine.

● Rev. Wilfred Reimche has resigned as pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Glidden, Sask., and announced that he would bring his ministry to a close prior to September 1st. He will continue his studies in the city of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, beginning with the 1957 fall term. He has served as pastor of the Glidden Church since 1953.

● Since May 19, Rev. William L. Schoeffel of Chicago, Ill., formerly pastor of the Grace Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., has been serving as pastor of the Immanuel Community Baptist Church of Des Plaines, Ill., near Chicago. This is a church identified with the American Baptist Convention. Mr. Schoeffel also served this church for three months as interim pastor before being called as its full-time pastor.

● On Thursday, May 30th, Rev. Roland F. Cole brought his ministry at the Pin Oak Creek Church of Mt. Sterling, Mo., to a close. The church presented Mr. and Mrs. Cole with a farewell gift of \$100. On April 25 about 100 people gathered at the church to help celebrate the Woman's Missionary Society's anniversary with Mrs. William Rikard presiding. A special musical program was rendered by a guest male quartet. A missionary offering for North American Baptist mission fields was received.

● Three new churches were received into the North American Baptist fellowship at the sessions of the Pacific Conference held in the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif. They are the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, California, with Rev. Kenneth Fischer, pastor; the German Baptist Church of Kit'nat, British Columbia, with Mr. Berthold Tutschek as the summer pastor; and the Baptist Church of Terrace, British Columbia, which is pastorless at present. This brings the latest number of churches in the Pacific Conference area to 36.

● The General Missionary Committee has appointed Rev. and Mrs. David C. Keiry of Bessie, Okla., as our missionaries for the Spanish-American field in the San Luis Valley of Colorado. They will succeed Rev.

and Mrs. Paul Appel and will reside in the parsonage in Monte Vista, Colorado. Mr. Keiry has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bessie which he has served since graduation from the North American Baptist Seminary in 1956. Mr. and Mrs. Keiry will begin their ministry on the Spanish-American mission field on September 1st.

● The "God's Volunteers" Committee and the General Missionary Committee have appointed Rev. Elmer E. Strauss of Ellinwood, Kansas, to serve as director of "God's Volunteers" for 1957-1958 and as a Church Extension pastor. Rev. Daniel Fuchs recently resigned as "God's Volunteers" director, although he will continue as one of our denominational evangelists. Mr. Strauss has accepted the appointment after resigning as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kansas, and announced that he would begin his new ministry on October 1st. He has served the Ellinwood Church since 1952.

● The General Missionary Committee at its 1957 session appointed Rev. and Mrs. Fred Moore of Chancellor, S. Dak., as missionaries to Japan. They have accepted the appointment to be effective November 1, 1957, in the assurance that God is definitely leading them to this great mission field. Plans are being made for them to go with their family to Japan in December, 1957. They will be considered as a replacement for Rev. and Mrs. Clemence Auch who in the fall of 1957 will return to the United States from the mission field in Japan, having been granted an indefinite leave of absence by the General Missionary Committee.

● Mr. Bruno Walter of Cleveland, Ohio, shop foreman and a very important worker of the Roger Williams print shop force, died on May 31st as a result of a second heart attack. His picture had appeared from time to time in the pages of the "Baptist Herald" along with other members of the Roger Williams Press staff. He was a friendly and very congenial worker, who had endeared himself to editors and business manager alike. The fine results of his work were to be seen in the ANNUAL, BAPTIST HERALD, DER SENDBOTE, and other publications. Mr. Harold Johns, president of the publication Board, has written that "losing Bruno Walter is a rather hard blow".

● The General Missionary Committee has announced through its general secretary, Rev. R. Schilke, that Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fehr of Min-

neapolis, Minn., have been appointed as missionaries to the Cameroons, Africa. Mr. Fehr will receive his M.D. degree in the spring of 1958 and his appointment as medical-missionary will take effect in July 1958. He is to become our third doctor in the Cameroons, serving either at the Bango Hospital or at Bamenda New Hope Settlement, wherever his services will be required. It is expected that he and his wife will leave for the Cameroons as soon as possible following the 1958 General Conference sessions in Edmonton, Alberta.

● Dr. Kenneth Jones, missionary-doctor at the New Hope Settlement for leprous patients at Mbingo, Cameroons, will bring his missionary ministry to a close on August 31, 1957 after a very faithful service of two and one-half years. He and his family are in the United States at present, residing at 6009 N. E. Multnomah St., Portland, Oregon. They will not engage in any deputation work, visiting our churches and conferences. Dr. Jones served as the first full-time medical missionary at the New Hope Settlement and with great joy witnessed the remarkable increase of leprous patients from 57 to more than 900 at the hospital and clinics.

● The General Council at its annual session in May appointed Rev. Frank Friesen of Portland, Oregon, as a denominational supply and interim pastor. He will serve our churches in addition to Dr. John Leyboldt. Mr. Friesen has resigned as pastor of the Southwood Park Baptist Church (formerly Villa Ridge Church) and announced that he would begin his new ministry early in the fall. Mr. and Mrs. Friesen will live in Forest Park, Illinois, in the flat formerly occupied by Dr. and Mrs. William Kuhn. Pastorless churches desiring the services of Dr. John Leyboldt or of Rev. Frank Friesen can direct their requests to Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, at Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

● On June 9th, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Oberjat of the Temple Church, Milwaukee, Wis., observed their 50th wedding anniversary. Mr. Oberjat is 91 years of age and with his wife attends the church services every Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. George Muellner of the Temple Church celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary quietly on June 10th. Mr. and Mrs. Emil Thoms observed their 62nd wedding anniversary on May 30th. The family together with Rev. and Mrs. Rudolph Woyke celebrated the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Thoms have been members of the church for over 60 years. On Children's Day, June 9th, seventeen children were dedicated to the Lord at an impressive service with Rev. Rudolph Woyke, pastor, in charge.





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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  
San Francisco, California



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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 set by Sabra, the maid of Kathryn, and the thugs force him to turn the valuable jewels over to them. After John Rowland and Kathryn Greig are released, they make their way to the home of Kathryn's cousin, her original destination before she was seized. Then Kathryn tells John how she was trying to sell the necklace in San Francisco to pay for the debts of her late husband, Howard. Later John Rowland with detectives goes to the hide-out to look for clues of the kidnapers.

## CHAPTER FIFTEEN

IT WAS beneath a somber, leaden sky on Monday afternoon that Roy Nyman, deputy sheriff, and John threaded their way through the eucalyptus trees toward the bleak, gray house standing in the shadows. Accompanying them was a squad of Nyman's huskies.

The window of the front room was still half open and the weatherbeaten curtain hung limp and tattered. Again the heavy, dull gong sounded through the house as John lifted the knocker. But no footsteps approached the door, no grizzled and ancient head appeared to give the gruff welcome he had previously received.

They tried the door but it did not open and for some moments they stood surveying the house and its surroundings.

"Swell place for a murder," commented Nyman.

"It's desolate and gloomy enough," John agreed.

"What gets me," puzzled Nyman,

"is that either of you escaped with your lives. If I've got the dope on these outlaws right, a little thing like a murder would be the least of their troubles. It's a queer case, all right."

They had gone half way around the house when they came upon the door through which John had gone in quest of the jewels. He turned the knob. It yielded and the door swung open.

The dark and cobwebby corners of the basement were brought into view as the afternoon light broke in.

"There's a room beyond," John volunteered.

Nyman looked at him with a quizzical expression in his gray eyes and then started forward. As he reached the door, John threw it open but only a black cavern stretched ahead. Nyman took out his search light and it moved across the room.

"The electric wires have been cut," he commented. He had been searching for a switch when he made the discovery. "Don't touch anything," Nyman cautioned John. "We'll want to examine for fingerprints."

As they left the house and walked toward the road, Nyman began to review what facts they had at hand.

Lee, Kathryn's Chinese cook, had talked freely. The night of John's visit to Kathryn's apartment he had followed John to his hotel. He had done this at the request of Sabra Kingsbury who told him that Kathryn wanted to know John's address. Then early the next morning Sabra had asked him to switch the number three in the apartment 503 with the eight in Kathryn's 508. She had explained that Kathryn's life was in danger.

It had not been hard to extract information from the hotel clerk. A glance at the officer's badge and a threat of legal action against him

weakened his resolution and he whimpered, "Really, officer, I thought I was doing the right thing. The young lady came to me and . . ."

"What young lady?" demanded Nyman.

"Mrs. Lockwood's maid, Miss Kingsbury. She told me that Mrs. Lockwood was attempting to escape the very unwelcome attentions of a certain gentleman. This was not hard to believe, officer. If you have seen Mrs. Lockwood, you know she is a remarkably beautiful woman. Her maid told me that Mrs. Lockwood asked that no information be given out about her. If, in fact, I would maintain that she had never lived in the house at all."

"Did you know that Miss Kingsbury had the numbers on the apartments changed?"

The hotel clerk shook his head, looking fearfully at Nyman.

"What happened to the letter Mrs. Lockwood gave you for Mr. Rowland?"

"Letter?" The clerk was trembling visibly.

"Yes. What happened to the letter?" Nyman repeated sternly.

"Miss Kingsbury took it, Sir."

"You mean you gave it to her?"

The clerk nodded.

"How did she know you had it?"

"I told her," the man replied whimperingly.

"I see," Nyman commented briefly. "Did Miss Kingsbury give you any little reward for your good service?"

The clerk squirmed uncomfortably. "Well, she gave me a little money."

John had sat in that morning on the hours of gruelling Kathryn had undergone. He had seen her eyes darkened with fatigue under the constant bombardment of questions. John had laid before Nyman the tangled threads

of his meeting with Paul Ames, the evening with Farningham at the Fairmont, the discussion about the necklace, the reading of the newspaper clipping and Sabra's bringing him to the house where Kathryn was imprisoned. The puzzle had fitted together to make Sabra Kingsbury the number one suspect.

Kathryn was warm in her endorsement of both Farningham and Paul Ames. She had complete faith in them. She told of Paul's warning over the telephone, the night she had given the jewels to John.

Nyman was not fully in accord with her conclusions. "Maybe there was more behind that telephone call than you think," he suggested. "Did Ames know you had a cousin at Monterey?"

Kathryn's eyes widened. "Yes. But I don't see what that . . ."

Nyman shrugged. "He might be in cahoots with the Kingsbury woman for all you know."

But Sabra Kingsbury was not to be found. The hotel clerk said he had not seen her since Friday night.

There was no lack of clues to follow. First in the chain was the traffic officer who had stopped John when he was on his way to San Francisco for the jewels. He was watching near the road, the hood of his car hidden behind some shrubs.

They stopped and hailed him. He remembered John at once. As Nyman told him the story of that night, he burst forth excitedly, "I saw them. The very guys!"

"You did? When?" Nyman and John exclaimed in unison.

"Sure thing! One was a lean faced fellow with a real smooth manner of talking, sort of prim and proper like a lady. The other was a rough fellow, with an awful scar and an ugly face. Gave me the shudders to look at him!"

"How did you get to see them?" questioned Nyman.

"I stopped them. Going about seventy. Decent they were about it but I thought it was queer. I recognized the car and then to nab it again speeding to San Francisco with one of the same fellows. I just thought it was queer."

"Pity you didn't run them in," Nyman said.

"They were mighty decent spoken and stopped the minute I sounded my siren." The traffic officer rubbed his chin reflectively. "The license number ought to help."

"Let me see," Nyman said, "about what time was it when you stopped them?"

"Long about five in the morning."

"Does that fit your description of the fellows?" Nyman turned to John.

"Exactly," John replied.

It was hoped that ownership of the car used by the crooks might yield valuable clues but as it turned out the car was stolen. Nor did the house

where the kidnapers carried on their nefarious business shed additional light. The house belonged to a man in the East. He didn't know that it had been occupied. He said that he had left it boarded up and if it had been occupied by anyone it had been done illegally.

Everyone who had had contact with Kathryn or the suspects were on Nyman's list for investigation. The list now included Farningham, Paul Ames, Sabra Kingsbury, Adrienne Lennox, Tom Wiley and Won Long as well as those already questioned.

Late Monday evening John and Nyman called on Farningham. He was packing.

"Going away?" Nyman asked.

Farningham nodded. "I'm a wanderer, you know. On my way back to India."

"Soon?" Nyman questioned.

"In a week."

"Better stick around," Nyman advised. "We may need you."

Farningham looked annoyed. He had his tickets. Some of his baggage had already gone. He couldn't see where his testimony would be of any help.

Nyman insisted. Farningham looked gloomy but agreed.

"How well do you know Mrs. Lockwood?" Nyman asked Farningham.

"Well enough to ask her to marry me," Farningham said. There was satisfaction in his tone.

Nyman was obviously taken back. "Oh, I see," he said. "I had not heard that angle of the case."

John was equally surprised. He remembered Farningham's look when he had returned to him the newspaper clipping about Kathryn. He had not acted like a man in love.

Nyman was silent for a few minutes, seeming to digest this bit of news. Then he asked, "Have you ever seen Mrs. Lockwood wear the diamond-emerald necklace?"

Farningham hesitated. "I've seen her wear a great deal of jewelry," he said. "Diamonds, emeralds, but I'm not sure I recall the particular necklace in question."

"Tell me," Nyman said, "did you connect Mrs. Lockwood in your mind with the story you told of the smuggled jewels?"

"No," said Farningham shortly. "Why should I?"

John looked at him. He was sure that Farningham was lying.

Nyman did not pursue this subject further but asked, "Is Miss Kingsbury a friend of yours?"

"Oh yes," Farningham said readily. "I've known her for some time."

"How long exactly?"

"Well, two years at least. She was with the Lockwoods in India."

"She served as Mrs. Lockwood's companion?"

"Yes."

"Do you think she would plot against Mrs. Lockwood? Attempt this jewel robbery?"

Farningham shook his head negatively. "No," he replied decidedly. "I'm sure she wouldn't. Mrs. Lockwood has been very kind to her."

Nyman returned again to Farningham's story of the smuggled necklace. "Where did you get your tale of the diamond-emerald necklace stolen from a Rajah of India?"

Farningham's bright blue eyes looked wide and innocent. "Where? I can't remember where. Where does one hear rumors. I can't place it in particular."

"Did it come from Miss Kingsbury?"

"I couldn't say."

When John and Nyman stepped out of the Fairmont, John said, "Somehow I haven't much confidence in Farningham. I wouldn't be surprised if he were involved in this crime."

"No," said Nyman, "I don't think so. Where's the motive? A man doesn't kidnap a woman he is going to marry and steal her jewels. Besides, he's immensely wealthy. No, there's no motive there."

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As the days passed, John resolutely pushed one fact away from him. He was in love with Kathryn. But he admitted there could not possibly be more obstacles in the way than he faced. The fact of Kathryn's exceptional beauty, her wealth, her background, the fact that she was consenting to or even considering marriage with Farningham and that she was not a Christian.

Any one or two of these reasons seemed sufficient to discourage him but added together they appeared insurmountable.

It hardly seemed possible to John that it was only slightly over a week ago that he had met Kathryn. Years had been packed into that week. So much had happened.

John remembered a story he had read once of a man and a woman who had met for the first time on board a ship. When the ship floundered in a great storm and death seemed inevitable they had revealed their hearts to one another. After the suspense and tragedy of those hours together, they awakened to a new day and a realization of their love. And John realized that this had happened to him. He was in love with Kathryn.

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# Sunday School Lessons

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: August 4, 1957

Theme: RUTH, A FOREIGNER WHO WON HER WAY

Scripture: Ruth 1:22; 2:2-4, 8-13; 4:13-17

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** Do not judge the immigrant by his peculiar customs and culture, but by his faith, perseverance and love.

**INTRODUCTION:** To get the full impact of this great story, be sure to read the entire book. The Book of Judges ends in civil war among the tribes in which Benjamin was almost annihilated. The last words seem to imply that the only form of government practiced in Israel was a type of anarchy, "Every man did that which was right in his own eyes" (Judges 21:25).

The story of Ruth is a spiritual oasis in a religious desert, bringing refreshment and new life to the weary pilgrim. It is a human interest story which would certainly have made the front page of any hometown newspaper. A mother-in-law with a foreign daughter-in-law, after going through much suffering and hardship, finally came into wealth and position. The stranger in our midst is not necessarily a threat to us; but a person through whom God can help us, comfort us and deliver us.

It is also a story revealing God's plan and guidance. Even though there were no spiritual giants in those days like Abraham, Moses or Samuel, God worked out his purposes through common people who had devotion, faith and courage.

### I. A GODLY HOME IN A PAGAN LAND. Ruth 1:22.

One of our greatest concerns when our children leave home to go to school or to establish homes in distant places is that they remember the God of their parents and the teaching of Jesus Christ. Elimelech and his family had to have strong convictions to live in the midst of these pagan people. They remained steadfast and were strong enough to influence those around them. Neither paganism, nor poverty, nor sorrow, nor death kept them from the love of the law and the love of God.

### II. FOREIGN AID FOR A FOREIGN MAID. Ruth 2:2-4.

It often makes it much easier to help the foreigner in our midst when he is willing to cooperate and integrate himself into the new country and culture. Not many are willing to make such a definite and final break with the past as Ruth made when she

said, "Where thou goest, I will go; where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God." Of course, where love is the primary motive on both sides, we can dispense with our foreign aid and establish a program of mutual aid.

### III. THE PRINCE AND THE PAUPER. Ruth 2:8-13.

To understand this part of the story, it would be well to read up on Bible customs of that day. According to the laws and practices in the Old Testament, we can rest assured that Boaz dealt honestly, honorably and lovingly toward Ruth. Although there was a great difference in their social and national status, he wished to do right in the sight of God and man. In a time when every man did that which was right in his own eyes, it is all the more surprising to find a man who longed to do right in the eyes of God.

### IV. ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL. Ruth 4:13, 17.

This wonderful union brought joy and happiness to all concerned. Naomi became a proud grandmother; Ruth found love and a home in a foreign land; Boaz became the redeemer of his family and kept the name from dying out. After Obed was born, he became the father of Jesse, who in turn became the father of David and so on down the line to the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: August 11, 1957

Theme: HANNAH, A WOMAN WHO KEPT HER PROMISE

Scripture: 1 Samuel 1:9-11, 20-28

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** It should be easier to keep our promises when we remember that God keeps his promises.

**INTRODUCTION:** It is surprising how many women in the Old Testament played such important roles in the religious life of Israel. Particularly is this true in the realm of prayer and in the dedication of their children. Many of them had a close personal relationship with God, even though they were denied many privileges in the service of worship and in the life of the community.

## EDITOR OF LESSONS

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

Hannah was an outstanding example of piety and motherhood. She looked upon her home responsibility as a sacred obligation in which God was vitally interested. No area of life was outside of God's care and influence and everything was brought to him in prayer. Her promises to him were considered binding and unbreakable, no matter what the cost.

Hebrew parents were very proud of their children. Particularly was this true of their sons. Often a man's wealth was not measured in terms of silver and gold, but by the number of sons he had. It was a sign of the blessing of the Lord. On the other hand, it was also a temptation to look with disdain and arrogance upon those who were childless as in the case of Peninnah, who evidently had many sons and daughters.

### I. HANNAH'S PRAYER AND PROMISE. 1 Sam. 1:9-11.

It is not necessarily the quantity of sons that brings joy and happiness to a family, but the quality of a single son. Hannah did not pray for many sons, but for one who would serve God and bring honor to his name. It was largely the quality of her prayer that determined the quality of her son.

### II. GOD'S FULFILLMENT. 1 Sam. 1:20-21.

One thing we can be sure of when we make a promise to God—he is certain to keep his part of the bargain. Hannah was definite in her petition and God was definite in his answer. This was the type of praying that Jesus recommended to us in the gospels, "Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you" (Matt. 7:7). Keep on asking, believing, hoping, knocking and seeking, for God is breaking through from the other side.

### III. A MOTHER'S CONCERN FOR HER CHILD'S GROWTH. 1 Sam. 1:22, 23.

Hannah's responsibility did not cease with the birth of her son. She was also concerned about his growth and physical welfare. Through love and service she did what she believed was her duty and trusted the rest to God. Worshipping the Lord does not mean that we are to neglect our children in the home. That is where it should begin.

### IV. A MOTHER'S OFFERING AND DEDICATION. 1 Sam. 1:24-28.

What a transformation the future generation would undergo if every mother would follow the example of Hannah and say, "For this child I prayed." The dedication of Samuel in the temple led to his preparation; his preparation led to his consecration; and his consecration led to a lifetime of service for God and the nation of Israel.

# Our Denomination in ACTION

## Northwestern Conference

### Community Vacation Bible School at Aplington, Iowa

"Journeying with Jesus" was the theme of the Community Bible School sponsored by the Reformed, Presbyterian, and Baptist Churches of Aplington, Iowa, May 27-June 7, with the final program being presented on Sunday evening, June 9. Classes were conducted in the local high school with Mrs. Harm Sherman of the Aplington Baptist Church as superintendent.

Total enrollment of this year's school was 302, the breakdown being as follows: 76 from the Reformed Church; 91 from the Presbyterian Church; 103 from the Baptist Church; and 32 from other churches. Church representation of the school staff was as follows: 5 Reformed, 10 Presbyterian, and 12 Baptist.

On Tuesday evening, June 11, the churches of Aplington were hosts to a recognition dinner for the entire Bible School staff. An enjoyable time of fellowship was had by all. The Aplington Community Vacation Bible School is a venture which has been carried out with an harmonious spirit to the glory of God for the past several years.

Donald P. Patet, Pastor

### God's Blessings at Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

In connection with the service of dedication for newly elected church officers of the Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wis., which our pastor, Rev. Wilmer Quiring, conducted on June 2nd, a corsage was pinned on Miss Marie Baudisch in recognition of 14 years of efficient service as church treasurer. Miss Baudisch continues to be active in other ways and particularly as superintendent of our Sunday School. A boutonniere was pinned on Mr. Arthur Kehrein, who has completed over 18 years of faithful service as a trustee.

At a recent meeting of the Milwaukee Baptist Association, Bethany Church furnished the musical numbers. These consisted of a trombone solo and songs rendered by our ladies' sextet, a male quartet and the choir, of which Mr. Kenneth Miller is the director and Mrs. Fred Abitz is the organist. Our Junior Choir, which was recently organized under the direction of Mrs. Earl Anderson, sang on Easter Sunday and on Children's Day.

Laura Weihe, Reporter

### Fine Vacation Bible School at Appleton, Minnesota

A Vacation Bible School was held at the First Baptist Church of Appleton, Minn., from June 3 to 7. Forenoon and afternoon sessions were

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held for all classes with the exception of the Kindergarten class which was released at noon. A fine group of 31 youngsters enrolled the first day. We had almost perfect attendance.

The fine staff of teachers were as follows: Junior High, Mrs. Lawrence Jahn and Rev. John Ziegler; Juniors, Mrs. Alfred Ulstad and Mrs. John Miller; Primary, Mrs. Jens Mikkelsen and Sandra Giese; Kindergarten and Beginners, Marjorie Ulstad and Kathy Smith; music director, Sandra Giese; and Sunday School pianist, Kathy Smith. Rev. John Ziegler supervised the Junior High work project which was to make wooden frames around the blackboards which matched the furniture in the sanctuary.

Offerings were taken each day and the school voted that this money should go toward the support of our Baptist missionaries in Japan. The pupils and teachers prepared a very fine program which was given on Sunday evening in the church sanctuary.

Mrs. Robert Liebe, Reporter

### Spring Rally of Wisconsin CBYF at Racine

The Spring Rally of the Wisconsin C.B.Y.F. was held at the Grace Baptist Church, Racine, Wis., on May 4 and 5. The theme selected was "Give God Glory" with I Cor. 10:31 as the key verse. We were fortunate in having Dr. Walter Wessel from our Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as the guest speaker.

The Saturday sessions opened with a devotional period followed by Intermediate and Senior Workshops. Rev. G. Blackburn of Pound, Wis., conducted the Intermediate Workshop on the subject, "Can a Christian Witness and Still Be Popular?" "Personal Evangelism", the theme for the Senior Workshop, was presented by Dr. Wessel. In the afternoon the 1957 camp counselors were instructed and provided with very helpful information by Rev. Lawrence Bienert.

It was our privilege to have Rev. Daniel Fuchs and several members of God's Volunteers take part in the Saturday evening service. Through special music and their testimonies they gave evidence of the Lord's

blessings during the months they were traveling from church to church. The inspiring message Saturday evening and the closing message Sunday afternoon were brought by Dr. Wessel.

Ruth Rabenhorst, Secretary

### Mother's Day Program, Grace Church, Sheffield, Iowa

The Mother's Day program in the Grace Baptist Church, Sheffield, Ia., on Sunday evening, May 12th, centered around "Our Christian Mother." Proverbs 22:6 was read as a scriptural admonition to God-fearing mothers. To her mother and to each mother, one of our young girls sang, "God's Gift,—My Mother." Our new Junior Choir sang "Thank You, God, for My Mother." A tableau was given entitled, "A Tribute to Motherhood" by Lillie Eno, reader, Janice DeGroot, MaDonna Christensen, Marilyn Grarug, Fanny Hulsing and Nettie Boehlje.

Following this, we honored our grandmothers in the audience. First a scriptural plate was given to the grandmothers with the most granddaughters present and grandsons present. Mrs. Annie Koenigsberg and Mrs. Martha Koenigsberg both had 3 granddaughters present. Mrs. Martha Koenigsberg had 6 grandsons present. Secondly, 3 generation daughters, (mother, daughter and granddaughter) were honored with a small gift. Of these we had four: Mrs. Merle Hanson, Mrs. Carl Hulsing, Mrs. John Laudner, Mrs. Roy Koenigsberg and their daughters and granddaughters. These honors were presented by the presidents of the sponsoring groups, Mrs. Freida Stein of the Ladies' Missionary Society and Mrs. Ruth Aaron of the Mary and Martha Fellowship.

Mrs. Ann Koenigsberg, Reporter

## Dakota Conference

### Evangelistic Meetings and Play at Hettinger, N. Dakota

Special meetings were held at the Grace Baptist Church of Hettinger, N. Dak., from March 18 to 29, with Rev. R. H. Zepik, of Plevna, Montana, as evangelist. Special music was furnished each night by our young people and by other members and friends of the church. The meetings were a blessing to all, and our people and visitors were spiritually lifted to higher grounds during these meetings.

Our pastor, Rev. Iver Walker, and our young people are working on a play at the present time, which they will present to other churches as well as at ours in the near future. Our church is active in all branches of service for our wonderful Lord and Master.

Mrs. Emil Schneider, Clerk

### Vacation Bible School at Lehr, North Dakota

A Daily Vacation Bible School was held by the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Lehr, N. Dak., from Monday, June 3, through Friday, June 7, with 28 children enrolled. Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Fenske were supervisors and Mrs. John Stolz, Mrs. Jacob Schopp, Jr., and Mrs. John Kranzler served as teachers. Assistants were: Mary Ann Werre, Joyce Zimmerman and Linnea Kranzler, respectively.

Mr. Fenske spoke briefly to the group every morning during the devotional period. The program was held on Friday evening, when the children, with beaming faces and much pride and satisfaction, portrayed what or how much they had learned in one short week. After the program everyone proceeded to the lower auditorium where all the handwork was displayed for observation.

Mrs. John Kranzler, Reporter

### Programs at Tyndall and Danzig, South Dakota

The Tyndall and Danzig Baptist Churches of Tyndall, S. Dak., experienced a wonderful Easter day. The Easter offering amounted to \$905.40. On Sunday afternoon ten converts, including one entire family of four, were baptized by our pastor, Rev. Rubin Herrmann, at the Tyndall church. The Sunday evening program was under the leadership of the young people. They presented the play, "For God So Loved the World."

On May 5th the ladies of the Dan-



Pupils and teachers at the Baptist Vacation Bible School, Lehr, North Dakota.

Sylvia Rueb and Miss Bonnie Lubbers. The pastor, Rev. R. Herrmann, supervised the school and brought a short object lesson each morning. He showed films and slides of the Bansa Baptist Hospital each afternoon.

Mrs. Irvin Finck, Reporter

### Baptists and Methodists Hold Vacation School, Cathay, N. D.

The Cathay Baptist and Methodist Churches of Cathay, N. Dak., combined their Sunday School classes for Vacation Bible School from May 27 to 31. Forty-nine students were enrolled for a full week course entitled, "Journeying With Jesus."

Rev. David Zimmermann served as superintendent. Mrs. Dale Rudisel

was in charge of refreshments. Joan Reddig was the secretary and pianist. Mrs. Fred Reddig and Mrs. Harold Boelke had charge of the pre-school children. Mrs. David Zimmermann and Mrs. W. L. Haedt were in charge of the primary group. Mrs. Marvin Helm and Miss Marilyn Rudisel had the Intermediates. Mrs. Albert Reddig had the senior groups and was in charge of music for the entire school. A fine program was given Friday evening with a good attendance present.

Mrs. Harold Boelke, Reporter

### Women's Mother's Day Program at Plevna, Montana

On Sunday, May 12, the Mission Circle of the Plevna Baptist Church, Plevna, Montana, observed its annual Mother's Day program. Two plays were presented which were entitled, "It's a Simple Matter of Arithmetic," and "So Your Daughter Wants to Be a Missionary." We also were favored by group songs, musical numbers and several readings. Rev. R. H. Zepik brought a short message. At the close of the program each mother was presented with a red carnation.

Our officers for this year are: president, Mrs. Ed. Burkle; vice-president, Mrs. Wilmer Huber; secretary, Mrs. Richard Opp; treasurer, Mrs. Ernest Bechtold. At present our group numbers 15 members. We have our meetings on the first Sunday of the month. We remembered our missionaries at Christmas time with a small gift and sent 10 packages of used clothing to the Indians. We also fulfilled our White Cross quota.

Mrs. Richard Opp, Secretary

### Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Seibold

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Seibold of New Rockford, N. Dak., were guests of honor at a reception in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday afternoon, March 31, at the Germantown Baptist Church near Cathay, N. Dak. Mr. Christ C. Seibold and Miss Lena Edinger were united in marriage in this same church on April 4, 1907. They were attended by Mr. Henry Edinger and Mrs. Lena Roth, who attended Mr. and Mrs. Seibold again on this memorable occasion.

The program was in charge of Mrs. E. V. Seibold, and opened with an organ prelude by Mrs. Emery Broschat. The program included vocal numbers, readings, an organ selection, a talk by Rev. Elmer Buenning and personal messages. The vocal numbers were a solo by Mr. C. K. Seidel; duet by Mrs. O. Chapman and Mrs. Calvin Edinger; solo by Mrs. Glenn Seibold; duet by Mrs. Edward Edinger and Mrs. Harold Boelke; and two male quartet numbers by Rev. Charles L. Ritter and Messrs. Bert, Ray, and Richard Weisenburger.

Mr. and Mrs. Seibold are living in New Rockford since 1955, but are members of the Germantown Baptist Church. From 1907 to 1955 they lived on their farm in the Cathay community.

Mrs. E. V. Seibold, Reporter

### Vacation Bible School at Harvey, North Dakota

A wonderful time was experienced by many boys and girls at the Bethel Baptist Church, Harvey, N. Dak., as we opened our Vacation Bible School on May 27th. We had a fine start from the very beginning. Rev. J. C. Kastelein opened the school with the theme song, "BRING THEM IN." The boys and the girls came eagerly each morning bringing others with them. The material used for the lessons was from Scripture Press, "Journeying With Jesus".

The boys and girls also made many items during their classes which were displayed at the Sunday School program on Sunday morning after the Bible School. Saturday morning, June 11th, we gathered in the church and prepared a program which was rendered on Sunday morning during the regular Sunday School period. The Bible School closed with a picnic lunch in the church basement on Saturday, June 1st. A fine program was then enjoyed by everyone on Sunday morning, June 2nd.

John C. Kastelein, Pastor

### Woman's Missionary Society Celebration, Napoleon, N. Dak.

Since May was the anniversary month of the denomination's Woman's Missionary Union, the women of the Baptist Church of Napoleon, N. Dak., rejoiced in being able to observe the 50th Golden Jubilee and also the 21st year of the local society. Mrs. Eddie Pfeifle was our program leader.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Mrs. Victor Frenninger of Fredonia, N. Dak. She gave us some of the outstanding events in the lives of our leading women, and also spoke words of encouragement on the topic, "Unfeigned Faith".

The local history was given by our president, Mrs. Otto Grenz, who is also one of the five charter members still with our group. Ronald Schauer favored us with a solo, "How Great Thou Art". Mrs. Gideon Oldenburger read a poem, "In Honor of Our Mothers." A fine time of fellowship was enjoyed around the tables as our hostesses, Mrs. Ed. Kramer and Mrs. Geo. Hirsch, served a delicious lunch.

Mrs. Ed. Kramer, Secretary

### Northern Conference

### Thirty New Members, Baptist Church, Springside, Sask.

Easter Sunday evening, April 21, the CBY of the First Baptist Church, Springside, Sask., presented its annual Easter program with anthems from the choir and duet and quartet numbers. Our hearts were touched and blessed through the inspiring missionary dialogue entitled, "A Soldier of the Cross", under the leadership of Miss Irene Schultz.

Through the earnest labor of our pastor, Rev. B. E. Milner, and several visiting pastors: Rev. J. B. Kornelewski, Rev. I. Faszler, and Rev. D. Fuchs,



Pupils and teachers of the Vacation Bible School held by the Bethel Baptist Church, Harvey, N. Dak., with Rev. John C. Kastelein, pastor, at the extreme left.

several young people accepted the Lord as their personal Savior. On April 28, following a challenging message by our pastor, 16 converts followed the Lord into the waters of baptism in our newly installed baptistry. Each had a few words of promise from God's Word.

On Sunday, May 5, the hand of fellowship was extended to the baptismal candidates as well as 14 others who came to us from the West Ebenezer Church which had recently been disbanded. It was a great joy for us to welcome 30 new members into our church. At the beginning of the New Year, 21 members joined us from the West Ebenezer Church, among whom was Missionary Ardice Ziolkowski of the Cameroons.

Darlene Tillman, Reporter

### Farewell Service for Pastor and Family, Ebenezer, Saskatchewan

On Sunday, April 21, the congregation and many friends of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Ebenezer, Sask., gathered for the farewell service for Rev. and Mrs. Walter Hoffman. It was with regret and deep sorrow that we have seen them leave. Mr. Alvin Bohn, chairman of the Church Board, served as chairman for the service.

Words of appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman were expressed by the Woman's Missionary Society president, Mrs. Leslie Rieman; the Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Rhiensold

Bohn; the president of the Men's Organization, Mr. Lloyd Hoffman; and the president of the CBY Fellowship, Mr. Arthur Patzer. On behalf of the Board of Deacons and the congregation, words of farewell were expressed by Mr. Andrew Dreger and Mr. Edwin Bohn.

The neighboring pastors, Rev. Paul Galambos of Yorkton and Rev. Bert Milner of Springside also spoke. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman expressed their gratitude for the many blessings which they had experienced in our midst. They have served us devotedly. It is our prayer that their new ministry in Medicine Hat, Alta., will be greatly blessed.

Arlan Fandrey, Clerk

### Central Alberta-Sask. Association and Tri-Union Sessions

The Central Alberta-Saskatchewan Association and Tri-Union sessions were held from May 29 to June 2 in the First Baptist Church, Golden Prairie, Sask. The guest speakers were Rev. Richard Schilke and Rev. E. P. Wahl. The theme that was followed was "The Church of Jesus Christ in Our Time." The mission project set by the Association was \$500. The mission offering in the Sunday service was designated for our denominational work. The officers for the Association for the coming year are: president, Rev. R. Kanwischer; vice-president, Rev. O. Ertis; secretary, Ed. Strauss; treasurer, Albert Anderst; member on the Mission Committee, Rev. R. Milbrandt.

The officers for the Tri-Union are: president, Rev. Walter Hoffman; vice-president, Rev. E. Radke; secretary, Mrs. C. Semrau; treasurer, Mr. A. Unrath; Sunday School director, Mr. B. Bender; youth director, Mr. N. Jaster; music director, Mr. E. Unger; pianist, Mrs. Thiessen. The Tri-Union has as its project the relocation of the Summer Bible Camp from Elk Water Lake to the Cypress Park Area. Thus, this summer will be a time of building and we will have no camp for the boys and girls. But we plan to have a week-end Youth Rally at the new camp site at which time we will also have a dedication service.

Walter H. Hoffman, Reporter



Five charter members of the Woman's Missionary Society, Napoleon, N. Dak. Left to right: Mrs. Otto Grenz, Mrs. Fred Grenz, Mrs. Jake Streyle, Mrs. Henry Oldenburger and Mrs. Barbara Grenz.



Eight young people who were received into the Tyndall Baptist Church, Tyndall, S. Dak., by the pastor, Rev. R. Herrmann (center, front row). Four others who joined the Tyndall Baptist Church were absent when the picture was taken.

zig Missionary Society gave their annual program. They presented the play, "Faith of Our Mothers." On May 12th the Tyndall Missionary Union had charge of the evening service. They made Mother's Day more realistic with the presentation of "A Monument To Mother" and also a play, "The Most Precious Crown."

The Tyndall and Danzig Churches combined for a union Vacation Bible School at Danzig from May 27 to 31. There were 72 children enrolled in the classes. The teachers were as follows: Nursery department, Mrs. John Lubbers and Mrs. William Schroder; Beginners, Mrs. Clark Engel and Miss Clarice Hubner; Primary, Mrs. James Janssen and Mrs. H. E. Buchholz; Juniors, Mrs. Irvin Finck and Mrs. Lavern Berndt; Intermediates, Mrs.

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### Play and Missionary Visit, McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg

For their annual play this term, the young people of the McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, selected "The Lost Church" in an endeavor to raise funds to cover their camp project. The first performance in our church on May 12th was followed by presentations to very hospitable and appreciative audiences at our churches in Moosehorn, Oak Bank, Morris and finally on June 2nd in Grand Forks, N. Dak. Ernie Rogalski, Violet Wiesner, Ruth Waltereit, Art Patz'a, Elsie Stober, Bill Frers or Ernie Gerhardt, Agnes Holland, Violet Lepholtz, Dorothy Sturhahn, Ursula Kahnert, Bernice Grauman and Elizabeth Gerhardt portrayed the characters, with Erna Redlich directing.

Since adopting two missionaries on our field in the Cameroons, our church has been very anxious to meet them. Earlier we had the privilege of having Miss Tina Schmidt in our midst, and Miss Ida Forsch fellowshipped with us on Sunday, June 2nd, and was the special speaker at our mid-week service on June 5th. Her enthusiasm about her work on this field and her pleasant personality have endeared her to our hearts. Small expression of our feelings was shown when the King's Daughters presented her also with a quilt which had the names of the contributors embroidered on it, which should prove useful on some of her treks to the cooler parts of the Cameroons, Africa.

Miss E. Redlich, Reporter

### Pacific Conference

### British Columbia Association Sessions at Chilliwack Church

From May 9 to 12 the British Columbia Association met with the Victoria Ave. Church in the beautiful city of Chilliwack. The weather, the

general fellowship and the hospitality of the homes were ideal.

When we turned our attention to the program, it was evident that our hearts were deeply challenged. The theme of the conference was "Decisive Christianity" based on the words of Joshua 24:16. Under this general theme pertinent aspects of the Christian life were discussed by the pastors. We had two guest speakers, Rev. Karl Korela from our beloved C. T. I. in Edmonton, and Miss Tina Schmidt, one of our missionaries of the Cameroons, Africa. The experiences they shared and the challenge they left with us will not soon be forgotten.

Both the Vereinigung and the Association are concentrating on specific projects. The Vereinigung has developed definite plans to establish a "Home for the Aged", and the Association is continuing its work with the camp project at West Bank. From all reports it appears that this will be one of the best camping years for our children and young people of British Columbia.

Isador Faszer, Reporter

### Sunday School Banquet of Oregon Baptist League

The first annual Sunday School banquet of the Oregon Baptist League was held at Portland's Trinity Baptist Church on May 17th. There were 106 in attendance. After a delicious dinner, Rev. Albert Wardin presided over the evening's program and brief business meeting. Fifty-nine certificates were presented to Sunday School teachers and church workers for completion of various Teacher Training courses. Mrs. Roderick Egginan of the Bethany Church gave a talk on "Why I Believe in Visitation". Mrs. Ben Truax of the Glencullen Church spoke on "Why I Believe in Separate Classes for Boys and Girls", and Mr. Harvey Bartel of Salt Creek on "Why I Believe in Departmentalization".

Since the office of second vice-president in the Oregon Baptist League

entails the promotion of Sunday School work in the League, it was previously designated that this office be filled from the ranks of the Sunday School workers in the Oregon churches. Mr. Harvey Bartel of the Salt Creek Church was elected by ballot, his office to begin after the 1957 summer camp. After special music brought by Mrs. Pauline Houck and Mrs. Lorraine Seibold of the Glencullen Church, Dr. Chester Tunnell of the Western Baptist Theological Seminary brought the message on "Sunday School Enlargement".

Mrs. Russell H. Jones, Reporter

### Eastern Conference

### Eastern Conference Baptist Men Hold 2nd Annual Retreat

The second annual retreat of the Eastern Conference "Baptist Men" was held May 3-5, 1957, at LeTourneau Christian Camp, Canandaigua, N. Y. There were 37 men registered and they came from churches that are separated by as much as 500 miles. Mr. Lincoln Love of Erie, Pa., spoke on "The Layman's Challenge to Christian Witness in the Home." Mr. Clarence Susek of New Kensington, Pa., spoke on "The Layman's Challenge to Christian Witness at Work." Mr. Charles Weber of Buffalo, N. Y., spoke on "The Layman's Challenge to Christian Witness in the Church." Mr. Charles Wallace, a Christian lawyer from Buffalo, N. Y., special guest speaker, brought a fine message on "The Responsibilities of the Christian Layman."

Rev. Roy Seibel, Director of Public Relations at our Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., the special guest speaker on Sunday morning, gave us a very challenging message on the need of active Christian laymen in our churches. The entire program, under the leadership of our president, Mr. David Baer of Buffalo, N. Y., tended to lift our spirits, and instill in each one a desire to go home to our respective churches and really become active for our Lord.

Merle Gibbens, Reporter

### Atlantic Conference

### Second Church, Union City, N. J. Installs New Minister

Rev. Richard Sparling was installed as pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Union City, N. J., on Friday, June 7. The charge to the pastor was delivered by Rev. Assaf Husmann of New York City who said that "a Christian minister has an obligation to emphasize the value of human life, placing the souls of men into the right relationship to God through Jesus Christ." Rev. Herbert Freeman of West New York, N. J., charged the congregation to learn to know the pastor and to esteem him always.

The guest speaker of the evening was Rev. James Kallam, instructor at Northeastern Bible Institute, Essex (Continued on Page 24)

## Obituary

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

### MRS. H. J. FELDMAN of George, Iowa.

Mrs. Herman Feldman of George, Iowa, passed away on May 10, 1957. She was a faithful member of the Central Baptist Church. Her husband served as mayor of George for nine years. She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband; three daughters and three sons, seventeen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, two sisters and one brother. Funeral services were conducted at the Central Baptist Church with Rev. J. A. Brygger officiating on May 14, 1957.

Central Baptist Church, George, Iowa  
Mrs. Harvey Schmidt, Correspondent

### MRS. ROSINA WALKER of Toulomne, Calif.

Mrs. Rosina Goehring Walker of Toulomne, Calif., was born July 17, 1894 in South Russia. She came to the United States with her parents in Sept. 1909 and settled near Herreid, S. Dak. She was married to George Walker, Sr. on Dec. 4, 1914. They settled at Braddock, N. Dak., but moved three years later to Selfridge. Upon their retirement in 1949, they moved to Toulomne, Calif. She was converted to the ministry of Rev. Luchs, was baptized soon afterward, and joined the Selfridge Baptist Church. She died May 24, 1957, after a lingering illness of about 5½ years.

She is survived by her husband, her aged mother, four brothers, four sisters, four sons, two daughters, and 27 grandchildren. The sons, George, Jr., Samuel, Chris, and Phillip, all live at Selfridge, as does one daughter, Mrs. Adolph (Rose) Haman. Mrs. Robert (Maletta) Lanter lives at Dunn Center, N. Dak. Rev. Bernard Edinger, pastor of the Selfridge Church, officiated, assisted by Rev. Arthur Pfitzer and Rev. Emanuel Broeckel of Bismarck.

Selfridge, North Dakota  
BERNARD EDINGER, Pastor

### MRS. KATHRINA BRINING of Cherokee, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Kathrina Brining, nee Beltz, of Cherokee, Oklahoma, was born Jan. 4, 1876 in Kutter, Russia, and passed away April 19, 1957 at her home in Cherokee at the age of 81 years. At the age of 16 she came to the United States with her parents, settling at Bison, Kansas, and in 1894 they moved to Ingersoll, Okla. Here she was united in marriage to Christian Haas, and they established a homestead where she lived for forty years. She accepted Christ as her Savior in 1903, and was baptized by Rev. Mr. Graahman, and became a charter member of the Bethel Baptist Church.

In 1910 her husband passed away and nine years later she was married to Joseph Fry who died in 1939. Her late husband, Henry Brining, died in 1953. She leaves to mourn, one brother, Adam Beltz; five children: Mrs. Herbert Meyer, Sam Haas, Mrs. Clara Cornelius, Mrs. Raymond Berry and Miss Wilma Haas. Two sons, Herman and Bismarck, preceded her in death.

Ingersoll Baptist Church, Cherokee, Oklahoma  
MENNO HARMS, Officiating Minister

### LOUIS GEORGE MULLER of Victor, Iowa.

Louis George Muller of Victor, Iowa, son of Elizabeth and Louis P. Muller, was born at Victor on June 24, 1937. After graduating from the Victor High School in 1955, he attended the Northwestern Bible School in Minneapolis. He had completed his second year.

Having been reared in a Christian home, Louis accepted Christ as Savior early in

life. He was baptized by Rev. John Broeder in 1947, and was an active member of the Victor Baptist Church since that time. He was willing and thorough in any service, he could render.

He enjoyed good health, but was unexpectedly stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage on Friday, June 7, 1957. He died a few hours later. He was less than twenty years of age. He was the only child in the family. One brother had preceded him in death in infancy. He leaves to mourn his early departure his bereaved parents and a large host of relatives and friends.

Rev. Alvin Wetter, the former pastor, and the present pastor were in charge of the memorial service.  
Victor, Iowa  
FRED SCHMIDT, Pastor

### MRS. WILHELMINA FRIED of Plevna, Montana.

Mrs. Wilhelmina Fried of Plevna, Mont., was born in Odessa, Russia, May 2, 1892, to Mathias and Kathrine Ehret. In 1910 she was married to George Fried, and in 1911 they came to the United States settling in Montana in 1912. Between 1931 and 1943 two of her children and her husband died. She was the tireless kind who, having mothered her own, also mothered the children of one of her sons. Mina Fried, as she was better known, was converted in 1921, was baptized and united with the Plevna Baptist Church. So dear to her was the fellowship of her church that she arranged for a family memorial, a public address system for the new church. Surviving her are two sons: Emil and William; two daughters: Mrs. Tillie Wentz and Mrs. Ella Hale; 13 grandchildren; three brothers; and one sister. Services were conducted from the Plevna Baptist Church with the pastor bringing words of comfort from 2 Tim. 4:6-8.

Plevna, Montana  
R. H. ZEPIK, Pastor

### REV. JOHN F. NIEBUHR of Ocean Grove, New Jersey.

Rev. John F. Niebuhr of Ocean Grove, N. J., born April 17, 1873, passed away at the age of 84 on May 27, 1957. He is survived by his wife, nee Tegen, who resides in Ocean Grove, N. J., to which our brother in Christ retired in 1941. Mr. Niebuhr was converted to Christ at the age of 19 and was called to the Christian ministry one year later, following his baptism at the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Newark, N. J. His training was received at our Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., and his ordination followed at the Tabernacle Church, Newark, N. J., on May 18, 1900.

Pastorates and Christian services were rendered at Allentown and Williamsport, Pa., after which he was called to South Africa, 1907-1926. He returned to the U.S. in 1926 and served the Third Baptist Church, Bronx, N. Y., from 1927-1941, when he retired from the active ministry. Our brother, however, continued to be interested and active in all phases of the church's ministry and was an active member of the North American Baptist Ministers' Fellowship of New York and Vicinity and of our Ministers' Bradley Beach Institute.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, and is survived by three children from that marriage: Gertrude, Arthur and Theodore. He is also survived by one sister, Lydia, of Newark, N. J. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Assaf Husmann, pastor of the Immanuel Church, New York City, who spoke on the text, Rev. 11:13. Participating pastors were the Reverends Frank Orthner, Paul Zoschke and Herbert J. Freeman. Burial was at Fairmount Cemetery, Newark, New Jersey.

Ocean Grove, New Jersey  
HERBERT J. FREEMAN, Correspondent

### MR. PAUL PETERS, JR. of Lorraine, Kansas.

Mr. Paul Peters, Jr., of Lorraine, Kansas, was born in Lorraine on Oct. 1, 1910, and passed away at his home in Lorraine on May 26, 1957. He was 46. At the age of 10, he professed faith in Christ as his Savior, was baptized by the Rev. J. Pfeiffer, and joined the First Baptist Church of Lorraine. He was a faithful member until his death.

In 1932 he was united in marriage to Miss Velma Mae Stassen. This union was

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blessed with two children: Paul Eugene and Elaine. Since 1931, Mr. Peters had been a prominent business man in the community, managing the Lorraine Lumber Co. and, more recently, the Lorraine Food Market. He was a veteran of World War II. For the last two years he has fought a serious illness with great Christian faith and courage.

Besides his wife, son, and daughter, survivors include his mother, one sister and one brother. Funeral services were held in the First Baptist Church of Lorraine on May 29. His pastor spoke on the fitting text: "... A good soldier of Jesus Christ" (2 Tim. 2:3). Mr. Walter Schmidt read God's Word and led in prayer. Burial was in the Lorraine Baptist Cemetery.

First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas

HAROLD W. GIESEKE, Pastor

### MRS. THERESIA WACKER of Bismarck, North Dakota.

Mrs. Theresia Wacker, nee Kramlich, of Bismarck, N. D., was born in Bessarabia, South Russia, May 23, 1876. She came to the United States with her parents in 1893 and settled in Campbell County, S. Dak. On Oct. 25, 1898, she was married to Franz Heisler. The Lord blessed this union with four sons and three daughters. In 1920 her husband was taken from her and she, with her children, remained in South Dakota until November 1930, when she was married to Philip Wacker, with whom she lived 34 years. Mr. Wacker died Dec. 31, 1954.

Mrs. Wacker then moved to the Home for the Aged in Bismarck, N. Dak., Jan. 10, 1955 and died May 24, 1957. When she was but 17 years of age, she accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and became a member of the Baptist church.

Her immediate mourners are her five children and their families: Frank E. Heisler, Garrison, N. Dak.; Arthur Heisler, Seattle, Wash.; Martha Reynolds, Covina, Calif.; Leah Wilson, Los Angeles, Calif.; and Esther B. Heisler, Van Nuys, Calif. She now rests on a beautiful hillside near Bismarck, N. Dak., awaiting the call at the resurrection day.

Bismarck, North Dakota

B. W. Krentz, Superintendent, Baptist Home for the Aged

### MAY CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

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Conferences	May, 1957	May, 1956	May, 1955
Atlantic	\$ 1,832.47	\$ 2,606.02	\$ 1,953.42
Eastern	3,279.71	2,960.74	1,486.41
Central	8,807.36	7,515.24	3,648.36
Northwestern	7,294.63	4,109.72	4,106.65
Southwestern	1,359.06	2,026.77	1,581.92
Southern	1,462.74	2,834.96	3,474.81
Pacific	8,911.82	3,134.76	6,142.14
Northern	5,554.19	3,747.00	4,462.08
Dakota	6,802.61	6,300.78	6,046.67
Total Contributions	\$45,304.59	\$35,235.99	\$32,902.46

#### CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of May, 1957	\$42,948.41	\$ 2,356.18	\$45,304.59
For the month of May, 1956	32,594.79	2,641.20	35,235.99
For the month of May, 1955	29,764.72	3,137.74	32,902.46

#### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

	1957	1956	1955
April 1, 1957 to May 31, 1957	\$101,006.84	\$ 6,954.71	\$107,961.55
April 1, 1956 to May 31, 1956	92,685.59	7,685.59	100,441.99
April 1, 1955 to May 31, 1955	87,350.29	8,238.66	95,588.95

## REPORT, UNION CITY, N. J.

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Falls, N. J., from which Pastor Sparling graduated. Other ministers taking part in the service were Rev. Herman Kuhl of Hoboken, N. J., Rev. Edward Fuchs, pastor of the Old Bridge Baptist Church; and Rev. Donald Mostrum of Union City, N. J.

Mr. Victor Prendinger conducted the services and special greetings were extended to our new pastor by Mrs. Richard Arndt, Ladies' Aid; Mrs. Victor Prendinger, Y. W. M. S.; Fred Metzgar, Deacons; Otto Weber, Trustees; Henry Schell, Men's Club; and Victor Prendinger, Sunday School. The members of our church are united in the belief that God has indeed led us to Rev. R. Sparling and that under his ministry we will be richly blessed.

Mrs. Anne Downs, Reporter

## Youth Sessions of Atlantic Conference at Jamesburg, N. J.

The young people of the Atlantic Conference joined the conference sessions in Jamesburg, N. J., on April 27 and 28. At our banquet on Saturday a wonderful time of fellowship was climaxed with a challenging message by Miss Florence Miller, our denominational missionary to Japan. After the banquet we enjoyed a time of recreation which included a "Womanless Wedding" presented by the fellows from Pilgrim and Fleischmann Memorial churches of Philadelphia.

On Sunday afternoon young people and adults filled the church to capacity for a Mass Rally. Each local C. B. Y. F. responded to the Roll Call with a chorus or verse of Scripture. A very enthusiastic audience was challenged again to do greater things for our Lord through the message of our guest speaker, Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill.

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The following new C.B.Y.F. conference officers were elected at the banquet and installed during the Mass Rally: president, Jeanne Nolte, Pilgrim, Phila.; 1st vice-president, Margaret Peters, Elsmere, Del.; 2nd vice-president, Donald Miller, Pilgrim, Phila.; secretary, Irene Knaus, Pilgrim, Phila.; treasurer, Jack Schmidt, Pilgrim, Phila.; mission sec'y, Elsie Stahl, Immanuel, New York City; advisor, Rev. Roger Schmidt, Jamesburg, N. J.

Jeanne Nolte, Reporter

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tional reason to praise and thank God for his loving kindness. On June 15, 1952, this new sanctuary and the old church that has been rebuilt into a Sunday School room, kitchen, etc., was dedicated unto God.

Rev. H. Schulz of St. Louis, Mo., served as chairman when the first church was organized. From 1907 to 1917 the church had fellowship with the Southwestern Conference. In 1917 the church decided for practical reasons to affiliate with the Southern Conference, which was then the Texas Conference.

Looking back, the members of this church, and especially the charter members, praise God who in his matchless love has watched over and guided this congregation through difficult and trying times to the glorious present.

## GENERAL COUNCIL'S DECISIONS

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1957-1958, to promote this program more aggressively, and to continue to advance as far as funds will permit.

### GOD'S VOLUNTEERS

The work of "God's Volunteers" will be launched for the second year as a real venture of faith. This was another decision of the General Council. Young people are being recruited for this volunteer evangelistic ministry, and a new director for "God's Volunteers" has been appointed, following the resignation of Rev. Dan'el Fuchs. The funds for this ministry will represent the gifts of interested people in our churches.

An additional denominational interim and supply pastor has been appointed by the General Council. Rev. Frank Friesen of Portland, Oregon, has accepted the appointment and will serve in this ministry in addition to Dr. John Leyboldt.

The General Council spent a full day listening to the informative reports from the representatives of various cooperating societies and important committees and boards. It expressed its deep appreciation to Rev. E. P. Wahl for his monumental leadership as president of the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta, and to Rev. A. F. Runtz, for his devoted ministry as superintendent of our Children's Home in St. Joseph, Michigan, each of whom has brought his work officially to a close.

### DAYS OF DECISION

The General Council has approved a sabbatical leave plan for members of the North American Baptist Seminary faculty, which is designed to provide opportunity for concentrated research, studies leading to advanced degrees, scholarly writing, and teaching or lecturing at other schools or institutions. Other decisions by the General Council call for a second printing of the "North American Hymnal" of 15,000 copies following corrections to be made in the volume, the reappointment of denominational committees, and the designation of the Christmas offering for the children's work on our foreign mission fields. These are, indeed, days of decision not only for the General Council, but for all of our people who will carry out the recommendations of the Council in the year ahead.

It may be said that with the report of the Commission on Denominational Objectives and Organization to be presented in 1958, and with the challenging financial and spiritual goals now before us, the year ahead leading up to the General Conference in Edmonton, Alberta, in August 1958 ought to be exciting and momentous for every devoted North American Baptist!



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