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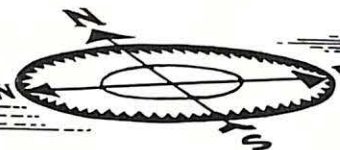
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● Sectarianism is more widespread in Germany today than at any other time since the Reformation, according to Dr. Kurt Hutten, a senior official of the Evangelical Church in Wuerttemberg. Writing in „Evangelische Welt,” official publication of the Evangelical Church in Germany, he said there are now about 65 different sects in the country. In addition, he said, many small groups have formed around individual “preachers.” Of the 65 sects 35 are of German origin while 30 were “imported” from abroad, including 18 from the United States, Dr. Hutten said. —Watchman-Examiner

● The Pennsylvania Supreme Court, in a 6-1 decision, directed that a charter be issued to Convers'on Center, Incorporated, of Havertown, a Philadelphia suburb. The action reversed a decision by Judge William R. Toal of the Delaware County Court, who refused a charter to the group because it proposed to concentrate its activities on the “evangelization and conversion of adherents of the Roman Catholic faith, providing spiritual, temporal and financial assistance, especially to their converted clergy.” Justice T. McKeen Chidsey, who wrote the majority decision, held that the announced purposes of the Conversion Center could not be declared “unlawful or injurious to the public.”

● The merger of the American, Evangelical and United Evangelical Lutheran churches into a new 2-million-member body to be known as The American Lutheran Church will take place in May, 1960. A timetable setting this date for completion of the current merger negotiations was adopted by the Joint Union Committee at a meeting in Minneapolis, Minn., last month. The target date will be one year later than had been previously planned. Attending the committee meeting were representatives of the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church (Suomi Synod) which will decide in June whether to join the three-body union or to continue discussions with another merger group which includes the United and Augustana Lutheran churches.

● The latest Youth for Christ film, “The Tom Bennett Story,” will have its world premiere at the 13th annual Youth for Christ International Convention to be held June 30 through July 14, 1957, at Winona Lake, Indiana. The new 30-minute film will feature the various avenues of ministry of the Youth for Christ organization and will include unusual methods of reaching teenagers such as High School Bible clubs, “Bolt'n' Bishops” custom car clubs, the Youth Guidance

program with teens in corrective institutions and the now famous teenage Bible quiz contests. Gospel Film, Inc. of Muskegon, Michigan, producers of the film, are a part of the Youth for Christ International program and are also the producers of “Seventeen,” the teen-age film which has been shown in over 3,000 high schools.

● Europe's traditional state church is on its way out, the president of the Baptist Union of Sweden told a Washington audience. Dr. Gunnar Westin, former dean of the theological faculty at the University of Uppsala, said that “a strong doctrine of church-and-state separation is developing throughout Europe.” The system of state supported and controlled churches developed in Scandinavian lands after the Reformation because

of the theory that “government is responsible for the souls of its people,” the Swedish clergyman said. It also grew out of the doctrine that religious unity was essential for political unity, Dr. Westin added. (Free churches— notably Baptist, Methodist and Congregational—have made some gains in Scandinavian countries in recent years. The Lutheran Church is the state church in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Finland and includes more than 90 per cent of the population in each of these lands.)

● Twelve original letters of John Wesley will become the prized possession of Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C., the Methodist Church's only theological school named in honor of the founder of the Methodist movement. The letters, (Continued on Page 14)



Baptist Briefs

● Canada Baptists Number 151,733. The 1,317 churches cooperating with the Baptist Federation of Canada have 151,733 members under the leadership of 814 ministers, “The Canadian Baptist” reports. The BFC is made up of the United Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces, the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec, and the Baptist Union of Western Canada. These churches reported 3,473 baptisms last year, and the raising of \$1,277,693 for missions and \$6,927,794 for all general purposes.

● Cleveland Aids Refugees. The Baptist Association of Cleveland, Ohio, has launched a program to bring at least 350 refugee families to the United States within the coming year. The Rev. Dan'la Pascu, minister of the Romanian Baptist church in Cleveland, said that attention will be centered on refugees living in Paris, including Serbians, Romanians, Lithuanians, Estonians and Latvians. The program has the support of all Baptist churches in the Cleveland area, according to Dr. Angus C. Hull, executive secretary of the association.

● Evangelism in Mexico. Twenty-five Baptist churches and missions in three neighboring cities of Mexico engaged in a simultaneous evangelistic campaign April 14-21. The cities are Torreon with a population of 150,000, Gomez Palacio with 65,000, and Lerdo with 15,000. The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board (USA) reported that special committees had been planning the revivals for some

time, and a giant rally for young people of the area was held in Torreon in February. Pastors and students from the Baptist Theological Seminary at Torreon joined members of the local churches in a home visitation program.

● Ghana's Independence Day. Dr. William H. Jernagin, a member of the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee and the Youth Committee and a foremost Negro religious leader in the U. S., attended ceremonies marking the birth of the new nation, Ghana, on Africa's Gold Coast. The minister, who at 87 is pastor of the Mount Carmel Baptist church in Washington, D. C., presented Prime Minister Kwame Nkrumah a plaque praising him for his leadership in securing Ghana's independence. The presentation was on behalf of the National Fraternal Council of Churches.

● Baptists in Spain. More than 500 people filled the auditorium of the First Baptist Church of Valencia, Spain, when that congregation moved into a new building on Sunday, February 24. Though Spanish police had commented that the church's proposed move to the new building was “a daresome thing to do,” the Spanish governor granted official permission on the day before the actual move. Missionary Joseph W. Mefford, Jr., described the occasion as “a miracle”. The church's move into a new building with government approval is a special significance since there are still four Baptist churches in Spain which are officially closed.

Editorial



A Troubling Remembrance

REMEMBERING GOD may sometimes make us unhappy. This was the experience of the Psalmist, when he said: “I remembered God, and was troubled” (Ps. 77:3). It may be the experience of many people on this day of remembrance, known as Memorial Day. Every backward look with its succession of memories reminds us of our failures and sins and omissions in days gone by. And we are then troubled!

Vance Havner says that “the goodness of God is meant to lead us to repentance. When we remember God's goodness and our ingratitude, we are troubled”. We call to mind the days of yesterday and we are made aware of the times when we have departed from God's Way. But this kind of trouble which the remembrance of God brings should lead us through tears to triumph. The Psalmist confessed that this was his infirmity, but in this awareness he was able to say: “I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High” (Psalm 77:10).

Memorial Day reminds us poignantly of the tragic wars of past years and of the brave men who laid down their lives on battlefields. Our memories cannot take us back to the War Between the States (Civil War) but an intensive reading of those years of internal strife have certainly convinced us that it was a dark chapter in our history. Why did brother have to fight and kill his brother in this land of the free? The effects of that war are still perceptible in our economy and social relationships of today. We are troubled when we remember these things. But our prayer must be: “Lord God of hosts, be with us yet, lest we forget, lest we forget!”

It will not be long before we shall observe Children's Day in our churches. This same profound truth has a challenge for that Sunday. Children's Day reminds each adult of his or her childhood days and of the many things that might be done differently if we could live our lives over again. As we watch the children in our families growing up so quickly (all too rapidly), we remember the times when we failed them and misunderstood them and became a hindrance in their unfolding lives. We wish that we could turn back the pages and try again! In our remembrance of those days of yore, we are troubled.

This is the blessing of every Children's Day observance. The children of our homes and churches have a great deal to teach us about entering the Kingdom of heaven, about the real, abiding values of life, about true, unadorned happiness. In our troubled memories, we are challenged to become again as a little child!

But through our troubled memories and tears, we are led to triumph with God. The very act of remembrance has a transforming influence upon us. We are better and stronger men and women today because of those memories. We are more dependent upon God. “Thou art the God that doest wonders” (Ps. 77:14). In triumph we thank God for having stirred up our minds and lives by way of remembrance!

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"The Holy Spirit is HE who makes the Lord real to us!"

The Importance of Pentecost



Pentecost signifies that insofar as our lives are yielded to the Lord, the Holy Spirit will enter our hearts and enable us to live the life that expresses the Son of God afresh.



By DR. EARLE V. PIERCE
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IF YOU should ask a company of Baptists anywhere, "When is Christmas, and what does it mean?" you would have a chorus of answers, "December 25,—the birth of Jesus, the Savior of the World." If you were to ask the same group, "When is Easter and what does it signify?" you would get an answer something like this, "It comes in spring, and celebrates the resurrection of our Lord after his crucifixion."

There might be a few who would also add in detail that Easter comes on the first Sunday after the first new moon, after the Vernal Equinox. But all would know when to expect Christmas and Easter and what they stand for in the Christian year in reference to the great work of salvation of their souls.

If, however, you ask the same company, "When is Pentecost, and what does it mean to us?" there would be a great silence, except that perhaps someone might locate the day of Pentecost, as fifty days after Easter, since the Jewish feast of Pentecost came fifty days after the Passover. But as to what it means, what is there to celebrate, how does its importance compare with that of Christmas or of Easter, few indeed could give any intelligible answer.

CULMINATION OF HISTORY

As a matter of fact, had it not been for what happened on the day of Pentecost, fifty days after what we celebrate at Easter, we might never have known of either Christmas or

Easter, neither would there have been any knowledge of the world's Savior.

Pentecost was the goal of all history up to that point, and was the culmination of all that had gone before. It is still the apex of all history until Christ comes again. Before the earth was or the morning stars sang together, before man was created, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit looked forward to the time when there should be a company of Spirit-filled people who should start with the Gospel all over the known world. Their descendants are to keep it up until the whole world should have the Gospel which Christmas, Good Friday and Easter made possible.

In my book, "Ye Are My Witnesses," (American Baptist Publication Society) I give three chapters to the exposition of the second chapter of the Book of Acts, which describes what happened in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost, fifty days after the resurrection of our Lord. In those chapters is was my intention to show

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all that Pentecost meant to the early disciples and thus to the Christian church thereafter.

It was the birth of the Church, we say, but deeper than that it was the second birth of our Lord into human flesh and life. It was the second world; with his first birth he was limited to the Holy Land where he was born. The disciples who were with him for three years before his ascension to heaven never got any further vision of his work until after the Holy Spirit was given. Just before the Lord left the earth, in his glorious ascension, they got up courage to ask, now that he was of such a nature that his enemies could no longer do him any harm, "Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" Their minds were circumscribed not only to the little land of Palestine, but also to the limits of an earthly kingdom.

THE POWER OF PENTECOST

His reply did not deny that there should in some way yet be a restored Israel but did promise something so much greater than they were envisaging that only the power of Pentecost could enable them to see and could finally lead their minds out to take in the "uttermost part of the earth."

Jesus had said, before his death to the small group of disciples concerning the Holy Spirit, "He dwelleth with you and shall be in you." That was most gloriously fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost. It was intended to be

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Another Christian Co-worker in Japan

Personal Testimony of Murikami San, the Co-worker of Missionary Clemence Auch at Ise, Japan

I AM VERY glad to have this opportunity of writing my testimony for you. I am employed as Rev. Clemence Auch's helper, helping him to preach the Gospel in Japanese. However, three years ago I was really an atheist, trying to deny God's existence and everything which concerned God. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting; but rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do" (Acts 9:5-6). At last my hard heart was broken down just as with Saul. Now God is blessing me with strength, grace, wisdom and peace!

ENTERING THE UNIVERSITY

Almost twenty years ago I was born in a small village as the second son. My father is a railway employee. After graduating from Middle School and High School, I entered a university to study Mechanical Engineering. In Japan, nearly all students who are in the second and third years in high school begin to think of entering a university. Therefore, they study with all their might and use almost all their time for this purpose. In some cases the other members of the family are more nervous and anxious than the one who is trying to enter the university.

For this reason the student spends long hours, even late into the night, studying to meet the entrance requirements, even though this is the time for young people to think enthusiastically of their true purpose in life. I suppose such a fact seems very strange to you, but this is a true situation in Japan. There are many universities and colleges in this small country, just as there are many religions.

The majority of the young people believe that by entering and graduating from a university they will be able to get into a good business and earn much money. At present, I cannot help but put this out of my sight but, to be sure, I cannot forget my country's traits.

In September, 1954, I entered the university. At that time I was taken to a church. I did not receive a very good impression because I could not understand what the pastor spoke. A young man greeted me and then asked, "Is this your first time in church?" My answer was "No," because I had gone once before. I had no desire to go to church again.

Then the man asked, "Could you understand everything? What do you think about what the pastor said?" I replied, "I almost understood everything, and I had a good feeling here."



Murikami San, the co-worker of Missionary Clemence Auch at Ise, Japan.

Because I told a lie, I did not go back for a long time.

Before this I had attended an English Bible class which was being taught by a missionary. It was only for the purpose of learning English that I attended. It was the first time that I had read any part of the Bible. There were some verses that struck my heart and mind very strongly, and I was beginning to see the importance of Bible reading. However, there were many passages I could not understand nor believe.

SPIRITUAL HUNGER

When I was thinking about studying the Bible, God's Word, in Japanese, since I could not follow with English studies, Rev. Clemence Auch invited me to his church. At that time I was looking for certain things that would satisfy my hungry heart. To some degree I was satisfied and received fresh thoughts.

I went to church every Sunday later on and I began to realize how small and sinful I was. Up to this time I never thought of heavenly things or the hereafter, but only of earthly things and how to gain a good position, high salary and to be accepted by society. That is why I was studying at the university.

From then on I began to think about my life and the real purpose in human beings, of sin, why and how this world was created, the human spirit, earthly and heavenly things, punishment, hell and heaven, and God and the devil. Going to church, I received something like new strength and hope in my mind. Easily I recognized my sin and wanted to be saved.

On December 4, 1955, I was saved, but even at that time I was not able to have a firm belief in salvation. Mr.

Sukut gave these words to me, "May you always remember your spiritual birthday, Dec. 4, 1955," and he presented me with a Bible in Jesus' Name, our Lord. Mr. Auch also stated, "This Book will keep you from sin, and sin will keep you from this Book. Read this daily." I have not been saved by my own strength and acts, but by grace. It is written in Ephesians 2:8, "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God."

GOD AT WORK

Since my faith was not strong, I did not read the Bible daily, but there is no doubt that I was trying to know God's words in order to make my faith strong. Second-term examinations started, and in Japan nearly all students do not go to church during this time. Even at this time and with a weak faith I went and went with ease. I cannot help but recognize that there was something which made me go.

One day I saw an advertisement in the paper which read, "New Snack Bar delivery service boy needed." It was for the U. S. Army at Camp Otsu. At the time that I went, there were 80 people applying for the job. Four of them passed and I was one of the four. What and Who helped me pass? Again I could not help but recognize that "something" had made me pass. God had been working in my heart.

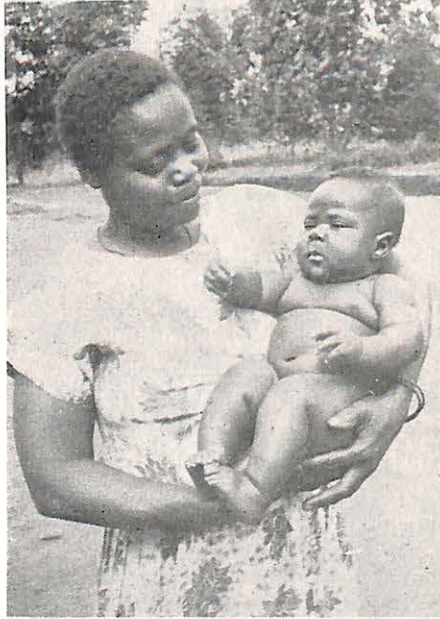
At that time he had compassion on me. "With God all things are possible" (Matt. 19:26). "Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite" (Ps. 147:5). I did not live a life worthy of the Lord, so I could not fully please him. I continued to work through the summer vacation.

It was in July of last year that Mr. Auch invited me to his home and said to me, "How would you like to work for me as my helper for about six months and then perhaps you could go back to school." I also remember him saying, "I do not think it will be a waste of time for you." I asked him to give me some time to think about it.

I wrote to my parents and asked my friends what they thought. My parents said, "You are old enough to make up your own mind since you are 19 years old." My friends said, "Don't do such a foolish thing." It made me sad to hear my friends say that, especially since they do not believe in God but are rather materialistically minded.

At last I made up my mind. I left my school, in spite of all the criticism

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A Christian Cameroons mother (left) with her "bouncing" baby born at the Baptist mission station is a contrast to the Fulani mother and her child (center picture). Miss Ardice Ziolkowski, missionary-nurse, at the Banso Hospital, brings a smile to the face of one of the babies at the hospital.

Miracles at the Belo Maternity Center

By Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer, Missionary-Nurse

MANY BABIES are being delivered in our Belo Maternity Center in the Cameroons, Africa. Before delivering here, most of the mothers have attended our ante-natal clinics which we hold twice weekly. They hear the Word preached, and they are also taught hygiene and child-care as well as receiving the necessary medical care needed during their pregnancy. Some women come to our Maternity Center because they have had trouble or difficult deliveries. They have heard that they can receive help here; otherwise they would have delivered in their own town or compound.

NAYO AND CHIA

Nayo was one of these women. She complained of repeatedly losing her babies due to prematurity. This was her fourth pregnancy and she did want a child so very much. Chia, her husband, was of the Mohammedan belief. His wife naturally followed in this religion. However, they had both been attending one of our churches due to the influence of a young Christian couple, who were their relatives.

Nayo and Chia were not in their home village, and so were befriended by these relatives who had found work for Chia to do while awaiting the birth of their baby. Nayo was invited to attend the women's meetings, and she attended the church services with her husband. They were told that the Mission people, who were trying to help them, prayed to the true God for those who came to them for help.

At long last the day came when Nayo delivered her baby—a healthy girl! Our God had proved himself faithful to the prayers and efforts of his workers. He had given this couple the desire of their hearts. Now it was time to stop and say "thank you" to

praise him for his unfailing love and mercy. We continue to pray that God will speak to the hearts of Nayo and Chia that they may realize their need of a Savior, as he has revealed to them his power and love.

THE CHILD'S NAME

Before discharging our mothers and babies from the Maternity Center, we give the mothers a certificate on which we record the date of the baby's birth, the names of the father and mother and, of course, the baby's name. Many times the name which is given is of great significance.

Perhaps the father is suffering, due to trouble of some sort, or he is being persecuted for some reason. Again, there may be an important event which occurred on the day of the child's birth. The name will be in keeping with such details, expressing the feelings of the parents or their reactions to certain events. The child usually receives a name from the father and from the mother as well, or each of their respective families chooses a name for the newborn child.

This, however, was not the case of Musu's baby which was born at our Maternity Center one morning. The delivery was just over a few minutes when we heard a rap on the door of the delivery room. The lusty cry of the newborn babe had been heard by the group of friends from the Belo Leper Clinic who had come from their place of treatment because they had heard that Musu, one of their fellow-patients, was delivering. They had missed her at their clinic, so they came to investigate. Upon opening the door I was surprised to see this group that had come to give a special welcome to this child.

(Musu is a leper herself, but since hers is the non-infectious type of lep-

rosy, she was allowed to attend our ante-natal clinic and to deliver at the Maternity Center.)

The rejoicing of this small group of lepers over the birth of Musu's baby was contagious as they danced about, laughing and clapping their hands. Over and over they thanked the mother for her good work and us who had helped deliver her. We reminded them that we must thank the Giver of all blessings and the Great Deliverer for the healthy child he had given and delivered.

These friends of Musu were chattering among themselves as if making some decision. Becoming inquisitive, I spoke to Magdalena, one of the group who is the widow of one of our former church workers, asking what the discussion was about. Speaking for the rest she said, "Ma, we done choose a name for the pikin—La'ifi. This one means a new country."

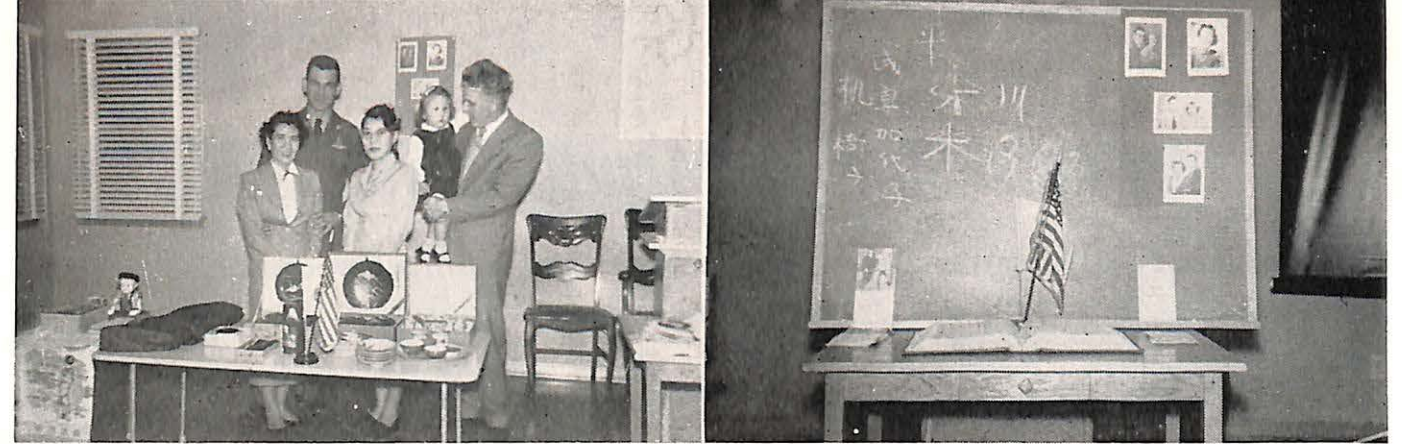
"But why," I asked, "do you give this name to the child?"

Again Magdalena explained, "No be it be like some new country how we fit get medicine for we sick?" And so they were showing their gratitude for the treatment they are receiving, for never before had they been able to receive help for this loathsome disease—leprosy.

394 DELIVERIES

Thus you have received a few glimpses of the variety of patients who pass through the door of our little "bush" maternity center at Belo. We praise God for this avenue of service to which the Lord has called to serve him, for the opportunity of witnessing to the many pagan women who attend the clinic, deliver, and spend their lying-in period here.

In 1956 we had 394 deliveries. We cannot report how many have become
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Mrs. Hobuko Paris and her G. I. husband (left) and Mr. and Mrs. William Lewis and their daughter at the "Japanese War Bride Night" held at the South Canyon Baptist Church, Rapid City, S. Dak., with the exhibits and some Japanese writing on the blackboard shown on the tables and at the right.

Japanese War Bride Night

Japanese war brides and their families from the Army Air Base help to make a colorful missionary program at Rapid City, South Dakota, as reported by Mrs. John Kwyzla

THE WOMEN of the South Canyon Baptist Ladies' Missionary Circle of Rapid City, S. Dak., would like to share with you the joy that was ours recently when we held a special program built around our Japanese Mission Field. Rapid City has a large air base on its outskirts. Through a radio program some time ago, the fact was brought to our attention that several Japanese war brides were living on the base and in several of our Black Hills towns.

Our women then decided it would be interesting to try and contact some of these brides, ask them to be our guests, and have them bring some of their treasures from their home land to show us. Contacts were made and a committee met with Mrs. Nobuko Paris and her G. I. husband, who acted as an interpreter for his wife, since she spoke very little English.

TEA AND SOUVENIRS

After several meetings with Nobuko, she was convinced we were her friends and interested in her as a person as well as the many beautiful things she had brought from Japan. We took notes each time we visited with her, and soon found that she spoke more readily with each visit and even became enthused over our plans. Much to our delight she offered to bring the tea to serve after the program. She had this tea carefully packed away in a beautiful hand painted canister.

We requested Nobuko to ask any other Japanese friends she had to join us on March 5th, but she did not give us any promise of anyone else coming. So it was a real thrill on that night when we met at our little church, in spite of six inches of new snow that had fallen, to have another bride, Kayoko Lewis, her husband (Bill), and two-year-old daughter (Maxine) join us.

Both brides brought many wonderful articles to display. Two of the

men from our church, Albert Lang, who was a chaplain's assistant during World War II, in the Far East, and Melvin Carlton, who served in the Air Force in Japan, also brought many souvenirs, which were displayed in the basement of the church. The church basement was gaily decorated with Japanese lanterns.

THE EXCITING PROGRAM

We had invited the men of the church to join us for this special treat, for we felt that Mr. Paris and Mr. Lewis would feel strange, being the only men in our midst. Since we had the men so handy, we made good use of their presence by giving them a part in the program. Rev. and Mrs. Merle Brenner sang a duet, Mr. Brenner also led in prayer. Mr. Kwyzla presented the following facts gathered from our talks with Nobuko.

"Nobuko moved to Fukuoka at the age of 9 years, where her father was a Purveyor (special purchasing agent for the Japanese Government) for the army. She and her family moved to Manchuria before the war and returned to Japan after the war. Kyoto was the capital of Japan for many years before it was moved to Tokyo. Kyoto and Nara were spared bombing during the war because of their historical and other non-military value at the request of an American historian to President Truman. Ise is the site of the Japanese pearling industry. Nobuko met her husband at Beppu, a place of many hot springs of medicinal value. These are found to have many colored waters by the minerals through which they flow.

Then Mrs. Kwyzla presented information about our mission field using a large map of Japan and also the photos of the missionaries we have on this field. She gave out copies of an

"Good Morning", new 4 page leaflet with missionary stories from Japan, is now available from our Forest Park headquarters.

article by Florence Miller, "A Refugee from Manchuria", and the booklet, "Japan—Our Mission Fields at Ise and Kyoto, Japan." She also gave a review of the article by Miss Miller in the 1957 Annual.

PICTURES AND FELLOWSHIP

Mr. Carlton showed slides taken in Japan which brought many delightful cries from our guests as they saw their own people in native dress. One slide showed a large Buddhist Shrine with a 100-foot-tall Buddha. Nobuko is a Buddha worshipper, so she was especially happy to see that particular slide. It was interesting to have the girls read the various signs on the slides in Japanese. Needless to say, we all strained our ears to hear them talk between themselves in Japanese.

After the showing of the slides, we had Kayoko, a Canadian-born Japanese, who had lived in Kyoto before coming to America, come to the blackboard and write in Japanese for us. Kayoko is a Catholic, but she and Nobuko could tell us very little about the Buddhist or Shinto religions.

Our meeting was closed by remembering our missionaries in prayer, while the room was darkened and the lighted cross was flashed across the map of Japan.

The hostesses for the evening, Mrs. Albert Lang and Mrs. Melvin Carleton, served a surprise lunch of glorified rice and rice muffins, in addition to the Japanese green tea, which Nobuko had brought. Both hostesses were dressed in Japanese native dress that Mr. Carleton had bought in Japan.

A fine time of fellowship was enjoyed as the guests explained their displays, and as the men showed theirs. It was interesting to watch the brides as they examined the displays in the basement, for they could read many of the contents for us, and seemed very pleased to have been with us for this program.

God's Glory in Army Barracks

The Story of Hungarian Baptist Refugees at Camp Roeder, Austria,
by Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Appel

IT WAS at Camp Roeder on a recent Tuesday afternoon. Outside there was beautiful sunshine; within the camp much sadness, for this was the "home" of hundreds of Hungarian refugees who had so recently left their native land for a breath of freedom.

Until two years ago the camp had been headquarters for the United States Armed Forces. For some time since, the buildings had remained empty and the extensive grounds deserted. Now all was life again.

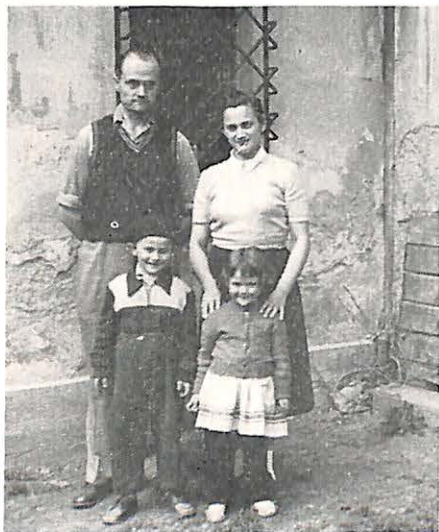
REFUGEES AT WORSHIP

Over the loudspeaker could be heard "Figyelem, figyelem," (attention, attention), calling out a message in the Hungarian language. Men, women and children crowded the buildings and the place was astir with activity. A bus passed by loaded with refugees and their few belongings bound for a new land where opportunities awaited.

Our interest, however, centered about a small room in one of the crowded barracks occupied by a Hungarian Baptist refugee family. On two sides of the room were two double bunk beds, sleeping accommodations for eight people, with a table in the center. Despite its bare furnishings, the room was clean and neat in appearance.

A group of twenty-five men, women and children, mostly Baptist folk, were gathered for a service of worship. One family in attendance, in addition to its flight from Hungary, had been called upon to pass through deep waters by the loss of a little girl, age 6, from polio.

Our attention was attracted to a small table in a corner of the room, upon which stood a large dish con-



Mr. and Mrs. Ferenc Antal and family, Hungarian refugees at the Baptist "Quellenhof" Camp of Austria. Mrs. Antal's Easter testimony appeared in the April 4, 1957 issue (page 9) of the "Baptist Herald."

taining small plants and branches of evergreen neatly arranged and covered with moss around a large wooden cross. On one of the walls was painted a cross, above which were printed in the Hungarian language words "Erettem" (For Me), "Helyetem" (Instead of Me), "Miattam" (Because of Me).

MESSAGE OF HOPE

Pastor Franz Hacker, chairman of our Salzburg Baptist Hungarian Relief Committee, brought a brief but challenging message stressing the importance of letting the light of Christ shine through lives of believers in whatever situation life might place them. The message, given in German, was translated into Hungarian by a

Roman Catholic refugee woman who volunteered her services and later expressed appreciation for the message.

SINGING OF HYMNS

There followed the hearty singing of two glorious hymns, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and "Will There be any Stars in my Crown?" A period of earnest prayer, in which the Hungarians poured out the deepest longings of their heart and renewed their covenant with the Lord, soon changed the dismal surroundings and dark outlook, for the glory of the Lord filled the room and transformed the barracks.

With eyes fastened upon a banner in the middle of the room on which was written in Hungarian, "God Bless Hungary," the group sang their National Anthem as the service of worship came to an end.

REMEMBER TO PRAY

(Prayer requests to be remembered by our North American Baptist Churches)

- 1. Pray for those Christian brethren who are being persecuted for their faith and who face many trials in their faithful witness to Christ.
- 2. Pray for our Church Extension pastors who have to face many difficulties and discouragements in new fields and in their extensive visitation work.
- 3. Pray for Dr. and Mrs. William J. Appel in Austria, as they carry on their busy ministry with the leaders and people of our Baptist churches in that land, ministering to the Hungarian refugees in camps, and making important contacts for immigration purposes in Germany.



Hungarian Baptist refugees at Camp Roeder, Salzburg, Austria, (left), with Dr. W. J. Appel (at back near right of group). Packages to be shipped into Hungary from Austria by the Baptist Relief Committee are shown at the right with addresses being written on them.



The three Hungarian refugees who were baptized on March 24 with Dr. John Allen Moore, executive secretary of the Baptist Relief Committee (left), and (right) part of the Hungarian relief family at the "Quellenhof" Camp with Mrs. W. J. Appel (left front) holding Viola Antal.

Good News from "Quellenhof"

The latest story of the relief and evangelistic ministry of our Baptist Camp in Austria for Hungarian refugees by Dr. William J. Appel of Salzburg, Austria

YOUR GENEROUS response to the urgent call sent out by the Baptist Relief Committee for Hungary brought tons of used clothing into Austria from all parts of the world. After supplying the immediate needs of the refugees in our care, the desire to provide for the suffering folk within Hungary became our next concern.

Finding it impossible because of restrictions to send large shipments of clothing into Hungary, it was decided to try to send small parcels by mail. Our headquarters at the Mollardgasse Baptist Church in Vienna soon became a beehive of activity, as our Hungarian Baptist refugees, in a spirit of love and compassion for their fellow-believers in Hungary, began to sort the clothing which you sent and to make up bundles for shipment.

700 RELIEF PARCELS

More than 700 of these parcels, consisting of 11 tons, were packaged and shipped to individual Baptists in Hungary, under the able direction of Dr. John Allen Moore, the executive secretary of our Baptist Relief Committee.

It was not long before suspense was turned to joy when letters from Hungary were received assuring us of the safe arrival of many of the parcels. The following excerpts from these letters give valid evidence of the great joy and gratitude of the recipients:

"We still don't know what to think," writes a Baptist man from Budapest, "a miracle has occurred. We can only marvel at it. We had never in our life received such a large parcel, and our joy was great when it came. We had made no requests to anyone; we had only prayed to the Lord. We could hardly open the package, so excited

were we. Where did it come from? Who could have sent it?"

"My wife has been sick in bed for about nine years with a disease of the nerves, sclerosis multiplex paralysis. Her condition is absolutely hopeless. All our income goes for medicine and treatment.

"Accept, dear brother, our deepest thanks for the brotherly love which prompted you to send this gift. How did you get the idea to send us exactly what we needed most? Was it an inspiration from heaven? We see in it only the hand of the Lord! A higher Power commanded that those things should come which we needed most."

LETTERS OF JOY

A mother writes, "As I came from work, my dear children (four of them) told me with overflowing joy that a package had come from abroad. My youngest, two-year-old Evike, was jumping around and shouting for joy. When my husband arrived later, the children told him all about it; they were still bubbling over with joy that they had received a parcel from abroad. My little daughter, Katica (six years of age) had prayed God for a long time that he would send her a pretty little dress. The miracle occurred; the good Lord heard the child's prayer. We pray that God may bless you richly."

We rejoice further in the fact that our chairman, Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, of Rueschlikon Seminary, Zurich, Switzerland, has succeeded in sending several large sums of money to the Baptist Union in Hungary.

Sunday, March 24, was a day of special rejoicing in our relief ministry. Three promising young men living at a camp in Steyr, desiring fellowship with believers, responded to an invitation of our workers and at-

tended our Baptist services in that city. After a few visits, they asked to join our "family" at "Quellenhof," where under the careful nurture and Christian influence of the group, they soon expressed their desire to obey the command of the Lord Jesus and follow him in baptism.

At eventide, a large group, including our refugees from "Quellenhof" and Hungarian friends from camps in and around Vienna, gathered at our Mollardgasse Baptist Church in a spirit of reverence to share in this touching service of baptism. Two young people of the local church were also included in the baptismal service. Several numbers by the church choir and a heart-stirring rendition of "Who are These That Come in White Raiment," sung by a Hungarian quintet in their native language, prepared the hearts of the congregation for the beautiful service to follow.

CHRIST'S PRESENCE

Rev. Arnold Koester of Vienna, Austria, brought a timely message in German, translated into Hungarian, and one of our Hungarian Baptist pastors spoke briefly. There followed a prayer of dedication by Dr. W. J. Appel, North American Baptist director of our Austrian mission, after which the candidates were presented with Bibles in remembrance of this very happy and meaningful occasion in their lives.

The observance of the Lord's Supper and the singing of the hymn, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds our Hearts in Christian Love," brought this blessed service to a close, and we went our various ways with a better understanding of the words of the disciples on the Emmaus Road, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked with us by the way?"



—Religious News Service Photo
Children, such as these, whom Jesus loves, will soon be ready for a Junior CBY or can be enlisted now in the program and activities of the church's Junior CBY group.

Opportunities for Children

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Do you have a Junior CBY in your church for the many growing children about you? Read these suggestions for a stirring challenge!
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By MISS RUTH BATHAUER
of Forest Park, Illinois

AS ONE TRAVELS across our land and observes that every hamlet, town, and city is building new school buildings or extensions to the present buildings, one realizes the marvelous opportunities available for the church in our present day. Statistics show that during the ten years from 1940 to 1950 there were 31,292,000 boys and girls born in our country. Statistics also show that on May 1, 1955 there were 18,151,000 children in this country who were ten years of age. It is predicted that this birth rate will be increased during the next ten years.

JUNIOR C B Y

Where are these boys and girls? In your community and in mine. What do these statistics mean to Christians? They mean that with this increase in population we must provide for children through our churches. It means that we must train leaders to meet this challenge. It means that we must take advantage of every opportunity.

The two hours on Sunday morning are not sufficient time to present all that children should have for effective Christian living. Another opportunity is the Junior CBY organization.

The time of meeting will vary according to the local situation. In some areas a Junior CBY meeting on Sunday night would be most effective. In some cases the meeting might be held on Sunday afternoon, after school during the week, or some week night.

Many of our North American Baptist churches in the Southwestern Conference provide additional training periods for the boys and girls, and the children meet on Wednesday night

during the prayer meeting hour. While the adults have their Bible study and prayer sessions, the boys and girls meet in their own age groups.

The Junior CBY organization should not be thought of as something unrelated to or apart from the church's total program for Junior boys and girls. It is not a separate organization, but is rather the Juniors of the church meeting to carry out the program of Christian growth which their church has planned for them.

GOALS AND LEADERS

The work of the Junior CBY should be based upon the same goals and objectives as that of the CBY Fellowship. It may be a training period which will prepare Juniors for CBY work as they develop into active young people. A very effective program can be planned for Juniors if the leaders meet frequently with the Junior Sunday School superintendent and teachers to study objectives, survey the materials suggested for the groups, and plan special emphases and projects for them. In this way overlapping is avoided, the work of each group is strengthened, and the Juniors are guided consistently to greater loyalty to God through Jesus Christ, and to their church and its program.

Make a careful survey in your church for adult leaders to supervise the challenging work of organizing a Junior CBY group in your church. If possible, encourage a young couple to accept this responsibility.

Leaders should encourage every Junior to participate in the programs and in the activities of the group.

Make the programs and organizations as flexible as possible. Leaders should endeavor to learn to know the Juniors, to be aware of their needs and abilities in order to help them to achieve their individual rates of growth.

JUNIOR CBY HANDBOOK

To assist you in organizing a Junior CBY in your church you may write to our headquarters office, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois, for the booklet entitled, "The Junior CBY Organization Handbook". The handbook provides further suggestions for the leaders.

One of the most effective ways to help Juniors feel that the Junior CBY organization is their organization is to allow them to have responsibilities and to have their own officers. The training which they receive through such responsibilities is excellent training for good churchmanship. The duties of the various Junior officers are briefly listed in the handbook.

Your Junior CBY group should be organized to such an extent that each member will be a member of a Commission. This is an excellent way to draw all Juniors into an active participation in the group. Four Commissions are suggested in the handbook. A chairman may be appointed for each commission who will have a group with which to work.

To provide more experience for all Juniors, these chairmen may be replaced every month or two. Juniors will accept this responsibility if it is not over too long a period of time. The adult leaders should meet with

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The Open Door of Faith

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Editor of English Publications

THE General Missionary Committee knocked boldly at God's door of faith during its sessions from April 23 to 25 at Forest Park, Ill. If the term "Faith Group" can be applied to any Missionary Society, then it must certainly be used to describe the North American Baptist Missionary Committee at work in its annual sessions. A firm faith in Christ and his leadership, an implicit trust in his power to bring "all things to pass", and a bold witness for the Gospel to go wherever God leads characterized these sessions, marked by unity of mind and amity of discussion.

A STEP OF FAITH

This note of faith was sounded by Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, in the opening words of his annual report. In praise to God and in a review of the work accomplished in the past year, he was led to quote Acts 14:27. "And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles."

The challenging sight of this open door of God upon missionary opportunities of today was constantly before the thirty members and guests of the General Mission Committee in attendance. It was evident in the gracious leadership of the sessions in the hands of Rev. Elmer C. Strauss of Ellinwood, Kansas, chairman, and Rev. Adam Huber of Minneapolis, Minnesota, as vice-chairman.

A "faith budget" of more than \$300,000 has been recommended to the Finance Committee and the General Council for the next fiscal year. This will not enable the committee to carry out all of the projected missionary plans, to send out all of the new missionary-appointees asked by the fields, and to finish all the buildings that ought to be constructed. But it is still a great step of faith, a challenging venture, that will send us as North American Baptists on an aggressive missionary ministry to various parts of the world, preaching Christ and him crucified and proclaiming his Gospel zealously.

See how this was accomplished at the Mission Committee sessions. In the Cameroons, Africa, the new Teacher Training Center at Soppo, (see "Baptist Herald" May 2, 1957 issue) is something "bigger than anything we have at home." The Goodmans report that on the Mambila field, in an imposing mass evangelism effort, there were 3,647 conversions in one

year. The Bansa Hospital and the New Hope Settlement for leprosy patients have become outstanding medical accomplishments in Christ's Name for the Africans. New buildings on the Kumba field are an immediate necessity, and their construction was approved.

NEW MISSIONARY COUPLES

In addition, several couples are being considered for our mission fields, subject to the General Council's approval. Among those are Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fehr of the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minnesota, who may be ready to leave for work in Africa in 1958 or 1959. Mr. Fehr will still have to complete his internship in this country.

This same story of "life and promise" and of open doors of faith was evident in other phases of the committee's work. Another missionary couple for Japan is being considered. A woman companion for Miss Florence Miller is prayerfully sought. A third field in Japan, in addition to Ise and Kyoto, can soon be announced. Four baptismal services have already been held. The first term for missionaries to Japan from hereafter will be for four years rather than five, thus enabling our missionaries to do a more effective work in the midst of rather trying circumstances.

Reports from Austria are encouraging. Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Appel are working heroically with the Hungarian refugee situation, encouraging the pastors and the people of the Austrian Baptist churches with their many opportunities to make Christ known in this day of unusual religious freedom, and having a part in the development of the "Balthasar Hubmaier House" at St. Gilgen, Austria, as an ideal assembly place for Baptist young people from European countries. Rev. Martin Gigseder is the manager of this "Home". An article about its ministry will appear later in the "Baptist Herald".

GLOWING REPORTS

The work of the three Indian Mission fields—Bull and Montana Reserves of Alberta and the Muscowpetung Reserve of Saskatchewan—is going forward. A Baptist church will soon be organized on the Bull Reserve and church responsibilities entrusted to these Indian Christians. The completion of the chapel and the missionaries' house on the Muscowpetung Reserve will soon be a reality. John Gambler, who is very friendly to our Mission and whose daughters have been students at our Bible School in

Edmonton, is now the chief of this Indian Band.

At the beginning of the committee's sessions, there was some talk of curtailing the work on the Spanish-American Field in Colorado. But instead, the committee saw "the open door of faith", voted to continue its ministry there, and to appoint another fine couple to replace Rev. and Mrs. Paul Appel. God has opened the door wide on the Rio Grande field in Texas for an aggressive missionary outreach through the consecrated ministry of Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Castro.

The General Missionary Committee is likewise aggressively moving forward with greater plans than ever before for "God's Volunteers" and their ministry in 1957 and 1958 and for our outreach through the evangelists, with challenging plans for the enlarged Church Extension program of the denomination, and with determined plans to make the 51 mission-supported churches conscious of their own stewardship responsibilities by endeavoring to become self-supporting at the earliest possible time.

MISSIONARY RALLY

Three full days of deliberation and decision were required for these memorable sessions. On Wednesday evening, April 24, a public missionary rally was held in the Forest Park Baptist Church with many people from the churches of Chicago and vicinity in attendance. Stirring messages were brought by Miss Florence Miller of Japan and by Rev. Gilbert Schneider, the manager of the New Hope Settlement in the Cameroons and upon his return to the Cameroons in August 1957 the acting field superintendent. Both Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fehr told the audience of their eagerness to go to the mission field in Africa and of their joy over this appointment by the committee.

These tremendously important, world-wide plans of the Missionary Committee with the projected budget outlay of over \$300,000 will represent the scriptural faith, tested and blessed by the Holy Spirit, that God has "opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles". In faith we are banded together to do God's will and to carry out his purposes. By faith our North American Baptist people will give toward and pray for this Gospel ministry. This is the work of faith in which Christ and we are co-laborers together. This is our work of faith in all parts of the world under the banner of the Cross of Jesus Christ!

Witnessing for Christ in the Canadian Army

By Mr. Karl Eckert of the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps,
Camp Borden, Ontario

IN THE stormy days of December 1951, I crossed the Atlantic hoping to build a new life in the country of Canada about which I knew very little. I was then 19 years of age, had left communist East Germany behind me and was making the passage to Canada with the help of a relative who lived in Manitoba.

NEW HOMELAND

On the morning of December 23rd, I landed in St. John, New Brunswick. My first welcome, after I had been channeled through the customs and immigration officials, was by a group of ladies from the Baptist churches of St. John. They gave me a letter of welcome and some literature in my own language by which I recognized that this was a Baptist delegation. Although I spoke very little English, somehow I managed to make myself understood. I was very deeply moved by that first welcome on new soil by fellow-Baptists.

For the first year I lived in the Niagara Peninsula and for another year in the city of Toronto, Ontario. These first two years of work in Canada enabled me to get acquainted with the customs and language of this country.

CAMP BORDEN

In February 1954 I joined the Canadian Army and enrolled in the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps. I have been stationed and employed in Camp Borden, Ontario, since that time. After the first few months of basic training I took a ten weeks' course to qualify as an administrative clerk.

Appreciation to Our Churches

By Rev. August F. Runtz, Former Superintendent of the Children's Home, Saint Joseph, Michigan

THIS TOKEN of appreciation, especially to the various organizations of our churches, is long overdue. But work and illness, and death in the family prevented it from being written sooner.

For many years the various organizations of our churches had a special interest in the children of the Children's Home in Saint Joseph, Michigan. You sent Christmas, Easter and birthday gifts to the children. You also sent many gifts which were for all the family. The Children's Home was a place where you could give visible expression to your Christian love outside your own immediate circle. You have been most kind and thoughtful in more ways than we can mention here. Mrs. Runtz and I have

MR. KARL ECKERT
Mr. Eckert's parents are Rev. and Mrs. August Eckert of Brandenburg, Germany, and his brother is Rev. Friedrich Eckert, Baptist pastor at Berlin—Wannsee, Germany. Mr. Karl Eckert's story of his coming to Canada and of his witness for Christ in the Canadian Army is typical of many fine new Canadians and energetic young Baptists who have been added to our North American Baptist ranks in recent years.
EDITOR.

Camp Borden is located about 60 miles due north of Toronto, and as often as possible I visit the German Baptist Church in Toronto, of which I have been a member since I first came to the city in May 1953. I enjoy the youth hours on Saturday evenings very much and I would not want to miss the spiritual blessings of the Sunday services. Since I have joined the Service Corps, I consider the fellowship of our church as my home.

At this point I wish to commend the congregations of our churches throughout the country for opening their homes to servicemen on weekend or annual leave, and I am sure that many a serviceman will share my appreciation for their wonderful effort. After the arrival of my uncle, the late Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt, and his wife from Austria, I have spent

always been very grateful to you for your magnanimous spirit.

It has saddened our hearts, and, doubtless, yours also, that the Children's Home has ceased operation. But circumstances made it inevitable. The property has been sold but we are being delayed in giving a clear title. Plans are to convert it into an Old Folks' Home.

We have now retired, living in our own home just outside Benton Harbor, Mich. Closing the Home was not easy, especially for Mrs. Runtz. She missed the children so much and was so homesick for them. She just can't get used to not having youngsters around. May God richly bless you for all you have done for "one of the least of these".

many wonderful hours in their new home in Toronto and it was a deep shock to me when I learned that he had passed away.

CHAPLAIN'S ASSISTANT

In January 1956 the Protestant Senior Chaplain offered me employment as his clerk in Camp Borden. This made me very happy, since I had just been disappointed in not getting an overseas posting to Europe. This type of work had an added interest for me as my father and brother are both ministers in Baptist churches in Germany.

During recent maneuvers in Camp Gagetown, New Brunswick, I learned in detail of the difficult work of our chaplains in the field. I hope that I can continue to work with the Chaplain Corps, for I have realized the importance of spiritual and moral welfare for our troops.

By the time you read this article, I hope to have my Canadian citizenship. Naturally, I would like to go back to the old country for a visit and to see my relatives again, but my permanent residence will be in this country. Through extensive trips in Canada and the United States, I have come to know and to love the country and the people who live in it.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN

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The Commissions about once a month to help them plan their work. Each Commission should have adult supervision.

We have also provided suggested meeting plans in the handbook to assist the leaders to make the best use of the allotted time. Each local situation is different. However, we have suggested meeting plans for a thirty minute program, for an hour, for an hour and a half and for three hours. The plan for three hours would be most effective for an after school meeting from approximately 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. Choose the plan most suited to your local situation and adapt it to your group.

MISSIONARY INFORMATION

The Junior CBY organization can be another important channel through which boys and girls might be encouraged to become interested in our missionary work. Your church receives copies of JUNIOR MISSION MATERIAL each quarter. Through this material we want to help our Juniors become better acquainted with the missionaries and their needs so that boys and girls might more intelligently pray for them.

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke
June 9 (Sunday) — Dedication of Temple Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta.

Rev. J. C. Gunst
June 2 (Sunday) — Immanuel Church, New York, N. Y.

June 9 (Sunday)—Lethbridge, Alta. (5th anniversary of Bethany Church).

June 10—German Baptist Church, Calgary, Alta.

June 11—Zion Baptist Church, Drumheller, Alta.

June 12—First Baptist Church, Carbon, Alta.

June 14-16 — Valleyview, Alberta. (10th anniversary of Emanuel Church).

June 18 — Fellowship Baptist Church, Camrose, Alta.

Rev. L. Bienert
June 2 (Sunday)—Humboldt Park Church, Chicago, Illinois.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner
May 30 - June 2—Dedication of new edifice, Inglewood Knolls Church, Los Angeles, Calif.

June 9 (Sunday Afternoon)—Dedication of Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif.

CONFERENCES AND CAMPS

May 29 - June 2—Central Alberta and Saskatchewan Association at Golden Prairie, Alberta. Rev. R. Schilke and Rev. E. P. Wahl, Guests.

May 30 - June 2—Alberta Association at Carbon, Alberta. Dr. Walter W. Wessel, Miss Tina Schmidt and Miss Ida Forsch, Guests.

June 2-5—Northern North Dakota Association at Turtle Lake, N. Dak. Rev. E. P. Wahl and Rev. Herman Palfenier, Guests.

June 9—Ontario Youth Rally at Toronto, Ont. Rev. G. K. Zimmerman and Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, Guests.

June 9 — Observance of Pentecost Sunday at Marion, Kansas. Dr. Walter W. Wessel, Guest.

June 11-16 — Southern Conference Youth Camp at Latham Springs Encampment Grounds, near Waco, Texas. Dr. Walter W. Wessel and Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman, Guests.

June 12-16 — Pacific Conference at First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif. Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Schneider and Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, Guests.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE

June 12-16, 1957

at First Church, Lodi, Calif.
All reservations and requests for hospitality must be sent immediately to Rev. G. G. Rauser, 19 S. Central Ave., Lodi, Calif.

What's your problem?

Answers by DR. RALPH E. POWELL, Professor at the North American Baptist Seminary. (Send all questions to him at 1605 S. Euclid Ave., Sioux Falls, S. Dak.)

1. If we are pardoned of all our sins through faith in Christ, why do we need to pray for forgiveness?

It is true that all sins, past, present and future, were pardoned when we believed on Christ as our personal Savior (Acts 13:39); Rom. 8:1, 33). Yet Christ taught his disciples to pray daily for the forgiveness of sins (Matt. 6:12). When God justifies us through faith in Christ and forgives all our sins, he removes the guilt of our sins but not the censure attached to our subsequent acts of sin. Only confession of our sins can relieve this feeling of guilt.

We need ever to bring our daily sins to the Father in confession in order that we may continue in unbroken fellowship with him (1 John 1:9). Deliverance from the guilt of sin was settled in our salvation experience, but we still need constant cleansing from the defilement of sin. God does not have communion with a defiled

saint. The believer who is really conscious of his sin feels within him an urge to confess it and to seek the comforting assurance of forgiveness and favor of God.

2. Is ordination necessary in order to officiate at the ordinances of the church?

No, it is not absolutely necessary to be ordained in order to officiate at the ordinances of the church, although it is desirable. Any member of the local church living an exemplary Christian life may be appointed by the church to conduct either of the ordinances according to the Scriptural pattern. This would normally be one of the deacons, probably the chairman of the board of deacons, in the absence of a regularly ordained minister of the Gospel.

The responsibility of administering the ordinances is laid upon the whole body of believers, not the clergy (Continued on Page 14)



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Letter Box

(All letters for the "Letter Box" must be signed and should be limited to 100-150 words.)

BOUQUET OF APPRECIATION

We have appreciated the "Baptist Herald" during the last few months more than ever before. I think the improvements are making for a better denominational periodical. I especially like the "What's Your Problem" column conducted by Dr. Ralph Powell. Also the space given to the Men's Brotherhood is greatly appreciated by the men everywhere. The Easter message by Dr. Bonnell in the last issue was outstanding. All of this makes for a high class magazine!

Fred J. Knalson, Pastor
Marion, Kansas

KEEPS OUR PEOPLE INTERESTED

I have wanted to write to give a few words of encouragement in regard to the "Baptist Herald." Once our people have read the "Herald," there is no difficulty in having them renew their subscription. The quality of the paper is excellent and the contents of the periodical superb. The recent changes in the magazine have all been for the good. I have seen many denominational papers as well as other magazines but this rates the first place. The "Baptist Herald" certainly helps to keep the church interested in the work we are endeavoring to carry on as a denomination.

R. E. Grabke, Pastor
Faith Baptist Church
Regina, Saskatchewan

LOYALTY TO THE DENOMINATIONAL MISSIONARY PROGRAM

I am writing you in regard to the anonymous "open letter" in the April 4th edition of the "Baptist Herald" advocating loyalty to the denominational missionary program. In all fairness I believe this letter should also be printed to show that there may be some who look at the matter in a different light. I have no doubt that the letter printed was written in a kind Christian manner and I trust this letter is in the same spirit.

I believe the passage of Scripture used to prove his point is an unwarranted spiritualization of a text dealing not with church relationships, but with family affairs. Upon examining the passage, I Tim. 5:8, I personally cannot give the letter the compliment of "Scriptural reasoning."

The New Testament teaches that we make our commitments only to Jesus Christ and that we are individually led of the Holy Spirit. (Rom. 8:14, Gal. 5:18, Isa. 30:21, Acts 8:29, 10:19-20, 13:2-4, 15:28, and 16:6-7). The Holy Spirit is the supreme vicar of every Christian as to the investment

of time, talent, money, etc. I cannot decide for the church or anyone else, and no one can decide for me.

The term, "household of faith," is found in Gal. 6:10 and this includes the entire body of Christ. I cannot divide that household and advise fellow-believers to support only a certain segment of it. You will notice the text says, "as we have therefore opportunity let us do good unto all men, especially them of the household of faith."

In regard to the last paragraph of the printed open letter, I do not believe it is consistent to assure my prayer for all of the "Lord's work and his servants everywhere," (Eph. 6:18) but to draw a specific line when it comes to financial aid. Is it not the same Holy Spirit that burdens us to give as to pray? (Rom. 12:6-8, II Cor. 9:7).

"For God so loved the world", and whoever in this world, day by day, that the Lord wishes to touch through me, by my prayer, gifts, time, or any other means, is up to the Holy Spirit to decide for me. In the final analysis, my stewardship is accountable to the Lord only.

—Rev. Carl B. Zimmerman,
Bible Baptist Church,
La Crosse, Wisconsin

WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?

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(Matthew 28:19, 20). In fact, there is no real distinction between clergy and laity among Baptists. Ordination does not invest a person with any special powers or privileges, according to the New Testament.

Baptism or the Lord's Supper would be equally valid if administered by any spiritually qualified person designated by the church. The validity does not depend upon the administrator but upon the faith and experience of the participant. Churches need not deprive themselves of the ordinances because an ordained minister is not obtainable, as desirable as it is that a regularly constituted minister officiate.

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MARCH OF EVENTS

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written from 1773 to 1788, are from the Wesleyana collection of Bishop and Mrs. G. Bromley Oxnam which includes several first edition books and other writings of John Wesley. The letters will be kept in the library of the new seminary—formerly Westminster Theological Seminary, Westminster, Maryland—when the school opens in 1958. (John Wesley and his brother, Charles, came to this country intending to be missionaries to the Indians in 1735. This plan failed, and they remained only until early 1738. However, their religious work was regarded as important to the founding of Methodism in 1738 in England, and to its early foothold in America.)

● For the first time in the history of the church in South Africa, an African preached in a Dutch Reformed Church to a white congregation. He was the Rev. Willem Xaluva, non-white assessor of the synod of the Dutch Reformed Bantu Church of the Cape. The suburban Capetown church, which normally holds 400, was packed by a crowd of 800 persons. About 100 persons sat on the floor in front of the pulpit, in aisles and in the gallery. Meanwhile, also in Capetown, Anglican authorities have erected a sign on the steps of St. George's Cathedral reading: "This cathedral is open to all men and women of all races, to all services, at all times." The cathedral is a stone's throw from the House of Assembly, which has approved, upon its second reading, the Native Laws Amendment Bill that would give the Government the right to prohibit Africans from worshipping with white persons. The measure has been denounced by the leaders of most major religious bodies in South Africa.

CHRISTIAN COUNSEL

By Rev. Herbert L. Koch
of Padroni, Colorado

To become a Christian strong,
Read your Bible every day;
It will show you right from wrong,
Guidance give along life's way.

Fellowship with Christians true,
Join with them in praise and prayer;
Be a generous giver too,
Helping Christ's cause everywhere.

With a contrite humble heart
Daily for forgiveness pray,
And let Christ to you impart
Strength to live for him each day.

Fellowship with Christ, your Friend,
Ever-present though unseen,
He'll stay with you to the end,
Keep you fearless and serene.

Heed my counsel, Christian friend,
As you travel life's steep road,
Joy awaits you at the end,
Heaven, where Christ has his abode.

What's Happening

● Rev. and Mrs. Milton Vietz of Mott, North Dakota, have announced the birth of a son on March 15, who has been named Jonathan Paul.

● The Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Washington, has announced that Mr. Duane Nelson, the pastor of the Portland Avenue Chapel, a mission of the church, has resigned, effective June 30. He has served as pastor of the chapel for the past several years. Rev. Robert S. Hess is the minister of the Calvary Church of Tacoma.

● Rev. Rudolph Rapske has resigned as pastor of the Baptist Church of Terrace, British Columbia, in order to give his entire time to the operation of the North American Baptist cooperative venture at Terrace and the use of the large caterpillar tractor. He will continue to stay in close touch with the work of the Baptist church there.

● On Tuesday afternoon, April 16, a disastrous fire virtually destroyed the edifice of the First Baptist Church, Bison, Kansas, as reported by Clara Niedenthal. The only thing of value which could be saved from the burning church building was the piano. Rev. Oliver K. Ringering is the pastor of the church. Psalm 46:1 was quoted as a source of comfort in this disaster: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

● Mr. and Mrs. Carl Orthner of Burlington, Iowa, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Easter Sunday afternoon, April 21, with a reception held in the Social Hall of the Oak Street Baptist Church. Rev. Emanuel Wolff, pastor, brought congratulations from the church and a brief message. Mr. Carl Orthner is a brother of Rev. Frank Orthner of Brooklyn, New York, and of the late Rev. Adolf Orthner, former missionary in the Cameroons. Both Mr. and Mrs. Orthner have been very active members of the Oak Street Church of Burlington for many years.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, California, has called Mr. Lloyd Kwast as Director of Christian Education and Youth Activities to which he has responded favorably. While serving the church, he will continue his studies at the California Baptist Theological Seminary at Covina, California, where he is working toward an M.A. degree in religious education and also toward the B.D. degree. The Woman's Missionary Union of the church held its anniversary program on Sunday evening, April 28,

with Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman, Cameroons Missionaries, as the guest speakers.

● On Palm Sunday, April 14, the Men's Brotherhood of the Shroyer Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio, held a breakfast with 42 men present. Dr. Benicke spoke to the group on "A Closer Walk with God." Present officers of the Brotherhood are Marion Jacob, president; Kenneth Elliott, vice-president; Alvin Schultze, secretary; and Helmut Behrend, treasurer. On Palm Sunday, Rev. Helmut H. Riemer, pastor, baptized ten young people and received these and five others by letter at the communion service. The church continues to hold two worship services every Sunday morning.

● On Easter Sunday evening, Rev. Rubin Kern, pastor of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Illinois, baptized 8 persons on confession of their faith in Christ. The Mother-Daughter banquet was held on Tuesday evening, May 7, under the sponsorship of the Woman's Missionary Guild with Mrs. Dan Granzow, president. Miss Adelaide Klatt served as mistress of ceremonies. Miss Florence Miller, missionary to Japan, was the guest speaker. Three hundred copies of the new "North American Hymnal" have been purchased by the church for use in the worship services.

● The Humboldt Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois, has called Mr. William Goding, a 1957 graduate of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, as supply pastor for the summer months. He will begin his ministry at the church on Sunday, June 16. He is the husband of Mrs. Betty Goding, secretary of the C.B.Y. Fellowship of our denomination. The Humboldt Park Church has taken favorable action on a merger with the Grace Baptist Church of Chicago and with plans for a new Church Extension project in Norridge, Illinois, near the Central Baptist Home for the Aged. This will be reported in greater detail in a later issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● Rev. E. P. Wahl tendered his resignation as president of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, to the annual session of the Board

DR. B. JACKSTEIT

On Sunday, May 19, the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., at its commencement exercises conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity on the Rev. Berthold Jacksteit of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif.

of Trustees on March 14. The resignation was accepted and Rev. Karl Korella was appointed acting president, effective July 1, who will serve in this capacity until a new president can be elected by the General Conference in July 1958. Rev. E. P. Wahl was instrumental in founding the Christian Training Institute in 1939 and has served as its dean prior to his appointment as the president in 1943. He also served as pastor of a number of churches, as a member of important denominational committees and boards, and in other capacities.

● On Easter Sunday morning, April 21, the guest speaker at the Berean Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California, was Dr. Norman C. Hunt, professor of economics at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, who also had spoken at the Easter sunrise service in the Rose Bowl, Pasadena, California, over a national radio hook-up early that morning. Dr. Hunt is a personal friend of the pastor of the church, Dr. Donald G. Davis. In the evening Rev. F. Kenneth Goodman, Cameroons missionary, who with his wife has recently returned to the United States on furlough, was another guest speaker on this memorable day for the church.

● On Sunday, April 7, the First Baptist Church of Bessie, Oklahoma, held a dedication service for the 50 new "North American Hymnals" which were a gift to the church by Miss Esther Schilberg, now of Hobbs, New Mexico. Rev. David C. Keiry, pastor, stated: "We as a church are grateful for these wonderful hymnals which have already enriched our worship services and brought many happy memories to those who have formerly used the old German melodies." The church was also host to the Sunday School Workers' Conference on April 1 with rich blessings received through the leadership of Rev. Norman Miller of Durham, Kansas, and of Rev. Bernard R. Fritzke of West Fargo, North Dakota.

● Recently Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Lippert of Waco, Texas, were honored over Radio Station KWTX on their program, "An Orchid to You". This particular program is heard each Sunday afternoon from 2:00 to 2:15 P.M., and honors some local person that is doing something to make others happy, or, in other words, to make Waco a better place in which to live. They were presented with an orchid. During this program the narrator told of the fine work that Mr. and Mrs. Lippert are doing with the boys and girls in the "day nursery" they run. The fact was also revealed that they are both active members of Waco's Central Baptist Church. Both teach Sunday School classes and Mrs. Lippert is president of the Woman's Missionary Union. Rev. J. J. Lippert served North American Baptist churches for 35 years.

We the Women

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

An INVITATION and an ANNOUNCEMENT is extended to us from the president of the North American Women's Union of the Baptist World Alliance, Mrs. M. B. Hodge.

"WE ARE NOT ALONE"

By Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge

Baptist women of North America belong to the North American Women's Union of the Baptist World Alliance which was formed in 1951. We are part of a great cloud of witnesses, serving our Lord in all parts of the world. On November 5, 6 and 7, 1957 we shall meet in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, in our second Assembly. We are to have many outstanding speakers, among whom will be the Chairman of the Women of Africa, Mrs. J. T. Ayorinde. Reservations should be sent to Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Baylor Union, Waco, Texas, right away. (Reservation fee, \$2.00).

The following message comes from our chairman of the Woman's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, Mrs. George W. Martin.

The purpose of the Woman's Department of the Baptist World Alliance can best be understood in the light of the purpose of the Alliance. In the first congress meeting in London, 1905, the Alliance purpose was made quite clear, namely, "to deepen fellowship and good will among our people and make known the saving truth of the gospel of the Lord Jesus to all nations." It was clearly understood that the organization would have no administrative or legislative functions. Through these fifty years the Alliance has held to this high purpose.

It was during the eighth Congress of the Alliance, in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1950, that the women adopted the following purpose: "to assist the work of the Alliance in promoting closer fellowship, deeper sympathy and fuller understanding among Baptist women throughout the world."

To this end we have encouraged our women to form continental unions. Through these unions our women are becoming aware, not only of those other women living in their own countries, but of those who live in neighboring countries and on the continent. Today we have a union of Baptist women on every continent.

The exchange of information, ideas, methods, etc., is a great factor in the accomplishment of our purpose. Through our Newsletter, information from all areas of the world is shared. Each succeeding report demonstrates growing interest in and understanding of our global task. The stimulus of

CBY FELLOWSHIP

By REV. LAWRENCE BIENERT, General Secretary

ARE YOU ALL SET FOR CAMP?

BY THIS TIME your camp program should be well in hand. In every camp program there will be adequate time for devotions and Bible study, inspiration, planned recreation, fellowship, and rest. Teachers should be selected early, courses of study determined and necessary materials obtained.

Once again I would like to emphasize the importance of **pre-registration**. Young people should be urged to make a definite commitment to attend camp. You as camp leader will know how many facilities to provide for, and how many counselors will be needed. Assignments of campers to various cabins can be made in advance, thus avoiding a lot of confusion when campers arrive.

Other matters to consider are insurance for each camper, a nurse and a life guard. The American Camping Association requires that each camp carry camp insurance. Many of our camps have been repaid many times through benefits received. A nurse should be on hand at all times to look after the health of the children. A life guard is required for the safety and protection of your campers. Appoint these individuals at an early date, so that you may be sure of their services at the time when you need them.

It pays to advertise your camp. Each church should be supplied with all of the necessary information, such as place, directions, date, cost, things to bring, program, etc.

TRAINED COUNSELORS

Are your camp counselors well qualified for the work you are asking them to do? Such an important assignment should not be entered into with a hit-or-miss attitude. There is still time for you as a camp leader to call together your counselors for a Counselor Training Program.

An attractive booklet has been prepared by the CBY Fellowship which will assist you in leading your counselors to a better understanding of their work. "The Camp Counselor" booklet is available free of charge from our Forest Park office. Each counselor should be supplied with a copy. These are some of the topics

this information is very difficult to overestimate.

The greatest tie that binds us together is our Baptist Day of Prayer. Begun in 1950 it has become our strength and our power. There was no program suggested for that first observance. In the years that have followed special continental committees have prepared a suggested program. Echoes come from all parts of

discussed in the Camp Counselor: Objectives of Christian Camping, Qualifications of Counselors, What is Expected of Counselors, Responsibilities, The First Day at Camp, Enforcing Rules, The Camp Health Program, Problems at Camp and Cabin Devotions.

CHRISTIAN LEADERS' CONFERENCE

Plans are well under way for the Christian Leaders' Conference to be held at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., from Monday, August 5, to Friday, August 9. This will be a unique opportunity for young people to get together for good Christian fellowship as well as for practical instructions and spiritual enrichment.

Rev. Frank Veninga will be teaching a class on the "Devotional Life of Young People." There will be opportunity for you to discuss a number of subjects related to the youth work of your church. At that time Mr. Herman Balka will introduce you to the objectives and methods of carrying out the details of Operation TFC. Operation TFC (Thousand for Christ) is our special project for 1957-1958.

Miss Martha Leypoldt will acquaint us with the functions of the Board of Christian Education. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Goding will lead us in considering the training for leadership. Most youth fellowships are faced with a lack of competent leaders. This session will be of special help to you. You will also gain a view of what the CBY Fellowship is actually doing.

The afternoons will provide opportunity for relaxation and recreation. Here indeed is opportunity to exercise the body as well as the mind. During the evening hours we will be spiritually refreshed as we listen to God's servants. You will have opportunity to meet with members of the CBY Fellowship Executive Committee and with denominational workers, with Rev. Gilbert Schneider, missionary from the Cameroons, and with other youth leaders. These will indeed be glorious days for all who attend. Have you made your reservation yet? See your pastor, CBY Fellowship president, or S. S. superintendent for application blanks. Make your reservations NOW!

the world, telling of the blessings of this fellowship of prayer.

Baptist women are fortunate in having a world organization which touches Baptist hosts in every section of the globe. Baptist women have the privilege to witness in this day.

Strengthen your world wide fellowship. Come to your continental meeting November 1957 in Toronto, Ontario.

Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: June 9, 1957

Theme: BROTHERS RECONCILED

Scripture: Genesis 32:24-30; 33:1-4

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The longer we put off reconciliation, the more difficult it becomes to take the step of reconciliation.

INTRODUCTION: Last week we saw how Rebekah and Jacob deceived Isaac and Esau in order to transfer the birthright and blessing. They thought the means, no matter how evil, justified the end. The next mistake was made in the way they tried to correct the wrong. Rebekah advised Jacob to flee to Laban in Haran "until thy brother forget that which thou hast done to him" (Gen. 27:45). Sin is never put out of the way by trying to forget it. Only by making it right as far as possible and by forgiveness can it be taken care of. Esau did not forget it, and Jacob could not. For years he had an uneasy mind and a troubled conscience because he knew that someday he would have to meet his brother.

In his relationship with Laban, Jacob continued to rely on his wits rather than on the providence of God. It was difficult for him to learn that two wrongs do not make a right. He relied so much on the bargaining method that he even established his relationship with God on a bargain basis (Gen. 28:20-22). It was after Jacob learned the virtue of humility and could say, "I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies" (Gen. 32:10), that his relationship with God and his fellowmen began to change.

I. RECONCILIATION AND FEAR. Gen. 32:7.

Jacob had the experience of many of us when he tried to run away from himself, from his brother and from God. The Psalmist uttered a false, but often used, remedy, "Oh that I had wings like a dove, for then would I fly away and be at rest" (Ps. 55:6). Nothing is farther from the truth! The time ultimately comes when we must face ourselves, our brother and God. The reason we don't like to face any of them is because we are afraid of facing our sin. (See Numbers 32:23).

II. RECONCILIATION AND INWARD STRUGGLE. Gen. 32:24-26.

A little Sunday School scholar once gave a definition of a lie as "an abomination unto the Lord and a very present help in time of trouble." If we could only realize that in the future the trouble will increase a hundredfold, we would take care of the

present immediately. How many internal civil wars we have to fight because we have neglected immediate reconciliation!

III. RECONCILIATION AND GOD. Gen. 32:27-30.

Once Jacob realized that his personal and selfish will was in his way, he began to understand that God was not against him but for him. The old Adam had to die in him even as he has to die in us. Dwight L. Moody used to say, "The one person I have more trouble with than anyone else is Dw'ght L. Moody." As soon as we become reconciled to God and conform to his will and purpose for our lives, everything is seen in its proper perspective. Jacob won the wrestling match but God won the wrestler. He gives us a new name and he makes us new men.

IV. RECONCILIATION AND OUR BROTHER. Gen. 33:1-4.

One of the things we fight against more than any other is our outward circumstances. We want things and situations and people to change, and then we feel sure that we will also change. But God cannot change the world around us until he has first changed the world within us. This is one time when we have to put ourselves first and our brother second.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: June 16, 1957

Theme: JOSEPH, A FAVORITE SON

Scripture: Genesis 37:3-8, 23-24, 28, 31-34

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Family tension can often be averted by family love.

INTRODUCTION: The sin of favoritism comes out again and again in these Old Testament lessons. One generation does not learn from the experiences of the former. Probably because we still have the sins of favoritism, pride and jealousy with us today among individuals, families, and nations, the tensions have become world-wide. Racial superiority, religious bigotry and social status breed unrest and often lead to war. As long as we have signs, "For Gentiles only", "Whites served only", "Asiatics not permitted to enter", we will continue to breed the seeds of hate. (See James 2:1-10).

The surprising thing is that God can still work so much good in the midst

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of so much evil. The protecting hand that we often put around those we love only brings them into greater danger. If it were not for the all-powerful and guiding hand of God, it would be impossible to bring order out of so much chaos. In spite of Jacob's favoritism, in spite of Joseph's tale-bearing, in spite of his brothers' murderous intentions, in spite of the bondage in Egypt, God continued to fulfill his promised blessings, even though they were often thwarted and postponed.

I. JOSEPH AND HIS FATHER. Gen. 37:1-3.

The first sign of a family squabble was revealed when the brothers of Joseph discovered that he "squealed" on them. Spying is always dangerous, whether it is done honestly or dishonestly. Jacob should have stopped this childish habit of tale-bearing instead of encouraging it by showing favoritism toward Joseph. At his age the father-son relationship should have been built upon a more mature basis.

II. JOSEPH AND HIS DREAMS. Gen. 37:4-10.

Asleep or awake, all of us have dreams, aspirations and ambitions. It is not always wise to share these with others, particularly if we tell them in a spirit of superiority. Often it is best to let the revelations of God unfold themselves. Joseph's brothers, as well as his father, were angry because of the audacious way in which he interpreted his dreams. These wonderful visions were given to Joseph, not because he would someday "lord" it over the other members of his family, but because he would minister to them.

III. JOSEPH AND HIS BRETHREN. Gen. 37:18-24.

There is no doubt that Joseph's brothers had some reasons which justified their anger and resentment. But when the heat of anger and intense resentment guide us in our actions, our reason is overpowered. So powerful were the emotions of jealousy and hate, that the brothers were barely restrained from murder. Yet the hand of God was evident in the way Joseph was snatched from death to a future life of service.

IV. JOSEPH AND HIS FATE. Gen. 37:25-28.

Perhaps it is not correct to use the word "fate" in this connection. Joseph indeed was powerless to choose his course; but God was powerful in guiding his course.

V. JOSEPH AND HIS MOURNING FATHER. Gen. 37:31-34.

Sin brings suffering. Whether we are innocent or guilty, or indirectly at fault, the consequences affect an ever widening circle. Often where love is greatest, sorrow is more intensified.



—Ewing Galloway Photo

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

The Emerald Necklace

By ELISE FRASER



A Christian mystery novel
laid in the exciting city of
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 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. He opens the box and discovers a valuable emerald necklace in it. In the meantime, Kathryn is kidnapped by two thugs and taken to a hide-out. Soon thereafter John Rowland falls into a trap by Sabra, the maid of Kathryn, and is turned over to these mysterious men at the hide-out. They force him to drive to San Francisco and to turn the jewels over to them. Back at the hide-out John Rowland suddenly leaps forward, grabs a gun from one of the thugs, fires it and shouts: "Hands up!"

CHAPTER ELEVEN

"HANDS UP," John ordered. Reluctantly, the men obeyed. "Get his gun," John commanded Kathryn, nodding toward the short fellow. "And get the necklace."

Kathryn worked swiftly. "Okay, now, unlock that door!" John commanded the tall fellow.

"You fool!" said the fellow, cursing John. But he followed instructions.

"There's a door straight across the basement opposite this," John told Kathryn, "and there's a car across the field. A sedan. Make a run for it."

Kathryn stepped through the door and John backed toward it. Then he heard a frightened gasp. Someone had grabbed Kathryn, knocking the gun from her hand. The grizzled old fellow who had let him into the house! He had forgotten him! John turned, giving the old fellow a knock on the chin, sending him staggering across the floor. Kathryn stooped for the gun.

But in that moment of turning the men leaped upon John and the three of them rolled in the dust of the basement. "Run for it," John shouted at Kathryn.

John fought desperately against the next thing he knew he was being carried. His arms and legs were tied. He felt the rain in his face and then he was thrown in the tonneau of a car. From the sound he knew it must be the sedan and that it was being pushed out of the mud on to the highway. He struggled with the ropes that bound him. Where was Kathryn?

The car went careening madly down the road, swaying from side to side. Suppose there was no one at the wheel? John's fears were somewhat allayed when a sharp turn was made in the road and the car proceeded more slowly. As far as he could judge they had been traveling south and now west. It was not long, however, until the sedan was brought to an abrupt stop.

Again John felt himself lifted and carried. Again he felt the rain in his face and heard shuffling steps behind as if another burden was being borne. Then there was no more rain and with a heavy thud John hit the ground.

The familiar voice said, "It's more than you deserve, John Rowland. We've kept our word. We have the necklace. You and the lady have your freedom. But one word to the police, and we won't be so kind next time."

With these words, John's tormentors departed and all he heard was the sound of rain, soft and gentle and the swish, swish of water.

John struggled to free himself. Minutes passed. The rain had stopped now and through an opening John

saw the moon sailing high on the clouds. He must be in a cave. With effort he rolled himself over. A few feet away lay Kathryn Lockwood wrapped in a heavy tweed coat. While she was not bound, she seemed as still as death.

At last John succeeded in freeing himself. He touched Kathryn's arm. Her breathing was deep and regular. She appeared to be sound asleep.

"Kathryn!" Receiving no response, John repeated her name, calling her several times. Then he shook her slightly. She did not respond in any way. It occurred to him then that she had been drugged. Time was precious. John realized that he must awaken her, must get her to a place of safety.

He looked about him. The entrance to the cave they were in was hidden behind a rock which stood some three or four feet away. As John stepped out the small opening the moonlight revealed that the beach was a little cove and that it was hidden from the road above by a cliff of sheer rock. He looked around wondering how they had been carried down. He realized that they could not have come down a bank such as the one which enclosed the little beach.

Lifting Kathryn, John carried her out to the beach. She stirred and murmured incoherently. Holding her securely, John tried to make her stand on her feet, to walk. "Kathryn," he called, repeating her name over and over.

At last his words seemed to reach her. She made an effort to walk but only a few steps and then she grew limp in his arms. She tried to open her eyes but they were heavy, drowsy with sleep.

After several attempts of this sort and permitting her to rest in the meantime, John at last succeeded in

bringing her to consciousness.

She looked at John and then her eyes swept the beach. "Where are we and what happened?" she demanded.

"Where we are, I can't say," John replied. "But we're free."

"The necklace?" Kathryn asked.

John shook his head. "They have it."

"Oh," Kathryn covered her face with her hands.

"Why didn't you make a break of it when you could?" John asked.

"And leave you?"

"What happened to you? I heard you cry out."

Kathryn shivered. "The old man got the gun away from me. I thought he was going to kill you. I—I don't remember what happened after that."

There were a hundred other questions John wanted to ask her. But instead he said, "We've got to get out of here. Let's see if we can find the road."

Passing around the end of the cove, John assisted Kathryn as they threaded in and out of great boulders. Finally they came upon a narrow grass road that led away from the beach. This, then, was the path down which they had been carried.

Coming up to the highway, Kathryn exclaimed, "This looks familiar. I believe we are near Half Moon Bay."

They did not have to walk far until they came to a garage and John phoned for a cab.

Briefly Kathryn told John how the bandits had kidnapped her. Together they tried to reconstruct the story. Kathryn was amazed to know that the house where they had been held captives was only about an hour's drive from San Francisco.

When the cab arrived, Kathryn gave John the address of her cousins in Monterey.

In the cab John said, "Tell me, Kathryn, were you harmed?"

"No," Kathryn replied, "they did not do me any actual injury. On the whole, I was treated fairly well. They tied me up before you came. I suppose it was all a part of their threat with the acid."

"Apparently," John said, "they wanted only the jewels."

When the taxi drew up before a brown wooden gate in a stone wall overgrown with ivy, Kathryn said, "My cousins will want to see you, John."

The door opened. A middle aged man with a bald head shouted, "Kathryn!"

But he was pushed aside by a short, plump woman who threw her arms around Kathryn and said, "Thank God, you're safe!"

"This is my friend, John Rowland, who rescued me," Kathryn said. Then, "Oh, Gerald, please pay the driver. We've been robbed of our money."

As Kathryn stepped across the hall, she swayed momentarily. Roxanne gave a little cry. Without a word

John picked Kathryn up in his arms and carried her to a chair in the living room.

Roxanne hovered over Katherine. "Kidnapped, too. You poor child! We found your car. The police . . ."

Kathryn closed her eyes. "Oh," she said wearily, "the police!"

"Now, now," said Roxanne. "These things must be handled by the police."

"Better make her some coffee," advised John, "she's had morphine."

Roxanne rushed out to the kitchen and in a short time returned with a tray of steaming cups. She placed the tray on a small table near Kathryn. As Kathryn reached out her hand to take a cup, she trembled so she was unable to hold the cup. Sitting on the arm of her chair, Roxanne held the cup for her to drink.

"I'm sorry to be such a weakling," Kathryn apologized.

"Weakling nothing!" John said.

"What time is it? I'll have to be getting back to San Francisco."

"No you don't," said Roxanne. "You stay here tonight."

"Yes," said Gerald, "don't think of returning tonight. We've plenty of room."

Roxanne looked at Gerald and he nodded. John heard him in the hallway, calling police headquarters, saying that Kathryn had been found.

"We'll want to hear all about it," Roxanne said, "but not tonight. You've got to have rest. You, too," turning to John.

She led John to a room in the front of the house. The room had its own bath and John gloried in a hot shower with plenty of soapy lather.

Then he knelt beside the old-fashioned walnut bed and thanked his Heavenly Father for their miraculous deliverance.

The cool freshness of the linen sheets soothed and calmed him and he was soon lost in sleep. As he slept he dreamed that he was sailing through the window, sailing on a seed pearl bag, a turban about his head. Beyond him, on a jewel case, rode Farningham, his arm about Kathryn. She smiled and beckoned to John, holding before his eyes a diamond-emerald necklace. But though John tried to reach her she was always just beyond his grasp.

When Adrienne opened the box with the ring, she knew there was only one thing for her to do and that was to return it to Bruce Farningham. The value of the ring was too great for her to accept it as a gift from him, even though, perhaps, the cost to him was trifling.

Although there was no message with the ring, Adrienne knew that Tom had not sent it. She knew him well enough to know that he would not consider it good taste to wear a ring of this sort. It might be well enough to have it as a curio, but Tom

was not wealthy enough to indulge in this type of collecting.

She was debating just how she should return the ring when her mother called her to the phone. It was Bruce Farningham. Adrienne mentioned receiving the ring and Farningham said eagerly, "Do you like it?"

"It is lovely. But, of course, I cannot accept it," Adrienne replied.

"Well, why not?" Farningham demanded.

"I just couldn't accept a gift of this value from you," Adrienne replied.

There was silence for a moment and then Farningham said, "I'd like it to mean something."

Adrienne hesitated. His words were ambiguous and she could draw what meaning she wished from them. Rather than probe too deeply, she said, "I'm sorry but I cannot accept the ring."

Farningham sputtered. "That's as old-fashioned as Noah's Ark."

"I'm as old-fashioned as Noah's Ark," Adrienne said complacently.

"Well," Farningham said, "if you won't accept the ring from me perhaps you'll accept my invitation to see an exhibit of oil paintings."

Again Adrienne hesitated. She would enjoy the exhibit, she was sure of that. But she didn't want to see too much of Farningham.

As if sensing her reason for hesitating, Farningham said, "Oh, there'll be others in the company. And, after all, I don't eat little girls."

Adrienne felt somewhat ashamed of her suspicious attitude. So far, Farningham had done nothing which should cause her to distrust him. Why then, did she have this feeling of uncertainty about him? Adrienne decided that it was because of his worldliness. He was not a Christian.

She was used to people who were, people who thought as she did about the issues of life. But Farningham had been kind to her. She was returning the ring he had given her. After all, it would not hurt her to accept his invitation to see the paintings . . . if her time was free when he wanted to go. So she said, "When do you plan to see the exhibit?"

"That depends on you," Farningham said.

Adrienne decided that she would prefer an afternoon engagement and said, "Would next Saturday afternoon be possible?"

"Monday afternoon would be better," Farningham said.

"I'm not sure I can afford the time," Adrienne replied doubtfully.

"You'll work better for it," Farningham promised.

"The temptation is great," Adrienne admitted. She had been working late in the evening and it would not hurt to take an afternoon off. Besides, an exhibit of paintings might be truly educational. Certainly, it would be interesting.

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Our Denomination in ACTION

Northern Conference

Hungarian Immigrants at Faith Church, Regina, Sask.

A unique and inspiring service was held on Sunday, April 7, at the Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Sask., in which two recent Baptist immigrants from Hungary took part. Two cello solos were rendered by Mr. Gedeon Hortalayni and then, with the aid of an interpreter, he gave a short talk outlining the part music plays in the church in Hungary.

Following this, Mr. Joseph Jakus gave his personal testimony, again with the aid of an interpreter, telling how he was forced to leave his wife and family in Hungary last October and flee to avoid imprisonment and possible death by the Communists. He told how during the past 13 years Christians were unable to worship in complete freedom in Hungary and how many of the brethren there were imprisoned because of their faith.

How thankful we became for the liberty and freedom we may enjoy in this country to worship so regularly. May we become more faithful in our responsibilities while we still enjoy this freedom!

Tillie Muller, Reporter

Northwestern Conference

Missionary Conference and Program, Steamboat Rock, Ia.

Rev. and Mrs. Kurt Marquardt of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, have announced the arrival of a daughter, Miriam Joy, joining the Marquardt household on March 22nd. On April 5 the ladies of the First Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock held a shower in honor of Mrs. Kurt Marquardt and infant Miriam Joy. They received many useful and practical gifts.

From March 31 through April 2 the Steamboat Rock church held its first Missionary Conference. We were richly blessed by messages from Rev. and Mrs. John Rhoades, Miss Florence Miller and Rev. Archie McKinney. The church had as its guests the choir of the Ozark Bible Institute, Ozark, Arkansas, recently. The choir presented a lovely musical program.

Miss Hemmen, Reporter

Baptismal Service at Pioneer Church, Pound, Wisconsin

Sunday, March 30, was a special day of rejoicing for the Pioneer Baptist Church, Pound, Wisconsin, when four candidates were baptized on confession of their faith in the Lord. One of the candidates was the pastor's little daughter, Judith, of our pastor, Rev. G. W. Blackburn. Two other Baptist churches in our area joined

with us that evening in a union service, one having two candidates and the other church one.

Rev. Eugene Eslinger of the Silver Cliff Baptist Church brought a very inspiring message to the audience. The choir of the Pioneer Church rendered a special number. Also a duet and solo from the other two churches were sung. Since then "God's Volunteers" have been in our midst, and we received great blessings in the Lord with Rev. Daniel Fuchs and the "Volunteers" who were with us beginning Palm Sunday.

Through the ministry of the Rev. G. W. Blackburn and family God has richly blessed us and we know he will continue to lead us on to new heights in the future.

Mrs. Emily Matrisch, Reporter

Dakota Conference

Spiritual Crusade and Leadership Class at Chancellor, S. Dak.

At the First Baptist Church, Chancellor, S. Dak., we expanded the idea of the "Week of Prayer" and held what we called a "Deeper Life Week." It was in the nature of a Bible Conference, with meetings each evening during the week of Jan. 6 to 13. Dr. Walter W. Wessel, professor of Bible and Evangelism at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, brought the inspiring messages from the Gospel of John.

Following this week, a full schedule of Cottage Prayer Meetings was worked out, with groups meeting in various homes almost every day for the next four weeks, as we prepared for our "Spiritual Crusade" evangelistic services. Rev. Robert F. Penner of our Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas, Oregon, was our speaker for this special week, Feb. 3-8. Brother Penner proclaimed the message of salvation in great power and simplicity, and we rejoiced to see two souls step out for Christ in these meetings.

A weekly Leadership Training Class was held from March 6 through April 3, with 19 persons enrolled from among our Sunday School teachers and officers. We studied the "Life of Christ," and enjoyed our all-too-brief sessions together!

Fred G. Moore, Pastor

God's Blessings on Grace Church, West Fargo, N. Dak.

Special meetings were held in the Grace Baptist Church, West Fargo, N. Dak., in February with Rev. John Grygo of Bismarck, N. Dak., as the evangelist. A male quartet made up of Rev. E. Oster of McClusky, Rev. G. Huisinga of Canistota, the local pastor, Rev. B. Fritzke, and Milton Hochhalter sang faithfully every night and added much to the joy and success of the services. Two boys were saved and the church was richly blessed.

The Sunday School observed Bible Day with a program on March 11. On March 24 we were greatly encouraged by a visit and message from Rev. R. Schilke and in the evening the young people of Corona, South Dakota, came to us with a program. They presented the play, "Blake's Decision". Our pastor, Mr. Fritzke, was away recently conducting revival services in Ellinwood, Kansas. In his absence Rev. G. W. Rutsch of Sacramento, California, supplied the pulpit.

Darleen Hochhalter, Reporter

Interim Pastor and Gospel Crusade at Streeter, N. Dak.

After having been without a pastor for four months, the Baptist Church of Streeter, N. Dak., welcomed Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Dalzell and their three lovely children of Thief River Falls, Minnesota, who are serving us as interim pastor and family. Previously Mr. Dalzell had been engaged in the evangelistic ministry both in Canada and U. S. A. He began his ministry here on January 6th. Recently a new Sunday School room has been added in the basement, the church platform was enlarged, a complete paint job in the interior was carried out and new tile laid on the floor.

During the first two weeks in March, we had a Gospel Crusade with Evangelist R. J. Dalzell of Winnipeg, Manitoba, father of Rev. Floyd Dalzell. Special music which increased the blessing and spirit of the meetings was furnished by the Dalzells. The meetings were well attended so that the last services were held in the City Hall with over 500 people in attendance. Our evangelist related his life story on the last Sunday afternoon.

Edwin M. Iszler,
Church Clerk

Eastern Conference

Baptismal Service at Temple Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

Palm Sunday, April 14, was a day of great rejoicing for the members of the Temple Baptist Church, (Buffalo) Cheektowaga, N. Y., for we were reminded of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem as we watched nine of our young folk triumphantly follow their Lord in believer's baptism. There wasn't a doubt in the minds of any who watched the service, that those young people knew exactly what they were doing, and why they were doing it! We surely praise and thank our wonderful God for their young lives.

We regret that we have no picture of these new members, but the names of those who were immersed follow: Pamela Beimler, Linda Dickson, Karen Hodgson, Carol Hoffman, Wayne

Boeck, Jerry Blatern, Michael Greulich, Carl Hoffman, and Robert Turnbull. Because, as yet, we have no baptistry in our own church, we more than appreciate the graciousness of our friends of the Masten Park Baptist Church for allowing us the use of their beautiful church and baptistry for this occasion.

Thirma M. Domberg, Reporter

Atlantic Conference

Ridgewood Baptist W. M. S. Celebrates Anniversary

On April 24 the Woman's Missionary Society of Ridgewood, N. Y., and their friends, including the Missionary Society of our sister church, Evergreen, enjoyed an inspiring evening, its 89th anniversary program. Rev. Paul Zoschke, pastor of the Evergreen Church, spoke about four important thoughts in the mind of man. Special music gave pleasure to the listeners when the Misses Esther and Naomi Wengel and Elizabeth Wurster sang a trio; Mrs. Hilmar Ross and Miss Elizabeth Wurster played a piano duet; and our choir rendered a message in song.

Mrs. Gus Beck, president of the Society, mentioned the loss of a deceased member and remarked that three of the members were over eighty. The two who were present received an orchid. A collection was taken after each person present was asked to put a penny for each year of his life into an individual birthday bag. Our pastor, Rev. Paul Wengel, congratulated the Society on its birthday and invited all present to remain for refreshments.

Marion von Ahnen, Reporter

Central Conference

Easter Season at Chicago's Old People's Home

Since Easter Sunday we of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Chicago, Ill., have heard the echoes that come afterward. It was a pleasant and fruitful season. Those within the Home were aware of the co-operation



Rev. Robert Schreiber (left, rear row), pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., and 31 persons whom he recently baptized on confession of their faith in Christ as Savior.

and love that flowed from without. Visitors, one after another, came from our churches to see for themselves the news that they had heard about the new Home. Denominational committee members visited and saw what God had wrought.

Clubs and Scout groups and churches in the community brought their candied Easter eggs and table decorations. But also the Good Friday service and the Sunday services reminded us of a dying but also risen Savior who must live within. These and many other things have reminded us that love has not ceased to do its bit of service in the Name of the blessed and risen Savior.

M. Vanderbeck, Superintendent

Pacific Conference

46 New Members Received, Temple Church, Lodi, Calif.

On Sunday, March 27, the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., rejoiced as 31 persons witnessed to their saving faith in Jesus Christ by following

him in baptism. At a communion service on April 7 these and 15 others were welcomed into the fellowship of the church by the pastor, Rev. Robert Schreiber. Among those who were welcomed was a man who is a member of the City Council and who had served one term as mayor of our city.

Most of these decisions were made during a series of meetings conducted by Dr. Harry McCormick Lintz from Feb. 3-10. It was not only our joy to see souls saved, but the entire church felt the spirit of revival. The evangelist's invitation to an altar service after each meeting was a new and refreshing experience for many Christians. Our song leader for these meetings, Bill MacDougall, added much to the spiritual tone by his gracious personality, his singing, and his directing of the evangelistic choir. We believe that ultimately 50 to 60 decisions will be directly attributed to these meetings.

Attendance and interest at our services are increasing rapidly. In just one year since we began using our new sanctuary 91 persons have been received into our fellowship.

Robert Schreiber, Pastor



Officers, board members and friends of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Chicago, Ill., who participated in the Dedication Program on Feb. 19 for the guests in the Home. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, program speaker, is fifth from the right (front row) and Dr. M. Vanderbeck, superintendent, is seated at his left.

Bethel Men's Brotherhood in Action, Anaheim, Calif.

The Men's Brotherhood of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., has been reorganized and is off to a good start. On March 8th 108 men gathered for a fine dinner in the church dining room to enjoy a pot-luck dinner arranged by the men themselves.

Here is a new idea in dinner management. A Steering Committee of 18 men meets to plan the evening, including menu, program, etc. The meat and potatoes are bought and prepared by some of the committee wives. The rest of the dinner is divided by quantity among the men and brought to the church ready to serve. The men of the Steering Committee set up the tables, come in early to prepare the food, serve the dinner and do the cleaning afterward. This relieves the women of the church in the big task of a monthly banquet.

The speaker for the March meeting was Bob Davenport, famous UCLA football star. In April the speaker was Rev. C. A. Sawtell, speaking on the subject, "On Being Men".

B. Jacksteit, Pastor

Oregon "Baptist Men" Hold First Annual Retreat

The first annual Men's Retreat sponsored by the "Baptist Men" of Oregon was held at Camp Tapawingo near Falls City, Oregon, on April 12 and 13. The retreat began on Friday evening with a turkey dinner. After introductions by each of the men present, Rev. Everett Barker of the Bethel Church, Salem, gave a challenging message on "Opportunities in the Spiritual Life." The Saturday morning program included two very excellent messages by Rev. J. R. Turnbull on "Opportunities in the Church" and "Opportunities in Reaching Other Men". Mr. Victor Loewen of the Trinity Church, Portland, presented boys' work as conducted through the Christian Service

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Christians, but we have heard encouraging reports from neighboring church teachers, saying some of these women are attending their inquirer's classes, after hearing the Good News daily here.

Our prayer is that God will use his Word according to his promise in Isa'ah 55:11—"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

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thrown at me. I felt as if my heart were broken. Some laughed at my decision and determination but I could not change my mind. Up to this time, my purpose in life had been to grad-

Brigade. A tour of the camp grounds was conducted by Mr. Earl Marks.

After dinner at noon, there was a time for relaxation. Then Mr. Vernon Catts, Conservative Baptist layman of Oregon, conducted a devotional talk and made suggestions for men's work. Fifty-six men registered for the retreat besides ten boys of the Trinity Church representing the Christian Service Brigade. The retreat was most spiritual in nature and challenged the men to lead a more devoted and consecrated life for Christ.

Albert W. Wardin, Reporter

Reception for Rev. I. Faszer at Bethany, Vancouver, B. C.

On April 7th the Bethany Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C., had the joy of welcoming its new pastor, Rev. I. Faszer, and his family. At the morning worship service our pastor brought his first message based on I Cor. 2:1-5.

The official reception took place in the evening. Mr. A. Hass, our senior deacon, spoke warm words of welcome on behalf of the church. He was followed by Rev. A. Kraemer of Kelowna, and Rev. J. Thiessen of Vancouver, who served the church as interim ministers. Dr. A. Felberg and Rev. G. Gebauer of Vancouver brought the greetings of our neighboring churches. The singing of our choirs, a quartet, and solo, as well as the selections from the orchestra helped to express our welcome and joy.

On April 10th an informal reception was held in the church parlor, when the various branches and organizations of the church brought their greetings. We had an opportunity to become better acquainted with our pastor and Mrs. Faszer. Our hearts are filled with praise to God, who so graciously watched over us and guided us during the long period when we were without a pastor, and who has now answered our prayers for a shepherd to lead this church.

R. Hiller, Reporter

uate from school, get a good job, climb to a high position and receive a high salary. Now my purpose in life has changed. In my own strength and knowledge I cannot walk this road but I have recognized the help I have received from God.

In Japan, if you have graduated from a university, you can get a good job with relatively high salary a short time after graduation. But what is the purpose of life? Before I became a Christian, I thought it was found in material possessions, but now I realize how wrong that idea is.

God has had pity on me, as I hungered in heart and spirit but always thought about earthly things, and he has guided me to his salvation. I am thankful for God's gift of salvation through which I have received a firm belief in his existence, and the assurance of his Presence with me. Through the peace and joy of Jesus Christ, I can live a victorious life.

Paul in his letter to the Colossians

Obituary

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

MRS. PAULINE SEIDEL of Billings, Montana.

Mrs. Pauline Seidel, nee Zeeb, of Billings, Montana, was born in South Russia August 15, 1893. She emigrated to the United States in 1906 with her parents, settling in Streeter, N. Dak. She accepted Christ as her Savior in 1911, and after baptism she joined the Streeter Baptist Church.

In 1913 she was united in marriage to Carl Seidel, and God blessed this marriage with six children: 3 daughters—Mrs. Rueben Zimmerman, Mrs. Robert Amala, both of Billings, and Florence, who preceded her mother in death; 3 sons—Ray of Huntley, Mont., Elmer of Aberdeen, S. Dak., and John of Portland, Oregon.

After two years of failing health, she passed away April 7, 1957, at the age of 63 years and 8 months. Those who mourn her departure, are her loving husband and five children; her father, Christian Zeeb of Streeter, N. Dak., 4 sisters, 4 brothers, 2 half-sisters, 13 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Mr. and Mrs. Seidel moved to Billings in 1950, where they joined the Calvary Baptist Church.

Calvary Baptist Church,
Billings, Montana

WESLEY A. GERBER, Pastor.

DAVID BUTTREY of Regina, Saskatchewan.

David Hugh Douglas of Regina, Sask., son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Buttrey, passed away suddenly on Thursday, April 4, 1957, at the age of two years, nine months and 11 days.

The funeral service was conducted at the home of the parents on Saturday morning, April 6. Mr. Alvin Peter, the Sunday School superintendent, and Miss Irene Fenske, David's Sunday School teacher, sang the duet entitled, "Where the Roses Never Fade," and the superintendent also sang the hymn, "Does Jesus Care?" The pastor brought words of comfort in a short message based on I Thess. 4:13-18. May the Lord's comfort rest upon the bereaved!

Faith Baptist Church,
Regina, Saskatchewan

RICHARD E. GRABKE, Pastor.

MRS. ELSIE HEINE of Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. Elsie Heine of Philadelphia, Pa., departed to be with her Lord March 9, 1957. She was born in Lodz, Poland, on January 10, 1896, as the youngest daughter of the "Kachelmacher" Adolf Richter. At the age of 12, she accepted Christ as Savior, was baptized by Rev. Gutsche, and received into the membership of the Nowrott Street Baptist Church. In 1912 she came with her sister Ida to Philadelphia, Pa., where she joined the Pilgrim Baptist Church. Here she served her Lord with quiet faithfulness. On March 27, 1915 she married Mr. Julius Heine, with whom she walked life's pathway for almost 42 years.

says, "... that you may be filled with knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, to lead a life worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Col. 1:9b-10). This is my desire. Working in Ise nearer to God because I am living by faith.

I feel led of God to work in evangelism, dedicating my life fully to him. In God I have found life, peace and joy for which I am very grateful.

Her homegoing is mourned by her husband, Julius; four children: two sons, William and Arthur; two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Tongue and Mrs. Dora Gray, ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. At the memorial service her pastor brought the message of comfort based on I John 5:11-12. Her nephew, Mr. Adolf Yeske, assistant superintendent of a local Mission, also participated.

Pilgrim Baptist Church,
Philadelphia, Pa.

WILLIAM C. DAMRAU, Pastor.

MRS. ANNA LOBE of Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. Anna Lobe, nee Auch, of Philadelphia, Pa., was born Feb. 7, 1874 in Philadelphia, and went home to be with her Lord April 9, 1957, aged 83 years. Rev. John Linker baptized her upon confession of her faith in 1888 and she was received into the membership of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, where she remained a faithful member until the end.

Her homegoing is mourned by her children: Mrs. Lydia Marten of Glenside, Pa., and a son Otto Lobe, of Philadelphia, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Also a sister, Miss Laura Auch, who so lovingly cared for her until the very last, and one brother, Harry Auch, of Philadelphia, Pa., besides her many friends in the Home for the Aged where she made her home since 1946.

In 1909 she was joined in marriage to Mr. William Lobe. This happy union was broken by the death of her husband in 1953. Her pastor's message was from John 11:25-26. May the Lord comfort those who mourn her passing.

Pilgrim Baptist Church,
Philadelphia, Pa.

WALTER C. DAMRAU, Pastor.

MRS. MINNIE HEIN of Kinburn, Ontario.

Mrs. Minnie Hein, nee Kuehl, of Kinburn, Ontario, was born in Wilberforce Township April 24, 1870. She was a member of the Lyndock Baptist Church until the decease of her husband in 1946. She then established residence with her son, and uniting with the First Baptist Church of Arnprior. She was united in marriage with August Hein, May 24, 1890. This union was blessed with 12 children, four dying in infancy. Mrs. Hein passed away April 15, 1957, at home, after suffering a stroke about a week before. She reached the age of almost 87 years.

She leaves to mourn her departure 7 daughters: Mrs. John Beckett, Eganville; Mrs. Harry Paul, Toffield, Alta.; Mrs. Louis Felhaber, Killaloe; Mrs. Ernest Weber and Mrs. John Weber, Delisle, Sask.; Mrs. John Kauffeldt, Letterkenney; Mrs. Ellis Carney, Metcalf; one son: Joseph; 42 grandchildren and 62 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at Arnprior with interment in the Lyndock Baptist Cemetery. The funeral message, "Faithful Unto Death," was a sincere tribute to our departed sister.

Arnprior, Ontario

WALTER SCHMIDT, Pastor.

MRS. MARGARET APPELDORN of Brooklyn, New York.

God's call to Mrs. Margaret Appeldorn of Brooklyn, N. Y., came rather suddenly on Saturday, March 30, 1957. Illness beyond the doctor's ability to stem struck her the morning before, and one could see her physical life ebb away. Mrs. Appeldorn was born in Brooklyn on October 2, 1912. As a young girl she experienced a saving faith in Christ and was baptized into the Bushwick Ave. Baptist Church.

She was married to Mr. William Appeldorn in 1936. Their union was blessed with two sons, Paul and Clifford. Besides her home Mrs. Appeldorn had made the church an element of her life. She had served her Lord at the console of the organ in her church and as a member of two choirs and a trio, and had been teacher and secretary in the Church School. Since coming to Evergreen Church about ten years ago, she availed herself here also of every opportunity to serve her Lord with her consecrated talents. May God bless her survivors, her husband and sons.

Evergreen Baptist Church,
Brooklyn, New York

PAUL F. ZOSCHKE, Pastor.

MISS ETTA MARTHA BLEEKER of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Miss Etta Martha Bleeker of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., daughter of Agge and Annie Bleeker, was born April 15, 1895 near Chancellor, S. Dak. She passed away Jan. 15, 1957 while staying with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Haagen in Houston, Texas. Mrs. Haagen is a sister to the departed. Miss Bleeker had been converted in the early days of her youth and was baptized in 1912 by Rev. C. Swyter and became a member of the First Baptist Church at Chancellor, S. Dak. After moving to Sioux Falls in 1940 she united with the Central Baptist Church and remained a faithful member there until her dying day.

Survivors include the following: Mrs. Winnifred H. Bleeker, Mrs. Lawrence Haagen, Miss Lizzie A. Bleeker, all of Houston, Texas; Mrs. Herman Burfeindt of Chancellor, S. Dak.; and one brother, Hiram T. Bleeker of George, Iowa. Funeral services were held in the Drawing Room of Settegast with Dr. P. C. James, pastor of the Baracha Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in the Forest Park Cemetery. We pray for God's comfort and sustaining grace for all the bereaved.

Central Baptist Church,
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Mrs. H. D. Burfeindt, Correspondent.

MR. HENRY F. WILLECKE of Salem, Oregon.

Mr. Henry Willecke of Salem, Oregon, was born May 1, 1877 in Gebhardshagen, Germany. Henry Willecke and Elizabeth Ahrens were united in marriage in 1901, and in 1903 the young couple came to the United States and settled in Trenton, Illinois. In 1913 they homesteaded in Idaho and in 1920 settled permanently in Salem, Oregon. Henry Willecke was converted as a young boy in Germany and was baptized shortly thereafter. He served the Lord faithfully in the Bethel Baptist Church as treasurer, trustee and deacon. The church made him an honorary deacon in 1947.

The union of Elizabeth and Henry Willecke was blessed with three children: Henry Arthur, Lydia Schirman and Walter. There are three grandchildren: Daryl Willecke, Roland Schirman and Rev. Waldo Willecke. He was preceded in death by his wife in 1942. His homegoing came after a brief illness on April 17th at the age of 79. In lieu of flowers, friends gave toward a memorial fund designated for a Bible School in the Cameroons, Africa, since that field was close to the heart of our brother.

Bethel Baptist Church,
Salem, Oregon

EVERETT A. BARKER, Pastor.

MR. JOHN A. ZURN of Erie, Pennsylvania.

A home, a family, a community, a denomination, and a church were saddened at the news that Mr. John A. Zurn of Erie, Pa., had taken leave of his earthly tabernacle to enter that home not made with hands on April 4, 1957, at St. Petersburg, Florida, at the age of 82 years.

Mr. Zurn was a successful industrialist, but his success never weaned him away from his church and his God. He was an active member of the Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa., for 71 years. He served on a number of denominational boards and was for many years a member of the board of trustees of our Seminary. Mr. Zurn served as president of the board of the Erie City Mission and was on the advisory board of the Salvation Army and on the board of directors of the YMCA. He was also the founder of the Open Bible Tabernacle (Polish Baptist Church) in Erie. For many years he served as trustee and deacon in his church and was superintendent of the Sunday School for 25 years and church organist for 35 years.

Mr. Zurn had three chief interests—his business, his home, and his church. He was successful in each one of these areas. Many people, known and unknown, were the recipients of Mr. Zurn's generosity and many Christian organizations were fostered by his interest in the advancement of the cause of Christ.

Central Baptist Church,
Erie, Penna.

PETER PFEIFFER, Pastor.

MR. EDWARD R. SCHROEDER of Lorraine, Kansas.

Mr. Edward R. Schroeder of Lorraine, Kansas was born in Schweslin, Pomerania, Germany, on April 17, 1869 and died in Ellsworth, Kansas, on April 10, 1957, one week prior to his 88th birthday. He and his brother, the late Rev. Otto R. Schroeder, emigrated to America in 1882 as lads and settled in the Lorraine, Kansas, community. He accepted Christ as a youth of 15 years. He was baptized and received into the membership of the First Baptist Church of Lorraine by the Rev. John Janssen on January 18, 1885. Mr. Schroeder's 72-year membership covered all but seven years of the church's history. He worshipped in its three buildings and knew all 13 pastors.

In 1894 he married Anna Groth, who passed away in 1904. Five children were born to this union. In 1906 he married Emma Janssen, who passed away on May 27, 1950. To this union three children were born. Surviving are 2 sons, 3 daughters, 17 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held on April 13, 1957 at Lorraine. Mr. Walter Schmidt assisted in the service, and his pastor spoke on "And there was no more sea" (Rev. 21:1). Burial was in the Lorraine Baptist Cemetery.

Lorraine, Kansas

HAROLD W. GIESEKE, Pastor.

MRS. ROSINA SINGER of Turtle Lake, North Dakota.

Mrs. Rosina Singer, nee Bauer, of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., was born March 22, 1888 and passed to her eternal reward on Monday morning, April 1st, at the age of 69 years and 9 days. She suffered a heavy stroke on Sunday morning. She had been more or less seriously ill some time before this. In Kahrlick, South Russia, she grew to womanhood and was united in marriage to Adolph Singer at Freidendahl, South Russia, May 20, 1909. The young couple emigrated to this country, and in 1914 settled in the Mercer, N. Dak., area and in 1924 moved to a farm south of Turtle Lake. In 1950 they retired in the city of Turtle Lake.

The loved ones who remain are the following: her bereaved husband; 7 children: Amelia, Mrs. Arthur Gruenich, Underwood; Arthur, Oregon City, Oregon; Elsie, Mrs. Gottlieb Bauer, Washburn; Lorraine, Mrs. Lorraine Swanson, Underwood; Ruth, Mrs. George Gordon, Arlington, Texas; Walter of Turtle Lake; and Wilbert of Washburn, North Dakota.

Mrs. Singer was baptized, July 15, 1915 by Rev. G. Freigang and received into the membership of the Bethel Baptist Church, then located south of Turtle Lake. She remained faithful to her Lord and church and served him for many years.

Turtle Lake, North Dakota

H. SCHAUER, Pastor.

MR. KARL A. BERTSCH of Venturia, North Dakota.

Mr. Karl A. Bertsch of Venturia, N. Dak., was born Feb. 6, 1886, in Johannestal, South Russia. Soon thereafter the family came to Parkston, S. Dak., and in 1888 the family homesteaded in McPherson County. On Nov. 22, 1909 he was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Pleines of Venturia. Five children were born to this union. For more than 48 years they had a happy Christian family life.

During a siege of illness he received Christ as his Savior. In 1908 he was baptized by Rev. George Burgdorf and united with the Venturia Baptist Church. He remained faithful and sincere in his Christian life. As Sunday School superintendent and teacher, church trustee, and in later years as deacon he served in humility and with sound sense of sacredness of the elected office. About 10 months ago an illness made itself known, the severity of which increased and finally causing his death in his home on April 15 at the age of 71 years.

He leaves to mourn his widow and the following five children: Adolph, Martha (Mrs. Ed Shauer), Edwin, and Reinhold of Ashley, N. Dak., and Herbert of Cavalier, N. Dak.; also 12 grandchildren.

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IMPORTANCE OF PENTECOST

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the heritage of every child of God. Not only were the 120 disciples of that day filled with ecstatic joy, but they were given a message for the whole Jewish people and for the whole world.

They were given the Gospel that the death and resurrection of Jesus and the coming of the Holy Spirit made it possible that "whosoever should call on the name of the Lord should be saved." It meant that those who repented of a wrong attitude toward the Son of God, and were baptized in his name should "receive the gift of the Spirit," without which gift there is no possibility of living the Christian life.

THE SPIRIT'S PRESENCE

We do not mean that each one is to experience what happened on the day of Pentecost, but it does signify that insofar as our lives are yielded to the Lord, the Holy Spirit will enter our hearts and enable us to live the life that expresses the Son of God afresh. The Holy Spirit is the spirit of prayer. We come to God through him.

It is he who makes the Lord real to us. It is he who gives us an understanding of the Scriptures. He bears in our lives the fruit of "love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness and self-control." (ASV) To have these is to live the Christian life. The bodies of believers become, as Paul tells us, "the temples of the Holy Spirit."

It is well, when the matter is made so plain, that people who are born again will seek to receive the Holy Spirit for his work of sanctification, as definitely as they received the Lord

CHILDREN'S DAY SUNDAY, JUNE 9

Children's Day programs, which can also be used as church bulletin inserts, have been sent to all churches for distribution on Sunday, June 9. The Children's Day Offerings are designated for the Chapel Building Fund of the denomination.

Jesus as their justifier Dr. R. A. Torrey once told that when he was a pastor in Minneapolis he came to see that a preacher could truly preach **only** when filled with the Spirit.

In his definite way Dr. Torrey related how he told the Lord that he would never enter the pulpit again until he had received the Holy Spirit. He meant it, and did not know whether he would ever preach again. But a week of searching the Scriptures revealed to him that all he had to do was to receive the Spirit for his work, as he had taken Christ for his.

A Methodist preacher who is a friend of mine read one day where Paul said to some who had been baptized by John, "Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed," and they confessed that they had not even "heard whether there be any Holy Ghost." Then the word came to my friend, "Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed." He answered to himself, "Yea, I have had the blessing of the Holy Spirit." Again the question came and he answered it the same way.

But, with the third question persisting, he had to say that he had never

accepted the Holy Spirit for his work as he had accepted Jesus for his. He gave a day to study of the Scriptures, fasting that day, to see what it all meant. At the end he saw that he was to take the Holy Spirit for his guide, moral power and spiritual blessing. He did so, but as he knelt to pray, the Spirit laid his finger on one thing after another that he did not like.

My friend yielded until the Spirit said, "Now you have an ambition to be a lecturer, like Bishop Fowler. I want you only to be a preacher. Are you willing to give up that ambition." This caused a struggle, but at last he yielded. Peace came and marked blessing, which had been absent before, followed in his ministry.

THE CHURCH'S BIRTHDAY

Is it not time that pastors should deal with Pentecost, as they do with Christmas and the events of Passion Week? The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of power. Is there any evidence of our needing that? Think of the evangelism that followed Pentecost. Think also of the lack of spiritual power which is so marked today in more ways than we can mention. Let us study anew, and emphasize anew, the birthday of the church, the second birthday of our Lord, when he was born into the bodies of all true believers to be living there for their sanctification.

Pentecost comes this year on Sunday, June 9. Let us not be hindered from emphasizing its meaning by the extravagances of some groups of Christians in regard to the Holy Spirit, but let us give to Pentecost the place that the Scriptures gives it. In this way we will allow the Holy Spirit the place he should have.

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