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● In lieu of coffee breaks, more than 50 health department employees in Pueblo, Colo., have elected to hold twice monthly 30-minute discussions with ministers of the different churches. The ministers will give a short presentation and then discuss with employees various problems affecting them or the community.

● His Imperial Majesty, Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, formally dedicated the new Ethiopian Evangelical College in Debre Zeit, near the capital city of Addis Ababa, last month. The college, which will accommodate 200 students, is the only church-sponsored secondary school in the country. The college will be operated jointly by three Lutheran missions in Ethiopia. It was paid for from funds given by the Lutheran World Federation.

● "Sunday School by Mail" program was launched by The Methodist Church on October 1, its General Board of Education announced. Methodist church-school curriculum materials will be sent free to families who enroll in the program, called "Church School at Home." Dr. Edward D. Staples, director of the board's Department of Christian Family, said the program will be directed especially to isolated families in the United States.—The Watchman-Examiner.

● Some 25,000,000 one-dollar bills bearing the motto "In God We Trust" were put in circulation by the U.S. Treasury Department. They are the first American paper currency to bear the motto which has appeared on U.S. coins since 1864. Bills of higher denominations containing the motto will be printed as additional presses of a new type are installed. It will be several years before the new currency is in full circulation.

● Donn Moomaw, former All-American linebacker for University of California, Los Angeles, has taken over his new post as Minister for New Life at the First Presbyterian Church, Berkeley, California. He was graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in June. Moomaw was converted through the Campus Crusade for Christ during his senior year at U.C.L.A. and gave up opportunities to play professional football in order to attend the seminary and enter the ministry.

● Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship is planning to hold its fifth triennial international missionary convention at the University of Illinois, December 27-31. General Secretary C. Stacey Woods says IVCF is praying for 2,500 students from the United States, Can-

ada and overseas to attend. Missionary leaders from more than 60 boards also will take part. Many former Inter-Varsity students, now on the foreign field, trace their call to missionary service to previous conventions, the first of which was held at Toronto and the others since then at Urbana, Ill.

● "77 a Minute" will be the theme for the annual Dollar Day, to be observed by the Christ's Ambassadors, the youth division of the Assemblies of God. Dollar Day is a feature of the young people's Speed-the-Light campaign to "motorize the missionary." In the past 12 years the young people have raised over \$2,268,000 to buy airplanes, motorcycles, station wagons, jeeps, trucks, motor boats and other equipment to speed up the work of foreign missionaries. The goal this year is to exceed last year's total of \$368,666. The theme "77 a Minute" emphasizes the rapid rate at which men and women are dying throughout the world

without benefit of the gospel light.

● The year 1957 marks the 75th anniversary of the evangelical movement in Guatemala. The Presbyterian Church was the first Protestant organization to begin work there: this was in 1882. Justo Rufino Barrios was the first pastor in this congregation. It is considered a conservative estimate that there are 100,000 evangelicals in Guatemala today. Large and small chapels dot the capital city; yet there are vast expanses of mountains and valleys, heavily populated, still untouched by the Gospel. When the 75th anniversary was celebrated between 5,000 and 6,000 people attended evening services in the capital's open-air stadium.—Evangelical Christian.

● Permission to construct and operate a Missionary radio station on the Caribbean Island of Aruba has been

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Baptist Briefs

● **Royal Ambassadors Congress.** Officials of the Southern Baptist Convention have announced that the Royal Ambassador Congress will meet in August, 1958, at Fort Worth, Texas, and an attendance goal of over 8,000 has been set. FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and movie star Roy Rogers have been invited to speak to the Congress of Southern Baptist boys.

● **Baptist Seminary Dean.** Dr. Robert G. Torbet, of New York City, has been appointed dean of Central Sem-

nary, Kansas City, Kansas, and professor of Church History according to an announcement made recently by President Paul T. Losh. Dr. Torbet will begin his duties at Central August 1, 1958. The Seminary will have the advantage of his counsel and advice in curriculum planning and in faculty relations until he arrives in Kansas City next year.—Watchman-Examiner.

● **Baptist Sunday Schools in Texas.** A campaign to increase Sunday School enrollment by 100,000 during 1958 was announced by an official of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Andrew Q. Allen, Sunday School secretary, said the number would represent a ten per cent rise over the 1,100,000 now enrolled in the Convention's more than 3,750 churches. He added the Texas goal is one-third of the 300,000 increase being sought in 1958 by the Southern Baptist Convention. During the last 10 years Sunday School enrollment in the state has increased an average of 45,000 a year.

● **Baptist Relief Totals.** Approximately 20,000 people have been assisted by the Relief Committee of the Baptist World Alliance since 1947, Dr. R. Paul Caudill, of Memphis, Tenn., committee chairman, reported to the BWA Executive Committee. Among most recent recipients of Baptist aid were some 6,000 refugees from Hun-

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FRONT COVER

The front cover picture shows Rev. and Mrs. Fred Moore, missionaries bound for Japan (left to right): Rev. Gilbert Schneider, Cameroons missionary at the New Hope Settlement in Africa; and Rev. and Mrs. David Keiry, missionaries to the Spanish-Americans in Colorado.

Read the article about the Moores on pages 6 and 7 of this issue. Our North American Baptist missionaries now total 71. The front cover picture was taken during the Pastors' Conference in the First Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., by Prof. Roy W. Seibel.

Editorial



YOUR TICKET TO HAPPINESS

HERE'S YOUR TICKET to happiness for only \$1.00! Secure your copy of the denominational "1958 Annual" from your pastor or publication agent. It will be ready for distribution early in December. It promises to be more fascinating and colorful than any of the 12 previous volumes. It's bound to please you and to take you on some grand reading adventures!

The "1958 Annual" is a PACKAGE OF SURPRISES. What would you consider to be the "Seven Wonders of God's World"? The editor presents the pictures and brief story of the seven most wondrous places he has seen or would like to see. Compare notes with him. Do you realize that 1958 will mark the 20th anniversary of Laura Reddig's missionary ministry in Africa? The feature article is her own life story as our Cameroons missionary as she reviews the changes and progress on the mission fields during these two epoch-making decades. What three churches of ours will celebrate their Centenary Jubilee in 1958? Read the "Annual" and see!

The 1958 Annual can be called GUIDEPOSTS TO INSPIRATION. Your life will be enriched by Professor Walter Wessel's fine article on "The Christian Athlete." You will not want to miss the latest account about the 1958 General Conference in Edmonton. You will be fascinated by the story of "The Chapel in the Trees." The editorial is an inspirational word on the Christian's appreciation—"Say It With Flowers."

The "1958 Annual" is a unique ENCYCLOPEDIA OF INFORMATION. The biographical sketches of all our pastors appear in this volume, and for the first time in ten years the years of their birth are given. This was done at the request of the General Council. This complete data about our ministers will be invaluable information. Don't miss it.

The "1958 Annual" presents marvelous MISSIONARY MEMENTOES. Besides Miss Reddig's Cameroons' article, there is a thrilling account about the city of Kyoto, Japan, and our mission there with remarkable pictures contributed by Rev. Edwin Kern, our Japan missionary. Next year will mark the 300th anniversary of John Eliot's work of translating the Bible into the Indian language. This is also the first printed Bible in America. Read this missionary article about this remarkable man, John Eliot.

Little is known thus far about the life story of Raymond Castro, our Spanish-American missionary in Texas. This is the most thrilling adventure story for Christ that has ever appeared in our publications. His autobiography appears with many pictures in the "Annual."

The "1958 Annual" also presents COLORFUL TRAVELOGUES to Switzerland and to Rome, the Eternal City. Your copy will be your ticket to these wonderful places. It brings several SHELVES OF POETRY which you will want to quote over and over again. It is a veritable ALBUM OF PICTURES with more than a hundred and fifty fascinating illustrations appearing in its 64 pages.

Remember, your copy of the 1958 Annual only costs \$1.00. Be sure to reserve or secure your copy. Ask your pastor about them. Only 4,000 copies of the "1958 Annual" have been printed. When these are sold, there'll be no more! Believe our word, this is your personal ticket to one of the most wonderful reading adventures you will ever enjoy!

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This Is Our Finest Hour!

A Sermon to Remember — By Rev. William Acton
Harbor Trinity Baptist Church, Costa Mesa, California

DURING WORLD WAR II, the Allied forces resisted the onslaught of the enemy on the coast of Normandy. The blood and sweat and tears and prayers of the Allied people had combined to turn back the tide of enemy troops. On that occasion, Sir Winston Churchill proclaimed to the Allied world, "This is our finest hour!"

There are many experiences in life that bring about our finest hour. The student, after years of study and hard work, enjoys the finest hour at the satisfactory completion of the course. The farmer, after hours of hard and tedious labor, enjoys the finest hour at the time of harvest, when the wagon loads of grain are being rolled into the barn. The builder, after a time of planning and construction, enjoys the finest hour upon completion of the finished structure. However wonderful these experiences may be, they become as nothing when compared to God's finest hour for the whole world.

OUR SALVATION IN CHRIST

Before creation, God had planned for the world's finest hour—the moment in history when the only begotten Son of God would give his life as a means of bringing salvation to a world lost in sin. And when, by personal faith in the sacrifice of Christ, we realize that our salvation is complete in him, we are ready to shout to the world, "This is our finest hour."

In the marvelous plan of God for the believer in Christ, the finest hour becomes a continuing experience. On the night before his death, our Lord Jesus Christ instituted a memorial feast, whereby believers of every generation might keep alive the glowing



Rev. William Acton, pastor of the Harbor Trinity Baptist Church, Costa Mesa, Calif.

experience of saving faith. In meeting together around the Lord's table in the communion service, we have opportunity continually to refresh and to nourish our faith. At the request of our Savior, we gather in loving fellowship in his memory and, as we do so, we witness to the world that "this is our finest hour."

I. WHAT WE REMEMBER AT COMMUNION

The communion service is our finest

hour because of what we remember. We do not gather in communion to mourn at the tomb; rather we are together in glorious fellowship, in that we meet the living Christ at his table. He is the host; we are his guests. He presides. The symbols of the broken bread and the wine in the cup remind us of our Savior's broken body and of his blood poured out in giving himself in death for us.

When we receive the bread and wine, we remember Christ! We remember the love of God in Christ, the suffering of Christ, the sufficiency of the one sacrifice, the promise that every repentant believing heart will be welcomed, pardoned, and cleansed.

The wine in the cup is the continuing symbol of the covenant which God made with every believer. We might say that the wine in the cup is God's signature on the covenant or contract of salvation. When we receive the wine in faith, we remember that covenant that we have an eternal promise and pledge of God's love for us.

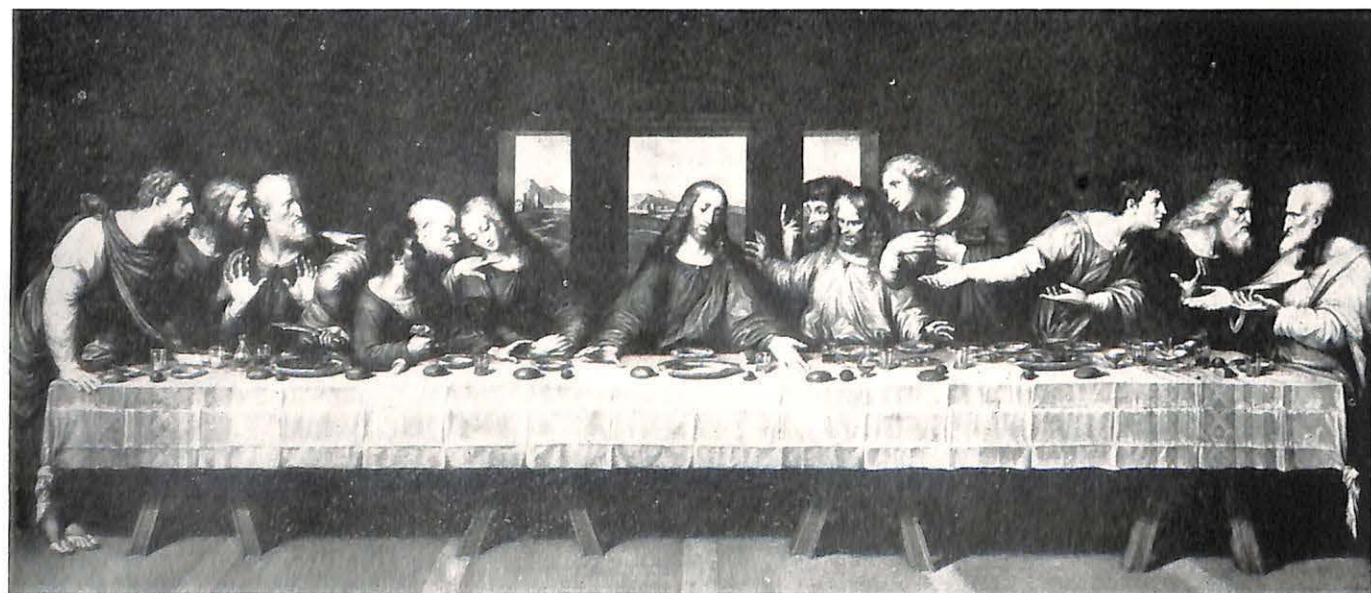
Therefore, because of *what we remember* at communion, we say, "This is our finest hour."

II. WHAT WE DO AT COMMUNION

When Christ instituted the Communion service, he ate the bread and drank from the cup. Speaking to the disciples, he said, "This do in remembrance of me."

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians concerning the observance of communion. He stated, "As often as ye do this, ye show forth the Lord's death." *What we do* at communion becomes our greatest sermon, our

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Gospel Harvests in Colorado

Difficulties and Victories in Missionary Work Among the Spanish-Americans of Colorado
As Reported by Miss Helen Lohse, Missionary

SEPTEMBER and October are months of potato harvesting in the San Luis Valley of Colorado. The seed has been sown, the fields watered and now our Spanish folk spend their days in the fields as they help harvest these potatoes. Picking potatoes is not an easy task. I know, for I tried it. But even before the potatoes are picked, difficulties are encountered, especially if our Valley has had insufficient moisture. Farmers must be in the fields 24 hours of the day changing water in the irrigation ditches surrounding their fields.

HINDRANCES TO THE GOSPEL

At this time of year as we are reminded of the farmers' difficulties in the Valley and the back-breaking labor in which our Spanish people are kept all day, we are also reminded of the difficulties we encounter as we endeavor to bring the Gospel message to these people.

I think of Elsie Suazo who has never learned to read or write. Elsie is a Christian but she has shown little progress in Christian growth because she can spend no time with God's Word alone. Until she shows consistent Christian living, we will not win her Roman Catholic husband.

Many of the Spanish homes are small, unsanitary and housing too many persons. There are several homes of one or two rooms which house seven persons and more. Because the homes are crowded and not pleasant in which to be, we find the youth wandering the streets seeking other activity which usually consists of driving around town for several hours each day. At night time, when this is no longer a pleasure, gangs collect and beat up individuals with brass knuckles or chains, or even break into buildings leaving behind a trail of breakage.

POWERS OF DARKNESS

Many seek refuge through the wine bottle. I am reminded of two small youngsters, seven and nine years of age, who came to my door at 4:30 A.M. one morning asking to come in because Mother was not home. It was cold and they couldn't get in at home. The story was a little mixed-up, but the youngsters were cold and afraid to stay alone longer. Why? The Mother was out in the country somewhere; no one knew where.

The Anglo population of the Valley resent the Spanish, and the Spanish in turn feel prejudiced toward them. Le-

Roy felt very badly that while in the service he was equal to all the other soldiers. Upon returning to Monte Vista, Col., he again became another Mexican and was looked down upon to the extent that the Anglo man with whom he worked received \$40 a week more salary. An Anglo woman remarked one day that none of the Spanish children should ever be permitted in our schools. Is not this the feeling in the South between the Negro and White? The Spanish do attend our schools, however, but whites feel a prejudice toward them.

Another source of difficulty as we work with the Spanish is Jehovah-Witness teaching. The Spanish like the idea of hell taught by this cult, and that they have nothing worse to which to look forward, and thus can live as they please. After they have accepted that idea, it is difficult to convince them that God's Word is true—they close their ears to our teaching.

ROMAN CATHOLICISM

Roman Catholicism sets up a barrier to our progress. They do not teach that man can be saved through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ, but rather in saying so many prayers each day, in attending mass and in giving to the support of the church.

Two Catholic women attended women's meetings in Center last year. I was very much surprised to see them come because I knew how strongly they both adhered to Catholicism. They had been taught well. When I told them the story of Nicodemus and stressed that he, too, had to be born again, even though he was a good man, these two women looked at each other in amazement as if to say, "WHAT is she talking about?"

THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK

Nov. 24 - Dec. 1, 1957

Offerings to be received in North American Baptist churches for our denominational enterprise and our mission fields.

God has blessed us with bounteous gifts. Let us show our love and gratitude to him by the service of our lives!

At another women's meeting Dorothy noticed the picture roll at the front of the mission. Walking over to it, she read the scripture verse, then called to her friend, "Lulu, come here. See what it says? 'We ought to obey God rather than man.' Well—all but the priest." Who is first in their thinking? God??? Marilee asked one morning, "Is it wrong to study the Bible?" I asked her what the Bible was and she replied, "God's Word." Then I asked if it would be wrong, or could be wrong, to study God's Word. Marilee answered, "But Sister says so."

SPIRITUAL VICTORIES

In Monte Vista we learned this summer that one of OUR girls would be attending parochial school this winter. We offered to pay for Barbara's books if they would only send her to public school, but neighbors had already offered, not only to buy her books, but her lunch and clothes as well. Due to circumstances, the Mother felt she must accept their offer. We were discouraged but continued to pray that she would not be swayed by their teaching. Recently Barbara accepted the Lord Jesus as her own personal Savior and is now regularly attending pastor's classes under Rev. Donald C. Keiry.

All disappointment? No, there are victories, too! And we thank God for these. Pray that more may realize their need of Christ and full surrender to his will that God may be glorified here in the San Luis Valley and also among the Spanish-American people of the Rio Grande Valley in Texas.

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience" (Romans 5:1-3).

OUR FINEST HOUR

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greatest message, our greatest witness, our greatest token of loyalty. We tell the world that we believe in Christ when we participate in the communion service.

We declare our loyalty by being present when communion is observed. *What we do* at communion inspires us to sing out our testimony to all the world—"This is our finest hour."



Rev. and Mrs. Frederick G. Moore, Missionary Appointees for the Mission Field in Japan.

Why Don't You Go To Japan?

The Story of Rev. and Mrs. Frederick G. Moore, Missionary Appointees for Japan, Who Are Sailing for the Orient on Dec. 2, 1957

By Rev. R. Schilke, General Missionary Secretary

AFTER TEN YEARS of training, waiting, praying, and serving, Frederick G. Moore finds his prayers answered as he and his family of wife and two children embark for Japan, where they firmly believe that God has called them to go. Ever since the fall of 1947, Brother Moore has felt the claim of God upon his life that he should take the Gospel of Christ to the people of Japan.

The period of preparation and waiting for God's open door was trying at times. The writer remembers that first correspondence in 1951 when Brother Moore immediately upon graduation from college felt ready to go but was advised that he was far from ready without additional training and preparation. The years since then have brought many lessons in the school of God and have ripened the conviction for service in Japan as a missionary of the Cross.

IN THE CITY OF ROSES

Frederick G. Moore was born in Portland, Ore., on September 13, 1927 as the youngest of three children to Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Moore. By confession his parents were United Presbyterian. Throughout the years of his childhood, he lived in and around Portland where he received his grade and high school education, graduating from the latter at Beaverton in 1945 and with tentative plans to launch out on a career in research chemistry. Army service intervened for the next two years and also changed his life's outlook. In 1947 he again took up further training and enrolled at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, seeking

at first a B.A. degree in Religion but changing to a major in Philosophy and graduating in 1951.

While at college, Mr. Moore had ample opportunity of taking an active part in the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship activities on the campus and served as its president for one year. At an IVCF statewide conference held over a week-end at an Oregon coast camp ground in 1949, he met Miss Patricia Ann Monosmith who was also a student at Lewis and Clark College. Their mutual interests attracted each other and about one and one-half years later they were married on November 22, 1950.

Patricia Ann was born on December 21, 1930 in Portland, Ore., as the older of two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Monosmith. By confession her father was United Presbyterian and her mother held her membership in a Christian Church. At the age of 13 Patricia made a confession of her faith, and was baptized and became a member of the Central Christian Church in Portland. Her grade and high school education was taken in Portland. She graduated from Franklin High School in 1948. That same year she enrolled at Lewis and Clark College, majoring in sociology and graduating with a B.A. degree in 1952.

PATRICIA ANN MOORE

In August of 1946 Patricia attended a Christian Endeavor summer conference. Here she heard a missionary candidate for Tibet. His testimony made her realize that, although she was a formal member of a church she was not truly born again. In simple faith

she then accepted Christ as her personal Savior and experienced the joy that comes when sin is forgiven. Later in college the influence of a Christian house mother during her freshman year, her participation in Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship activities and her acquaintance with a Baptist church awakened in her a desire to enter Christian service.

A BURDEN FOR JAPAN

In one of the IVCF meetings she heard a young man presenting the need of the Gospel in Japan. In the "Baptist Herald" she read of the North American Baptist California young people raising money to begin missionary work in Japan and that clinched her conviction that God was calling her to missionary work in Japan. The young man who presented the claims of God for Japan was the one with whom she later became more intimately acquainted and whom she married on November 22, 1950.

During her student days she faithfully attended the Villa Ridge Baptist Church in Portland where Rev. Henry Barnet, also a fellow student, was pastor at that time. Though she had been baptized by immersion at the age of 13, she felt that her conversion experience came later, and so she requested to be baptized again upon confession of her faith. This was done at a Watchnight Service on December 31, 1949 with Brother Barnet officiating.

After graduation from high school in 1945, Frederick G. Moore entered the U. S. Maritime Service. He received training as a cook and baker and served on three merchant ships.

At that time he was not a born again Christian. One night while his ship was in port, he attended a Youth for Christ Rally in Richmond, California. The Lord spoke to him that night. He gave his heart to Christ and his life for Christian service.

In July, 1946 he was drafted from the Merchant Marine into the Army where he served until June 1947. This service Lord laid upon his heart the burden brought him to Japan and there the for this mission field. His yielding to become a missionary came some time later. At this time his yielding for Christian service had been for the Gospel ministry at home. In the service he had ample opportunity to work as chaplain's assistant and was able to gain valuable experience in ministering to souls.

In college he frequently spoke on Japan and showed pictures he had taken while in Japan. It was in one of those meetings while he was presenting the need in Japan for the Gospel of Christ that the Lord spoke to him: "Why don't you go?" After much prayer his spirit and heart yielded.

While at college he became acquainted with Rev. Henry Barnet, a fellow student, attended his little church, the Villa Ridge Baptist Church, and was baptized on December 31, 1949. During the years that followed, he became very active in this church and served as Sunday School superintendent, as deacon, and for a period supplied the pulpit as interim student pastor.

To prepare himself further for the mission field, Mr. Moore enrolled at Western Baptist Seminary in Portland in 1951. Family responsibilities increased with the birth of two children: Stephen Frederick, born on October 30, 1952 and Joy Louise, born on April 13, 1954. This necessitated more time for labor and less time for study. The three year seminary course was taken in four years, and Brother Moore graduated with a B.D. degree in June, 1955.

A PERIOD OF TESTING

While at the Western Baptist Seminary, he came in contact with an independent mission board, the Japan Gospel Fellowship, whose field was the area of Japan in which he had seen army service. This contact as well as other influences at the seminary, which did not lead him closer to the Conference of which his church was a member, led him and his wife to apply for missionary service in Japan with this board.

Appointment came quite readily but going to Japan became more difficult. He soon learned that, although appointment was given on faith, for the actual going to Japan a faith that was undergirded by pledged support became necessary. The raising of this support became largely his. Almost a

Our Newest Missionary in Africa

Introducing Mr. Dudley Reeves,
The Vice-Principal and Head of the English Department of
the Cameroons Protestant College

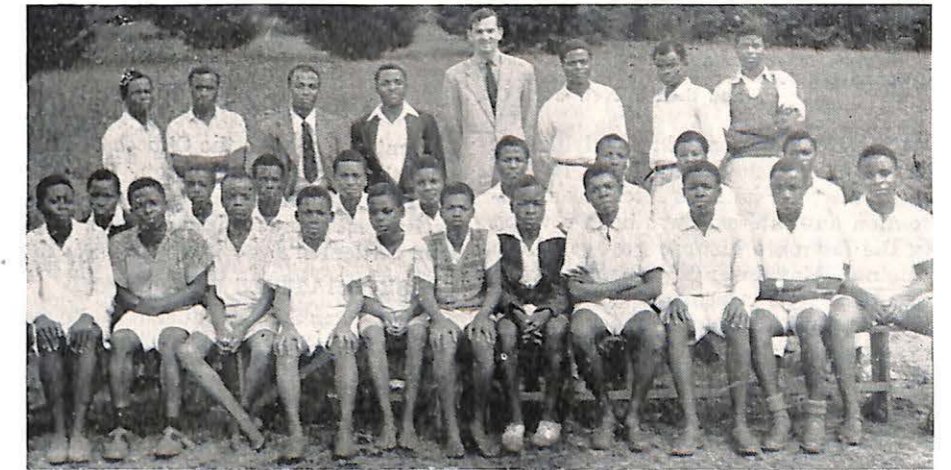
By Missionary Ben Lawrence

OUR NEWEST missionary in the Cameroons is one whom you have never met. Our correspondence with him began in 1956. Many obstacles arose at first concerning the possibility of his coming to the Cameroons. Then suddenly the obstacles disappeared and we awaited his arrival only to discover that his medical certificate was not in order.

We wondered what sort of medical difficulty a person who is 6 feet, 2 inches tall, weighing 180 pounds, could have. We had seen his photograph and it seemed strange to us that this big, good looking young man, who had

We collected Mr. Reeves from Basel Mission and began getting acquainted. He is quiet, but a good conversationalist. He is humorous, but subtly so. He is a man of prayer and Bible study who has an obvious desire to persuade others to accept Christ. His qualifications are indicative of his intelligence. He holds a B.A. Honours in History from the famed University of Oxford in England.

Mr. Reeves has now been introduced to the Cameroons quite thoroughly. He visited Court session at Buea, discovered what the roads of the Cameroons are like and how they can de-



Mr. Dudley Reeves (center, back row), vice-principal of the Cameroons Protestant College, Soppo, Africa, with the Baptist students in attendance.

spent one year as a teacher in a High School in Nasser-ruled Egypt, could have a physical ailment.

Soon he wrote that the difficulty had been straightened out and he was to sail on the "S.S. Reventazon" on the 26th of May. Thus he was coming to the Cameroons on the boat that would carry Dr. Paul Gebauer and his family to London where Dr. Gebauer would meet the Queen for the presentation of the Order of the British Empire.

We were much surprised on the 9th of June to get a phone call from Elders & Fyffes, Ltd., saying that Mr. Dudley Reeves had had a lonely wait at the wharf for two hours and finally a Basel missionary had collected him. The boat had arrived early! What an initiation into the Cameroons!

year of deputation work, prayer and waiting followed, but the missionary support for going to Japan was still not in sight.

Then this truth dawned upon them. Almost all their Christian friends were in the fellowship of North American Baptists. Why should they seek other affiliation? Why should they divert

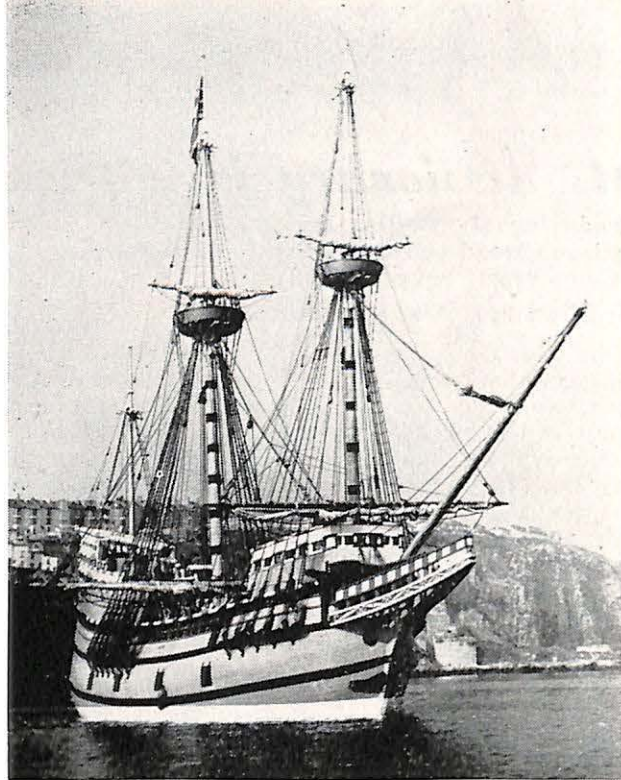
lay a person. He has been introduced into Cameroons Protestant College and begun teaching. He has seen eight of our ten mission stations and met all but one of our missionaries on the field.

At our Teachers' Refresher Course at Ndu he won the hearts of all of us who now call him Dudley, and he became the life of the party when he gave a demonstration lesson on "how not to teach."

Mr. Reeves is now the Vice-Principal and Head of the English Department of the Cameroons Protestant College at Soppo. God has many opportunities for Christ in that place and Mr. Reeves, your representative, will make full use of them for Christ. Pray for him and the Cameroons Protestant College.

support away from their own conference? Thorough heart searching followed. Interviews with pastors and missionaries of their own conference brought new light. Contacts with the N.A.B. mission board were renewed. The result was their resignation from the Japan Gospel Fellowship and ap-

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—Religious News Service Photo
The "Mayflower II," a replica of the boat which brought the Pilgrims to America in 1620, floats placidly in the English Channel before her historic voyage to Provincetown, Mass., and then to New York City.

The Faith of the Early Pilgrims

In more ways than we will ever realize, all of us
in America have been made rich by those
early Pilgrims!

By Rev. Louis R. Johnson of Fort Worth, Texas

THE RECENT amazing and historic voyage of the "Mayflower II" has captivated the nation's interest and attention and interest have been revived in the far more historic voyage of the original "Mayflower." Perhaps no voyage of history was so fraught with destiny, and no more epoch-making event ever occurred than the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock.

EARLY SETTLEMENTS

This was not the first colonial settlement in America. The Spaniards had been here for over a hundred years, establishing missions throughout the south and west. In 1565, they laid the foundations for St. Augustine, Fla., the oldest city in the United States. Very little, however, remains of this early Spanish civilization. A few historic landmarks and missions, plus the names of a number of older cities, are about all that remain of this past glory of Spain.

England was about a century behind Spain in establishing a settlement in America, but they were the English colonies that ultimately became the predominant force in America, shaping the life of the Republic, and giving to it its speech.

The Pilgrims were not the first English colonists to settle. Sir Walter Raleigh had attempted a settlement in Virginia shortly after 1585, but without success. Settlement was finally made at Jamestown in 1607, under the leadership of Bartholomew Gosnold and Captain John Smith, but at great sacrifice of life.

The colony managed to struggle on but grew slowly and painfully. From 1607 to 1624, of the 14,000 who came to the colony, 13,000 perished. The Virginia colony was primarily a commer-

cial enterprise with the Church of England the established religion. It lacked the religious fervor and spiritual motivation that characterized the New England settlements.

SEPARATISTS IN ENGLAND

The Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth were Separatists. These were among the most thoroughgoing of the Puritans during the course of the English Reformation. The Separatists were a comparatively small group who believed in complete severance from the Established Church, and the establishment of independent and autonomous congregations. They were the most radical reform group, and consequently the most severely persecuted and sup-



"The Lord hath more truth and light yet to break forth out of his holy Word."—From farewell sermon by John Robinson to the Pilgrims on the "Mayflower."

pressed. It was from this same group that the English Baptist movement came. The Baptists went even farther than the Pilgrims, restoring the ordinances of the church to their original simplicity, administering baptism to believers only.

The Pilgrim church was originally constituted at Scrooby in Nottinghamshire, England, under the able leadership of their beloved pastor, John Robinson. Life in England became so unbearable for them that they emigrated to Holland in the years 1607 and 1608. They first settled at Amsterdam and later at Leyden, Holland.

Their situation at Leyden, though far from ideal, was much improved over England. By diligent effort and frugal living, they were able to subsist. Their church life seemed ideal. A fine spirit of harmony prevailed and a flow of immigrants from England swelled their ranks so that, according to their historian, William Bradford, they "grew a great congregation." Their pastor, John Robinson, appears to have rendered a most commendable service, for as Bradford records, "it was hard to judge whether he delighted more in having such a people, or they in having such a pastor."

No doubt, the desire to improve their lot economically prompted the Leyden group to think of the new world, but the religious motive was likewise paramount. After acknowledging the economic motives, Bradford records:

GOING TO THE NEW WORLD

"Lastly, (and which was not least) a great hope, and inward zeal they had of laying some good foundation (or at least to make some way thereunto) for the propagating and advancing the Gospel of the kingdom of Christ in

those remote parts of the world; yea, though they should be but even as stepping-stones, unto others for the performing of so great a work."

A series of negotiations took place with a London trading firm known as the Merchant Adventurers, operating under patent from the Virginia Company. The final arrangement was that in exchange for transportation and necessary supplies, the settlers would work for the company for seven years, at the end of which time the property should be divided equally between the Adventurers and the settlers. The arrangement did not meet with the approval of the majority of the Leyden group.

Consequently, only a minority decided to go to America. Previously it had been decided that Pastor Robinson would cast in his lot with whatever the majority decided. Robinson, therefore, remained at Leyden, and Elder Brewster was appointed the spiritual leader of the emigrants.

On July 21, 1620, the entire congregation met together for the last time. Their ship, "The Speedwell," was ready to take them to England. John Robinson preached a heart-warming farewell sermon in which he spoke as a prophet. He reminded his congregation that they must follow him no farther than he had followed Christ.

"Let us be certain, brethren," he continued, "that the Lord hath more truth and light yet to break forth out of his holy Word. It cannot be possible that we have so recently come out of such great anti-Christian darkness and already stand in the full light of divine truth. Is it not a pity that the Churches of the Reformation, starting so gloriously, have stopped short in their reforms? Lutherans stop with what Luther saw. Calvinists cannot be drawn beyond what was revealed and imparted to Calvin. God had not revealed his whole will to these men." How prophetically this noble pastor spoke and how wonderfully this prophecy was fulfilled in the ultimate development of American Christianity!

THE "MAYFLOWER" JOURNEY

With these prophetic utterances ringing in their ears the Pilgrims embarked for England. Here they met with weeks and months of delays and discouragement. "The Speedwell" was found to be unseaworthy, and 101 people were finally crowded into the "Mayflower" to make the historic voyage to America. The ship set sail from Plymouth, England, on September 6, 1620. Of the 101 passengers on board, only 35 belonged to the original Leyden group. The others joined the expedition at Southampton, and according to Bradford were "a very mixed lot."

After a weary journey of 65 days, land was sighted off Cape Cod. The area was outside the Adventurers' territory, but with autumn far advanced,



The famous Plymouth Rock at Plymouth, Mass., memorializing the landing of the Pilgrims in America in 1620 after a weary journey from England in the little ship, the "Mayflower."

the Pilgrims decided to land. In view of this departure from original plans and fearing that the rebellious members of the company would prove even more unmanageable ashore, the Pilgrim leaders on November 11, 1620, drafted the famous "Mayflower Compact."

This preliminary plan of government was based on the social compact idea and set up a civil body politic to frame just and equal laws. In reality, it transferred the ideas of the Separatist church covenant into civil affairs. Their religious beliefs determined the basis of their political society. Thus, off the shores of Cape Cod, the seeds of American democracy in government were planted!

FIRST THANKSGIVING DAY

Something of the hardship and privation suffered by the Pilgrims at Plymouth is common knowledge to all. The first winter was dreadful, and nearly half of the settlers died. Only because of help from the Indians did the others manage to pull through. After a moderately successful summer, they had a grand banquet in the fall of 1621 to praise God and to celebrate their triumph over the wilderness. Thus, originated our American Thanksgiving Day.

The difficulty of the colony in establishing and maintaining itself was also true of the church. For the first nine years they were without a pastor. The church was served faithfully by Elder Brewster, but he did not fully meet their needs. In 1624, John Lyford came as pastor, but before a year had expired he was proven to be totally unfit

and was released. The same was true of a Mr. Rogers who came in 1628. The first settled minister of the church was Rev. Ralph Smith who came in 1629. He remained until 1635, and for several years during his ministry he was assisted by Roger Williams. John Reyner followed Smith and served until 1654.

The heroic age of the Pilgrims was comparatively short, roughly about 20 years. In 1628, the great Puritan migration began in Massachusetts which soon overshadowed the little Pilgrim settlement at Plymouth. Eventually Plymouth was merged with the Massachusetts Colony and the church at Plymouth and others in the settlement were overshadowed by the greater and more influential churches of the Massachusetts Colony. Yet, as the Separatists wielded an influence in England far greater than their numbers would indicate, so the Pilgrims wielded an influence in America far greater than is sometimes realized.

The Pilgrims maintained a simplicity of church polity and in the conduct of their church services, which the later Puritans lost. They did not establish a theocracy as did the Massachusetts Bay Colony. The democratic pattern of the Pilgrim church was instrumental in influencing the entire Massachusetts Bay Colony to adopt the congregational type of church government.

THE PILGRIM PATTERN

The Pilgrim church was far more tolerant of dissenters, and Roger Williams found an asylum and freedom there which the Massachusetts Bay Colony did not afford. It may well be that the two years Roger Williams spent at Plymouth helped crystallize his idea of the separation of church and state which he envisioned and later established in Rhode Island. It is significant that the theocracy of the Massachusetts Bay Colony ultimately failed and the democratic ideas of the Pilgrim church and the more advanced ideas of Roger Williams ultimately prevailed in what we cherish as the American way of life.

In 1644, Bradford wrote these sad lines in describing the declining position of the Pilgrim settlement and especially of the Pilgrim church:

"Thus was this poor church left like an ancient mother, grown old and forsaken of her children—though not in their affection, yet as regards their bodily presence and personal helpfulness. Her ancient members being most of them worn away by death and those of later times, being like children, transferred to other families, she, like a widow, was left only to trust in God. Thus she who had made many rich, herself became poor."

In more ways than we will ever realize, all of us have been made rich by the courage and faith of these early Pilgrims!

Progress at Santa Ana Heights, Calif.

Report from the Upper Bay Baptist Church, a Church Extension Project in California

By the Pastor, Rev. Fred David

THIS IS A TIME of unprecedented church construction throughout the land, which is to reach a total of a billion dollars this year.

How thankful we are to our Lord for the privilege of having a part in this tremendously challenging ministry. Although the part of Orange County in which the Upper Bay Baptist Church of Santa Ana Heights, Calif., is located is not being developed as rapidly as some other areas in Southern California at the present time, we have been led to believe that this is a very definite advantage to our church. While there are some newly organized churches in the more densely populated areas of Southern California which are growing with phenomenal rapidity, we are able to proceed at a lower pace, thereby being able to assimilate the new Christians who feel led to join our fellowship.

ALL BILLS PAID

We again wish to take this opportunity to thank our North American Baptist brethren for their many prayers in our behalf and for the financial assistance of \$2,500 through the Church Extension Fund. This interest free loan was spent solely for building material. With this amount of money and because of the faithful support of our members and friends, we have been able to bring the building to near completion in 18 months time with all bills paid up to date.

Up to this point, all labor on the 30 by 90 foot first unit of our proposed three-unit plan has been volunteer labor by church members and friends who have caught the vision by helping supply the greatly needed places of worship and Christian education and evangelism for the teeming multitudes swarming into Southern California. Not only members of our sister

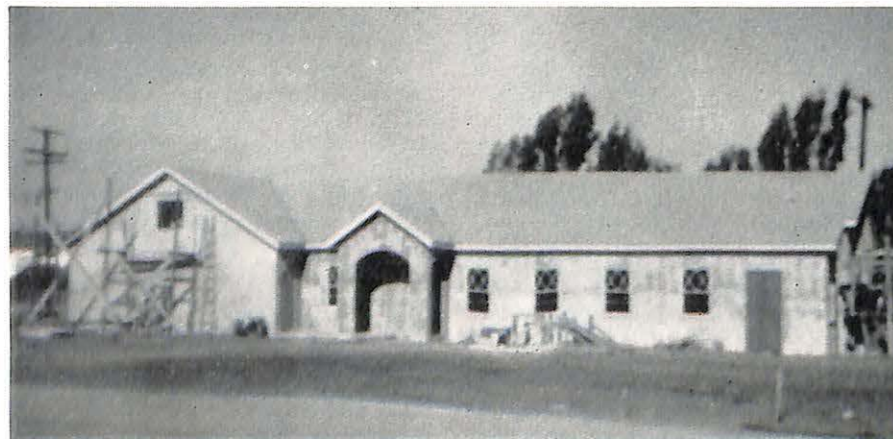


Rev. Fred David of the Upper Bay Baptist Church, Santa Ana Heights, Calif., baptizes Mrs. John Fredenberg and her three children in the baptistry of the Bethel Church of Anaheim, California.

churches in the area have come to our aid, but also friends from other churches.

Church Extension is a difficult but a much needed endeavor. And only those who have so freely given of their time and substance are experiencing how rich in personal satisfaction this task can be.

On the first Sunday in July it was our happy privilege to begin holding meetings in our new church building. Ours is a growing church and Sunday School. It has been predicted that by the time the first building is completed and formally dedicated to the Lord, it



The most recent picture showing the Upper Bay Baptist Church, Santa Ana Heights, Calif., nearing completion. Rev. Fred David is pastor of this Church Extension Project.

will be necessary to proceed with plans for an educational unit.

All of us Christians have found our favorite promise in the Word of God. Like a melodious refrain of beautiful, symphonic majesty and strength recurring over and over again in my mind are the words of the Lord as found in Jeremiah 33:3:

"Call upon me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."

PRAYERS ANSWERED

Our prayer requests are varied and many, but God has wonderfully answered our prayers and supplied the need time and time again. Most of our energy thus far has been in the direction of getting an adequate church building and the needed facilities to carry on an effective ministry in the Name of Christ. How marvellously he is supplying every need far beyond our most earnest expectations. We could relate incident upon incident as to how the Lord has provided just the right craftsman to do some particular job on the building.

We prayed earnestly that God would supply our need for more chairs. He has made it possible for us to order one hundred beautiful folding chairs with cushioned seats. One of our new families has graciously offered to purchase fifty of them. The Lord has made it possible for the church to pay for the other fifty.

PIANOS AND CUSTODIANS

When the Sunday School moved into the new building it was decided that the Nursery, Beginners and some of the Primary Department should meet in the little "converted house." However, this move left them without a piano, since our one borrowed piano was moved into the new building. The need for an instrument was taken to the Lord in prayer.

Recently two very fine pianos have been added to the church properties. We are now able to return to its owner the piano that was borrowed from very dear Christian friends more than two years ago.

Because the church does not have a custodian as yet, we continually pray that God will lay it on the heart of the brethren to help keep the church clean. Among the many precious experiences that will eternally bless our hearts will be the memory of two lovely young ladies, age ten and eleven years. They are Lynn Fredenberg and Linda Long, who have recently been baptized by the pastor on their personal testimony of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. All of us have been in-

CHURCH EXTENSION OBJECTIVE

for 1957 - 1958
\$ 50,000

- Twenty-three Church Extension projects have already been started. A great deal more needs to be done!
- Watch for the new Church Extension leaflet. Use the Church Extension coin folders. Pray for this evangelistic outreach of ours!

spired by the consecration and devotion of these two friends who come faithfully every Saturday morning to help clean the buildings in preparation for the services on the Lord's Day.

GREATER OUTREACH

A number of neighborhood surveys, past and present, have clearly indicated that the community, generally speaking, is agreed that we need a church. In answer to much prayer and faithful service, God has provided a Christian witness in our community.

Now our deepest concern is this: "What kind of a church will we have?" Although this may be in some ways a disturbing question, it is only right that this heart searching question be prayerfully answered by pastor and people of mission supported Church Extension projects. We as a newly organized church have asked ourselves this question and the Spirit of God has enlightened us with the right answer.

It is the astounding missionary, Apostle Paul, who emphatically states: "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:10).

We feel that we are not doing violence to the text when we say that Paul is teaching us in this verse that we are obligated to all of our Christian brethren, but we are especially indebted to those who through personal sacrifice and cost have afforded us the opportunity of rendering this ministry in behalf of Christ.

We are happy to report that most of our people are eager to learn more about the larger fellowship of North American Baptists. Every member of our church is a subscriber to the "Baptist Herald" through the "Club Plan." Through this plan each new member unfamiliar with the overall program of our Conference will become an integral part of the larger fellowship.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE

The annual California Association Bible Conference at Hume Lake has proven to be a spiritual boon to our church. Two summers ago for the first time, nine persons represented the Upper Bay Baptist Church at Hume Lake Bible Conference. This past summer



The Steering Committee and temporary officers of the First Baptist Church of Norridge, Ill., representing the former Grace and Humboldt Park Churches of Chicago, Ill., with Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary.

Church Extension in Chicago

Officers of the New First Baptist Church,

Norridge, Illinois

Reported by Miss Edith Barton, Church Clerk

RECENTLY the temporary officers and special committees of the First Baptist Church of Norridge, Ill., were selected. This church represents the amalgamation of the former Grace and Humboldt Park Churches of Chicago. Our services of worship are being held for the present in the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, 7901 West Lawrence, Chicago 31, Illinois.

The Steering Committee and the temporary officers of this new church are: Mr. Herman Siemund, chairman;

Dr. M. Vanderbeck, vice-chairman; Miss Edith Barton, secretary; Mr. LeRoy Berg, treasurer; and Mr. Nick Burrell, financial secretary.

The Committee members are: Mrs. Nick Burrell, Dr. John Knechtel, Miss Anna Luedke, Mr. Arthur Riesen, Mr. John Stengel, and Miss Laura Voigt.

The Financial Committee appointed by the new church are: Mr. Herbert Siemund, chairman; Mr. William Knechtel, and Mr. Arthur Riesen.

the number of Conference attendants doubled. Several decisions for Christ and lives surrendered to his service climaxed the blessing of Hume Lake Bible Conference.

On Sunday afternoon, Sept. 29, in a special baptismal service held at the Bethel Baptist Church of nearby Anaheim, Calif., eleven persons followed the Lord Jesus Christ through the waters of baptism and these have been added to the membership of the Upper Bay Baptist Church.

Here is God's ground for continuous effort in soul winning. The Church Extension ministry affords countless opportunities to press the battle to the "getting in place," and laying siege to the souls of men.

"In that day shall the Lord of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people, and for a spirit of judgment to him that sitteth in judgment and for a strength to them that turn the battle to the gate" (Isaiah 28:5-6).

MARCH OF EVENTS

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granted to The Evangelical Alliance Mission, assistant general director Vernon Mortenson has announced. The station will serve the Netherlands Antilles "A.B.C." islands of Aruba, Bonaire, and Curacao. It will also penetrate the thickly-populated countries of Venezuela and Colombia. The 1,000-watt station must be on the air by August 1, 1958. It is planned to increase the power later to 5,000 watts. Located only 40 miles off the north coast of Venezuela, Aruba's current industrial prosperity centers around refining Venezuelan oil. The Aruba Lago Refinery is reputed to be the world's largest producer of petroleum products. Papiamento, a vernacular composed of English, Dutch, Spanish, and native words, is the most commonly spoken language on the three islands. Dutch is the official language but English and Spanish are common.

Women's Scholarship Girl for 1957-1958

Introduction of Miss Goldie Mae Orth of Elgin, Iowa
By Mrs. Thomas D. Lutz, President of the Woman's Missionary Union

It is my privilege to introduce to you on our "We, the Women" page of the "Baptist Herald" our Woman's Missionary Union Scholarship girl for 1957-1958.

Miss Goldie Mae Orth of the First Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa.
Read her letter to each of us!

GOLDIE MAE ORTH'S LETTER

Dear Friends in Christ:

God's promises are ever true. This has been my experience over and over again in the past few years. As I look back over these years, I marvel at God's guidance and the help he has been ever ready to give to me. I feel deeply grateful to my Heavenly Father, yet very humble that he should do so much for me.

This is my third year at the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago, Illinois. The longer I am here, the more grateful I am that it was possible for me to come to a school where one not only receives excellent training but where one can sense such a fine Christian atmosphere. I wish to express my gratitude and appreciation to each one who has had a part in my receiving the 1957-1958 scholarship, for which I am very thankful.

As a child I had no Christian training. Since we lived in the country, we were too far away to attend a Sunday School. In 1949 I graduated from High School. At that time we lived near Creston, Iowa, so I went to work in Armour's poultry plant there. I worked there three years after which I went to work at the Community Hospital in Creston. Through some girls there, I started going to church on Sunday evenings.

Thus I got started going to a Baptist church. The message of the Gospel was new to me. I listened eagerly and found joy in accepting Christ. I was baptized when I was 22 years old. That summer I joined my folks in the northern part of Iowa, near Fredericksburg. My sister and I started going to church there and became acquainted with the people.

WORKING AT GREEN LAKE

In 1954 I read in a Sunday School paper about the American Baptist Assembly at Green Lake, Wis., and, being jobless that summer, I went to work at the American Baptist Assembly. It was here that I first heard of the Baptist Missionary Training School and began thinking of going into full-time Christian work. However, I had the problem of finances facing me, and I concluded it was impossible for me to go to school. After going home at the end of October and, being unable to find a permanent job, I went through a very discouraging time.



Goldie Mae Orth of Elgin, Iowa, 1957-1958 Scholarship Girl of the Woman's Missionary Union.

The next summer I again worked at Green Lake. Again I felt God speaking to me as I said, "If it is the Lord's will for me to go to the Baptist Missionary Training School, I will get there some way, but if it is not the Lord's will, well, I will not get there." I entered the Training School on faith in September 1955. God did provide help through a scholarship loan from the Baptist women of Iowa.

In the summer of 1956, I again worked at Green Lake for the third summer. The work there not only gave me joy and inspiration but, during the three summers, I became acquainted with Baptist people and work. Also I was able to buy books to learn more about our Baptist work and beliefs.

ACTIVE IN ELGIN CHURCH

About two years ago my family moved to a farm near Elgin, Iowa. So again I had to find a new church home for myself. Naturally I chose the Baptist church and felt very much at home there. During the Christmas holidays of last year, my church letter was accepted and I received the hand of fellowship into the First Baptist Church of Elgin.

This past summer I worked at the

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Pleasure is the flower that fades; remembrance is the lasting perfume."—Boufflers.

Blaisdell Baptist Home for the Aged in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This was a wonderful experience for me and I enjoyed every minute of it. I was deeply impressed by the deep and sincere faith of these people.

As I enter into my third year at BMTS, I am more certain than ever that God has called me into definite Christian service. When I graduate I hope to go into a Baptist Christian Center if it is God's will for me. The more I see the problems and temptations which the children and youth in our big cities face, the more I long to work with them, to tell them the Gospel story and to assure them of God's love for them.

Thank you again for awarding me the 1957-58 scholarship. Please remember me in your prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,
Goldie Mae Orth.

WOMEN'S PRAYER DAY

December 6, 1957 is the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer. We want to remember our girls in prayer. There are those who have gone out in the past; there are those still facing decisions and hoping and praying for God's will and choice to be revealed. We wanted a scholarship girl whom we could send to our Seminary, but there was none. God led us to this dear girl. We would be faithful to her and to those girls whom we have had in the past who are now on mission fields or are even now faithful wives in the parsonage or elsewhere. Let us pray for them!

1958 CONFERENCE DATES

- ATLANTIC — April 24 to 27, 1958, at the Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
- CENTRAL — June 26-29, 1958, at Parma Heights Church, Parma Heights (Cleveland), Ohio.
- DAKOTA — June 18-22, 1958, at Ashley, North Dakota. (Pending).
- EASTERN — Time and place to be determined.
- NORTHERN — July 21, 1958 (Morning and afternoon), McKernan Church, Edmonton, Alberta.
- NORTHWESTERN — May 29 to June 1, 1958, at First Baptist Church, Steamboat Rock, Iowa. (Tentative).
- PACIFIC — July 16-18, 1958, at Bethel Church, Missoula, Montana.
- SOUTHERN — June 9-10, 1958, at Latham Springs Encampment, Acquilla, Texas.
- SOUTHWESTERN — Third Week of August. Place to be determined.

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke

Dec. 1 (Sunday) — Mission Festival, Paul, Idaho.

Dec. 6 — North American Baptist Seminary Executive Committee session at Forest Park, Ill.

Dec. 7 — Executive Committee meeting of "Baptist Men," Forest Park, Ill.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner

Dec. 1 (Sunday) — Randolph, Minnesota.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. 6 (Friday) — Baptist Women's Day of Prayer.

Dec. 8 (Sunday) — Universal Bible Sunday.

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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.)

Are there two or three James mentioned in the New Testament?

UNDOUBTEDLY there are three James: the son of Zebedee, one of the Twelve Apostles; the son of Alphaeus, "James the Less" (or "the Little"); and James, the Lord's brother, who has been regarded as the author of the Epistle of James.

The Scofield Reference Bible is quite misleading in regard to this matter by stating in the notes that there are only

two persons in the New Testament who are called by this name (p. 999). For a much more adequate and scholarly treatment one should consult the *International Standard Bible Encyclopaedia* articles: "James," Vol. III, pp. 1560-61; and "Brethren of the Lord," Vol. I, pp. 518-20.

On inadequate grounds Scofield contends that Christ had no brother named James, but that his cousin's name was James, the son of Alphaeus (whose mother's name also was Mary) and, according to Jewish usage, cousins were often called "brothers" or "brethren." The natural reading of most of the passages he cites (Matt. 13:55; Mark 6:3; Acts 1:14, 12:17, 15:13, 21:18; Gal. 1:19, 2:9, 12; James 1:1) would indicate, however, that these "brethren" were the sons of Joseph and Mary (born after Jesus, of course) and living with Mary in the home at Nazareth during their childhood years, and therefore not cousins of our Lord. They were brethren because of their common relationship to Mary—actually they were half-brothers of Jesus, since Joseph was not Jesus' father.

STUDENT RECEPTION ON DEC. 6th

All North American Baptist young people studying in the Chicago, Illinois, area are cordially invited to attend the Student Fellowship to be held at 7:30 p. m. on Friday evening, December 6, 1957, at the General Conference office building located at 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois. Denominational secretaries will be on hand to greet you. Refreshments will be served.

This position is strengthened by the consideration that Jesus is called Mary's "first-born son" (Luke 2:7). Much other biblical evidence supports the conviction that Mary and Joseph had other sons who were the brothers of Jesus.

Some learned writers have contended that these "brethren" were the children of Joseph by a former marriage and that Mary was his second wife, but this is purely conjectural. Other theories, which are, as Lightfoot has called them, "pure fabrications," try to evade the evident meaning of the Scripture that these brethren were brothers of our Lord, one of whom was James.

Most of these ingenious theories start from a heretical premise in the interest of the dogma of the perpetual virginity of Mary. The position of the Roman Catholic Church is well known on this point of doctrine. It has absolutely no support from Scripture.

Two reasons are usually urged for the idea of Mary's perpetual virginity. First, it is felt that she who was overshadowed by the Holy Spirit and as a virgin gave birth to our Lord would not give birth to other babies. And connected with this idea is the further thought, which is far from a proper Christian attitude, that the act of the propagation of human life is sinful in itself. (Compare Gen. 1:28; 1 Tim. 4:3; Heb. 13:4.)

H. E. Jacobs comments in the *Inter-*
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War amputees are trained to make and fit new limbs for similar victims in this Church World Service project in Korea.

Church World Service Meeting Human Needs

By Miss Ruth Tipton

A Member of the Evergreen Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., and a Secretary at the New York office of Church World Service

"But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:17-18, Revised Standard Version).

THIS BIBLE VERSE was quoted in a letter to me, postmarked Hauptpostamt 1, No. 175, Salzburg, Austria. It read in part: "We are in Vienna, a beautiful, but at the moment, sad city. This morning we had a conference with two officials of the World Council of Churches in connection with the Hungarian Relief Program we have set up, and there we met a friend of yours—Mr. John Metzler, of Church World Service and the World Council of Churches. We feel very privileged to be in Austria at this crucial time. Vienna is crowded to the utmost with refugees, walking all over. Our Vienna Baptist church has beds in every conceivable spot. The YWCA where we are staying has fifty-four folk on mattresses on the basement floor. And so it is all over Vienna and in other cities of Austria, too. Love from Pastor and Betty Appel."

180,000 HUNGARIAN REFUGEES

It gave me a real thrill to know that Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Appel, representing the North American General Conference were working not only with other Baptists of the world but also with the representatives of many other Protestant denominations in aiding the plucky Hungarian refugees. It reminded me of other hardy pioneers who left the land of their birth and came to America seeking religious and political freedom.

A total of 180,000 Hungarian refugees fled from Hungary to Austria during and following the revolt in November and December 1956. A nine-

truck convoy filled with church relief supplies already in Austria went into Hungary on November 2nd, the day before the border was closed. A total of \$673,000 worth of relief supplies, including food, clothing, medicine, vitamins, toilet articles, and other items was made available immediately by the churches in the United States for the refugees in Austria.

Five material aid distribution centers have been established throughout Austria, and Baptists are assisting in manning them, as well as in a program of "Middle Schools" for teen-age young people who fled without parents. A grand total of \$2,000,000 worth of relief supplies has been made available for Hungarian refugees.

IN CHRIST'S NAME

None of us who visited Camp Kilmer in New Jersey will soon forget the long queues of Hungarian refugees as they marched in to dinner, the tempt-



Strain and uncertainty show in the faces of a woman and child among the Hungarian refugees who found shelter at Judenau and who were helped by Church World Service.

ing trays, the young men with strong determination written on their faces, the sad eyes of some of the women, the innocently blissful faces of little children. Nor can we forget the staff representing Baptists and many other denominations who worked long hours and far into the night to resettle these 6,092 Hungarian refugees. Thirty thousand refugees were resettled by all groups.

A letter from Pastor Appel told me about "Quellenhof," a Hungarian Baptist refugee camp located deep in the Vienna woods. It said in part: "Most people think of 'Quellenhof' as a refugee camp for bewildered Hungarians who stumbled across the border into Austria to escape the living effects of slavery and the brutality of tyrants rampant in their native land. While 'Quellenhof' is a refugee camp, to the Hungarian living there it has become a temporary 'home,' for a spirit of love and fellowship in the Lord Jesus Christ prevails."

But this is only one phase of a great work which the Christian churches are doing together around the world. There are many special projects, such as the Amputee Rehabilitation Program in Korea, where amputees are not only fitted with limbs but also given an opportunity to acquire a vocation through special training; day nurseries for children of working mothers; and the training program for widows and children.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE PROJECTS

In Hong Kong the churches minister to 800,000 refugees. The program includes a housing project to replace "fire-trap" shacks at Faith-Hope Village; nurseries; a student aid program; a ginned cotton project which provides job opportunities, and quilts and sheets for refugees; a rural resettlement pro-

gram for farm families; loans; counseling; and medical aid.

Church World Service carries on an extensive food and relief program in Japan, including projects among the physically handicapped, among which are disabled war veterans, and an agricultural development program. Care for refugees in many parts of the world, including a million Arab refugees, 700,000 refugees in Hong Kong, and 100,000 refugees from Port Said and Sinai, who fled the scene of hostilities in Egypt, and countless others, presents a real challenge to the churches. In Europe extensive programs are being carried on in Greece, Italy, Germany, France, Austria, Hungary, Turkey, Algeria, Belgium, and other countries.

To carry out this program during 1956, the Protestant and Orthodox churches in America, working through Church World Service, sent a total of 191,988,690 pounds of clothing, food, medicine, self-help materials, and other relief supplies valued at \$31,130,676 abroad. Included in this amount were 186,834,944 pounds of surplus food valued at \$27,423,944 which were sent through the Share Our Surplus Program. Each dollar contributed sent over 200 pounds of food. As of June 30, 1957, 220,072,341 pounds of relief goods have been shipped.

LOOKING AHEAD

Church World Service for some years has shared with missionaries and mission board leaders a growing sense of alarm at the high incidence of tuberculosis in many countries of Asia and Africa. The resources for meeting this threat are very small, although in some places it can truly be said that the rate of tuberculosis has reached emergency proportions. The treatment and cure of tuberculosis requires a long term rehabilitation effort. Church World Service has agreed to make available \$10,000 in "seed" money. It is hoped that this initiative on the part of Church World Service will start a similar effort among mission boards, so that this seed will bear rich fruit.

We continue to hear of the great needs in Africa where local committees in various African territories are in touch with Church World Service regarding ways and means for meeting these needs, and CWS supports modest programs in Kenya, Liberia and Nigeria. Areas where surplus food could be used to good advantage include the Cameroons, Ghana, Uganda, and South Africa.

And so Baptists and other Christians around the world serve in the ideal of Jesus, expressed at the beginning of Christ's ministry: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed" (Luke 4:18, Revised Standard Version).

Cupid Comes to "Quellenhof"

The story of two young Hungarians who find Christ and each other in Austria

As Related by Mrs. W. J. Appel



The young Hungarian Baptist couple on the day of their engagement in Austria. Dr. W. J. Appel presented them with a spiritual bouquet at their engagement party.

SOME MONTHS AGO, as we visited the various refugee camps in Austria, we met three very fine young Hungarians living in Lager Steyr and regularly attending our Baptist weekly services in Steyr. These three lads had a deep concern for their future and, above all, wanted to know more about the Lord Jesus. We invited them to live at our refugee home in Reka-winkel, where we knew they would be under the influence of many believers. They lived there only a short time, learned to know the Savior more intimately, and were among the 14 converts who were baptized in our Vienna Baptist Church.

Among the other guests at the home was a very fine young girl, a member of one of our Hungarian Baptist Churches. Before long a growing friendship between one of the lads and this young girl blossomed into love. The girl was a weaver in her native Hungary. The lad, orphaned at the age of twelve, suffered greatly during the war years and for a few years he had lost power of speech. Even now, when

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Most persons would succeed in small things if they were not troubled with great ambitions."

—Longfellow.

nervous, he stutters a little. He is a cook by trade, and each day finds him in the kitchen busily helping in the preparation of the meals, happily singing hymns of praise to his Savior.

On a Saturday the engagement of the young couple was announced at a lovely party at "Quellenhof." Tables were set with flowers and the living room daintily decorated with streamers. After the singing of many hymns, our Hungarian Baptist pastor from Budapest, the Rev. Mr. Cserepka, brought a message to the young couple.

At their request, Pastor Appel also brought a message, presenting the young couple with a "spiritual bouquet," to take with them through life (four flowers): (1) "Fear Not," for you have a Savior; (2) "Faint Not," for your labor is not in vain in the Lord; (3) "Fret Not," for you can commit your way unto the Lord; and (4) "Forget Not" all of his benefits.

After the messages and the further singing of hymns, according to European custom, wedding rings were exchanged. The rings are placed on the left hand, and when the wedding knot is tied the rings are put on the right hand. It was a beautiful engagement party, and after prayer the couple was greeted and congratulated by all. The wedding date was set for the following week.

On the appointed Monday, a happy spirit again prevailed at "Quellenhof" as the guests began to gather for the wedding ceremony of the happy couple. The wedding was a lovely occasion. Guests from our Vienna churches and from other refugee camps were in attendance. There were the singing of hymns, recitations by fellow-Hungarians, words of greeting and expressions of love by friends, a lovely solo by a young Hungarian concert singer. Brother Cserepka brought a fitting message and "tied the knot."

After the young couple were united in marriage, a quartet of men and women sang a very happy song, throwing flowers at the young couple. We were told afterwards that the song wished for the couple a happy flower-strewn pathway along life's way. After prayer by Brother Cserepka, the wedding was over and the folk invited to attend a wedding dinner in honor of the occasion.

The young couple is hoping that within a few weeks they will be able to emigrate to Canada, where they plan to join one of our Baptist churches and share in the life of the church and all its activities. May the Lord bless them and be their constant guide through life.

Baptist Men

By Mr. R. E. Engelbrecht of Waco, Texas, President of "Baptist Men"

DOES YOUR CHURCH have a "Men's Fellowship" or "Brotherhood"? If not, your church needs this organization. A Baptist Brotherhood is more than an organization of Baptist men. It is a provision which the church is making to enlist and develop its manpower and to provide these men with an avenue for church centered service. It is manpower marching shoulder to shoulder in one great team where each man heeds the command, "Take up thy cross and follow me" (Luke 9:23).

It is made up of men of the church who have voluntarily banded themselves together for the purpose of promoting the total program of their church and denomination. It is a service organization, presenting opportunities to serve your Savior, your church and your denomination. You serve through prayerfully planned committee action which is kept in the framework of the program of the church and denomination.

North American Baptists face no greater challenge than that of enlisting and putting manpower to work. Every church with a Men's Fellowship has already demonstrated a concern for the manpower on its church roll. Churches which have not demonstrated such concern need also to consider its manpower, enlisted and unenlisted.

Pastors and church leaders may be asking, "Do we need a Brotherhood? Will a Brotherhood meet the challenge of enlisting our men?" We need prayerfully to face and to answer these and similar questions.

Why not analyze the manpower of your church in the light of the following:

WHAT ABOUT THE MEN OF YOUR CHURCH?

1. How many men are on the church roll?
2. How many of these men are engaged in service through their church?
3. How many men could be listed as "Wasted Manpower"?
4. Do men know and understand the program of their church?
5. Are men informed about the denomination and its work?
6. Are men enjoying an "enriched fellowship" within their church?

A Brotherhood provides learning opportunities, enriched fellowship, challenges men to service and uses them in advancing the total church program.

If your church does not as yet have an organized men's work, here are some suggestions. The first meeting of the proposed Brotherhood or Men's Fellowship should be one that will attract, inspire, inform, challenge and please men. Good fellowship will get

Watch for the next issue of the "Baptist Men's News Letter" to be distributed soon. This informative laymen's paper is edited by Mr. Herbert Stabbert of Anaheim, California.

the Brotherhood off to an excellent start. A supper meeting will "break the ice." However, if a supper meeting is impractical, it is suggested that refreshments be served following the program.

1. Have a good spirited song service.
2. Scripture reading and prayer.
3. Create friendly atmosphere.
4. Have your pastor state purpose of the meeting.
5. Secure the best qualified person available to present the value, work, purpose and challenge of a Men's Fellowship. (If your local Conference has a Baptist Men's organization, invite the president or some other officer to present the material to the men. Write to our headquarters office, P. O. Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois, for a packet of helpful and suggestive material).
6. Following presentation of material, give the men an opportunity to ask questions.
7. Take vote on whether or not the men want a Brotherhood. (The name of the organization is left up to the discretion of each church. Some have been named "Brotherhood," others are named "Men's Fellowship" and still others are named "Men's Club." The name of our denominational organiza-



Christian laymen should witness for their Lord in their churches as well as in their communities!

tion and also of our local Conferences is called "Baptist Men.")

8. If vote is in the affirmative, a nominating committee should be appointed and be ready to bring its report at the next meeting. Or the officers could be elected at the first meeting by making nominations from the floor.

9. Following the adjournment, all men should be asked to sign an enrollment card or express their desire to become a member of the men's organization.

As the organization progresses, there are certain committees that should be appointed to carry out specific functions of the organization.

"Baptist Men" is the official laymen's organization of our General Conference that received recognition by our 30th General Conference in Philadelphia in 1952. After your organization has been formulated, the officers of "Baptist Men" encourage you to become affiliated with our denominational organization. An "Application for Membership" blank is enclosed with the packet of material with which all churches have been supplied. The annual dues required are very reasonable. Brotherhoods with 20 members or less are required to pay \$5.00 per year. Those with 20 or more members \$10.00 per year.

There are many Men's Fellowships in our denomination that have not joined our National Organization. May we again ask that you make application for membership. We have many plans which we hope to carry out, but we must confess that it takes money to expand our program. If you have not joined our denominational organization, we urge you to mail your request to Mr. Robert Pieschke, 8535 Gratiot Avenue, Detroit 13, Michigan.

Most of you have received our official publication, the News Letter. It is our desire that it might be enlarged and issued more frequently and that it might render a real service to local men's groups. If you have not sent in a list of names and addresses of laymen in your church, please do so at once, in order that they might receive the next issue.

The "Baptist Men" officers are interested in your men's work and are ready to assist wherever possible. If you need additional information to organize a Brotherhood, do not delay writing to us for suggestions.

WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?

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national Standard Bible Encyclopaedia, "The theory also is connected with the removal of Mary from the sphere of ordinary life and duties as too commonplace for one who is to be surrounded with the halo of a demi-god, and to be idealized in order to be worshipped."

What's Happening

● Mr. Arthur Zeller, former pastor of the Baptist Church, Onoway, Alberta, has moved to Edmonton, Alberta, with his family and is working as interior decorator while waiting for a call from a church. On Sept. 8, 1957, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Zeller. She has been named Carol Janene.

● Rev. W. E. Schubert of San Antonio, Texas, pastor of the Elm Creek Baptist Church of La Vernia, Texas, recently presented his resignation to the church and brought his ministry there to a close soon thereafter. The clerk, Mrs. Albert Schievelbein, stated that for the present all church mail should be sent to the clerk at the address: Rt. 1, Box 86, La Vernia, Texas.

● The Plevna Baptist Church, Plevna, Montana, observed Harvest and Mission Sunday on Oct. 13. Rev. R. H. Zepik, pastor, brought the morning message on "Gleanings for God." In the afternoon the Sunday School was in charge and brought an inspiring mission program. The combined offerings of the day amounted to \$7,834.52 with \$2,632 designated for the North American Baptist work and the rest added to the church's building fund.

● On Sunday evening, Sept. 29, the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Montana, witnessed the baptism of three converts. On the following Sunday, Oct. 6, at the World Communion service, six persons were given the hand of church fellowship. Three were received by baptism, two by statement of faith, and one by church letter. "God's work is still evident here in Billings," as reported by Rev. Wesley Gerber, pastor.

● The Grace Baptist Church of Kelowna, British Columbia, has called Rev. E. H. Nikkel of Swan River, Manitoba, as its pastor to which a favorable response has been given. Mr. Nikkel has announced that he would begin his ministry in Kelowna on Dec. 1st, succeeding Rev. J. B. Kornalewski, who is continuing to carry on a radio and evangelistic ministry and residing in Kelowna. Mr. Nikkel has been pastor in Swan River, Manitoba, since 1951.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, Oregon, held special meetings from October 13 to 20 with Rev. Harold W. Gieseke of Lorraine, Kansas, as the guest speaker. Mrs. Gieseke and son Gordon went along to the Pacific Coast, where they attended the National Sunday School Convention in Los Angeles, Calif., and visited with

friends and relatives in Portland, Oregon, and in Tacoma, Wash. Rev. Everett Barker is pastor of the Salem Church.

● Pfc. Richard Gareth Eichler of Erie, Pa., who is attending the Army-Navy Academy of Music, Washington, D. C., played trombone in the 54-piece Army Element Band when it greeted Queen Elizabeth on her arrival in the United States capital on Oct. 17. "Gary" is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Eichler, members of the Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa. Prior to his enlistment, he was organist at the Westminster Presbyterian church of Erie.

● Rev. F. W. Bartel of Santa Ana, Calif., celebrated his 40th anniversary of ordination into the Christian ministry on Friday, Oct. 18. A shower of cards from his personal friends and members of former churches greeted him on this day. He and Mrs. Bartel are actively serving in the First Baptist Church of Costa Mesa, Calif., of which Dr. P. G. Neumann is the pastor. Mr. Bartel's two daughters are Mrs. John Klock of San Rafael, Calif., and Mrs. Donald Kelley of San Diego, Calif.

● Rev. William Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Manitoba, our Conference director of immigration, left New York City on the "S. S. Statendam" on Oct. 18 bound for Europe on a two month's trip in the interest of immigration matters. He is meeting with important officials in Switzerland and Germany and observing relief and immigration needs in Central Europe. The trip was approved by the denomination's Fellowship Committee. Mr. Sturhahn hopes to prepare an article about his observations for the "Baptist Herald." He will return home about Dec. 20.

● The town of Osoyoos, British Columbia, lies 85 miles south of Kelowna, B. C. A small Baptist group holds worship services there regularly. It used to be a mission of the Grace Church of Kelowna, but now it is served from time to time by visiting pastors, including Rev. A. Kujath of

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Kelowna. On Sunday, Oct. 20, the group held its Harvest and Mission Festival and received an offering of \$136.65 for the North American Baptist mission fields. Rev. J. B. Kornalewski was the guest speaker for the morning service. The meetings in Osoyoos are held in a small hall.

● Rev. J. B. Kornalewski of Kelowna, British Columbia, is now conducting radio broadcasts every Sunday over four different stations in four Canadian provinces. These German broadcasts entitled "Streams of Blessing," can be heard over stations CJGX from Yorkton, Saskatchewan; CFAM from Altona, Manitoba; CFCW from Camrose, Alberta; and CJIB from Vernon, British Columbia. These programs consist of musical numbers, a poem read by Mrs. Kornalewski, a brief worship service, and a Gospel message by Rev. J. B. Kornalewski. He is now devoting himself entirely to this influential radio ministry and to evangelistic engagements.

● The Grace Baptist Sunday School of Kelowna, British Columbia, participated in the city-wide Sunday School parade and rally on Sept. 29. Twenty-one church groups were represented with about a thousand Sunday School pupils parading with banners through the streets of Kelowna to Kelowna's Oval Park where the program was held. Rev. Mr. Ip of Hong Kong was the principal speaker. The Beginners group from the Grace Church sang a special selection. This first Sunday School parade in Kelowna's history was the vision of Lt. A. R. Jarvie of the Salvation Army and president of Ministerial Association and was held "to awaken the community to their need of Christ."

● A "Missionary Christmas" was held at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., on Wednesday evening, Sept. 25th. A decorated Christmas tree with lights and tinsel stood above gifts that were spread around its base. The choir and a large congregation sang Christmas music on a warm evening in September. Dr. Paul Gebauer, a member of the church, who had just returned from Africa, was the speaker. The Missionary Christmas offering was over \$1,000. The unusual occasion was for the purpose that the church's missionaries might be remembered with gifts and greetings at the real Christmas in December. Rev. E. Arthur McAsh, pastor, was in charge of this service.

● Guest speakers during October at the First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas, were Rev. Fred Ferris, former pastor and at present missionary in Liberia, Africa, on Oct. 6; Prof. Roy Seibel of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on Oct. 20; and Prof. Walter W. Wessel at the Harvest and Mission Festival on Oc-

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Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: December 8, 1957

Theme: **THAT I MAY KNOW CHRIST**

Scripture: Philippians 3:4-14, 20, 21.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Christ must be the foundation of our faith and the goal of our Christian living.

INTRODUCTION: Paul knew a great deal about Christ—so much so that most of our theological thinking is based on the apostle's conception of God in Christ. But Paul not only had a storehouse of knowledge about Christ—he knew Christ. If a person has a knowledge about Jesus Christ, he is able to talk about him intelligently and intellectually; but if a person knows Christ, he is primarily concerned about obeying and serving him.

Some people know a great deal about art but they are not artists. It has been said that a critic is a frustrated artist. Having never been able to accomplish anything himself, he sets himself up as an authority on the efforts and accomplishments of others. So also, there are many people who know much about Christianity, but they are no Christians. They know all the answers, they have all the arguments, they are frank in their criticism, but they are poor examples of the Christian way of life.

Paul did not set himself up as one who knew it all, for he was careful never to speak beyond his own experience and practice.

I. CHRIST AND OUR HUMAN EFFORTS. Phil. 3:4-6.

Notice Paul's phrase, "in the flesh." He is speaking of his physical and hereditary privileges. There were some who still had confidence and trust in human efforts and in the faith of their fathers. If this is a way of salvation, argues Paul, then I am far ahead of all of you. But the tragic thing about it is that I was not saved. My human environment was perfect, for I was born into a pure Jewish family. My childhood training was strictly according to law, and my own efforts at keeping it was almost perfect. I strengthened my fundamental beliefs by joining the uncompromising Pharisees. So zealous was I that I chose as my life's work the extinction of what I believed were the greatest enemies of God, the Christians. I made the greatest human effort to gain my salvation and I lost.

II. CHRIST AND OUR GAINS AND LOSSES. Phil. 3:7-11.

Paul was in a similar position as the rich young ruler except that he went a step farther. The rich young ruler saw only the loss, whereas Paul saw also the gain. Nicodemus, too, did not want to lose all the religious knowledge he had gained by going back into

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Paul was not only concerned about the act of faith which turned him from his own righteousness to the righteousness of Christ; but to a fulness of a Christ-likeness that was attainable here and hereafter. There is no "dead-end street" in the Christian life.

III. CHRIST AND OUR GOAL. Phil. 3:12-21.

If there is one sin among Christians more common than any other it is the sin of a low, easy goal. The largest room in the Christian life is still the room for improvement. Paul was never satisfied with his present accomplishments, nor did he waste much time in useless remorse over past failures and mistakes. He had the vision of "the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" before him, and every other goal seemed small and insignificant in comparison.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: December 15, 1957

Theme: **CHRISTIAN JOY**

Scripture: Philippians 4:1-13.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Joy is not the result of pleasant circumstances and experiences, but the result of the forgiveness, grace and strengthening presence of God.

INTRODUCTION: It is strange that the Philippian church was begun while Paul suffered in prison with Silas, and that the letter to this church was written while Paul was a prisoner in Rome. Looking at these circumstances pessi-

SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGE

The 1957 editor of this page of Sunday School Lessons is Rev. Bruno Schreiber, a Sunday School teacher in the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Illinois. His address is 1026 S. Harvey, Oak Park, Ill.

mistically, the apostle could have blamed the Philippian church for the cause of all his troubles. Every time he thought of this church, it reminded him of prison life. But the thought of this church did not deflect from his joy; rather, it increased it. His prison life was bearable and even joyful because of the pleasant thoughts he had concerning the church at Philippi.

Apart from Christ, people must seek their happiness in the pleasures of this world. And in seeking they are never able to find permanent satisfaction and contentment. What gave them a thrill yesterday is boredom today. New circumstances and new experiences must continually be found to replace the emptiness left by the old ones. Christian joy is the only permanent joy.

I. CHRISTIAN JOY AND ITS HINDRANCES. Phil. 4:1-3.

The joy of home life is often lost by little family quarrels. Usually it is the result of selfishness or pride. Personal ambition or personal wants are sought at the expense of family welfare. These same selfish personalities often rob the family of God of the spirit of joy because they set their will over against the will of the Holy Spirit in the church.

II. CHRISTIAN JOY AND ITS OBJECT. Phil. 4:4-7.

Any joy that is centered on the self without any regard for others soon turns into sorrow and frustration. No one has ever found joy by saying, "Rejoice in yourself." Paul's unerring recipe for joy is, "Rejoice in the Lord." His goal is always set very high, but it is sure and permanent. It was impossible for the apostle to be a "long-faced Christian" so long as he was facing Christ.

III. CHRISTIAN JOY AND ITS CULTIVATION. Phil. 4:8-9.

No one ever drifted into heaven, nor has anyone found the straight and narrow path because he stumbled on it by luck. A full-grown, mature Christian is not an accident. He is the result of surrender and discipline. The Christian needs Christ-centered thoughts in order to live a Christ-centered life. Paul does not simply give the Philippians good advice; he also gives them a good example. And the end result of the advice and example is that "the God of peace shall be with you."

IV. CHRISTIAN JOY AND ITS FRUIT. Phil. 4:10-13.

There is no joy apart from love, and there is no love without concern for our fellowmen. The Philippian Christians had the spirit of sharing. Paul's joy in the Lord was increased, not because of the gifts he received from the church, but because of the joy and the love and the concern with which the gifts were given. It was a generous and sacrificial offering on the part of the Philippians and a graciously phrased "thank you" letter on the part of Paul.

Our Denomination in ACTION

Northwestern Conference

Hymnal and Communion Table Dedicated, Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Recently copies of the "North American Hymnal" were dedicated at the Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, as a gift from our Willing Workers organization, with each member applying his talent in some way to raise money for this very worthwhile and much appreciated purchase. We also dedicated a beautiful oak communion table in memory of Mrs. Bertha Dechant, a much beloved charter member of our church.

In the news we can also report a baptismal service for seven young people. They are Collin Young, Ruth Ann Hammelman, Kay Degenhardt, Sarah and Susan Muehlenberg, Carol and Joyce Guenther. This event took place on Sunday, Sept. 29, with our pastor, Rev. Fred W. Mashner, baptizing the young converts.

Mrs. Dale Oostdyk, Clerk

Iowa Association Sessions at Parkersburg Baptist Church

The Iowa Baptist Association convened at Parkersburg, Ia., from Oct. 7 to 9, with Rev. Raymond F. Dickau as host pastor. Rev. Donald Patet of Aplington was moderator and Rev. Kurt Marquardt of Steamboat Rock the secretary. There was a very fine attendance and all churches were represented. The general theme on, "Sir, we would see Jesus" (John 12:21), was brought to us in eight different topics by the pastors.

Dr. Paul Gebauer and Prof. Roy Seibel were guest speakers. Rev. Gideon Zimmerman presented the revised Sunday School Standard and led in a panel discussion on Leadership Training in the Sunday School which proved very helpful and interesting. Mr. Vernon Schrock, a layman from Waterloo, Iowa, was the speaker for the Laymen's Hour. His topic was "Diamonds." Rev. Donald Blandau, Chaplain at the Iowa State Training School at Eldora, was the speaker on "Youth Night."

The men enjoyed a Brotherhood breakfast at the Methodist Church, at which Dr. Paul Gebauer was the speaker. Everyone enjoyed the fine Christian fellowship and hospitality of the Parkersburg Church. The Iowa Association will meet in October 1958 at Baileyville, Illinois.

Mrs. Earl Kiple, Reporter

Women's Sessions of Iowa Association, Parkersburg, Iowa

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Iowa Association met for its annual breakfast and business meeting on Wednesday, October 9, at Parkersburg, with our capable president, Mrs. Harvey Schmidt, George, Iowa, presiding. Approximately 120 women were

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in attendance. Scripture was read by Mrs. Ed Feldick of Buffalo Center which was followed by prayer by Miss Louise Zimmerman of Baileyville, Ill. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Fred Schmidt, Victor, president; Mrs. John Vanderbeck, Elgin, vice-president; and Mrs. Earl Kiple, Elgin, secretary and treasurer.

On Wednesday afternoon we presented our program with Mrs. Harvey Schmidt in charge. The meeting was opened by an Organ-Piano Prelude by Mrs. Wm. Heerts and Mrs. Jack Pierce of Parkersburg. Matthew 17:1-8 was read by Miss Alma Schrick, retiring vice-president. Mrs. Emmanuel Wolff of Burlington led in prayer. A sextet from the Parkersburg Society sang, "God's Way." Words of welcome were brought by Mrs. Wm. Huisman, president of the Parkersburg Sunshine Society, and the response was given by Mrs. Earl Kiple of Elgin. "Echoes of Calvary" was sung by a sextet from the Steamboat Rock Society.

The speaker for the afternoon was Dr. Paul Gebauer, Field Superintendent of our Cameroons Mission. He brought an enlightening and interesting message about "The Changes in Africa." The missionary offering amounted to \$143.33.

Mrs. Harm Sherman, Reporter

Dedications and Missionary Conference at Elgin Church

On Sunday, Oct. 6, the congregation of the Elgin Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa, gathered in happy fellowship to worship through dedication. Our sanc-



Rev. Fred Mashner standing alongside the new "North American Hymnals" and communion table, recently dedicated by the Bethel Baptist Church, Sheboygan, Wis.

tuary and annex were filled to capacity for this day of inspiration. The first dedication was led for our new Memorial outdoor illuminated bulletin board. During the second dedication the trustees presented our new building addition to the congregation, and our pastor, Rev. John Vanderbeck, led in a beautiful dedicatory response and prayer. In the afternoon we met again to dedicate our new Conn "Classic" organ with its custom installation to the glory of God.

We also praise God for the wonderful blessings of our Missionary Conference, held October 11-13. We rejoiced in the thrilling messages of our missionaries, Dr. Paul Gebauer and Miss Florence Miller. A colorful rally opened our conference on Friday night. The youth and children enjoyed a special missionary program on Saturday afternoon, and the evening featured a missionary banquet held at the Elgin school gymnasium. The members of our Summer church were guests with us at this banquet. The Lord's day was glorious with information and inspiration as we concluded our three-day Missionary Conference. Our church was made beautiful by many lovely displays from Africa, India, Japan, Spain, Navajo Indians, Medical Missions and White Cross, and many Christian schools and colleges.

Mrs. Fred Schaer, Reporter

Minnesota and LaCrosse, Wisconsin Ass'n at Hutchinson

The Minnesota and LaCrosse, Wis., Association met September 27, 28 and 29 at the Bethany Baptist Church in Hutchinson, Minnesota, the theme being "MISSIONS—Teaching with Eternal Values Abroad, at Church, at Home." Our theme chorus was "Live Christ Throughout the Day." We were privileged to have two outstanding speakers—our own missionary superintendent, Dr. Paul Gebauer, and Rev. Mr. Trude, director of Child Evangelism work.

We were enlightened, challenged and blessed by the three messages Dr. Gebauer brought. First, he gave us a historical background of our work in the Cameroons and brought us up to the present day on the land that has changed so rapidly in the last few years; second, "In the face of change, what is the approach of our missionary?"; and third, "What God has done in five years."

One hour of the Sunday afternoon meeting was given to our women's group. At that time we had the opportunity to hear Mrs. Harm Sherman, the chairman of our Missionary Stewardship and Education Committee for the denominational Woman's Union.

Officers elected to serve the coming year are: moderator, Rev. Bert Ittermann; vice-moderator, Mr. Henry Fluth; secretary, Rev. John Zeigler; treasurer, Mr. Bob Stassen; and mission secretary, Rev. Wm. Jeschke.

Mrs. Henry Fluth, Reporter

Anniversaries and Reception of New Members, Racine, Wis.

The Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., is going forward with the Lord. In August we conducted a two-week Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of over 200. On Sept. 17 the King's Daughters celebrated their 31st anniversary with Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Glittenberg, retired missionaries to China, as guest speakers. A film, "Flow-er of Tibet," was shown.

The Woman's Missionary Society celebrated its 75th anniversary on Oct. 10 with a luncheon. Guest speaker was Mrs. Kermit Hanson, missionary home on furlough from the Barbados. Fourteen women from the Immanuel Church of Kenosha were our special guests.

The house next to the church has been purchased and is being renovated and will soon serve as office and class rooms. Thirteen new members were given the hand of fellowship on World Communion Sunday. Nine came by baptism and four by letter. On Oct. 20 our pastor, Rev. R. Parry, began evening services at Crestview. He is being assisted by Rev. Wm. Peterson who will take two Sunday evenings in the month and Rev. R. Parry the other two. We thank God for all his blessings to us as a church.

Mrs. Hugo Schacht, Reporter

Dakota Conference

Special Sunday School Programs at Emery, S. Dak.

On Sunday, Oct. 3, 1957, the Emery Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., had its Rally Day program. There were 363 in attendance. Awards were given to pupils of the Sunday School on the basis of attendance and completing their lessons. The Sunday School teachers and officers were dedicated. Miss Helen Lohse was the guest speaker. She told of some of the difficulties and challenges of her work and also some of the victories. In the evening she showed pictures. The morning offering for the building fund was \$3901 and the evening offering was for work among the Spanish people.

For the past years the Emery Sunday School has sponsored a Scripture Memorization program. Mrs. John Fluth is director and she has workers who listen to the pupils recite their verses. On Sunday evening, Sept. 29, awards were given to pupils who had completed the course for this year. Fifty-five pupils completed the course and about the same number are enrolled for the coming year. Ten pupils have completed all nine years of the course. How wonderful it is to hide God's Word in your heart while still young.

Mrs. Herman Bleeker, Reporter

South Dakota Woman's Missionary Union Sessions

On October 1st at 2:00 P. M. the Woman's Missionary Union of the South Dakota Association met at the Corona Baptist Church for its annual program and business meeting. Mrs.

Elton Kirstein was in charge of the song service assisted by Mrs. Elmer Schulte at the organ. Mrs. Otto De Boer, president of the Corona society, welcomed the guests to which Mrs. Willis Potratz, president of the Association Union, responded. Musical numbers included a solo by Mrs. Harry Schulte, a sextet, a duet by Mrs. Rubin Herrmann and Mrs. Irvin Finck, and a solo by Mrs. Graydon Rohrer. Minnie Peters gave a musical reading and Mrs. Triebwasser read a poem. Mrs. Donald Miller gave a report on the mission work among the Spanish-Americans and Mrs. John Terveen on the mission work in Japan. The guest speaker, Dr. Paul Gebauer, spoke on "God's Changes Among the Women of the Cameroons." The offering, which amounted to \$104, was designated for home and foreign missions.

At the business meeting which followed the program, Mrs. Rubin Herrmann of Tyndall was elected president and Mrs. John Terveen of Emery was elected secretary-treasurer. The White Cross report given by Mrs. Harold Lippert and the Nursing Home report by Mrs. Alfred Weisser showed that the women of our association have been faithful in their work.

Mrs. Irvin Finck, Secretary

New Pastor's Reception at Madison, South Dakota

It was with great joy that members of the West Center Baptist Church, Madison, S. Dak., welcomed their new pastor, Rev. J. G. Benke, and family on Sunday, Oct. 6. Mr. Benke's first sermon, "Why I Preach and Whom I Preach," was an inspiration and challenge to all.

The evening service was given to a formal welcome with Charles Backhaus, moderator in charge. Rev. W. Schuman of the First Baptist Church and his congregation joined us for the service. Special music was presented by the choir and a male quartet. Representatives of the various organizations extended a hearty welcome to the Benkes. Rev. L. Osborne of the Presbyterian Church extended a welcome from the Ministerial Association. Rev. L. Friesen of Emery, S. Dak., gave an inspiring meditation on "The Love of God." A response was given by Rev. J. G. Benke and Mrs. Benke sang as her testimony, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."

Members of the church spent much time and effort in cleaning, painting and making new drapes for the church parlors. Also the parsonage was remodeled, redecorated and carpeted. As we have cleaned and prepared our church property, we hope that we may prepare our hearts and lives to make more room for the work of our Lord.

Mrs. Graydon Rohrer, Reporter

Central Conference

Ordination of Rev. Ernest Hahn at Detroit, Mich.

At the request of the Conner Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., a council convened at that church on Oct. 10th, for the purpose of examining Mr. Er-

nest Hahn, a member of the Conner Church and recent graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, to determine his fitness for ordination into the Gospel ministry. Mr. Hahn related to the council his experiences of conversion and call into the ministry, and then presented his doctrinal views.

An impressive service of ordination was held that evening, led by Rev. O. Patzia, pastor of the Conner Church. Rev. H. Riffel of Detroit read the Scripture and led the congregation in prayer. The ordination sermon, "God's Undershepherd: How Do We Know Him?" was forcefully delivered by Rev. Wm. Hoover of Benton Harbor, Mich., and the pastor of the candidate for a number of years in the past. Rev. E. Miller of Cleveland, chairman of the council, led in the prayer of ordination and dedication. Mr. Hahn was welcomed into the fellowship of ministers by Rev. A. Buhler of Lansing, Mich. Rev. A. Braun of Centerline, Mich., gave the charge to the candidate, and Rev. E. Strauss of Cleveland, Ohio, gave the charge to the church. An offering was received for the candidate, and the benediction was pronounced by the newly ordained Rev. Ernest Hahn.

Robert E. Fuchs, Clerk

New Hymnals Dedicated, Forest Park Baptist Church

On Sunday, Oct. 13, the entire morning service of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., revolved around one purpose: the dedication of 300 copies of the "North American Hymnal." Following an organ medley of about 12 hymns selected from the new hymnal by Mr. William J. Krogman, the congregation participated in the invocation and the litany of dedication. In his presentation of the hymnal, Mr. Carl H. Jenkins, chairman of the Church Board, acknowledged the great amount of work which went into its preparation and expressed appreciation to the committee responsible for this monumental project. Fourteen ushers then distributed the books among the people who then lifted their voices in that great hymn of praise, "Mighty God, We Worship Thee." Responsively they read the Scripture passage entitled, "God's House," after which the combined junior and senior choirs sang an arrangement of the hymns, "O Church of God" and "Holy is the Lord."

Dedicating the hymnals as well as the lives of those present to God's service, the pastor, Rev. Rubin Kern, brought us before the Throne of grace. In his sermon entitled, "God's Message in Music and Song," he stated that our denomination has made many worthwhile contributions to the work of the Kingdom of God, and that this hymnal was a further contribution to the spiritual well-being of our denominational life and to the Church of Jesus Christ at large. The service was brought to a fitting climax by a solo, "Praise Him in the Sanctuary," sung by Mr. Alfred Schultz, Director of Music.

The following Wednesday evening, Oct. 16th, approximately 200 members and friends of the church gathered for a delicious fellowship dinner prepared

and served by the women and girls of the church. The German Mixed Choir, under the direction of Mr. Hermann Holz, sang, and the heads of the various organizations reported on their goals for the coming year. The pastor summarized these reports by stating that the major combined goal for the coming church year is a concentrated effort of evangelism through visitation. To help accomplish this, the church has employed on a part-time basis Messrs. Gerhardt Schroeder and Fred Folkerts, both currently studying at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Irma L. Grieger, Reporter

Northern Conference

Emmanuel Baptist Church Band At Morris, Man.

The Emmanuel Baptist Church Band of Morris, Manitoba, under the leadership of Mr. Waldemar Rempel, is rendering a fine service to our church and the congregation. The band membership has reached the fine number of thirty-five. Sunday evening services are enhanced by their music. They play on all special occasions as well. Rigid, weekly practice periods have placed this band on a laudable level of performance. Rev. David Berg is the pastor of our church.

Rev. R. Kanwischer organized this band five years ago, and it has grown tremendously since its small beginning. Its members range from eight years of age to—well, any age so long as they are ready to serve their Master with this special talent. May the Lord prosper this ministry to the glory of his Name!

Ida Hoffman, Reporter

Southwestern Conference

Rev. Charles Littman's Ordination, Strassburg Church, Kansas

It was a happy occasion for the Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kansas, to call an ordination council on October 11 to examine Mr. Charles Littman for the Gospel ministry. Seven pastors and eighteen delegates were present for the occasion. Mr. Littman has been serving the Strassburg Church as its pastor since July 14. He is a graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary of the class of 1957.

Mr. Littman was introduced to the council by Mr. Milton Stenzel of the Strassburg Church. Mr. Littman then gave the account of his conversion, call to the ministry and doctrinal beliefs. After a lengthy session of questioning the council retired to private session where it recommended the ordination of Mr. Littman.

Rev. Walter Weber, moderator of the council, was in charge of the ordination service held the same evening. Dr. George A. Lang, president of the North American Baptist Seminary, brought the ordination message and then led in the ordination prayer. Rev. H. J. Wilcke gave the charge to the church, Rev. O. K. Ringering gave the charge to the candidate, and Rev. Nor-



The 31-piece band of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Morris, Manitoba, with its director, Mr. Waldemar Rempel (center, front row).

man Miller welcomed the candidate into the Christian ministry. Rev. Charles Littman closed the service with the benediction.

Harry Haas, Clerk

Eastern Conference

Sunday School and CBY Programs at Erie, Pa.

At the conclusion of Sunday School Week in September the Central Baptist Church, Erie, Pa., held two very special services. On Sunday morning, Sept. 29, a dedication service for teachers and officers was held, all of whom were called by name to stand before the entire congregation and to pledge to attend Sunday School regularly, to tithe of time as well as material resources, to study, pray and do their best for Christ and his Church. Then the congregation stood and pledged their cooperation with the Sunday School personnel and their loyalty to the Savior. The pastor, Rev. Eugene G. Stroh, offered the dedication prayer.

In the evening an installation service was held for the newly organized Senior CBY. The president, Paul Eichler, vice-president Dennis Stoscher, secretary Faith Eichler, treasurer Linda Love, and adult counselors, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gibbens, were called forward and as each solemnly promised to do his or her best for the CBY under Christ, a candle was lighted by Pastor Stroh to signify they would "Shine For Him." Then the rest of the young people joined the officers while the congregation sang, "Take My Life."

K. Louise Eichler, Reporter

Atlantic Conference

Atlantic Conference Youth Rally at Bethlehem, Pa.

The Atlantic Conference C. B. Y. Fellowship held its fall rally on Sept. 12 and 13 at the Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pa. The theme was "Every Believer a Winner." The

Conference started with registration. Mr. Robert Kershaw led the devotions. Speakers at the business meeting were Miss Margaret Peters, first vice-president, and Mr. Roger W. Schmidt, advisor. Lunch was served by the local C. B. Y.

A country style banquet was enjoyed Saturday evening. Rev. Robert Cook, pastor of the host church, was toastmaster. The local C.B.Y. president, Miss Dianne Leet, extended the welcome. Musical selections were rendered by the Calvary Church Girls Trio. A film was shown.

The Sunday morning message was given by Mr. Sparling. At the Mass Rally on Sunday afternoon, the singing was led by Mr. E. Ralph Kletke, and roll call by Miss Irene Knaus, secretary. Scripture was read by Miss Peters. Rev. Norman Klann of the Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pa., gave the address. A most enjoyable fellowship in Christ was had by all who attended the meetings. Our prayer is that God will bless this work of our youth.

Betty Mosteller, Reporter

Ordination Service of Rev. Wm. R. L. McLatchie, Philadelphia

An impressive ordination service was held at the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., on Tuesday evening, Oct. 15, for Mr. William McLatchie. Rev. Julius Kaaz and Rev. Christian Peters led the worship service. Rev. Donald Mostrom led in prayer. The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. Walter C. Damrau, based upon Titus 1:5-9. The Male Chorus of the host church sang two fine selections. Prof. Frederick Wetter of the Philadelphia School of the Bible led in the ordination prayer.

Mrs. E. Kletke sang a fine solo, "The Twenty-third Psalm." The charge to the candidate was given by Rev. Norman Klann and the charge to the church by Rev. Roger Schmidt. The hand of fellowship was extended by Rev. Lenox Palin, and the moderator, Rev. Sidney Larson, presented Brother McLatchie with an ordination certificate. Rev. Wm. McLatchie dismissed the special service with the benedic-

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MISSIONARIES TO JAPAN
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plication for service with the North American Baptist General Conference. Another period of testing came. The door for appointment with N.A.B. for Japan was not immediately open. They were advised to serve a church for a year or so and/or take up post-graduate studies at our seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., with particular emphasis in the mission course. Here the Lord opened an immediate door of service. Contact with our church at Chancellor, S. Dak., whose pulpit was vacant, led first to an interim service and later to a call to that pulpit as pastor, which began early in 1956 and lasted with accompanied blessings of God until the end of September 1957. It also provided an opportunity for a few additional courses at our seminary.

READY TO GO!

The application for missionary service could be considered in the spring of 1957 and appointment came. The question, "Why don't you go to Japan?" finally took on reality. The anticipation of going finds its fulfillment. The waiting period is over. Faith in God's call has found renewed strength as new hope and anticipation of actual service in Japan loom on the horizon on the day of their departure from San Francisco for Japan on December 2, 1957.

Without their personal solicitation churches are already rallying to undergird their going with prayers and other support. At the time of this writing the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa, with Rev. John Reimer as pastor, has already notified us that their prayer support will be undergirded with \$2,000 per year. We are indeed grateful to God and his people and pray that all of us may be found faithful before his throne!

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gary. Approximately \$120,000 was contributed by Baptists for Hungarian needs, about \$80,000 being received in the relief committee's European offices and about \$40,000 in the Washington office. Outstanding among these gifts was a sum of \$28,000 from Canada and \$7,900 from Germany. Assistance also is being given to Russian Baptist refugees in China seeking transportation to Australia and to Polish Baptist ministers.

● **Dr. Ohrn in Europe.** Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, is in Europe this fall observing the activities of Baptists in that area and making plans for 1958 Baptist meetings there. One of his chief items of business on the continent will be arrangement of details for the 1958 meeting of the BWA Executive Committee at Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, in August 1958. He also will confer with European Baptists in their plans for a meeting of the European Baptist Federation in Berlin next July and an evangelistic conference immediately following. Countries on his itinerary include: Belgium, Germany, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Spain, Switzerland, and England, and possibly Holland and Portugal. The secretary will return to Washington in time for the semi-annual meeting of the BWA Administrative Committee November 26.

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tober 27. From Sept. 9 to 13 67 persons were enrolled in a Leadership Course with the following serving as teachers: Miss Ruth Bathauer of Forest Park, Ill., Mrs. Lester Spong of Great Bend, Kansas, and Rev. Norman Miller of Durham, Kansas. Evangelistic meetings were held from Nov. 5 to 14 with Rev. Victor Priebe, assistant minister of the Grosse Pointe Church, Detroit, Mich., as the speaker

● **Dr. Paul Gebauer**, superintendent of the Cameroons Baptist Mission in Africa, is engaged in a busy three-month deputation tour to our churches from Sept. 22 to Dec. 15. He has participated in the programs of the Minnesota Association at Hutchinson, the South Dakota Association at Corona, the Iowa Association at Parkersburg, the Pacific Northwest Association at Startup, Wash., and the Oregon Association at Stafford. He has served at missionary conferences and has spoken in churches in North and South Dakota, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, and Ontario, Canada. He has thrilled congregations in the Trinity Baptist Church, his home and supporting church, and has held students at the North American Baptist Seminary spellbound with his messages. During the remaining month of his deputation ministry, Dr. Gebauer will speak in most of the churches in British Columbia and Oregon.

ORDINATION, PHILADELPHIA
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tion. Rev. Wm. McLatchie has a fine educational background, having received his B. S. degree in 1949 at the Milwaukee State Teachers College, his B. D. degree in 1950 at Faith Seminary. He completed all residence requirements for a Ph. D. in the year 1956. Christian Peters, Reporter

Obituary

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

MR. DANIEL MANTHEY
of Chicago Illinois

Mr. Daniel Manthey of Chicago, Ill., was born April 13, 1887 in Russia, and died October 11, 1957. He was converted at the age of 14, was baptized and added to the membership of a Baptist Church in Russia. In 1905 he came to the United States, and made his home in Chicago, Ill. Here he joined the membership of the First German Baptist Church, now the Foster Avenue Church, and through the years served his church and his Lord in a service of admirable loyalty.

In 1914 he was married to Katherine Moutz. Two children were born to them. Left to mourn his passing are his wife, Katherine; his son, Roland; and his daughter, Mrs. Anthony (Louise) Fitzold, all of Chicago; and two grandchildren. He died as a faithful witness of the assurance of his salvation.

Foster Avenue Baptist Church,
Chicago, Illinois
Joe Sonnenberg, Pastor

MRS. JOHN SCHOENHALS, SR.
of Shattuck, Okla.

Mrs. John Schoenhals, Sr., of Shattuck, Okla., was born April 16, 1877, in Russia. She spent her early years there, coming to the United States at the age of 18. Her death came on Oct. 14, 1957 at her home in Shattuck. On January 13, 1901, she was united in marriage to John Schoenhals. Their union lasted over 56 years. They farmed southwest of Shattuck until 1948 when they established their residence in town. In 1910 she placed her trust in Jesus Christ as her all-sufficient Savior. She was baptized by Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn on June 14, 1910. She became a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church where she remained as an active and faithful member.

The marriage union was blessed with 11 children. Those who mourn her death are: her husband, John Schoenhals Sr.; the children: Henry, William, Mrs. Victoria Schaefer, John Jr., Esther, Mrs. Hulda Kellm, Fred, Reuben, Minnie, Bennie and Alvin, all of Shattuck; also 18 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. Mary Strutz.

Ebenezer Baptist Church,
Shattuck, Oklahoma
LeRoy Schauer, Pastor

MR. KENNETH LENZ
of Lake Park, Iowa

Mr. Kenneth Lyle Lenz was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lenz of Lake Park, Iowa. He was born October 24, 1934, and met his death while serving in the Armed Forces at Fort Lewis, Washington. Kenneth Lenz was the son-in-law of the late Mr. We'rd Mudder of the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa. He was joined in marriage to Miss Helen Jane Mudder June 24, 1955. He confessed Jesus Christ as his Savior a week before his wedding. Helen and Kenny began farming in 1955, and d'd very well until called into the armed forces.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Helen Jane; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Lenz; a brother, James; a sister Marlene; and a host of other relatives and friends. Kenneth was of a cheery and friendly disposition. His smile and pleasant personality will be missed by all who knew him. The burial took place on Oct. 1, 1957 at Lake Park Cemetery, Lake Park, Iowa.

First Baptist Church,
George, Iowa
Joan Reimer, Pastor

MRS. JOHN KIEMELE
of Turtle Lake, North Dakota

Mrs. Jacobina Kiemele of Turtle Lake, N. D., age 82, died in the Bismarck Hospital on Oct. 1, 1957. She had been in poor health and hospitalized several times during the past two years. She was born in southern Russia on Nov. 8, 1874. She was married to John Kiemele on Oct. 7, 1896 and they came to the United States in 1899, settling near Eureka, S. Dak. Three years later they homesteaded north of Washburn and in 1906 they moved to Turtle Lake.

Her husband died in 1956. She is survived by a brother, John Schlichenmayer of Bismarck, and two sisters: Mrs. Christina Schatz

of McClusky and Mrs. Carl Schatz of Bismarck. She found the Lord at an early age, joined the Baptist church and was a faithful member through the long years. The Reverends B. W. Krenz of the Home for the Aged, E. Broeckel of Bismarck and the undersigned spoke words of comfort at the memorial services.

Turtle Lake, North Dakota,
H. Schauer, Pastor

MRS. KATHERINE HIRSCH
of Anamoose, North Dakota

Mrs. Katherine Hirsch, nee Gimbel of Anamoose, N. D., was born Jan. 6, 1872 in South Russia near Odessa. In 1889 she was united in marriage to John Hirsch. This union was blessed with 9 children. Her husband preceded her in death in 1930. There are 4 surviving daughters and one son: Mrs. L. L. Kessler, Mrs. D. Blumhagen, Henry Hirsch, all of Anamoose, N. D.; Mrs. W. Pederson, San Luis Obispo, Calif.; and Mrs. J. J. Schultes, Wolf Point, Mont. She also leaves to mourn 3 sisters, 15 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

In 1892 she was converted and baptized by Rev. August Kludt. In 1902 the family came to this country and settled in Anamoose, North Dakota. She became a charter member of the Anamoose Baptist Church of which she was a faithful member until the Lord called her to her heavenly home. For the past two years she had her home at the Bismarck Home for the Aged. She passed away on Sept. 30, 1957 in the Bismarck Hospital at the age of 85 years, 8 months and 24 days.

Anamoose, North Dakota.
A. KROMBEIN, Pastor.

REV. ALBERT STELTER
of Medicine Hat, Alberta.

Rev. Albert Stelter of Medicine Hat, Alta., was born on July 12, 1889 at Winnipeg, Man., and passed away suddenly due to a heart attack on Sept. 3, 1957 at the age of 68 years. In 1889, the family moved to Alberta and settled south of Irvine where they were engaged in mixed farming. On June 12, 1912 he was united in marriage with Katherine M. Hillenberg.

At the age of 28 years the deceased accepted Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized by Rev. C. F. Dallmus and united with the Josephsburg Church. In 1920 he entered the Rochester Baptist Seminary to prepare for the full-time Gospel Ministry. After graduation, he was ordained at the Northern Conference then convening at Carbon, Alberta. The following churches were served by him: Neustadt, Ontario, 1926-1930; Delmont, S. Dak., 1930-1933; Plevna, Montana, 1933-1937; American Falls, Idaho, 1937-1943; Arnprior, Ontario, 1943-1951. During the time of 1952-1955 he served as superintendent of the buildings of the C. T. I. at Edmonton, Alberta. In 1955 he and his wife retired in Medicine Hat and united with the Temple Baptist Church where he will be greatly missed from the activities of the church.

During the 25 years of practical ministry, the Lord blessed his endeavors in enabling him to lead 125 souls to Christ and baptism, married 26 couples and brought words of comfort to loved ones of 58 who passed from life to eternity. His meek, humble and courteous Christian life made him beloved by young and old. The funeral service under the direction of Rev. R. Milbrandt in the absence of the pastor was held in the Temple Baptist Church. Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, Rev. R. Kannwischer of the Grace Church of Medicine Hat, and Rev. Elmer Stelter, a nephew of the deceased, brought words of comfort. He leaves to

OBITUARIES

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mourn his wife, Katherine; four sisters; four brothers; as well as a host of relatives and friends.

Temple Baptist Church
Medicine Hat, Alberta
WALTER HOFFMAN, Pastor

MR. JOHN WEDEL
of Anaheim, California.

Mr. John Wedel of Anaheim, Calif., was born near Leigh, Kansas, on October 3, 1884 and he passed away October 17, 1957 at the age of 73. He was baptized by his brother the Rev. Henry Wedel, in the Baptist Church of Salt Creek, Oregon.

On Nov. 22, 1923 he was married to Lydia Strake, eldest daughter of Rev. R. Strake. The couple resided in Wasco, California, for twenty years. While living there, John was active in the Wasco Baptist Church, both as deacon and Sunday School superintendent. In November 1943 they moved to Anaheim, California, where they united with the Bethel Baptist Church. Here, too, John was active and taught a Sunday School class for a number of years.

He leaves his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Ann Barton; her husband, Frank, and three grandchildren. He also leaves two brothers, Dan and Herman, and other near relatives and many friends.

Bethel Baptist Church
Anaheim, California
Mrs. B. Jacksteit, Correspondent

MISS LENA JAEGER
of Panorama City, California.

Miss Magdalena Jaeger of Panorama City, Calif., was born at Lebanon, near Watertown, Wis., on March 29, 1874, to William F. and Justina Jaeger. She trusted Christ as Savior at the age of 10 and was baptized in the Rock River near her home on March 8, 1885, by Rev. H. J. Miller of the Lebanon Baptist Church. She cared for her parents until 1910, after which she did practical nursing for ten years in Kansas and South Dakota. From 1920 to 1942 she lived in Portland, Ore., where she continued her nursing, much of it in the Baptist Home for the Aged.

Since 1948 she had made her home with two nieces, Mrs. Charles W. (Evelyn Jaeger) Munson, of Panorama City, Calif., and Mrs. Donald G. (Ethel Henning) Davis, of Los Angeles. She was called suddenly to her heavenly home on August 9 without a period of illness. She will long be remembered by her large family circle and many friends for her devotion to her Savior and her unselfish and loving service to others through a long lifetime.

Berean Baptist Church
Los Angeles, California
DONALD G. DAVIS, Pastor

REV. CARL SWYTER
of Steamboat Rock, Iowa.

Rev. Carl Swyter of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, was born August 8, 1875 in Weener, East Friesland. At the age of nine he accepted Christ as his Savior, and on April 7, 1885 was baptized by his father in Felde, Oldenburg, Germany.

In 1892 he came to this country, where after additional schooling he taught school for several years. Under the influence of Rev. Wm. Pfeiffer, pastor at Aplington, Iowa, the call of the Gospel ministry became clear, and in 1893 he was appointed by the Aplington church as missionary to Allison and Hitesville. He later was appointed as district missionary by the Iowa Association and served in Buffalo Center, Britt, Clarion and Iowa Falls. The newly organized church at Buffalo Center extended a call to which he responded, and it was there that he was ordained on August 25, 1900. Over a period of 43 years of fruitful ministry he served the following churches: Buffalo Center, Iowa; Chancellor, S. Dak.; George, Iowa; Los Angeles, Calif.; and Steamboat Rock, Iowa. After his retirement he with Mrs. Swyter settled in Steamboat Rock, where he was actively engaged in surrounding churches in pulpit supply. He also served as interim pastor in his first charge at Buffalo Center from Oct. 1950 to December 1951.

On August 30, 1898 he was joined in marriage to Miss Maggie Frey. To this happy home nine children were born. Four sons preceded him in death. Surviving are his wife; two sons, Harry and Earl; three daughters: Mrs. Asaph Tobert, serving as a missionary in Africa; Mrs. John Rhoads, serving as a missionary in Japan; and Mrs. A. E. Luiken of Steamboat Rock, Iowa. The service was conducted at the First Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock.

Steamboat Rock, Iowa
K. W. MARQUARDT, Pastor

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