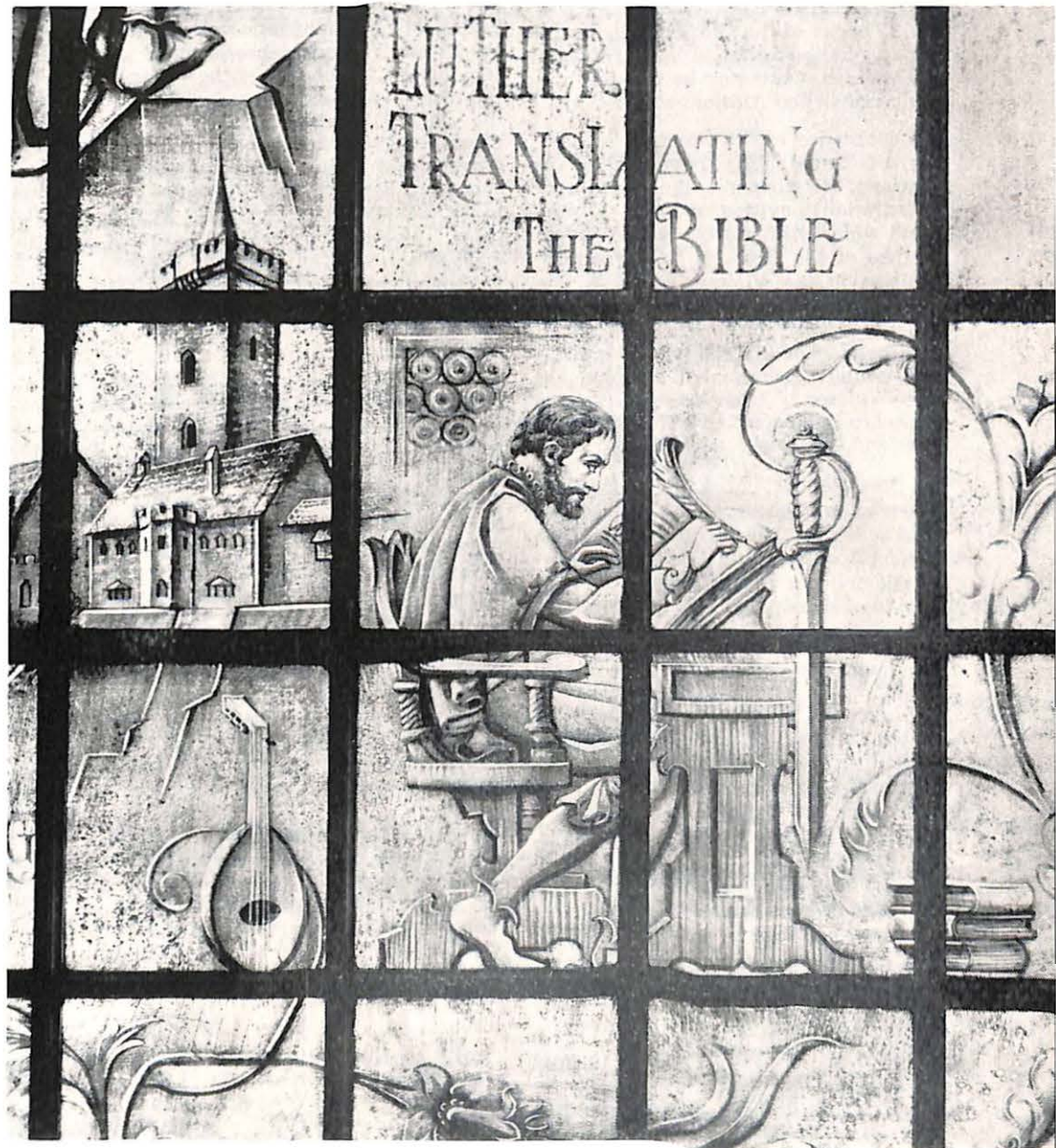


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March



of Events

● The World Jewish Congress says there are 11,810,000 Jews in the world. This is an increase of more than half a million within the last 10 years. Almost half of these (5,200,000) live in the United States, 2,000,000 in the Soviet Union, and 1,585,000 in Israel.

● A Revised Standard Version of the Apocrypha appeared September 30 on the 5th anniversary of the publication of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. The Apocrypha comprises the 14 books of the Old Testament appearing in the Latin-Vulgate Bible of 1592 which were not in the Hebrew Bible nor in the Authorized Version.

● Clearance of the site and the laying of foundations have begun in Brussels, Belgium, for the erection of a Protestant pavilion near the "Atomium" which will constitute the central feature of the Brussels Universal Exhibition in the summer of 1958. The United Bible Societies have announced their intention of cooperating fully in the erection of the chapel and exhibition center. Promises of financial aid have already been received from churches in Switzerland, New Zealand, Scotland, Germany and Holland.

● Evangelical churches throughout America will observe Oct. 20 to 27 as "NAE Week." The theme will be "The Strength of Spiritual Unity," and emphasis will be placed on the services provided evangelicals by the National Association of Evangelicals for the past 15 years. The special week observance will stress the growth and development of the NAE since its inception in 1942. Attention will be called to the fact that the NAE has stayed true to its aim of providing spiritual unity without organizational union and spiritual fellowship without ecclesiastical domination.

● Officials of the World Presbyterian Alliance re-established contacts with leaders of Reformed and Presbyterian bodies in Romania and Poland for the first time in more than 10 years when the Alliance's Executive Committee met in annual session recently in Prague. The meeting also marked the first time in 81 years that the Executive Committee convened in eastern Europe. The Alliance comprises 67 Presbyterian and Reformed communions with a combined membership of more than 42,000,000 persons.

● Four states—Rhode Island, Louisiana, South Carolina and Mississippi—and the District of Columbia—lead the nation in number of persons with religious affiliation, a new survey shows.

Four other states—Nevada, Oregon, Washington and West Virginia—have the lowest proportion of church and synagogue members. The findings are presented in the first nationwide survey in 20 years of the religious affiliations of persons of all faiths conducted by the National Council of Churches' Bureau of Research and Survey.

● Over three million more Americans joined the church of their choice last year than in 1955, bringing total church and synagogue membership to 103,224,954—a record-breaking 62 per cent of the population. Other equally impressive statistics are included in the 1958 Yearbook of American Churches, published Sept. 3. A breakdown of the major religious groups as shown in the Yearbook indicates that in 1956 there were 60,148,980 Protestants, 34,563,851 Roman Catholics, 5,500,000 Jews and 2,598,055 Eastern Orthodox church members in the United States.

Baptist Briefs

● **Baptist Handbook.** According to the Southern Baptist Handbook, "Mr. Average American" spends only 5 cts. a day for religious and welfare causes. In contrast to this nickel, each day, he spends 9 cts. for tobacco, 15 cts. for alcoholic beverages, 22 cts. for recreation, 58 cts. for transportation including foreign travel, 59 cts. for taxes, \$1.12 for food and \$2.30 for other household expenses such as rent, clothing, savings, medical and miscellaneous expense.

● **Baptist College in Nigeria.** Baptists are planning to found a degree-awarding theological college in Nigeria, Dr. G. W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe and the Near East of the Foreign Missions Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, said recently. "We feel that such a higher center of learning will help in the progress of Christianity in this land," said Dr. Sadler, who served as a missionary in Nigeria for 18 years. He was responsible for building up the Baptist Seminary at Ogbomoso, the Baptists' highest education institute in Nigeria.

● **1960 Baptist Congress.** The Tenth Baptist World Congress, calling together the leadership of 22,000,000 Baptist churchmen in 101 nations, will meet at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 26 - July 3, 1960. Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn

of Washington, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, announced the date following action by the BWA Executive Committee in its annual session at Hamilton, Ontario. Rio hotels have assured accommodations for at least 4,000 delegates from outside Latin America, Dr. Ohrn said. The Congress sessions will be held in the 20,000-seat gymnasium adjacent to Rio's famed 150,000-seat municipal stadium. The Executive Committee designated Brownell Tours of Birmingham, Ala., as the official tour company for transportation and tour arrangements.

● **Billy Graham's Plans.** Evangelist Billy Graham has announced that the next scheduled series of evangelistic meetings, following the close of the New York Crusade, would be a tour of nine countries in the Caribbean Area beginning in mid-January 1958. Included in the tour will be meetings in Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Barbados, Trinidad, Panama, Guatemala, Venezuela, Costa Rica and Mexico. It is anticipated that the tour will take approximately five or six weeks. In the countries where Spanish is the predominant language, Mr. Graham will preach through an interpreter as he has done in his tours of Europe and the Far East.

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Editorial



THE CHURCH PRESS

THE CHURCH PRESS exerts a tremendous influence for good in America. It molds Christian opinion and helps to interpret the truths of God's Word. It is a strengthening factor for every Protestant group, since Christian people are able to witness effectively for Christ and to participate widely in their churches only when they are intelligently informed about their denominational objectives and program. The observance of Church Press Month in October ought to receive the attention of every wide-awake Christian.

The total circulations of the Protestant church press, now members of the Associated Church Press (including the "Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote"), is 13,461,416 which means a reading constituency of approximately 30,000,000, since these papers circulate largely among families. But since the Protestant Church membership in the United States alone is about 60,000,000, this means that 30,000,000 church members remain uninformed. This same percentage probably holds true in our North American Baptist Churches. There are still many more people in our constituency who should become acquainted with the activities and outreach of our great denominational enterprise through the regular reading of the "Baptist Herald." President Dwight D. Eisenhower (see page 12) has called this "a splendid opportunity for the periodicals of the churches to emphasize their story of faith and good work across the land."

One of the objectives of Church Press Month is to get our people to talk about our publications as widely as possible among the constituency of its potential readership. This can be done with announcements from our pulpits and in the church bulletins. At meetings of various church organizations, attention can be called to some of the inspiring articles or missionary reports appearing in recent numbers. A reader who is on fire enthusiastically about our papers is the best booster to captivate the interest of others in our publications. Make the work of your Publication Society agents as easy as possible by getting the entire church behind his efforts to solicit subscriptions.

We are aware of the fact that there is a gap between those who read our publications and the many more who should read them. We believe that it is highly essential that every North American Baptist church member should be informed about his church's activities and about the missionary and evangelistic outreach of the denominational group to which he now belongs. That kind of loyalty to Christ expressed through the conference, of which he is a part, is intensified largely through information and spiritual inspiration which his church publications provide.

The practical plan to bring our publications into the hands of every North American Baptist is known as the "Every Family Subscription Plan." It is now in its second year of operation. It is described on page 12 of this issue. It helps to introduce the "Baptist Herald" to those not acquainted with it. It makes of every church member an informed Christian about his denominational program and objectives. It lifts the eyes of every person upon the great, needy mission fields of the world. It brings our publications into every church home at a reasonable price and with ease of effort in securing subscriptions. Make the most of Church Press Month by getting our publications into every home of your church!

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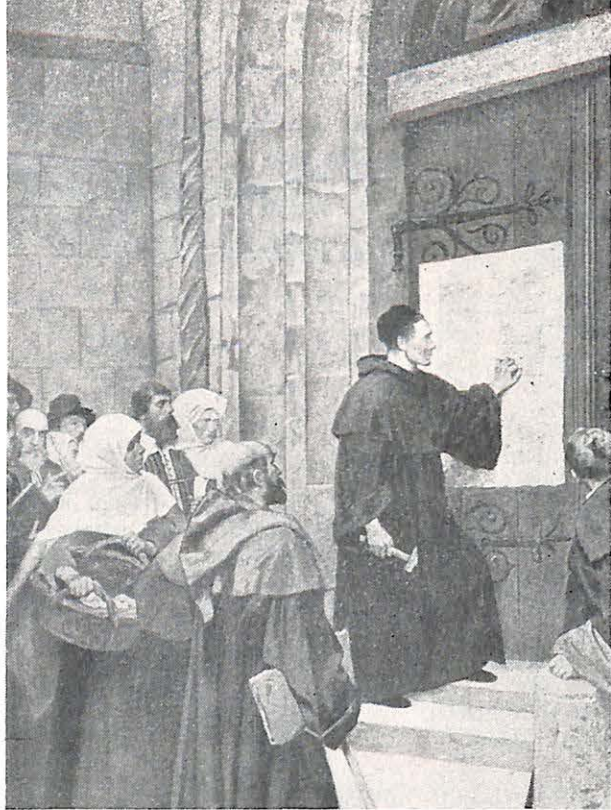
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Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, on Oct. 31, 1517. The Theses asked for a theological debate on the question of indulgences. This day is generally considered to mark the beginning of the Reformation.

THE MEANING and NEED OF REFORMATION



A Meditation for All Protestant Christians



By DR. JAMES A. PIKE

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ALL TOO OFTEN "Protestant" is thought of as simply meaning anti- or non-Roman Catholic. And sometimes Reformation Sunday is thought of as simply the recollection of a time way back in history when we broke with the rule of Rome. So viewed the word Protestant is not a particularly honorable word, and Reformation Sunday is an observance not particularly relevant to men today—nor, for that matter, particularly charitable in spirit. If the meaning of the day is past and negative, we should abandon it.

But if we think through the meaning of "Protestant" and "Reformation," we'll find that it is present and positive meaning and it is this meaning alone which justifies our keeping of the festival of Reformation Day.

THE MEANING IS PRESENT. The Holy Ghost "Who spake by the prophets" speaks to the church today no less than he spoke to the Reformers of old. A truly Protestant church is not merely one that can look back to a reformation: it is one that recognizes its need of reformation today.

REFORMATION NEEDED TODAY

Let me cite a few examples:

1. Is your congregation segregated—in fact, if not in theory? If the answer is yes (and for most who are reading this that will be the answer), then what reformation is underway in your congregation?

2. Are the schools and institutions of your denomination as open to people of various races as the public schools in the same area? It ill behooves the church to lag behind the secular society in the manifestation of Christian principles. When church

agencies become the refuge of those who prefer the mores of their class to the claims of the gospel, the salt has lost its savor. Are you backing a reform movement here?

3. Is there tension and factionalism in your congregation? Is there real democracy among the membership, or is the control tightly held by a few "lay popes" whom no one—not even the minister—dares to challenge? If so, there's plenty of room for a reformation.

4. Do the members of your congregation regularly attend church every Sunday? If not, reformation could begin here.

5. The Bible tells us that the early Christians celebrated the Lord's Supper every Sunday. Luther, Calvin, Cranmer, and Wesley endorsed the same practice. What about your congregation? Are you reformable in this regard?

6. The Apostles were enjoined to heal the sick. And in the Epistle of

James we read: "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." Is this ministry of healing practised by your church (of course concurrently with the ministry of medicine? Perhaps reformation is needed here.

7. In our support of the church and its mission our gifts often resemble a "tip" to God. Yet all we have is really his. Are the people of your church really giving sacrificially? We are under command to bring the light of the Gospel to all men; actually we are only scratching the surface—in terms of the real possibilities.

OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH

THE MEANING IS POSITIVE. The Reformers, in their negative reaction to serious abuses in the life and teaching of the medieval church, came to positive conclusions about the meaning of the Christian faith. These conclusions were not limited to their own time: they spanned the past and the future. They were not new ideas; they were the revival of old ideas, part of the original deposit of the Faith but which had been lost or distorted in the intervening centuries. And they apply today as fully as they did in the 16th century. What are these positive teachings and why are they important today?

1. THE ABSOLUTE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD. No earthly authority, in church or state, has the last word; God has! Thus, no earthly ideal or

pattern of life is free from criticism. This is the basis of personal independence in an age in which the pressures to conformity are greater and greater all the time. It is, for example, an important message for "The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit" or "The Organization Man."

2. THE 100 PER CENT CLAIM ON EVERY MAN'S LIFE. In medieval teaching there was a "high road" and a "low road" to salvation. Members of religious orders bound themselves to a higher law; but, for the ordinary layman or priest, keeping the Ten Commandments and the six precepts of the church would suffice. Anything done over and above counted for extra credit.

The Reformers' aim was not to cut the "religious" down to size, but to elevate men in all callings to the religious life. All men are called to serve in total commitment, in all their decisions, in the use of their time, means and talents. This higher law can give meaning and dignity to every daily task; it deepens the sense of responsibility in life—in the 20th century no less than in the 16th.

3. JUSTIFICATION "BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH UNTO GOOD WORKS." The minute the law is seen as 100 per cent, it is obvious that we cannot "make up" for our sins, since any new good thing we do we are supposed to do anyway. So it was clear to the Reformers that we cannot be saved by our works but only by God's grace received in penitent faith. Good works, seen before as means of salvation, become instead the grateful response to salvation freely given, unearned.

Today, more than ever, we are aware of the devastating effects of anxiety due to a sense of guilt, and the importance of self-acceptance to a healthy personality. The answer is found in the old doctrine of justification: I can accept myself because God accepts me, though unacceptable; and in the confidence of that acceptance I can become more acceptable.

PRIESTHOOD OF BELIEVERS

4. THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS. The Reformers perceived that all men are called to a ministry, and that there are no higher or lower "callings," but that all are to share in God's creative and redemptive purposes in the world, each in exercise of his own particular gifts. Thus, all are called, not only to do their daily work in a spirit of dedication, but are called to spread the Gospel, to redeem men. And all are priests in the holiest of actions, the Holy Communion—as "concelebrants, and as co-offerers of the "sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving" in which we enter anew the once-for-all sacrifice of Christ.

A deep sense of this common priesthood of all believers is needed today—not only for the sanctification of our



—Religious News Service Photo
Martin Luther spent a year in the Wartburg near Eisenach, Germany, the castle of his protector, Frederick the Wise, where he preached and largely translated the Bible into the German language.

What Is a Church?

A Meditation on Matthew 16:18 by Thirma M. Domberg of Tonawanda, New York

WHAT a soul-shattering and soul-searching experience was mine one evening lately! "I want no part in building a new church now! Let the next generation do it!" "Build a new church and the people will come flocking in!" WHAT IS A CHURCH? Merely a building which seats several hundred people who are all "clamoring" for a place to worship their God? A church, made of rock or stone or brick, is only a building. A fire, a tornado, a flood or an indifferent congregation can level it almost immediately!

A church, as I feel God means the word, is made up of people who love him. They are people who love and serve God and are obedient to the Great Commission he has given to all who profess to follow him! People, whose chief aim is to bring others to a saving knowledge of the salvation that Christ so freely gives! Can a brick, stone or rock edifice ever tell of Christ's love for us? Never forget—Christ IS the Church!

"UPON THIS ROCK"

"Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." To whom was Jesus speaking? He was talking to Peter. Was Peter the rock upon which Christ could build? Let us see! Remember, this was the same Peter who was to deny his Lord three times! This was the same Peter who wept

daily work, but the expansion of the working team of the Church and the grasping of the full meaning of our services of worship. And it will give us real fellowship on the deepest level, rather than on the superficial bases, so often relied upon today as an antidote to loneliness.

In short, the key emphases of the

bitterly because he had neither the grace nor the courage to admit that he even knew Jesus! Would YOU want to build a church on that kind of faith and courage?

Just what rock did he mean? If Peter was the rock upon which to build, why did Jesus say to him, a little further along in the chapter, "Get behind me, Satan, thou art an offence to me"? And yet, if Peter was such an offence, why did Jesus, in the next chapter, verse one, permit Peter to accompany James and John up into an high mountain, where he was transfigured before them? If you read that verse again, you will notice that Peter was the first of the three to be mentioned. Let us stop a moment and really think!

It is always fascinating for me to turn to the Old Testament and find the prophecy, and then return to the New Testament to find how God in his matchless wisdom has brought those things to pass. In the 127th Psalm, verse 1, we read, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." And in I Corinthians, 10:4, the latter part of the verse reads like this: "And that Rock was Christ." How then, can Peter be the rock upon which Jesus Christ can build his Church?

Turn to Ephesians, the second chapter (Continued on Page 22)

Reformation can today, as in the centuries past, give men what they need most: independence, a sense of responsibility, self-acceptance, and fellowship.

Thus, the message of Reformation Sunday is not merely past and negative: it is present and positive. Let us celebrate it in that conviction.

Winning Souls Through Church Extension

The Importance of Our Church Extension Ministry from a Laymen's Point of View

By MR. EDMUND E. E. BOHNET, of Anaheim, Calif., a Member of the Magnolia Baptist Church

THE IMPORTANCE of "Church Extension" cannot be over-emphasized. Everywhere we turn we find our cities growing, new communities springing up, small towns growing into cities. There is great activity building new homes, stores, schools, hospitals and everything that a man's heart might desire to meet the needs of his body.

The question might be asked, "Are the needs of man's soul being taken care of?" We have but to look around us and see that there is a great need

part, then much more can be accomplished and many souls can be reached who otherwise might never have the opportunity to receive Christ.

"Church Extension" is an opportunity for all of us to take an active part in the ministry of spreading the Gospel and reaping the rich rewards that come to those who lead souls to Christ. Don't you as a Christian have the desire to win a soul to Christ? If you don't then you are missing out on that part of your Christian testimony and you are missing out on the

over and above that which had been regularly given before to mission work, funds were raised to start our extension project. Since the demand for new churches everywhere was so heavy on our denominational "Extension Fund," it was decided that our church would carry the major share of the costs for this project. A "Church Extension Committee" of our own was formed and soon sub-committees were appointed. Meetings were held once each week. Surveys had already been made, and a suitable site found where we could start our building program.

MAGNOLIA BAPTIST CHURCH

It was felt that we should not wait for the new buildings to be finished, so a hall was rented and meetings were started with Sunday School and worship services being held each Sunday morning. With a small beginning of 33 men, women and children, our efforts were soon rewarded with greater numbers in attendance as we began to reach new families. Many of our first contacts were people who had newly arrived from the east and had not as yet found a new church home. They seemed so anxious to come and join us. They were all so enthusiastic about teaching classes and taking part in the work of the church.

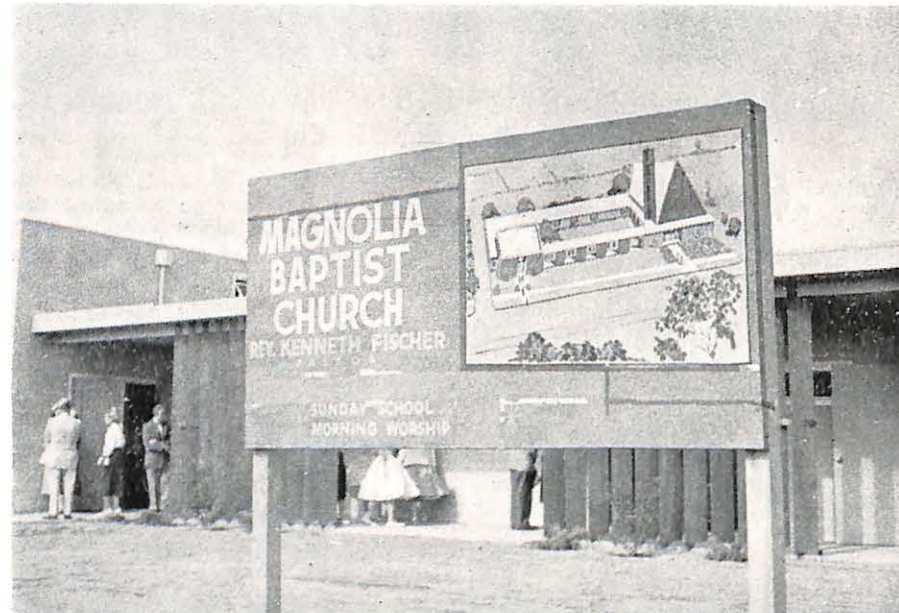
With only 16 adults our charter was opened, but in a few weeks when the charter was closed we had a total of 64 members. Soon our group was so large that we felt we could not meet in our small hall any longer, but it would be better to use our new buildings, even though unfinished. This was done and meetings were held in our new buildings for some weeks before the building was completed. Our first meetings of the Magnolia Baptist Church were started in August 1956 and on June 9, 1957 we had the pleasure of dedicating our new church home, just five months after ground breaking.

During this time our Sunday School has increased from a mere 33 children and adults to a high of over two hundred in June. Our worship services also have increased until now we have as many as 198 in our morning services and about 80 in the evening services.

ENTHUSIASTIC VOLUNTEERS

Wednesday night prayer meetings are well attended, with as many as 98 coming out for prayer. Our membership now stands at 86 members, of which ten have come in by baptism. All but 23 of our members are new to our fellowship. Some of the 23 are new to the community and have only recently joined our fellowship before

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The architect's design for the finished buildings of the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., with the church's first completed unit in the background.

for more churches to help meet the needs of the souls of the thousands of men, women and children who are unchurched. Here is a challenge for every child of God to become more active in his Christian testimony! There are far too few full-time pastors and full-time Christian workers to meet the need. It is up to you and me as Christian laymen and women in the church to put first things first and to take a more active interest in our neighbors.

OUR GOD-GIVEN OPPORTUNITY

If we as members in established churches do not take an interest in starting new churches, then who will do it? Yes, there are a few consecrated Christians who take it upon themselves and go out and start new churches, but without the financial means, the work progresses slowly, time goes by and many opportunities are lost in winning souls for Christ. But if we as a large group all take

blessings of living a full Christian life

Soul winning is the least we can do for our Lord and Savior in return for his great sacrifice. We are not saved by works, but by grace, for by your fruits shall ye be known. You are invited to take part in this great task that is before us and as you start giving of your talents and of your substance, "as the Lord has prospered you," then you will begin reaping the joy there is in giving of yourself to the Master.

Let us illustrate with an example of what can be done when there is a will to unite in our efforts to spread the Gospel. About two years ago our pastor of the Bethel Church in Anaheim, Calif., drew our attention to the need for Church Extension in our community. We were asked to pray about the matter. We asked the Lord to lead us, and he placed the burden of souls on our hearts as a church. Soon through extra mission giving,

Baptist World Alliance Planning Meetings

By Dr. FRANK H. WOYKE,
a Member of the B.W.A. Executive Committee

ABOUT ONE HUNDRED Baptist leaders from all parts of the world gathered on the beautiful campus of McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, during the last week of August for consultation, study, prayer and fellowship. These meetings were made thoroughly enjoyable by the ideal weather and the hospitality of our hosts.

Representatives of member groups had come from every continent. The presence of the Russian visitors, the Rev. Yakov I. Zhidkov and Miss Claudia Tyrtova, stirred much comment, not only on the part of Baptists but also on the part of the public press. It should also be noted that the Baptists of Poland were represented for the first time since the war, the Rev. Alexander Kircun and the Rev. Michael Odlyzko having come from that country. Everyone was grateful that the beloved president of the Baptist World Alliance, Dr. Theodore F. Adams, had recovered sufficiently to attend and preside at the meetings.

Our own General Conference was represented by our moderator, Mr. Walter W. Grosser and Mrs. Grosser; our general missionary secretary, the Rev. Richard Schilke; and our executive secretary, Frank H. Woyke.

The occasion of this gathering was the annual meeting of the Alliance Executive Committee and the meeting of five study commissions.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

The first impression a participant in these meetings received was the international flavor of the group. Gathered in the name of Christ were men and women of different color, nationality and tongue. This was especially evident at the public meeting held on Wednesday evening, August 28. Participating in the program were representatives from fourteen different countries. Twelve speakers including Mr. Eberhard Schroeder, manager of the Baptist Publication House in Kassel, Germany, brought "Glimpses from the World Field." This was truly a Baptist World Congress in miniature! After some hearty words by Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, former president of the Alliance, the meeting was closed with the singing of the hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

This closing hymn emphasized a second impression. In the midst of all this diversity, there was also a great sense of unity. Although there is no central ecclesiastical authority among Baptists, it is surprising and encouraging to note how closely we agree on most of the things that really mat-

ter. Among the great convictions on which we are united we might mention, by way of reminder, the following: the Bible as the final authority for faith and practice; the competency of the individual soul before God; salvation through personal faith in Christ as Savior; baptisms on the confessions of faith; religious liberty for all; and the separation of church and state.

It is true, of course, that these principles need to be constantly re-defined and re-interpreted as they are applied to changing social and political structures. Nevertheless, it remains true that the doctrines themselves are unchanging and that they form a strong bond of unity for us all.

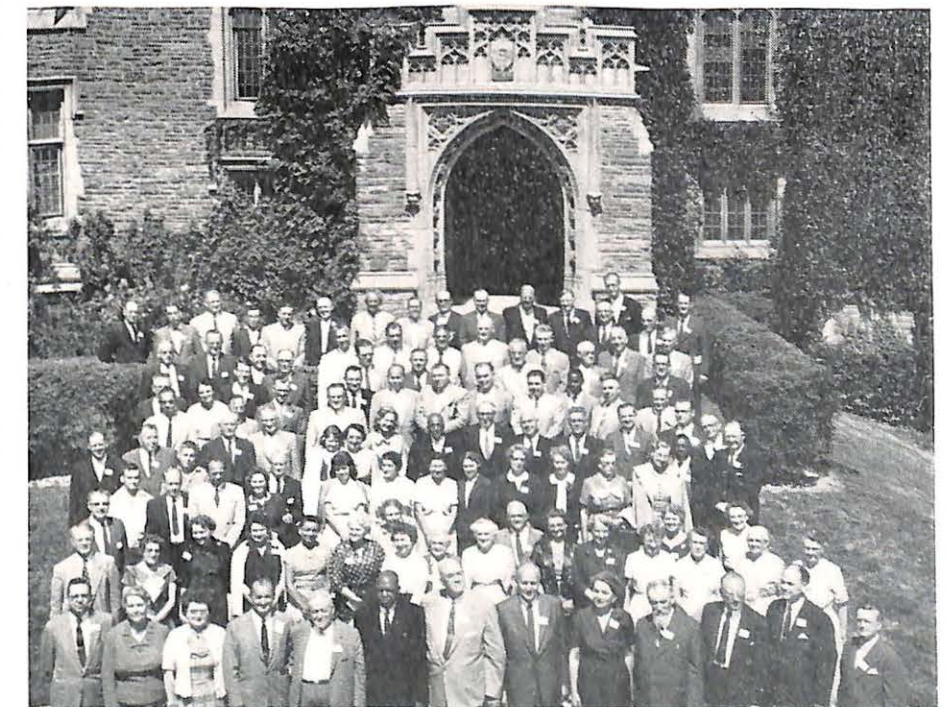
FUTURE BWA MEETINGS

The Executive Committee approved a further meeting of the study commissions in connection with the annual meeting of the Executive Committee

after further consultation with city and hotel representatives, but the Congress will perhaps be held some time in July of 1960. The program for the Congress is to be set up during the coming years. Since travel to South America, especially from North America, will present a problem, the Brownell Travel Bureau has been designated as the official travel agent for the Congress.

THE STUDY COMMISSIONS

The following five study commissions met in Hamilton August 26-28: The Commission on Religious Liberty; The Commission on Baptist World Missions; The Commission on Evangelism; The Commission on Bible Study and Leadership Training; and The Commission on the Doctrine of the Church. The discussion in the various commissions was most fruitful. Although the pronouncements of these groups in no sense carry the official



The Study Commissions, Executive Committee and leaders of the Baptist World Alliance who met on the campus of McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, recently. In the picture are Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Grosser, Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Rev. R. Schilke and Rev. John Wahl of our North American Baptist General Conference.

itself in Rueschlikon, Switzerland, early in August of 1958. The Executive Committee has received an invitation to meet on the campus of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School of Rochester New York, in 1959.

The next Baptist World Congress will definitely be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in the summer of 1960. The exact dates are to be determined

endorsement of the Alliance, they can nevertheless be stimulating and helpful for Baptists around the world.

THE EVANGELISTIC MESSAGE

The writer served as a member of the Commission on Evangelism and herewith presents excerpts from the report of that group. This is certainly

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Miss Ramona Bertsch, summer worker at the Spanish Baptist Mission of Colorado, with several Primary children at the Del Norte Vacation Bible School.

Our Summer at the Spanish Baptist Mission of Colorado

Report of the Vacation Bible School at Del Norte, Colo.

By MISS RAMONA BERTSCH of ISABEL, S. DAK.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord"

(I Corinthians 15:58)

THIS IS THE promise that we as summer workers of the Spanish Baptist Mission in the San Luis Valley of Colorado had to spur us on to greater service for Christ. The Lord does not always show us the work that is being accomplished in the hearts and lives of those with whom we work, but it is encouraging to know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord.

It has been a real privilege to spend the summer months with these Spanish-speaking people. We feel that the Lord had a real purpose in calling us to this needy field. This has given us a glimpse of what mission work is like.

There are many memories that come to mind as we think of the two weeks of Bible School held at Del Norte, Colorado, from July 1 to 12. Our prayer is that the spiritual food that was given out may have fallen on good ground.

Every morning, just before our classes were to begin, we as teachers gathered together for prayer. We invited Christ, who is the leading One, to have complete control over our Bible School.

The children showed a real interest in the activities of the school. It was inspiring to see how eager they were for story time. They also put much effort into the Bible memorization work.

At the end of the two weeks, the children willingly consented to give a program for the parents. The Primary Class worked hard during the two weeks making neckerchiefs and cuffs. Since they were "Cowboy Pioneers for Christ," they wore these at the program. On the last day of school a picnic was held at the Del Norte Court House yard for all those who attended Bible School.

The beautiful mountains in the San Luis Valley are of interest to everyone. We are privileged to have our mission right at the foot of one of these mountains. This is, indeed, a

beautiful location.

Our new mission is in a better and more convenient location in Del Norte. (See Picture.) We moved into it shortly before the Vacation School began. The Spanish like this building much more than the other. Since the move was made, Sunday School is again held on Sunday morning instead of Sunday evening.

During the second week of Bible School, my parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Bertsch of Isabel, S. Dak., visited the valley and our mission stations. While visiting our school one morning, my mother was asked by Gloria Medina to go see her mother.

Serving the Spanish People Report of the Vacation Bible School at Monte Vista, Colo.

By Miss Lydia Albrecht of Minitonas, Man., Canada

"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths"

(Proverbs 3:6).

THE SUMMER WORKERS in the Spanish Baptist Mission of Colorado can truly say that the Lord directed our paths here. There is a great deal of work that needs to be done in this field of service, and we are grateful to God for choosing us to give the Gospel of salvation unto lost souls.

Many people say to us, "If you want to do mission work, why don't you go to the jungles of dark Africa and preach to the heathen there? The Spanish people have their religion; leave them alone. They are happy without you meddling in their affairs." These people are forgetting that unless the Spanish receive the gift of salvation they are lost even as the heathen in Africa.

The summer months passed very

Remember our two mission fields to the Spanish-American people in your prayers. They are the San Luis Valley of Colorado and the Rio Grande Valley of Texas.

She gladly consented. Upon entering the small adobe house she found that Mrs. Medina was very ill. It didn't take long before Mother had learned that 10 children lived in this home.

Mrs. Medina is a Christian, but the father is a heavy drinker. The love of God needs to be brought into a home such as this.

This is just one of many homes in which the father drinks and the children are looking for someone who cares for them. It will take much prayer and faith on the Christian's part to see a change come into these homes, but with God nothing is impossible.

quickly but as we look back we recount the many blessings which we have been able to share with the Spanish people. A good part of our work on the field was our Vacation Bible School program on the three mission stations.

In Monte Vista, Colorado, the Vacation Bible School was held from July 15 to 26. These were enjoyable days for 70 Spanish children. "Pioneering with Christ" was the theme of our school, and the children thoroughly enjoyed the lessons on the pioneers of faith from the Bible.

Missionary Helen Lohse capably directed the school and also served as teacher of the Beginner Class. Her assistant was Dora Mae Sheesley of Center, Colorado. Dora Mae has offered much of her time, also teaching in the Spanish Baptist Mission Sunday School. Ramona Bertsch taught the Primary Class with the assistance of Nevada Martin, also of Center, Colorado. It takes much love and patience in working with these children, for they are a very active group but it is remarkable how quiet they become when story time comes. I taught the

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What's Your Altitude of Life?

Report of the Vacation Bible School at Center, Colo.

By Miss Marlene Durscher of Elgin, Iowa

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth"

(Psalm 121:1-2).

"For with God nothing shall be impossible" (Luke 1:37)

THESE TWO verses, along with many others, have taken on new meaning for me since I have had the opportunity to help with the work in Colorado on our Spanish-American Mission field.

Have you ever known real peace? It was a wonderful experience last spring as Ramona Bertsch and I made our way to Colorado for service during the summer months. Often we discussed how near God seemed and how we sensed that God was leading us. As we came up the mountains and approached the field, God seemed so real and near. The real change in altitude didn't come because of the landscape, but because of a growing realization of the power of prayer as the summer was spent working with the Spanish people.

There were several ways in which God taught me the value and power of prayer. Throughout the summer unexpected letters would often come from the church people at home who said, "Many of us are praying with you for the work on the mission field." It was no accident that these came at the exact times when needed most. God's people can really be united and much can be done as they pray together.

If you have never experienced worshipping with another race of people, you cannot really know what it is to be brothers and sisters in Christ with them. The weekly Bible study and

prayer services in a Spanish Christian home in Del Norte have been some of the highlight experiences of the summer for me.

The first two weeks of June were spent working with the Protestant churches of Center, Colorado, in conducting a Bible School. This was a new experience for us and also for all of these churches. Spanish and Anglo children alike were included in the classes. The total enrollment was 243 with 26 teachers and helpers. There were 83 Spanish children enrolled with an average attendance of 45. Seventeen of these children were perfect in attendance for the entire two weeks.

We were very happy to see the smaller Anglo and Spanish children running and playing hand in hand. They didn't notice any difference because of the color of their skin. Oh, if only everyone could feel this way toward those other races who are also in need of Christ! Even here at this Bible School, the older youngsters from the mission could sense a feeling of prejudice towards them. Many times they would come to Miss Helen Lohse and be reluctant about going to their classes. After talking with them and supplying Bibles and other needed articles, they would go on their way to their rooms.

Besides being a good place to try to overcome some of the racial prejudices, which are even found in our own church groups, this school also served as a place where the teachers from various groups could learn to work together. Miss Ramona Bertsch from Isabel, S. Dak., worked with a taught the six-year-olds. Miss Lydia Albrecht from Minitonas, Manitoba,

served as the teacher for the four-year-olds and had girls from other groups as her helpers.

Due to the fact that Miss Helen Lohse was in charge of the music for the school, she had contacts with all the pupils. It was my privilege to serve as her pianist for these two weeks. Many Gospel hymns and choruses were learned and some were used in our closing program when several hundred adults were in attendance.

We are all thankful for this experience in the Vacation Bible School in Center. Continue to pray daily for the work in the San Luis Valley. Are you living where God answers prayer?

SERVING SPANISH PEOPLE

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Juniors and the Junior High Class was instructed by Marlene Durscher.

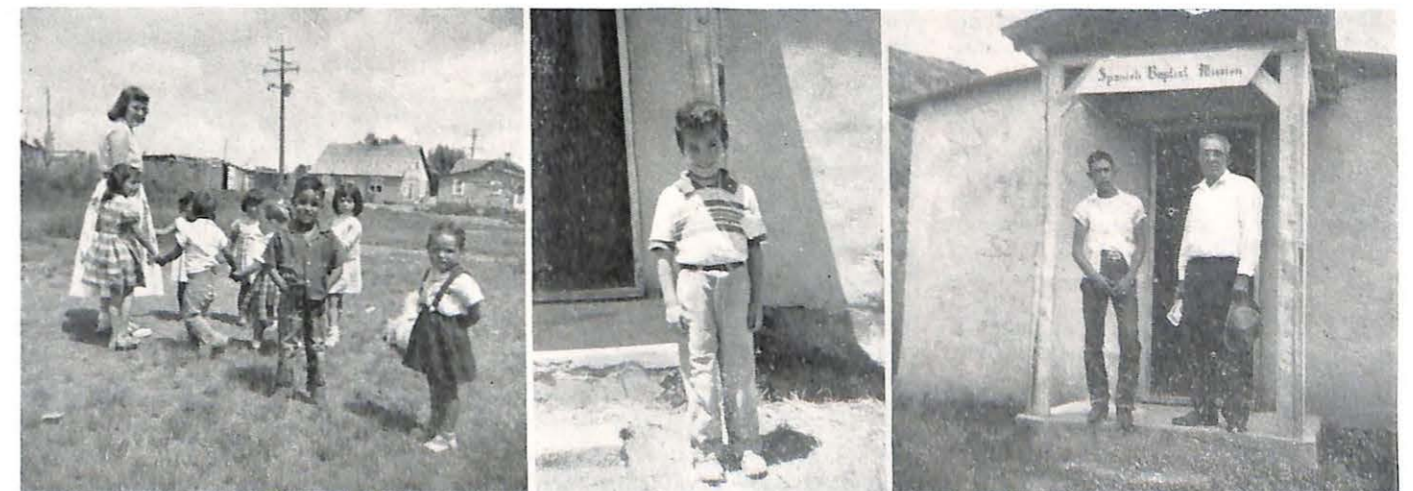
Each morning the children brought their pennies for a mission offering to go to our own denominational work.

After two weeks of Bible School, we were happy to present a closing program on Friday evening to which the parents were invited. Everyone enjoyed the program and the display of handwork which the children had made.

We praise God that through our school we were able to reach many Catholic children. Some now come to our Sunday School.

We are thankful that we were able to answer some of the questions which puzzled these children. Some of the questions asked were: "How come you say the Lord's Prayer differently than we are taught to say it in a Catholic church? How did we get the New Testament? Who wrote the New Testament if it wasn't written until after Jesus went to heaven? What did Jesus mean when he said, 'Feed my lambs, feed my sheep?'"

It is our constant prayer that that which we have taught the children may not have been in vain but that it may bring them to realize their lost condition unless they repent and believe in the Savior of the world.



Dora Mae Sheesley (left), a Vacation Bible School worker, playing with some of the children during the recess period. Little Eddie Medina is in the center picture, showing one of the Mission's happiest children. At the right are Mr. Caspar Blea, a devoted Christian, and his son, Honorio, in front of the new Spanish Baptist Mission building at Del Norte, Colorado.



Texas Cenotaph, San Antonio.

Y'all Come South!

Summer observations of Louisiana, Texas, Southern Conference churches and Mexico by a seminary student

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By MR. DALE ROTT

Student at the North American Baptist Seminary

Y'ALL COME 'N SEE US!" Pro-nounce that phrase with a drawl. Picture a toothpaste smile advertisement voicing it. Then place yourself next to a bayou, and you'll have only one part of the United States, the South. Via our denominational summer Student Service Plan, I worked in and viewed the South. So y'all come n' read about the South through the typewriter of a seminary student.

In the midst of a southern drawing language tone, compassed by a Negro population, infiltrated with a French-speaking people, I stood one Sunday morning and sang "Grosser Gott, wir loben Dich." Our church location and situation at Mowata, Louisiana, is unique. It is "Deutsch wie alles." I was astonished to hear primary children recite their memory verses in German.

GERMANS IN LOUISIANA

Even though the German element came later than other nationalities in this part of Louisiana, one can see a difference. While driving along a parish road, one can tell if the farm is owned by a Negro, a German, or a Frenchman. The German farms are well kept. Usually a large lawn embraces the home. Many vines, bushes and flowers hug the houses. They appear as miniature parks. The farm land is well kept, well weeded, and uniformly sown in seed. Through hard and continuous work, the German has become more stable and prosperous than his neighbor.

Mowata is known as "the rice capital" of the United States. The fields are flooded by means of 250-300 foot deep wells. The large pumps bring the water out of the well at the rate of 3,500 gallons a minute. Sudden and hard rains will force the water out of the rice fields onto the parish roads. The water rushes across the road like blizzard snow drifts in the north. Many times cars are caught and traffic stands still. This compares with being snow-

bound up north, only the air is warmer.

Then came the contrast—from hot and humid southern Louisiana to just HOT Texas, from rice country to cotton, from milk farms to ranch land, from Negroes to Mexicans and Indians! Texas is a state of varied contrasts. Historically the Texans won the Mexican War, the Civil War at Brownsville, and they won't let you forget Davy Crockett at San Antonio.

Their tales and boasts are as tall as the skyscrapers in Dallas and as many as the cattle on their ranges. One side of the state you can drown in the ocean, while on the other side you die of thirst. Another contrast can be seen from the gold plated bank balcony to a weather worn sharecropper's shack. Products range from fruit to cattle. Roads begin with four lane expressways and others end in cow trails.

SOUTHERN CHURCHES

To a church-going northerner, the south is different. He'll see mammoth church buildings and organizations. The north has yet to "dream" about such situations.

For example, let's take a Baptist church plant in the city of Dallas, Texas. This plant covers an area of three city blocks. One block contains a parking lot. Above and beside the parking lot is the church recreational center. Contained therein is a regulation size gym, numerous bowling alleys, small recreational rooms containing ping pong tables, shuffleboard and dart games. They have facilities from chess to hop scotch conducted in an educational and organized manner. Their feeling is, "If youth needs recreation, the church should supply that need in a spiritual environment."

Across the street stands the church and educational building. The auditorium seats 6,000. The membership is so large that their worship services are conducted in shifts. The educational building is eight stories high. It is detailed in organization. A child with a

special interest at a special age hasn't any trouble placing himself. Their library contains half as many books as our Seminary library. The third block houses a chapel and the church offices. Their full time staff, including ministers, educational directors, janitors, librarians and parking lot attendants, must number close to one hundred. This type of church plant is a common sight throughout the south.

But bigness has its weaknesses! One church with a membership of 3,800 could not account for 3,800 of its members. Another church with a membership of 15,000 had an evening service of only 500. Many times the reaching of the financial goal or the obtaining of the attendance banner is placed above saving a soul.

REVIVAL MEETINGS

Another "different" church meeting in the eyes of a northerner is a revival meeting. This was something new to me. The major portion of the service is identical with the northern procedure. The difference arises when the invitation is given. I use this one revival meeting as an example.

After the message and while the audience is singing, the appeal begins. A young girl comes forward. The pastor leaves the platform and talks with her. He then announces that the girl is rededicating her life.

Next, a lady comes forward for salvation. The pastor asks for the singing to cease. He tells us that this lady accepted Christ as Savior and would like to join the church. The pastor asks for a motion to the effect that she be granted church membership. A man in the choir makes the motion. It is seconded and the audience favors the decision. Her husband also comes forward. The same parliamentary procedure follows. After the meeting all church members file past them and give the converts the hand of fellowship.

Many times the person is baptized during an after-service of the main

meeting. People will tell you that John the Baptist stood in the Jordan River as he proclaimed repentance. Therefore, he wanted them to repent and to be baptized immediately.

A most encouraging note is the newspapers' slant toward religion. Every large and influential daily paper has a section devoted to current religious trends. Outstanding sermons will sometimes receive front page coverage. The Billy Graham New York meetings hit the front page headlines several times. The Saturday paper devotes a complete section to church news events and special thoughts. Some papers have a special religious news editor. At least once a week, one denomination will sponsor a full page ad. This advertisement declares their faith and a subtle hint that some other faith is wrong. If an incident occurs in Washington, D. C., the state or the city, which "steps on the toes" of any denomination, immediately their opinion will be voiced through a full page newspaper statement.

SEGREGATION

Christian separation has a southern application. If you judge a person as a Christian by whether he attends a show or smokes or rents shacks without repairs to Negroes, you will find very few Christians in the south. Deacons raise acres of tobacco. Youth leaders attend movies and the same day will witness to a soul about Christ. Mixed bathing is taboo in many Baptist circles. The southern person will challenge a northerner by saying, "You don't smoke; we don't have mixed bathing. You mix bathe; we smoke."

I stepped from a bus, rather sleepily at 2:00 A. M., walked toward a door. A finger tapped me on the shoulder and its voice exclaimed, "White wait-

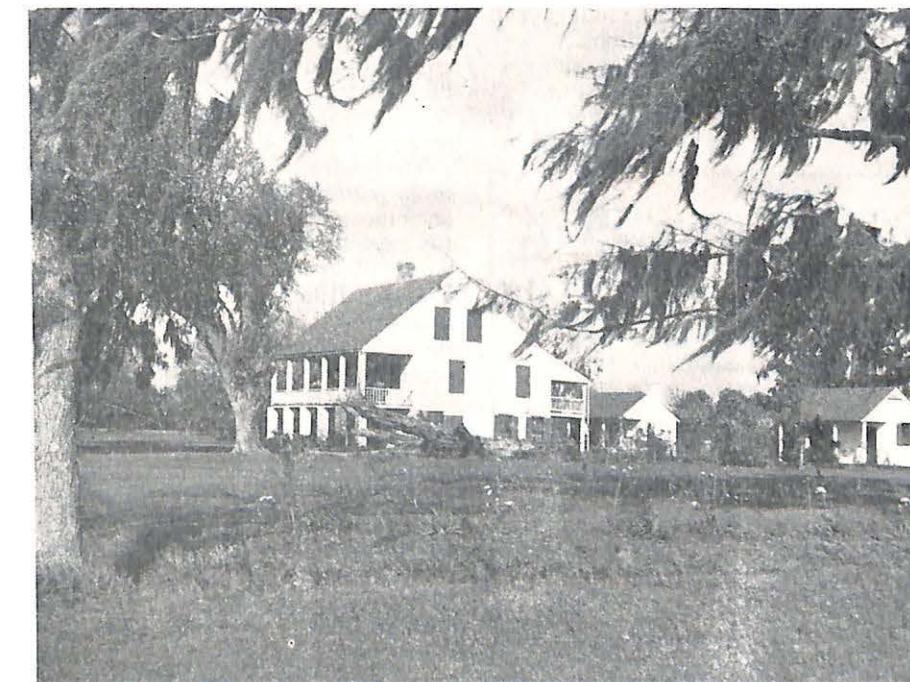


The administrative building on the University of Texas campus, the tallest skyscraper in the capital city of Austin, Texas.

ing room next door down." I knew then that I was in the south.

"Segregation!" When that word is mentioned all eyes turn south. Emotions seem to be operating quietly until governmental decisions make them flare. The deep south does not want to be forced. Rebellious against force is a human characteristic. Texas is integrating faster than other southern states. Even though the law says a Negro can sit anywhere on a bus, they still sit in the back section. It might be a habit; they may be scared; or maybe they want it that way.

Negro schools are sometimes built better and are better equipped than



The old Acadian House and Museum in the Longfellow Evangeline State Park near St. Martinville, Louisiana, with the hanging moss on the live oak trees and the atmosphere of the old Southern plantations.

white schools. The case is vice versa also. The Negro will frown upon a mixed marriage. Some feel that integrating schools will cause mixed marriages because of social contact. Children will differ with their parents on segregation. Many homes have Negro helpers as our Cameroon missionaries do. Ministers quote Scripture to prove both sides.

Some feel that the Negro should carry out his duties within his society, and the whites likewise. Others feel that the Negro is inferior to the white. Many answer by saying, "Give them a chance to learn." Others then complain, "With their new knowledge they will exert force." The Negro nationality is divided in opinion. Some want to prove themselves as assets. Many are content with the present situation. Others would like to use force and revenge. Generally, there is a feeling to keep the two groups in their own society and each side will not interfere. White churches, as a rule, will not allow a colored person to worship with them.

Sitting at a cafe counter many times he'll see two signs. One has these printed words, "God Is Your Silent Guest." The other sign points, "Colored Room Only."

The Mexicans and Indians are not thought of as is the Negro. This feeling stems from the historical point that the black man was brought over as a slave. The Mexican and Indian were not. The Mexican and Indian society will intermarry. Poor whites and illiterate whites will intermarry with this group. It is generally taboo to intermarry with those of the Negro society.

LAND OF MEXICO

The north has its Chicago riots, South Dakota an Indian problem, and the west coast a yellow-skinned situation. We are all the same. Until man learns that Christ was not white and that the ego should not be over "thou shalt love thy neighbor," there will be a race problem.

The land of siestas and bull fights in Mexico is another southern contrast. From the border towns to Mexico City we see differences. Mexico City rises like a Chicago or New York City. Its traffic jams vie with California. The border towns are usually small and dirty. They seem to live from the sun and tourists.

There is no middle class in Mexico. You are either rich or poor. If a man becomes rich he will build a palace right next to his neighbor's shack. There isn't much of a real estate competition problem. There isn't any tax in Mexico, and thus prices are lower. Never pay the sales tag price, but barter! Your billfold will keep several dollars.

One receives many different religious impressions in Mexico. Superstition seems intermingled with salvation. A border town cathedral has a special

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Serving Christ Through Our Publications

Announcements About the "Every Family Subscription Plan" and Church Press Month

THE EVERY FAMILY SUBSCRIPTION PLAN of the Publication Society is quite simple. It calls for one or both of our papers to be sent to each active family unit of the church, and the payment for the same to be made by the church through its treasurer, or in some other way. The Publication Board is suggesting a number of practical ways whereby the plan can be financed without much difficulty.

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

ACTIVE FAMILY UNITS

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

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

1. The sum of money needed for the subscriptions to our papers under this plan can be included in the annual church budget.

The spiritual growth of the church's membership is just as important as physical improvements in the building. Both deserve to become a part of the annual church budget!

2. A special offering for the EVERY FAMILY SUBSCRIPTION PLAN can be received on some designated Sunday. A Sunday in January or on a date convenient to the church can be selected when this offering might be held. The offerings will go toward the budget item set aside by the church for the subscriptions. Articles and announcements about this special offering or these offerings in January will be featured in our publications.

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

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

In the EVERY FAMILY SUBSCRIPTION PLAN each of our publications will cost \$3.00 a year for the 26 issues, altogether featuring 624 pages of inspirational reading material. Under regular subscription rates, each paper will cost \$3.50 a year. If adopted by the church, the plan will go into effect on January 1, 1958. The Club Plan will be discontinued in 1958. This makes it very important that you as a church consider this EVERY FAMILY SUBSCRIPTION PLAN favorably. If further information about the plan is desired, write to the Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Avenue, Cleveland 14, Ohio, with your request.

THE CHURCH PRESS AND THE GOSPEL
By Peter Day

Why support the church press? October is the month in which local churches and individual church members of America are asked to work for strengthening the circulation and service of their church papers.

The church press makes no claim to be supported just for itself. It is an important, even a necessary means for the spread of the Gospel in a world of mass communications. More and more the local church is recognizing the fact that it cannot present the whole Gospel to its parishioners unless it tells them about the work, the struggles, the achievements, and the problems of church life in other parts of the world. The religion of Jesus Christ must not come to an end at the edge of the local community. It must spread out to take in all the hopes and fears and needs of all men everywhere.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington, D. C.
Dr. William B. Lippard
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New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Lippard:

October is a significant time to observe CHURCH PRESS MONTH. Beginning with the National Day of Prayer on Oct. 2nd, and guided by the truth which sets men free, the various periodicals of the churches have a splendid opportunity to emphasize their story of faith and good work across the land.

Cordially Yours,

Dwight D. Eisenhower
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- Oct. 22-24 — General Commission on Chaplains, Washington, D. C.
- Oct. 25-27 — New England Association, Meriden, Conn.
- Oct. 31-Nov. 3—California Association, Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif.

Rev. R. Schilke

- Oct. 20 (Sunday)—Harvest and Mission Festival, Southey, Sask.
- Oct. 21-23 — Saskatchewan Association, Faith Church, Regina, Sask.
- Oct. 27 — Missionary Conference with Rev. R. Neuman at Minnetrista Church, St. Bonifacius, Minn.

Rev. J. C. Gunst

- Oct. 26—Father and Son Banquet, Temple Church, Milwaukee, Wis.
- Oct. 27 (Sunday A. M.)—Temple Church, Milwaukee, Wis.
- Oct. 27 (Sunday P. M.) — Grace Church, Racine, Wis.

Rev. G. K. Zimmerman

- Oct. 25 (Friday)—Terrace Heights Church, Spokane, Wash.

Rev. M. L. Leuschner

- Oct. 20 (Sunday)—Kelowna, British Columbia.
- Oct. 27 (Sunday)—Bull and Montana Indian Reservations, Alta.

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- Nov. 1-3—Churches of Portland, Ore.

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- Oct. 16-20—Pacific Northwest Association at Startup, Wash. Dr. George A. Lang and Mrs. Paul Gebauer, Guest Speakers.
- Oct. 21-23—Saskatchewan Association at Faith Church, Regina, Sask. Rev. R. Schilke, Speaker.
- Oct. 23-25—Oklahoma Association at Bessie, Okla. Dr. Walter W. Wessel, Speaker.
- Oct. 25-27—New England Association at Meriden, Conn. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Speaker.
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CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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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.)

Is it right for a Christian to have television in his home?

Having television in one's home, in the writer's opinion, is not wrong in itself. It is the use or abuse to which it is put that must determine whether it is right or wrong for each particular individual. Every person must decide for himself, and we ought not to be judges of one another on this matter, unless perhaps in extreme cases where some obvious wrong is being habitually practiced.

This same question arose many years ago with regard to the radio, which is now an accepted thing in virtually every Christian home. The point is that we must become discriminating users of these media of communication, as indeed we must do with everything else in life. This problem is constantly arising in a multitude of other instances, such as the use and abuse of automobiles, magazines, books, etc.

The general principle involved is that we cannot condemn the proper use of a thing because some people abuse it. Certainly there is nothing morally wrong with television in itself. It is the improper use of it which is evil. All TV programs cannot be ruled out for the Christian because some of them are bad.

We must become mature Christians, being guided by God's Word and his Spirit, so that we are enabled to discern between good and evil and to

do all things in which we engage ourselves to the glory of God (I Cor. 10:31; Col. 3:17). And we must not set ourselves up as judges of others in matters that are not clearly right or wrong, where the individual conscience must decide solely for itself. Legalism and Pharisaism must be avoided. (Gal. 5:13, 16-18, 24; Col. 2:20-23).

Of course, if anyone feels that he may be causing someone else to stumble because of his use of television (that is, his proper use of it with discrimination may lead a weaker brother to engage in an improper use of it without discretion), then the law of love would indicate that it would be best not to allow TV to become an occasion of stumbling. "All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient . . ." (I Cor. 10:23-33; Rom. 14).

In recent months it has been a blessing unto the salvation of thousands that the great crusade of Billy Graham in New York City has been televised. More people were reached in a single TV program than during the entire campaign at Madison Square Garden. And there are numerous other religious programs which are being greatly used of God to spread the Gospel and to strengthen Christians. In addition to specifically religious programs, there are those of cultural and educational value.

Probably the question can be settled by the test: Is TV a good servant or an evil master?

WINNING SOULS

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joining in the new work near their homes.

In developing a new church it is wonderful to see how the many latent talents are being developed. These same people, not having the opportunities for active participation in a larger church, have volunteered to do their best. Although inexperienced, they are growing in experience and their talents are rapidly developing—some into Sunday School teachers, others into youth work, others into church officers.

The work has only started, and already our quarters are too small. Already the question is being asked, "When are we going to build on?" To build takes money and money is one thing that is hard to come by, unless we give regularly to the Lord's work as he has prospered us. Without help from the North American Baptist Church Extension Committee, this work could not have been started. Banks are prone to lend money to churches: so it is up to us to help one another.

You might say, "Why should I help support churches at home, when they need money so badly in foreign missions?" We could ask, "If we do not have churches here at home, then who is going to support our foreign missions?" "Where are our missionaries coming from?" Missions start at home. We are right in the middle of the greatest mission field on this earth.

We can reach this field immediately and the results are instant. We do not have to prepare ourselves by learning a new language, and studying the customs of the land. No, we can go right next door to our neighbor and tell him about salvation. Brethren in Christ, if we don't start now winning souls for Christ, then when are we going to do it?

Our denominational Church Extension program is giving every one of us the opportunity to help in this greater work of establishing new churches. The goal is fifty thousand dollars, (\$50,000), a small amount when we think of the great need throughout our country for more churches. Pray about this matter and, then as the Lord lays it on your heart, give sacrificially to this cause, the WINNING OF SOULS.

We the Women

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

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS

Once again we have experienced a response to God's presence in the work of our Woman's Missionary Union as every member of the Executive Committee of our Union was present for the annual business meeting which convened in the Forest Park, Ill., headquarters' building, September 5 and 6, 1957.

A picture of the group in session will appear in the near future along with the ex officio members of our committee. We will not list them here. We believe the representation comes from the largest territory in our history. Mrs. E. Wolf was appointed secretary pro tem. Detailed minutes are sent to every president of our nine conferences. This report is brief.

Each session opened with a brief devotion. God was very near. God gave us a very special outpouring of his Holy Spirit during the prayer sessions in which everyone took part. We are aware of his presence everywhere. There has been a bee hive of activity behind the leaders of our Union work. God called them to lead and you to respond! Isn't it wonderful?

Reports were brought by each one present showing the progress and the weak points of this triennium. Recommendations were made to bring about even more efficient work in the future. Records revealed a good response from the largest number of societies ever. This was shown in dues, projects, White Cross, relief, medical supplies, miscellaneous contributions, packet sales, publications, number of societies, membership, our Days of Prayer, Golden Anniversary and cooperation. Summer visitations are already bearing fruit.

We are sorry to report that the contributions to our denominational budget, Goal No. 4, declined. "We, the Women" wouldn't want to neglect our own household, and we mention it here only because there is still time to do something about it. I am sure you think it is my duty to mention it before it is too late. We have a few more months.

Since the Scholarship Girl who had been chosen to attend our Seminary found it necessary to relinquish our scholarship, we have chosen Goldie Mae Orth of the First Baptist Church in Elgin, Iowa, to be our Scholarship girl. She is attending the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago.

The highlights of our sessions were the presentations of plans for our W. M. U. Tea, business luncheon and afternoon program of the General Conference at Edmonton, Alberta, by Mrs.

Y'ALL COME SOUTH!

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room as you enter. Within this room is a granite casket. The glass top is pimpled and smeared with lip stains. The people kiss the casket. Why? The body of Christ is inside. Whether it is a plaster mold or a mummified body, we do not know, but to the worshipper it is Christ. There isn't any state church; yet the Catholic Church seems to act as such. Outside the cathedral is a mucky pool of water. In the middle is a statue of Mary. This water is holy. A lady stands nearby, selling special food which, if taken into the church, is to give a special blessing.

In Reynosa, the church rises out of the city like a lily out of a mud hole. The streets are potholed but the church building is smooth. The worshipper kneels in ragged clothing, but the church asks for more. The church appears as a yoke, but not the yoke which Christ promised.

We can learn from the Southern Conference of our denomination. I have worked in five of our conferences to date, and yet I have found a different vitality down south. Northern ministers, note this! ALL southern ministers attend youth camps! The church regards it as a requirement. ALL southern ministers attend the annual conference. If a yearly conference is missed, a year's information is lost. Because of the infiltration of other groups, their unity becomes a necessity for existence.

The Southern Conference has a tradition to carry on. It has its own special message. There is a type of loyalty which I have only found in the Southern Conference. Their faith has started them on a home mission adventure. The Latin-American work in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas is a work of God. Because of our denominational bigness in geographical area, the Southern Conference is isolated. Yet they have shown a willingness to continue. They may be the smallest in number, but they are among the greatest in faith!

The printed Book became a living reality to me this summer. I saw what I had only heard of before. I owe the denomination much. Even though I received a salary and worked in various capacities I think I received more than I gave. The Student Service Plan of our denomination offers experiences untold. Working with the pastors and in the churches gave me many memorable events. The spiritual adventures, hospitality, barbecued steaks and fried chicken will draw me back to the warm words: "Y'll come n' see us AGAIN!"

O. R. Schmidt, Program Chairman for the General Conference Woman's Missionary Union.

Theme: "On Life's Pathway With Christ."

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BOOK REVIEWS

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LITTLE VISITS WITH GOD. By Allan Hart Jahsmann and Martin P. Simon (Concordia Publishing House). 294 pages; cloth; \$3.00.

Two hundred simple stories are based on Scripture texts. The "Let's Talk about this" section includes a half dozen discussion questions on the story. A Bible reading for older children follows, and a prayer concludes the story. Parents will make use of this book in family worship.

THE SEPTUAGINT BIBLE. Translated by Charles Thomson (The Falcon's Wing Press) 1426 pages; cloth, \$6.50.

The Septuagint version of the Old Testament, familiarly known to scholars as the LXX, was a Greek translation of the Hebrew made about 250 B. C., in Greek-speaking Alexandria, Egypt. It played an important part in the transmission of the Old Testament through the Christian centuries. Careful students of the Bible are aware of the advantages of comparing the Septuagint with modern versions in their own study. The old translation of Charles Thomson has been revised and verse divisions of the Authorized Version added. This version does not include the Apocrypha, which rightly belongs in the LXX. The type is clear and readable.

THE WRITINGS OF JAMES ARMINIUS. By James Arminius (Baker Book House). Three Volumes — 669, 538, 570 pages; cloth, \$17.50.

James Arminius (1560-1609) was a strong Dutch Calvinist who found it impossible to reconcile his views with Scripture and so came to a mediating view of Christian doctrine which is followed by many evangelical believers today. As a matter of fact, most self-confessed Calvinists are really partly Arminian in doctrine. Arminius is well worth reading, whatever the theological position of the reader. A sketch of the life of Arminius precedes the works. The first two volumes are translated from the Latin by James Nichols and the third by W. R. Bagnal. The re-publication of this long out-of-print work is a distinct favor to theological science.

about it in our publications as our plans unfold.

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What's Happening

• The Faith Baptist Church of Vernon, British Columbia, held its Vacation Bible School from August 12 to 24 with 24 children enrolled. This was the first Bible School held by the church since its organization in 1951. Miss Hulda Ziemer and Rev. and Mrs. F. Ohlmann served as the teachers. At the closing program on August 25, Bible verses were recited by the children, flannelgraph stories were brought and choruses were sung.

• The Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church of Mt. Sterling, Mo., had the privilege of having one of its own church young men, Mr. Warren Rikard, hold three special meetings during the last week in August. He has been attending a Bible College in Dallas, Texas, preparing for full time Christian service. Mrs. Harvey Lipskoch, reporter, stated that "Warren has a good testimony for his Lord. May God continue to bless him."

• The newly organized Immanuel Baptist Church of St. Catherines, Ontario, has called Rev. Alexander Hart of Prince Rupert, British Columbia, as its pastor. He has responded favorably to the call and announced that he would begin his pastorate on this promising new church field on November 1. The church is largely composed of immigrants from Germany who have arrived in St. Catherines in the past two or three years. Mr. Hart served as minister of the Prince Rupert Church since 1953.

• The Calvary Baptist Church of Glidden, Saskatchewan, has extended a call to Rev. Ernest E. Hahn of Detroit, Mich., a 1957 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. He has accepted the call and will begin his ministry at the church on November 1. In the meantime, he is hoping to be ordained into the Christian ministry by the Conner Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., of which he is a member. In Glidden he will succeed Rev. Wilfred Reimche, who is now taking studies at Saskatoon, Sask.

• Word has been received at the Forest Park Headquarters that Rev. Albert Stelter of Medicine Hat, Alberta, passed away suddenly on September 3. He was the minister at several of our churches, including American Falls, Idaho; Plevna, Montana; and Olds, Alberta, before becoming custodian at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta. He and his wife had retired to Medicine Hat, Alberta, only a year ago. Rev. E. P. Wahl,

former president of the Edmonton, C.T.I., spoke at the funeral service. The obituary with more detailed information will appear shortly.

• The "Baptist Men" of the Southwestern Conference at their annual session held in Ellinwood, Kansas, on August 30, in connection with the conference sessions, adopted a project of \$300 to be used for important repair work on the Spanish-American Mission property in the San Luis Valley of Colorado. Mr. Harvey Fritze-meier, of Stafford, Kansas, president, was in charge of the meeting. The following officers were elected for the new year: Leland Janssen of Lorraine, Kansas, president; Roy Vogel of Strassburg, Kansas, vice-president; Austin Weidner of Ellinwood, Kansas, secretary-treasurer.

• The Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alta., opened its High School Department on Sept. 16th and will launch out officially on its Bible School training program on Oct. 17th. Numerous applications have come in from prospective university, high school and Bible school students. About two-thirds of the university students' applications were rejected because there is virtually full house. Rev. Karl Korella acting president, wrote: "We are looking forward to an intensely stimulating time both intellectually and spiritually and ask the readers of the "Baptist Herald" to pray for our Institute."

• Miss Minnie Kuhn, Cameroons missionary-nurse who has been at Hyden, Kentucky, since April 15 taking a course in midwifery, will spend the days of October 16 to 27 on a final promotional tour before returning to Africa. She will visit most of the churches in Oklahoma, be in Victor, Iowa, on October 22 (Tuesday), visit the Faith Church of Minneapolis, Minn., and the Riverview Church of St. Paul, Minn., on October 23 and 24, and participate in a Missionary Conference at Martin, N. Dak., from October 25 to 27. Plans have been made for her to leave New York City by boat on November 28, bound again for the Cameroons mission field in Africa.

• During the month of August Rev. W. S. Argow, of Erie, Pa., supplied the pulpit of the influential Delaware Avenue Baptist Church of Erie. He had served the church on other occasions, even for extended periods, and his ministry there has been deeply appreciated. Mr. Argow recently preached

in the Presbyterian Church of Pleasantville, N. Y., where his daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald C. McCreary, are members. During that visit to the East, he attended the Billy Graham meetings in New York City and the sessions of the American Baptist Convention in Philadelphia, Pa. His schedule of engagements sounds like a very busy life for one of our "retired ministers."

• The "Challenger Club" trustees recently met in Detroit, Mich., at the home of Mr. Ed. F. Strauss for its annual meeting. The new officers for the coming year are: Mr. Ed. F. Strauss, Detroit, Mich., president; Mr. George A. Delney, Jackson Mich., vice-president; Rev. J. R. Kruegel, Trenton, Ill., secretary; and Rev. John DeBoer of Falls City, Neb., treasurer. Rev. Elmer C. Strauss, director of "God's Volunteers" who wrote the article about the "Challenger Club" for the 1957 ANNUAL, remains as a trustee. Rev. J. R. Kruegel became the director of the Junior Division, and Rev. John DeBoer continued as director of the Senior Division. The present enrollment of the "Challenger Club" is 1400.

• Mr. Eberhard Schroeder of Kassel, Germany, the business manager of the Baptist Publication House of Germany, has been visiting North American Baptist churches of the United States and Canada during the past six weeks, following his attendance at the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee session in Hamilton, Ontario. He has spoken in the churches of Southern Ontario, gone sightseeing at Niagara Falls, spent several days at the Roger Williams Press office in Cleveland, Ohio, and the headquarters office in Forest Park, Illinois, and visited churches in Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatoon, Edmonton and Calgary, Canada, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He is returning to Europe on October 17 from New York City.

• On Sunday morning, September 8, the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., and its pastor, Rev. Rubin Kern, recognized the 25 church young people who were returning to colleges, Bible Schools and Seminaries this fall. The message, "The Involvement of Growing Up," was brought by Mr. Fred Folkerts of the Northern Baptist Seminary. Eleanor Schreiber read the Scripture passage and Roy Wilhelm offered the prayer. Louanne Fuchs and Harry Stephens played the offertory. A quartet of Carol Ann Maxant Rosemarie Hackmann, Paul Schmidt and Garry Schroeder sang a beautiful selection. Four young students served as ushers. The pastor's sixth anniversary in the church's ministry was recognized by Mr. Carl Jenkins, moderator. The High School Age group was in charge of the evening service with the Youth Choir singing, and Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, Sunday School secretary, bringing the message.

Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: October 27, 1957

Theme: **THE PROBLEM OF CHRISTIAN FREEDOM**

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 8

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Freedom does not mean that you are free to do as you please. In Christian freedom you are free to do as God pleases.

INTRODUCTION: There are things that are lawful for adults which would be unlawful for children. But parents do not flout their enlightened conscience and superior knowledge in front of their ignorant and sensitive children. There are times, in the presence of children, when adults must accommodate themselves to their environment, and refrain from words and actions which would be entirely in order in an adult world.

The same truth is evident in relation to the new-born child of God. Particularly is this true if he has come out of a sinful world, and he sees and hears things which recall the old associations. His conscience, morbid as it may seem, tells him that it is wrong. Deliberately to injure one whose conscience is extremely sensitive is a sin against Christ for whom he also died. Rather than trip up a brother (if sacrificial meat is a stumbling block in his case), Paul would rather be a vegetarian all his life.

I. CHRISTIAN FREEDOM AND KNOWLEDGE. 1 Cor. 8:1-6.

"A little knowledge is a dangerous thing." Even a little Christian knowledge is dangerous when it breeds a conceited Christian rather than a consecrated Christian. Paul had to deal with an "advanced" party in the church which thought of themselves as a "liberal action" group because of their superior Christian knowledge. They were free of the ignorant, narrow-minded church members who were always looking for something to criticize. But in the process of exercising their freedom they became intellectual Pharisees.

As an intellectual, Paul towered above them, but his intellect was clothed in wisdom and consideration.

FOR DISCUSSION: How can we tell the difference between a weak Christian, who is easily offended, and a "crank" who wants everyone to follow and accept his opinion?

II. CHRISTIAN FREEDOM AND LOVE 1 Cor. 8:7-12.

The responsibility of the mature Christian is not to lord it over the others because of his superior knowledge; neither is he to cater to every weakness of the new Christian. His responsibility is to love him in such a way that he will help him grow in

grace and in the knowledge of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. What may not be a problem to you may be a terrible problem to someone else, and he may easily be led into temptation because of it. Forsaking him, assailing him, or laughing at him may be the cause of his perishing. He needs an understanding and loving example who will strengthen his faith and freedom in Christ.

FOR DISCUSSION: What are some of the present-day problems for the new Christian which can be helped by our love and sympathetic understanding?

III. CHRISTIAN FREEDOM AND SELF-DENIAL. 1 Cor. 8:13.

Eating meat or not eating meat will not bring us closer to Christ. But a spirit of sacrifice and self-denial will, wherever it is the means of establishing and strengthening our weak brother. The welfare of a morally weak Christian must come before our intellectual and moral freedom. Christian freedom becomes a problem when we put our own freedom first. It should not be a problem for the Christian who is concerned, first of all, for the immature brother.

TEMPERANCE DISCUSSION: Did you ever hear people say, "A little social drink won't hurt me. A little wine for my weak stomach is recommended in the Bible." What does this do to the alcoholic who is recently converted? How does it affect the observing children?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: November 3, 1957

Theme: **THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP**

Scripture: 1 Cor. 11:20-34

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The significance of the Lord's Supper as a worship experience should help us in our relationship with others.

INTRODUCTION: This part of the letter to the Corinthians must have been the most difficult for Paul to write. The most sacred ordinance of the church was abused to such a degree that there was no longer any semblance to the sanctity of the Last Supper originated by Jesus Christ. In the process the spirit of love and fellowship was lost.

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.

To understand the difficulty of worship in the early church, we must remember that the Lord's Day was not recognized by the Roman government. Therefore the Christians got together after work for an evening service. Most of the time they met in homes which heightened the family aspect of church life and often focused the attention on sensitive natures and social factions.

I. CHRISTIAN WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP. 1 Cor. 11:20-22.

In the beginning it was the intention of the church to fellowship around a common meal. It was referred to as a love feast, and it preceded the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Eating together was a form of worship when it was done "with gladness and singleness of heart" (Acts 2:46).

But this feast degenerated to such an extent that there was no evidence of love present. The families began to bring their own food and refused to share it with others. Distinctive clans and relationships formed which separated one from the other. The Jewish Christians held to their "kosher" foods and would not be contaminated by those who ate "unclean" foods. Wealthier families would not share with those who could bring only poor fare and even looked with contempt upon "them that have not." Human selfishness was also evident by gluttony and drunkenness, a practice which was all too common among the idol worshippers.

True worship seeks the glory of God and the welfare of man and does not seek to satisfy the selfish appetites of the creature.

II. CHRISTIAN WORSHIP AND THE LORD'S SUPPER. 1 Cor. 11:22-26.

Church services can often be boring if they are not well-planned and spiritually prepared both by the minister and the congregation. But the worship experience of the Lord's Supper is a continual source of inspiration in spite of its repetition and frequency.

Three basic declarations are set forth in this service:

(a) "Take eat, this is my body, which is broken for you." Bread is the staff of life, the main element of man's diet. Jesus used it as a symbol of his broken body, his atoning death on the cross, which also became the staff of life—eternal life.

(b) "This cup is the new testament in my blood; this do ye as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me." It was very obvious to the Jew that the blood of animals represented a sacrifice. From this day forth the cup became the symbol of the blood of Christ and of a new and permanent testament that should never be forgotten.

(c) "For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come." In-

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Our Denomination in ACTION

Dakota Conference

Baptismal Service for Baptist Church, Napoleon, N. Dak.

Sunday, August 11, was a great day for the Baptist Church of Napoleon, N. Dak., when we met at the Crystal Springs Baptist Youth Camp for a baptismal service together with the Streeter and Medina Baptist churches. Six candidates from Napoleon and one convert from each of the Streeter and Medina churches stepped into the baptismal waters. Rev. Henry Lang baptized all candidates since there is no



Baptismal candidates from Napoleon, Streeter and Medina, N. Dak., with Rev. Henry Lang and Mr. Ted Keck in back row (right).

pastor at Streeter. Mr. Phillip Dockter, deacon of Streeter, and Mr. Ted Keck, student pastor at Medina, helped in the services. It was a special joy for the pastor to baptize his daughter. These converts were the results of meetings which the Reverends Ron and Floyd Dalzell conducted last fall.

The hand of fellowship was extended to these new members at a special communion service on the following Sunday. God has been blessing the Napoleon church so that it now has 99 members. Beginning with Sept. 29 the church conducted a week of missionary meetings at which seven missionaries served as guest speakers. On October 14 the church began special meetings with Rev. Herbert Vetter of Isabel, S. Dak., as evangelist.

Henry Lang, Pastor

Golden Wedding Anniversary for Baptist Couple, Cathay, N. Dak.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Strogies of Cathay, N. Dak., were honored at their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday afternoon, August 25, held at an Open House in the home of a son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Haldt at Cathay. Over 100 friends and relatives called to congratulate the honored couple.

A brief program was given with Mrs. Martin Kandt in charge. Rev.

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David Zimmerman, pastor of the Cathay Baptist Church, led in devotions and brought a short message. A duet was sung by Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Leitner. Other numbers featured a reading by Mrs. Abner Edinger, trumpet duet by Allen and Ronald Moulton, a solo by Sharon Kandt with Mrs. Ervin Haldt as accompanist, a reading by Eldon Leitner, and a duet by Rev. and Mrs. Carl Weisser of Carrington accompanied on the organ by Miss Barbara Weisser of Parkston, S. Dak., and a trio sung by Selma Moulton, Olga Kandt and Alice Haldt.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Strogies were married August 21, 1907 in the Germantown Baptist Church, Cathay, N. Dak., with Rev. Wm. Wahl officiating. Both have been active members of the Cathay Baptist Church for many years.

Mrs. Ervin Haldt, Reporter

Atlantic Conference

Junior Choir, Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Junior Choir of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., is a faithful group of youngsters who love to sing about their Savior. They range in age from 5 to 12 years or over, or until they feel too old to sing with the Juniors.

We praise God for his faithfulness in keeping our boys and girls in good health so that they may serve their Lord as he chooses to have them serve. As their director, I would like to express the bountiful blessing I receive in working with these wonderful children.

Alma L. Ziegenthaler, Reporter



The most recent picture of the Junior choir which sings faithfully in the Sunday morning services of the Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pa.



Seven young Christian converts baptized by Rev. John Kuehn (left, back row) of the Whitemouth Baptist Church, River Hills, Manitoba.

Northern Conference

Whitemouth Church, Man., Holds Outdoor Baptismal Service

Many spiritual blessings have been ours at the Whitemouth Baptist Church of River Hills, Manitoba. In May and June revival meetings were held with Rev. D. Berg of Morris serving as evangelist. On Sunday morning, July 28, we met for an outdoor service on the banks of the Whitemouth River in picturesque surroundings. Rev. Wm. Sturhahn of Winnipeg spoke on the importance of baptism. It was then the joy of the local pastor, Rev. John Kuehn, to baptize seven young people in the Whitemouth River.

The presence of God was felt by all as these precious souls testified to the world that henceforth they will live for Christ. Another young man, Arthur Wardrop, also a candidate, was hospitalized a few days previously due to an accident and could not be present.

In the afternoon we met in the church where Mr. Sturhahn again was the guest speaker. This was followed by the Lord's Supper when the hand of fellowship was extended to the newly baptized by the local pastor, as they were welcomed into the church.

Mrs. J. Kuehn, Reporter



Girls and young women at the Manitoba Baptist Tri Union Camp at Lake Nutimik.

Vacation Bible School at Swan River, Manitoba

July is a month devoted especially to children. Our week of Vacation Bible School at the Temple Baptist Church, Swan River, Manitoba, was held in July. A total of 58 boys and girls attended with a daily average of 52. The theme of the studies was "Journeying With Jesus." Several of the boys and girls later attended some of the Bible Camps which are located at lakes nearer to them and held under the leadership of the Canadian Sunday School Mission.



Vacation Bible School children and teachers of the Temple Baptist Church, Swan River, Manitoba.

For teachers in our Vacation Bible School we had five of our young people assist our pastor, Rev. E. H. Nikkel. They are Wilma Iseli, Margaret Iseli, Shirley Schroeder, Hildagard Jesse and Fred Henkelman. At the end of the week on Sunday evening, the teachers with their boys and girls presented a program showing everyone what the children had learned at the school.

Fred Henkelman, Reporter

Baptist Tri-Union Camp at Lake Nutimik, Man.

The Manitoba Tri-Union Camp Grounds at Lake Nutimik were the scene of much activity from July 13 to August 5 with Rev. John Kuehn as Camp Director. Ideal weather conditions prevailed throughout the three

weeks and many spiritual blessings were experienced.

This year we had the girls' camp first with Miss Ida Hoffman of Morris, Man., ably serving as dean. Thirty-six girls attended. Eight were saved during this week. Rev. R. Neuman of the Muscowpetung Indian Reserve was the guest speaker for both the girls' and boys' camp which followed.

Forty-one boys attended the second week with Rev. D. Berg of Morris as dean. During this week 18 boys became acquainted with Christ as their personal Savior. Miss Adina Tulman, Sunday School Director, was in charge of Scripture memorization. From July 28 to August 2 the young people gathered with Rev. H. J. Waltereit as dean. Rev. Karl Korella of Edmonton, Alta., Rev. D. Berg of Morris, and Rev. George Koehle of Winnipeg were the guest speakers.

The week was climaxed with the Youth Rally from August 2 to 5 with Mr. John Rogalski of Winnipeg in charge. More than a hundred young people were out to partake of the blessings. Rev. Wm. Sturhahn and Rev. K. Korella were the speakers.

Our hearts look up to God in gratitude for this camp site. We are happy to see his work progressing. This year a private road was made from the highway which is a marked improvement. Through Christ we anticipate even greater things for the future!

Mrs. J. Kuehn, Reporter



Vacation Bible School children and teachers of the Willow Creek School District sponsored by the Wiesenthal Baptist Church, Alberta.

Vacation School at Willow Creek School, Alberta

A very successful Vacation Bible School was conducted at the Willow Creek School by the Wiesenthal Baptist Church, Millet, Alberta, from Aug. 12 to 16. For the past five years, teachers from the Wiesenthal Church have found this a challenging field. This year we had an enrollment of 45, larger than at any time previous. Classes were taught by Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Hoffman, and Miss Judith Meyers of Wiesenthal. Since the attendance was much larger than we had anticipated, Mrs. R. Benke of the Willow Creek district and a faithful worker in this area, also assisted by teaching a class.

The enthusiasm of the children was evident throughout the entire week.

Many of them had never heard Bible stories before; so each day was an entirely new experience for them. How proud and happy they were when so many parents came to see and hear the closing program on Friday afternoon. We are grateful to God for the opportunity of witnessing in this needy district. We rejoice over the souls who have been won through our Vacation School.

Mrs. E. A. Hoffman, Reporter

Record Attendance at Vacation School, Camrose, Alta.

The Fellowship Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta, held its Vacation Bible School from August 12 to 16 with a record attendance of 70 pupils. Mrs. Allen Link taught a very large class of Beginners, while Miss Bonnie Teske from Venturia, N. Dak., taught the Primary Class. Miss Myrtle Huber of Serath, Sask., taught capably in the Junior Department. Mr. Allen Gerber, a prospective Seminary student, was the teacher of the Intermediate Department. Our pastor, Rev. Arnold Rapske, served as the director of the school.

Teachers and pupils enjoyed their studies and handwork. The course studied was "Pioneering with Christ." The cowboy and pioneer theme was very appealing to the youngsters.

Parents and friends gathered to participate in the closing program of the school. Awards for success in bringing visitors to the school went to Irene Kellough and Douglas Roth. Following the program, parents viewed handwork displays. The missionary offering, taken to help the leper children in Africa, totalled \$44.37.

Mrs. R. G. Soderstrom, Reporter

Vacation Bible School at Trochu, Alberta, Canada

We of the Baptist Church of Trochu, Alberta, look back with much rejoicing to the days of our Vacation Bible School held from August 5 to 9. We are grateful for every boy and girl entrusted to us for a week of Bible study and fellowship. God gave us good weather so that children from miles around could be with us every



Vacation Bible School group at Trochu, Alberta, with Rev. R. R. Hoffman and the teachers in the back row. The new Vacation School sign to be used in successive years is at the front.



The Vacation Bible School conducted by the Baptist Church, Minitonas, Manitoba, with Mrs. H. Schatz as supervisor.

day. We had a total of 58 children, and there were 9 teachers and helpers.

While no decisions were made during the school this year, we are still praying that the seed of the Word of God will bring forth eternal fruit in some

Vacation Bible School Held at Minitonas, Manitoba

The First German Baptist Church of Minitonas, Manitoba, held its Vacation Bible School from August 5 to 9. Our theme was "Journeying With Jesus."



Children and teachers of the Vacation Bible School, Fellowship Baptist Church, Camrose, Alberta

of these young lives soon. A new project was undertaken by a group of the Sunday School this year previous to our Bible School. A permanent sign (in center of picture) was made to advertise our school from year to year.

R. Hoffman, Pastor

The total enrollment was 74 with an average attendance of 66 happy and very busy boys and girls.

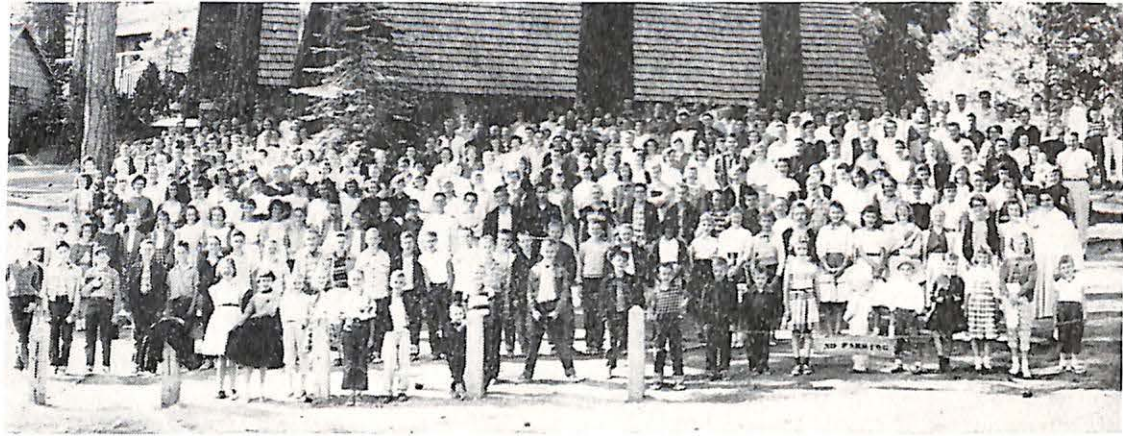
The teachers who gave of their time and talent were as follows: Beginners Dept., Miss M. Boymook, assisted by Miss A. Gust; Primary, Miss F. Grieger, assisted by Miss A. Gust; Junior Dept., Mr. E. Klatt and Mr. M. Ginter, assisted by Miss R. Eisner and Mrs. J. Hart; Intermediate Dept., Rev. H. Schatz assisted by Mrs. H. Jacksteit; Pianist, Miss Gertrude Jacksteit; and supervisor, Mrs. H. Schatz.

Rev. and Mrs. H. Schatz together with the splendid staff of teachers and helpers thank God for the abundant blessings he showered upon our pre-Vacation School Teachers' prayer and business meeting, the teachers' dedication service, and the sincere teachers' prayers offered daily after school hours in that 14 precious souls accepted Christ as their Pilot for life.

Mrs. H. Schatz, Reporter

Ordination of Rev. John Wollenberg, Ebenezer, Sask.

On Friday afternoon, August 16, seven churches sent 18 delegates to form an ordination council at the request of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Ebenezer, Sask., for the purpose of



More than 370 young people and adults from the California churches "had a marvelous time" at Hume Lake Camp.

examining Mr. John Wollenberg for ordination to the Christian ministry. Mr. Wollenberg is a 1957 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary and has been serving as pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church since July 14 of this year. In a clear, concise and convincing manner Mr. Wollenberg gave his testimony concerning his conversion, call to the ministry, and doctrinal beliefs.

The ordination service was held the same evening in the Ebenezer Baptist Church with Rev. Oscar Fritzke of Nokomis as chairman. Mr. Jack Baron of Fenwood led the song service. Rev. Paul Galambos of Yorkton brought a challenging ordination message in the form of a character study of John the Baptist and Herod (Mark 6:14-29).

Rev. Walter Hoffman of Medicine Hat, Alta., mission secretary of the Northern Conference, led in the ordination prayer. Rev. E. L. Janzen of Fenwood welcomed the candidate into the fellowship of the Christian ministry. After the song "In Everything Lord Jesus," sung by "The Singing Men" of the Ebenezer Church, Rev. H. Schatz of Minitonas, Man., gave the charge to the candidate and Rev. C. T. Temple of Missoula, Mont., gave the charge to the church. The Rev. John Wollenberg closed the service with the benediction.

Eldon L. Janzen, Clerk

Vacation Bible School Held at Burstall, Sask.

"Train up a child the way he should go." In these words we not only found a challenge, but also a great responsibility, as we held our Vacation Bible School, August 5 to 9, at the Baptist Church, Burstall, Sask. It was our privilege to minister to 38 children. Time and again we had the opportunity to stimulate the children for the Lord's cause, and it is our prayer that some day they will find in Christ the Savior of their souls. Our theme was "Journeying with Christ."

The school was under the direction of Mr. Edward Pritzkau. Mrs. Ted Scheurer, Miss Jeanette Winter, and Mr. Arthur Gellert served as teachers. In spite of our handicap in room facilities and limited number of teachers we had a successful Bible School. It was brought to a close with a program of the children on Sunday night. Great joy filled the hearts of teachers and director as they watched the children take their parts with beaming

and eager faces, and also as they observed their proud parents in the audience. Before the close of the program the student pastor brought a message on "Our Christian Walk."

Edward Pritzkau, Student Pastor

Record Enrollment at Regina's Vacation Bible School

A very successful two-week Vacation Bible School concluded August 23 at the Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Sask., with a record enrollment of 370 including staff. This figure exceeded this year's goal of 300, last year's enrollment of 240, and 140 the year previously. The school was conducted in three sessions. Children, ages 2-5, attended in the morning, ages 6 and 7 in the afternoon, and 8 to 16 in the evening.

The increased enrollment was encouraged by a program of personal visitation and contact which preceded the school. A publicity program in the immediate area was aided by means of a colorful float which was displayed several days before commencement of the school.

The large turnout has not only given us a vision of the vast potentials of this new area, but it is definitely an indication of the opportunities for evangelism which we have in our city. A vigorous follow-up program is being carried out whereby each family represented at the school will be visited by some member of the church. Rev. Richard Grabke is pastor of the church.

Tillie Muller, Reporter

Pacific Conference

California Young People's Conference at Hume Lake

"Welcome to Hume Lake!" Those were the first words that greeted the 371 young people and adults of the California churches at their camp held from July 20 to 27 at Hume Lake, California. We were privileged to have as our guest speakers Professor Roy Seibel from our North American Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and our missionary to Japan, Miss Florence Miller.

Various classes were offered on What Baptists Believe, Church Music, How to Study the Bible, Youth Problems, Leadership Training and Program Planning, and The Use of Visual Aids in Teaching. Words cannot ex-

press the gratitude felt toward the pastors from our California churches who served as teachers and instructors. It was only their tireless and devoted example that brought many closer to God.

Our Conference designated \$2100 to be our project for the coming year. Fifty per cent was designated for the mission work in Japan, 25 per cent for the mission work in the Cameroons, and 25 per cent for our California Church Extension program.

The newly elected officers for the coming year are as follows: dean, Rev. Clarence Walth, Sacramento; president, Marvin Renke, First Church, Lodi; 1st vice-president, Gary Ream, Magnolia Church, Anaheim; 2nd vice-president, Larry Grenz, Sacramento; project treasurer, Otis Boling, Santa Ana Heights; secretary, Beverly Sutterfield, Harbor Trinity Church, Costa Mesa; registrars, Barbara Chappius, First Church, Lodi, and Henry Walpus, Inglewood; camp hostess, Gloria Walpus, Inglewood; representatives, Dorothy Davis, Berean Church, Los Angeles; Don Melvin, Bethel Church, Anaheim; Darrell Schuh, Elk Grove; Joanne Cook, Inglewood; Bill Gerlach, Milo Terrace Church, Los Angeles; Carl Schmied, Temple Church, Lodi. Henry Walpus, Vice-President

Eastern Conference

Plaque Honoring John Zurn Unveiled in Erie, Pa.

On Sunday, Sept. 8, at the Open Bible Tabernacle (Polish Baptist) of Erie, Pa., a service was held to honor the memory of Mr. John Zurn, by the giving and receiving of a plaque, presented by the workmen of the Zurn Manufacturing Co. through Mr. G. M. Van Arnam. It was unveiled by Lillian Schwartz, the first child to be born in America of parents whom Mr. Zurn helped to bring over. It was received by Mr. Thaddeus Duda, senior deacon.

Mr. Zurn saw the great spiritual need of the displaced Polish people coming to our country, and prayed and worked until a work was started. God has blessed through the years with souls saved. The highlight of this service were testimonies from some who had been saved in this little mission that Mr. Zurn helped to start.

With him were Mrs. Zurn, who worked so faithfully with him, his

two sons and his daughter. Also with us were friends and pastors from two other churches, Central Baptist, our mother church, and the Russian Baptist Church.

Mrs. Arthur Harrison, Reporter

Eastern Conference Sessions at Erie, Pennsylvania

The 106th Eastern Conference convened at Erie, Pa., from August 23 to 26 with 62 delegates from 16 of the 18 churches present. The Central Church opened their homes to us, provided meals in the church basement, rendered special musical numbers and made the conference a blessing to all in attendance.

The theme was Jesus' word to his disciples: "Follow Me." At the opening session Prof. Roy Seibel spoke on the subject: "Follow Me In Praise." Friday morning Rev. Albert H. Fadenrecht led the devotional session on: "Follow Me In the Power of Open Prayer." The closing message of the morning was brought by Rev. Walter Schmidt on "Follow Me In the Stewardship of Life." In the afternoon Prof. Seibel spoke on "Follow Me In Christian Service." Rev. G. K. Zimmerman led us in a discussion of denominational matters.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Eastern Conference, with the president, Mrs. Hartman, presiding, was in charge of the evening service. Mrs. Frank Veninga ably brought a message on: "Follow Me to the Mission Field."

Saturday morning the "Baptist Men" and the women met separately for breakfast and conducted their own business. Rev. Henry Ramus led the devotional session on: "Follow Me In the Study of God's Word." Later in the morning Rev. G. K. Zimmerman spoke on "Follow Me In Christian Education." At the Sunday School banquet on Saturday evening, with Edward Gibbens in charge, Mr. Zimmerman spoke on "Follow Christ In Making the Best of Self."

On Sunday morning Rev. Norman A. Berkan spoke to the Sunday School and Rev. G. K. Zimmerman spoke on "Follow Me In Soul Winning" at the worship service. The conference closed with a communion service with Rev. Edward Stroh, Erie, in charge. After this service three young people stepped forward to consecrate their lives to Christ.

W. Schmidt, Reporter

Northwestern Conference

German Youth Conference at Milwaukee's Zion Church

A group of over 100 young people from the middle west and parts of Canada gathered for a weekend of praise and Christian fellowship at the German Zion Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1.

The Saturday session was opened with a hearty welcome for all, followed by a banquet served in the church basement. Rev. John J. Kroeker, pastor of the German Zion Baptist Church, gave a very fitting and inspiring message in the evening service. His sermon was based on the

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—Business Management

words, "Jesus Christ the Way."

In the Sunday morning worship service we had the privilege of hearing Dr. Martin Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., speak on "Jesus Christ the Truth." Following this service everyone was invited to a picnic and an afternoon of fellowship and fun in one of the beautiful parks of Milwaukee.

Preceding the evening service, the young people from the Foster Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago presented a play based on the parable found in Matthew 18:21-35. The day came to a close with Rev. John J. Kroeker bringing the message, "Jesus Christ the Life." Special music by the Milwaukee choirs and individuals from other churches as well as testimonies helped make this an unforgettable and very blessed youth conference.

E. Eichstadt, Reporter

Minnesota Youth Camps With 104 Persons Present

During August 19-23 the Junior-Junior High Summer Camp of the Minnesota CBY was held, at which an all-time attendance record was set

with 94 young people and 10 counselors, teachers and pastors attending, making a total of 104.

Rev. Adam Huber, Faith Church, Minneapolis, was the camp dean. The theme was "Beyond the Call of Duty." This was made very practical in our classes taught by Rev. Elton Bleeker, Jeffers; Rev. John Ziegler, Appleton; and Mr. Roy Brottlund, student worker at Faith Church, Minneapolis.

The Senior Camp was held that weekend, August 23-25, using the same theme. Classes were taught by Rev. Jennings of Bethel College, St. Paul, and Rev. William Jeschke, Dayton's Bluff Church, St. Paul. Our dean was Rev. Donald Ganstrom of the Riverview Church, St. Paul. Missionary appointee, Dr. Peter Fehr, a member of Faith Church, Minneapolis, brought the Sunday morning message with a very direct appeal to the young people to find God's will for their lives.

The State CBY missionary goal of \$1,000 for Bango Hospital supplies was reached. The following officers were elected to lead our Minnesota CBY for the coming year: president, Dick Benert; vice-president, Hugo Treptau; secretary, Katherine Johnson; and treasurer, Don Wipf.

Doris Glewwe, Reporter

Southwestern Conference

Southwestern Conference Sessions at Ellinwood, Kansas

The 77th annual session of the Southwestern Conference convened from August 28 to September 1 in the First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kans. The Conference theme, "Our Unchanging Commission: GO YE" . . . Matt. 28:19, was presented as a real challenge to all delegates and visitors. We were especially blessed with the messages by our guest speakers, Dr. George Dunger, Rev. Kenneth Goodman, Mrs. Harm Sherman and Miss Helen Lohse.

During the business sessions the fol-



A part of the large congregation in attendance at the German Youth Rally held by the German Zion Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1.

lowing officers were elected: Moderator, Rev. Reuben Stading; vice-moderator, Rev. Eleon Sandau; recording secretary, Mr. Kenneth Unruh; and statistician, Rev. Jack Block. We were especially happy to hear that Rev. and Mrs. David C. Keiry and family have answered God's call to the mission field in the San Luis Valley of Colorado.

The Sunday services which were held in the Ellinwood High School auditorium crowned the Conference sessions with two very fine messages in the morning and evening. The afternoon CBYF session included a fine panel: "Your Missionary Questions Answered" with Rev. Leon Bill as moderator. Dr. Dunger's message on Sunday morning challenged us again when he said, "God has the answer if his people are faithful in prayer and committed to Him." In the evening service Rev. Kenneth Goodman gave the message on "The Great Commission and You." Over 300 delegates and visitors were registered at the conference sessions.

Mrs. Harve Fritzheimer Reporter

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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stead of each Christian living and eating by himself, all come to the host, Jesus Christ, and are fed by him. No longer is our nature to be seen, but the nature of Christ "till he come."

III. CHRISTIAN WORSHIP AND SELF-EXAMINATION. 1. Cor. 11:27-34.

You cannot bring a proud, gluttonous and immoral life to the Lord's Supper without an attitude and act of repentance. To come without a manifestation of gratitude and obedience is to invite the judgment of God. The emphasis at this particular service is on self-examination and not upon judgment of others.

AUGUST CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	Aug., 1957	Aug., 1956	Aug., 1955
Atlantic	\$ 1,087.55	\$ 1,419.66	\$ 1,259.38
Central	5,115.47	5,099.75	5,329.51
Dakota	1,428.02	1,830.81	2,427.27
Eastern	575.90	857.16	1,126.55
Northern	3,711.46	1,493.47	570.45
Northwestern	4,046.86	4,598.84	6,809.17
Pacific	4,139.67	8,520.33	2,086.14
Southern	449.44	4,729.89	157.57
Southwestern	2,948.96	4,292.04	6,117.57
Inter-Conference		138.50	
Total Contributions	\$23,503.32	\$32,980.45	\$25,883.99

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of August, 1957	\$21,131.37	\$ 2,371.95	\$23,503.32
For the month of August, 1956	29,515.03	3,465.42	32,980.45
For the month of August, 1955	23,688.86	2,195.13	25,883.99

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1957 to August 31, 1957	\$192,230.55	\$14,926.31	\$207,156.86
April 1, 1956 to August 31, 1956	169,192.64	19,078.95	205,271.59
April 1, 1955 to August 31, 1955	169,466.63	17,036.88	186,503.51

WHAT IS A CHURCH

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ter, and start reading from the bottom of the 19th verse through the rest of the chapter. This is what the Holy Scriptures say: "Of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly joined together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord; in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."

Don't you think then when Jesus said, "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock will I build my church," he was speaking not of Peter as a rock, but of Peter's faith in Christ as the Son of the living God, as a "rock of faith"? I'm sure the rock about which he spoke was Peter's faith in Jesus, as the Founder of the Church, with Christ as the cornerstone! How could he possibly have likened Peter's physical body to a rock? He was flesh and blood, as we are. And I am sure that Christ did not mean a building or church made of rock, stone or brick.

SPIRITUAL SOUL CHURCHES

Christ meant a building of spiritual faith in himself as the Son of God. Until each and every person who worships in some man-made building, commonly called the "House of God," is building within himself with God's help a structure of faith; as a holy home for the Holy Spirit, he can never hope to communicate that faith in Christ as Savior and Lord to others. Until each Christian becomes concerned about the lost souls in his own community, who do not know God, how can he ever hope to build even a man-made building? Remem-

ber, "unless the LORD build the house, they labor in vain to build it."

Let us all build a spiritual Church, in our very souls. First, we must build a spiritual soul church, on fire for God, that puts the salvation of friends, kin and acquaintances first. After that will come the outward mark and manifestation of all of our little soul-churches: a beautiful temple of worship built BY man FOR God, a living testimonial to the saving power of our Lord and Master!

Let's keep first things first in our lives! Christ first, others second, and ourselves last! Let us try to pray, first, for more faith and love; second, for a more complete understanding of what God wants us to do; and, then, for the strength and courage, wisdom and patience, perseverance and willingness to be the kind of Christian people that our God can use—to build his Church—for his honor and glory!

MY DUTY

By THIRMA M. DOMBERG of Tonawanda, New York

The course of duty is so straight, Yet we should never hesitate, But shoulders squared, should travel on

With God's own strength to lean upon. It matters not how hard the task, But it does matter that we ask Upon our knees, that God will give Us strength and courage; so we'll live And learn to take him at his word, For sweeter words were never heard Than those that God has written down

In prose and poetry and song; For us to read and learn and own And use, to keep our courage strong!

BOOK REVIEW

EPHRAIM OF ISRAEL. By Paul Constant (Philosophical Library). 104 pages; \$3.00.

This is a delightful story of an unknown apostle, Ephraim of Israel. His life begins in obscurity. Opportunities to prepare himself for some secular profession were denied him. Very much left to himself, he becomes intensely religious. In quest of something more sublime than the routine expressions of the Jewish faith, he makes contacts with the great souls of the Sons of Abraham. They all come to admire his deep humility and readily offer him food and shelter.

But how could he go without coming to know the Holy One in Israel? The author does not tell whether Ephraim has had an interview with Christ. Yet his telling others about him, and his defending him makes one glad. Now his friends turn away from him. Again he is left alone—yet not quite alone!

—John E. Grygo, Reviewer.

Obituary

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

MR. JAMES HOLLANDSWORTH of Linn, Missouri

Mr. James Hollandsworth of Linn, Mo., was born September 15, 1881, at Mint Hill, Missouri. After a lingering illness he went home to be with his Lord on August 24, 1957. Funeral services were held on August 26 at the Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling, Mo., of which he was a faithful member.

On January 6, 1909 he was united in marriage to Caroline Leimkuehler. God blessed this union with 8 children, all of whom survive, as well as his wife. The children are: Louis of Worden, Ill.; Mrs. Fred (Anna) Heibink of Linn, Mo.; Oliver of Wichita, Kansas; George of Linn, Mo.; Wilbert (Fredia) Heibink of Linn, Mo.; Mrs. Eugene of Bethalto, Ill.; David of Rosebud, Mo.; and Mrs. Leroy (Lillian) Ruegge, of Granite City, Ill. Also surviving are 13 grandchildren.

Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling, Missouri

MRS. HARVEY LIPSKOCH, Clerk

MR. ROBERT FRAHM of Chicago, Illinois

Mr. Robert Frahm of Chicago, Ill., was born on Nov. 11, 1895, and died on August 27, 1957. At the age of 11 years he gave his heart to Jesus Christ whom he served faithfully until his death as a deacon, Sunday School superintendent, and in both the mixed and male choirs. His Christian life was lived within the fellowship of the Humboldt Park Baptist Church in Chicago, the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, and lastly, the Foster Avenue Church of Chicago, Ill.

In 1922 he was married, and from this union one son was born, who resides in Burlington, Iowa. Surviving his death are his wife, Mabel; his son, Robert Jr., together with his wife Merle; four grandchildren: Susan, Robert, Debra, Cheryl; and one brother, Harry Frahm of Chicago, Ill.

We think of our brother departed with strong hope realizing that he died quietly and peacefully in the peace of God which is ours when we have peace with God. This strong hope is our support in these days of sorrow!

Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois

JOE SONNENBERG, Pastor

MR. ARTHUR GEORGE LEUSCHNER of Chicago, Illinois

Mr. Arthur George Leuschner of Chicago, Ill., was born in Muelberg, Saxony, Germany, June 8, 1874, and passed away on August 30, 1957. He came to America in 1892 and made his home in Kankakee, Ill. Then he made his permanent home in Chicago, Ill., where he spent the rest of his life, which was active and full of interest for him. He became a member of the First German Baptist Church of Chicago upon his arrival in this city, and remained a member of the church (now Foster Avenue Church) until his passing, serving many, many years as deacon.

In 1903 he was united in marriage to Anna Amalia Unger. Five children were born to them. His wife, and three brothers: Paul of Chicago, and Walter and the Rev. Max Leuschner of California, preceded him in death. Those who mourn his departure are his sister, Mrs. Lena Peterson of Kankakee, Ill.; his five children: Mrs. Marie Pfeiffer, Mrs. Alyce Woolverton, Arthur Leuschner, Jr., Miss Ruth Leuschner, Mrs. Margaret Rempas; and six grandchildren.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord!" Our brother has joined this company of the blessed which gives hope in these days of sorrow!

Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois

JOE SONENBERG, Pastor

MRS. WILLIAM KARBERG of Watertown, Wisconsin

Mrs. Augusta K. Karberg of Watertown, Wis., passed away at the home of her son on Sept. 4 after a brief illness at the age of 85. She was the former Augusta Noetzel, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frederick

Noetzel. She was born in the town of Concord, Wis., on Oct. 22, 1871. She was married to Wm. Karberg in 1896. This union was blessed with three sons. Mr. Karberg preceded his wife in death in 1953. She accepted Christ as her personal Savior in her early youth and on June 5, 1910 was baptized and united with the First Baptist Church in Watertown, Wis.

Surviving are 3 sons: George, Arnold W. and Benjamin E., 3 grandchildren, one great grandchild; one sister, one brother. Four sisters preceded her in death. The funeral service was conducted on September 7 with the pastor using the words from Rev. 14:13 for the message. We shall ever treasure the memory of Grandma Karberg and her kind acts of helpfulness in service to humanity and her God.

Watertown, Wisconsin

J. G. BENKE, Pastor

MRS. SOPHIE KREIN of Hebron, North Dakota

Mrs. Sophie Krein of Hebron, N. Dak., was born February 4, 1885 in Russia, came to the United States with her parents the same year and lived in Hebron until her death. She entered her heavenly reward, after a lingering illness, on August 28, 1957. She accepted the Lord as her Master and King in 1909 and was baptized on her confession of faith by Rev. John Schmidt. She remained a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Hebron to her death.

On May 15, 1906 she married Jacob Krein of Hebron, which marriage was blessed with 5 children. She leaves to mourn her passing her husband: Jacob Krein of Hebron, N. Dak.; 3 sons: Emil, Theodor and Henry of Richardson, N. Dak.; 2 daughters: Mrs. Anna Conlon of Richardson, N. Dak.; and Mrs. Adeline Creviston of New Salem, N. Dak.; 4 grandchildren, 2 brothers and 4 sisters. The funeral service was held in the First Baptist Church of Hebron, N. Dak., with Dr. C. H. Seecamp officiating.

Hebron, North Dakota

C. H. SEECAMP, Pastor

MRS. CARRIE WEBER of Wessington Springs, South Dakota

Mrs. Carrie Weber of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., was born on June 20, 1909, at Emery, S. Dak., and went to join the Lord on August 8, 1957. In the fall of 1948 she was stricken with multiple sclerosis, which left her an invalid for nearly 9 years. During her early childhood, she lived near Emery with her parents, and attended the Plum Creek Baptist Church. At the age of ten, she moved with her parents to a farm near Wessington Springs.

On Dec. 30, 1926 she was united in marriage to Benjamin Weber. To this union two sons were born: Lawrence of Alpena, S. Dak., and Lester of Wessington Springs, S. Dak. She was converted in 1928 and baptized by Rev. S. C. Blumhagen. She was an active leader in all church activities until her health failed. She is survived by her husband, two sons, four grandchildren; her stepmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Wahl, Jamestown, N. Dak.; three sisters; two brothers; and one stepbrother.

Wessington Springs, South Dakota

ELTON KIRSTEIN, Pastor

MRS. SELMA STRAUSS of Burstall, Saskatchewan

Mrs. Selma Strauss of Burstall, Sask., was born on June 15, 1905 in Olgafeld, South Russia. In 1918 she immigrated with her family to Germany, where upon her confession of faith in Christ she was added to the Baptist Church of Gronau through baptism. On May 25, 1929 she was united in marriage with Edward Strauss, and both emigrated the very same year to Canada. Their first home was in Golden Prairie, Sask. In 1930 they settled down permanently in Burstall, Sask., and became active members of the Burstall Baptist Church.

A sudden illness befell Mrs. Strauss in Dec. 1956. She had long months of suffering. When the illness increased, she had to be admitted to the hospital in Empress, Alta., on July 29 of this year. It pleased the Lord to call her from there to her heavenly home. She reached the age of 52 years, 1 month, and 20 days. In life and death she leaves a real testimony for Christ. She was a real testimony for her husband, leaving to mourn her passing, her husband, Edward, of Burstall, Sask.; one son Henry, Edward, of Burstall, Sask.; and his wife, Loretta; one daughter, Ella Strauss of Burstall, one daughter, Ella Strauss of Burstall, one daughter, Ella Strauss of Burstall, one daughter, Ella Strauss of Burstall, and her fiancé, David Binder, of Sask., and her niece, Loretta Strauss of Burstall, Saskatchewan.

Edward Pritzkau, Student Pastor

MRS. H. W. KRAUSE of Watertown, Wisconsin

Mrs. H. W. Krause of Watertown, Wis., was called to her heavenly home after a period of ill health, early Sunday morning on Sept. 1st. She was the former Ella Romunder, born in Milwaukee, Wis., on May 27, 1890. At the age of ten she accepted the Lord as her personal Savior and was baptized by Rev. Kaiser. She was a member of the North Ave. Baptist Church until 1924 when she joined the First Baptist Church in Watertown, Wis.

She was married in Milwaukee to Mr. Henry Krause on June 7, 1924 and since then had made her home in Watertown. She was educated in Milwaukee schools and was a graduate of Milwaukee Downer College. She had made many friends as the former Arts and Crafts instructor at the Watertown Vocational and Adult School.

Surviving are her husband; one brother, Robert H. Romunder; two sisters: Mrs. Charles J. Krueger and Mrs. Elfrieda Pahlke. The funeral service was conducted on Sept. 4th with the pastor bringing words of comfort on the theme, "God Remembers."

Watertown, Wisconsin

J. G. BENKE, Pastor

MR. WILLIAM FLEISCHMAN of Anaheim, California

Mr. William Fleischman of Anaheim, California was born February 16, 1895, in Woodlake, Nebraska, the 15th child of August and Augusta Fleischmann. A year later the family moved to Salt Creek, Oregon, and there as a young boy he came to know Jesus Christ as his Savior. On June 13, 1923 he was married to Emma Urbigkeit of Anaheim, Calif., and together they made their home in Portland, Oregon, for the next 12 years where they were members of the Trinity Baptist Church. Three children, Lorrain, Earline, and Earl were born during this time.

After a serious illness, Mr. Fleischman and family moved to Anaheim, Calif. in 1935 where he became an orange rancher. He became a member of the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim. He was a member of the choir, Sunday School treasurer, and trustee of the church at different periods. A trip to Japan in 1954 caused him to see even more the great need on the foreign field of those who still haven't heard of Christ. On August 28, 1957 he went to be with the Lord, and though he is already greatly missed, we rejoice that he is beholding Jesus Christ where pain and suffering can no longer touch him.

Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, California

BERTHOLD JACKSTEIT, Pastor

MARCH OF EVENTS

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● Refugee workers in Austria are facing new problems. One worker returning from a recent survey tour put the problem this way: "Imagine 2,000 teen-agers confined to limited quarters with nothing to do and you have an idea of a major problem facing refugee workers." Reporting on a survey she made of conditions in refugee camps for Hungarians near Vienna, Mrs. Ella F. Harlee said that these young people are not going to school and cannot be employed in Austria. If they are under 18, she said, they cannot emigrate without their parents' consent and it is usually impossible to communicate with parents they left behind. "In most of them the spirit of revolution still glows," she said, "and many who took part in the actual fighting are going to be hard to rehabilitate." Mrs. Harlee said she heartily agreed with a statement by one Austrian social worker who said: "In Hungary these young people who fought in the revolt were heroes but now, in their shabby, borrowed clothes, they are treated like juvenile delinquents."

BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE

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a timely message for Baptists everywhere.

"The Commission on Evangelism of the Baptist World Alliance reminds every church member that the primary, perpetual, and world-wide task of the whole fellowship of faith, as commanded by our Lord Jesus Christ, is to make disciples. Therefore, our highest privilege and our greatest responsibility are to evangelize.

"According to the New Testament meaning and implications of the term, to evangelize is to present the Gospel of Christ as revealed in the Holy Scriptures, to people of all ages everywhere, in such a convincing and persuasive manner, under the guidance and in the power of the Holy Spirit, that they will be brought to a personal experience of saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, to active partnership with him in the work of his church, and to loving and total obedience to him as Lord in every area of life.

COMMUNICATING THE MESSAGE

"The New Testament Church was ordained by Jesus Christ as the divinely appointed agency for the proclamation of the Gospel. Evangelism is therefore

the primary task of every church and every church member. IT IS RECOMMENDED that all churches engage in perennial evangelism, utilizing all methods fitted for their particular people and possibilities. The apostle Paul declared that he was 'made all things to all men that by all means he might save some.' Baptists have used successfully a great variety of methods of evangelism, all of which may well be considered to the end that those which are adaptable and advisable for specific churches and groups be employed. No plan of evangelism will be blessed by the Holy Spirit unless it is begun and continued in prayerful dependence on him.

COOPERATIVE EVANGELISTIC ENDEAVOR

"The Commission on Evangelism recalls the Baptist World Alliance action, taken at the Congress in London in 1955, urging every Baptist to win one other person to Christ each year. In the light of this challenge WE RECOMMEND

1) that all Baptists be urged to place major emphasis on evangelism, looking toward the Baptist World Alliance Congress in Rio de Janeiro in 1960;

2) that 1959 be designated as a

Spice of Life

A man walked into the village grocery store and furtively asked to buy up all overripe vegetables and aged eggs. The clerk eyed him with a twinkle and declared:

"You must be going to the theatre tonight to see that new comedian."

"Sh-h—not so loud," whispered the man. "I am that new comedian."

"Are you looking for work, my man?"

"Not necessarily—but I would like a job."

Tommy's mother (to Tommy's wood-working teacher): "Thank you for teaching Tommy woodwork. He has made two chairs all out of his own head, and he still has enough wood left to make another."

special year of evangelism;

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