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• The Methodist church in the United States in 1956 had 204 affiliated hospitals, homes for the aged and homes for children. This represents an increase of 11 over four years before. Assets of the institutions were reported in excess of \$300,000,000.

• It is estimated that there are nearly 350,000 literate Christians in India, Pakistan, and Ceylon who do not possess their own Bibles. The Bible Society of India, Pakistan and Ceylon is making a survey trying to check these figures and to discover whether the reason for this is poverty or indifference.—The Watchman-Examiner.

• A total of 131 postage stamps with a religious theme or symbol were issued in 1956 by various countries, it was disclosed by the Collectors of Religion on Stamps Society (COROS). The compilation was made by Walker A. Sager of Los Angeles, editor of the COROS Chronicle, semi-monthly organ of the international society, which publishes material concerning religious stamps issued around the world.

• A new oratorio, commemorating the 250th anniversary of the birth of Charles Wesley, famed hymn writer, has been jointly commissioned by the Methodist Student Movement and the National Council of Churches. The premiere for the oratorio will be at Lawrence, Kansas, this coming New Year's Eve. Cecil Effinger, professor of music at the University of Colorado, is the composer. The words are being written by Tom Driver, an instructor in drama at Union Theological Seminary, New York. The major work for soloists, chorus and full orchestra will deal with the life and works of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, and his brother Charles who has been called "the great hymn writer of all ages."

• Christian missionaries in Japan find converts slow to come forward, but missionaries report from South Korea that they are working in a growing Christian community. Churches and church-sponsored radio stations, hospitals and orphanages are being built throughout the Republic of Korea, according to reports. In Japan, the various denominations report about 600,000 Japanese Christians out of a population of 90,000,000, among whom traditional Japanese beliefs are a strong obstacle to mass conversion. There are 13,000 missionaries.

• The Israeli government has started negotiations with the Soviet Union for permission to photograph ancient Biblical texts in Russia. The manuscripts, for the most part parchments, are written in Hebrew and are considered by

scholars to be not extremely rare but vital to the study of the Bible. An official request has been made for permission for a team of Israeli Biblical scholars to visit Moscow and Leningrad to photograph the documents. At the University of Leningrad, the oldest Hebrew text of the Bible—excepting the recent document discoveries at Qumran on the shores of the Dead Sea—is held. The Leningrad document is dated to 847 A. D.

• The first periodical in Spanish to be produced by the Editorial Division of the Methodist Board of Education for Spanish-speaking Methodists in the



## Baptist Briefs

• **"Foundations."** Beginning with the January, 1958, issue, the "Chronicle," journal of the American Baptist Historical Society, will be called "Foundations." The new publication, to be doubled in size, will be a journal of Baptist history and theology. Succeeding R. E. E. Harkness, who has been editor of the "Chronicle" since its founding 20 years ago, will be George D. Younger, editor; Robert T. Handy, Norman K. Gottwald, Culbert G. Rutenber, Charles R. Andrews, and Winthrop S. Hudson, associate editors; Lyle O. Bristol, and Norman H. Maring, book review editors; Joseph D. Ban, circulation manager; and Robert E. Slaughter, business manager. The subscription rate for the expanded journal will be \$3.00 a year.—Watchman-Examiner.

• **Spurgeon's Tabernacle.** Closing services of the historic Spurgeon's Tabernacle buildings in Newington Butts, London, England, where the minister is now Rev. Eric Hayden, were held on July 7th. The officers of the fellowship have been informed by the London County Council that the work of rebuilding the Tabernacle will commence in July. A farewell and thanksgiving meeting was held on July 4th, when Rt. Hon. Ernest Brown, chairman of the building committee, presided. During the rebuilding, the congregation will share services at Waiworthroad Baptist Chapel.

• **New Southern Baptist Seminary.** Trustees of Southern Baptists' sixth seminary-to-be have voted to name the new institution Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, shortly after the 1957 Southern Baptist Convention voted to locate the seminary

United States, Cuba, and Puerto Rico will be issued October 1. Entitled Lecciones Cristianas, the periodical for adults will be published quarterly. It will carry the International Sunday School Lessons and have a magazine section. The new publication will be under the direction of the Rev. Dr. Charles M. Laymon, Nashville, editor of adult church-school publications. "The publication of this periodical will be of great significance," said Dr. Laymon. "There are large numbers of Spanish-speaking Methodists in California, Arizona, Texas and Florida, as well as others in New York City and Chicago."

there, they elected H. I. Hester of nearby Liberty, Missouri, as president of the trustees. Robert Humphreys, an Owensboro, Kentucky, minister, is chairman of a committee to nominate a president of the new seminary. Due to previous financial commitments of the Convention, it will be at least two years before the seminary construction can start. The Southern Baptist Convention voted to appropriate \$2 million for construction in a five-year period starting in 1959. Midwestern Seminary will be limited to courses in theology.

• **Baptist Relief Activities.** A special committee representing three conventions of Baptists in the USA has been named to study future relief activities of the Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee. Dr. R. Paul Caudill, Relief Committee chairman, named Dr. R. Dean Goodwin of the American Baptist Convention, Dr. George W. Sadler of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Dr. Frank H. Woyke of the North American Baptist General Conference to the special committee on future work. The Relief Committee, meeting in Washington, heard reports of accomplishments in rehabilitating refugees under the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 and following the Hungarian crisis last fall. That the relief problem still looms large however was seen in Dr. Caudill's estimate that from 35 to 50 millions of people currently are unrooted and expelled from their native lands. He said that approximately 200 Baptists are among refugees in the vicinity of Shanghai. Appeals are being heard constantly also for medicine for returnees from slave labor camps.

# Editorial



## "Yes, But . . . !"

OFTEN WE LIMIT the blessings of God, that might be ours to enjoy, by our questioning spirit and doubts. We are not ready unconditionally to accept what God has to offer us. YES, these are the promises of God in his Word. YES, these are the things that God wants us to do and reveal through us. BUT circumstances do not seem to be too favorable. BUT that is beyond our human capacity to do.

Habakkuk, the prophet, enumerated a great many gloomy circumstances such as the failure of figs and olives and vines and things that had gone wrong with the flocks and fields. He reckoned with all kinds of possible failures around him and with the things of life that might lead to discouragement. "YET I will rejoice in the Lord," he said. "I will joy in the God of my salvation" (Habakkuk 3:18). He refused to put all kinds of human conditions around the wonders of God's promises. His was an unconditional faith in his God. Vance Havner has said: "Faith is worth nothing until it disregards the Failure around us and rejoices in the Faithfulness above us."

There is a paralyzing tyranny in the expression, "What if?" In our churches we ask these questions as we are challenged by God to attempt great things for him. "What if the effort fails? What if the goal is too high for us reach? What if we have a crop failure? What if the money situation gets tighter?" If you are going to add up all that which might happen, you might as well think of the worst possible things. "I feared a fear and it came upon me" (Job 3:25).

In these days our churches are rallying together their forces for the Sunday School program and church activities and to plan for the fall months ahead. Objectives are being presented to every church by the pastor and leaders. Building projects are to be undertaken. Goals in Sunday School attendance and the winning of souls are being presented. Spiritual heights are to be climbed in the things that God expects of us if we are going to grow in grace and service.

Forget your hesitations and drop your tense grip on the things that hold you back. Do not limit the possibilities of what God can do for you by saying, "Yes, but . . . !" Do not hesitate to accept God's gifts by looking at the dark, gloomy side of circumstances and saying, "What if . . . ?" Your faith in Christ is a complete surrender of all you have into his hands. Your faith should be an unconditional rejoicing in the Lord, anticipating the marvelous things that God has in store for you and your church.

When we have learned that truth, we shall be rallying not around ourselves or around our fears or hesitations, but around Christ and the tidings of his Gospel. Then the program that has been mapped out for our church will be God's will for us. Then we shall be able to face difficult and challenging objectives before us in our churches in the work of the Lord. With confident faith, we shall see the wondrous things that God wants to do through those who serve him faithfully.

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"In the Psalms deep calls to deep, souls speak out in their dark night, spirits have their sinews strengthened."

# Psalms: Heart of the Old Testament

The Psalms are living experience with God, written out with incandescent words!

By J. Kenneth Grider

(Reprinted with permission from "Christianity Today")

HERE YOU HAVE WORDS that have soul in them and that lift up the soul. Words that have music in them and that set one's spirit soaring. Words that have tears in them and that talk it out with you when you have dark days.

The thoughts in the Psalms are as warm as sunshine, as human as a baby, as personal as the next door neighbor's greeting. They are living experience written out with incandescent words. Men sensitive to God's marvelous works are stirred to their depths so that they think high thoughts about holiness and low thoughts about sin.

## GOD'S SECRET PLACE

With the whole heart men poor in spirit here enter into Yahweh's secret place and lose themselves in wondering adoration. They adore him as one many-sided in mercy, right ready to help all who pass through deep waters.

Not the shallow, fat-witted optimism that looks at troubles and laughs them off. Not that, here. Here you have candid camera shots. You see man as he is; sometimes in his midnights and sometimes in his noondays. And in his midnights you see him with his deep disturbed—really disturbed. Disturbed to the core, so that he hurts—out loud. Not with forced smiles does he look up, but with tears and sobs and anguish.

He cries out to Yahweh. Cries out with wailing. And the Lord hears and delivers: hears and succors him; hears and shepherds him; hears and sets him singing—singing out of real victory and not out of a conjured up mental attitude that knows deep down it is not actually so.

A hymnbook sure enough. Lyrics and harmonies, rhythm of ideas and feeling—here you have them all. David, the Sons of Asaph, the Sons of

Korah, and others—but mostly David—wing their way into the heavens here.

The Psalms were used in temple worship long ago. But they were soon loosed and given to the whole wide world.

At the Last Supper, just before the rendezvous with Judas, Jesus received strength for the gathering storm by the singing of a Psalm with the eleven.

These Hebrew songs that open the soul up on its Godward side helped Paul and Silas, jailed securely in Philippi. At midnight they broke out with psalms and God broke in with release.

The early Christians, dauntless in persecutions, hid the Psalms away in their hearts. Those who wrote the New Testament quoted them frequently. Of the 287 quotations from the Old Testament in the New, 116 are from the Psalter.

Martyrs through the centuries have been bolstered by the Psalms during their last moments. In the early days young and old faced lions in Roman arenas singing: "I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth" (Ps. 34:1).

## HEROES OF THE CROSS

John Huss, a Protestant before there were any, was condemned to death in 1415 by the Council of Constance. He walked to the stake reciting Psalm 31,

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a part of which reads: "For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me. . . . Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth" (vv.: 3, 5).

And Savonarola. Mutilated in body, but with his right hand left him so that he could write a confession of conformity, he lay in his cell and composed a meditation on Psalms 31 and 41.

## THEY HELP THE PERSECUTED

And take Martin Luther. As a professor in the University at Wittenburg he lectured for many years on the Psalms. He also preached from them often in the church he pastored in that city. He considered them to be the Bible in miniature. How he relished these pantings after God! He adapted several of them for a "New Churches" hymnal. Some have not realized that he first found justification by faith in the Psalms and only later saw its full orbited teaching in such New Testament books as Romans and Galatians.

Luther had his share of persecution. After his excommunication he was fair game for anyone. And the Diet of Worms in 1521 added its authority to his death sentence. With the German populace four to one for him it was thought unwise to execute the sentence. But until his natural death twenty-five years later it remained. In his trying times Luther's strength was "renewed like the eagle's" when he turned himself to the Psalms.

Protestants by the hundreds of thousands, during a century of persecutions, died for Christ. As they went to their death on the scaffold or in the flames many of them sang, "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it" (Ps. 118:124).

The Psalter was "the first book which the early church put into the hands of her young converts, the primer of her religious teaching: and no man could be admitted to the highest order of the clergy unless he knew the Psalter by heart" (James Robertson, Poetry and Religion of the Psalter, pp. 7, 8).

John Paterson says, "No other book appears to have entered so deeply into the general life of humanity" (The Praises of Israel, p. 8). Many noble families of England have lines from the Psalms inscribed on their coats-of-arms. Sundials, coins, and even sword blades have been engraved with passages from this literature.

Of their wide use F. B. Meyer writes: "In palace halls, by happy hearths, in squalid rooms, in pauper wards, in prison cells, in crowded sanctuaries, in lonely wilderness—everywhere they have uttered our moan of contrition and our song of triumph; our tearful complaints, and our wrestling, conquering, prayer" (F. B. Meyer on the Psalms, p. 7).

A Psalm prepared Wesley's inwardness for Aldersgate. We all know that his heart was "strangely warmed" as he heard the reading of Luther's preface to the Epistle of Romans. But in his Journal, in the paragraph preceding the account of his conversion one evening, he tells us that that afternoon at St. Paul's he had heard an anthem from the Psalms which had contained these words: "If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it? But there is mercy with thee; therefore thou shalt be feared. O Israel, trust in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption. And he shall redeem Israel from all his sins."

## CHRISTIAN HYMNS

Luther and Calvin fostered Psalm singing, along with hymns like Luther's "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." But English-speaking Protestants long sang only the Psalms, considering that in worship services all words sung should be from the Holy Scriptures. They made metrical versions of the Psalms, for something had to be done to align them with the requirements of their developing sense of music. That way there was rhyme; but more important, there was definite meter so that the Psalms could be fitted to tunes.

With Isaac Watts, however, there developed a new practice: that of singing paraphrases of the Psalms. This was done so that more New Testament teaching could be included in them.

Soon Watts, Charles Wesley, Toplady, William Williams, and others were writing hymns. These hymns were often based on Scripture, and frequently on the Psalms. Take Isaac Watts'

"Jesus shall reign where e're the sun Does his successive journeys run." Psalm 72 inspired it, verse eight of which reads: "He shall have dominion

# What's your problem?

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

1. What do the Scriptures mean by "separation from the world"?

"Separation" in the Scriptures is twofold. Negatively, it is from evil—whatever is contrary to the mind and will of God; and positively, it is unto God himself, who is the chief end and highest good of man. "The world," used in the ethically bad sense, means all that is opposed to God—the evil unbelieving course of this present world-system which is under the influence of the devil. Therefore, "separation from the world" consists in being set apart from all that is contrary or opposed to God, whatever that may include. But if it is to be effective, it must also embrace a positive dedication to the good and holy things of God and to himself.

We ought to avoid having too negative and pharisaical an idea about separation from the world, thinking that it consists only in a series of prohibitions: "Don't do this, and don't do that." At the root of worldliness is pride, selfishness, greed and hatred. It may manifest itself in excessive self-esteem, egotistical ambition, conceit, arrogance, ostentation, prejudice, unforgiving spirit, hypocrisy, etc., whether in outward act or inner motive.

A person may refrain from all amusements and habits which are regarded as questionable, because they are morally debilitating, and still be worldly. It is no necessary guarantee that one is separate from the world because he does not engage in so-called worldly pleasures. As already stated, pride, covetousness, ill-will, etc., are also a part of the evil course

also from sea to sea, and from the rivers unto the ends of the earth." Can we proceed without mention also of Watts', "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"? Psalm 90 had helped him on that one. Watts had read, "Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations" (v. 1).

## OUR CHRISTIAN HERITAGE

In the Psalms, surely, you have the heart of Old Testament religion. In them deep calls to deep, souls speak out in their dark nights, spirits have their sinews strengthened. From the Apostles to Wesley, and onwards, we have rightly cherished this inward heart-history of Israel as an integral part of our Christian heritage.

Let modern Hegels and Schleiermachers discard them if they must. But we will keep them near, even in physical proximity to our New Testaments in many pocket editions. For while we might not want to baptize them into Christ, we nevertheless find in them the language of which hallelujahs and amens are born.

of this world.

Morally correct Pharisees, as well as immoral sinners, need to be separated from the world. Self-important, officious people need to bend low through the door of humility, being delivered from the meddlesome spirit that is not of Christ. Hard-hearted, unforgiving men need fallow, worldly souls plowed up by God's Spirit. Unchristian racial prejudice and intolerance are sinful fruits of carnality.

From all these sins of worldliness, and many others, we all must be separate, as well as from worldly amusements and fleshly pleasures. Surely today we do need to be called out from all moral impurities and filthiness of the body which abound in our day and even assume a cloak of respectability, which makes them doubly subtle and evil. "The friendship of the world is enmity with God" (James 4:4) (See Rom. 12:2; II Cor. 6:14-18; Gal. 1:4; 6:14; Titus 2:12-14; James 1:27; I John 2:15-17).

## TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR WORSHIP

1. Thou shalt not come to service late,  
Nor for the blessing refuse to wait.
2. When speaks the organ's soft refrain  
Thy noisy tongue thou shalt restrain.
3. But when the hymns are sounded out,  
Thou shalt lift up thy voice and shout.
4. And when the anthem thou shalt hear,  
Thy sticky throat thou shalt not clear.
5. The endmost seat thou shalt leave free,  
For more must share the pew with thee.
6. The offering plate thou shalt not fear,  
But give thine uttermost with cheer.
7. Thou shalt the minister give heed,  
Nor blame him when thou art disagreed.
8. Unto thy neighbor thou shalt bend,  
And, if a stranger, make a friend.
9. Thou shalt in every way be kind,  
Compassionate, and of tender mind.
10. And so, by all thy spirit's grace  
Thou shalt show God within this place.

—From an Old English Church





Missionary Edwin Kern of Kyoto, Japan, baptizing Mr. Echigo on confession of his faith in Christ as Savior.

## Another Baptismal Service at Kyoto, Japan

"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!"

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By Mrs. Walter Sukut, Missionary

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"O GIVE THANKS unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy.— Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders" (Psalm 107:1,2,32).

Our hearts were filled with thanksgiving because of the goodness and blessings of God as we gathered on Sunday, June 16, for our second baptismal service held in our Baptist Mission church in Kyoto, Japan.

very appropriate for the occasion. A special bus, according to previous arrangements stopped at various spots to gather the fold together. After the last stop had been made, we proceeded to our chosen spot.

Everyone was in a festive mood and we joined together in the singing of hymns. Upon arrival the men quickly took off their coats and began to show off their "Boy Scout" abilities in setting up a tent which served as our headquarters for the day as well as protection from the sun.

After everything had been arranged,

joined in forming a circle of warm Christian fellowship as we ate our picnic lunches and drank Japanese tea prepared by the women of the church.

### THE BAPTISMAL SERVICE

At two o'clock we gathered at the river. After singing songs of praises and prayer, Rev. Edwin Kern went down into the water to receive the candidates. Very quietly the candidates, sensing the importance of the occasion, stepped into the waters one by one, and upon confession of their faith Brother Kern baptized them.

The beautiful white kimonos that the two lady candidates wore made a beautiful picture and added to the impressiveness of the service. This, along with the contrasting colors of the water and trees, and a lovely sunshiny day, in the middle of the rainy season when as a rule sunny days are a rare treat, made us aware that indeed God had been present with us.

Following the baptismal service, we once again entered the tent, gathering around the table of our Lord. At this service the candidates were received into the fellowship of the church. Also at this service Rev. and Mrs. Clemence Auch and Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern sang for us as a quartet. Miss Motoyama, a Hawaiian-born Japanese missionary, brought a very fine message. Her exhortations addressed to the newly-baptized Christians were greatly appreciated.

### INTRODUCTION OF CONVERTS

In an article which appeared in the June 27th issue of the "Baptist Herald," we wrote about the testimonies of some of those who had received baptism. Let us now give you a brief introduction to each of the five who made this occasion possible. Among those baptized were Mr. and Mrs. Echigo. We are very happy for this young couple, not only because they are very fine Christians and are very active in the church, but also because they are the first complete family to join our church in Kyoto. To build a strong church, complete family units are an absolute necessity in Japan.



The Japanese who rode on the bus to the baptismal service on Sunday, June 16. These are the people who generally attend the services at the Baptist Mission Chapel in Kyoto.

The five candidates arose earlier than usual on this beautiful Sunday morning and began preparations to testify to the congregation of the people that they have been redeemed from the hand of the enemy. This was, indeed, a wonderful occasion for our little church and therefore warranted careful and thorough preparations.

### A LOVELY, PEACEFUL SETTING

The place that had been chosen was a beautiful park in a green, mountainous setting with a lovely, slow flowing river lazily winding its way through the park. It was a peaceful setting and

we began our morning worship service. One of our Christians, who was baptized last year, was in charge of this service. Two university students sang a duet and our older Christians each gave a testimony about the joys they have experienced in obediently following their Master. Rev. Walter Sukut was to bring the morning message. However, due to the fact that he was in bed at this time with the new Oriental type of flu, Rev. Clemence Auch delivered the message for this service. He spoke about the Christian life and our responsibility to others.

After the morning service, everyone



The five Japanese Christians baptized on Sunday afternoon, June 16, 1957. Left to right: Mrs. Igaki, Mr. Ushida, Mr. Echigo, Mrs. Echigo and Mr. Yamada.

Therefore we greatly rejoice that God has given us our first family here in Kyoto in the person of the Echigos and their two children.

Another candidate was Mrs. Igaki. She is our immediate next door neighbor and has become a real inspiration to us because of her eagerness to learn about the things of God and to help out in the work of the church. She has become a real big sister to us—dropping in to see us and to help us real often. Her husband also attends quite regularly. So we are praying that he will soon take the step of faith.

The fourth candidate was Mr. Yamada. He comes from a very well-to-do (Continued on Page 23)

## Ordination of Pastor Wemson

Report of the Ordination of Rev. Adolph Wemson at Soppo, Africa, the Second Ordination at the Cameroons Coast in 10 Years

By Rev. George W. LANG, Missionary

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 1957 was a big day for the Soppo Ebenezer Baptist Church in the Cameroons, Africa. It marked the ordination of Church Teacher Adolph Wemson, who will now have the honor to be called PASTOR Wemson. The title carries much dignity with it out in this land, because it is not bestowed hastily or promiscuously, but only after the candidate has "proved himself" in the work.

Last year on June 10, 1956, we were privileged to witness the ordaining of Daniel Mokey in Kumba, where George and Alma Henderson are stationed. And now Pastor Wemson's ordination brings to two the total number of ordinations at the Coast for at least ten years.

### PASTOR NFOMI'S MESSAGE

Five choirs were represented on the program, including a selection by our B. T. T. C. choir. The ordination message was brought by Pastor Nfomi of

### A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Every great example takes hold of us with the authority of a miracle, and says to us, "If ye had but faith, ye, also, could do the same things." —Jacobi

Victor's Beach Church. (Pastor Nfomi, a product of the Ndu Bible School, was still at Ndu last year before answering the call to the Victoria Baptist Church. He was the African who brought the message when the Governor-General and Lady Robertson visited our Ndu station.)

Pastor Nfomi gave the following illustration: A man had a very sick child. He went to a clinic and asked the nurse in charge for some medicine. He was given a bottle of medicine and was told by the dispenser to shake the bottle in the evening, give a spoonful of the medicine, and then to repeat the same every morning, noon and evening.

"Do you understand?" asked the nurse. "No, I never understand fine," answered the man. So the nurse explained again that he was to shake the bottle, then give a spoonful of the medicine, three times a day. The man returned home, carrying the precious bottle, with its instructions written on the bottle. However, the child became much worse and was about to die. All the people in the village made a great cry of sorrow for the man and his trouble.

"No one in the village could read the instructions, but the man did his best. Three times a day he shook the child and then took a spoonful of the medicine. Finally the nurse who had given the instructions heard about the trouble in the village and went to see what was the matter. He found that the man was shaking the child three times a day and then taking a spoonful of the medicine. He soon straightened out the instructions and the child began to improve.

### CALLED TO PREACH

Pastor Nfomi said it was so with many of the people in the world today, that they needed someone to explain the truth of the Word of God to them, lest they fall into error. For that reason men of God are called to be pastors, to preach the Word of God in truth.

The service lasted about two and one-half hours, and, at the conclusion, Rev. George Henderson, Rev. George W. Lang, Pastor Nfomi, and Pastor Mokey participated in the laying on of hands during the ordination prayer. All of the Africans, who packed the church to the very doors, seemed much impressed by all of the proceedings and agreed that it was indeed a Big Day for the church.



African Christian leaders with Rev. Earl Ahrens, missionary. Left to right: Pastor Nfomi of Victoria, who preached the ordination message for Rev. Adolph Wemson; Missionary Ahrens; Pastors Tubuoh, Nyanganji and Ndichafa, and Teacher Njini.



# Snapshots of the New York Crusade

By Rev. Donald G. Mostrom, Pastor  
of the Grace Church, Union City, N. J.,  
and Pilgrim Church, Jersey City, N. J.

IT MAY BE A considerable time before the total impact of the New York Crusade can be assessed. Many of the finest results are undoubtedly locked away in the secret counsels of God. Not all the results will have been blessings. No doubt, some will have been judgments brought by the straight-forward preaching of the Gospel by Billy Graham night after night. Nevertheless, there have been many God-sent tokens of revival blessing to warm a pastor's heart.

## A LITTLE SOUL WINNER

Stand with me, for example, in an advisor's station on a warm June night. It was cool upstairs in the air-conditioned main auditorium, but here in the counselling room below it is warm and sticky. We are still made faintly conscious of the fact that elephants and other circus animals were kept here when the great circus was at Madison Square Garden just prior to the Crusade.

But these things are quickly forgotten as we keep a watchful eye on scores of animated conversations going on around us among pairs of inquirers and counsellors. Suddenly we are attracted to an unusual sight on the other side of the aisle, where a small boy who looks to be eight or nine

years old is seated at the end of a row beside a woman inquirer who is being helped by a counsellor. We note with pleasure that the counsellor is one of our own church members, but our attention is especially caught by the intense eagerness of the little boy as he strains to catch every word of the conversation.

We cross over to ask the advisor on that side of the aisle about the situation. Does the little boy perhaps need a counsellor too? He looks so eager! "No," says the other advisor, a big, friendly, bear-like man. "Let me tell you about this—it is one of the most wonderful sights I've seen down here."

Then the advisor, his face lighted up with genuine pleasure, tells us that the little boy asked Jesus to come into his heart at one of Jack Wyrzten's children's rallies a few weeks ago, and now has brought his mother down to find Christ too. "And the little fellow says to me, 'Please, sir, can I listen while my mommy lets Jesus come into her heart?'"

We look back at the intense little soul-winner sitting on the very edge of his seat, and there is a sudden warmth in our heart. "A little child shall lead them." How grateful we are to God for the privilege of seeing this! Here are two pastors and a counsellor who

will surely be encouraged to serve our Lord with increased faith in the months to come.

## COUNSELLING WITH CONVERTS

But now the final stage of our evening's work is pressing upon us. The counsellors are rapidly finishing their conversations and are beginning to bring their inquirers to us. One, and another, and another, a half dozen, then a dozen to whom we talk quickly. "Can you tell me in your own words what decision you have made tonight?" we ask. Then with a prayer to God for wisdom, we seek to give the word of assurance, a verse of Scripture, a reminder of how tomorrow should be started, a check on the genuineness of their faith—whatever their simple testimony seems to call for.

A man from North Carolina is brought to us. Relief and joy mingle on his face as he starts away. But wait! the name on the next card thrust into our hand by a counsellor is the same—and from North Carolina, too! "Was that your husband who was just here, Madam?" When she replies that it was, we quickly get him back and have the joy of explaining to man and wife how two new Christians can walk together with the Lord, and we describe to them the blessings of a family altar. How marvelous! Our Christ has not only touched two individual hearts, but he has entered a home!

And so a long evening comes to an end. At least so we think, as we start out of the nearly deserted and darkened counselling room. We are approached by one of the team-members, however, with a question which promises to alter our plans considerably and to lengthen the evening by several hours. "Will you man one of the phones after the television broadcast?"

## THE GOSPEL OVER TELEPHONES

Every night at 11:30 P. M. the Crusade broadcasts a local television program during which viewers are invited to call the Crusade headquarters for help with their personal problems. Many telephone lines come to the central office—all under the one number, Judson 2-1790, and each must be manned by a trained counsellor. We feel privileged to be asked and recognize the urgency of the need as we accept the invitation.

Later, at headquarters we find ourselves with fifteen or twenty fellow-answerers watching the telecast. The



The Honorable Richard M. Nixon and Billy Graham talking together on Saturday, July 20, just before the Yankee Stadium rally. Mr. Nixon spoke briefly to the 100,000 present and brought the greetings of President Eisenhower.

# 100,000 People at Yankee Stadium

The New York Crusade With Billy GRAHAM

Reaches New Heights in American Evangelistic History

as Reported by George BURNHAM, News Editor of "Christianity Today"

THE CENTERFIELD SIGN at Yankee Stadium in New York City on Saturday night, July 20, read, "Say Seagram and be sure."

Directly behind home plate was a banner, "Jesus said, I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."

Jammed between the two viewpoints were 100,000 people—the largest crowd ever to attend any event in "The house that (Babe) Ruth built" in 1923. About 20,000 were turned away after standees filled the outfield area.

The wide open spaces covered by the likes of Joe DiMaggio and Mickey Mantle were covered by the Smiths and Joneses from Manhattan, the Bronx, Brooklyn and Jersey City.

It was the hottest night of the year, with reporters in the dugouts perspiring more than Casey Stengel during a ninth inning rally. Seventy persons were treated for heat exhaustion. Over 2,500 ushers did a magnificent job of keeping confusion to a minimum.

Underneath the stands in the Stadium Club, several hundred special guests chatted and munched on dainty little sandwiches before the festivities began. Some looked at the big pictures of former Yankee greats on the walls. The guests came from California, Tennessee, Oregon and Europe.

## VICE-PRESIDENT NIXON

Shortly before 7 P. M. a wave of applause began rippling across the stands and grew into a mighty sound. Walking side by side toward the platform at second base were Billy Graham and Richard M. Nixon, vice-president of the United States. They were trailed by guards, friends and a few who sneaked in under the blanket of applause.

The vice-president, during the short walk, remarked to Graham that it must bring a great satisfaction to attract the largest crowd in the history of Yankee Stadium.

"I didn't fill this place," Graham replied. "God did it."

In the opening moments of the program all stood and said the Lord's prayer. The sound of 100,000 voices joining in the most familiar prayer ever uttered must have bombarded the gates of Heaven. Later, another mighty sound rolled across the surrounding blocks as the voices joined in singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

It seemed impossible that complete quietness could come to such a throng, but it did as George Beverly Shea and the 4,000-voice choir, superbly led by Cliff Barrows, sang "How Great Thou Art."

Roger Hull, chairman of the Crusade Executive Committee, announced that the Crusade, scheduled to end at Yankee Stadium, was continuing at Madison Square Garden for three weeks. (Later this was extended to Sept. 1st.) A great burst of applause warmed the words.

## GRAHAM'S MESSAGE

After moving his eyes slowly around the vast expanses, Graham said in his opening remarks:

"A fellow was walking home alone through the graveyard one night and fell into an open grave that had been dug during the day. He pulled up roots and clods of dirt in a desperate effort to

phone call to the airport brought quick results. The tower instructed all pilots to turn away from Yankee Stadium.

Graham, citing the perils of Communism from without and moral deterioration from within, said, "I believe there is a glorious hope. There is only one solution for our collective problems that can guarantee the survival of America and its continued prosperity. Jesus Christ is the only answer!"

Clutching his familiar Bible, he gave the listeners a choice between Heaven and Hell. "You make the choice by accepting or rejecting the Son of God, Jesus Christ. There is no middle ground."

With no room for people to walk to



A view of Yankee Stadium in New York City as a crowd of 100,000 people came to the great evangelistic rally on Saturday night, July 20, that broke the Stadium attendance record.

get out, but couldn't make it. Exhausted, he sat down in a corner to wait for daylight. It wasn't long before another fellow came walking along and fell into the same grave. He tried with all his might to get out but wasn't having much luck. The man who had been dozing over in the corner touched him on the shoulder and said, 'You can't get out of here.' But he did!

"They said Yankee Stadium wouldn't be filled. But it is. God has done this and all the honor, credit and glory must go to him. You can destroy my ministry by praising me for this. The Bible says God will not share his glory with another."

Mr. Nixon, who was given a standing ovation, said: "I bring you a message from one who is a very good friend of Billy Graham and one who would have been here if his duties had allowed him, the greetings and best wishes of President Eisenhower."

Noises from planes taking off from LaGuardia Field drowned out some of the early parts of the program. A

the platform, he asked all who would accept Christ to stand. An estimated 2,500 did so.

One man had made his decision before the address began. Posing as an usher, he collected about \$500 in the bleachers when the offering was given. He was only a few steps from escape when a policeman grabbed him at an exit.

Millions witnessed the service on television. The mother of three in Atlanta called Sunday morning and said she and her husband had dropped plans for divorce. "Billy Graham gave us the answer to our problems last night," she said.

## GRAHAM AT UNITED NATIONS

A strange name was mentioned often in the beautiful corridors and offices of the United Nations Building during a recent week. It touched off disagreements and probing questions in a building famous for such things. In fact, one of the few things ever agreed

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—Photo by Roy Seibel.

North American Baptist ministers and their wives, denominational workers, missionaries and guests at the Pastors' Conference held at the Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., from July 31 to August 4.

## God's Candid Camera at Sioux Falls

### Report of the Pastors' Conference

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Editor

WE BELONG to a grand family of God's people! That family solidarity as a denomination with unique ties of fellowship was demonstrated remarkably at the Pastors' Conference held at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., from July 31 to August 4. More than 150 ministers with some of their wives and families in attendance made themselves at home in the beautiful Seminary buildings, filled the dining hall to capacity, and overran the chapel for the evening services. To the last man, these pastors called it the best, the friendliest, and the most spiritual ministers' conference ever held.

#### HEART SEARCHING MESSAGES

The ministers became their own congregation, to whom they preached with God's searching messages. They looked at themselves as "Examples to Our People" based in II Thessalonians 3:9. They let God's Spirit deal with them as examples in personal purity, temperance, personal attitudes, orderliness and hospitality, stewardship (financial affairs), home life, spiritual maturity and humility, and with a good testimony.

The pastors who dealt candidly and fearlessly with these provocative subjects were Eldon Schroeder, Kyle, Texas; William H. Jeschke, St. Paul, Minn.; Harold W. Gieseke, Lorraine, Kansas; Walter W. Wessel, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; Frank Veninga, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Frank H. Woyke, Forest Park, Ill.; and Edward Kary, Cleveland, Ohio.

One of the conference guest speakers was Dr. Sidney W. Powell of South Chatham, Mass., former pastor of the famous Tremont Temple of Boston, Mass., and author of numerous books on evangelism. He spoke at several evening services and opened the Word

of God to the pastors on Paul's letters, I and II Timothy, in the daily Bible study hours. His teaching ministry was deeply appreciated.

Rev. Gilbert Schneider, Cameroons missionary, also served as guest speaker with the showing of some pictures, the holding of a provocative panel discussion, and the bringing of a stirring address at the Sunday afternoon missionary rally. Shortly afterwards he rejoined his family and left for the Cameroons, Africa. These golden days of warm fellowship spent with this "veteran missionary" among the African lepers will not soon be forgotten by the pastors.

#### ENTHUSIASTIC PARTICIPATION

The program of the conference days was equally enriched by the fervent participation by many of the ministers. Some gave their testimonies at the evening services, among whom were Rudolph Woyke of Milwaukee, Wis.; Jack Block of Corn, Okla.; Leslie Albus, United States Army chaplain; and Edmund Mittelstedt of Inglewood, California. At least three quartets sang frequently, and solos and duets sung by the pastors blessed the hearts of the men. Other ministers led the wonderful singing at the conference sessions. Nine of the pastors served as leaders of discussion groups which were known as "buzz sessions" where much serious thinking was in evidence in reviewing the subjects which had been presented.

The officers of the Ministers' Fellowship had prepared a feast of good things for the entire conference period. These officers are Leland Friesen, president; Raymond R. Dickau, vice-president; and Edwin Miller, secretary-treasurer. Dr. George A. Lang as president of the Seminary with an efficient

staff of workers in the kitchen, dining room and buildings, provided for an ideal conference setting. The meals were most appetizing and ample, and every need was supplied out of God's abundant riches!

#### REVIVAL OF PREACHERS

The most noticeable feature of this conference was the spirit of prayer and humbleness before God. Every morning for half an hour a prayer session was ably led by Robert S. Hess of Tacoma, Washington. On Saturday evening after the inspiring service, the leader, Brother Friesen, called for a few testimonies. Pastors and denominational leaders got on their feet, one after another, opening their hearts in confession and praise to God, in unabashed weeping, and with expressions of resolving to live more earnestly for Christ.

Those testimonies and prayers continued for more than two hours—uninterruptedly—in a spiritual crescendo of fervor and power. It was called "a revival of preachers," "a mountain top time," "the laying of God's hands on his servants" and "the mighty answer of God to prayer." As the ministers left quietly for their rooms at 11:05 P. M., they knew something of "the fullness of the spirit" within them.

An informative panel discussion was held by the general secretaries, led by the executive secretary, Frank H. Woyke, concerning our denominational work. This hour was called "one of the shortest of the entire conference" because of the great interest that it aroused. On Friday evening pictures of the 1958 General Conference were shown by Rev. J. C. Gunst, promoting those epoch-making services to be held in Edmonton, Alberta, from July 21 to 27, 1958.

On Sunday, August 4, the pulpit of the Trinity Baptist Church was supplied by Rev. Robert S. Hess of Tacoma, Washington, and by Rev. W. C. Damrau of Philadelphia, Pa. Guest speakers at the Northside Baptist Church were Rev. Willy R. Muller of Carbon, Alberta, and Rev. Everett Barker of Salem, Oregon. In addition 23 other pastors supplied various pulpits in Sioux Falls churches and vicinity.

Sunday afternoon was reserved for the climactic missionary rally held in the larger sanctuary of the First Baptist Church. Rev. Elmer Strauss, the new director of "God's Volunteers," introduced the newly appointed missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. David C. Ke'ry to the Spanish-American field in Colorado, and Rev. and Mrs. Fred Moore to Japan. Twenty voices of the pastors blended together in the Ministers' Chorus under the direction of Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt as they sang with thrilling fervor: "Send Out Thy Light" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." Rev. Gilbert Schneider's unique message on "Three Missionary Portraits" followed.

The testimonies of the pastors are still ringing in many hearts. Rev. R. H. Zepik of Plevna, Montana, said: "The conference was a time of fellowship, blessing, meditation and examination. It was a time when God laid his hand upon us to draw us more closely to him."

#### GLOWING TESTIMONIES

Rev. Elmo Tahran of Hutchinson, Minn., brought his testimony after attending his first conference: "This conference has been an inspiration to me in setting higher personal ideals and goals in my personal life. The fellowship with fellow-ministers has been a source of encouragement in that I have been reminded that I am a part of a fellowship that has a goal of exalting the Risen Savior to the children of men."

Mrs. Paul F. Zoschke of Brooklyn, N. Y., spoke for the many pastors' wives in attendance: "As the ministers looked at themselves and their message, we sat beside our husbands and saw anew the man of God whose life we share. It was a unique experience which we wouldn't have missed!"

Rev. John Ziegler of Appleton, Minn., spoke a word that was shared by many pastors. "As the searchlight of God's Word played upon my soul, it revealed many deficiencies and stimulated deep commitments to God. The blessings of fellowship and study at the conference were many."

Rev. Edwin Miller of Parma, Ohio, spoke enthusiastically for the Fellowship officers: "What joy filled my heart as I witnessed 'The spirit being poured upon us from on high' (Isa. 32:15) during our Pastors' Conference. God took as it were live coals from off

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## Christian Leaders' Conference

Report of the Conference at Sioux Falls, S. Dak.  
from August 5 to 9

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner

MORE THAN 100 young people and Sunday School workers attended the Christian Leaders' Conference at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, from August 5 to 9. Throughout this program-packed week, they attended seriously to the business of studying the art of the Master Teacher, Christ, and the latest methods of Christian education. In addition, they entered into a wonderful time of Christ's fellowship at the Seminary buildings and during the afternoon hours devoted to recreation.

#### DAILY PROGRAM

The Bible Study, beginning each day's program, was conducted by Dr. Ralph E. Powell of the Seminary faculty. In a masterful, challenging manner he presented "Christ as the Teacher and the Soul Winner." This was followed by two study courses on "The Devotional Life of Christian Leaders and Young People," taught respectively by Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, Alberta, and Rev. Frank Veninga of Pittsburgh, Pa. Textbooks by Dr. Clarence W. Cranford were studied, and extensive notes were taken by these church leaders.

From 10 to 12 o'clock each day, important subjects and programs were presented by leaders, followed by spirited discussions in smaller "buzz groups" and later with the "findings" shared in the larger conference. These important topics and their leaders included the "Sunday School Curriculum"

and "The Board of Christian Education" by Professor Martha Leypoldt; "The Sunday School Standard" by Rev. G. K. Zimmermann; "Leadership Training" by Mr. Bill Goding; "Evangelism in the Sunday School" by Dr. George A. Lang; and "The C.B.Y. Fellowship in Action" by Rev. Lawrence Bienert.

During this same two hour period every morning, Miss Ruth Bathauer met with about 25 Sunday School teachers, who are working with children from 2 to 11 years of age, and considered with them "The Sunday School Curriculum," "Activities for Children," "Evaluating Room and Equipment," and "That Expanded Session." Tours were made to the educational unit of the First Baptist Church and to the building of the Trinity Baptist Church of the city.

#### OPERATION TFC

On Tuesday morning, August 6, "Operation TFC" was launched with a passionate presentation of this evangelistic program for our young people by Mr. Herman Baika of Dallas, Texas. Further announcements and detailed plans were given concerning "Operation TFC" throughout the week at the conference sessions.

The evening services were also informative and inspirational. The mission field in the Cameroons, Africa, was depicted in a message and with

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Young people and other church workers at the Christian Leaders' Conference held at the North American Baptist Seminary, with the CBYF and Sunday School Union officers and conference leaders in the front row.



# Rev. E. P. Wahl: CTI Founder and President

Tributes to Mr. Wahl on the Occasion of His Retirement from the Presidency

## A Great Inspiration to Many Young People

By Rev. Karl Korella of Edmonton, Alberta, Acting President of the Christian Training Institute

THE ministry of Rev. E. P. Wahl during the last two decades has centered around an all consuming interest, the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta. Within the framework of this school Mr. Wahl's activities extended into numerous directions. Perhaps the two most immediate areas, where his influence was felt most keenly, were the lives of the young people attending C. T. I. and the churches of the Northern Conference which constitute the soil out of which the Institute sprang.

It is obvious that students individually could present testimonies reflecting specifically what Mr. Wahl's ministry has meant to them. Some of these testimonies would bear a highly personalized touch. But a note common to every testimony would laud his efforts in providing young people from various walks of life with an opportunity for Christian training within the precincts of their own denomination.

This training did not always prepare students for the Christian ministry. More often, it equipped young men and young women with Scriptural knowledge and Christian work methods and strengthened their faith to render it more practicable. At the same time, he inspired them to apply their knowledge and acquired skills wherever opportunities for service arose. Through the high school training program, he assisted many young people to meet the requirements for university entrance and thus opened up for them new avenues of learning.

Another major area of Mr. Wahl's influence—the churches of the Northern Conference—has also been blessed by the Christian Training Institute. Most of the young people recruited from the Northern Conference returned to their home churches with a deeper appreciation of loyalty to the work entrusted to them. Through their reinforced knowledge, ability and interest, they became more integrated into the larger pattern of the North American Baptist life. Today many of the C. T. I. alumni are leading church members, missionaries and pastors.

Perhaps more directly, Brother Wahl's influence was felt as pastor, immigration worker and Conference Mission Secretary in former years, and his persistent efforts were seen later in



Rev. E. P. Wahl, president of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, from 1939 to 1957

counseling and encouraging congregations and assisting groups of Baptist believers in founding and organizing new churches. Much of the extension of church work in the Edmonton area alone has been inspired and directed by him.

In the light of these sustained efforts and noble achievements, we wish to pay our heartfelt tribute to Brother Wahl at the close of his ministry with the Christian Training Institute. As we look ahead, we also pray that in one form or another the fruitful ministry of his labor may continue in other fields which the Lord in his wise providence will open.

## A Dedicated Life

By Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Secretary

I love thy kingdom, Lord,  
The house of thine abode,  
The Church our blest Redeemer saved  
With his own precious blood.

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

—Timothy Dwight

THE WORDS of this great hymn come to my mind as I think of the dedicated life and ministry of the Rev. E. P. Wahl, until recently president of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta. All who have known Brother Wahl through the years have been deeply impressed by his complete consecration to the cause of Christ and his singleness of purpose in serving Jesus only to the exclusion

## Founder and President of the Christian Training Institute

By Rev. H. J. Waltereit of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Chairman of the C.T.I. Board of Trustees

IT WAS A SAD occasion when the Rev. E. P. Wahl, founder and president of the Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, Alberta, presented his resignation to the Board of Trustees on March 14 of this year. The Board was most reluctant to accept this resignation, but Mr. Wahl felt he was physically exhausted and unable to carry the heavy duties of the office for another year.

For the writer it was a particularly difficult task to be the chairman of the Board when this resignation was accepted, because it was my privilege to be closely associated with the Rev. E. P. Wahl on the faculty of C.T. I. during the first few years of its existence. Thus, I was able to observe and to admire his talents and his devotion to the task at close hand.

It has always been my conviction that Mr. Wahl had been specially called of God for this task. At the time of the founding of C. T. I., he was the "man of the hour" and continued to be so during the years of its growth and development. Even though it may be true in a sense that no man is indispensable, still I believe that without the vision, devotion and determination of Mr. Wahl, the C. T. I. would not have come into being when it did, nor would it have come to occupy the important place in our denominational

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of all other interests.

This spirit of dedication has manifested itself in many ways but especially has it been evident in Brother Wahl's interest in soul-winning. Throughout our entire denomination he has become known for his passion for evangelism. His messages invariably include an appeal for consecration to Christ. It should be noted that Brother Wahl was one of those who first urged adoption of the program of personal soul-winning through "God's Volunteers," and he remains keenly interested in this work.

For the past eighteen years Brother Wahl has served as president of the Christian Training Institute. In this

ministry he has been privileged to lead many young people to more consecrated service for Christ. A large number of those who came under his influence are today in the ministry or in missionary service, while a host of others are serving as consecrated lay workers in our churches. In his ministry at the Institute Brother Wahl followed the Apostle Paul's admonition: "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." (2 Timothy 2:2).

Our entire fellowship is indebted to Brother Wahl for his dedicated life. May God continue to use him in the work of his Kingdom!

## FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT

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work as it does today.

In the thinking of most of us, and rightly so, the name of Rev. E. P. Wahl and C. T. I. have come to be almost synonymous. His work and personality have left an imprint on the institution that will last for many years to come. Rarely will we find a man who has given himself so unreservedly to his task, with very little regard for his own comfort or well-being. The debt of gratitude we owe to him is great, and no words of mine could give a worthy expression to it.

As Board of Trustees we fully realize what Mr. Wahl has meant to the Christian Training Institute, and we can think of no higher commendation than the words of our Lord: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!"

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## CHRISTIAN LEADERS' CONFERENCE AT SIOUX FALLS

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colorful pictures by Rev. Gilbert Schneider at his last engagement in the United States before sailing for Africa with his family. On Tuesday evening Rev. J. C. Gunst brought a well prepared address on "Christian Education in Our Churches." The Church Extension program of the denomination and its urgent needs was depicted in a brief message and with a new Kodachrome film by Dr. M. L. Leuschner on Wednesday evening. Dr. Frank H. Woyke described the work of the "Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs" on Thursday evening, followed by pictures about the Seminary shown by Professor Roy Seibel. The impressive consecration service on Friday evening, included testimonies by some of the young people, the presentation of the work of "God's Volunteers" and a message by Rev. Daniel Fuchs, denominational evangelist.

## BUZZ GROUPS

The Buzz Group leaders guided the thinking of the young people and workers into instructive channels of blessing and practical application. They included Mr. E. Ralph Kletke, Rev. Richard Grenz, Mr. and Mrs. William Goding, Mr. Edmund Hohn, Mrs. Henry Ramus, and Miss Delana Saylor. Many of the young people took part in the sessions with musical numbers and testimonies as well. Church leaders served as different chairmen at the various evening programs. The spacious Seminary lawn, adjacent to the dining room, served as a beautiful setting for a spirited song fest following one of the evening programs.

The book room with a fine display of books by the Roger Williams Press, was a constant beehive of activity and interest. Inspirational books, study course textbooks, evangelistic literature, and volumes on profound religious themes were surveyed and bought by many of those attending the conference. Instructive exhibits also attracted attention showing our mission fields, our denominational literature,

and various types of Sunday School quarterlies. The spacious Seminary buildings, especially the library, also became the center of attraction.

## STOREHOUSE OF BLESSINGS

This Christian Leaders' Conference has enriched the lives and thinking of all those in attendance. Most of the nine conferences were well represented. Sunday Schools, CBY Fellowships and our churches ought to feel the spiritual impact of the things that have been learned and received as these leaders return to more active service this fall. This second conference ought to be only the beginning of greater sessions for many hundreds of our church leaders in the years ahead. Every Christian worker ought to take in one of these conference programs. You'll wonder at and be eternally grateful for the storehouse of blessings and information received!

## PASTORS' CONFERENCE

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the altar and touched my lips therewith and purged me from my sins (Isa. 6:6-7). I shall not forget those sacred moments as we worshipped in the Holy of Holies!"

A good summary of these impressions was voiced by Rev. Bert S. Miller of Springside, Sask.: "The conference has meant for me a period of introspection, a refreshing of pastors' experiences, forming acquaintances with ministers who are motivated by the common objective of serving God wholeheartedly and seeing our Seminary for the first time."

God's candid camera was turned on our pastors at the Sioux Falls conference. They looked into the mirror of God's Word and were shown what it meant to be "Examples to the People." They were refreshed as they walked in the light because of their love for the brethren. They saw anew the greatness of the North American Baptist work and looked into "the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

## ENGAGEMENTS

**Rev. R. Schilke**  
Sept. 7-8—Pittsburgh, Pa., and Arnold, Pa. Missionary Conference with Miss Florence Miller of Japan and Miss Ida Forsch of Africa  
Sept. 13-15 — Parma Heights, Erin Ave. and White Ave. Churches of Cleveland, Ohio. Missionary Conference with Miss Florence Miller of Japan and Miss Ida Forsch of Africa.

**Dr. M. L. Leuschner**  
Sept. 15 (Sunday)—Ellinwood, Kans.

**Rev. L. Bienert**  
Sept. 6 (Friday)—Terrace Heights Church, Spokane, Wash.  
Sept. 8 (Sunday)—Odessa, Wash. Harvest Mission Festival.

**Rev. J. C. Gunst**  
Sept. 15 (Sunday) — Harvest and Mission Festival, Linton, N. Dak.  
Sept. 18 (Wednesday) — Colfax, Wash.  
Sept. 20 (Friday)—Stafford Church, Sherwood, Oregon.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 9-Oct. 11—Training Period for "God's Volunteers" Team at Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., with Rev. Elmer Strauss as Director.  
Sept. 13 (Friday)—Opening Convocation at North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Prof. Martha Leypoldt, Speaker.  
Sept. 29-Oct. 1—South Dakota Association at Corona, S. Dak. Rev. J. C. Gunst, Guest Speaker.



## We the Women

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

### A Corsage!

It was an installation service at a local conference. The one who was conducting the service entered wearing a corsage of red carnations. "I bought this corsage myself," she said. "It is ugly because it is big, clumsy and awkward. But I want to show you how it may become beautiful. Will the newly elected president come forward?"

She removed the big corsage from her shoulder and began to unravel it. Then she pinned a carnation upon the newly elected president. This was done until each officer had been properly recognized.

We saw how beautiful a corsage may become if each one of us will do our part. We would not overload one individual.

We may ask, "What are we to do?" "Ye shall be witnesses unto me" (Acts 1:8).

Where? "In Jerusalem, in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." To you and me this is everywhere, in our home, in our church, our neighborhood and out into the world.

Do we choose our place of service or does the Lord designate the place? When a vision appeared unto Paul and he heard, "Come over into Macedonia and help us" (Acts 16: 9 and 10), he changed his course and immediately made plans to go. So should we!

God gives us assurance. "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you . . . Lo, I am with you alway" . . . (Matt. 28:20).

Then came the challenge. She asked the local society president to come forward. As she pinned a carnation on this local person, she reminded us that without the individual, without the local society there would be no Conference Woman's Missionary Union, there would be no General Conference W. M. U. There would be nothing. God needs you and me!

This is the last year of this triennium. This is our opportunity for service. We would look about us and notice that God is talking to us from the clouds and from the storms and away from the material things of earth. We hear his voice saying, "Give! Pray! Witness! Go and tell the message."

Let us arise and work. The corsage will be beautiful as we all rally together at the end of our journey.

"We dedicate ourselves, O God,  
In this thy holy hour . . .  
In meditation and in prayer  
We seek to do thy power.  
We consecrate our hands and feet  
Our head and heart and will  
To further all thy purposes  
And all thy desires fulfil."

## Operation TFC Follow-up!

By Mr. Herman Balka of Dallas, Texas  
President of the CBY Fellowship

RECENTLY at the Christian Leaders' Conference at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., the importance of follow-up on those who will be won during Operation TFC was stressed. It was pointed out in the buzz sessions that "following up" can be just as important as the decision itself if the individual is to grow in the Lord and his life be used for the glory of God. As one Christian leader has put it, "The decision is five per cent of the battle and encouraging that person to go on with Christ is ninety-five per cent of the battle."

When a baby is born, we don't just throw it in a corner and expect it to grow by itself. There are formulas to be mixed, the room must be kept at the proper temperature, and the child must be watched and cared for. So it is also in the spiritual realm. There are formulas to be presented from the Word of God. The young Christian must be spiritually nourished and encouraged. He must know the importance of following Christ closely. He must know those things important to spiritual growth.

The person doing the follow-up must be sure that he is in perfect fellowship with the Lord himself, for you can never lead a person any closer to the Lord than you are yourself. Live so close to the Lord that you will radiate his Presence. Be sure that your devotional life is what it should be.

The people working on the follow-up teams for the Billy Graham crusade are graded each week on a number of things in their lives important to follow-up. But one of the most important of these is GLOW. As one pastor put it, "Radiance is needed, and radiance is heeded."

### UNDERSTANDING GOD'S WORD

At our Christian Leaders' Conference the suggestion was made that the soul winner be responsible for the person he has won and do follow-up on him for at least a year. The follow-up counsellor should meet with the young convert a minimum of once a week and preferably twice a week to encourage him in the things of Christ. Getting him into the Word and getting the Word into him is of primary importance. The Bible says in I Peter 2:2, "As new born babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby." The formula for the new born babe is to be the Word itself.

God's Word not only promotes growth but it has a cleansing effect on a Christian's life. We read in Psalms 119:11, "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word . . . Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

Many times young Christians are plagued by habits of the old life and, being brought into contact with the Word, will make him aware of his shortcomings. He will come to know that victory in the Christian's life can come only through his utter dependence on Christ. "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Cor. 15:57).

The young convert should be encouraged in a daily quiet time. He must engage himself in a systematic study of the Word. Scripture memorizing should be encouraged so that he will have verses to draw on when temptations arise or the opportunity comes to witness.

Excellent helps can be secured from the Navigators at Colorado Springs, Colo., or at almost any bookstore across the country in the form of a "Beginning With Christ" packet which have fine key verses for the new convert to commit to memory. This is followed by a "Going In With Christ" packet which has eight verses pertaining to the Christian life. These packets can be secured from the above mentioned organizations for 10 cents each. They are the helps used in the Billy Graham Crusades.

As the young convert gets into the Word, the importance of prayer in the Christian life should be pointed out to him. He should become aware of God's promise as found in John 16:24, "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." It should be pointed out to him that prayer is to the soul what oxygen is to the body and that God has a thousand blessings to pour out upon him if he will only ask. Your sessions with him should always start and end with prayer. Show him how to claim God's promise as found in John 16:24.

### WITNESSING FOR CHRIST

It should also be pointed out to him that he is to be a witness for Christ. Show him the great commission and point out to him that he is to go and tell others what Christ has done for him. Take him to Psalms 107:2 where we read "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he both redeemed from the hand of the enemy." Get him to memorize this verse and put it into practice in his life.

Encourage him to take the CBYF "Plan of Salvation Packet" and commit to memory the seven verse plan of salvation in it. He should also memorize God's answers to excuses. Encourage him to begin witnessing immediately. Remember a candle begins to shine when it is lighted. Go with

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## What's Happening

● Rev. and Mrs. Edward Kopf of Odessa, Washington, have announced the birth of a daughter on May 30, to whom the name, Sandra Jolene, has been given. Mr. Kopf is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Odessa.

● Miss Joyce Ringering of Bison, Kansas, a 1957 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, will continue her studies beginning with September 23 at the School of Librarianship at the University of Denver, Denver, Colorado. During the summer months she worked in the Seminary library at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., assisting the librarian, Dr. George A. Dunger.

● On Sunday afternoon, July 28, the Calvary Baptist Sunday School of Aberdeen, S. Dak., held its annual picnic with a picnic lunch at the noon hour at Wiley Park in the city. They also surprised the pastor, Rev. Thomas Lutz, with a huge birthday cake in the form of a Bible. The presentation was made by Mr. Elmer Seidel, the Sunday School superintendent. The present enrollment of the Aberdeen Sunday School is 90.

● The Victoria Avenue Baptist Church of Regina, Sask., called Rev. Wilhelm Wieschollek of Wilhelmshaven, Germany, as its pastor and arranged for his transportation and that of his family from Germany to Canada. Mr. Wieschollek began his ministry at the Regina Church on June 15, succeeding Rev. Robert Jaster. The Victoria Avenue Church is also conducting a new mission at nearby Weyburn, where 13 members with additional friends are holding services in an Evangelical Church hall. Mr. Wieschollek serves the Weyburn mission once a month.

● On Sunday morning, July 21, on the Muscowpetung Indian Reserve of Saskatchewan, Mr. Pete DuBois, an Indian counsellor, brought the message in the absence of Rev. Reinhard Neuman, missionary. Mr. DuBois, an up-right Christian and a baptized believer, is also the Sunday School superintendent at the mission. Mr. John Gambler is the chief of the reserve. Members of his family are baptized believers and Chief Gambler has been exceedingly friendly to the purposes and program of the Baptist Mission on his reserve. A Vacation Bible School was held there early in August.

● Rev. Arthur A. Voigt has resigned as pastor of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church near Anamoose, N. Dak., which he has served faithfully since 1953. He brought his ministry there to a close

on July 31st. Since then, Mr. and Mrs. Voigt have moved to Avon, S. Dak., where they are making their residence at present.

● Rev. Benjamin Schlipf of Fort Dodge, Iowa, is exceedingly active in these days of his so-called "retirement." He served as interim pastor at the Riverview Baptist Church of Fort Dodge, Iowa, from April 7, 1957 to July 7, 1957. Since then he has been supplying the pulpit at the Eagle Grove Baptist Church. Mr. Schlipf wrote: "I have much joy in preaching and the Lord provides the grace and strength which I need to render this service at 81 years plus."

● The Immanuel Baptist Church of Beulah, N. Dak., has extended a call to Rev. John Wood of Vesper, Kansas, pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church. His answer has been favorable and he has announced that he will begin his ministry in Beulah on September 1, succeeding the Rev. Ernest Lautt, now of Gladwin, Michigan. Mr. Wood served the Bethany Church of Vesper, Kansas, since 1949.

● Mr. Victor Cicansky of Regina, Sask., is serving as the student pastor at the Baptist Church of Davin, Sask. He is studying at the Regina College working towards his B. A. degree. Later he hopes to enter a seminary for ministerial training. He is a former student at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta. His membership is in the Faith Baptist Church of Regina, Sask.

● The pulpit of the Third German Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Man., is being supplied at present by Mr. Geroge Koehle. He is also an immigrant from Central Europe. His ministry as pastor is deeply appreciated. His address is 534 Walter Ave., Winnipeg, Man., Canada. This church has been without a regular minister since the resignation of Rev. Heinrich Herrmann, now of Jansen, Sask.

● The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Ebenezer, Sask., has called Mr. John Wollenberg of Onoway, Alberta, a 1957 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, as its pastor. He began his ministry in the church on Sunday, July 14. The church's reception for Mr. and Mrs. Wollenberg was held on that Sunday afternoon with Mr. Alvin Bohn, deacon, in charge. Mr. Wollenberg was ordained into the Christian ministry by the Ebenezer Church on Friday evening, August 16. A more detailed report about the ordination council session and service will appear in a later issue.

● Rev. J. B. Kornalewski, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church of Kelowna, British Columbia, since 1952, recently resigned and brought his ministry in the church to a close in August. He will continue his independent radio ministry, in which he has been engaged, and will also render an evangelistic ministry where doors of opportunity are opened to him. Mr. and Mrs. Kornalewski have built their own home in Kelowna and will continue their residence there.

● Rev. Orville H. Meth, Church Extension pastor at Lincoln Village near Stockton, California, recently brought his ministry there to a close with July 31. The Church Extension Committee has decided to halt all plans for a building and the organizing of a new church at Lincoln Village for the present. During the month of August Mr. Meth supplied the pulpit of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, California, while the pastor, Rev. G. G. Rauser, was away on vacation. Mr. Meth is hopeful that a new field of service will open to him in the near future.

● On August 13, Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Schneider, Cameroons missionaries, and their two children left New York City on the "SS Ryndam" for England on their return trip to Africa. They hoped to arrive in West Africa about the middle of September. Mr. Schneider will serve as the acting superintendent of the Cameroons Baptist Mission during the furlough year of Dr. Paul Gebauer. He and his family will reside in the superintendent's house in Bamenda until the return of the Gebauers in 1958.

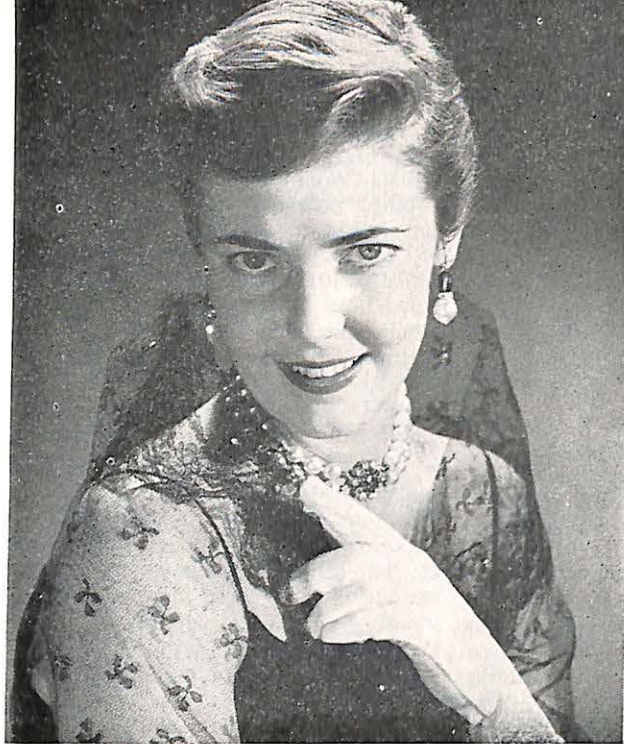
● Rev. Don Rich, the new Director of Religious Education at the Oak Street Church, Burlington, Iowa, beginning with October 1, was ordained by his home church, the Bethany Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, on Friday, July 26. (See reports from the field in this issue.) He is a 1957 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. The pastor of the Burlington Church is Rev. Emanuel Wolff.

● On Friday evening, June 28, a farewell program was held by the Portland Ave. Baptist Chapel, Portland, Oregon, for Mr. and Mrs. Duane Nelson and their family. Mr. Nelson had been serving as pastor of the chapel. Rev. Robert S. Hess spoke for Tacoma's Calvary Church and Mr. Marvin McIntosh for the Chapel Committee in wishing the Nelsons "God speed!". The choir at the chapel rendered a selection and some gifts were presented to the Nelsons by the chapel and its organizations. Miss Doris Wagner, reporter, wrote that "the Lord has richly blessed their ministry during their service at the chapel."

● Dr. John Wobig of Portland, Oregon, pastor of the Trinity Baptist

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

# The Emerald Necklace

By ELISE FRASER



A Christian mystery novel  
laid in the exciting city of  
San Francisco, California



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## SYNOPSIS

When John Rowland slips his Bible into his pocket and walks out of the mission hall that November night in San Francisco, he begins a strange adventure. For out of the mist steps a woman of breath-taking beauty who calls his name and brings to his startled remembrance his lovely school classmate, Kathryn Greig. Kathryn begs him to have dinner with her, saying she needs help. She asks him to return a small trinket to a friend, hastily scribbling an address on a card. Later he opens the box and discovers a valuable emerald necklace in it. In the meantime, Kathryn is kidnapped by two thugs and taken to a hide-out. Soon thereafter, John Rowland falls into a trap and the thugs force him to turn the valuable jewels over to them. John Rowland and Kathryn Greig are then released. While police are looking for the thieves, John does some detective work on his own. He learns that Bruce Farningham has been a gambler and a jewel thief. Excitedly he goes to tell Kathryn what he has learned. Together they go to Won Long's shop to appraise some jewelry. The jeweler looks amazed at the bracelet and says to Kathryn: "The stones match your eyes!"

## CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

KATHRYN looked mystified. Kathryn and John looked at each other wonderingly. When Won returned he placed on the counter a bracelet which seemed identical with the one Kathryn was wearing.

She searched Won Long's face, her eyes wide with surprise. But it can't be . . . "she murmured.

"But it is." Won Long tapped the counter with his fingertips. "You can see for yourself."

Kathryn picked up the bracelet and examined it. There's a scroll underneath that's missing."

"Just like the necklace," Won Long said softly. "Except for one thing."

"What's that?" John asked.

"These stones are genuine."

Kathryn and Won looked at each other. Then Won said, "You see?"

Kathryn took a deep breath. "Yes," she said, "I see."

"See what?" John asked.

"Won and I think that whoever made the copy of this bracelet made the copy of the necklace also," Kath-

ryn explained.

"Oh," John said, light beginning to dawn. "Who made the copy of the bracelet?"

Kathryn smiled and Won shook his head. "That's the unknown quantity, Friend. Find that and you solve the puzzle."

"Where did you get the bracelet?" John asked.

"A man I know sold it to me?"

"Anyone connected with the jewel theft?" John asked.

"No. The question is, where did he get the bracelet and from whom? That won't be hard to find out."

Won turned again to the jewels Kathryn had brought him. After some discussion he named a figure which seemed a satisfactory settlement to Kathryn. He made out a check to her and took the jewels.

When they left Won's shop John returned to the subject of Tom and Adrienne's engagement. "They're ideally suited to each other," he said. Then turning to Kathryn, "You seemed to be quite happy about it."

She laughed and colored slightly. "I was surprised."

"Surprised? Why surprised?"

"Bruce Farningham told me you and Adrienne were to be married."

"Oh, he did, did he?" fumed John. "Seems as if he went out of his way to tell lies."

"Adrienne is a lovely girl," Kathryn said.

"Yes, she is," John admitted. "Say, Kathryn, were you just a little bit glad that Adrienne and I, that . . . " John stumbled.

Kathryn laughed. "Just a little bit," she admitted.

John took a deep breath.

As soon as John had seen Kathryn safely to her apartment, he retraced his steps to the shop of Won Long.

The kidnappers were in the hands of the law, but where was the necklace. It must be recovered and at once. He would allow himself no rest until it was again in Kathryn's hands. Won could not know what was involved in the loss of the necklace. He might perhaps feel no great urgency in tracing the seller of the lapis lazuli bracelet. He had just paid Kathryn a large sum for the unset jewels. It would not occur to him that money was of such great importance to her or that immediate capture of the thief who had the necklace was vital if Kathryn's reputation was to be unscathed.

John could not bear even a shadow of reproach against Kathryn's name. Neither did he want the little old lady in London, whom Kathryn had tried so hard to shield, to have even a moment of uneasiness about the funds she had entrusted to her son.

Kathryn had put her trust in God. All that might befall her now would be within God's will for her life. And did not the Scriptures promise that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Yes, it was right to say, "I will trust in God and not be afraid."

John found Won Long's shop without customers and the merchant occupied in putting away his stock. He looked up with a smile as John entered.

"I've come back to see if we can't get on the trail of that bracelet right away," John said. "There is more behind this affair, Won, than just the value of the necklace, great as that may be."

Won nodded. "So?" He put away a tray carefully. "Then we must call my friend at once." Won picked up a telephone book, found a name and dialed a number. John could hear the

telephone ring. But there was no answer. Won frowned as he hung up the receiver. He tore a sales slip from a book on the counter and wrote on it a name, address and telephone number. He pushed the slip toward John and he read: "Phillip Newhall, 133 Seaclyff Drive, BA 9-8369."

"Who is this chap?" John asked.

"He's a writer and world-wide traveler." Won paused, looked troubled. "The difficulty is that he is seldom at home. Most of his time is spent abroad."

"Does he have a family?" John asked. "It should be easy to find out where he is."

Won shook his head. "About his family, I know nothing. All I know is that he is a jewel fancier and that he frequently comes in here to sell or to buy. He brings me odd pieces like this bracelet, unique things from the Orient and from Europe."

When John left Won's shop, he determined to go out and have a look at the house on Seaclyff drive, even though it was now beginning to get dark.

He found the house which was white and modern in design, built high on a knoll. Surrounding it was a red brick wall. The house was dark and fog was drifting through the shrubs and blowing in little gusts across the roof. Despite the deserted look of the house, John climbed the stair and clanged a shining brass knocker on the white door. But no footstep answered his knock and no sound came from the great, silent house.

John returned to the sidewalk and determined to inquire of neighbors if they could give him any information about the writer, Phillip Newhall. He climbed the red brick stairs of a square brick mansion on one side of the Newhall home and rang the bell. There were lights in the house and soon a Filipino boy answered his ring.

"Can you give me any information about Phillip Newhall who lives next door?" John asked.

"Wait. See." The Filipino disappeared in a wide hallway as the door swung shut. John waited and in a short time a portly man with a bald head came to the door.

"Newhall is abroad somewhere," he said directly. "I'm sorry I can't give you more definite information. You might try the Aguirres on the other side. They might help you."

John thanked him for this information and hurried over to the house on the other side of the Newhall dwelling. When he rang the bell a girl of about fourteen answered. "Just a minute, I'll call Daddy," she said in reply to John's question. Then, "Won't you come in?"

John stepped inside a cheerful hallway and in a moment he was facing Mr. Aguirre. "My name is John Rowland and I want to get in touch with Mr. Newhall. Could you help me?"

The man before him was about forty and had a friendly, open face. "Let me see now," he said. "He has a man who comes by sometime each day to take care of the mail, water the garden and that sort of thing. He might be able to tell you."

"What time does he come?" John asked.

"Wait. I'll ask my wife. She may know."

Mr. Aguirre returned and said, "Mrs. Aguirre says he comes by around three each afternoon. You might catch him then."

The next afternoon after lunch, John took up his stand where he could watch the block and sometimes he sat on a low stone wall, looking out toward the ocean. It was after four before he saw a man in a heavy overcoat stop before garage doors in the brick wall which surrounded the Newhall house, take keys from his pocket and insert one in the lock. Hurriedly John crossed the street.

The man was about to disappear in the garage when John hailed him. "Can you tell me how to get in touch with Mr. Newhall?" John asked.

The man looked at John keenly, then said with a Scotch brogue, "He's not here."

"I understand he's abroad," John said. "It's important that I reach him. Could you give me his address?"

Again the man looked sharply at John. "Bus'ness?" he asked briefly.

"Yes. Very important."

The man hesitated a moment, then seemingly satisfied with John's appearance he reached in his pocket and pulled out a small notebook. He's in Yokohama and you can reach him at 208 Yamate Dori."

"Thank you," John said. He wrote down the address. Now to see Won Long!

John was well pleased with his work. He and Won could make up a cablegram and they should have a reply from Phillip Newhall by tomorrow.

When John relayed his news to Won Long, the jeweler grunted. "We'll hope he's there. Phillip Newhall is hard to catch."

"If he's left Yokohama, people at 208 Yamate Dori may know how to reach him. The cablegram may be forwarded." John said.

Together John and Won Long labored over the cablegram. The message sent read: MUST KNOW WHERE YOU BOUGHT GOLD FILIGREE BRACELET SET WITH LAPIS LAZULI CABLE COLLECT WON LONG SAN FRANCISCO.

John spent a restless night. Every hour's delay in finding the necklace seemed fatal. He prayed that Phillip Newhall's cable would give him the information he wanted.

The next afternoon Won Long phoned John. The cable from Yokohama had come. John hurried over to the jeweler's shop and read the cryptic message BRACELET PURCHASED MERCHANT TAKI ALI MESHAD.

"Persia," John groaned.

"Does it help?" Won asked anxiously.

John shook his head. "Not yet. But let's not stop here. Let's cable this Taki Ali. Maybe he'll be of some help."

Together they worked out a cablegram to be sent. "Here's hoping there are not a thousand Taki Ali's in Meshad," John said. We'll identify him as 'jewel merchant,'" Won said, his teeth gleaming in a broad smile.

When John left Won's shop it was close to five o'clock. He swung down Grant Avenue, his mind intent on the mystery of the bracelet bought by an American in Iran and sold to a Chinese jeweler in San Francisco. He had reached California Street when he looked up and saw across the street, sauntering along at an easy gait, the slight figure of Paul Ames.

"Paul!" John shouted. "Paul Ames!"

But just as John started across the street the traffic light changed and the cable car came clanging down the California hill and across Grant Avenue. Forced to wait for the traffic, John struggled to keep his eyes on Paul but already Paul had disappeared in the crowd.

When John could at last cross the street, Paul was nowhere in sight. Had Paul heard his name called? John hurried along Grant Avenue, looking quickly in each shop as he passed. Where could Paul have gone? John passed doorways that lead to Chinese restaurants on upper floors. Had Paul climbed up one of these stairways? It seemed improbable unless he knew he was being followed. Still, could Paul have heard him call above the din of the traffic?

John had reached Geary Street and still there was no sign of Paul. He decided to go to Paul's hotel and ask for him there. If Paul was in town, he had doubtless returned to his hotel.

John hurried through the door of the Chancellor and asked for Paul at the desk. But he was informed that Paul was not in his room. John decided to wait in the lobby. Time passed but Paul did not come. At seven John felt hungry. He left a message at the desk that he would be in Townsend's and if Paul Ames came in, he was to be called at once.

In the restaurant, John asked for hurry-up service and the waitress took care of his order promptly. Twenty minutes later he returned to the lobby of the Chancellor. The clerk reported that Mr. Ames had not as yet come in. John waited until twelve but Paul did not come. He left then and returned to his own hotel.

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# Sunday School Lessons

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 15, 1957

Theme: **EZEKIEL, PASTOR OF HIS PEOPLE**

Scripture: Ezekiel 1:1-3; 2:1-5; 34:11-16

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** One of the most difficult tasks is to proclaim the great promises of God in times of great suffering and hardship.

**INTRODUCTION:** A common fault among many Christians is to blame God for their unfavorable circumstances. In spite of the past experiences of countless saints during thousands of years, there are still some of God's children who believe that prosperity, health and pleasant weather are the sole evidences of his blessing and favor. But it is impossible to experience God's love and grace when we live in sin and deliberately disobey him. For sin brings suffering and ultimately death, unless there is genuine repentance and faith.

In today's lesson the great love of God is evident in the fact that in spite of Judah's sin, in spite of their rebelliousness, in spite of their surly and resentful mood, he still looks upon them as his sheep and seeks to win them back to his fold. God is continually seeking us through his prophets, priests and ministers in all generations and in every type of circumstance.

**I. THE CLOSED PRISON AND THE OPEN HEAVENS.** Ezek. 1:1-3.

"Among the captives, by the river Chebar, the heavens were opened." It must have been a wonderful revelation to Ezekiel to know that he did not have to be in Jerusalem, or in the temple, or by the river Jordan to experience the presence of God. In humiliation and suffering, in a strange land among strange people, the wonderful realization that God was there brought comfort and strength to the prophet which he had never fully experienced before. Ezekiel and his people are hemmed in and constrained on all sides, but they are free to look up. The door to their homeland is closed, but the door of heaven is always open.

The word of the Lord as well as the hand of the Lord are never withheld because of circumstances. The greater the tribulation in the world, the clearer the revelation of God seems to be. "Stone walls do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage."

**II. THE MESSAGE AND THE MESSENGER.** Ezek. 2:1-5.

To become a captive is a humbling experience. We would rather hold our heads high and be among the victors. A genuine experience of God is also humbling. But our humility and worship should not make us helpless. There

is a time to stand upon our feet and to realize that we are children of God. The Lord does not want us to be crawling saints but stalwart and ready servants. It was a difficult message that God gave Ezekiel, and he needed a strong and courageous messenger to proclaim it. People who are bitter, resentful and rebellious are not a pleasant congregation. They must be told the truth in no uncertain terms. Before they can be saved, comforted and restored, they must be convinced and convicted of their own sin.

**III. THE SEEKING SHEPHERD.** Ezek. 34:11-16.

This portion of Ezekiel is strikingly similar to the teaching of Jesus Christ about the lost sheep and the good Shepherd. (See Matt. 18:12-14; Lk. 15:3-7; John 10:14.) Both Ezekiel and our Lord dealt with the same attitudes found in people who are in captivity—stiffnecked and rebellious—blaming others for their circumstances.

Notice how the seeking Shepherd works; not one sheep is overlooked or forgotten. "I will seek out my sheep; I will gather them; I will feed them; I will cause them to lie down; I will seek the lost; I will bind up that which was broken; I will strengthen that which was sick." This is the merciful side of God's seeking. But he also says, "I will destroy the fat and the strong, and will feed them with judgment." God extends his hand of mercy first. If this is rejected, you have no neutral choice, for you must accept his other hand of judgment.

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 22, 1957

Theme: **DANIEL, STEADFAST IN CRISES**

Scripture: DANIEL 5:1, 5, 13, 14, 16-18, 22-28

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** Principles and convictions based on the love and the law of God cannot be changed in a changing world.

**INTRODUCTION:** "When in Rome, do as the Romans do." This is a bit of superficial advice given to people in order to help them adjust, compromise and get along in a strange community. There would be no Church of Jesus Christ today if the early Christians had done as the Romans did. It was because they did as Christians would do in spite of being in Rome that they were cast in prison, tortured and put to death.

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Someone has said, "If you do not stand for something, you will fall for anything." That is why Paul wrote to the Ephesians and said, "Stand therefore . . ." (Eph. 6:14). F. W. Meyers in "The Cry of Saint Paul" has a verse that fits into our lesson very well:

"Whoso has felt the Spirit of the Highest,  
Cannot confound, nor doubt Him,  
nor deny;  
Yea, with one voice, O world, though thou deniest,  
Stand thou on that side, for on this am I."

Like Paul, Daniel had to take his stand whether it was in a strange land, in prison, in danger of death or in the presence of kings. He was not concerned as to whether the world was against him; he was only concerned that God would not be against him.

**I. DANIEL'S STEADFAST PURPOSE.** Dan. 1:8.

The first step is important when we meet temptation in our Christian life. It depends on whether that step is taken toward temptation or away from it. Once the first step is taken, it is difficult to back up. If we compromise the first time, then people will expect us to compromise all along the way. Whereas if we remain steadfast, then it is expected of us that we remain steadfast all along the way. Daniel took the first step toward God and God was with him every step of the way.

**II. THE KING'S FOLLY.** Dan. 5:1.

Just as Daniel was an example in taking a step in the right direction, so Belshazzar was an example of what happens when a step is taken in the wrong direction. This is a good New Testament lesson of the two ways—the broad way and the narrow way—one leading to life, the other to destruction.

There is certainly nothing wrong with feasting as such. There are times of rejoicing when the children of God can feast together. When the fatted calf was prepared in honor of the return of the prodigal son, there must have been joyous feasting. Revelation gives us a picture of the great Supper of the Lamb. But the feasting of Belshazzar can be compared with the last feast of a convict who is permitted to eat whatever he desires just before he enters the death chamber. It was a feast of death!

**III. THE KING'S FEAR.** Dan. 5:13-16.

The tragedy of his fear was the fact that he was not afraid of God or because he desecrated the holy vessels of the house of the Lord. His fear lay primarily in the fact that his materialistic way of life was threatened. Not one word of repentance did he utter. He showered Daniel with gifts, made him the third ruler, retired for the night, and expected his kingdom to

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# Our Denomination in ACTION

## Central Conference

### Vacation School and Baptismal Service, Indianapolis, Ind.

"Journey'ng With Jesus" was the theme of the Vacation Bible School at the Bethel Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind., which was held from June 17 to 28. There was a picnic on the final day and a closing program on June 30. There were 13 adult workers including the director, teachers, pianist and song leader. There were 75 persons enrolled. Fifty was the average attendance and 6 accepted Christ as their Savior.

On Sunday morning, July 7, the pastor, Rev. Lawrence W. George, baptized the following candidates upon the confession of their faith in Christ: Mrs. Helen Biddle, Mr. Ronald Taite, Mr. Richard Jarrett, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Fleck and Mr. Gary Baker. Another candidate, Mr. Cecil King, was unable to partake of this ordinance because of illness but will follow in like manner upon his recovery.

The following Sunday we observed the Lord's Supper and the hand of fellowship was extended by the pastor to five of those who had followed the Lord in baptism.

Mrs. Mary Presley, Reporter

## Dakota Conference

### Union Vacation Bible School at Martin, N. Dak.

Seventy-eight students and teachers were enrolled in the Vacation Bible School at Martin, N. Dak., sponsored by the Baptist and Evangelical United Brethren Churches. The school was especially fortunate in obtaining the use of the public school building which provided adequate classrooms, lunch room and playground facilities.

The week's events included the learning of Scripture passages, choruses, work books, activities, crafts, stories, and object lessons, a missionary film and offering, and finally a picnic for students and parents with 200 people attending. On the following Sunday evening, the school auditorium was packed to capacity for the program by the Bible School students.

We are thankful that eight decisions were made during the school and also for the teachers who devoted time and effort so that all children of the community might have this valuable Bible experience. Rev. Lorimer Potratz is our pastor.

Mrs. Betty Kessler, Reporter

### Vacation Bible School with 75 Children, Underwood, N. Dak.

"Pioneers of Faith" was the theme of the Vacation Bible School held in the First Baptist Church of Underwood, N. Dak., from June 10 to 14. We had an

enrollment of 75 with an average attendance of 62. There were five departments with teachers as follows: Beginners, Mrs. Ervin Schafer, Mrs. C. Radke, Miss Arvadel Peterson; Primary I, Mrs. R. Woods, Mrs. B. Blatchford; Primary II, Mrs. R. Grenz, Miss Galene Gruenech; Juniors, Mrs. A. Saylor, Mrs. W. Smith; Intermediates, Miss Joyce Larson, Miss Karen Koenig, Miss Joyce Larson was director of the music and Rev. Richard Grenz served as director of the school.

Each morning an offering was received for the Spanish-American Mission Field in Texas, where Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Castro are serving as missionaries. Before each offering, some information was given concerning this field. The program was held on Friday evening, June 14, with a large congregation in attendance. Mr. Leo Strecker, the Sunday School superintendent, expressed his appreciation to the pupils and staff for their fine efforts during the week and for the inspiring program.

Karen Koenig, Reporter

### Crystal Springs Junior Camp for North Dakota Churches

The junior boys and girls of the Central, Northern and Badlands Associations of the Dakota Conference crowded Crystal Springs Baptist Youth Camp to capacity during July 17-23. Registrar, Miss Shirley Michelson, Martin, N. Dak., reported 206 juniors and 31 adults registered. Mrs. Albert Reddig, Cathay, N. D., served as the dean of girls. An acute shortage of men counsellors made it necessary for other staff members to help with some of the counsellor's tasks, but excellent teamwork and cooperation among the adults brought unusual spiritual victories for many of the staff members.

By adjusting the afternoon schedule,



Six young people baptized by Rev. Lawrence W. George (left), pastor of the Bethel Church, Indianapolis, Ind., on Sunday, July 7th.

craft leader Miss Dorothy Pritzkau, Streeter, N. D., was able to have all the juniors in craft. The choir remained optional, as in other years, but Mrs. L. D. Potratz, Martin, N. D., led over 50 volunteer singers.

Each junior had three Bible classes and chapel during the forenoon. Rev. Bernard Edinger, Selfridge, N. D., our camp pastor, was in charge of chapel. The teachers of our Missions Course were: Dr. George Dunger of our Seminary, writer; Miss Joyce Ringering, Bison, Kansas, and Mrs. Elmer Buening, Cathay, N. D. The teachers of our Christian Ethics Course were: Mrs. Albert Krombein, Anamoose, N. D., writer; Miss Shirley Michelson, and Rev. Irvin Schmuland, Goodrich, N. D. The teachers of the Abundant Life Course were: Mrs. Bernard Edinger, Selfridge, N. D., writer; Miss Jean Brenneise, Streeter, N. D., and Miss Janice Bibelheimer, Cathay, N. D.

Each day was brought to a high spiritual climax through the open-air, "Galilean Service," led by the camp dean, and through the use of Christian films in the evening vesper service. Thirty-four boys and girls made decisions to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior during this camp.

L. D. Potratz, Camp Dean

## Southern Conference

### Sessions of the Southern Conference, Donna, Tex.

The Southern Conference met for its 74th annual session at the Central Valley Baptist Church, Donna, Texas, July 17 to 21. The Methodist Church of that city made its air-conditioned auditorium and Sunday School facilities available for the use of the Conference and the public school system made available its cafeteria for the conference meals. The welcome was expressed by the host pastor, Rev. B. F. Taylor, and then the Mayor of Donna, Mr. E. A. Capen, welcomed the visitors. The moderator, Rev. Howard Schenk, made the response.

Most of the churches were represented and submitted reports. The churches sent 44 delegates. The conference theme was "Furthering the Faith" and many of the pastors brought messages relating to it. The visitors to the conference were Mrs. Thomas Lutz, president, Woman's Missionary Union; Rev. J. C. Gunst, promotional secretary; Mr. Dale Rott, student at the North American Baptist Seminary; and Mr. Bob Fry of Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Thursday evening's service was held at the Garcia Ranch Baptist Church, Rio Grande City, Texas, the mission for Spanish-American work. Saturday afternoon and evening were spent on the beach at Padre Island with bathing and barbecue, followed by singing of choruses and a devotional.

W. E. Schubert, Reporter



## Vacation Bible School at Greenville Church of Texas

The Greenville Baptist Church of Texas conducted its Vacation Bible School from June 17 to 21, the theme being "Journeying with Jesus." The average daily attendance was 27. Pupils were enrolled as Intermediates under Mr. Effenberger, who studied "Parables of Jesus"; Juniors under Rev. F. Armbruster, who studied "The Christian's Walk and Talk"; the Beginners, under Mrs. Follis, who covered "Learning God's Way"; and the Primary pupils, under Barbara Luedemann, who learned about "Bible Boats."

Each day games were played and Kool Aid was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Armbruster had a wonderful flannel-graph story each day. The school closed with a special program on Sunday evening.

On July 4th, the Brotherhood conducted the morning service. A beef barbecue was served at noon. In the afternoon, a women's service was held and a picnic closed the day. Mr. Dale Rott, a student at Sioux Falls Seminary, brought inspiring messages, as he had all week.

Mrs. F. C. Effenberger, Reporter



Vacation Bible School group at the Baptist Church, Neustadt, Ontario.

## Eastern Conference

### Fine Vacation Bible School at Neustadt, Ontario

From July 8 to 19 seven workers led 30 pupils in "Journeying with Jesus," the theme of our Vacation Church School at the Neustadt Baptist Church, Neustadt, Ontario. The pupils were divided into three classes: Kindergarten with Mrs. Ramus and Evelyn Yungblut as leaders; Primary with Inez Derbecker and Thelma Yungblut; Junior with Rev. Henry G. Ramus, pastor, and Roma Helwig. Our average attendance was 24 pupils. Each day a voluntary offering was taken for the African Cameroons Missions which amounted to \$12.00.

Every morning at recess time three ladies of the church, June Lamont, Aleda Yungblut, and Lily Schnurr, served refreshments with a special treat of ice cream on the first Friday and a picnic on the second Friday. Joyce Aitken acted as recreational di-

rector during recess and the picnic. A closing program was held on Sunday evening, July 21, with a fine response. It gave evidence both of good teaching and good learning, and on the part of the parents sincere appreciation.

Henry G. Ramus, Pastor

## Pacific Conference

### Vacation School, Portland Ave. Chapel, Tacoma, Wash.

"Pioneers for Christ" was the theme of the Vacation Bible School held at the Portland Avenue Baptist Chapel, Tacoma, Washington, June 10 to 21. A parade was held in the housing project the Saturday before the school started. The pioneering spirit was truly present as many boys and girls crowded into our chapel to learn more about Christ. There were 203 pupils enrolled with an average attendance of 129. Perfect attendance certificates were given to 69 pupils.

A program was given on Friday evening, June 21st, for parents to see what these "pioneers" had accomplished during the two week period.

various departments. There were 31 teachers and helpers.

God richly blessed the efforts put forth by the teachers, the helpers and the pastor, Rev. Robert Schreiber. Although much work was created by the unexpected influx of children, the time and effort were compensated for by the fact that souls were reached for Christ. Still others indicated a desire for such a decision and with these special counseling is being done. Also, as a result of the school, unchurched children and parents are being reached. So we rejoice for the wonderful blessings which were ours during the days of Bible School. New avenues of service have opened up to us and souls have genuinely experienced Jesus Christ as personal Savior.

Lyle Wacker, Reporter

### Ordination of Rev. Donald Rich of Oregon

In response to the call from the Bethany Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., on Friday afternoon, July 26, a council was convened with delegates from the eight churches of the Oregon Association to examine Mr. Donald W. Rich for the Gospel ministry. Rev. Frank Friesen was elected moderator and Rev. Albert Warden as clerk of the council. Mr. Donald Rich stated his Christian experience, call to the ministry, and doctrinal views.

The ordination service was held that same evening. Rev. Charles Wagner read Jeremiah 1:4-10, followed by prayer by Rev. George Breitzkreuz. A beautiful duet was sung by Mrs. Grace Jenne and Mrs. Bernita Graf. The ordination sermon was brought by Rev. Robert Penner of the Salt Creek Church, and the ordination prayer with the laying on of hands was led by Rev. Arthur Schulz. Rev. Frank Friesen welcomed Rev. Donald Rich and his wife into the ranks of the ministry. Rev. Ervin Gerlitz gave the charge to the candidate, and Rev. E'don Seibold gave the charge to the church. The service was closed with the benediction being pronounced by the newly ordained minister, Rev. Donald Rich.

Albert Warden, Clerk

### Inspirational Programs and Activities at Odessa, Wash.

Rev. Robert Hess of Tacoma, Wash., was the guest evangelist at the Baptist Church, Odessa, Wash., for two weeks of a Spiritual Awakening Crusade from April 23 to May 3. Our church was blessed by the inspirational messages brought every evening. The Woman's Missionary Society observed the Golden Anniversary of the denominational Union with a program on May 26. A Golden Anniversary Cake served as decoration and was served as refreshment during a time of fellowship following the service.

Our Vacation Bible School presented us with a real opportunity to witness to the community since we were the only Protestant church to conduct such a school. Eighty-three pupils from Kindergarten through Junior age were enrolled. The teachers presented the material on "The Bible for All the World," "Making Discoveries About the Bible," and "God's Plan for Happy



The Northwestern Conference Theme, "Spiritual Milestones," in Turner Hall, Watertown, Wis., (left) also served as the theme for the 75th anniversary of the First Baptist Church, which was celebrated with several church birthday cakes as shown at the right.

Homes." Many parents and friends attended the closing program on June 28.

Mr. Kenneth Grissom, a student from Whitworth College of Spokane, supplied the pulpit while the pastor, Rev. Edward Kopf, attended the Ministers' Retreat and Workers' Conference in Sioux Falls and also had his annual vacation.

Mrs. Adrian Werner, Reporter

## Northwestern Conference

### Eight Converts Baptized at St. Bonifacius, Minn.

On Sunday evening, July 21, we of the Minnetrista Baptist Church, St. Bonifacius, Minn., had the joy of seeing eight people follow their Lord in water baptism. We feel that this was a rather unique group in that among those baptized were a mother with two of her daughters (the father having been a member for some time) and two men who on June 29, 1957, were united in marriage with two of our ladies. The others were children of our Sunday School family.

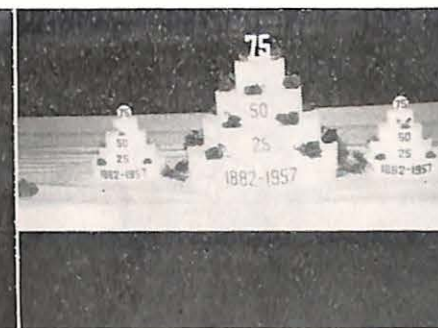
The group was accepted into the fellowship at the communion service which followed the baptism. Mrs. Mabel Griep, formerly of our church in Racine, Wis., was accepted into our fellowship by church letter. We are happy for this growth in our church family, and do pray that the Lord might see fit to entrust us with others whom we, too, might feed as the "flock of God."

D. S. Wipf, Pastor

### Ninth Annual Iowa CBY Camp at Clear Lake

The Iowa CBY youth camp opened with registration on June 17 at Clear Lake, Iowa. A total of 178 senior campers, junior campers, and staff registered on the opening day. The senior and junior camps were held at the same time, but were separate in the programs, excepting the opening service and the banquet, which was held on the last evening.

Rev. Kurt Marquardt of Steamboat Rock was dean of the senior camp, and Rev. John Vanderbeck of Elgin was the associate dean. Rev. Donald Patet was the dean of the junior camp. Classes were taught by pastors and helpers from the participating churches. The missionary representative from the denomination was Miss Esther Schulz of



the Cameroons who spoke at both the junior and senior camps. The evangelist was Rev. Bob Cook from Branson, Missouri, who brought messages on Exodus 20.

We praise God for the increase in attendance and interest in camp. Those who attended received many blessings and had a mountaintop experience in their lives. Christian young people made decisions to follow the Lord more completely and to let the Holy Spirit lead in their lives.

Patricia Luiken, Reporter

### 75th Jubilee for Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis.

On Sunday, July 14, the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., arranged for three services to celebrate its 75th Jubilee. The morning and evening services were held in Turner Hall. During the morning service Dr. T. W. Bender of Chicago, Ill., spoke on Hebrews 13:8. "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today and forever."

The service on Sunday afternoon began with an anniversary dinner at the Elks Club. The tables were trimmed with artificial cakes decorated with real roses. Following dinner a service of remembrance was held with our pastor, Rev. J. G. Benke, presiding.

Greetings were extended to the Watertown Church by John R. Gray, president of the Baptist State Convention; Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary of the North American Baptist Churches; Rev. R. Woyke, former pastor of the church; Dr. T. W. Bender, Rev. G. K. Zimmerman and Rev. Rich-

ard Lawrenz. These greetings were interspersed with musical selections by an orchestra, male quartet, girls sextette and ensemble. Through an historical skit and remarks by David Goetsch and A. W. Krause, members and friends were "taken back" over the 75 years of the church's existence. The service closed with brief remarks by Mr. Benke.

The anniversary observance was brought to a close on Sunday evening with a service of rededication. The message was brought by Dr. Frank H. Woyke who stressed that the church must be sensitive to the voice of God and to his leading. In closing, he made the congregation aware of the fact that there are still open doors of opportunity and the church needs to go forward in faith.

Mrs. Edgar Goetsch, Reporter

### Northwestern Conference Women's Meeting at Watertown

The women of the Northwestern Conference held several meetings in connection with the sessions of the Conference held in Watertown, Wisc., July 10 to 14. The breakfast meeting was held on Friday morning at the Congregational Church. Mrs. Henry Fluth, president, presided and Mrs. Wilmer Quiring led in the devotions. Five new ministers' wives were introduced. A new society of Buffalo Center, Iowa, was accepted into the union. A new constitution was accepted. The program consisted of a panel discussion on the various phases of the denominational Women's Union work.

The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. Fred Mashner; vice-president, Mrs. Richard Lawrenz; secretary, Mrs. Vernon Heckman; treasurer, Mrs. Edward Adam.

The afternoon program was held in the conference hall. The program featured Miss Florence Miller of Japan who gave an enlightening talk on Japan, telling of the various religions prevalent there. She also spoke about her work and showed slides to supplement her appeal in behalf of missionary work in Japan. The missionary offering at this meeting amounted to \$141.60.

Margot Woyke, Reporter



One of two Junior Groups attending the Iowa CBY Camp at Clear Lake, Iowa, with teachers, pastors and counselors at the back.



## 77th Session of Northwestern Conference, Watertown, Wis.

The Northwestern Conference met for its 77th annual session at Watertown, Wis., July 10-14, with 105 registered delegates plus many visitors and friends in attendance. The grand, cool weather, the friendliness and warmth of the fellowship, and the rich blessings of the Lord made this gathering another spiritual milestone in our conference history.

The theme, "Spiritual Milestones," based on Philippians 3:12,14, was presented in challenging messages throughout the sessions of the conference. The practical messages by our guest speaker, Dr. Frank Woyke, of Forest Park, Ill., proved a real blessing to all of us. The time devoted to the work of our Sunday School in workshops was well spent. Our denominational director of children's work, Miss Ruth Bathauer, and Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, Sunday School secretary, contributed much towards these workshops.

Other highlights of the conference were the men's and women's breakfasts, the Women's Missionary Program, with Miss Florence Miller as guest speaker; the Memorial Service, and the C.B.Y.F. Banquet with Dr. T. W. Bender as guest speaker. The conference festivities came to a grand climax when we joined the host church in the observance of its 75th anniversary on Sunday.

The newly elected officers are: moderator, Rev. John J. Kroecker, Milwaukee, Wis.; vice-moderator, Rev. Donald Patet, Aplington, Iowa; recording secretary, Rev. Richard Lawrenz, North Freedom, Wis.; statistical secretary, Rev. Bert Itterman, Randolph, Minn. The 1958 conference is to be held in Steamboat Rock, Iowa, during the Memorial Day week end of May 28-June 1st. The men responsible for the next conference program are: Rev. Adam Huber, Rev. Raymond Dickau, Rev. Edgar Klatt, and Rev. Kurt Marquardt.

D. S. Wipf, Conference Reporter

## Northern Conference

### Vacation School at McDermot Avenue Church, Winnipeg

This year the boys and girls at the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man., went "Pioneering With Christ" during Vacation Bible School, held from July 2 to 12, under the direction of Miss Adina Tulman. As in previous years, the school was again conducted in the evenings with an average attendance of approximately 75 pupils. During this period Miss Tina Schmidt, our Cameroons Missionary, stopped off in Winnipeg on her return to the field in the Cameroons and the boys and girls had the privilege of listening to her tell of the various experiences she has had in her work as a pioneer for Christ.

The closing program on July 14 revealed what the children had learned, and afterwards the parents and all those interested went downstairs to see the workbooks and handwork.

Miss E. Redlich, Reporter



Children and teachers at the Vacation Bible School of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

### Golden Wedding Anniversary Is Celebrated, Nokomis, Sask.

On Sunday evening, June 16, a surprise program was rendered in the Nokomis Baptist Church, Nokomis, Sask., to honor Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Hoffman, this being their 50th wedding anniversary. After the preliminary opening of the service, Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman were called to take their honored seats on the platform. Corsages were pinned on them by their granddaughter, Annette Wiesner.

The program consisted of recitations, special numbers in music, as well as talks by some of the immediate family who were present for the occasion. Thoughts and events of past years were recalled. It was expressed how wonderfully God had led them through these many years of married life together. Rev. Oscar Fritzke then gave a short message based on Psalms 91:14-16, "Conditional Promises of Life."

On behalf of their faithfulness to the church Mr. E. Semke presented a gift of money to them. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman were given the opportunity to speak. They, too, referred to God's wonderful leadership and guidance in past years, and asked that God would keep them in the years that lie ahead.

Mrs. O. Fritzke, Reporter

## Southwestern Conference

### Pastor's Reception at Mount Zion Baptist Church, Kansas

On Sunday, June 16, the Mount Zion Baptist Church near Junction City, Kansas, had the joy of welcoming its new pastor, Rev. Kenneth Unruh, and his family. At the morning worship service, our pastor brought his first message on "Directed Paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

The official reception took place in the evening. Charlie Zoschke, vice-moderator, welcomed the new pastor and read Acts 10:33, "Thou hast done well, that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God." Rev. S. Hagedorn, pastor of the neighboring Baptist Church of Enterprise, brought hearty words of welcome. Rev. D.

Snyder, pastor of our nearby Methodist Church, followed. Mrs. Noten Martinitz spoke in behalf of the Sunday School. Kenneth Brenner represented the church, Mrs. Ronald Baker the C. B. Y., and Mrs. Alvin Zeckser the Dorcas Society.

Music was furnished by the Junior and Primary classes and a solo by Mrs. Alvin Zeckser. Closing prayer was by Paul Jury, Jr. We are very thankful to the Lord in sending us Rev. and Mrs. Unruh and their two small boys.

Mrs. C. A. Zoschke, Reporter

## Atlantic Conference

### Vacation Bible School at Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia

The Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., held a successful Vacation Bible School from July 8 to 19 under the direction of Mr. Don Miller, summer-assistant at the church and theological student at Eastern Baptist Seminary. Rev. Walter C. Damrau is pastor of the church. The fine spirit evidenced was in a large measure due to the faithful work and attendance of teachers and helpers. The enrollment of the school reached a high of 99 boys and girls and necessitated the aid of 23 teachers and helpers. The total offering of \$100.60 is to be apportioned to the work of Rev. and Mrs. Ben Lawrence in Africa.

The great objective in our school was the new person in Jesus Christ. All ages were united under the exciting theme of "Pioneering with Christ," yet each department followed its own course of study, geared to the interests and abilities of that age group. A fascinating program of handwork captivated both teachers and pupils.

The closing program held on Friday evening, July 19, sought to make known some phase of each department's study and handwork. This interesting program was climaxed when a Gift Caravan was rolled to the front. The caravan contained gifts of clothing and toys which the children had brought to give to our missionaries in Austria, the Hackers.

—Don Miller, Director

## BAPTISM IN JAPAN

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family. But even though wealthy, his family situation is very bad and filled with heartaches. However, one of his sisters followed the Lord in baptism last year, and it is our prayer, as others in the family come to know Christ, that their family problems may melt away at the foot of the cross.

## PRAY FOR JAPAN!

Our fifth candidate was Mr. Ushida, a first year high school student. He was the youngest one of the five, but he has real positive testimony and is also very active in the church. It is thus with real joy that we introduce these five candidates to you as evidence that your faithfulness in supporting and praying for the work in Japan is not in vain!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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Church, was badly injured in an auto accident in July on his way to South Dakota for a visit with relatives and for the Pastors' Conference. The accident occurred near Billings, Montana. He was hospitalized for ten days and was then placed in a cast, having fractured four vertebrae and suffered several broken ribs, as learned from reports. Since the Wobig car was completely demolished, a station wagon was purchased and his children came from Portland to drive him home from Montana. Mrs. Wobig was not injured in the accident. Dr. Wobig will be incapacitated for some time, having to be in a cast for three to four months.

## OPERATION TFC FOLLOW-UP

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him on visitation and let him see you present the "Plan of Salvation" several times. This will encourage him to witness himself.

Above all stress the importance of obedience in the Christian life. Take him to John 14:21 where we read, "He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him." Encourage him to seek God's will in all phases of his life.

Encourage him to be faithful in attendance at church on the Lord's Day. Go after him if it takes that to get him there. As you meet with him weekly and point out these important phases of the Christian life, he will grow into a full, well grounded child of God, but you will discover that you have grown in the Lord also. For it is impossible to take someone else closer to God without getting closer yourself.

# Obituary

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

## MRS. VERONA SCHULZ of Lincoln, Kansas

Mrs. Verona Mabel Schulz of Lincoln, Kansas, was born March 22, 1892 near Victor, Mitchell County, Kansas, and passed away at her home in Lincoln, Kansas, July 15, 1957. On June 5, 1912 she was united in marriage to Charles Harry Schulz of Gaylord, Kansas. To this union two children were born, Katherine Mary and Melvin Keith. Her husband passed away on July 22, 1932.

She was a member of the Bethany Baptist Church of Vesper, Kansas. She was a devoted Christian, wife and mother. Those who mourn her passing are her two children: Mrs. James Paul of Alexandria, Virginia, and Melvin of Vesper, Kansas; two grandchildren: Michael and Marilyn Schulz; three sisters: Mrs. Minnie Wick of Hunter, Kansas; Mrs. Verna Scott, of Evanston, Ill.; and Mrs. Velma Speer, of San Diego, Calif.; and three brothers: Clarence of Rocky Ford, Colo.; Arnold of Ft. Collins, Colo.; and Charles of Colorado Springs, Colo. The pastor brought words of comfort from Rev. 4:1—"Behold, a door was opened in heaven." Bethany Baptist Church Vesper, Kansas

JOHN WOOD, Pastor

## MR. WILLIAM H. DISTLER of Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. William Henry Distler of Philadelphia, Pa., was born on May 9, 1891 in Philadelphia. He passed away suddenly on July 20, 1957 at the age of 66 years and 2 months. At the age of 12 he had accepted Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized by Dr. Wm. Kuhn into the fellowship of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, where he later served in various offices, including that of chairman of the Board of Trustees. Here he also became interested in the work of the North American Baptist Home of Philadelphia, and served on its Board of Directors for many years. Since 1924 he served faithfully as the financial secretary of the Home, giving generously of his time and talents in looking after the financial affairs of our Home.

On April 5, 1930 he was joined in marriage to Miss Pauline E. Schlag and God blessed this happy union with one daughter. His homecoming is mourned by his faithful wife, his daughter, Mrs. Elaine Hubing of Roselyn, Pa., his mother, Mrs. Mary Distler at our Home for the Aged; 3 brothers and 4 sisters.

Pilgrim Baptist Church Philadelphia, Pa.

WALTER C. DAMRAU, Pastor

## MR. FRIEDRICH HUBER of Venturia, North Dakota

Mr. Friedrich Huber of Venturia, N. Dak., was born in South Russia, Oct. 19, 1869. At the age of 20, he came with relatives to America, settling in the vicinity of Venturia, N. Dak. Three years later he was united in marriage with Elisabeth Bertsch. To this union nine children were born. Mr. Huber was converted and baptized by Rev. A. Kludt, and united with the Venturia Baptist Church in 1897. In 1938 Mrs. Huber died. Some time later he married Mrs. Elisabeth Schrenk, who died in 1955. For several months he made his home in the Old People's Home at Eureka, S. Dak. On July 23rd he answered the summons of his Lord and entered his eternal abode in glory at the age of 87 years.

He leaves to mourn his departure 5 children: Mrs. Gottlieb Schrenk, Venturia, N. Dak.; Mrs. Magdalena Lang, Ashley, N. Dak.; Mrs. Christ C. Delzer, Ashley, N. Dak.;

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IV. THE JUDGMENT OF GOD. Dan. 5:17-31.

The words of Paul were true long before he wrote them to the Galatians:

Fred Huber, Venturia, N. Dak.; and Arthur Huber, Lodi, Calif.; 27 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren. Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer of Ashley and Rev. Emanuel Broeckel officiated at the impressive funeral service.

Venturia, North Dakota  
EMANUEL BROECKEL, Interim Pastor

## MR. HARM J. RUST of Chancellor, South Dakota

Mr. Harm J. Rust of Chancellor, S. Dak., was born in Butler County, Iowa, on Nov. 3, 1878. With his family he moved to Minnesota in 1894, and then came to the Chancellor, S. Dak., area in 1903. His spiritual life began on May 29, 1904 when, having received Jesus Christ as his own personal Savior, he was baptized by the Rev. Otto Oltoff. He became a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Chancellor.

Mr. Rust and Mary Bleeker were united in marriage on March 1, 1906, and for 11 years they farmed near Chancellor. To this union were born three children, two of whom died in infancy. His daughter, Mrs. Herbert Franck, now resides in Menominee, Mich. From 1917 until 1946, Brother Rust lived in Emery, S. Dak.

When his wife passed away in 1946, he returned again to the Chancellor area. As the result of complications arising from a heart attack, Brother Rust passed on to be with his Lord on July 6, 1957, having reached the age of 78 years. He is survived by his daughter, three brothers, and one sister.

Chancellor, South Dakota  
FRED G. MOORE, Pastor

## MRS. EMMA AUCH of Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. Emma Auch, nee Schuetz of Philadelphia, Pa., was born on March 22, 1866 in Philadelphia, and went home to be with her Lord on June 15, 1957, aged 91 years and 3 months. In March 1879 she accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized by the Rev. John Linker into the fellowship of the Pilgrim Baptist Church. Here she maintained her membership and loyalty for more than 78 years, the longest of record.

In February 1894 she married Mr. William Auch, who in 1928 preceded her in death. The Lord blessed this union with four children, one of whom died early. Her homegoing is mourned by one son, Russell of Pittman, N. J.; two daughters: Mrs. Elva Kuehne and Miss Florence Auch of Philadelphia, Pa.; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Her pastor brought the message of comfort from John 14:1-4.

Pilgrim Baptist Church Philadelphia, Pa.

WALTER C. DAMRAU, Pastor

## MRS. CHRISTINA FISCHER of Ashley, North Dakota

Mrs. Christina Fischer, nee Walz, of Ashley, N. Dak., was born July 11, 1873 in Neudorf, South Russia. On Feb. 11, 1896 she was united in marriage to Jacob Fischer. Their home was established in Polezki with his parents. Seven children were born to this union. In 1902 the family came to America. For a time they lived near Greenway, S. Dak., and later acquired a farm home near Ashley. Here the rearing of their children and the work of the church became their prime interest and concern in life.

Through the ministry of Evangelist Jansen, Mrs. Fischer became a Christian. In 1920 she was baptized by Rev. F. Dobrovolsky and united with the German Baptist Church of Ashley. In 1948 her husband preceded her in death. For nearly ten years she received loving care in the home of her son Theodore and wife Anna. Recently she needed to be hospitalized. She passed away on her 84th birthday. Mourning her passing are her 6 sons and their respective families, 16 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, and many other relatives.

German Baptist Church Ashley, North Dakota  
A. W. BIBELHEIMER, Pastor

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." "Numbered, finished, weighed, found wanting" are simple words, simple justice, simple judgment. The best lawyer in the world would find no case for the defense. He did not humble himself; therefore God could not exalt him.



## YANKEE STADIUM

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upon by the United Nations was that the name be forgotten in the quest of peace.

The name was Jesus Christ!

Differing somewhat from the U. N., the Bible says, "The government shall be upon his shoulder; and his Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor. The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

The questions came at a press conference for United Nations correspondents after Billy Graham had talked privately for 30 minutes with Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld.

Before answering questions, he stated: "The United Nations, in my opinion, will never be permanently successful unless a great moral and spiritual resurgence comes to supplement the efforts now being made."

"Problems of the world are not quite as complex as we make out. Visit the Auka Indians, who live in a kind of stone age, and you will find lying, hating, stealing, cheatings, lusts and all manner of evil. The things those people need, you say, are education and economic security. Take a look at New York, Washington, Paris and Moscow. They have education and economic security but they also have the same symptoms and problems as the Auka Indians. Our greatest wars have been fought by so called civilized people."

"Human nature needs a revolution. I believe Jesus Christ can change human nature. He changed mine and I have seen him change thousands of others. I believe Christ put his finger on the problems of the world when he said, 'Ye must be born again.' My mission in life is inviting people to be loyal to the Person of Christ, not an organization, and to live like him."

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## NEW YORK CRUSADE

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television set has been installed in a central room which is surrounded by the suite of offices used by the Crusade. The program is simple, direct, and well-done. Within its fifteen-minute scope, the Gospel has come forth clearly, yet unobtrusively, in song and testimony, and finally the invitation is given to call Crusade headquarters at the number flashed on the screen.

We notice at this point that the others are quietly leaving the room to take up their assigned stations. So we do also. We find ourselves wondering what kind of a response there will be — what kind of people will call — how we will . . . but here our wondering is cut off! Within seconds after the telephone number has been flashed on the screen, we hear phones ringing all over the suite of offices.

Ours rings too . . . and as soon as we have had our first conversation, it rings again . . . and again. The time flies by. We find ourselves looking up Scriptures, praying over the telephone, answering all kinds of questions, explaining the way of salvation, trying to get through to an alcoholic who is confronted with a tangled marital situation. We suddenly realize that we have our finger on the pulse of a great city, groaning in the cruel slavery of sin, desperately needing the healing of the blood.

Although we sweat over some of the

questions, and pray much within our to be glad we came, glad we came in hearts, we begin in a deep, quiet way touch with the problems of people, glad we know of a Savior who can save and heal and restore. And at 1:30 in the morning we are in a very real sense re-commissioned by our Lord as a missionary of the Cross. Right then and there we re-dedicate ourselves to the task of the Gospel.

## GOD'S BLESSINGS ON MILWAUKEE'S ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

ON EASTER SUNDAY the young people of the German Zion Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., held a sunrise service on the shores of Lake Michigan. The messages on that day were brought by Rev. John Kroeker, our pastor, and Rev. J. Wessel. Our Easter offering was \$1500, half of which went to missions and the other half to our building fund.

On May 26 our mixed choir and young people presented a program. The choir sang and the young people gave their testimonies and recitations. Mr. Erhart Knull is our leader. June 9th was Pentecost Sunday and we were reminded that this was the day when the Christian Church began. In the morning, Rev. Edward Hornbacher who is in our midst brought the message. In the evening we rejoiced with three people who followed the Lord in baptism.

Our Wednesday evening services as well as Sunday services are well attended. We are thankful for our pastor, Rev. John Kroeker, who brings us God's Word in a heartsearching manner. During the last few months we have extended the hand of fellowship to 15 people who have come to us through testimony and letter.

Mrs. Erna Ziegler, Reporter

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