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# March



# of Events

● Japan will be the site of the 14th World Convention on Christian Education, under the World Council of Christian Education, to be held in Tokyo, August 6-13. About 5000 persons are expected to attend, the larger proportion from Japan, which is observing the centenary of Protestantism in that country.

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

● West Germany has issued a stamp to honor Leo Baeck, formerly a prominent rabbi in Berlin. This tribute has a poignant background, says the "New York Times," since during the persecution of the Jews in Hitler's Germany Baeck stood up to his oppressors, refusing offers of refuge in the United States and remaining in Germany with his flock. He spent many months in a concentration camp where 49,000 prisoners were killed. He was one of 700 survivors.

—The Watchman-Examiner

● An archaeological expedition working at the site of ancient Dothan, 60 miles north of Jerusalem in Jordan, has uncovered evidence of the destruction of the city about 700 B.C., in the period described in Biblical history as the time of the invasion by the armies of ancient Assyria. The expedition at Dothan is headed by Dr. Joseph P. Free, Professor of Archaeology at Wheaton College, Ill., who with Mrs. Free and a staff of 9 Americans are directing a group of 50 Jordanian diggers in the fifth season of excavation at the ancient Biblical site.

● In Washington, D. C., a 6-foot reproduction of one of Scotland's most famous Celtic Crosses has been dedicated in honor of the late pastor, Dr. Peter Marshall. Dedication of the heavy bronze St. John's Cross took place in New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, where it has been placed above the pulpit. It is the gift of the Peter Marshall Scottish Memorial Committee. The cross was fabricated by Scottish craftsmen. It is a reproduction of the 14-foot St. John's cross on the island of Iona.

● His Majesty, Haile Selassie I, Emperor of Ethiopia, has formally opened a secondary school, under the combined auspices of the Swedish Evangelical Mission, and the Hermannsburg German Mission, for which he had al-

ready provided the site. This was at Debra Zayt, twenty-five miles from Addis Ababa. Its main cost was provided by the World Lutheran Federation. The present educational status of the school, which provides for 180 pupils, most of whom at first will be boys, will later be upgraded. Ever since Karl Cedarquist, the Swedish pioneer of evangelical missions in Ethiopia, fifty years ago advocated the establishing of secondary schools in Addis Ababa for boys and girls, it has been the aim of evangelical missions to provide higher education with an avowed spiritual background.

● The Secretary of the Bible Society of India and Ceylon writes of the re-

sults of printing portions of the Gospel in the major languages of India in the daily newspapers, making the Scriptures accessible to the large newspaper-reading public, most of whom never go near the Bible House. The Gospel is published as news—not as advertisement; published serially without notes or comments. The plan is to have all four of the Gospels, and in due time The Acts, brought to the newspaper-reading public in the major languages of the country. As yet, it is too expensive to have it published in the English-language newspapers, but it is hoped to start in the English papers, after publication in the regional papers is well established as a feature.—Bible Society Record



## Baptist Briefs

● **Great Baptist Feast.** Australian Baptist missionaries in the Baliem Valley of Netherlands New Guinea provided a banquet with 2,500 lbs. of sweet potatoes. More than 1,000 of the native population attended. The purpose of the banquet was to foster friendly relations between the savage inhabitants of this remote and hidden valley and the missionaries. Rev. Norman Draper, missionary-in-charge of the Mission Station at Tiom, purchased the 2,500 lbs. of sweet potatoes with about 55 cents worth of shells.

—The Watchman-Examiner

● **Editor of Crusader.** Rev. Paul C. Allen, editor of two newspapers, was elected editor of "Crusader" magazine June 11 by the General Council of the American Convention. He was associate editor of the paper 1948-1952. He will begin the new assignment on July 21. Mr. Allen has been editor of the Savannah, Ill., "Times-Journal," a daily newspaper, and the Galena, Ill.,

"Gazetteer," a semi-weekly newspaper, since 1954. From 1945-48 Mr. Allen was executive secretary of the Chicago Association.

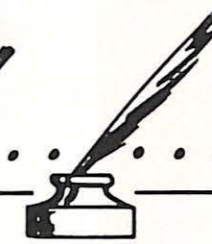
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● **Dr. C. Oscar Johnson closes pastorate.** Sunday, June 29, marked the close of 27 years of fruitful ministry in St. Louis, Mo., for Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, pastor of Third Baptist Church. He has resigned to move to Berkeley, California, where he will reside and teach part-time in the Berkeley Divinity School of which his son, Dr. Ralph M. Johnson, is president. During his ministry at Third Baptist, Dr. Johnson preached more than 2,100 sermons . . . received 11,761 persons into church membership . . . served as first president of the Baptist World Alliance (1947-52) . . . and headed the World Mission Crusade of the American Baptist Convention, which after World War II raised \$16,000,000 for relief and rehabilitation in war countries.

● **Baptist Cradle Restored.** After being restored to its original condition, First Baptist Meeting House in Providence—home of the oldest Baptist congregation in the nation—was recently rededicated, with Robert J. McCracken, pastor of Riverside Church, New York city, giving the sermon. First Baptist Meeting House is proud of its heritage. The congregation was founded by Roger Williams in 1638, and the first building was erected in 1700. A larger building arose on the same site in 1726. The present building, with a seating capacity of 1,200, was dedicated in 1775 "for the Publick Worship of Almighty God and also for holding

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# Editorial



## The Lost Chord of the Soul

THERE ARE DAYS in all of our lives when we strike discordant notes and feel as if everything were against us. We look at the world through dark glasses and feel as if we were justified in murmuring about our lot in life. But the Christian has learned the secret of striking that lost chord of a radiant faith on the keyboard of his soul, until all murmuring is drowned out by an outburst of melodious praise.

The Christian always sees God's divine purpose in everything. That is "a lost chord" in many lives today. It enables the Christian to believe firmly that all things will work together for good to them who love the Lord. He looks for the silver lining among the clouds. He praises God for this lost chord of Christian faith. He believes that God's purposes must undergird every life, and that it is the "business" of every Christian to discern that will for himself and to live accordingly.

God's people rejoice in the beauty of his touch around them. They see his creative handiwork and recognize the transforming touch of his power in lives and in things that surround them. Their travels to places of scenic beauty and their fellowship with like-minded Christian people strike this chord of praise to God for all the wondrous things that he has wrought.

A spirit of grumbling or an attitude of murmuring about life's circumstances is in reality a condition of spiritual blindness. Eyes have been closed to the beauty of God that surrounds them. Such souls have never struck this "lost chord" of responding to God's revelation of truth or to his countless blessings. Sin has blighted their souls and frustrations have sounded a sour note in their lives. They need the transforming touch of Christ's grace to give them a new outlook on life.

Every disciple and servant of Christ is motivated and controlled by love in his service. With the Apostle Paul he has learned how to lift his witness and service for Christ above the level of duty. For it is "the love of Christ that constraineth us." He gives and witnesses and serves as "he purposeth in his heart," not grudgingly, or of necessity, but with a heart of overflowing love and of radiant cheer. His responsibilities in his church or in the Kingdom of God are not routine duties, lacking in joy, nor are they irksome ties from which he wishes to be free, but they are opportunities of magnifying Christ and glorying in his matchless Name. He doesn't even count his own life dear to himself in order that he might finish his course with joy (Acts. 20:24). He rejoices in having found Christ and in knowing the excellency of this knowledge in serving him with a heart of love.

Far from sounding notes of murmuring and riling against the circumstances of life, such a Christian has struck that glorious chord of contentment and peace in Christ. He praises God for having found that priceless lost chord in his soul. This is his symphony of praise!

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With three little boats, Columbus and his men went out into the ocean, seeking a new world.

## God Commands --- We Obey!

Christ questions each of us personally:—

“Are you ready to let me be your Pilot into the uncertainties ahead?”

By Rev. W. Wieschollek of Regina, Saskatchewan

**A** MEMORIAL to Christopher Columbus, the discoverer of America, stands prominently in the harbor of Genoa, Portugal, with this inscription: “I seek a new world!” With three little boats, he and his men went out into the deep vastness and turbulent storms of the ocean, seeking that new world. After braving untold dangers and enduring agonizing privations, Columbus discovered the new world.

### BRIGHT HOPES

Today we seek a new day — a new world! That is the call that sounds through the corridors of humanity, voicing the most burning and persistent hopes of the people. Scientists and statesmen have gone forth into the arena of action in search of this new world.

All of us who have come to God's House carry with us in our souls this same poignant desire of our hearts. After the bitter experiences of the last war which sent us as men into the darkest night of hatred and loneliness, we look into the future with ardent hope for that new day when it will be better for our children and those who follow us.

What then is the commandment of this hour to reveal this new world to us?

That is God's Word for this day — the call of the Gospel to all men everywhere! **Love God with all your heart and be consumed in your love for him!** In that love open your eyes and heart to Christ and behold him as your Savior.

Many years ago a certain lawyer came to Jesus and tested him with a question: “Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” Certainly, he knew the commandments of the law, now recorded in the Old Testament. The Pharisees had recorded 613 of them. But of all of them, which one would Jesus choose as the most outstanding, the greatest? That incident began with a temptation. Even today, we are tempted to ask what is the most important thing for us to do in the vast and complex program of life's activities.

The answer of Jesus is clear and un-

mistakable: “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind” (Luke 10:27). This is the first and great commandment: “**Love the Lord, thy God!**” This is the blueprint of life for the future, the unailing compass for a new and better world.

Wherever this love is really exemplified, there you will find a man unable to steal, to lie, and to hate, unable to release the destruction of atom bombs upon innocent people. Love the Lord, thy God! That is the anchor that holds fast all other commandments of life. That means to love God, first and last, so that all other values of life such as money, possessions, fame, home, family and daily satisfactions have their source in this love.

Our forefathers knew about this love. Before the farmer began his work on the fields, he gathered his family together and prayed for God's blessing on the day's activities. Before the business man wrote into his account book, he took the Book of books into his hand and said: “With God!” That was not an empty formality! It was their sincere testimony of life. “I must begin this day with God. I shall be successful only as I know that God wills it, that his blessing is on my life.” Where can we find that radiant, victorious faith today?

### LOVE THY NEIGHBOR!

Love the Lord, thy God! That also includes the other part of this same commandment: “**Love thy neighbor as thyself!**” How desperately we need to heed that commandment if we are to create a better world. In truth, there is no love to God that does not reveal itself in love to one's neighbor and vice versa! If anyone says, I love God, and hates his neighbor, he is guilty of playing loose with God's Word, and with his own hands he tears down the banner of truth.

Whoever dwells on the love of God cannot see any sad faces about him. All other people should be as happy as he is. He cannot help himself but think in social terms and do what he can to make others joyous. It is im-

possible for him as a Christian to close his ears and his heart to the needs of the world.

We are well aware of this truth that wherever the love of God is missing, there the love to one's neighbor soon deteriorates. The outcome of all of this is self-love. But if a man draws on the reservoir of God's love until all selfishness vanishes, then he receives the power to love others in the Christian spirit. He will then be able to love even those who are his enemies.

Such a person is able to live from day to day because of the merciful love and grace of his heavenly Father who “maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good” (Matt. 5:45). He cannot do otherwise but to pass on his beneficent love to others. He is able to “heap coals of fire” upon the heads of his enemies. He rejoices because forgiveness and love have become the ruling power in all of his relationships with others, including his home and his family life. Only in this love can we hope to build a new world. Without it, the world will topple into ruins because of its own hatreds.

### CHRIST, OUR PILOT

Sometimes our courage fails us and our strength ebbs away as we look into the uncertain future. But Jesus Christ, who prepares us for this hour, is the sovereign Lord of all worlds and kingdoms. He is the same yesterday, and today, and forever. For some people he is the unknown leader, the Savior who has not been met face to face as yet.

It is he, Jesus Christ, who wants to ask each one of us very personally: “What do you think of me? How is it with your soul? Are you ready to face the future unafraid?” His questioning continues: “Are you ready to let me be your Pilot into the uncertainties ahead? Will you trust me to take you safely through the storms? Will you choose me as your Savior and Master?”

He comes triumphantly before each one of us as the Eternal King of kings, the only High Priest, the true Comforter of men's hearts, the mighty Son of God. Only he can grant the power to

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## The Holy Spirit in Action

By Rev. Waldemar Laser

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**I**T IS FUNDAMENTALLY important in our Christian faith never to speak of the Holy Spirit as an influence or as the power of a spiritual fire. You can never know the complete truth of the Holy Spirit by describing him with a symbol such as a Dove. You must get at the heart of the witness of the Holy Spirit by recognizing and worshiping him as a divine Person of the Trinity. To be sure, the above mentioned attributes of his being and ministry are spoken of in the Scriptures. But more important than these is the indisputable fact that the Holy Spirit is a Divine Person.

### NEW SPIRITUAL REBIRTH

In his farewell messages in John's Gospel, chapters 14-16, Jesus speaks clearly about the person and work of the Holy Spirit. In his high priestly prayer in John 17, the Lord describes our wonderful fellowship with God and our unity in him through the Holy Spirit. Christ prays that his disciples might come into this spiritual unity. Christians cannot be in any doubt as to the task and the power of the Holy Spirit to carry on his work after Christ's return to the heavenly Father in his ascension.

The promise of the Holy Spirit, which was fulfilled on the first Pentecost Sunday, has been continued in the lives of those who have received him into their hearts. The Spirit has taken possession of them, permeated them with power and transformed them (II Cor. 4:5-6; Romans 12:1-2; and II Cor. 5:14-17). They have become new creatures through the penetrating, recreating and transforming ministry of the Holy Spirit.

This truth is exemplified by the Lord Jesus Christ in his conversation with Nicodemus (John 3), as Christ describes to him the new birth. This new life which is brought into being by the Word of God and through the Spirit (I Peter 1:22-25), is taken by God into his possession and is sealed by him with the Holy Spirit (Eph. 1:13-14; 2:8-10; 4:30), and belongs to him for a consecrated service and to his glory for all time (Romans 8).

### SPIRITUALLY ENDOWED

The ministry of the Holy Spirit also has very definite and practical expressions. Every life belongs to God. He has created us. A person is also described as a vessel, a building, a temple, a plot of ground in the Scriptures. God has entrusted talents and gifts to every life. These include his ability to think, his love to others, his intellect, his scientific acumen, his willingness to help others, all the capacities of life in living expression. A man can use or

misuse these gifts in any way that seems good to him.

But God has wonderfully endowed his creation. All of these talents and capacities are worthless and useless in the sight of God without the Holy Spirit. These gifts must be spiritually discerned (I Cor. 2:14). They must lead to the glory of Christ and be fruitful in the things of God, and that can transpire only by the wisdom and the power of God, by the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 1:18-31).

The purpose of a life is not to record the great achievements of a man, nor to list the things he has done because of his talents and capacities, but it is to glorify Jesus Christ and his Gospel of salvation for all peoples. “According as it is written, he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord” (I Cor. 1:31). Since Jesus Christ has finished his work of salvation for all mankind, it is in God's plan that nothing in human life should

Through the new birth in Christ, a new creation of God has come into being. The Christian is a spiritually resurrected life with a living hope. In him the Holy Spirit is being revealed and his ministry is being expressed more and more in such a life by the fruit of the Spirit. This is also the mighty working of the Holy Spirit in us.

The Word of God is very definite and decisive to the effect that every child of God must show evidence of this fruitfulness. God's Word speaks clearly on this subject. See Galatians 5:16-26 and Romans 8:5-16. Whoever loves the Word of God and desires to grow in this grace of God should give attention to this important truth. It is the will of God that we should show forth the fruit of the Spirit!

### GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit's ministry is also evident in the gifts of the Spirit. The key to this wonderful truth of God can



Jesus said: “Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you . . . and ye shall be witnesses unto me” (Acts 1:8).

detract from the glory and power of the Holy Spirit's ministry. Everything has been created by him and for him. “In all things he must have the pre-eminence” (Col. 1:18).

### FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

It is God's intention to make every life a fruitful garden and a holy temple to the power of the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 3:6-10). Every believing child of God is a carrier of the Holy Spirit.

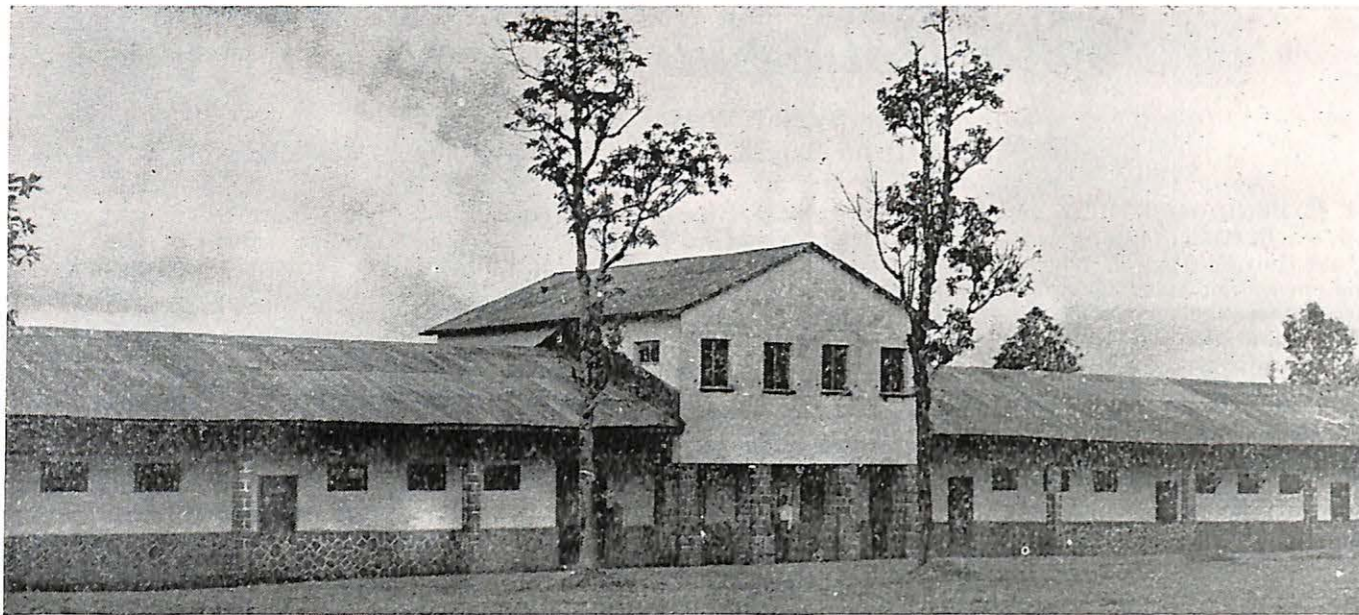
### TWO FINE SERMONS

With this issue we are happy to introduce two of our German-speaking pastors, who came to Canada from Central Europe in recent years. Rev. W. Wieschollek is pastor of the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church in Regina, Sask. Rev. Waldemar Laser is the minister of the German Baptist Mission Church in Winnipeg. Their sermon manuscripts were prepared in German and translated for the blessing of “Baptist Herald” readers.

be found in many passages of Scripture, but especially in I Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4 and Romans 12:3-8. This is the prerogative of the Holy Spirit who alone has the authority to distribute these gifts. You must discern this truth clearly, as it is described in his Word.

No one can grasp these gifts of the Spirit by his own cunning. You cannot even earn these gifts for yourself. They cannot be seized by some overpowering might. But they are to be coveted spiritually and sought after by your faith. This is God's way as proclaimed in his Word (I Cor. 12:14; I Thess. 5:19-25). “Forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church” (I Cor. 14:12).

It is my prayer that this authority of the Holy Spirit as the third Person of the Trinity might be discerned and heeded in every North American Baptist Church. This is the glory of the Holy Spirit in action in us and in our churches. In every Christian, the Holy Spirit is the source of a new life and of a boundless joy!



The main classroom block of the Cameroons Protestant College, Bali, Africa, built in 1950. This is the first picture of the College to appear in the "Baptist Herald."

## Cameroons Protestant College Portraits

Portraits of Baptist Students by Mr. Dudley Reeves of Bali, Africa

DAVID is a senior student in the Cameroons Protestant College at Bali, Africa. This is jointly run by the Swiss Presbyterian Mission and the Cameroons Baptist Mission, and is the only Protestant High School in the Southern Cameroons, a country half the size of Maine.

David is perhaps 21 years of age, is a promising pole vaulter and is good at physics and geography. For five years he has received a Baptist Mission Scholarship which has covered the annual fees of 23 pounds and the purchase of books. The 130 pounds involved has been money well spent. Before coming to the Cameroons Protestant College, David finished a year's course at the Ndu Bible School, and this early training obviously stood him in good spiritual stead.

When volunteers were asked to conduct a Sunday morning service in Pidgin English to the cooks and house-boys on the college campus, David was the first student to volunteer. Some ten people of varying ages attend the simple service, and recently David gave his first flannelgraph talk to them, the story of Christ's miracle in satisfying the physical needs of a great crowd.

### NFOR'S FAITH IN GOD

Nfor is a reticent but likeable and intelligent fellow of about 18 years. Blessed with an engagingly shy smile, he made a convincing Portia in the extract from "The Merchant of Venice" once acted at a lively end of term concert. In his Christian testimony, Nfor says that until he came to the college he did not really understand what a Christian was, although he had been baptized while still at his primary school. He is therefore yet another dis-

turbing example of a person who was baptized at too early an age and before he was truly converted.

Two answered prayers helped to confirm Nfor's faith in God, after he had become a Christian. His father's quarrel with a neighbor was patched up, and the lorry in which he was one day travelling was crashed by its tipsy driver, as foreseen, but Nfor himself escaped unhurt.

Casualties from private lorry accidents on these rough Cameroonian roads are all too frequent. Three men



An informal snapshot of Mr. Dudley Reeves, Baptist teacher and missionary at the Cameroons Protestant College, Bali, Africa.

were killed in the lorry accident from which Nges escaped with only minor injuries. Another senior student whose apparent bashfulness conceals Christian convictions, Nges asked the Baptist boys' meeting to join him in thanking God for his escape.

### MASANJE'S LEADERSHIP

The elected secretary of the Baptist Boys' Society, which meets every Sunday evening to pray for Baptists and their churches in the Southern Cameroons, is Masanje. His job is to preside at the meetings, arrange for a student to give a Bible reading and comment, guide the discussions on Christian topics and hand out the written prayer requests to all who attend the meeting.

Masanje is both intelligent and able. He is leader of his class as well as its brightest student. His father is a leper. With Nfor and Dav'd, he won the inter-college Bible Quiz held last Easter for our college against four other three-man teams.

David, Nfor, Nges and Masanje are among the dozen or more students who form the evangelistic teams that go preaching to the neighboring compounds every month. The people of Bali town are nearly always friendly to these student witness teams, and even the Africans who are Roman Catholics listen well and ask questions. The number of teams is conditioned by the number of students who can speak Mungaka, the Bali tribal language, and therefore act as interpreters.

### THE EVANGELISTIC TEAM

Entering a mud courtyard, a team of perhaps four students will first sing a hymn to draw the haughty polyga-

mists and wizened old mammies out of their small and gloomy thatched huts. However crudely and briefly, the Gospel is then preached, sometimes to the accompaniment of squealing pigs, clucking hens and crying piccaninnies. Questions are asked and answered. A St. John's Gospel is given to the rare person who can read it, and the short visit ends with a prayer before the team moves on to give out another bitter-tasting cola nut as a sign of friendship to the occupants of the next compound.

Sometimes the laborers prove worthy of their hire and are given a hand of bananas or offered some mimbo wine, which looks like ginger beer but is not quite so harmless. In one compound we were struck dumb once by seeing four "incarnate devils" — bridesmaids clad from head to foot only in camwood dye of a bilious orange hue. In another compound, within half a mile of this Christian mission college, the elderly occupants said that they knew nothing of Jesus Christ.

### ISAIAH AND NKONGO

Isaiah is the elected Head Boy of the college and does well in a post of some responsibility. Like David, he hopes to become a teacher. Nkongo is another Baptist student in a responsible position, being Captain of Fonyonga House, named after the Fon or Chief who welcomed the first Swiss missionaries to Bali in 1903.

Nkongo is academically quite gifted and with David hopes one day to go to university. At the Christian leadership course for High School students in Nigeria last December, Nkongo publicly testified to the help received from the week's program of Bible readings and discussion groups. At Calabar (once famed for cannibals and Mary Slessor) Nkongo saw the sea for the first time and showed interest in the progress of the ferry boat as for one and a half hours it weaved its way between mangrove islands till reaching the dirty, culture-ridden port of Oron.

Tallaka spent a year helping at Bansa Hospital before he passed the entrance examination to the college, where he is now the dispenser in his spare time. Tapis and Tachi are the sons of a chief. They attend the inquirers' classes for would-be Baptists, but have not yet made any confession of faith in Jesus.

Ngu also attends my inquirers' classes. He is a member of the Bafut tribe, whose influential Fon controls 200 square miles of land and annually sacrifices a goat for the good of the tribe.

Muang is a fourth member of the inquirers' classes. Educated by the Roman Catholics, he was unable to find the position of St. John's Gospel in the Bible when he first joined the college last January. Only the headmaster was allowed to own a Bible in his Roman Catholic Mission school, so Muang tells me.

## THE STUDENT SERVICE PLAN

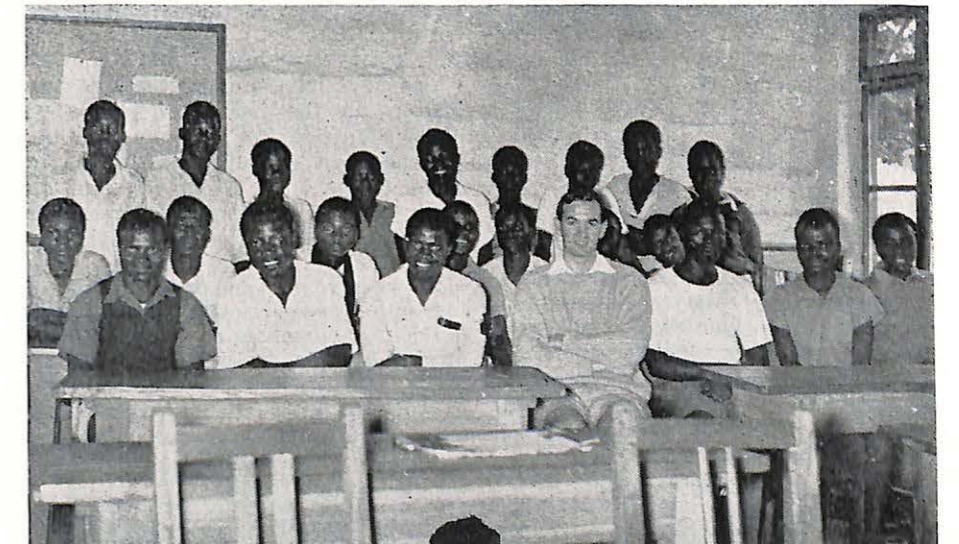
Twenty Students Are Serving Our Churches this Summer Under this Plan as Reported by Rev. Lawrence G. Bienert, CBYF Secretary

THESE are busy but happy days for the 20 students who are serving under the Student Service Plan. They have come from our North American Baptist Seminary, the Christian Training Institute, and other schools to serve in 27 churches in the United States and Canada during the summer months. Their experiences will be varied. Two of the students are serving on the Spanish-American Mission field in Colorado. Miss Lydia Albrecht is assisting Miss Helen Lohse at Del Norte, and Mr. James Schacher is assisting Rev. and Mrs. David Keiry at Monte Vista. Miss Albrecht is serving in this capacity for the second summer.

A number of students are serving a

series of churches in teaching Daily Vacation Bible School. Some have already reported on the joys of such service and the privilege of leading young people to Christ. These Vacation Schools are being held in North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Alberta, and Saskatchewan.

Other students are serving our churches as student pastors. Their work includes visitation, preaching, pastoral work and youth work. These are marvelous opportunities for training the future pastors of our denomination. In return the churches also experience many rich blessings through the energetic, youthful services of our students.



Mr. Dudley Reeves, one of our Cameroons missionaries, surrounded by the Baptist students at the Cameroons Protestant College.

Ahoh is one of the youngest, smallest and squeakiest boys at the college, but in the English Society he won the prize for giving the best impromptu speech. He is also a promising and fiery little debater.

Lest you should think that all our Baptist students are embryonic angels, it should be added that one boy was once caught playing table tennis during lessons from which he was absent with "stomach pains"! Another rascal, having read of Tom Sawyer in class, misbehaved a yard from a distin-

guished visitor. This boy, when the most important Englishman in Education in Nigeria visited the college, was seen dangling in a most athletic manner from the dormitory roof!

### 36 BAPTIST BOYS!

All the above students are among the 36 Baptist boys in this college of 169 pupils. Nearly all of them were educated in Baptist primary schools and almost all of them are members of Baptist churches. Some of them may be expected to serve your Mission as teachers and nurses in the future. Some of them may be among the future leaders of this politically young country.

Some of them may have to face temptation peculiar to sons of illiterate parents and members of tribes that continue to practice polygamy, juju and annual sacrifices. One thing is certain, however, about these students: for each one of them there is the glorious possibility of becoming a new creation in Christ.

### A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Everyday remember that today you have a God to glorify; a Savior to imitate; a soul to save; your body to mortify; virtue to acquire; heaven to seek; eternity to meditate upon; temptations to resist; the world to guard against; and perhaps death to meet. —Selected.



Rev. L. G. Bienert gets acquainted with other Baptists at the Youth World Conference in Toronto, Ontario (left), with Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Adejunnobi of Nigeria and a Canadian and two Baptists from Ghana to his left. These inspiring conference sessions were held at the Varsity Arena (center picture). Oriental delegates and other Baptists are exchanging autographs at right.

# Fifth Baptist World Youth Conference

By Rev. Lawrence Bienert, General Secretary of the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship

FLAGS OF THE NATIONS dipped in colorful array outside Varsity Arena in Toronto, Ontario, on June 27th as inside 8,000 young men and women from 63 nations made the echoing hall ring with "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," the opening hymn of the Fifth Baptist World Youth Conference.

This was the largest Baptist youth conference ever held anywhere in the world. Previous conferences were held in Prague, 1931; Zurich, 1937; Stockholm, 1949; and Rio de Janeiro, 1953.

## 8,000 YOUNG PEOPLE REGISTERED

Originally only 6,000 were expected but by Sunday 8,006 were registered. One could almost say that the prophecy spoken by Christ was fulfilled when he said, "They shall come from the East and from the West, and from the North and from the South, and shall sit down in the Kingdom of God." They did come from all corners of the globe. They came by train, by plane, by car and caravans of buses. Hotels were besieged by cheerful hymn-singing youngsters as they phoned back and forth trying to find room for the hundreds and thousands of visitors.

The majority came from the United States. The provinces of Canada were well-represented and there were 300 delegates from overseas. Many were wearing their native costumes during the days of the conference, much to the delight of camera fans and autograph seekers.

President Eisenhower sent a telegram of greetings expressing the hope that delegates would gain a greater understanding of each other's needs and the needs of the whole world community, and would be "inspired to return to their home to work with confidence in the service of God and their neighbors." Mayor Phillips of Toronto, despite his broken arm, was present to welcome delegates to Toronto. Dr. T. B. McDormand welcomed delegates on behalf of the Baptist Federation of Canada.

Miss Sadako Matsuo of Japan, responding to the welcome expressed by

the Canadian Baptist groups, stressed the unity our common faith gives to these representatives of peoples of every color and race and background. Her words typified the feeling of the entire conference.

"We have witnessed bloody wars which have left feelings of hatred and distress in the hearts of people in many countries. Yet we have each experienced an encounter with God in Jesus Christ . . . We have seen the work of God at different times and different places. We are bound by one tie in Christ.

"If we have personal or national feelings either of superiority or inferiority, let us rid ourselves of them, and let us be humble before the Cross of Christ. Let us witness before the world, as partners in obedience to him, our oneness in Christ, and proclaim the love of God which binds us together as the heirs of the Gospel."



Mr. Anis Shorosh (right), delegate from Jordan attending the Baptist Youth World Conference in Toronto, Ontario, soon found an interesting friend in Rev. L. G. Bienert, general secretary of the CBY Fellowship.

Rev. Joel Sorenson of Stockholm, Sweden, who was scheduled to give the opening address, was taken ill and in his place Rev. David Gomez, Home Mission Secretary for the Baptist Convention of Brazil, spoke on "The Transforming Power of Christ." The theme for the conference was, "CHRIST FOR THE WORLD—NOW!"

The first service of this great conference concluded with a most effective and soul stirring drama depicting scenes of Baptist history—the martyrs, the defenders of the faith, the present day heroes of the Cross. This drama was presented by the Drama Group from the First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., with Cecil McGee directing.

## DR. ADAMS' BIBLE STUDIES

The sessions began at 8:30 each morning with a period of music, prayer and worship. Leaders of all nations participated in these activities. Following this, Dr. W. W. Adams, Professor of New Testament Interpretation at the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky., led us in a heart-searching study of the book of Colossians. The theme of this great book of the Bible tied in with the theme of our conference, "CHRIST FOR THE WORLD—NOW!"

Each delegate came with a Bible and notebook and sat in rapt attention as Dr. Adams pointed out so effectively the deeper truths of this epistle. During the four days of lectures he dealt with "Christ in the Believer's Knowledge" (1:1-23), "Christ in the Believer's Ministry" (1:23-2:7), "Christ in the Believer's Life" (2:8-3:4), and "Christ in the Believer's Conduct" (3:5-4:6). I am sure that every young person went home with a greater conscientiousness of Christ's claim upon his or her life.

Each day at 9:45 a. m., following a musical interlude, a "Topic of the Day" was presented by selected individuals. Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa, Secretary of the Department of Evangelism of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, spoke on "Called to be Witnesses." Rev. D. S. Russell, Principal

of Rawdon College, Leeds, England, presented the topic, "The Building of a Christian Home." Mrs. J. Edgar Bates, Dean of Women at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, gave a dynamic presentation on "The Dignity of Man." Mr. Willie Wickramasinghe of Ceylon, speaking on the topic, "The Christian Witness in the Contemporary World," contrasted the East with the West and presented the church's opportunity in this situation.

## "SPOTLIGHT" PROGRAM

The "Spotlight" on the continents presented opportunity to share information about the work being carried on by young people in all parts of the world. Your General Secretary had about three minutes to tell about the work of the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship during the spotlight on North America. The spotlight was also fixed upon Europe, Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Australasia, Central and South America, and the Baptist World Alliance.

Our hearts were stirred and thrilled as we listened to what God was doing through young people in every nation. At the same time we began to appreciate our religious liberty a little more as we heard of the trials and persecutions of our Baptist people by state churches and governments in other parts of the world. We gained a new appreciation of our Baptist brethren who fearlessly witness in lands where it costs dearly to be a follower of Christ.

## SIXTY CONFERENCES

The morning session concluded with 60 simultaneous conferences held in various buildings on the campus of the University of Toronto. All delegates were assigned to one of these discussion groups, which ranged in size from about 50 to 250 persons, depending on the space available. During this hour the young people discussed topics pertaining either to the "Bible Study" or the "Topic of the Day." These conferences proved to be one of the high points of the conference. The writer of this article had the privilege to be one of the discussion leaders.

Each afternoon of the conference was left free for optional activities. One could go sightseeing, shopping, or rest. Most young people participated in one of the many interest groups planned for the afternoon. These included: Music Festivals, Religious Drama Workshops, Planned Recreation, Youth Program Sharing Sessions, and an excellent selection of religious and missionary motion pictures.

The evening sessions featured outstanding speakers, inspiring testimonies, special music supplied by the Toronto choir as well as a 500-voice Conference Choir. In addition to the speakers already mentioned, there were Rev. Joel Sorenson of Sweden, Prime Minister John Diefenbaker of Canada, Rev. Lien Chow of China, Dr. J. A. Adegbite of Nigeria, and Dr.



The inspiring, capacity crowd at one of the evening sessions of the Fifth Baptist Youth World Conference, held in Toronto, Ontario.

# BAPTIST YOUTH FROM 63 NATIONS

By Miss Eunice Derbecker of Neustadt, Ontario

JESUS said, "They shall come from the East and from the West, and from the North and from the South, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God."

Yes, they did come! Baptist friends came from the four corners of the world to the Fifth Baptist Youth World Conference held from June 27 to July 2 at Toronto, Ontario. Sunday evening was the highlight meeting of the six day conference when some 14,500 delegates and visitors jammed Maple Leaf Gardens. Representatives of 63 nations were in attendance.

## UNITY IN CHRIST

It was a real privilege and inspiration to be present at this particular gathering. We varied in many ways, in nationality, language, color and customs, but we were **one** in our faith in Jesus Christ. One could not help but gain a new understanding of our unity in Christ as everyone sang so heartily the well known hymns of the Church.

Testimonies from the many continents were most touching as young people from China, Bolivia, Ghana, New Zealand and the United States of America told of their personal experiences, their conversion and the peace

that Christ alone can give.

The Rt. Hon. John Diefenbaker, Prime Minister of Canada, gave an address on "World Peace." He pleaded for racial tolerance and international understanding. "Canada's foreign policy is based on Christian principles and the practice of the Golden Rule," he declared. The free world has tried many expedients. It must now try God's will more than ever before. He emphasized that world dedication to Christ will score in the betterment of mankind. Faith in him is the only essence of survival and final triumph.

## 63 NATIONS REPRESENTED

Following Mr. Diefenbaker's address, representatives of 63 nations marched into the Gardens, carrying their national flags. Nationals of these countries stood as their flags were carried in.

Then a massed choir of nearly 800 voices sang "The Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah," as everyone stood at attention. The benediction closed a very inspirational service.

From this conference we went home, knowing and understanding one another better and loving each other more, determined to work together for brotherhood, righteousness and peace.

Theodore F. Adams, President of the Baptist World Alliance who brought the closing message of the conference.

The 72 Baptist churches in Toronto were filled with Conference delegates on Sunday morning. The German Baptist Church planned a special program with four speakers: Rev. Emmanuel Goetze of Germany; Rev. A. Lehocki, one of our former missionaries in Yugoslavia; Mr. Berndt Kuhn, exchange student from Germany; and Rev. Lawrence Bienert. Mr. Kuhn attended the conference under the sponsorship of

the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship. He was featured very prominently on the conference program.

## THRILLING SUNDAY SERVICE

The Sunday evening service was held at the Maple Leaf Gardens where more than 15,000 Baptists were in attendance. Prime Minister Diefenbaker spoke on "World Peace." Following Mr. Diefenbaker's address, representatives of 63 nations marched into the Gardens, carrying their national flags. Nationals of these countries stood as their

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Rev. E. Broeckel, Dakota Conference pastor for almost 45 years, addresses the open-air historical meeting of the Dakota Conference at the Johannestal Church (left), and some of the 1,000 visitors to the Dakota Conference at Ashley, N. Dak., sun themselves after enjoying a meal served "family style" in the Quonset hut of the American Legion.

## Fiftieth Jubilee Dakota Conference

Historical Account and Colorful Report by Rev. Carl R. Weisser of Streeter, North Dakota

THE FIFTIETH Dakota Conference held in Ashley, N. Dak., from June 18 to 22 was not only highlighted with a wonderful theme, "God's Presence Throughout the Years," (I Kings 8:57), but also by the observance of the completion of 50 glorious years of service for the Lord.

Retrospect is not always advisable, but in the instance of this milestone, in the life of one of the strongest conferences, if not the oldest, in the North American Baptist General Conference, one must look back with praise and thanksgiving and say with deep conviction and reverence: "Thus far hath the Lord led us!" Any people who do not stop to count spiritual blessings will be like a spring run dry, who cannot bring forth refreshing waters to the dry parched earth.

One cannot rest on past laurels but one must be challenged to take a new grip on life as one recalls the gigantic changes that have taken place from the ox-cart to the jet propelled age. The transition not only found its change in the mechanical world but likewise in the spiritual. This did not come about by soft living but by sacrificial living and praying on the part of the pioneers of the past.

### CONFERENCE IN 1909

The large crowd that met at the Johannestal Church, 13 miles southwest of Ashley, on the original site of the first Dakota Conference in 1909, was deeply moved, even to tears of joy and gladness, as they paused to remember the goodness of God through the years. It was evident that God had not forsaken his own but that he had prospered them spiritually as well as physically. Here we evidenced among God's people a deep humble conviction of what faithful servants of the Lord are able to accomplish through faith.

Those who were not too far removed from the "lumber-wagon days" were soberly reminded of the sacrifices and hardships, and above all, of the spiritual victories of the days gone by. Mr. Christian Fischer, Sr., one of the oldest pioneers, at the age of 95, clearly and precisely brought us step by step through the years. He gave God the

glory in all that had been accomplished through the decades.

Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer, the present pastor of the Ashley church, led the services at the historical site on the Saturday afternoon of the conference. Dr. M. L. Leuschner's message challenged the present generation to press forward, reminding each one that there are many unexplored areas in the hearts of men. In spite of much physical progress made in the world, the church faces decided opposition, which can only be met by the help of God. It is for us to see the harvest fields white unto harvest. Mr. J. J. Fischer, son of Father Fischer, and Mr. Bertsch of the Johannestal church welcomed the guests to the conference and anniversary.

### HISTORICAL REVIEW

During the conference days in Ashley, the appointed historians, the Reverends Martin DeBoer and Henry Pfeifer, brought a review of the Dakota churches as they were organized into the Dakota Conference. It found its inception during the Northwestern Conference which was held from August 28 through September 2, 1907 at Racine, Wisconsin. It was during the sessions of the North Dakota Association that a petition was prepared in respect to the advisability of organizing a new conference in North Dakota and including the South Dakota churches. After due consideration of this all-important matter, the conference requested delay in voting until the following conference, which was to be held in Fessenden, North Dakota.

Historians reveal that at this following conference, held during June 8-14, 1908, two brethren brought the pros and cons of this division. Rev. B. Schlipf very ably revealed the advantages of this proposal, while Rev. W. S. Argow contended for the opposition. It is further revealed that it took three men to talk Rev. G. A. Schulte down in order to be able to appoint a committee to investigate the advisability of another conference. The result was that the Reverends J. Jaeger, B. Schlipf, W. S. Argow, C. Stoeckmann and R. J. Hack were appointed to this committee.

It was further impossible for this committee to agree upon any direct resolution to be presented to the Conference delegates, but it did recommend that the delegates vote, without further discussion, either Yes or No in regard to this question. The end result showed 22 Nays and 47 Yeas. This, then, put the organizational wheels into motion for the organizing of the Dakota Conference.

### FIRST OFFICERS

The favorable vote necessitated the meeting of the pastors and delegates of the Dakota churches to organize this new work. This organizational meeting was held on June 10, 1908 at 1:00 P.M. At this meeting Rev. R. J. Hack was appointed moderator and Rev. W. L. Wahl was chosen to serve as recording secretary. At this same meeting three committees were chosen: 1. A committee for time and place; 2. A constitutional committee, and 3. A committee to correspond with the churches in the Dakotas in regard to their affiliation with the newly proposed conference. In a second meeting of the delegates of the Dakota churches, Rev. B. Schlipf was appointed to serve as statistician and a program committee was appointed to arrange for the first program for the first sessions of this conference.

After the groundwork of the new conference had been laid, the following committee of the Reverends J. Pfeiffer, D. Koester, H. G. Bens, F. Herrmann, W. S. Argow, G. A. Schulte and K. P. Bickel was formed. After meeting and discussing the conference, which they were trying to organize, a report of progress was given to the then convened Northwestern Conference.

In this report further recommendations were proposed: 7. that the secretary and moderator of the newly proposed conference contact the churches of the Dakota area to inform them of the action taken by the delegates; (this was to be done so that the union of the churches into the new organization could be made in a proper and orderly manner); 2. that the mission committee representation and mission work would function in the

same manner until such a time when the Dakota Conference would be permanently organized and recognized. The Northwestern Conference approved these recommendations.

We might wonder if the officers of this newly organized conference visualized the unexplored potential that lay before them, as they met for their first session at Jewell, North Dakota, from June 16 to 20, 1909. Jewell, now known as the Ashley church, had five stations in that vicinity. For this first conference 21 churches sent 70 delegates besides the many visitors and friends who attended. Certainly, this new venture would create a feeling of tenseness and wonderment as to what the future held in store for them. But without a doubt, there was an air of confidence in God since this was his will and his way to further his cause.

### STURDY PIONEERS

Rev. J. Reichert keyed the conference with the message on I. Cor. 16:13, "Watch, Stand in the Faith." How truly these men of vision were able to see the vast harvest field spreading across the open prairies! This was reiterated so crystal clear when Rev. J. Pfeiffer challenged the Christians to be giants in this new land of promise. Romans 10:1 fittingly inspired his subject: "The Zeal of Paul for the Salvation of His Brethren."

At this same Conference we can see the sound doctrinal ground work laid by the brethren, for God must have his place in the life of the Christian. In his doctrinal message Rev. B. Schlipf called God's people to build their lives on "Christ, the Chief Corner Stone," based on I Peter 2:6-7. It is known that not only faith but fervor stirred these men of God. It is told that Rev. J. Pfeiffer, after delivering his momentous mission message, was completely spent physically, and he had to be assisted from the rostrum.

Missions has always been a strong phase of the Dakota Conference from the very outset. For a greater part of this conference, it has been known to contribute the largest amount of any conference. Therefore, a mission committee was a vital part in the affairs of this new work. The committee consisted of the following brethren: Reverends A. Heringer, mission secretary; J. Pfeiffer as alternate, F. Dobrovolny, J. Reichert and H. G. Bens.

### MISSIONARY OFFERINGS

A mission offering of \$3585.00 was laid upon the altar for the Lord's work during the days of this first conference in 1909. When we recall the sacrifice of the few people and their limited means, we can see what a great contribution the people made. Even above the mission offering they contributed \$137.93 to aid the host church with the expense of entertaining the conference.

As we, as delegates and friends, were gathered on the spot where almost fifty years ago the huge tent, 60 x 90 feet, stood, we could visualize the difficulties that the members and friends of



Dakota Conference delegates and visitors at the 50th Jubilee sessions held in Ashley, N. Dak., take part in an historical program at the Johannestal church out on the South Dakota prairie where the first Dakota Conference was held in 1909.

the Ashley church had to entertain such a conference. All who were present could not help feel, "What a marvelous thing God has wrought in the midst of his people." Somehow we had to say to ourselves that today we as his people would shrink from such a gigantic task, even with our soft inner-spring mattresses and finely processed foods. Think of the bags stuffed with hay piled side by side on the hardwood floor for a place to rest, and the foods processed and prepared in the good old way. Yes, what a joy to know that God blesses his people who have a mind to work!

God had marvelously spared some 44 people through these years, who were again able to be present, after 49 years, for the Jubilee Conference. (See front cover picture).

The offerings for the 1958 conference in Ashley amounted to \$4020.58. Certainly, the spirit of Christ must inspire us to become even more sacrificial in our giving to the work of the Lord! God has so wonderfully blessed this conference in the past decades that our response should be with great joy in sacrificial giving.

Mission giving has not entirely sur-

passed every phase in the life of the conference. When we think of some 200 workers who have gone forth from the conference churches during the past 50 years into the mission field and as pastors and pastors' wives, our hearts rejoice. Even from the Ashley church, some 13 young people have enlisted in the work of the Lord. How we were made aware of the fact that the harvest field is ripe unto harvest but that many more laborers are needed!

A heartfelt thank you, indeed, goes out to the Ashley congregation, who so nobly and efficiently cared for the delegates and friends of the conference. The task of feeding the hundreds of people in the American Legion Quonset Hut reminded one of the scene beside the sea in Palestine, where Christ fed the 5,000. Much praise is due to the people and to the pastor and his family for a task well done!

### 1953 CONFERENCE SESSIONS

We were not without challenge and blessings from the various pastors and our guest speakers, Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, Miss Eleanor Weisenburger and Miss Berneice Westerman,

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## DAKOTA WOMEN'S UNION SERVICES

By Mrs. M. De Boer, Reporter

THE WOMEN of the Missionary Union of the great Dakota Conference met at the First German Baptist Church of Ashley, N. Dak., for their annual meeting on June 20. We had the privilege of having three of our missionaries with us: Eleanor Weisenburger, Berneice Westerman and Mrs. Walter Sukut. These along with Mrs. Richard Grenz, president, and Mrs. Alfred Bibelheimer, the local minister's wife were presented with corsages. Miss Weisenburger led the devotions. A letter of greetings from Mrs. Thomas Lutz was read. Mrs. Richard Grenz was chosen as our representative to the General Conference. The secretary's report showed a member-

ship of 1373 with 87 new members and 20 deaths. Total money raised was \$30,961.93, and \$5,938.36 were given toward the \$40,000 project.

At the evening service Mrs. Walter Sukut installed the new officers as follows: Mrs. Bernard Fritzke, president; Mrs. Bernard Edinger, vice-president; Mrs. Gottlieb Kramer, secretary; and Mrs. Clarence Seidel, treasurer. A memorial service for the 20 departed sisters was led by Mrs. C. F. Seecamp. Mrs. Carl Weisser directed the Women's Chorus in two numbers. Miss Berneice Westerman showed pictures of the Belo Station in the Camerons and led in closing prayer.

# MEMORIES IN VERSE

By Mrs. W. S. (Lydia) Jaeger, of Salina, Kansas

## MY EVENING PRAYER

I love to stand at my window,  
When the moon shines brightly out-  
side,  
And look at the heavenly splendor  
Of the starry blue stretched wide.  
God seems just a little nearer  
As in prayer my soul takes flight,  
And Jesus grows ever dearer  
As I view his power and might.  
Happily I trust such power  
And I know he hears me pray;  
It's always a blessed hour  
When I stand at my window that way.

## OUR PASTOR

As a real shepherd of his flock  
He seeks and finds our needs;  
Like water gushes from the rock,  
The Word of God he feeds.  
And at his side a faithful soul  
Supports his work with prayers;  
Sacrificing, to reach their goal,  
His daily task she shares.  
Each morning finds him on his knees  
In Christ's communion sweet;  
'Tis there the Father's will he sees,  
While waiting at his feet,  
Why should we not love such a guide,  
Uphold him with our prayers?  
While God works with him side by  
side,  
His precepts to declare.

## THE TEACHER'S MOTIVE

Why do you teach?  
O Lord, it has been such a pleasure;  
The study of thy glorious Word  
Has revealed many a new treasure,  
As into its depths I was led;  
My soul on the richest of manna was  
fed.  
Yes, but why do you teach?  
O Lord, I have been too self-centered;  
I taught with the best intention,  
But the thought had not entered  
That teaching time is a loss  
Unless it leads to the cross,  
Where sinners find redemption.  
Lord, teach me to teach!

## GOD'S DANDELIONS

With golden dollars the lawn is spread,  
Though yesterday all were cut down;  
Today others proudly lift their head,  
Make a diligent cleaner frown.  
Yet God made the lowly dandelion,  
Gave its persistent strength to grow;  
Just take a close look and see how fine  
These flowers, that make the lawn  
glow.  
Altho' unwanted, this lesson it would  
teach  
Perseverance in all of life's tasks;  
As for nobler and higher things we  
reach,  
Be faithful is all that God asks.

## "WON'T YOU SPEAK A WORD FOR JESUS?"

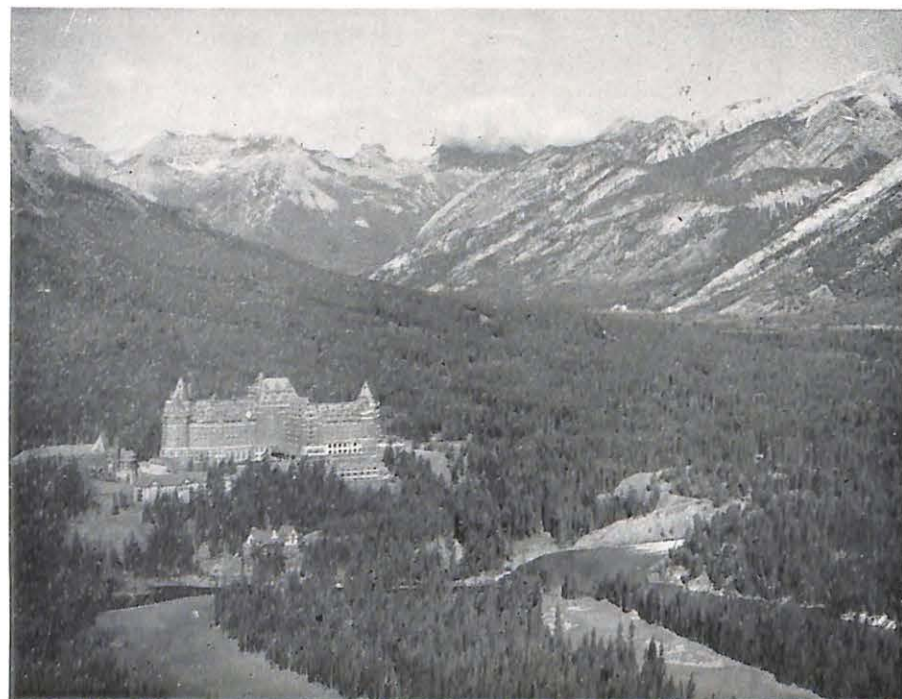
(Translation of "Hast du nicht ein Wort für Jesus?")  
Won't you speak a word for Jesus?  
Tell his tender love for you,  
How you sought and found salvation,  
How God's Word is always true.  
Some poor heart may be in anguish,  
Waiting for a word from you,  
Asking for the way to heaven,  
Will you help them pray it through?  
Tell how Jesus sought and found you,  
Sinful, lost and gone astray,  
Put his loving arms around you  
And washed all your sins away.  
Do you love your heavenly Master  
More for pardon you've received?  
Tell the waiting souls around you,  
Ere life's pathway you must leave.  
When your life work here is ended,  
Pearly gates are open wide;  
Will the soul that sits beside you  
Then be walking at your side?  
Brought to Jesus by your efforts,  
Your confessions and your prayers,  
Token of your love for Jesus,  
In whose love and grace you shared.

## THE MISSIONARY DOLLAR

The folks were poor and money was  
scarce,  
But their hearts were filled with love;  
So the dollar that came to the neigh-  
borhood,  
Seemed a godsend from above.  
A daughter had sent it for Mother's  
Day  
For a sacrificing mother;  
"To be unselfish," she mused this way,  
"I must pass it on to another."  
"There is sickness at the parsonage  
now  
And they need it more than I;  
I'll take fresh milk from our dairy  
cow,  
And slip in the dollar on the sly."  
Now the minister's wife, the dear old  
soul,  
Thought of Gospel starved heathen  
o'er the sea.  
"This dollar must go to the foreign  
field,  
For they need it there far more than  
we."

## LOOKING BEYOND

Life is nearly over. Beauty all faded  
and gone,  
But in the heart  
There burns a spark  
Looking for a new life's dawn.  
As a light upon my path, God's Word  
shows me the way.  
Salvation free  
For you and me,  
I can trust him, come what may.



Banff Springs Hotel, Banff, Alberta, is compassed about by rugged peaks of the Canadian Rockies. North American Baptists, following the General Conference sessions, who were on the Vacation Package Tour stayed for a day in this palatial hotel.

## YOUTH CONFERENCE

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flags were carried in. Then a massed choir of nearly 8000 voices sang "The Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah."

Yes, they did come from the East and from the West, and from the North and from the South, and they sat down at the feet of Jesus. And they returned again to the four corners of the earth with a greater devotion to Christ and the assurance that our bond of Christian love has been strengthened through these days of fellowship.

## DAKOTA CONFERENCE

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Cameroons missionaries, and Mrs. Walter Sukut, our missionary to Japan. Dr. Leuschner's keynote address was the sounding board for the entire conference as he spoke on: "The Preceding God." The imperative thing that prevailed among the various messages of the speakers is that God leads in every situation. As Fanny Crosby was led to write in her hymn, we too must be challenged, "All the way my Sav'or leads me; what have I to ask beside?" In the light of this wonderful promise, can we question the leading of God? "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

To describe the challenge of Mrs. Sukut's missionary address, we would use the illustration used by Dr. Leuschner in the words of the late Peter Wedel, Cameroons missionary: "Here on the front line of the battlefield, every stroke counts double, while at home so much powder is wasted." We were challenged to see the unfinished business of our Lord. We pray that we might be instrumental in this great harvest and so to be challenged, as again Dr. Leuschner stated, as was Amy Carmichael when she heard the bishop continually repeating the following words in his prayer: "Lord, we thank Thee that thou art able."

So doing we can go forth to make the next 50 years more glorious and victorious even than the past. If the Lord tarries, we may look back at the vict'ees won for Christ with joy in our hearts. May we go forth in the Spirit of the Apostle Paul: "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

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# BIBLE AND PRAYER CONFERENCE

Prayerful Plans for the Baptist Jubilee were Made at Louisville, Ky.

As Reported by Rev. J. C. Gunst

THE DATES of June 18 to 20, 1958 will remain as memorable days for all Baptist leaders and workers who came together at Louisville, Kentucky, for a Bible and Prayer Conference. The conference was held on the beautiful Southern Baptist Theological Seminary campus where all enjoyed the excellent facilities and warmest hospitality. The objective of the conference was for prayer and Bible study, meditation and self-dedication for the 1959 Baptist Jubilee Advance Evangelism emphasis for all cooperating conventions and conferences.

Present were the national and state secretaries of evangelism, members of the Baptist Jubilee Advance Joint Committee, and members of the Five Year Emphases Committees. Our own evangelist, Rev. Daniel Fuchs, was also present and shared in this very inspiring and helpful conference on evangelism.

## SPIRITUAL DEDICATION

The representation from the cooperating Baptist bodies was excellent. Dr. Eric A. Rust, Professor of Christian Apologetics and Church History at the Seminary at Louisville, Ky., led the conference in Bible study and meditation. His provocative messages were based on the stimulating topics: "The Reality of Sin and the Need of Salvation," "The Meaning of Incarnation," "The Doctrine of the Church," and "The Nature of Christian Living." These messages not only presented the great need of our time, but an urgent challenge to all leaders and workers in the field of evangelism for our day.

Dr. Russell Hammar, Professor of Music at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., was in charge of the music and singing periods for the conference. Professor Hammar also thrilled the hearts of those present with suitable and challenging messages in vocal renditions from time to time.

Dr. C. C. Warren, chairman of the Baptist Jubilee Advance Joint Committee, stirred our hearts with his message as he recalled the inception of the Baptist Jubilee Advance program, citing the progress which has been made in the Advance thus far, and in again outlining the unlimited possibilities before us. His words deeply moved the hearts of those present when he said: "God is in this great program. It is the spearhead to rescue a dying civilization. Nineteen million Baptists on the North American continent must have a message to the world for such a time as this. God will honor our witness if we are united in this great Advance." Dr. C. C. Warren of Char-

lotte, North Carolina, has been one of the dedicated and dynamic leaders in the Baptist Jubilee Advance from its very beginning.

Rev. Richard Schilke, member of the Evangelism Emphasis Committee for 1959, brought a most appropriate message at the sunrise service during the conference. Rev. J. C. Gunst, member of the Emphasis Committee on "Evangelism Through Stewardship and Enrollment for 1961" and a member of the Baptist Jubilee Advance Publicity Committee, was the convener for one of the morning sessions.

## GREAT OBJECTIVES

During the days of the Bible and Prayer Conference, the Emphasis Committee on Stewardship and Enrollment for 1961 met for orientation and development of the objectives for the 1961 Baptist Jubilee Advance Emphasis. The committee organized with the following members elected to serve as officers: chairman, Dr. Merrill Moore, Southern Baptist Convention; vice-chairman, Dr. William Keach, American Baptist Convention; secretary, Dr. Harry A. Renfree, Canadian Baptist Convention; Publicity Chairman, Rev. J. C. Gunst, North American Baptist Convention.

The Evangelism Emphasis Committee for 1959, of which Dr. Leonard Sanderson of the Southern Baptist Convention is chairman, also met several times during the days of the conference. This committee was responsible for the Bible and Prayer Conference. Dr. Jitsuo Morikawa, Secretary of Evangelism for the American Baptist Convention of New York, was in charge of all arrangements.

An excellent spirit of cordiality, prayer and inspiration prevailed throughout the conference. Baptist leaders were unanimously agreed on a program of self-dedication and pledged themselves anew to a great evangelistic crusade on the North American continent for 1959, the year when the Baptist Jubilee Advance is officially launched.

The next meeting of the Baptist Jubilee Advance Joint Committee, the Steering Committee and several of the yearly emphasis committees is to be held at Nashville, Tenn., in September of this year.

## A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Two men please God — who serves him with all his heart because he knows; who seeks him with all his heart because he knows him not.—Panin.

# Sunday School Lessons

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: August 17, 1958

### Theme: JUSTICE TO MINORITIES

Scripture: Leviticus 19:33,34; Deut. 24: 14, 15; Matt. 9:9-13; John 4:7-9; Galatians 3:28

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** If we paid more attention to the rights of minorities, we would have less fights from the minorities.

**INTRODUCTION:** Christians ought to be the first to come to the defense of minority groups because Christianity itself is a minority movement. This is not to assent to the fact that all minorities are right, but that they do have some rights. Even Christians are often known to be wrong and are often un-Christian toward other minorities. If there is any place where the Golden Rule is applicable, it is certainly in this area of service. So often we are interested primarily in how many people are on our side rather than trying to see how much right there is on the other side. Others are ostracized because of their color or nationality, or because of the type of work they do, or because of their social position, or because of their faith. The words of Edwin Markham, in "Outwitted" are appropriate for today's lesson:

"He drew a circle that shut me out—  
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout—  
But love and I had the wit to win:  
We drew a circle that took him in!"

### I. JUSTICE AND THE FOREIGNER. Leviticus 19:33-34.

One of the great days in the lives of many North American Baptists is the day on which they became citizens of the United States or Canada. The same rights and privileges were granted to them as to those who were born here. No longer are they strangers, pilgrims or aliens, but fellow citizens. Suddenly they felt more like an asset than a liability. (For further discussion see Ephesians 2:19).

### II. JUSTICE IN MANAGEMENT AND LABOR. Deut. 24:14, 15.

Discuss Luke 10:7 and Colossians 4:1. We used to speak about the injustice toward labor. Now that the pendulum has swung in the other direction, we also speak about the injustice toward management. God in his Word is concerned about a "fair deal" for all concerned.

### III. JUSTICE AND THE OUTCAST. Matthew 9:9-13.

One of the remarkable things about Jesus is that he gave everyone an opportunity to come to him and to be changed by him. To him there were no hopeless cases, or helpless cases, or unworthy cases. He literally "rescued the perishing" and reclaimed those who were deliberately cast out to perish.

### IV. JUSTICE AND RACIAL BARRIERS. John 4:7-13; Galatians 3:28.

Christ does not look upon a person according to his race or color. Rather he looks upon people of all races as sinners who need saving. The only displaced persons are those who are still outside of the family of God. The woman of Samaria was not looked upon as a person of a different race, but as a poor lost sinner who needed the grace and the power of God's forgiving love.

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: August 24, 1958

### Theme: JUSTICE AMONG NATIONS

Scripture: Micah 4:1-7; Acts 10:34, 35; Ephesians 2:13-16

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** It is impossible to have justice among all nations until we have the same God of justice in all nations.

**INTRODUCTION:** Centuries ago small groups of people were concerned about justice in the family or tribe. As the people grew and multiplied, they made walled cities for their mutual protection and established a measure of justice for themselves. Gradually the state and the nation came into being and the problems of justice became more complicated. Since the advent of modern transportation, our problems are now world-wide in scope. The whole world is our concern! We find evidence of this in the League of Nations and presently in the United Nations.

Where does the Christian stand in these efforts for peace and justice? How can the church support or strengthen these efforts? In proclaiming the coming of Christ, the Prince of Peace, Christians are often accused of being fatalists, because they say we can't do anything until he comes. What is our responsibility in the meantime so far as proclaiming the Gospel and taking part in the affairs of world justice? In what way is "God the ruler yet"?

### I. JUSTICE AND GOD'S KINGDOM. Micah 4:1-7.

Whatever type of symbolism or literal meaning we may give to this portion of Scripture, there are, nevertheless, three main elements worthy of consideration:

(a) World-wide and united worship. With the countless religions and sects and denominations it is difficult for us to imagine one world worshipping one

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God. Micah must have been truly inspired to give us this prophecy of the world at worship.

(b) World-wide peace. Perhaps in God's coming Kingdom the only place in which people will see weapons of destruction will be in a museum. What a wonderful world it will be where all our resources will be used for constructive purposes instead of destructive purposes!

(c) World-wide security. "And none shall make them afraid" are comforting words. Fear takes the joy out of living. We must constantly lock our homes, safeguard our banks and enlarge our police force because we cannot trust people. God's Kingdom will be a secure Kingdom because it will be a just Kingdom.

### II. JUSTICE AND OPPORTUNITY. Acts 10:34, 35.

One great privilege which Christ brought when he came was the privilege of opportunity. Publican and sinner, rich and poor, Jew or Gentile, colored and colorless, bond and free were given the privilege of accepting his salvation. "God so loved the world" is all-inclusive. "Jerusalem and the uttermost part of the world" are our responsibility.

### III. JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION. Ephesians 2:13-16.

One of the weaknesses of justice is the fact that it distinguishes between right and wrong to the degree that it is able to interpret the law, without necessarily reconciling the guilty with the innocent. Often the guilty, who lose the case, are more bitter and hateful than before. The justice of God through Jesus Christ does not have as its final aim our guilt, but reconciliation of the guilty sinner with God. His aim is to take away the guilt and the sin and the enmity and to restore us through love in the death of Jesus Christ.

## BAPTIST BRIEFS

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Commencements in." This latest restoration was paid for by a gift of nearly \$500,000 from John D. Rockefeller.

• **Ordination of Baptist Women in Russia.** Russian Baptists are studying a plan for ordaining women to the ministry to meet an acute shortage of pastors, Rep. Brooks Hays, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, disclosed upon his return to Washington. He made the report in a sermon which he delivered from the pulpit of First church, Washington, D. C., just one week after he spoke from the pulpit of the Baptist church in Moscow. He said that while the response to his own remarks delivered through an interpreter in Moscow was "warm and generous," the reaction to a brief talk given by Mrs. Clarence W. Cranford was "electrifying." Mrs. Cranford and her husband, Dr. Cranford, pastor of Calvary church, and president of the American Convention, accompanied Mr. Hays to Moscow on the fraternal visit to Russian Baptists.

# What's Happening

• The Round Lake Baptist Church of Gladwin, Mich., held its Vacation Bible School from June 9 to 19 with 44 children enrolled. Four classes were conducted with a teacher and an assistant in each class. The Gospel Light material was used and the theme of "Gospel Sailors" was carried out effectively. The closing program was held on Thursday night, June 19, with the pastor, Rev. Ernest Lauth, taking part in the exercises.

• The Henrietta Baptist Church of Hurnville, Texas, has extended a call to Rev. W. E. Schubert of San Antonio, Texas, to which he has responded favorably. He is already on the field as the pastor of the Henrietta Church. Formerly he served the Elm Creek Baptist Church of LaVernia, Texas, for several years. Mr. Schubert was also elected the recording secretary for the Southern Conference during the coming year at the recent Conference sessions held at Latham Springs Encampment Grounds.

• Rev. Helmut H. Riemer, pastor of the Shroyer Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio, was recently elected president of the Dayton Baptist Union, composed of 14 Baptist churches in the Dayton area. This encouraging news item was sent to the "Baptist Herald" by Dr. H. von Berge of Dayton, Ohio, an honorary member of the Publication Board and a great admirer of his pastor, Brother Riemer.

• The First Baptist Church of Selby, S. Dak., was received into the North American Baptist Fellowship at the Dakota Conference sessions held at Ashley, N. Dak., from June 11 to 15. From June 15 to August 31, the Selby Church is being served by Mr. Richard Christeleit, a third year class student of the North American Baptist Seminary. He and his wife are rendering an appreciated ministry at the church, organized recently with 11 members.

• Rev. Paul Wengel recently presented his resignation to the congregation of the Ridgewood Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., which he has faithfully served since 1950. He also announced that he was retiring from the active pastorate due to reasons of health. This has been the second pastorate of Brother Wengel in the Ridgewood Church, since he served as its minister from 1920-1929 when the new church was built. His resignation took effect on July 31st.

• Several ministers' sons in North American Baptist parsonages were married in June. On June 4 Mr. Daniel Pfeifer of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and Miss Roxanna Kohrs of Lorraine, Kans.,

were married in the Lorraine Baptist Church with the father of the groom, Rev. Henry Pfeifer, officiating. On June 9, Mr. Thomas Lutz, Jr., of Aberdeen, S. Dak., and Miss Eleanor Hauser of Bristol, S. D., were married in the Holiness Methodist Church of Bristol. Mr. Lutz is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Lutz.

• Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Ehman of Sidney, Mont., have announced the birth of a daughter on June 28 who has been named Donna Rae. This is their fourth child in the family which includes three girls and one boy. Mr. Ehman is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sidney, Montana. Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Unruh of Junction City, Kans., have reported that a daughter was born to them on June 30 who has been named Audrey Kay. They also have two sons in their family. Mr. Unruh is the pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

• Sunday, June 22, was a highlight for the Bethel Baptist Church, Cherokee, Okla. A young married couple united with the church, the young man being received on his testimony and his wife by baptism. Rev. Menno Harms, a member of the church, officiated at the baptismal service. Mr. Carl Jantz preached the sermon, and Rev. Herbert A. Meyer, also a member of the church, gave the hand of fellowship to the couple and was in charge of the communion service. This couple and their children are very faithful in attendance at church services and Sunday School.

• On Sunday, June 8, the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Emil A. Saylor of Ashley, N. Dak., was observed at the German Baptist Church of Ashley with a dinner sponsored by the children. Rev. A. Bibelheimer, pastor, brought a brief message of congratulations. Mr. E. J. Schrenk sang a solo, and several people gave tributes. Mr. Saylor has been the church clerk for some time and active in the Men's Brotherhood, and Mrs. Saylor is the assistant superintendent of the Junior Department and a Sunday School teacher.

• Miss Eleanor Weisenburger, missionary-nurse in the Cameroons, Africa, who is now on furlough, will be exceedingly busy until the close of October on a promotional tour to many of our churches. In July and August she has been speaking in many of the Alberta and Saskatchewan churches of Canada in connection with her attendance at the General Conference sessions in Edmonton. From August 17 to 19 she will be in several Nebraska churches before going to the South-

western Conference sessions. In September she will be in Alberta, Wisconsin, Ohio and Michigan churches.

• Miss Berniece Westerman, missionary in the Cameroons, who is now in the United States on furlough, is carrying on a busy promotional tour in July and August to churches, camps and conferences in Saskatchewan and Alberta, Canada, and in South Dakota. She will be with other missionaries at the Missionary Conference for the Cleveland, Ohio, churches from September 19 to 21. On the previous Sunday, September 14, she will speak at several sessions in the Baptist Church, Chancellor, S. Dak., which is her supporting church.

• Paul Zoschke of Brooklyn, N. Y., son of Rev. and Mrs. Paul F. Zoschke of the Evergreen Baptist Church, recently won the New York State Regents College Scholarship and another state scholarship in engineering, mathematics, physics and chemistry, in addition to a \$1200 annual scholarship to Brown University in Providence, R. I. He is relinquishing the two New York scholarships in preference to the Brown University award. When asked about his career, Paul Zoschke said he believed he "could become anything from minister to business executive."

• Rev. and Mrs. Earl Ahrens, Cameroons missionaries, have led a busy life since returning home to Tacoma, Wash., for their furlough. They spoke at a missionary conference in their home church, the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma. They also spoke at services at Spokane, and Colfax, Wash., and took part in the sessions of the Pacific Conference prior to the General Conference meetings. They addressed congregations in Calgary, Alberta, and took part in British Columbia camps. On Sunday, August 24, they will be in Startup, Wash., and on Sunday, August 31, in the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Ill., which is their supporting church. They will fulfil other engagements at our Seminary and missionary conferences in October.

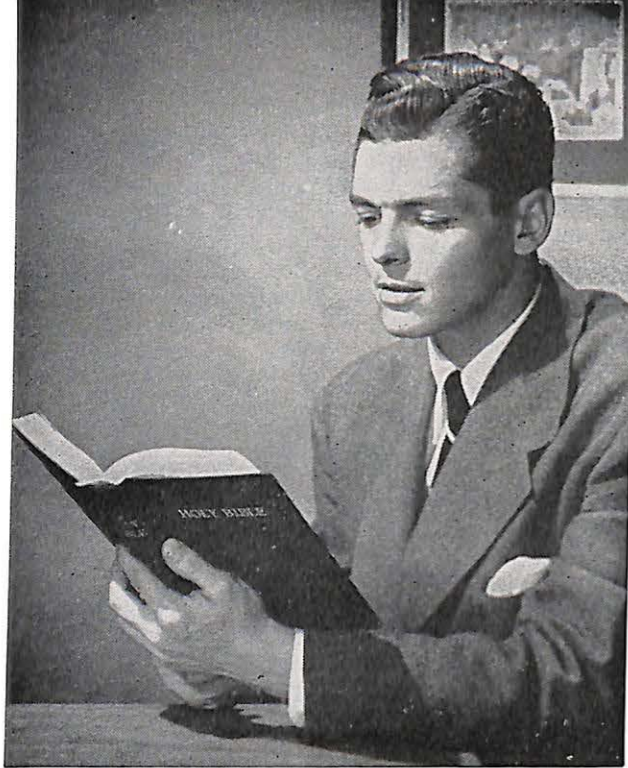
## GOD COMMANDS

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choose between good and evil, the power to love both God and your neighbor, the power to appropriate the best gifts of life!

This is your decisive hour! This is your golden opportunity. Now you can still choose Christ as your Lord and Savior of life. Whoever refuses him will be destroyed. So take Christ as your Lord with you into your homes, into your places of business, into the far world! As you build your life in his Spirit in love to God and to your neighbor, you will be carrying living stones into the scaffolding of a new world for future generations with the blessing of God upon them.





—A. Devaney, Inc.  
David Gardner felt the call of God to study for the ministry, much to the disgust of his college roommate, Barry Carter.

# The TORCH BEARER

By Sallie Lee Bell

The heart-throbbing story of young people, wrapped up in the world and themselves, who find serenity and joy in Christ.

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## SYNOPSIS

Barry Carter knew that he was responsible for the death of his very close college chum, David Gardner. In deep remorse, he sought the faith by which his friend had lived and was gloriously saved. Later through the influence of Dale, David's fiance, he entered the ministry and became pastor of a church in New Orleans, La. His former girl friend, Cicily, to whom he was once engaged, married Roy Farlan, but there was little love for each other. They visited New Orleans and attended Barry Carter's church, but Roy had a sinister plot in mind. As a result he trapped the minister in his home and accused him of trying to break up his marriage. He threatened him with a gun which accidentally went off and killed him when his wife tried to intervene. But all evidence pointed to the Rev. Barry Carter as the murderer. He was convicted of the crime and sentenced to prison for 10 years. His entire life seemed to have fallen in ruins about him. In prison he visited Pee Wee, a young lad who once belonged to a group of boys helped by David Gardner. But Pee Wee was frightfully hard and sullen. Then two days before his execution, Pee Wee again asked to see Barry Carter the preacher.

## CHAPTER SIXTEEN

Barry met a white-faced and shaken boy this time. All his sullenness and bitterness had disappeared. Only abject fear remained.

"I'm afraid! Afraid!" he moaned as tears streamed down his face. "I don't want to die. Pray for me! Pray for me! Like he used to pray."

"I'll pray for you, Pee Wee," Barry said. "But before I do, you must listen to me. God is ready to forgive your sin and save your soul and take away the fear of dying if you'll just ask Him and then believe that He does what He says He will do. What David told you is true. God loves you, but you never gave Him the chance to save your soul. He'll do it now, if you'll only ask Him. I'll pray that He will give you faith to believe, but if you want peace in your heart to meet tomorrow, you'll have to pray for yourself."

"I don't know how to pray," the boy said in trembling tones.

"Listen while I pray, then I'll tell you how to pray if you really want to."

Barry prayed as he had never prayed

before. He prayed that God would really do a work in this condemned boy's heart and give him the faith to believe and the desire to be saved. What he longed for was that the boy should really understand his need of a Savior and to be conscious of his own unworthiness and to have the desire to have his heart cleansed. He wanted him to have a real work of grace in his heart, not just a panacea for the fear of death. He wanted Pee Wee to be certain before he left him that his sins were really washed away and that he was a new creature in Christ Jesus. He was not conscious of how long he prayed, but before he finished he heard the boy's sobs and his voice crying, "God forgive me! God forgive me!"

"If you really meant those words, God has already forgiven you," Barry told him. "Let's pray together while you repeat the words after me."

Together they prayed a simple prayer for forgiveness and then of thanks for what had been done.

Pee Wee was sobbing loudly when they finished.

"Do you believe that God has forgiven you?" Barry asked.

"What do you think?" This time there was no sneering, only appeal in the tear-reddened eyes.

"I believe that He did, if you really meant what you said when you asked Him to forgive you. Did you really mean it?"

"Sure I did."

"Then do you believe He did what He said He would?"

Pee Wee nodded as the sobs began again.

"Then don't be afraid of tomorrow. You'll just be stepping out of this life into eternal life. You'll be with David and you and he can talk about all the things he tried to tell you when he was here."

As he left the boy he could only hope that Pee Wee was ready to face his maker. If it were true, then it would wipe out just one more debt that he owed to David. If it were true, then his being here in this awful place would not have been in vain. It would have been worth while.

One visiting day Barry was surprised to be told that there was someone to see him. He had not expected any visitors, except perhaps Barton, who had promised to see him and let him know what progress he was making toward getting a parole.

He had heard from his mother regularly, but had not had a word from anyone else. His mother's letters brought a ray of light into the gloom of his life and they gave him a measure of comfort, for she tried to make him understand that she believed him to be innocent and that she was still looking to him to carry on for the Lord. She tried to make him understand how much she loved him. Barry was thankful for these letters even though they had to pass through the unsympathetic reading of the censor, and he replied as best he could, knowing that every word he wrote would be under that same surveillance.

When he saw who his visitor was he uttered an exclamation of surprise.

"Dale" he cried as he took his place in the chair assigned to him. "How I've longed for a sight of you or just a word from you!"

"I came as soon as I could make arrangements to leave home," she told him. "I wanted to write to you but I thought it would be best to wait until I could talk to you."

"I wondered why you hadn't written," he said. "I thought that perhaps you had given me up as a failure."

In the black days that had followed his commitment to Angola he had

scarcely thought of her at all, but as time passed, he had wondered why she had not written.

"You know I'd never do that," she said. "I don't know all the facts about this horrible affair, but I know Roy and I know Cicily and I know that there was more to this than what was brought out at the trial. I'll never believe that what the papers said about that trial was the real truth."

"Let's not talk about that," he said as a shadow crossed his face. "I'm here and that's what matters now. It was so good of you to come. It's a long way from home down here and it's an expensive trip."

"The only thing that I was thinking about was that you were here and that you needed someone to stand by you during these hard years that must pass before you can be released. Since your mother couldn't come, who else could it be but me?"

"Did you see Mother before you left?" he asked.

"Yes and she sent you a message. She said that you must remember one of your favorite verses, Romans 8:28. She said that she was sure that even out of this, God would bring a blessing to you. She feels the same way I do about the trial and she's coming down as soon as she can."

Tears came to his eyes. "I don't want her to come. I don't want her to see me like this. It would break her heart. I hope she doesn't come."

"I'll be coming often," she told him. "I'm working near here now."

He stared at her in surprise. "Working near here? What do you mean?"

"I'm working in the hospital in Baton Rouge. It took some time for me to get in and that's why I didn't get to see you sooner."

"You mean that you gave up everything to come down here just to be able to see me?" Again his eyes filled with tears.

She smiled a tremulous smile. "I thought you would be needing a prop. I won't be able to help much, but I'm willing to do what I can."

"I'm not worthy of such a friend," he said in a voice which he tried to keep steady.

"I'm sure that in some way and in His own time, God will get you out of this. I believe it with my whole soul. Remember Joseph when he was in prison. Things looked pretty black for him, but in His own time, God brought him out and honored him."

"Keep on talking like that," he said smiling, though his eyes were moist. "I need it."

He told her about Pee Wee and as she listened the tears came to her own eyes.

"If that boy was really saved, then God has already given you a rich reward," she commented.

She promised to come back on the next visiting day. As he went back to his unit, he thanked God for her and for her faithfulness in this hour of his

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need. Renewed courage had come to him to face the dismal months ahead.

Now that he could think more sanely, as he reviewed the past tragedy and the trial, he thought that perhaps he had done wrong by refusing to tell his lawyer the truth and letting the law take its course after his own testimony. But it was too late now to dwell upon a past mistake, if it was a mistake, for he had thought he was doing the only thing possible at the time.

He seldom thought of Cicily. He wanted to forget her. One day, about six months after he had been in prison, she came to see him. He had expected to see Dale when he was summoned to see a visitor. When he saw who it was, a hard light came into his eyes as he sat down and faced her.

"Don't look at me like that, Barry," she begged.

"Why have you come here?" he asked in a harsh voice.

"I came as soon as I thought it would be best—for us both," she faltered. "I couldn't come until all the publicity had died down."

"Why did you come at all?" he asked coldly.

Her face bore the marks of the strain under which she had lived since the trial. Her eyes showed that she had suffered also.

"I couldn't stay away," she said. She tried to keep her voice steady, but she failed. "I've wanted to see you ever since that awful time, but I couldn't come before now."

"It wasn't because of the publicity, but because you didn't have the courage to face me. I wonder why you have dared to come now."

"Don't say that, Barry! Please don't say that! I wanted to come to see you and to ask you to forgive me for what I did. I love you so much and I've suffered torture every day, knowing that you were here. Please believe me!"

He uttered a harsh laugh. "You loved me so much that you were willing to see me die for a crime that you committed. So much that you perjured yourself to save your own life while mine hung in the balance."

"I wasn't willing to see you die," she cried in distress. "It was because I wanted to save you that I did what I did to Roy. He would have killed you."

"perhaps it would have been better if he had," Barry retorted bitterly.

"Please don't feel that way!" she begged. "I want you to live. I wanted it at the trial. If the verdict had been death I would have told the truth."

Please believe that I would! I didn't want you to die. I want you to live. I couldn't live without you, Barry. I have

someone working on your case now. I've paid him a lot of money to get you out of here. Then we can go away somewhere where no one knows us and begin life over again. I was so foolish to send you away when I loved you so much. I've regretted it every day since I married Roy. It isn't too late to begin over again. Say it isn't. That's why I came today, to tell you that there's a chance for an early parole."

"You had better tell whoever it is that you're paying to stop trying to arrange a parole. I don't want any help from you, Cicily. You've wrecked my life and there's nothing you can do to mend it. I have my own lawyer working on my case and he's doing it in a legal way, not by bribery. If you can't tell the truth and have my name cleared before the world, then nothing you can do can compensate for that."

"But that means that I would be tried for murder. And I — —"

"Yes. You would be here in my place, the place where you should be," he stated as his eyes regarded her accusingly.

"No!" she cried. "It would be worse than that. I'd be executed. That's what made me so afraid that I didn't realize what a terrible thing I was doing when I — I — lied so at the trial."

"If you had told the truth about the whole affair from the beginning, my name wouldn't have been dragged through the mud and you would have been acquitted. That jury would never have condemned you, they would have pitied you. Now my life's work is ruined and you will carry a guilty conscience with you the rest of your life. Every time you think of me, you will remember that I am where I am because of your cowardly lies."

"You hate me, don't you?" Her voice sank to a whisper and tears filled her eyes.

"No, I don't hate you. I feel sorry for you," he said quietly.

"Before this happened, I somehow felt that you still loved me," she said. "I was hoping that you did still care."

He was silent and she looked at him appealingly, hoping that he would speak.

"I was hoping that we could begin a new life together," she faltered, finally.

"How foolish can a person be?" he asked. "If I live to get out of here, I shall begin a new life away from here, where no one knows me, but it will be alone. If God still has something for me to do, I shall try to do it, but not with you."

She rose and turned away as she wiped her eyes, and left him with a murmured word of parting. As he watched her go he felt only pity for her. Her self-love had brought her nothing but emptiness and unhappiness and the torturing memories which would follow her through life.

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# Our Denomination in ACTION

## Southwestern Conference

### Baptismal Service, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Kansas

On Palm Sunday Rev. Kenneth E. Unruh, pastor of the Mount Zion Baptist Church near Junction City, Kansas, had the privilege of baptizing four converts. A reception into the fellowship of the church was held in the evening. Another member was also received upon confession of faith.

We cooperated with the neighboring Methodist Church in a community-wide Bible School from June 16 to 20. There were over 60 children enrolled and 6 decisions for Christ.

Kenneth E. Unruh, Pastor



Rev. Kenneth E. Unruh (left), pastor of the Mount Zion Baptist Church, Junction City, Kansas, and four converts whom he recently baptized.

## Northwestern Conference

### Extension Day Observance, Calvary Church, Parkersburg, Ia.

The Calvary Baptist Church of Parkersburg, Iowa, realizing the need for Extension Work of our denomination unanimously decided to set aside one Sunday for the purpose of getting better acquainted with Church Extension Work and to have an offering for that purpose. June 8th was set aside and Rev. J. C. Gunst from our Forest Park office was present at that time presenting the accomplishments and also the need.

For several Sundays prior to this date the pastor, Rev. R. Dickau, announced the importance of our Extension Program and a goal of \$500 was set up for the offering. It was further decided that both Sunday School and morning and evening offerings be used for this purpose.

Rev. J. C. Gunst brought us a very inspiring message and in the evening gave us a visual picture of the work by showing slides of the many churches being founded and built so that God's work may be perpetuated by the organization of churches and bringing souls into his Kingdom by the preaching of the Word. The Sunday

School offering was \$88.00 and the church offerings were \$534.00 or a total of \$622.00.

R. A. Mulder, Church Clerk

### Vacation Bible School, Bethel Church, Sheboygan, Wisconsin

With an average attendance of 94, another successful two-week Vacation Bible School at the Bethel Baptist Church, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, was concluded on Thursday, June 19. The nautical theme, "Bible Sea Adventures," gave great impetus to the study of God's Word as Christ the Captain piloted the children over the sea of life. The final program revealed much study in songs, recitations, and nautical numbers, together with a fine array of handcraft materials. Many hours of diligent labor on the part of instructor and child went into the exhibits and workbooks. Mrs. Dale Oostdyk again directed the school.

We especially praise God for four decisions to accept Christ as Savior, the safety of each child, a fine offering toward expenses, and for wonderful cooperation of parents and teaching



Almost one hundred children and teachers attended the Vacation Bible School of the Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wis., shown here on the church steps. Rev. Fred W. Mashner, pastor, is standing at left (2nd from extreme left).

staff. Just prior to the Vacation Bible School, the Sunday School staff completed another Leadership Training Course, "The Ministry of Visitation," in which ten persons earned certificates of credit.

Mrs. Dale Oostdyk, Reporter

### Ordination of Rev. Fred Folkerts, Missionary Appointee

On June 24 an Ordination Council convened at Steamboat Rock, Iowa, for the purpose of setting aside Mr. Fred Folkerts, a son of that church, to the Gospel Ministry. After hearing the candidate and questioning him, the Council expressed deep satisfaction in his presentation and voted unanimously to accept him for ordination.

The ordination service took place that evening in the Steamboat Rock Church. Rev. Kurt Marquardt, the host pastor, and also moderator in the afternoon session, presided. Rev. Vernon Link of Sheffield, Iowa, who had been clerk, read the resolutions of the Council. Rev. Howard Johnson, a former pastor of the church, read the Scripture. Rev. Louis Johnson of Kankakee, Illinois, another son of the church, brought the ordination message. The ordination prayer was given by Rev. Henry Schroeder of Elgin, Ia. Rev. Raymond Dickau of Parkersburg, Iowa, welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Folkerts into the ranks of the ministry. Rev. Carl Sentman of Mason City and Rev. Harm Johnson of George, Iowa, both relatives of the candidate, gave the charge to the candidate and to the church, respectively. The service was closed with Rev. Fred Folkerts pronouncing the benediction. Our prayer is that Rev. and Mrs. Fred Folkerts may be used mightily in the mission work of our Cameroon's Field to which the Lord has called them.

Vernon Link, Reporter

### Northwestern Conference Sessions at Steamboat Rock, Iowa

The 78th annual Northwestern Conference was held at Steamboat Rock, Iowa, May 29 through June 1st. Rev. Kurt Marquardt was the host pastor. This was the largest conference ever held with over 400 delegates and visitors in attendance.

The conference messages began with Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom of St. Paul, Minn., speaking on "The Need of Vision." On Friday, Rev. Wilmer Quiring of Milwaukee, Wis., spoke on "Appraising Our Heritage" and Rev. John Ziegler of Appleton, Minn., on "The Perils We Face." Saturday we heard messages by Rev. Bert Itterman of Randolph, Minn., "Visions for Evangelism" and Rev. Elton Bleeker of Jeffers, Minn., "Visions for Visionless Churches." Rev. Elmo Tahrán of Hutchinson, Minn., and Rev. Don Paté of Aplington, Iowa, were the song leaders. Highlights of the conference were the messages by Dr. Walter Wesel of our Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak. The Sunday worship service message was entitled, "A Vision of Our Mission Challenge."



The large crowd attending the German Faith Conference at Convocation Hall of McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, on Pentecost Sunday (left), and Rev. John Wahl, pastor of the host church (right), in front of the German Baptist Church, where all the meals were served



Friday evening at the missionary service, two couples, Fred and Nancy Folkerts, and Howard and Ethel Stien, newly appointed missionaries to Africa, were presented. Mrs. Walter Sukut, missionary to Japan, brought the evening message. Mrs. Sukut also spoke at the women's breakfast and the Sunday afternoon service, both of which were in charge of the Women's Missionary Union. There were three breakfast meetings held. The women's breakfast and the young people's breakfast both had over 100 present. The men's breakfast with 66 in attendance heard Rev. Russell Blank speak.

The young people had a fellowship and film Friday evening following the service. They met again on Saturday with Mr. Herman Balka of Texas, national CBYF president, to discuss Operation TFC. Saturday evening was the youth rally with Mr. Balka as speaker. The committee on Sunday School work was in charge of two sessions on Saturday morning.

The results of the election were: moderator, Rev. John Kroeker of Milwaukee; vice-moderator, Rev. Bert Itterman; recording secretary, Rev. Elton Bleeker; statistician, Rev. Fred Schmidt of Victor, Iowa; Mission Committee secretary, Rev. Adam Huber of Minneapolis; Mission Committee member, Rev. Wilmer Quiring; Mission Committee representative, Rev. S. D. Ganstrom; alternate, Rev. Wilmer Quiring; General Council layman representative, B. V. Krueger of Watertown, Wis.; layman alternate, Reuben B. Glewwe, St. Paul; Sunday School Committee secretary, Don Lindeman, Aplington, Iowa; Sunday School Committee members, Rev. John Ziegler and Rev. Don Rich. The next conference will be held at Pound, Wisconsin, during the month of August, 1959.

Mrs. Gerald Miller, Reporter

## Eastern Conference

### Ordination Service at Bethel Church, Buffalo, New York

At 6:00 p.m. on June 15, the members and friends of the Bethel Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York, met for an ordination service in which one of the church sons, Sherwood Strodel, was ordained to the Gospel ministry. Mr. Strodel found Christ as Savior at Bethel Church and, after completing his secondary training in local schools, pursued college and theological studies

at Gordon College and Theological Seminary, Beverly Farms (Boston), Massachusetts, where he earned the B.D. degree.

Rev. Francis Whiteman, pastor of the Hedstrom Memorial Baptist Church, Buffalo, read the Scripture, led in prayer, and read the minutes of the Ordination Council. Rev. Warren West, Baptist pastor of Everett, Massachusetts, whom Mr. Strodel has been assisting for four years, gave the ordination sermon. Dr. John Leypoldt of Forest Park, Ill., the interim pastor at Temple Church in Buffalo, gave the charge to the church, and offered the ordination prayer. Rev. Albert Fadenrecht, pastor of Bethel Church, gave the charge to the candidate and the hand of fellowship, after which Rev. Sherwood Strodel pronounced the benediction.

Mrs. Virginia Fadenrecht, Reporter

### Inspiring German Faith Conference at Hamilton, Ontario

More than 800 people from the German Baptist churches of Toronto, Kitchener, St. Catharines and Hamilton, Ontario, and from North American Baptist churches in Cleveland, O.; Detroit, Mich.; Chicago, Ill.; and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, attended the Faith Conference held on May 24 and 25 at Hamilton. The services on Pentecost Sunday were held in the Convocation Hall of McMaster University of Hamilton.

The theme, "The Living and Serving Church of Christ," was carried out in all the addresses and testimonies as well as in the uplifting songs. On Sunday morning, the speakers were Rev. J. Lehmann of Buffalo, N. Y., Dr. M. J. Leuschner of Forst Park, Ill., and Rev. Alex Hart of St. Catharines, Ontario. In the afternoon's service, Rev. H. Stinner of Toronto, Ont., spoke on "Christian Service" and Dr. Leuschner presented a colorful account of our denominational home and foreign mission fields. Missionary pictures were shown at the evening service.

The choirs of our churches in Hamilton, Kitchener and Toronto rendered several inspiring anthems. Mr. Helmut Krauke thrilled our hearts with his solo, "Die Allmacht" by Franz Schubert, accompanied at the piano by Gerda Steinau. The church at Hamilton with its pastor, Rev. John Wahl, entertained the many guests and provided the delicious meals without charge that were served in the church building. God's spiritual gifts, that are

given to us so freely, should enable us to serve others in his Name more faithfully! This was our experience at Hamilton!

Alfred Kerber, Reporter

## Southern Conference

### Southern Conference Session at Latham Springs Camp

The Southern Conference met for an abbreviated session at the Latham Springs Baptist Encampment Grounds near Aquilla, Texas, June 9 and 10. Mr. B. F. Engelbrecht, moderator, opened the Monday evening session, at which time Rev. Roy Seibel of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., brought the message.

Missionary Walter Sukut, our other guest speaker, brought a missionary challenge on Tuesday morning concerning the work in Japan. He reminded us of the "dark clouds of Communism, ignorance and worldly pleasure which threaten the harvest in this ripe field." All delegates and visitors were deeply challenged by the messages of our speakers. One important item of business was the withdrawal of the Cottonwood Baptist Church from the North American Baptist Fellowship in order to become affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

The results of the elections were as follows: moderator, Rev. Douglas Gallagher (Dallas); vice-moderator, Mr. Milton Lippert (Waco); recording secretary, Rev. W. E. Schubert (Hurnville); statistical secretary, Rev. B. F. Taylor (Donna); General Council Representatives: Rev. L. B. Hinz (Waco) 1958-1961; (alternate) Rev. Frank Armbruster (Greenville); Mr. Edgar Bieber (Mowata) 1958-1961; and (alternate) Mr. Emil Schmeltekopf (Kyle).

Mission Committee: Rev. Alex Sootzmann, secretary, 1956-1959 (Mowata); Rev. Frank Armbruster (Greenville) 1959; Mr. John Lengefeld (Mowata) 1959; Mr. Lawrence Terveen (Donna) 1960; Rev. L. B. Hinz (Waco) 1960; Rev. Douglas Gallagher (Dallas) 1961; and Mr. Henry Birkholz (Dallas) 1961.

Sunday School Committee: Rev. Douglas Gallagher (Dallas) 1959, secretary; Mr. Bob Rippenhagen (Greenville) 1960; Mr. Roy Kippen (Gatesville) 1960; Mr. Adolph Hill (Kyle) 1961; and Rev. Charles Dibert (Crawford) 1961.

Eldon Schroeder, Reporter

## Central Conference

### Pin Oak Creek Woman's Society Anniversary, Missouri

The 10th anniversary program of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling, Mo., was presented on May 18 with our former pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Arthur A. Voigt, as guest speakers. The theme of our program was "Christ for the Whole Wide World." Our president, Mrs. Wm. Richard, presided. A reading entitled "The White Sheet" was given by our vice-president, Mrs. Bessie Prater. Some of the history of our society was presented by our secretary, Mrs. Harvey Lipskoch. The treasurer's report was by Mrs. Fred Heidbunk.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Voigt, now living in South Dakota, organized our society 10 years ago with 7 members present. We have 19 members at the present time. Mrs. Voigt spoke words of congratulation. Rev. Arthur Voigt gave a very inspiring message on "The Goodness of God." The mission offering of \$73.27 was sent to our North American Baptist headquarters to be used for missions.

Mrs. Harvey Lipskoch, Reporter

### Central Conference Business Transacted at Laymen's Retreat

The churches of the Central Conference voted to dispense with the sessions of the Central Conference for this year in view of the General Conference to be held at Edmonton, Alta.



Vacation Bible School at the First Baptist Church, Underwood, North Dakota.

Harold Johns and Dr. Paul Gebauer. Saturday morning witnessed a challenging discussion led by a panel of three laymen and three pastors.

Lawrence W. George, Reporter

## Dakota Conference

### Northside Church, Sioux Falls, Holds Pastor's Farewell

On June 6 the Northside Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., along with four neighboring churches held a farewell for our former pastor, Rev. and Mrs. Harold E. Weiss. The Weisses have concluded 7 years of faithful service in the church here. Remarks of farewell were given by members of the various organizations of the church and the visiting pastors. There were several special numbers as well

moderator and the undersigned was elected clerk.

The afternoon proved to be of real blessing and inspiration to all as Brother Effa graciously and ably related the story of his conversion, his call to the Gospel ministry and his statement on biblical beliefs and Baptist distinctives. The Council wholeheartedly recommended that the church proceed with the ordination.

Those participating in the ordination service were the following pastors: Rub'n Herrmann, moderator; Harold Weiss, song leader; Gordon Husinga, Scripture reading; H. Lohr, evening prayer; Peter Wiens, charge to the church; J. G. Benke, charge to the candidate; Henry Pfeifer, ordination sermon; Willis Potratz, ordination prayer; Elton Kirstein, welcome into the Gospel ministry; and Rev. Herman Effa, benediction.

Leland H. Friesen, Clerk

### Vacation Bible School at Underwood, North Dakota

A Vacation Bible School was held by the First Baptist Church, Underwood, N. Dak., June 2-6, with an enrollment of 73 children of whom 52 had perfect attendance. Seven accepted Christ as Savior. There were five departments with teachers as follows: Beginners, Mrs. W. Smith and Arva Del Petersen; Primary I, Mrs. E. Schafer, Mrs. E. Blatchford and Norma Bader; Primary II, Mrs. L. Schafer, Mrs. H. Gutknecht and Lorella Saylor; Juniors, Mrs. G. Simpson and Galene Grueneich; Intermediates, Mrs. R. Hepper and Mrs. M. Koenig. Mrs. R. Grenz was director of music and Rev. R. Grenz director of the school.

Every morning an offering was received for the Spanish-American Mission Field, San Luis Valley, Colorado. James Schacher, a ministerial student and a member of our church, is serving on this mission field in Colorado for the summer. The program on Friday evening was presented to a large congregation and many people expressed their appreciation. May all worship and serve the Lord as Savior and Master!

Arva Del Petersen, Reporter

### Vacation Bible School at Herreid, South Dakota

From June 2 to 6, a Vacation Bible School was held at Herreid, S. Dak., with 67 children enrolled. We had all day sessions for one week. Handcraft Scripture memorization and Bible studies were featured. The theme was, "Exploring God's Wonders."

The six classes with teachers and their helpers were as follows: Kindergarten, Pearl Huber and Donna Berndt; Beginners, Carol Redlinger and Priscilla Bollinger; Primary, Ruth Middleider and Charlene Fischer; First Juniors, Lorraine Rudolph and Mary Lou Rueb; Juniors, Patricia Quenzer and Joan Quenzer; and Intermediates, Bertha Bischke and Gladys Fjeldheim.

Rev. Alfred Weisser had charge of the devotions and Miss Barbara Weisser played the processional. Our theme song, "How Great Thou Art," was directed by Barbara Weisser. A missionary offering of \$96.37 was received.

Mrs. E. A. Bischke, Reporter

### Vacation School, Tyndall and Danzig Churches, South Dakota

The combined Vacation Bible School of the Tyndall and Danzig Baptist Churches of Tyndall, South Dakota, reached an all-time high enrollment of 84 this year. The theme of the school which was conducted from May 26 to 30 at the Danzig Baptist Church was "Exploring God's Wonders." The pastor, Rev. Rub'n Herrmann, was in charge of the school with a teaching staff of twelve in charge of the various departments: Mrs. Howard Hebner and Mrs. Albert Mattis, Nursery; Mrs. James Janssen, Mrs. Otto Wormsbecker and Miss Sylvia Rueb, Beginners; Mrs. Sidney Hebner and Mrs. Erwin Weber, Primary; Mrs. Alfred Buchholz, Mrs. Lavern Berndt, and Mrs. Clifton Hubner, Juniors; Mrs. Irvin Finck and Mrs. Herban Kaul, Intermediates. A well balanced program was given on Friday evening as a conclusion to the school.

We praise God for the spiritual blessings during this week of the school. The offerings received daily, which went for the Bansa Baptist Hospital, totaled \$38.74. Most of all do we rejoice over four souls won for Christ.

Mrs. Irvin Finck, Reporter

### Baptism, Bible School Program, Grace Church, West Fargo

On Sunday evening, May 25, eleven candidates were baptized by Rev. B. Fritzke, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, West Fargo, N. Dak., using the baptismal facilities of the Calvary Baptist Church of Fargo. Several of these had accepted Christ during our evangelistic campaign in April. Rev. Herbert Vetter of Isabel, S. Dak., was the evangelist. On this same day we were delighted to have Rev. G. P. Schroeder bring us the morning sermon. He was the interim pastor at our church and gave us much help and encouragement as we began the work here.

A fine Bible School program was presented by nearly 50 pupils on June 15, climaxing the end of two weeks of work. Able assistance was given to us by Miss Loretta Kurtz of Edenwold, Sask., and Miss Joyce Kramer of Ap-



Teachers of the Vacation Bible School conducted by the Tyndall and Danzig churches of South Dakota with the pastor, Rev. Rub'n Herrmann, in front (center).

lington, Iowa. We sincerely appreciated the help these girls gave us as they worked together with six other teachers from our group.

At present we are busy working on the outside of our church building, putting in the steps and sidewalks, landscaping, and preparing a place for our new bulletin board.

Mrs. Milton Hochhalter, Reporter

### "Chapel Cheer" Radio Broadcasts in South Dakota

After two years of study and planning, the South Dakota Association is ready to launch out with an enlarged ministry in the name of Jesus Christ. The churches through a cooperative effort are beginning a Sunday Gospel broadcast named, "Chapel Cheer," to be released over WNAX, Yankton, S. Dak., early this fall. This station has a vast coverage reaching the greater proportion of North and South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota and extending into Wyoming, Montana, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba.

It is the desire to reach men and women with the cheering message of God's provision through Christ for sin-sick souls, and acquaint the general public with the witness of the North American Baptist churches and seminary. The direction and control of the broadcast have been delegated to the

Association Radio Committee, consisting of Mr. Dave Decker, Mr. Ray De Neui, Mr. John Terveen, Rev. Willis Potratz and Rev. Rub'n Herrmann.

The program, "Chapel Cheer," will originate in the Seminary chapel. Seminary students and wives will provide the music, and President George A. Lang will bring the message. The production will be co-ordinated by Professor Roy Seibel. Radio Sunday has been recently observed by the South Dakota Association churches. Miss Gladys Hoogestraad has been chosen as correspondence secretary.

Willis Potratz and Rub'n Herrmann, Reporters

### Vacation Bible School at New Leipzig, North Dakota

The New Leipzig Baptist Church of New Leipzig, N. Dak., held its Vacation Bible School June 2-6. All day sessions were held with 26 pupils in attendance with 4 teachers. Mrs. Emil Becker served as director. The theme, "Jesus, the Great Leader," was carried out throughout the entire school.

Memory work and many new choruses and songs were learned and sung for our parents and friends at the program on Friday evening. For handwork the combined classes of Primary and Junior, and the Junior High students colored a mural which will be hung in their classroom as a reminder of their Bible School achievements. All handwork made by the various classes was put on display.

Mrs. Arnold Friez, Reporter

### Vacation School With 71 Children, Billings, Montana

A Vacation Bible School was held by the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Montana, from June 9 to 13 with 71 children enrolled. Seven teachers and six helpers taught the classes with our pastor, Rev. W. Gerber, as superintendent. He spoke briefly to the group each morning during the devotional period as well as taking charge of the handcraft for the Junior group.

Gospel Light material was used for the lessons with our theme being, "Bible Sea Adventures." Offerings were taken each day and the children voted that this money should go toward the support of our missionaries in Japan. The pupils and teachers prepared a fine program which was given on Sunday evening in the church sanctuary.

Mrs. Emil Opp, Reporter



The choir of the Northside Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., with Mr. Walter Kerber, director, at extreme right.

A Baptist Men's Retreat was then planned and held at Oakwood Park Camp, Syracuse, Indiana, from May 23 to 25. At this time opportunity was given for the consideration of essential conference business. Highlight of the business session was the reception into our fellowship of the German Baptist Mission Church of Chicago, Illinois. The only other business undertaken was the election of officers. Most of the incumbents were returned to office for another year, the only new appointments being made in the case of offices vacated by resignation or expiration of term of service.

Hearts were thrilled as the Word was opened by messages from Rev. Aaron Buhler, Dr. John Wobig, Mr.

as a selection by the church choir.

Rev. Harold E. Weiss left our midst to assume the duties at the Baptist Church at Turtle Lake, North Dakota. We pray for God's richest blessings upon them in their new field of labor for the Lord.

Vera Saylor, Church Clerk

### Rev. Herman Effa's Ordination at Chancellor, South Dakota

Mr. Herman Effa, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Chancellor, South Dakota, was ordained on Wednesday night, May 28, by the church he serves at Chancellor. A Council was called consisting of 33 delegates from the South Dakota Association churches. Rev. Rub'n Herrmann was elected



Rev. Bernard Fritzke (2nd from left, back row), pastor of the Grace Church, West Fargo, N. Dak., with baptismal candidates and other new church members and guests, Rev. and Mrs. G. P. Schroeder of Lodi, Calif. (extreme right).

### Reception for Rev. Harold Weiss, Turtle Lake, North Dakota

Members and friends of the Turtle Lake Baptist Church, Turtle Lake, N. Dak., on Sunday morning, June 15, expressed sincere thankfulness to the Lord in that he permitted us to be only one week without a shepherd. Rev. Harold Weiss brought his first sermon, "Faith That Spells Victory," to an appreciative congregation. Rev. Otto Fiesel of Washburn, N. Dak., was in charge of the reception that evening and also brought the message. Rev. Richard Grenz of Underwood, N. Dak., read Scripture, and Rev. Ben Latt of Mercer, N. Dak., led in prayer. Members of the different organizations of the church extended words of welcome to Mr. Weiss and his family.

A baptismal service was held in the Turtle Lake Church shortly before this with Rev. Herbert Schauer presiding. After his timely message on "Baptism" and a choir song, eight candidates entered the baptismal waters. A blessed communion service followed when the following were accepted for membership: Gary Schlaht, Harold Kittler, David Ewing, Wayne Schlafmann, Kenneth Schlafmann, David Klein, and Alice Kittler.

Mrs. Reuben Bauer, Reporter

### Dakota-Montana Central Association at McLaughlin Church

The Dakota Montana Central Association convened from June 12 to 15 in McLaughlin, S. Dak., with our church and its congenial pastor, Rev. E. Michelson, serving as hosts. All meetings were held in the city hall where there was ample room for all. The fine program with the theme, "This We Believe," was carried out under the capable chairmanship of Rev. C. H. Seecamp.

We were sorry that the Rev. O. R. Schmidt from Edmonton was unable to be with us because of death in his family. Missionary Eleanor Weisenburger from Africa also was unable to attend. Her place was very ably filled on the program by Mrs. Walter Sukut,



The Junior Church of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., directed by Mrs. Robert S. Hess (extreme left, standing) assisted by Mrs. Alma Yost and Miss Gretchen Ann Yost (extreme right, standing).

missionary from Japan, who spoke very ably to large audiences. All church reports were encouraging. The newly organized church at Selby, S. Dak., was received into the fellowship of the Association.

The election of officers was as follows: moderator, Rev. A. Reeh, Eureka, S. Dak.; vice-moderator, Rev. Thomas Lutz, Aberdeen, S. Dak.; secretary, Rev. Iver Walker, Hettinger, S. Dak. The total mission offerings on Sunday amounted to \$779.71. God willing, our next association will convene with our church in Sidney, Montana, from June 11 to 14, 1959.

E. S. Fenske, Reporter

### Atlantic Conference

#### Conference Sessions and 115th Church Annivers'y, Philadelphia

A Mass Rally on Sunday afternoon, April 27, with 305 persons in attendance, climaxed the Atlantic Conference meetings held April 24-27 at the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa. Business sessions

began Thursday afternoon, with Rev. Raymond Yahn, moderator, presiding.

There were 200 persons in attendance at the C. B. Y. Fellowship banquet on Saturday evening, which was followed by a social hour, at which time we viewed the film, "Great Discovery." We were privileged to have Dr. Paul Gebauer and Rev. J. C. Gunst with us from our denominational headquarters. We all received a blessing from the messages these men brought to us during the conference.

This year is the 115th anniversary of the Fleischmann Memorial Church and the Atlantic Conference was the inaugural part of the anniversary celebration. The conference days were of spiritual value to all who attended and helped to bind us closer together in the bonds of Christian fellowship.

George C. Gerstlauer, Reporter

### Pacific Conference

#### Summer Activities at Calvary Church, Tacoma, Washington

Calvary Baptist's Junior Church of Tacoma, Wash., now in its third year, is held during the regular church services in the chapel for children from grades 1 through 6. Its order of worship follows that of the Worship Service for adults. The leaders, such as Junior Minister, deacons, deaconesses, and ushers must be baptized believers and church members. Average attendance each Sunday is around 64. The success of the Junior Church in a large measure may be attributed to the capable leadership of Mrs. Robert Hess. Mrs. Alma Yost and, during the last year, Gretchen Ann Yost also have been the faithful pianists.

Bible Sea Adventure was the theme of a successful two-week Vacation Bible School held from June 9 to 20. A total of 164 children were registered. The missions offering of \$116 was designated for the Cameroons. Mrs. Hess served as general superintendent, assisted by an able corps.

The Calvary Church held a Mission Conference from June 18-22, featuring a first-hand report from our Cameroons missionaries, Earl and Lois Ahrens. Rev. Earl Ahrens gave us an insight into the Bible School work, and Mrs. Ahrens related her experiences in the women's work.

Elfriede Gudelius, Reporter

### Baptism of 17 Converts, Bethany Church, Vancouver, B. C.

The Bethany Church of Vancouver, B. C., joins the Psalmist in the words: "The Lord hath done great things whereof we are glad." Every phase of the work is going ahead. The Sunday School continues to break its attendance records. The Church Choirs too have made some special contributions recently.

On May 25, the mixed choir sponsored an entire evening with beautiful sacred music. On June 14 and 15, the Men's Choir spent two days in Okanagan. On Saturday they were building at the Camp Dining Hall and on Sunday they visited the churches at Kelowna and Vernon and ministered to them in song.

On June 1st was a particularly blessed occasion when the church witnessed 17 redeemed souls step into the waters of baptism and receive the hand of fellowship together with 3 others. These and other things make us rejoice in our Master and in the work which he has committed to us as a church.

Isador Faszer, Pastor

### Milo Terrace Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif.

A new landmark was passed in the life of the Milo Terrace Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif., during April. The first baptism to be held in the new baptistry occurred April 20. A special afternoon service was conducted by Rev. Henry Hengstler, pastor. Four persons followed the Lord in believer's baptism. Mrs. Grace Blochowiak, her son James, Paul Wunch, and John Redden witnessed to Christ's saving grace. The church, with our building, completed in December 1956, has given evidence of strengthened membership in this past year and a half. Newest addition to the church building are movable partitions. Classrooms have now become available for all children's classes.

In January of this year Miss Margaret Newmann became the Sunday School superintendent. She and Mrs. Faith Gerlach, for many years, have conducted Vacation Bible Schools every summer in the underprivileged sections of central California. Our Vacation Bible School was held from June 23 to July 3. Mrs. Bee Altman was director of the school.

On June 21 one who has been of great service in Milo Terrace Church left us. Miss Gertrude Berkowitz was united in marriage to Mr. Benjamin Kipnis in an afternoon ceremony, and with her husband will serve the Lord in San Francisco. She was the Children's Department superintendent for over a year, had the Junior Church, and faithfully served wherever she could.

Dee Collins, Reporter

### Northern Conference

#### Women's Annual Missionary Program at Whitemouth, Man.

On Sunday, June 8, the Baptist Ladies' Missionary Society of Whitemouth, Man., held its annual program which featured songs, recitations and the dialogue, "True Greatness." True greatness is only gained by forgetting ourselves and serving others for



Rev. Isador Faszer and 17 converts whom he baptized and received into the Bethany Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C.

Christ's sake. The offering on that night was \$14.00.

On June 10 we met for the election of officers. The special speaker for that evening was Rev. J. P. Rempel. He spoke to us on the story of Ruth and Naomi. Since our president, Mrs. J. Kuehn, had left with her husband to serve a church in Prince Rupert, B. C., Mrs. J. Tiede was elected president and Mrs. H. Knopf as vice-president. Twenty meetings were held during the year and 139 "sick calls" were made.

The women also catered for three weddings in the last year with a profit of \$294. Our total income for the year was \$651.95, of which \$345.30 were given to the Church Building Fund and \$120 were sent to our Mission Board for the support of two native students in Africa.

Ida Grabke, Reporter

### The Alberta Association Sessions at Leduc, Alberta

The Alberta Association met at the First Baptist Church of Leduc from June 5 to 8. The guest speakers were Miss Ida Forsch, missionary to the Cameroons; and Rev. R. Schilke of Forest Park, Ill. The theme of the Association was "The Faith of Our Fathers." The keynote address was brought by Rev. A. Lamprecht. The Association theme was further developed in the following days by Rev. H. Schumacher, "Faith in a Regenerate Church Membership"; Rev. A. Frank, "Our Faith in Believer's Baptism"; Rev. F. Knalson, "Our Faith in Holy Living"; and Rev. H. Hiller, "Faith for Tomorrow."

A summarized report of the work of the churches was given by Rev. H. Hiller. Twenty-one churches reported 90 baptisms. The total giving for all purposes was \$151,480.00. Denominational mission causes received \$30,573 and other mission \$5,074.

Officers who were elected for the coming year are: moderator, Rev. E. Faul; vice-moderator, Rev. H. Hiller; secretary, Rev. A. Rapske; treasurer, Rev. R. Hoffman; youth director, Elmer Brei'tkreuz; music director, Rev. E. B. Link; Sunday School director, Arthur Smith; pianist, Georgine Kern; assistant pianist, Mrs. E. Faul; and business manager, Rev. H. Schumacher. The Association concluded with a great Music Festival, directed by Rev. Ed. Link, which was held in the Alberta Jubilee Auditorium in Edmonton.

Raymond Harsch, Reporter

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## Obituary

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

### MR. WALTER DeVRIES

of Aplington, Iowa  
Funeral services for Walter DeVries of Aplington, Iowa, were held on Tuesday afternoon, June 17, from the Aplington Baptist Church. Burial was in Pleasant View cemetery north of Aplington. Services were in charge of the Rev. Donald Patet, pastor of the Aplington Baptist Church.

Mr. DeVries suffered a stroke on Wednesday and died in the Waverly, Iowa, hospital Friday morning, June 13. The deceased resided on a farm south of town for many years before moving to Aplington several years ago.

Surviving are 5 sisters: Mrs. Ann Schaeffer and Miss Catherine DeVries, Aplington; Mrs. H. N. Bruechert, Wintehaven, Fla.; Mrs. Mina Watkins, Sioux City, Iowa; and Mrs. L. E. Roberts, Tucson, Arizona.

Aplington, Iowa  
DONALD L. PATET, Pastor

### MRS. LOUISA ONTJES of Aplington, Iowa

Louisa Schmetzman Ontjes was born April 25, 1887 in Aplington, Iowa, and it was here that she spent her entire life. Her conversion to Jesus Christ occurred in the early years of her life. It was during the preaching of a sermon based on II Kings 20:1 that she yielded her heart to the Savior. In February, 1902, she was baptized into the fellowship of the Aplington Baptist Church by Rev. Wiesley.

On March 2, 1905, she was united in marriage to Andrew Ontjes. To this union were born 6 children: 2 sons and 4 daughters: Mrs. Harm Sherman, Aplington, Iowa; Mrs. Roy Anderson, Stillwater, Minn.; Andrew L. Ontjes, Winston Salem, N. C.; Mrs. Walter Paul, Fargo, N. Dak.; Louis Ontjes, Aplington, Iowa; and Mrs. Otto Schmidt, Edmonton, Alta., Canada.

She passed suddenly from this life on Wednesday evening, June 11, having attained the age of 71 years, one month, and 17 days. She is survived by her 6 children, one sister, 10 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted on Monday, June 16, in the Aplington Baptist Church, with the pastor, the Rev. Donald Patet, officiating.

Aplington, Iowa  
DONALD L. PATET, Pastor

### MRS. ANNA MARIA LEYPOLDT of Philadelphia, Pa.

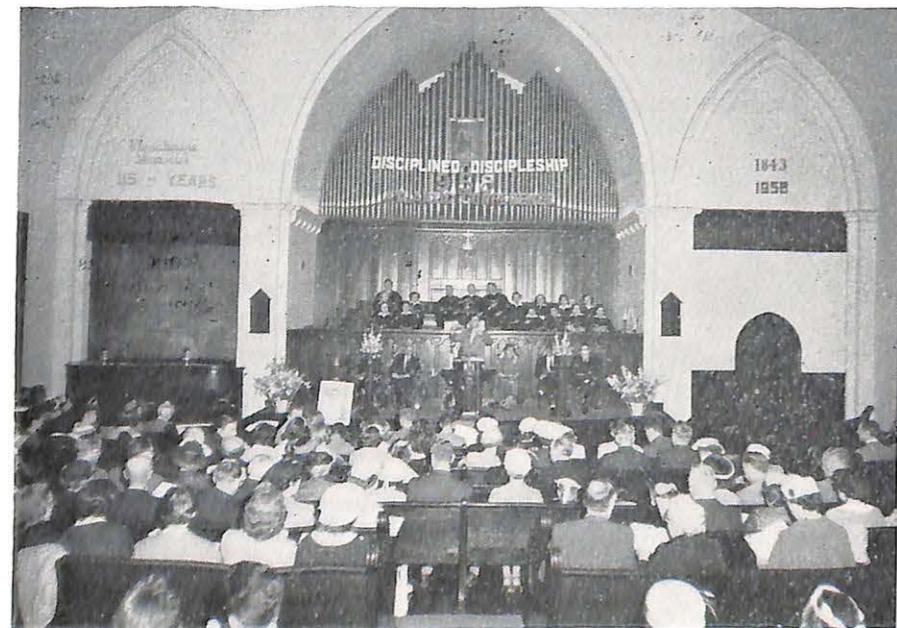
Mrs. Anna Maria Leyboldt, nee Hansmann, of Philadelphia, Pa., was born on Nov. 21, 1863 in Tunnigen, Oberamt Tuttingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany, and went home to be with her Lord on June 11, 1958 at the age of 94 years and 6 months. In 1885 she came to the United States and settled in Philadelphia, Pa., where she resided ever since. On May 30, 1886 she was baptized on confession of her faith by Rev. John Linker into the fellowship of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., where she served her Lord faithfully, particularly in the Woman's Missionary Society. She was known as a praying mother, much concerned with the spiritual welfare of her children, and as a valiant intercessor for her pastor.

On September 10, 1888 she was joined in marriage to Mr. John Leyboldt. God blessed this union with 7 children. Her husband preceded her in death in 1916. Her homegoing is mourned by four sons: Dr. John Leyboldt of Forest Park, Ill. (one of our distinguished pastors); William and Samuel of Philadelphia, Pa.; Reuben of Baltimore, Md.; 3 daughters: Mrs. Margarte Rapp; the Misses Anna and Frieda Leyboldt of Philadelphia, Pa.; 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Pilgrim Baptist Church,  
Philadelphia, Pa.  
WALTER C. DAMRAU, Pastor

"Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us"

(Psalms 90:17).



The Sunday afternoon rally of the Atlantic Conference sessions held in the sanctuary of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., which was also the 115th anniversary celebration of the church.

## CONFERENCE REPORTS

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### Bible Conference and Evangelistic Services, Valleyview, Alberta

A spiritual refreshing was enjoyed by the congregation of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Valleyview, Alta., at its recent Bible Conference held from June 8 to 15. Rev. Robert Kluttig of the Zion Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., addressed the conference in the morning periods. His messages caused us all to search our hearts.

The evening meetings were addressed by Rev. H. Palfenier, our denominational evangelist. He too served with great blessing as he brought his Spirit-filled messages. While we did not experience a great visible ingathering, the Lord gave us two converts in the last service. The entire conference was a great blessing with the Lord speaking to us in a very definite way. The attendance was very encouraging. People laid down their work and took time for God, and God gave them time to do their work afterwards.

D. Unrau, Pastor

### Ordination Service of Rev. Leslie Zilkie, Winnipeg

A number of the Manitoba churches with 20 delegates were again reminded of the fact that the Lord is still calling his laborers into his harvest field when the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Man., invited them for June 25 for the ordination service at which Leslie Zilkie was to be ordained. The council elected Rev. H. J. Waltereit as chairman and Rev. W. Laser as secretary. John Rogalski introduced Leslie Zilkie to the council who was then asked to give his testimony. His doctrinal statements were most gratifying and biblically sound.

The evening service was a real inspiration to all present. After the congregational singing led by Bruno Voss, Herbert Buschkowski read John 1:1-14. The council minutes were read by John Rogalski and Rev. Wm. Laser. Rev. H. J. Waltereit based his ordination message on John 1:6. Following

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"All the joys and blessings of the Edmonton Conference will come into your home!"

the choir number, "This Is My Task," Rev. D. Berg offered the ordination prayer. Rev. Wm. Laser gave the charge to the church while Rev. Wm. Sturhahn that to the new pastor. Rev. H. Schatz welcomed the new minister into the ministers' ranks. The host church gave Rev. Leslie Zilkie a new Bible after which he dismissed us with the benediction. Our prayers follow Rev. Zilkie as he takes up his field of service in the Swan River church.

David Berg, Reporter

### Interdenominational Sunday School Convention, East Olds, Alberta

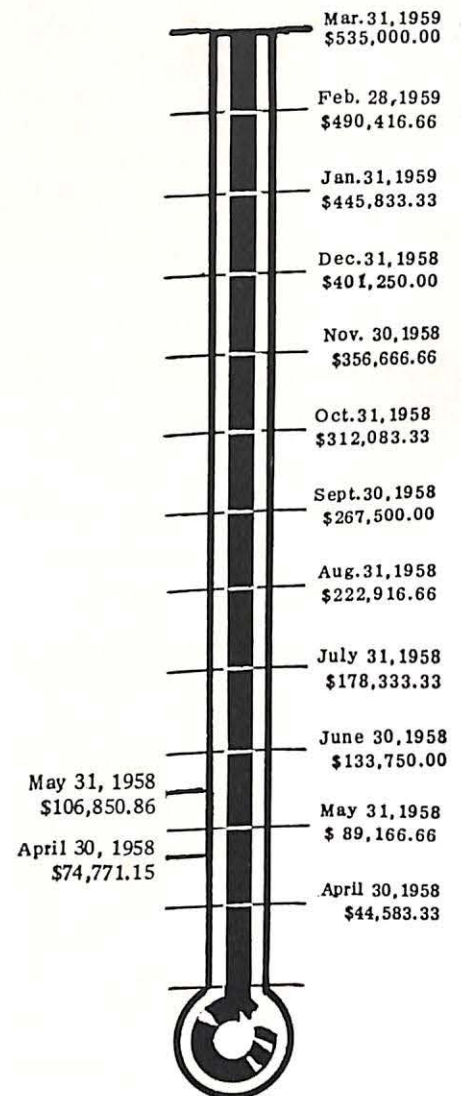
The East Olds Baptist Church of Olds, Alta., was host of an interdenominational Sunday School Convention on June 22, when Sunday School workers met, coming from ten Sunday Schools of eight different denominations. The morning session was led by an expert in Sunday School work of our district, while the afternoon session brought the annual reports and developed a great missionary outlook through the ministry of two missionaries from Tokyo, Japan and Liberia, Africa. The climax was reached at the evening session with a missionary from Ethiopia, Africa, who in his stirring report and thrilling evangelistic message challenged everyone to the utmost for the cause of Christ.

Mr. P. Huber, superintendent, extended the welcome and Rev. H. A. Pohl, pastor, spoke in the opening devotional part. Musical and song numbers were rendered at all meetings. Messages were brought through loudspeakers to those standing outside of the overcrowded church.

H. A. Pohl, Reporter

# Conference Budget

MAY 31, 1958



### BUDGET OF \$535,000

The budget of \$535,000 was recently adopted by the General Council upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee. By means of this Budget Barometer (see above) and brief reports, we shall keep you informed about the denominational income from month to month.

During the first two months of the fiscal year in April and May, our churches contributed generously so that we could go in advance of the budget requirements. But "the lean months" of the summer are upon us, when the record will not look so encouraging. Let everyone give as unto the Lord, giving a full and faithful account of his stewardship before God.

### A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

God is glorified, not by our groans, but by our thanksgivings, and all good thought and good action claim a natural alliance with good cheer.

—E. P. Whippel.

## MAY CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	May, 1958	May, 1957	May, 1956
Atlantic	\$ 3,603.73	\$ 1,832.47	\$ 2,606.02
Central	7,892.07	8,807.36	7,515.24
Dakota	6,277.62	6,802.61	6,300.78
Eastern	2,515.95	3,279.71	2,960.74
Northern	3,503.87	5,554.19	3,747.00
Northwestern	3,257.65	7,294.63	4,109.72
Pacific	6,693.70	8,911.82	3,134.76
Southern	1,619.59	1,462.74	2,834.96
Southwestern	2,164.62	1,359.06	2,026.77
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$37,528.80</b>	<b>\$45,304.59</b>	<b>\$35,235.99</b>

	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of May, 1958	\$32,079.71	\$ 5,449.89	\$37,528.80
For the month of May, 1957	42,994.00	2,310.59	45,304.59
For the month of May, 1956	32,594.79	2,641.20	35,235.99

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1958 to May 31, 1958	\$106,850.86	\$11,414.00	\$118,264.86
April 1, 1957 to May 31, 1957	101,052.43	6,909.12	107,961.55
April 1, 1956 to May 31, 1956	92,756.40	7,865.59	100,441.99