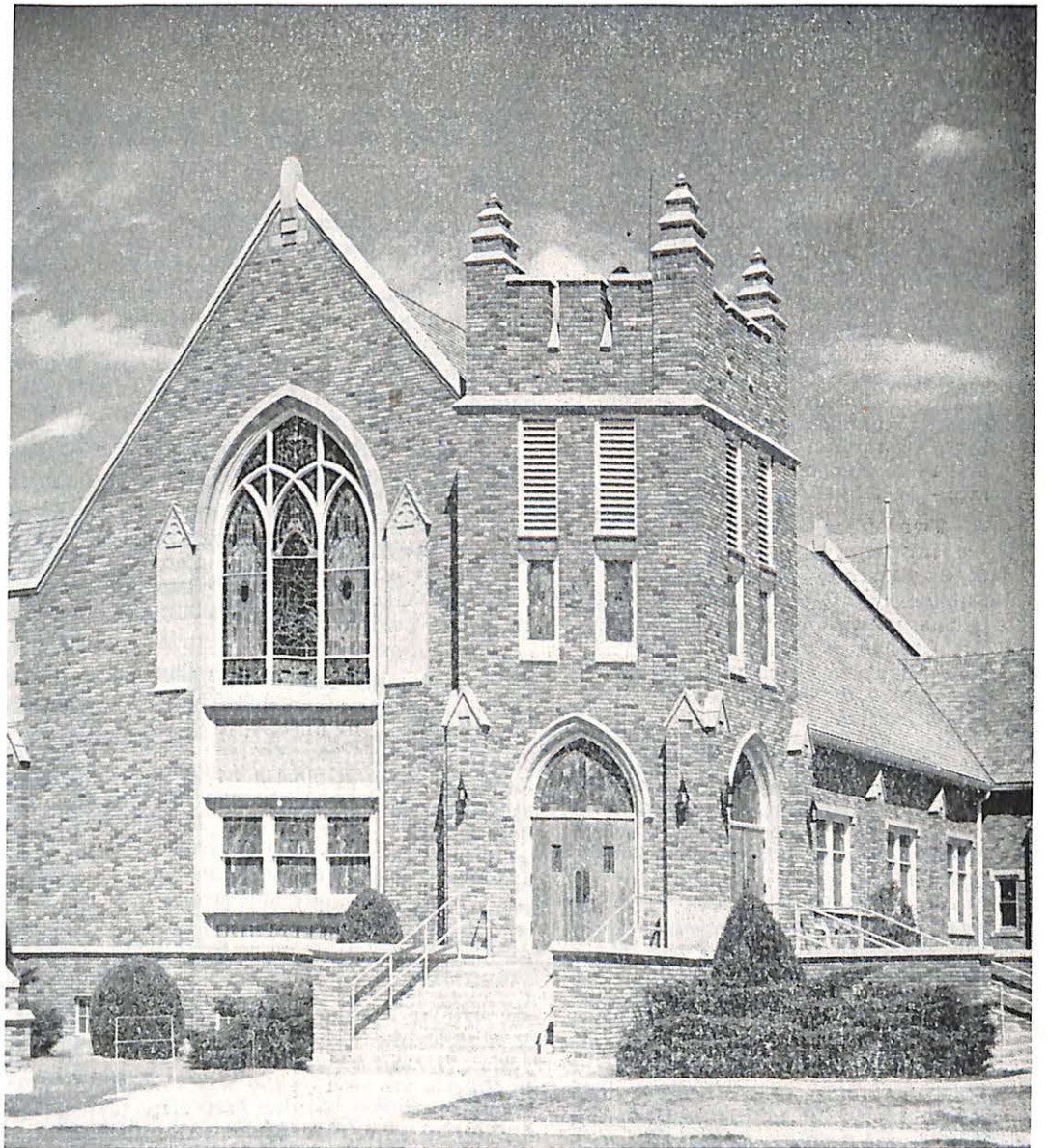


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March of Events

• The National Council of Churches—representing about 80 per cent of the Protestants in New Zealand—has formally invited Evangelist Billy Graham to conduct a crusade in New Zealand in 1959.

• The Sudan Interior Mission, which is the largest Christian agency working in Moslem areas of Nigeria, is combining its printing operations, the Niger Press and the publication African Challenge. The Niger Press produced about four million pages of literature in the past four months. The influential journal, African Challenge, has an English edition circulation of 185,000.

• More than six and a half billion pounds of surplus food were donated by the U. S. Department of Agriculture during the past five years for distribution to the needy at home and abroad. Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson made this report to a National Conference on Food Donations. Present were representatives of more than a score of religious and voluntary organizations which have participated in the distribution program. "Donations from our abundance are going to more than 75 million needy persons here and in foreign countries," Mr. Benson said.—Watchman-Examiner.

• Two of the world's most responsible missionary positions were filled at the Assembly of the International Missionary Council at Achimoto, Ghana, which ended on Jan. 8th. Rev. Dr. Charles W. Ranson, London and New York, was elected executive director of a theological education fund established by the Assembly. It is expected that the sum of \$4,000,000 will be made available to the Council for the purpose of strengthening theological education in Protestant seminaries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Of this amount, \$2,000,000 has been pledged by eight foreign missionary boards in the United States, to be paid over the five-year period, 1958-63. These pledges, it is anticipated, will be matched by a \$2,000,000 contribution to the Council from the Sealantic Fund, Inc., in New York City, with the proceeds of a gift received from Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., designated for this purpose.

• A memorial to the 19th century Russian immigrants who settled in the area of Buhler, Kansas, bringing the winter wheat which has given Kansas its leadership in that field of agriculture, was erected at Buhler by Mennonites. Situated at the north edge of this little town, the marker bears an inscription reading: "On this knoll

stood our Mennonite forefathers, who left Russia in search of religious freedom . . . Their faith and courage made it possible for us to enjoy the present . . . In gratitude to God and in remembrance of our forefathers, we, their descendants, do dedicate this memorial . . ." The marker commemorates the 1874 migration of Mennonite farmers who introduced the hard red grain of the Ukraine which has contributed so much to the reputation of Kansas as the "wheat state."

• Salvation Army in Sweden recently celebrated its diamond jubilee with a festive service in the Concert Hall

in Stockholm. Taking part in the program was the minister of ecclesiastical affairs, Ragnar Edenman, and Bishops Odd Hagen and Helge Ljungberg. Among those present were the king and the queen. Eighty-nine-year-old Col. Augusta Hammar, the oldest officer in years of service, raised the banner which Major Hanna Ouchterlony brought with her when she came to "open fire in Sweden." The first meeting in Stockholm was held in a theater December 28, 1882. Salvation Army in Sweden is the second largest in Europe, topped only by the organization in England where it originated.

—The Standard



Baptist Briefs

• **Campaign Planner for Tokyo.** The Japan Baptist Convention and the Japan Baptist Mission are planning for a major city-wide evangelistic campaign in Tokyo in 1959, the centennial of evangelical missions in Japan and the 70th anniversary of the work of Southern Baptists in that land.

• **New Baptist Quarterly.** "Foundations" began publication with January 1958. It is a Baptist journal of history and theology and will be a quarterly. It takes the place of *The Chronicle*, organ of the American Baptist Historical Society of the American Convention. Rev. George Younger, pastor of Mariners' Temple, New York City, is the editor.

• **New Church Buildings in Canada.** Dr. T. B. McDormand, general secretary of the Baptist Federation of Canada, has stated that 49 new Baptist buildings were erected across Canada at a total cost of approximately \$4,000,000 in 1957. The majority of these were built to house new congregations organized within the past five or six years. This represents almost one new church per week erected by Canadian Baptists, with their membership of 140,000.

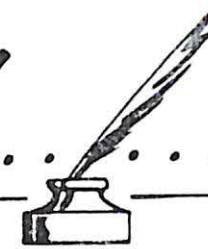
• **African Youth Organize.** The Rev. J. A. Adegbite writes from Lagos, Nigeria: "I am happy to report that we in Nigeria are well on the way toward being organized as the first step to organizing the Pan-African Baptist Youth. Slow as this may appear, it is an important achievement when it is realized that the Youth Committee of the Nigerian Baptist Convention was appointed as recently as May 2, 1957. Until that time it just was not possible to unify the youth work of the Convention which exists under several

departments such as the Training Union, Sunday School, Young Woman's Association, etc."

• **Principal of Spurgeon's College.** The new principal of Spurgeon's College in London, England, is Dr. G. R. Beasley-Murray, at present professor of the New Testament Studies at the Baptist Theological Seminary of Ruschlikon, Switzerland. It is expected that Dr. Beasley-Murray will enter upon the principalship of Spurgeon's College at the annual Speech Day on June 26, 1958. A son of Spurgeon's College, Dr. Beasley-Murray served as professor of New Testament from 1948 to 1950 after pastorates at Ashurst-drive, Ilford and Zion, Cambridge. While at Cambridge he was a member of Jesus College. He has published books of New Testament studies which have already established his reputation in Europe as a New Testament scholar.

• **3,000 Baptist Youth at Hungarian Conference.** "The Baptist Times" of England quotes from a letter by the Baptist pastor, Josef Nagy of Hungary, about a Youth Conference recently held at Tahi, Hungary, on the shores of the Danube River. In the first days of the Conference 500 to 600 young people attended, but the number increased to 3,000. The Baptist Camp is located between lovely hills. Big wooden buildings and tents provide sleeping accommodations. Pastor Nagy described the crowning event of the Conference: "At the closing sermon round the camp-fire, at night, 85 young people stood up to make decisions for Christ. But during the night the Holy Spirit continued his blessed work in the hearts of our people and by morning the number of the saved reached about 120."

Editorial



"Bread of Life for the World"

THE BIBLE IS the Living Bread of God to nourish the souls of men and women everywhere. This is God's revelation in his Word: "See, I have set before thee, this day, life and good." (Deuteronomy 30:15). It is Christ's announcement of his saving ministry to all peoples: "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger" (John 6:35). The greatest missionary ministry today is the placing of God's Word into the hands of millions of people for them to read and to know that Christ is their Savior and Lord!

Have you really looked at our world of today? Robert Britain in his book, "Let There Be Bread," gives us some startling information: "When you arose from your bed this morning, there were some 18,000 more people in the world than when you went to sleep. By bedtime tonight, the numbers of the living will have jumped 37,000. Every year you live, there are on this planet approximately 20,000,000 more human beings than there were the year before." But the American Bible Society reports that during the past six years the annual distribution of the Scriptures has averaged about 15,000,000 volumes, which is less than the annual population increase in the world today.

This is the tremendous spiritual challenge that faces us as North American Baptist churches, along with all other Christian forces, on the observance of Bible Sunday on March 9, 1958! There must be an increase of effort on the part of all who love the Bible to share it with others around the world in a day when population increases are staggering. We must set before these people the Living Bread and make known to them the unsearchable riches of grace in Christ.

Your Publication Society in Cleveland, Ohio, is much more than the printer of your publications, the order house for your Sunday School literature, the business management for the distribution of printed materials. Its primary purpose is missionary to spread the Gospel and to make Christ known wherever our churches and people can touch other lives! Its supreme objective is to distribute the Word of God and to proclaim Christ as the Truth through all of its literature and printed pages.

For this reason Bible Sunday has been observed by North American Baptist churches for 58 years on the second Sunday of March. The story of the Bible's influence on other lives and of its shining light into dark places of the world will be recited by children and reviewed by our pastors. Offerings will be received for the distribution of Bibles on our mission fields and for the ministry of Christian literature by our Publication Society. Program material for the Bible Day observance and bulletin inserts with a special message for Bible Day have been sent to all churches by our Publication House to be used on March 9th.

Today as never before we face the tremendous task of taking the Bread of Life to hungering multitudes in today's world. We must keep pace with the world's population and its spiritual needs as Bibles and New Testaments are provided in ever-increasing numbers. Remember this at your church's observance of Bible Day on Sunday, March 9th!

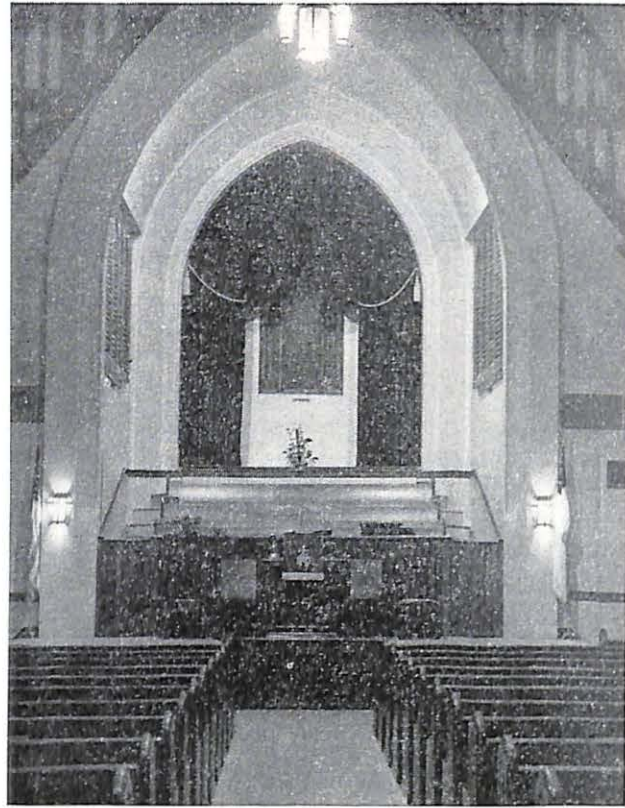
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The beautiful sanctuary of the First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas, looking towards the pulpit from which Rev. Harold W. Gieseke preaches his messages for the radio broadcasts.

WHY DOESN'T GOD DO SOMETHING?

A Message Broadcast Over "The Lorraine Hour"
on Station KSAL, Salina, Kansas

By Rev. Harold W. Gieseke
of Lorraine, Kansas

IN ANY CRISIS someone is sure to ask, "Why doesn't God do something about it? Why doesn't he stop the cold war? Why doesn't he abolish poverty and crime? Why doesn't he send a mighty, sweeping revival? *Why doesn't he act?*" It is a tremendous question which ought to have an answer.

This morning, I believe I have it. It came to me this week by way of a verse in 2 Chronicles (16:9). The answer is simply this: God cannot show his mighty power because he cannot find enough men and women whose hearts are blameless before him. He's looking for people whose hearts are perfect in his sight, whose lives are new because Christ Jesus has made them over.

But where shall he find them? They are such a small minority. So few seem to qualify. But wherever he does find them, there you may see an astounding demonstration of the power of the God of heaven.

THE BLAMELESS HEART

Here is the verse on which I've based my answer:

"For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show his might in behalf of those whose heart is blameless toward him" (2 Chronicles 16:9).

This word was spoken by an ancient prophet to King Asa of Judah 2900 years ago. King Asa had begun his reign with huge success. He had turned his heart to God, broken down the idols in his realm, and led his people in a great revival of true worship. He enjoyed unusual military success. When a million Ethiopians had marched against his much smaller army, he prayed, "Help us, O Lord our God, for we rely on thee . . ." And the account says, "The Lord defeated

the Ethiopians before Asa and before Judah and the Ethiopians fled."

When Asa's heart was blameless, when he looked to God for all his strength, then God came through. God defeated the enemy. He showed his power. Not a single soul in Judah asked, "Why doesn't God do something?" God was at work before their very eyes. He was showing his might on a king whose heart was blameless before him.

But then King Asa slipped. Perhaps the wonderful military success went to his head. He took affairs into his own hand. He began to scheme, to play one nation against another. He bribed the king of Syria with silver and gold from the Temple treasury. He got an old enemy as his ally. From the human point of view, it was a clever move.

KING ASA'S FOOLISHNESS

But just about that time, Hanani, the prophet, came to the king and told him that he had acted foolishly, indeed. Said he, in effect, "King Asa, you've stopped relying on God. Your heart is no longer right with him. And do you know the result? God can no longer show his power to you. Why, if he blessed you now, you'd think the king of Syria was your savior! You will find that you have virtually tied God's hands. He's no longer working for you. This grand peace that you and your people have enjoyed is now at an end. From now on you will have wars."

"What a fool's choice you've made, King Asa. You've acted willfully and lost God's power. Don't you know that 'the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show his might in behalf of those whose heart is blameless before him?'"

King Asa was so angry that he locked up poor Hanani, the prophet,

and put his feet in the stocks. But every word that the prophet had spoken came true. God stopped working for Asa, and you can be sure there were plenty of folk in Judah who began to say, "What's wrong with our nation now? What's happened to God now? Why doesn't he do something?"

My friend, don't you see that we limit God's power? Why blame him for our stubborn hearts? He longs to show his power. He longs to be our glorious Ally. His eyes look over all the earth to see where his power can be shown. But he makes one condition for the release of his power: it is a pure heart. He cannot and will not work for people who put their trust in riches or position or men. But how he loves to fight for those who rely on him!

TWO LITTLE WORDS

It seems to me there are two important conclusions from this story of King Asa and this remarkable word by the little-known prophet. Two words that we might say to those who continually ask us, "Why doesn't God do something?"

The first is: If you really want to see what God can do, look in the right place. Don't look at the pagan show of the world. Look into the lives of God's loved ones. See what he gets done in a truly Christian home. Consider his power in a spiritual, New Testament church. Look at a community organized on God's plan, where his will is placed first. You will see miracles of which you scarcely dreamed.

The second is: If you are disappointed that God seems to be doing so little, why not get busy setting up the conditions under which he can act? Start with yourself. Take the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior from sin (Continued on Page 24)

YOUR ACCENT!

Every Christian should have an unmistakable accent, unique like a fingerprint, inalienable like a tattoo, to proclaim the company he keeps—the company of Jesus.

By Rev. Helmut G. Dymmel
of Chicago, Ill., Author of the Anthology,
"He Restoreth My Soul"

ON THE TV program, "What's My Line," a blindfolded panel identified the Australian tennis champion by his accent. The biblical example of an accent's significance is the fate of the Ephraimites who, in distinction from surrounding tribes, at a critical moment said "Sibboleth" instead of "Shibboleth." Forty-two thousand men paid for it with their lives (Judges 12:6). Peter, the gospel allows, had an accent. It revealed to the callous attendants at Jesus' trial that Peter was one of those around Jesus (Matt. 26:73).

Every Christian, like Peter, should have an unmistakable accent, unique like a fingerprint, inalienable like a tattoo, to proclaim the company he keeps—the company of Jesus.

SHOW YOUR COLORS

Each week I put a different verse on my window ledge in the office for customers to read while waiting to do business. Sometimes I have them wait a little so that they will find time to read it. One of these passages was from Proverbs. In a modern translation it read like any other saying, and nobody seemed to be reached by it. But then a worker came for her paycheck and, having glanced at the passage, asked me, "Are you a born-again Christian?" To her the choice of the passage, to me the wording of her question, the spiritual accent, betrayed whose disciples we meant to be.

An accent is the upshot of early and frequent contact with the same group and marks that group's indelible imprint on the individual. That is why Peter's detractors called him "One of them." Would to God it ever were thus with Christians!

I heard Pastor Schilling, long since translated, tell this story: While a seminary student in Rochester, N. Y., he worked one summer on a building

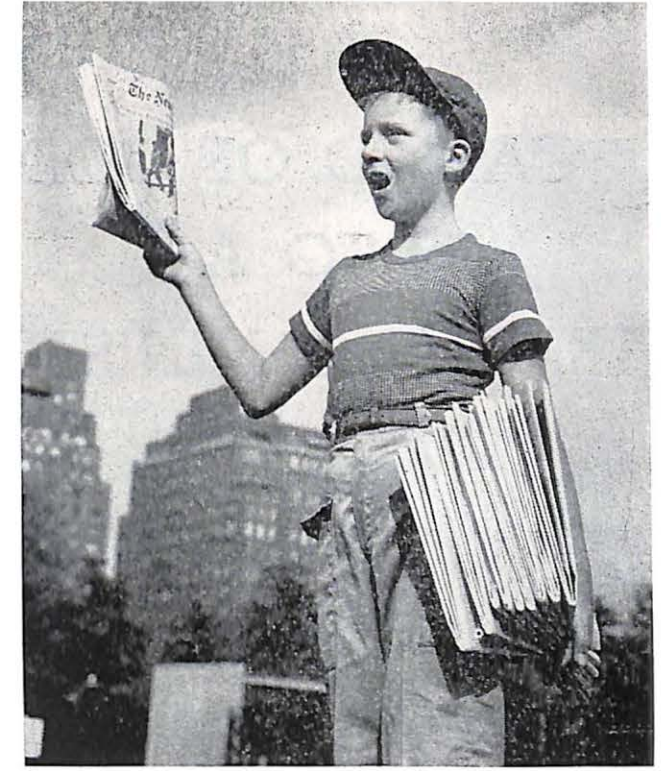
project. At lunchtime he would open his lunchbox and say grace. Presently another worker sidled up and began to lecture him. "Look here," he said to young Schilling, "you may be a Christian, but that does not mean everybody around here must know it. I'm older and have been a Christian much longer than you. In fact, I am a deacon, but nobody here has as yet found me out."

Giving thanks for food in public may not be every Christian's accent. But if you belong to Jesus and fellowship with him in love and obedience, there must be something about you inevitably that is a display of your colors, that you have an accent. Peter had it. It was not hard for the committee for un-American activities in Jerusalem to take knowledge that Peter had been with Jesus (Acts 4:13).

PETER THE ROCK

The thoughtful student of the gospels wonders: How come that all four gospels report the denial of the chief apostle in embarrassing detail? After all, we Christians of today would do nothing of the sort. If, for instance, the pioneer of our General Conference, Pastor Fleischmann, had committed an unbecoming act, we would not as much as hint at it in our denominational papers, let alone spread it four times over the pages of "These Glorious Years," our denominational account.

Has Peter's denial been reported repeatedly perhaps—to impress the reader with his undeniable loyalty to Christ? Peter may disguise himself in a Roman robe; he may shave his bristling beard and speak the jargon of Jerusalem, but—can he scotch his accent that gives him away? No, because it was like the upper seventh of an iceberg projecting out of the water. You would have to smash



—Photo by A. Devaney, Inc., N. Y.
The newsboy, calling out his papers, reveals many things about himself and his background by his accent!

the submerged six-sevenths before the part above the water disintegrated.

In like manner, the adversary would have to blast Peter's invisible foundation, Christ, before Peter's accent dissolved. Thus, the Holy Spirit prompted the vindication of Peter's fealty to Jesus via his denial for all to read again and again. Peter, the rock, was the chief apostle for an unimpeachable reason. He had his Lord's accent, and this because he was founded on the Rock of Ages.

You see, an accent cannot be put on and off like tinsel of a Christmas tree. Rather it stems from an abiding surrender to a towering and powering reality. A Christian accent, therefore, is not merely an interest in the Bible or a particular theology or church membership. A person may be possessed of all these and yet never have a genuine disciple's accent, unless it is generated by a Christian attitude, Christ's Spirit.

WHAT YOU ARE!

A telling example! Whenever a certain individual paid me a visit or wanted me to dine with him, he wished to talk with me about "Revelation." Things as they are and things to come seemed to him to find final adjudication in the Book of Revelation. But why was I far from convinced that this was the accent of a Christian? Because I had in my custody two old promissory notes signed by him as a debtor to an aging and ailing couple. Yet when he, fully solvent, was urged to make at least a small payment on his debt to his needy creditors, he protested that such payment would void his protection under the statute of limitations and reopen his liability in court for the whole debt. His interest in "Revelation" was dis-

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CALLED OF GOD TO A TEACHING MINISTRY

The story of God's leading in the lives of
MR. AND MRS. NORMAN HAUPT
Cameroons Missionaries.

Mr. Haupt is the new teacher at the Baptist Teacher Training Center at Soppo.



By Rev. R. Schilke
General Missionary Secretary



Mr. and Mrs. W. Norman Haupt of Detroit, Mich., members of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church and missionaries to the Cameroons field in Africa.

IN HIS APPLICATION for missionary service, Mr. Walter Norman Haupt of Detroit, Mich., stated the following: "The greatest influences in leading me to consider missionary service were the testimonies of other missionaries and a study of the needs of the mission fields. When I was discharged from the Navy in 1950, I moved to New England where I decided to finish college work and to go into teaching. But during my time in the Navy and also while in college, I became more conscious of the needs of various mission fields and various peoples of the world. Thus I definitely felt that I should use my education for the Lord and for his work in underdeveloped countries of the world. I wish to use my talents and abilities as a teacher in the field of educational missionary work. I believe that by training, those who are already Christians can take places of leadership among their people."

TEACHER TRAINING CENTER

Our Baptist Teacher Training Center at Soppo in the Southern Cameroons of West Africa stood in great need of men who were called to a teaching ministry. In 1955 the Center was opened with an enrollment of 43 students with Miss Esther Schultz as the first acting principal. In 1956 the enrollment went up to 68, and Rev. George W. Lang joined the staff and became interim principal upon the leaving of Miss Schultz. He remained in that position until the end of the second term of 1957 and until Mr. William H. Rentz could take over these responsibilities. Mr. Rentz had joined the staff at the beginning of 1957, at which time there were 77 students enrolled.

When Mr. Lang left for the Cameroons in the fall of 1955, he left with

the assignment to teach at the Baptist Bible Training Center at Ndu. The greater need at Soppo brought about a temporary change and Mr. Lang stepped in to fill that need until others could come and relieve him. With the forthcoming furlough year of Rev. and Mrs. Earl H. Ahrens who had carried the load at B. B. T. C. for these past years, Mr. Lang could no longer be kept at the B. T. T. C. He has already taken over the responsibilities of the Bible Training Center. We are very grateful to God that he always supplies new talents just when the need is greatest. In Mr. Haupt of Detroit, Michigan, God has given us this supply in his hour!

WALTER NORMAN HAUPT

Many missionaries can attribute, at least in part, their calling to the answered prayers of godly parents. Though this factor was seemingly absent in the life of Mr. and Mrs. W. Norman Haupt, nevertheless, God laid his hand upon them and chose them for his service. Both stated that their parents "were nominal Christians" during their childhood years. Mrs. Haupt's parents were later born again and became interested in missions, but Mr. Haupt still does not get the sympathetic interest and understanding for his missionary purpose and intention.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Love is not a possession but a growth. The heart is a lamp with just oil enough to burn for an hour, and if there be no oil to put in again its light will go out. God's grace is the oil that fills the lamp of love.

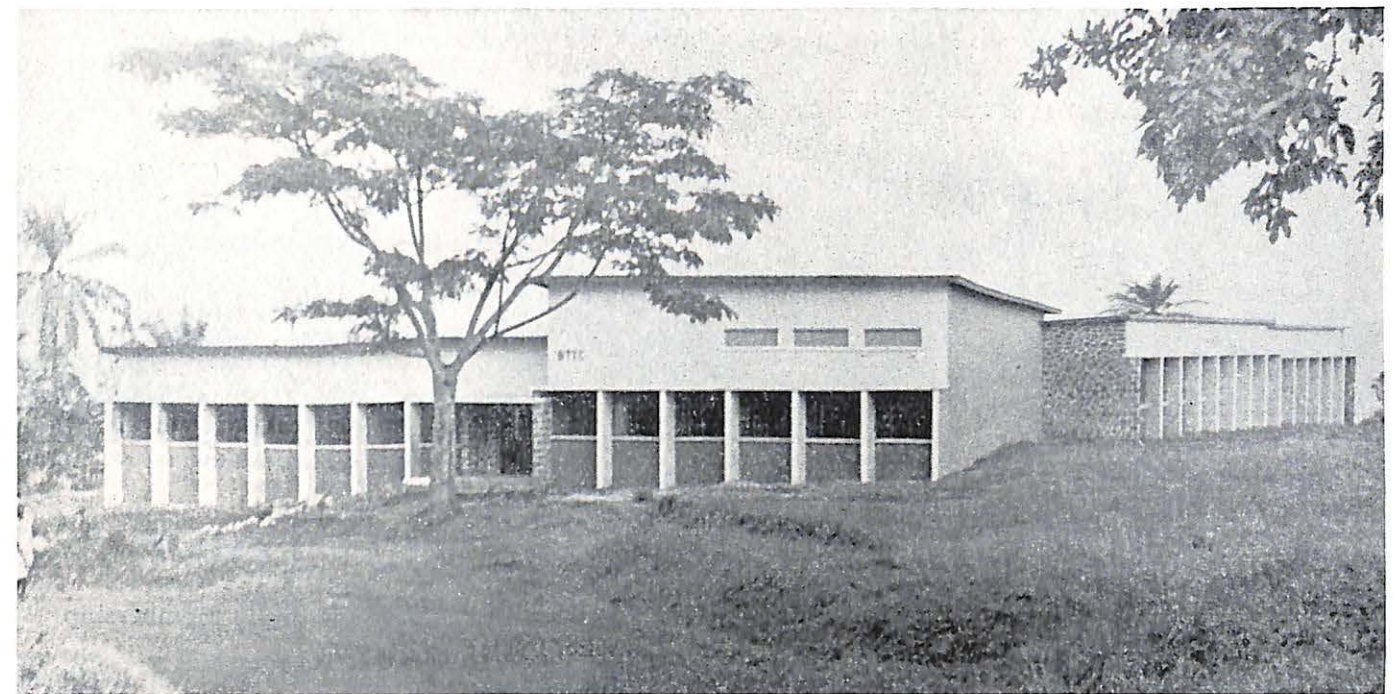
—Henry Ward Beecher.

Walter Norman Haupt was born on August 22, 1927, in Indianapolis, Ind. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ernest Haupt, had come from Germany several years earlier. In their travels they visited Germany repeatedly, and so as a boy Norman became a world traveller, visiting Germany with his parents in 1930 and in 1934. Public and high school training were received at Indianapolis. He received his early religious training through faithful attendance at Sunday School at a Disciples of Christ church. Upon graduation from high school, he entered the Navy V-5 Program which gave him two years of college, flight training, wings and a commission as an officer in the Naval Reserve.

While at college, he came in contact with the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. There he met "the first Christian" who witnessed to him about Christ. Through that personal testimony and the testimonies of the other Christians in the I.V.C.F., he accepted Christ eventually as his personal Savior.

JUNE MARY HAUPT

June Mary Cam was born on June 19, 1927 at Sheffield, England, to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Reginald Cam. Her parents were of the middle class who owned several factories connected with the steel industry. From the age of four to thirteen, June went to a small private school near her home. The night of the major German blitz on Sheffield left a lasting impression on her. From the age of fourteen to seventeen, she attended an exclusive girls' boarding school, Penrhose College, in North Wales (equivalent to high school) and graduated from it in 1944. Materially she had all she wanted through the lovingkindness of her par-



The beautiful new buildings of the Baptist Teacher Training Center at Soppo, Southern Cameroons, where Missionary W. Norman Haupt is now serving as teacher. — Photo by Laura E. Reddig

ents, but spiritually there was a vacuum.

The foreman in her father's factory gave her father Christian tracts on various occasions. He took them merely to be polite but did not read them. However, her mother read them and soon realized her need of a Savior. In a small church meeting her mother found the Christian fellowship which her heart was seeking. She invited her daughter June to come along.

After about six months June and her father were invited to hear a well-known business man from London preach. On the third night the Holy Spirit convicted her and she accepted Christ as her Savior. Two nights later her father took the same step. Since her mother and younger brother had been saved previously, the family was now one in Christ.

EDUCATION FOR A PURPOSE

Upon being discharged from the Navy in 1950, Mr. Haupt moved to New England where he decided to finish college and go into teaching. A study of the needs of the mission field in the field of education and the testimony of missionaries concerning such need shaped his purpose in further training. He graduated in 1953 from the University of New Hampshire with a B.A. degree, majoring in history and minoring in science and mathematics.

In 1954 he graduated from Boston University with a M.Ed. degree, majoring in education in secondary schools. Beginning with the fall of 1954, he taught science and mathematics in 7th and 8th grade in the Public Schools of Grosse Pointe, Michigan. During the latter years he took several evening courses at the Detroit Bible Institute.

In 1947 the Lord spoke to June Mary Cam about the mission field. Through Mr. Douglas Steward of the European Evangelistic Crusade, her attention was drawn to Columbia Bible College in South Carolina. She enrolled in 1949 and graduated with a B.A. degree in Biblical Education in 1953.

Spending part of her vacation in Florida, she met Walter Norman Haupt who was stationed there at that time while serving in the Navy. Their meeting blossomed into courtship. On August 21, 1954, they were married in Sheffield, England, and then returned to the United States to make their residence in Detroit, Mich. Two children were born to them in Detroit: Cheryl June on May 29, 1955, and Anita Carol on November 7, 1957.

SEEKING THE LORD'S WILL

In November 1956, Mr. and Mrs. Haupt joined the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church of Detroit. This was their first contact with our North American Baptist Conference. Through the ministry of the pastor of the church, Dr. A. Dale Irie, they learned of our need of Christian teachers in the Cameroons and contacted our mission office. The writer met and interviewed them on April 14, 1957 while visiting one of our Detroit churches. Upon their application for missionary service, they met with the members of the General Missionary Committee during the days of the Pastors' Conference at Sioux Falls, South Dakota on August 2, 1957.

However, their appointment did not come immediately. Mr. and Mrs. Haupt were still wrestling with the question as to where the Lord wanted them to serve. Their contact with our fellow-

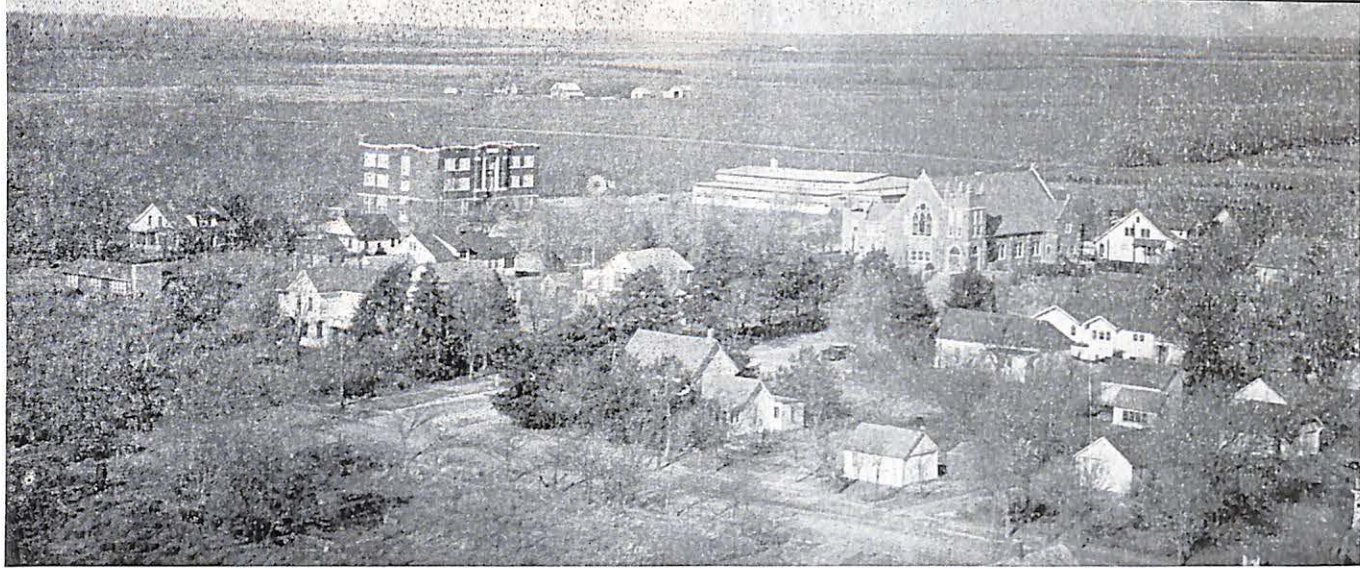
ship and our work had not yet been long enough to make them one with our family. Our identification with a particular mission board is as much a call of the Lord as the call to serve him on the mission field. Time and prayer brought this conviction to them as well, and, upon it, appointment as missionaries of the North American Baptist General Missionary Society to the Cameroons was gladly given by the end of September 1957.

JOYOUS ANTICIPATION

Upon their commitment Mr. and Mrs. Haupt wrote: "Now that the Lord has revealed his will to us, we have a great desire and perfect peace to go." Upon appointment they replied: "We are both very happy to accept the appointment to the Southern Cameroons." Every other letter expressed this joy. On November 3rd their church commissioned them for service at which time Dr. Paul Gebauer, Field Superintendent of our Cameroons mission, could also be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Haupt left for England on January 3rd, sailing on board the SS QUEEN MARY. Mr. Haupt then left England by plane on January 26th and arrived in the Cameroons on January 28th. Soon afterwards he began teaching at the Baptist Teacher Training Center at Soppo. Mrs. Haupt and the two children will remain in England with her parents for several months and then join her husband in the Cameroons later.

The prayers of God's people will follow them. May they continue to find great joy in the anticipation of every service for the Lord of lords and King of kings!



The First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas, surrounded by homes, with the grade school building to the left, and with the rolling fields of Kansas in the distance.

A Big Church in a Little Town

Lorraine, Kansas, with a Total Population of 170, Has a Great Baptist Church with 318 Membership
by Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, Pastor

OUT ON THE Great Plains, amid the wheat and oil fields of central Kansas, there stands a big church in a little town. It is not so big in numbers (as city churches count members), but it is big in its concern for the spiritual development of its people—especially its boys and girls; big in its Gospel outreach through an effective radio ministry; big in its contribution to the missionary enterprise of our denomination. It is the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas.

BAPTIST COLONY

Lorraine was founded as a German Baptist colony. In the 1870's, a group of sturdy pioneers, led by Prof. E. C. Janzen and Mr. Henry Stassen, came from Illinois and surrounding states to settle in wide-open Kansas. The Union Pacific Railroad, which runs thirteen miles to the northeast, sold them land and donated 80 acres "of fair average quality for church purposes."

In the summer of 1878, twenty-five charter members organized the First German Baptist Church of Green Garden, Kansas. By the spring of 1879 they dedicated the "Old Stone Church" on the "church 80." In time, two railroads came to the vicinity and the town of Green Garden (later its name was changed to Lorraine) grew up a mile or so east of the "church of the pioneers." So it was that in 1893, a frame church building was erected on an attractive corner in town.

After 44 years, this was replaced by the present beautiful brick structure, dedicated by Dr. Wm. Kuhn (then General Missionary Secretary) just twenty years ago last November 28. Through its nearly 80 years of stirring history, the Lorraine church has been served by thirteen pastors, from pioneer David Zwick to Harold W. Gieseke, the present pastor, who came in April 1954.

The present building, which you see on the front cover of this issue of the BAPTIST HERALD, belies its 20 years. Dr. Peter Smit, now of the First Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., and his committee built well. After two decades, the building serves the present congregation of about 300 effectively. The church library, totaling over 4,000 volumes and issuing about 1400 books a year, is outgrowing its quarters. The expanding Cradle Roll and Primary departments need more space. Otherwise, the building and its facilities are adequate.

Five hundred and fifty people crowd in to hear the annual Christmas Eve Sunday School program. At the Southwestern Conference in August 1954, over 500 people were served Sunday dinner in the spacious Fellowship Hall.

The sanctuary is beautiful. With its dark-oak ceiling beams, its lovely stained glass windows and its clear-toned Moller organ, it lends itself to the spiritual worship of a holy Lord. In 1954, the church was air conditioned. Now, when the Kansas summer temperatures go above 100 degrees, the people study and worship in cool comfort. At present, a complete sound system is being installed.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

It is the educational wing of the church, however, that reflects the greatest foresight of the builders. There are three floors of well-lighted, well equipped assembly and class-

SERIES ON CHURCHES

This is the fourth of a series of articles on some of our outstanding churches. Other articles will appear in the near future. Be sure to read Rev. Harold W. Gieseke's radio message on page 4.

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rooms for the Bible School. A staff of 53 officers, teachers, and assistants, works under the supervision of General Superintendent Walter Kohrs.

The present emphasis is on increased teacher efficiency. With this in mind, a week-long training school for teachers was held last September. Twenty-eight standard certificates of credit were awarded. The attendance on prayer meeting night reached 67.

In addition to Sunday School classes, there are the monthly after-school meetings for Scripture memory work, for many years one of the specialties of Southwestern Conference churches. Fifty-nine boys and girls are enrolled in this program, supervised by Mrs. Delmar Kruse. Last summer, 29 youngsters earned a free week at the Kansas Scripture Memory Camp.

Every year, in late May, over 100 boys and girls and their teachers gather for an inspiring two-week Vacation Bible School, usually climaxed by the annual Sunday School picnic held in the neatly-kept church park next door.

RADIO MINISTRY

The First Baptist Church of Lorraine has always been interested in religious broadcasting. In the early 1940's, Dr. Pieter Smit began the "Evening Prayer Hour," a live broadcast carried by two nearby stations, which ran for about four years. In 1952, Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt began a 15-minute, tape-recorded broadcast which was named the LORRAINE HOUR. The program is now in its sixth year.

Broadcast over a centrally-located, 5000-watt station and at a good time (8:30 A.M. Sunday), the LORRAINE HOUR has gained a wide and appreciative listening audience. It reaches to northern Oklahoma and to southern Nebraska and is heard throughout most of the state of Kansas. Giving away nothing but the Gospel and ask-

ing for no contributions, the program features two vocal numbers accompanied by the church organ and a seven-minute message by Pastor Gieseke. Members finance the radio work by a monthly offering, at which time some of the listeners' letters are read. The church considers the LORRAINE HOUR one of its vital "extension" ministries.

MISSIONARY OUTREACH

In its missionary enthusiasm and outreach, the First Baptist Church of Lorraine possibly performs its highest service for the Lord Jesus Christ. By prayers and gifts and service, it tries to put into practice Christ's command to "disciple all nations." It pledges part of the salary of Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee at the Bansa Baptist Hospital in Africa. The missionary committee sends magazines to all foreign missionaries. The three women's societies ship tons of White Cross supplies and its members give generously. In the "1956 Reports," it led all our churches in the denomination in total gifts to our missionary enterprise. The church has given more than \$8,000 for Church Extension.

In the years since World War II ended, the church has poured, backed by prayer, at least a quarter of a million dollars into our North American Baptist missionary work. With the prayerful hope that such splendid missionary ardor will never cool, interesting three-day missionary conferences are held each spring. In 1956, Missionaries Gilbert Schneider and Florence Miller brought challenging messages on the work in the Cameroons and in Japan. Dr. Paul Gebauer has been invited for 1958.

Nor is the church's contribution in money alone. Through the years a steady stream of consecrated men and women have gone from Lorraine to serve for shorter or longer periods in the world's ripe harvest fields. Their names include O. R. Schroeder, Julius E. and George Ehrhorn, L. B. Holzer, R. G. Kaiser, the Edgar Steinbergs, Walter Schmidt, Amanda Kruse, Elizabeth Mohlman, Gordon H. Schroeder, First Baptist Church, Lincoln, Neb.; Donald McCracken, Baptist Church, Concordia, Kans.; Eldon and Ramona Schroeder (now in Kyle, Texas), El Dean Kohrs, serving as youth minister of the First Baptist Church of Flemington, N. J., and Kent Janssen, the minister of music and educational director of the First Baptist Church of Garden Grove, California.

AS BIG AS THE WORLD

If one has never been to Lorraine, the inevitable question is: How big is your town? It has a population of 170! It is a tiny spot, rather hard to find on a map. Until recently, it had no paved streets, nor was it accessible by all-weather roads. In February 1957, fire destroyed five buildings of the business block. But now there are excellent roads, the streets are paved, and



The business district of Lorraine, Kansas (population, 170), and some of the residential homes as photographed from the top of the elevator.

civic pride and determination have given the town a "new look."

By subscription, a new community building, housing the United States Post Office and a restaurant, was erected. There is a determination to make the town, the splendid school system and the church grow! To be sure, the church also draws from a much larger rural area. People drive from 12 to 15 miles to come to church in Lorraine.

The story of the First Baptist Church

of Lorraine demonstrates that one can live and work in a small town and still have a heart as big as the world. God has richly blessed the "church of the pioneers" through its 80-year history. Now, in 1958, its ardent hope and prayer are that it may measure up to its responsibility and be worthy of its heritage. Whether ministering at home, over the radio, or to the ends of the earth, it desires its every resource to be (as the cornerstone says) "dedicated to the glory of God."



A Vacation Bible School class studies an important Bible lesson under the leadership of Mrs. Delmar Williamson, teacher.



Some of the 300 Russian Evangelical Baptist refugees, after a two-year trek from Singkiang, China, now living in deplorable surroundings in horrible floods at Shanghai, China.

ARE THERE STILL REFUGEES?

A Call for "Good Samaritans" in Our Modern Day, Following a Trip to Europe
by Rev. William Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Manitoba

THE WESTERN WORLD was blissfully unaware of the existence of refugees until the sudden burst of fleeing Hungarians a little more than a year ago. Most people in the United States and Canada were rudely awakened by this Hungarian revolution and showed a magnificent spurt of help. But since then most of them have sunk back into the accustomed routine of "the American way of life."

Unless you have lived and suffered with the refugees, it is impossible fully to grasp the fact that millions of people are still being driven from home and hearth, or are fleeing from fear, hatred and devilish systems. The individual is so easily lost in "millions." Perhaps it might do all of us good to let them pass in front of us—single men, girls, women with children, families of all sizes. (Not many aged seem to be among them. The trek is too hard, and they are not bothered.) The Hungarians were looked after in a grand manner, and with a little cooperation on their part they can now settle down to a new start.

PICTURE OF MISERY

Let the tourist in Europe, instead of heading for famous European attractions, sit for a couple of hours in the Geneva office in Switzerland of Miss M. Jaboor, World Council of Churches, Service to Refugees Department. From all parts of the world they knock at her door—30,000 refugees a month into Hong Kong, China; unknown numbers in Palestine, Indo-China, and Korea.

Here are some letters dated October 1957 from Shanghai, China, and a Chinese interior place called Singkiang: "We are a group of 300 Russian Evangelical Christian Baptists. After a two-

year trek from Singkiang, we reached Shanghai in 1956. Our situation at present is most difficult. Our lodgings are of the worst kind, located on the outskirts of the city. They are very damp. When the rain falls, water penetrates into our rooms. Our children are often ill because of humidity and under-nourishment. They have no possibility of going to school. Our clothes are old and worn out, while we must economize to the utmost on food, which is very scarce. These hardships oblige us to ask for help from Christians abroad."

Pictures taken by an American ICEM doctor, who visited these people in Shanghai, make the written reports by Elder V. seem completely inadequate in describing their condition. The occupational list shows that the majority of these refugees are farmers, some tradesmen, and some professional men. The chances for these people to get out into the Western World are slight, since they are caught in a tangle of official and unofficial difficulties. No exit visas unless entrance visas to another country! No entrance visas unless examined! No examination in Communist states! No money to move these people over such tremendous distances!

GERMAN REFUGEE CAMPS

From Shanghai, let's go back to Germany. The tremendous economic boom in Western Germany has unfortunately obstructed the vision of re-

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"A holy life is a voice; it speaks when the tongue is silent, and is either a constant attraction or a perpetual reproof."

—Leighton.

sponsible German church leaders to the plight of refugees. One can become callous. Yet the faces of those people in distress are always new.

Time permitted me to see only three Auffangsläger—the famous "Friedland" near Goettingen, now the first western point for the 140,000 "Umsiedler," who were permitted to leave Poland and Yugoslavia. The pastor of the Goettingen Baptist Church had asked one of his deacons to drive us the 10-mile distance. The present facilities are certainly a big improvement over the plain Nissen huts of eleven years ago, when I first saw Friedland.

A transport of 600 people had been fed, physically examined and registered. These were technically not refugees; hence there were a good many old people among them. Worn out, bent over, with deep lines in their faces, their hands calloused and deformed, they wore clothes and shoes which must have been from the time of pre-war days. These people were mostly from Silesia, some from East Prussia.

We talked to some of them. "Weren't you reluctant to leave your homeland?" — What does "Heimat" mean when you can no longer be happy in it and live in peace?"

MORAL BEHAVIOR

I found them again in a tremendous camp in Northern Germany. More than 5,000 persons were living—two or three families in one room—in two-story, former army barracks. They are from former German territories, now Poland and Yugoslavia. Their children can hardly speak German, because it was unwholesome or dangerous to converse in German. Here in the camp they get to eat sufficiently. Rooms and halls must be kept scrupulously clean.

But what to do with the children—

and there are so many of them. They will fight and fuss, yell and cry and laugh. Mothers get into conflict to protect their own darlings against the neighbors' undisciplined children. To walk or play on lawns is "Verboten." Or who can control the moral behavior in a camp of this size?

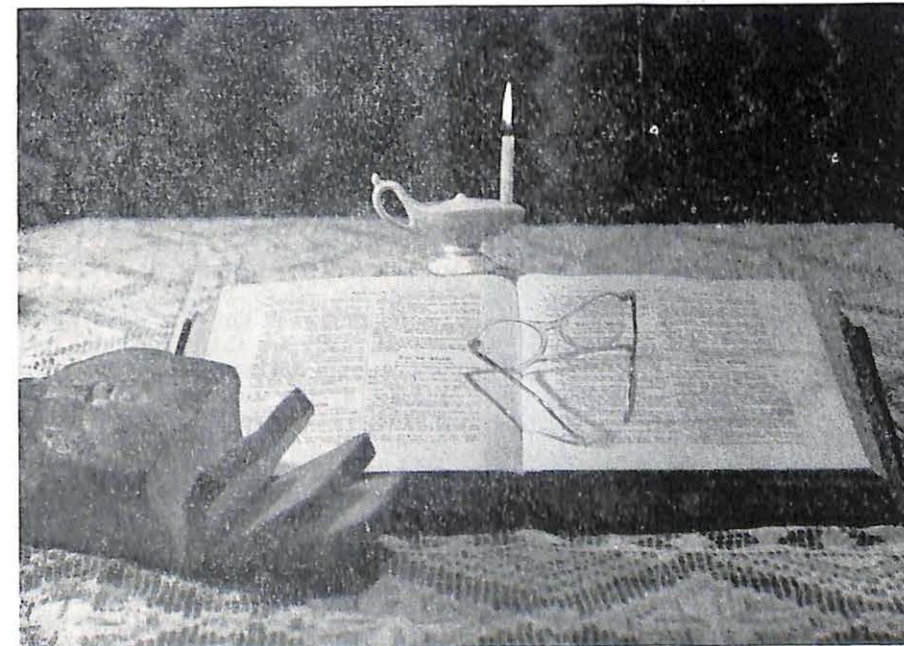
I found Mrs. K. with her four little ones in a dangerously nervous condition. Mr. K. had just left for the "Ruhrgebiet," that insatiable industrial center, where men can work, but where families cannot find housing.

HUMAN TRAGEDIES

But the greatest tragedy is written in the steady stream of people coming from the Eastern Zone to Western Berlin. Eight hundred persons had come on the Sunday prior to my visit on Monday morning. The Baptists have a deaconess working steadily in the camps. She tries to catch all Baptists passing through. The strain of working with refugees was beginning to wear her down. She needs a super-abundance of faith and prayerful support.

Three Baptist families had just come in. A teacher from Eastern Berlin found it no longer possible to live under instructions from the Soviet government and his Christian conscience. A mother with two boys, the older of whom was 16, had spoken out against the fiendish new "Jugendweihe," adopted by the Communists to replace confirmation of the church. A young man, with wife and one child, was there, who had been tipped off that an arrest was imminent.

The atmosphere in the camp is one of depressing silence. Signs warn you not to converse with strangers. No names are ever called out. There may be spies listening. All people have to figure on a six to eight week stay in camp before they can appear for the "Notaufnahmeverfahren."



Let the Good Samaritan walk over the earth again, offering bread to hungry refugees, light to those in darkness, and a spiritual ministry to those in desperate need!



First pictures of Russian Baptist refugees living in Shanghai, China, in lodgings of the worst kind who have sent Macedonian calls, dated Sept. 1957: "These hardships oblige us to ask for help from Christians abroad."

REFUGEE HEARINGS

By courtesy of the camp director, I was permitted to sit in on such a hearing, through which every refugee must pass, and which determines whether he receives refugee status or whether he is merely permitted to remain in Berlin under "Asylrecht." All approved refugees may expect to be flown to the West at government expense, and in time expect to be offered work and housing.

A panel of three experts from and on the Eastern Zone tries to make all possible inquiries about the applicant, and at the hearing determines by cross-examination whether the applicant deserves refugee status. The applicant before us had been arrested by the So-

viet police in 1950, and had been sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment for subversive activities against the state and for defamation of Soviet officers. In November 1957 without previous notice, he was given a letter, informing him that by the grace of the State his sentence had been reduced to seven years. On the day of his release he came across the border as a refugee. The panel found his statements correct. He was given refugee status with privilege to claim reimbursement for losses sustained by his arrest and flight. Not all cases run off quite as smoothly. To locate the Soviet spies out of the crowds is not easy, but the judges usually know when they speak to such a one. Arrests of escaped civil criminals and Soviet spies are made quietly in the camp.

ANY OPEN DOORS?

What happens further to these great numbers of people? Few of them anticipated that they would have to continue existing in an unbroken chain of refugee camps for months and years. Western German States are committed to accept certain numbers of them, but one of the largest states announced recently that it was unable to absorb more refugees.

It becomes quite evident that the entire Western World must assume greater responsibility for these victims of—not war, but peace—a peace which permitted Soviet troops to enslave millions of people, and which permitted a satanic system to establish hell in a country which could have been charming and lovely. Let the Good Samaritan walk over the earth again, and let him come out of our American and Canadian Christian churches and homes to serve these people who have been beaten and bruised by the post-war world!

Christ's Coming to Spanish-Americans

The Story of Christmas Joys and Sorrows on the Spanish-American Mission Field of Colorado

by Miss Helen Lohse, Missionary

TODAY WE HELD our first funeral service at the Spanish American Baptist Mission in the San Luis Valley of Colorado. Gene had been living with a common-law wife who decided she did not want him in the house last Saturday night. But he wanted to see his four-month-old son. So he broke the door glass and reached in to unlock the door. She warned him, but he did not take her seriously.

As Gene continued his attempt to enter, she pointed a rifle out the door and fired. When he ran away, she thought he had not been injured. Regardless of this, she informed the police of all that had occurred. Gene was taken to the local hospital, where he passed away four and one-half hours later. A soul eternally lost as far as we know.

"READY?"

The mother is a fine Christian woman who tries to lead her family aright despite a drinking husband who believes Catholic teaching but seldom attends church. She was thinking of having Rev. David Keiry, our missionary, conduct the service, but the father had to see the priest first. The family is penniless, and the request was absolutely denied. Thus, we have had an opportunity for which we are thankful. There were many unsaved persons at the funeral to hear Brother Keiry's stirring message entitled, "Ready?"

Perhaps, this seems like a strange beginning for an article concerning Christmas, but Christ came for just such a person as Gene. The Savior was born "unto you," each one of us. Gene only had to choose eternal life or eternal rejection, and therefore we could do nothing but to present to curious listeners the message of the Babe of Christmas and the work of salvation which Christ finished at Calvary.

An entirely different story from the one you have just read took place on December 15. Let me go back to December 14 and tell you what brought it about. During the children's meeting on that day, I showed "The Spider and the Fly," a story in slides.

Lily Fly decides she can go into Nick Spider's net in spite of repeated warnings. She is eaten. Then the slides show that Lily could not escape, but we who are caught in Satan's net of sin can escape because of Jesus' work on the Cross.

All that day a young girl of ten years thought about the net of sin in which she was caught and realized that there was a way out if she would accept it. Following Sunday School on December 15th, Gloria informed me

that she had something to tell me. I learned that she wanted to accept Christ and choose the way of eternal life for herself. We prayed together, and Christ came into her young life. Then she remarked, "Miss Helen, I feel so good now."

There was rejoicing in heaven that morning because of another child of God, and the Christmas season took on real meaning. We covet the prayers of all the readers of the "Baptist Herald" that more of our people may be convicted of their sin and need of the Savior.

The day before Christmas, I distributed gifts to those who had attended Sunday School regularly. As I entered Sally's house I could see and smell that Christmas, indeed, was coming. She was busily putting a meat mixture into dough and frying these "empaneritas" in deep fat. "Miss Helen" was given two to enjoy during the Christmas season. At the Blea home enchiladas were being served. They love these corn tortillas with their lettuce, onion, cheese and hot sauce mixture.

The San Luis Valley received much more snow than usual during November and thus we were made aware of the coming season quite early. And so, rehearsals began for the programs which would be held. The young people in Monte Vista and Del Norte, Colorado, worked at a TV presentation called "Christmas on the Street."

In Del Norte, Honorio Blea served as a very efficient Master of Ceremonies as he stopped people and asked about their Christmas plans. Other young people played the parts of several high school girls, a local laborer, a minister and his wife, and a local business woman. This play seemed to make quite an impression on those who viewed it. The TV announcements



Two Spanish-American "senoritas" of the San Luis Valley, Colorado, at play on a Sunday afternoon.

throughout the play were our own Mission announcements, emphasized time and again.

Rev. David Keiry brought a very fine message as he challenged the 87 people present (21 were adults) to put Christ back into Christmas. Smaller boys and girls in both towns did well with their songs, recitations and playlet. Following the service two of our young men handed out bags of candy while I introduced each person to Brother Keiry. Now when they see him in Del Norte, they go out of their way to say "Hello."

Following our program, the young people wanted to go caroling. So with the Blea car as an extra, we started out. Several homes were opened to the young people and they were fed peanuts, candy and apples. We trust the message of the Christmas carols warmed the hearts of our listeners.

CHRISTMAS IN CENTER

In Center we are holding a Bible study class one night a week—no more. Christmas Eve was our regular meeting time and, since there would be no Christmas program, we decided to make this as special a night as possible. Before Rev. David Keiry arrived, we had rehearsed Christmas carols. We had considered the next chapter in our missionary story book and listened to a timely message. Basing his words on Matthew 1:21, Mr. Keiry showed how we can make our lives Christian.

Coats were then flung on, mittens and caps carried along as each one rushed out the door eager to begin caroling. At the first stop, we sang half a dozen carols, shouted Christmas greetings and were on our way to the next house. Later, a tired, cold group made its way back to the Suazo household where refreshments awaited us.

Christmas with all its many activities was over, and before we knew it the New Year had arrived. To usher in the New Year we held a service on January 1st in Del Norte. Fifty-two persons came to hear "The Living Word" as we presented stories in slides. Mr. Keiry brought a message challenging each one to choose Christ and be ready for that which the New Year might bring. All of us then viewed a film picturing Japan and showing how God's Word is used, distributed and printed over there.

While there were those Spanish people concerned primarily with rosaries and images and New Year's dances, others were concerned about the things of God, worshipping him who gave his all that the Christmas season might have real meaning and the New Year might hold hope and promise despite trials and temptations.

ENGAGEMENTS

- Dr. Frank H. Woyke
Feb. 2 (Sunday A. M.)—Randolph, Minn.
Feb. 2 (Sunday P. M.) — Jeffers, Minn.
Feb. 3-4—Secretarial visit at Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
Feb. 7-8—Executive Committee of the Sunday School Union, Forest Park, Ill.
Feb. 16 (Sunday)—Kankakee, Ill.
Feb. 23 (Sunday) — Sumner, Iowa.
Feb. 27-28 — Baptist Jubilee Committee session, Oak Park, Ill.

Rev. R. Schilke

- Feb. 9 (Sunday)—Bethany Church, Vesper, Kansas.
Feb. 10—Hurnville Church, Texas.
Feb. 12—Rio Grande City, Texas.
Feb. 13—Greenville, Texas.
Feb. 14-15—North Texas Association, Waco, Texas.
Feb. 16 (Sunday A. M.)—Gatesville, Texas.
Feb. 20-21—Dakota Conference Mission Committee, Bismarck, N. Dak.
Feb. 23 (Sunday)—Vida, Montana.
Feb. 24—Calgary, Alberta.
Feb. 25-26 — Northern Conference Mission Committee, Edmonton, Alta.

Rev. L. Bienert

- Feb. 9 (Sunday) — Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wis.
Feb. 19, 26 and March 5 — Leadership Training Course, Kenosha, Wis.
March 7-8—S. S. Lessons Committee Meeting, Forest Park, Ill.

Rev. J. C. Gunst

- Feb. 9 (Sunday A. M. and Afternoon)—Ground breaking exercises. Immanuel Church, Portland, Ore.
Feb. 9 (Sunday P. M.)—Bethany Church, Portland, Oregon.
Feb. 11—Milo Terrace Church, Los Angeles, Calif.
Feb. 12—Upper Bay Church, Santa Ana Heights, Calif.
Feb. 13—Berean Church, Los Angeles, Calif.
Feb. 14 — Harbor Trinity Church, Costa Mesa, Calif.
Feb. 16 (Sunday A. M.)—Magnolia Church, Anaheim, Calif.
Feb. 16 (Sunday P. M.)—Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif.
Feb. 18—Elk Grove, Calif.
Feb. 19 — Willow Rancho Church, Sacramento, Calif.
Feb. 23 (Sunday A. M. and Afternoon)—Tenth Anniversary, Temple Church, Lodi, Calif.
Feb. 23 (Sunday P. M.) — First Church, Lodi, Calif.
Feb. 27-28—Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee, Oak Park, Ill.

Rev. G. K. Zimmerman

- Feb. 2 (Sunday)—Madison, S. Dak.
Feb. 3-4 — Secretarial Visit at Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
Feb. 7-8—Sunday School Union Executive Committee, Forest Park.
Feb. 17-19 — Leadership Training

From the Professor's Desk

By Dr. Walter W. Wessel, Professor of Bible
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THE MINISTRY OF the Holy Spirit is made known to us in part through the words in the New Testament used to describe him. A particularly significant word is *parakletos*, transliterated into English *paraclete*.

This word occurs only five times in the New Testament. Four times it refers to the Holy Spirit (John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7) and once to Christ (I John 2:1). In the Authorized Version *parakletos* is translated "comforter" in all of the passages where it refers to the Holy Spirit. This rendering goes back to Wycliffe, whose translation of the New Testament had a great influence on later English translations. Undoubtedly, the context has had something to do with the persistence of the translation "comforter," since the three chapters of John's gospel in which the word occurs form part of the Upper Room Discourse with its disclosure that Jesus was about to depart out of this world.

However, as is evidenced by the most recent English versions of the New Testament, there is serious question about the suitability of Wycliffe's translation "comforter." (It should be said here that Wycliffe probably understood "comforter" in the sense of "strengthened" rather than "consoler." In present day English, "comforter" seldom or never means "strengthened.")

Etymologically the word *parakletos* means "one who is called to the side of another," especially in a court of law. Thus the basic meaning came to be "legal assistant, advocate." Luther apparently recognized this, for al-

though he translated *parakletos* by the German *Troester* ("comforter"), he added in a footnote: "The Paraclete is called an advocate, interceder, or counsel . . . who comforts, strengthens and helps the accused." The Revised Version suggests in the margin as the first alternative to "comforter," "advocate." The Revised Standard Version rendering is "counselor" and Phillips translates, "someone to stand beside you."

In John 14:16 the Holy Spirit is called "another *parakletos*." This statement seems to substantiate the meaning "advocate" rather than "comforter," since in I John 2:1 Jesus is explicitly called our advocate (cf. Rom. 8:34). The Holy Spirit then is another advocate, interceder (*Fuersprecher*). Plummer gives a good summary statement: ". . . He is represented as the Advocate, the Counsel, who suggests true reasonings to our minds and true courses for our lives, convicts our adversary the world of wrong, and pleads our cause before God our Father." (The Gospel According to John, p. 278).

From this it is evident that the translation "comforter," especially when it means "consoler," misses the mark. This, of course, is not to suggest that the Holy Spirit does not have a comforting ministry in the life of a Christian. When he comes to our aid to plead our cause, to teach and to remind, to bear witness to Christ, and to convict and convince the world of sin, certainly he brings comfort, but this is only incidental to his ministry as revealed in the word *parakletos*.

Course for Chicago Area churches, Forest Park, Ill.
Feb. 28-March 1-2—Workers' Conference, Sheffield, Iowa.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner

- Feb. 9-14 — Leadership Training Course, Parkston and Tripp, S. Dak.
Feb. 16 (Sunday A. M.) — Trinity Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
Feb. 23 (Sunday)—Dedication of S. S. Unit, McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Man.
Feb. 27-28—Baptist Jubilee Committee session, Oak Park, Ill.
March 4 — Chapel Service, Baptist Missionary Training School, Chicago, Illinois.

Miss Ruth Bathauer

- Feb. 17-19 — Leadership Training Course for Chicago Area churches, Forest Park, Ill.
March 7-8—S. S. Lessons Committee Meeting, Forest Park, Ill.

Rev. H. Palfenier, Evangelist

- March 2-9—Paul, Idaho.
March 16-23—Wishek, N. Dak.

Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Evangelist

- March 4-16 — Central Church, Edmonton, Alberta.
March 26-April 3—Kenosha, Wis.

God's Volunteers

- March 2-16 — Immanuel Church, Wausau, Wisconsin.
March 18-30—Dayton's Bluff Church, St. Paul, Minn.

EVENTS IN MARCH

- March 7-8—Sunday School Lessons Committee session, Forest Park, Ill.
March 9 (Sunday)—Bible Day. Offerings for Bible distribution by our Publication Society.
March 11-13—Pacific Northwest Pastors' Institute, Salem, Oregon.
March 20 — Denominational Workshop, Forest Park, Ill.
March 21—Summer Visitation Committee.
March 22 (A. M.)—Student Service Plan Committee.
March 22 (P. M.)—"God's Volunteers" Committee.

We the Women

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

INTRODUCTION

Youth Week was recently observed by the young people of our denomination. The World Day of Prayer is upon us this week. How fitting to have the wife of our denominational C.B.Y. Fellowship general secretary write this article which challenges us to "Our Mission" as women in the care of our youth. Together let us pray for them.

"WOMEN AND YOUTH"

by Mrs. Lawrence Bienert

The newspapers have carried front page articles on the "musts" of better education for the youth of today. One "must" is a need for improved student counseling and guidance.

There is no substitute for parental guidance and example. A godly home is the greatest moulding factor in the life of an individual. The mother is the child's first teacher in creating proper attitudes and manners, and an appreciation of the little as well as the great things in life. She is the one who goes before him saying, "This is the way; walk ye in it." Under such training and guidance, there is an atmosphere conducive to healthful growth and to the unfolding of personality.

When a successful young girl was asked the secret of her talent for communicating her sense of real values to others, she radiantly remarked that she had come from a home where human values meant more than material things, where giving is more important than receiving. All this was not attained overnight, but through a day-by-day performance—learning by doing.

We often find young people confused in their sense of values. Peter Marshall once prayed, "Help us to see all of life in its true perspective. Then we shall not fall in love with the things of time, but come to love the things that endure."

The moulding of a child into a young person who can judge values according to Christ's standards is the biggest need of today. This process takes place, not only in the home, but also in the church and community life. There is a great need for consecrated women who are willing to give of their time to show an interest in our youth by serving as CBY fellowship advisors, camp counselors, speaking words of encouragement, or opening their homes to youth gatherings. Above all, we must have faith in the ability of young people to discern the spiritual values of life.

May we humbly seek divine guidance in the fulfillment of our tremendous responsibility "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God . . ." (James 1:5).

"God's Volunteers" Challenge You!

A CALL FOR "PRAYER PARTNERS" by Rev. J. C. Gunst, Promotional Secretary

WE ARE THANKFUL for "God's Volunteers." Immediately our thoughts turn to our team of six young people and their director, Rev. Elmer C. Strauss, when we mention "God's Volunteers." Actually all of God's children, every consecrated church member, is a volunteer for the cause of Christ. Right now, let us concentrate on the activities of the team, known to our people and churches as "God's Volunteers."

The first three-month period of activities for the 1957-1958 Volunteers has passed. The team studiously and faithfully has prepared for and carried out every assignment in churches where arrangements to serve had been made. From the North American Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., where the team spent four weeks of intensive training, they travelled to Portland, Oregon, then to Vancouver, B. C., then on to Los Angeles and vicinity, and back to Sacramento, Calif.

GOSPEL VICTORIES

Wherever they went, the Gospel has been proclaimed in word and song in our churches and families have been contacted in the communities. The members of the team have witnessed, taught God's Word and invited people to the churches. Upon the many invitations to accept Christ as Savior, they have experienced answers to their and our prayers. Souls have come to know Christ. Some of these have already been baptized and have joined the churches. These new converts are today serving their Lord in his Church.

In three months' time, they have made 3,673 calls, interviewed 416 persons and led 80 to Christ. In nearly all engagements on their itinerary, church leaders, members and pastors have cooperated wonderfully to achieve

results in this special effort of evangelism. Church members have graciously provided hospitality for the team members.

Have you, your family members, the members of your church been faithful in praying for the ministry of "God's Volunteers," as we all should have been? The work is to be carried on for another three months.

ONLY 184 PARTNERS

By the end of December 1957, 184 contributors from our various churches had sent their gifts in support of "God's Volunteers." Approximately 175 individuals have joined together in an effort to be prayer partners in the support of "God's Volunteers." That is really not too large a number of prayer partners when we realize that in our General Conference there are over 49,000 members.

Also on December 31, \$2,672.57 had been contributed towards the "God's Volunteers" project. In order to meet the team's expenses which includes travel in the 1955 Station Wagon, meals and lodging en route from church to church, the salary of the director, as well as other minor incidentals, \$7,000 are needed. The team's services will continue until Easter this year.

Sometime ago a supply of "Prayer Partner" forms were made available to your pastor. Will you not take time to ask your pastor for a "Prayer Partner" form? Fill it out prayerfully and return it to our office in Forest Park, Ill., thus becoming not only a "Prayer Partner" for the ministry of "God's Volunteers" but also having a vital part in the soul winning ministry which "God's Volunteers" carry out so faithfully.

We are already making plans, God (Continued on Page 24)

"GOD'S VOLUNTEERS" AND YOU!

- Visiting thousands of homes.
- Winning scores of people for Christ.
- Holding evangelistic meetings.
- Serving without pay for 8 months.
- Witnessing to the Gospel's power.
- Will you pray for this team of "God's Volunteers" and its director, Rev. Elmer C. Strauss, and enlist as a "God's Volunteer Prayer Partner"? Will you share in this ministry with a gift of \$5.00 toward the support of "God's Volunteers" program?

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Ask your pastor (or write to address below) for a "God's Volunteers Prayer Partner" form. Fill it out and return it to

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What's Happening

• Rev. Walter G. Gummelt of Fort Worth, Texas, pastor of the Hurnville Baptist Church near Henrietta, Texas, recently presented his resignation to the church effective February 3rd. He and Mrs. Gummelt have moved to Washington, D. C., where he will engage in further studies. Mr. Gummelt plans to return to the southland in about two years. He served as pastor of the Hurnville Church since 1955.

• An eight scene pageant, "The New Born King," was presented at the Anamoose Baptist Church, Anamoose, N. Dak., during the Christmas season by 20 young people of the church. The pageant was written by Mrs. A. Krombein. The C. B. Y. Fellowship meets regularly once a month for its programs with Miss Remona Buxa serving as president of the group. Rev. A. Krombein is the pastor.

• January was observed as "Know Your Denomination" month at the Bethel Baptist Church, Sheboygan, Wis. At the Watchnight Service pictures were shown of our Canadian churches and General Conference. On the Sunday evenings of the month, colored slides of our missionary fields were presented and an outlined history of the denomination given by Rev. Fred Mashner, pastor, at the midweek services.

• Rev. G. E. Friedenberg of Buffalo, N. Y., recently presented his resignation to the Temple Baptist Church of Buffalo, now of Cheektowaga, N. Y., and announced that he had accepted the call to become the assistant pastor at the First Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa. He has served the Buffalo Church since 1949. In the Pittsburgh church, a church of the American Baptist Convention, he will be the assistant to Dr. L. B. Moseley. Mr. Friedenberg's ministry there will begin on March 1st.

• Rev. Aaron Buhler, pastor of the Colonial Village Church, Lansing, Mich., offered the opening prayers for the Michigan State Senate and House of Representatives in Lansing on January 15 and 16. A large congregation in the Colonial Village church heard Mr. R. G. LeTourneau, outstanding Christian businessman, on Sunday morning, January 26, at the worship service. It has been announced that the total indebtedness on the church building is down to \$69,000. The total cost of the church was about \$202,000 in cash in addition to the donated labor.

• Revival meetings were held by the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif., from Feb. 9 to 16 with Rev. Robert S. Hess of Tacoma, Wash., serving as evangelist. On Monday evening, Janu-

ary 13, the Men's Fellowship of the church presented the "Martin Luther" film to a large and appreciative audience. On Sunday evening, January 12, the Elk Grove CBYF sponsored the Willow Rancho Baptist Choir from Sacramento, Calif., in the presentation of their Christmas cantata. Rev. W. W. Knauf is pastor of the Elk Grove Church.

• The Bethany Baptist Church of Hutchinson, Minn., was host at a joint baptismal service held on Sunday evening, Dec. 6. Six candidates from the Franklin Street Baptist Church were baptized, with Rev. R. D. Gilquist officiating. Six candidates from the Bethany Baptist Church were also baptized with Rev. Elmo Tahran, pastor of that church, officiating. Of the ten who were taken into the church's fellowship on Dec. 15 and Jan. 5, six were by baptism and four by letter and confession of faith, as reported by Mrs. Henry Schatt.

• On Sunday evening, Dec. 22, the Men's Chorus of the Men's Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church, Goodrich, North Dakota, presented a musical program. Beginning with January, the church men are visiting the shut-ins and unsaved people in the community, going two by two to various homes. This visitation program is in charge of the pastor, Rev. I. H. Schmuland. He baptized 12 converts last fall. The average attendance for 52 Sunday mornings in 1957 was 156. An illustrated report about the dedication of the church parsonage appears elsewhere in this issue.

• The Herreid Baptist Church, Herreid, S. Dak., held a Watchnight Service with laymen and church officers in charge of the program. Rev. Alfred Weisser, the new pastor, did not begin his ministry until the following Sunday. The brethren of the church served the refreshments during the second hour, preparing the coffee, waiting on tables, and even washing and drying the dishes. Many people of the church brought their testimonies of praise in the closing hour. "While the church bells were ringing in the new year," as reported by Mrs. E. A. Bischke, "the

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"The best things are nearest: light in your eyes, flowers at your feet, duties at your hand, the path of God just before you. Then do not grasp at the stars but do life's common work as it comes, certain that daily duties and daily bread are the sweetest things of life."—Selected.

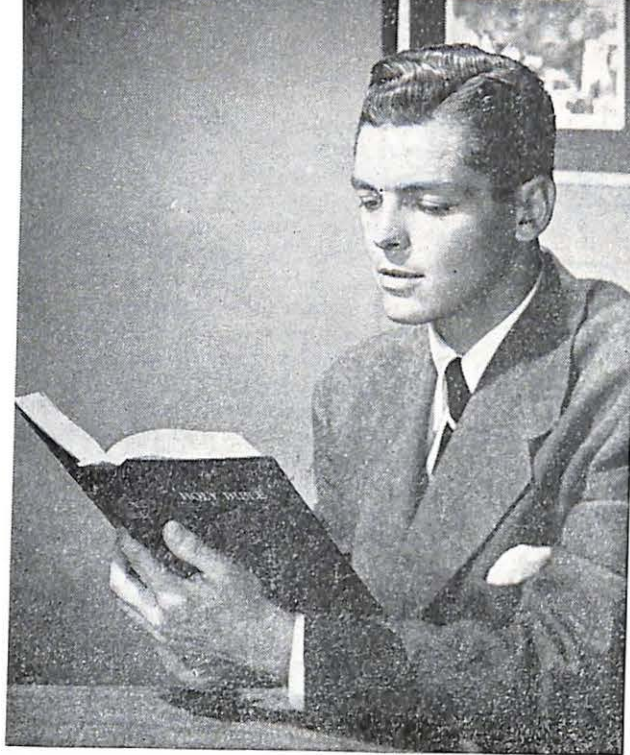
members of the church were united in prayer to God."

• From January 6 to 10, the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Shattuck, Okla., observed the "Week of Prayer." The guest speaker on the last three nights was Rev. Harry Haas of the Ebenezer Church near Elmo, Kansas. At the Christmas program on Christmas Eve, the Senior Young people presented the play, "Simeon, Stable Hand!" At the December meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society, the program was presented that had been compiled and written by Mrs. LeRoy Schauer. It was entitled, "Christmas on Our Home Mission Fields." Rev. LeRoy Schauer, pastor, also serves as editor of the monthly mimeographed "Church Newsletter."

• On Dec. 17, twenty voting members of the Zion Baptist Church, Vida, Mont., resolved to go on record that the church dissolve its organization and discontinue to function as a Baptist church. The General Missionary Society, in whose name title to the property is held, will dispose of the property. The last service to be held in the church will probably be on Sunday, Feb. 23, which will be attended by Rev. R. Schilke, General Missionary Secretary. Rev. A. Bertsch has resigned as pastor of the church which he has served since 1954. A more detailed report about the disbanding of the church will appear later in the "Baptist Herald."

• On Friday evening, Jan. 3rd, the Grace Baptist Church of Union City, N. J., and the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Jersey City, N. J., legally merged. The merger resolutions were passed by each congregation without a dissenting vote. The new combined congregation then adopted its new name, The Cornerstone Baptist Church of Union City, N. J., "with Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone." The membership of the new church is 88 with Rev. Donald G. Mostrom as the pastor. The officers of the church are: clerk, Mrs. Mary Johnson; treasurer, Miss Elsie Wyrich; mission treasurer, Mr. Frank Hickman; and deacons, Messrs. Fred Kling, Sr., Herman Kumm, Sr., and Richard Pusch.

• At a recent business meeting the Baptist Church of Lockwood, Sask., officially voted to disband. Some of the equipment of the church, that represents memorials, will be donated to a nearby North American Baptist group. The church building will be moved for further services on a new location. Eight church members have already joined the Baptist Church at Nokomis, Sask., and several others are still undecided. Rev. Oscar Fritzke served as pastor of the Lockwood Church in addition to his principal charge at Nokomis, Sask., There seemed to be no promising future whatsoever for this small church in this struggling community, according to reports from the congregation.



—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 was irritated by his college roommate and close friend, David Gardner, because he announced that he was going to be a preacher. Both of the young men returned to their home town for summer vacation, where Barry tried to revive his romance with Cicily. But she had become cool to Barry's attention since he hadn't written to her while away at school. In the meantime, Barry became interested in David's story of his man-sized job as a Sunday School teacher of boys. He saw a wonderful look in David's eyes as he helped these boys. Barry became uneasy about his own life and about Cicily, his girl friend.

CHAPTER FOUR

AS THE SUMMER advanced, Cicily became uneasy over Barry's attitude. It seemed that he had philosophically yielded to her request to leave the subject of love out of their conversation. It worried her for he seemed too well content to let matters drift. Had she driven him from her? Had she overplayed her part in her foolish whim to keep him in suspense and killed the love for which she had longed and for which she had waited all these years?

There was nothing she could do about it but to hold out some little seductive shred of hope to him in the tones of her voice, the lingering glance of her eyes and the many little artifices she knew so well how to use. To her dismay Barry seemed blind to them all.

Barry had been far from accepting the situation philosophically. Though he felt that he deserved punishment for the way he had ignored Cicily in the past, that fact did not make the punishment any easier to bear. If Roy Farlan had not been an unpleasant part of the triangle, he would perhaps have felt less uncomfortable over the whole situation. But after that tennis game he began to wonder if he had not been too confident over the eventual outcome of his effort to win Cicily's

love. He was glad that David had kept him busy helping with the boys. It kept him from brooding too much over the prospect of defeat.

David's work with the boys interested him, yet there were times when his absorption in this work annoyed Barry, for it kept them from sharing so many other diversions together.

"Aren't you ever going to take time off for any more fun this summer?" he asked in exasperation when David had refused to go with him on an outing.

"I'm having all the fun I want," David replied. "It all depends upon what you call fun—upon your view point."

"Well, yours is all out of line. It's warped," Barry grumbled.

"No. It's just gotten straightened out. It was warped before. I'll enjoy myself this evening, talking to Pee Wee's mother and helping her to feel that the world is not all against her. All you'll get from your party will be a headache tomorrow, if I know you as well as I think I do."

"There wasn't going to be any drinking on this party, out of respect to the parson," Barry informed him. "But if you won't go, I'm going to let loose, just to prove to myself that I'm still able to enjoy life."

As time passed Barry could not help but notice the change in the boys, especially in Pee Wee Banks. He had seen the boy's confidence in himself grow as his importance to the team grew. He saw the bitterness in the boy's thin face give way to eager boyish pride when he appeared in his first new suit of clothes, bought with the money he had earned. The beaten, cowed look had vanished.

"A few weeks surely have made a change in that kid," Barry remarked as they stood watching the boys practicing one afternoon. "The new suit

and his importance to the team have done it, I suppose."

"I don't think that is the only reason," David said as his serious gaze rested upon Pee Wee's small figure. "I think one reason is because he knows that I am his friend and that I am counting on him to make good. It makes a lot of difference to a fellow when he knows he has a friend who is counting on him."

"You're strong for friendship, aren't you?" Barry asked banteringly.

"Yes, I am." David gave him a smile. "It's one great force in the social order that can either make or break a person. Take that boy, for instance. With the proper guidance and the right kind of friends, he'll make the right kind of a man. If he makes the wrong friends, he'll go wrong as sure as anything. He's the type to be influenced for either good or evil by his associates. So many of us are," and he flashed a whimsical smile at Barry. "Look how you used to lead me into things. If you'd been the criminal type, I suppose I would have followed you right down the line to the pen."

"And now you're leading me around by the nose and making me like it," Barry replied with a grin.

As the summer passed and the time approached when he would be leaving, Barry became more and more concerned about Cicily. He determined to find out where he stood with her before he left. One evening he went to see her and they sat on the front porch in the early evening darkness. He came to the object of his visit at once.

"I suppose you know what I'm going to say, Cicily," he began. "I've told you often enough this summer, until you gave orders for me to drop the subject. But I'm going to say it again for the last time. I love you, Cicily. Do

you love me enough to wait for me or had I better get used to the idea that you don't love me at all?"

"I thought you had already gotten used to the idea," she replied.

"You mean that you don't care?" There was a strained note in his voice that brought a smile to her lips.

"I mean that you never mentioned your love any more, so I thought you had changed your mind about loving me."

"How could you have thought that when I spent every moment with you that you'd let me?"

"It's good to know that you haven't stopped," she said. "I was afraid that you had."

"Afraid! Then you do care? he cried and gained possession of her hand. "Tell me that you do."

"As if you didn't know!" she said in tones that made his heart beat suddenly faster. "As if you haven't known all along. That's what hurt so, that you knew I loved you and you forgot me so easily."

He suddenly took her in his arms and his lips lingered upon hers.

"What a sap I was," he said presently. "To run the risk of losing you as I did. You will wait for me, won't you, darling? If I know you're waiting for me, I can get that law course over with so much easier and so much quicker."

"Since I've waited all this time, a little while longer won't matter, now that I know you care."

They sat there in the darkness with his arm around her, too happy in each other's nearness to mar that perfect joy with words.

Whatever doubt Barry might have had about sharing a room with David at college soon disappeared when they began their work there. All of the constraint which he had felt toward David since his conversion had been wiped out during their summer together. He realized that David would not try to exercise any restraint upon him. Though there were places where David would not go, there were many times when they went out together.

Barry discovered that, since he was free to come and go as he pleased, midnight hours spent in night spots had lost some of their attraction for him. Perhaps it was because of Cicily, or perhaps it was because it was not so pleasant since he could not have David with him to share the fun.

He would have scoffed at the suggestion that David was unconsciously exerting an influence upon him, but it was there, nevertheless, a subtle force which Barry acknowledged without realizing it. He revealed it in his shamefaced, guilty attitude after a night spent with a riotous group, when he had come in after drinking too much and had waked with the headache which always followed these parties.

"What do you suppose is the matter

with me?" he grumbled one Sunday morning after one of these affairs, when he had awakened to find David dressed and ready for church. "Am I getting to be a doddering old man? I don't seem to get any fun out of these parties any more."

"Perhaps you're just getting old enough to realize that a party which has to be pepped up with a lot of liquor is not much fun after all," David suggested.

"Now don't start on any temperance lecture, because I'm not in the humor to listen to it," Barry warned crossly.

"Have I ever given you a lecture?" David asked.

"No," Barry growled sullenly, "and don't begin now. Go on to church and leave me with my headache. Just because you feel so superior to such things as I enjoy is no reason for you to disapprove of them." He felt in the mood for arguing and David's calm content irritated his discordant nerves. Underneath it was a sense of guilt which irritated him more.

"I thought you said you didn't enjoy them any longer," David replied with a smile. "I'm not disapproving of you, at least not verbally. What I think is my own business."

"Well, what do you think?" Barry demanded irritably. "You may as well say it as to look so smug about it."

"I wasn't aware that I was looking smug. I'm not feeling smug at all," David replied gravely. "I'm just thankful that I came to my senses and realized what a sap I'd been before it was too late. Before I'd spent my youth and energy upon things that do not count."

"So you're kidding yourself into believing that going to church and feeling pious counts for something." Barry sat on the side of the bed and held his head in his hands.

"It's at least more pleasant than nursing a headache caused by a liquor-scaked brain," David replied with a grin as he went out and shut the door behind him.

Barry lay back upon the bed and tried to sleep but his throbbing head would not let him. Was David right, after all? he mused as he tossed restlessly and miserably back and forth in a vain endeavor to get comfortable.

That party had been a flop from the start. He had tried to pep himself up with liquor, but he had gotten so groggy that he didn't know what was going on before the party was half over. What a party that had been! What had he gotten out of it but the memory that he had spent too much money, money which he could ill afford to spend, an upset stomach and a splitting headache?

Shame such as he had never felt before, swept over him, at his own folly. But this feeling of shame irritated him and he felt an unreasoning anger at David.

Barry's thoughts reverted to that

first night they had spent in this room. He had undressed and gotten into bed first, leaving David to turn out the light. David had gotten out his Bible and sat for a while reading it.

"Do you really believe everything in the Bible?" Barry asked.

"Of course I do. It's the Word of God and if I believe in God I must believe his Word. Either the whole Book is true or I can't believe any of it, for I wouldn't know which was truth and which was falsehood. If God's Word isn't true, every word in the Bible, then the whole foundation of man's faith is swept away. There's nothing left. If there is one false statement in the Bible, then how can we be sure there is a God or heaven or hell or salvation? We'd never be able to separate the false from the true."

"Then you swallow Jonah and the whale too?" Barry asked with a crude attempt at wit.

"Sure I do. I believe that when the Bible says that God prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah that He really did it. A God who is able to create the universe out of nothing, can create a fish which could do all the things that Jonah's fish did. But after all, those are not the things that count most in the Bible. If people would spend less time quibbling about non-essentials and try to live according to the principles set forth in the Bible, they would be much better off."

"What principles?" asked Barry, with a yawn.

"Briefly, I'd say those involved in the two great commandments. Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, soul, mind and strength and love thy neighbor as thyself. If even the people who call themselves Christians would really do that, then it would be so much easier to convince the world that Christianity is real."

A few minutes later David knelt by the bed in prayer. It was the first time Barry had ever seen him do that.

"Why didn't I ever see you praying when we were at college before?" he asked when David had arisen from his knees.

"Because I was a coward," David answered. "I was afraid you would laugh at me. I always waited until the light was out."

"How do you know I won't do it now?" Barry asked with a grin.

"I don't," David retorted. "But now I don't care if you do. I'm no longer afraid."

"What do you say when you pray?" asked Barry.

"I talk to the Lord about myself, my problems, my hopes and disappointments. I thank Him for my blessings and ask His guidance. Then I talk to Him about my friends and loved ones."

"Meaning me?" asked Barry, surprised and uneasy.

"To be sure. You're the best friend I have, aren't you?"

(To Be Continued)

Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: March 2, 1958

Theme: ONE IN CHRIST

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-7; 11-16.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Unity of the organized church of Jesus Christ can be attained to a greater degree if we strive for a deeper unity of the spirit.

INTRODUCTION: We are living in an age of "Big Business," "Monopolies," "Cartels," "Unions" and "Mergers." Even our government is taking over more power and authority from the individual and from private enterprise. There are advantages in this as well as disadvantages. Certain groups welcome the changes because of the social and economic security they have gained. On the other hand, many complain because of the lack of individual initiative and the loss of personal freedom. The basic problem is how to have a strong, cooperative, organized nation and, at the same time, preserve the freedom of individual thought and action. The danger and temptation are to go from one extreme to the other. The organization may become so big that it forgets the individual, and the individual may become so self-centered that he forgets the organization.

These two "spirits" are also evident in the church of Jesus Christ. Some are so busy organizing the universal church that they forget the lost soul. Others are so busy looking for the "lost sheep" that they neglect the "ninety-nine" others in the fold.

I. UNITY OF SPIRIT. Eph. 4:1-3.

It is well to remember that the Spirit of Christ is a unifying Spirit. In the training of the twelve disciples, it seemed impossible, humanly speaking, to draw these men together in a united group. Their clashing personalities, contrasting temperaments and vocational backgrounds could only have been united by the Spirit of Christ. Patience, humility and love brought about the first and greatest soul-winning organization in the history of the Christian church.

II. UNITY IN DOCTRINE. Eph. 4:4-7.

This is one of the greatest sources of our Christian disunity. After almost two thousand years of differences that have led to endless discussion, breeding hate, persecution, torture, death and war, we will certainly not settle the age-old controversies in a thirty-minute Sunday School session. Time, however, should be given to the meaning of faith, belief, creed, church doctrine and Bible doctrine. How can we find a basis for unity in the doctrines which Paul mentions here?

III. UNITY IN MINISTRY. Eph. 4:11-15.

One source of our unity can be found by accepting the fact that all of us are endowed with different talents. They should be used to compliment each other and not to compete with each other. They should be used in the service of Christ and not for selfish purposes. If we use these talents to draw people around us, we create division and disunity; but if we use them to draw men to Christ, we help to create unity of faith.

IV. UNITY IN ORGANIZATION. Eph. 4:16.

No one will deny the fact that a disorganized body will not function properly. If there is any sign of lameness or paralysis, the body becomes limited and sometimes completely useless. Paul is urging for a unity with Christ as its Head. If he has full control of his church, then organizational unity will come more naturally.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: March 9, 1958

Theme: THE CHURCH'S INFLUENCE ON SOCIETY

Scripture: Matthew 5:13-16; 1 Thessalonians 5:4-8; James 2:14-17.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The Christian must not only be able to say by faith, "I believe"; he must also be able to say by obedience, "I do!"

INTRODUCTION: The church is often so concerned about itself and its own problems that it loses contact with the needs and problems in its immediate neighborhood and in the nation. We look out for the church and let the devil look out for the world. It is so easy to forget that God so loved the world and that Christ died for the sin of the world. So much time and effort are spent in discussing the nature of the church that we often forget about the responsibilities of the church. Most of the activity of the members is limited to making the initial decision, signing a card, attending a service at least once a week and putting something in the collection plate. Necessary and commendable as these duties may be, they are only the "first principles of the oracles of God" (Heb. 5:12). There comes a time when we ought to look up and see the fields which are ready for harvest, the sin-

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ners which need saving, the social evils which need correcting, and the corrupt government which needs the influence and power of a Christian witness.

I. THE INFLUENCE OF THE CHURCH THROUGH EXAMPLE. Matt. 5:13-16.

An example does not necessarily have the power to save anyone; but it does have the power of attraction. Jesus' example attracted multitudes, but not many of the multitudes were saved. Nevertheless, Jesus did not cease to be an example, nor did he refrain from giving his disciples a good example (John 13:15). He was the salt that was a preservative and which gave flavor to life. He was the light of the world which could not be hid. His followers are obligated to show the kingdoms of this world what the Kingdom of God is like. The world is bad even at its best, but think what it would be like without the salt and light of the church!

II. THE INFLUENCE OF THE CHURCH THROUGH WATCHFULNESS. 1 Thess. 5:4-8.

For the Christian there is naturally, first of all, a personal watchfulness which is necessary for preparedness as well as spiritual growth. The shepherd who fails to watch his sheep loses not only the sheep, but he loses his own sense of responsibility and duty. "Watch and pray" were some of the last solemn words spoken by Jesus to his disciples. Temptation and danger are close to every one of us, and we need to be spiritually alert. But the church needs to be watchful against the social evils all around us. The news stands are filled with filthy literature, the governments are often full of corruption, and the gambling and liquor interests have made great inroads into our communities simply because the church has failed to be watchful.

III. THE INFLUENCE OF THE CHURCH AND PRACTICE. James 2:14-17.

Example and watchfulness are good only if they are accompanied by active participation. The indictment which Jesus brought against the scribes and Pharisees was that in their standards of religion they were good examples and they were very vigilant. But their example and watchfulness were merely passive, for they never practiced what they preached. It was a show of religion but not a practice of religion. The church must make its influence actively felt if it is to make an impression on the evil in the world. A few well-meaning and half-hearted recommendations will do little good. We have the right to stand up and say, "Thus saith the Lord!" If God can use a Wilberforce and a Lincoln to wipe out slavery, then he can use other Christians to wipe out the evils of gambling, liquor and immorality.

Our Denomination in ACTION

Pacific Conference

Twenty Converts Baptized, Ebenezer Church, Vancouver

On Sunday evening, Dec. 29, the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, B. C., held a very beautiful and impressive baptismal service, with a large audience witnessing the happy event. Our pastor, Dr. A. S. Felberg, spoke briefly on "The New Testament Church, the Church of all Times" (Mark 16:14-16), after which he stepped into the baptismal waters and baptized 20 believers in Christ.

Weeks prior to the baptism, our pastor held classes of instruction for the candidates on salvation, baptism, communion, and obligation to the church. Most of those baptized were converts of our recent revival meetings with Rev. Daniel Fuchs and the "God's Volunteers" group.

The first of our Christmas programs was given on Dec. 18th when the German-speaking adults and children participated. The following Sunday all three services were enriched by special choir and musical contributions, and on Christmas Eve the scholars of the Sunday School offered an enjoyable program. Year closing exercises commenced with a brief memorial and workshop service, followed by an hour of fellowship in the lower auditorium and a New Year's dialogue presented by the young people.

Mrs. Eugen Lueck, Reporter

Atlantic Conference

Ridgewood Church, Brooklyn, Celebrates 103rd Anniversary

On Sunday, Jan. 12, the Ridgewood Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., was privileged to celebrate its 103rd anniversary. Our pastor, Rev. Paul Wengel, spoke at the German service about the two crosses in the life of the Christian: the cross on which Christ died, and the cross we are to take up each day.

Following the Sunday School session, our Family Worship Hour afforded us an opportunity to listen to the inspiring music of our adult and children's choirs. Mr. Don Taylor, our student pastor and leader of young people's work, participated in this service and Mr. Wengel delivered a sermon on the charge of the Apostle Paul to do everything to the glory of God.

A fellowship dinner was then enjoyed at the church, and in the afternoon we repaired to the sanctuary which was beautified by flowers presented by the young people's group. The various church organizations gave resumes of their activities during the year. A legacy of one of our departed members was presented to the church as we remembered those who during the past year had gone Home!

Marion von Ahnen, Reporter



Dr. A. S. Felberg, pastor of the Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, British Columbia, and 20 persons whom he baptized on Sunday, Dec. 29th.

Central Conference

Christmas Program and Auto Presentation, Alpena, Mich.

On Dec. 24, the Ripley Blvd. Church at Alpena, Mich., was filled to capacity for a traditional Christmas Eve program. The huge Christmas tree, beautifully decorated, stood on the platform, and the sacred music told of that night, almost 2000 years ago, of the birth of Jesus, our Savior.

The program, sponsored by the Sunday School, opened with recitations and songs. A playlet, "The Christmas Heart," followed with Mrs. Leonard Schwenke as director. Special music by the choir was presented, including numbers by the men's quartet. General chairman of the program was Mrs. Eric Kuhn.

As a fitting climax to the Christmas program, Leonard Schwenke, chairman of the Board of Deacons, presented



Leonard Schwenke (left), chairman of the board of deacons of the Ripley Blvd. Church, Alpena, Mich., presents the keys to a new car as a gift from the church to Rev. Eric Kuhn, pastor (right) and his wife and one of their three daughters.

to Rev. and Mrs. Eric Kuhn and family a gift too large to wrap, namely, the keys to a new 1958 Chevrolet automobile, a gift from members and friends of the church in loving appreciation of service during the five and one-half years as pastor and family. Mr. and Mrs. Kuhn responded with words of gratitude for the gift. May God continue to use them mightily to win souls for him in this coming year!

Mrs. Omer S. Turnbull, Reporter

December Events at Round Lake Church, Gladwin

The month of December proved to be a very busy one for us at the Round Lake Baptist Church, Gladwin, Mich. On Dec. 15 we had a united baptismal service with the First Baptist Church, Auburn, Mich., with one of our young people, Carol Renas, being baptized.

On Dec. 22, the C.B.Y. presented the play, "The Road to Bethlehem." Many Christians have become so busy with the trimmings and trappings of Christmas that they have strayed from the road that leads to Bethlehem. The cast consisted of 15 young people. The play was directed by Mrs. Stanley Wolfe. The Junior Department of the Sunday School presented a program of recitations, songs and instrumental numbers on Christmas Eve. The choir presented the cantata, "Wonderful," on Sunday evening, Dec. 29. Mrs. Stanley Wolfe is the choir leader.

The church is installing oil heat in the very near future. A short time ago a deep freeze was purchased for the parsonage which is deeply appreciated by the present occupants. We have started a church library. Many books have been donated and new books have been bought by various departments of the church. We observed Prayer Week, Jan. 6 to 10, meeting in homes for some of the services.

Mrs. Ernest Lautt, Reporter

Watchnight Service, Colonial Village Church, Lansing, Mich.

New Year's Eve was a climactic night at the Colonial Village Baptist Church in Lansing, Mich. The evening started with a Fellowship Supper that was well attended, in spite of a severe snow and sleet storm. This was followed by a program of special music by guest artist Lois Hatt of HCJB of Quito, Ecuador, in song and on the organ and piano. Testimonies were given by four ladies of the church who are recent converts and new members of the church. These were clearly stated as having been saved from professing church membership and religion to a real experience of salvation through Christ.

tures of the "Nativity" along with other Christmas pictures.

The fireplace in the parlor made a real Christmas impression and the "new painting" added to the beauty of the Home as well as a new "Phonograph." The Christmas tree brought back memories of former doings in the church and Home. The Christmas service in the Home was held the day before Christmas, and Rev. Fred Sonnenberg brought a message that will long be remembered. Finally, the Foster Avenue Church young people and church brought an inspiring play. Thus, throughout the season "good will on earth prevailed" as minds and hearts gathered around the Christ!

M. Vanderbeck, Superintendent



Officers of the Baptist Hospital Auxiliary for the Mounds Park and Midway Hospitals, St. Paul, Minnesota. Left to right: Mrs. D. F. Dunn, Miss Mary Bryant, Mrs. V. L. Sommerdorf, Mrs. Anton Pearson, Mrs. Walter Melnik and Mrs. John LaBarre.

An installation service was conducted by our pastor, Rev. A. Buhler, for the new advisory board, which included several new members, made up of about 24 men. For this occasion Rev. Eugene Williams of Trinity Church, East Lansing, was present. He gave the charge to the new board.

The church has again enjoyed a year of blessing with 80 new members added to the rolls, 52 of these coming by baptism. We are looking forward to new and greater blessings in the coming year. We have three young men preparing for the ministry.

Ewald A. Roloff, correspondent

Christmas Events in the Central Baptist Home

Christmas was a great season! Several societies and individuals remembered the Central Baptist Home (Norridge) of Chicago, Ill., with gifts. The Forest Park Woman's Missionary Guild started the season with a play and lunch for all. Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts from churches in the area carolled and brought their "goodies." Friends and relatives helped the people celebrate by taking them to their homes for meals. The Bellwood Baptist Church and Forest Park and Foster Avenue Churches brought their messages of cheer and good will. The Telephone Company showed the pic-

Northwestern Conference

Baptist Hospital Auxiliary Organized in Minnesota

On Nov. 8, 1957 a Baptist Hospital Auxiliary was organized in the Twin Cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis for the purpose of giving Christian service to the Mounds Park and Midway Hospitals in St. Paul. At this organizational meeting, a tentative Constitution and By-Laws were adopted and a slate of officers elected. These are: president, Mrs. Anton Pearson; vice-president, Mrs. V. L. Sommerdorf; recording secretary, Mrs. David F. Dunn; corresponding secretary, Miss Mary Bryant; financial secretary, Mrs. Walter Melnik; and treasurer, Mrs. John LaBarre. Service will be given to the Nursing Students and patients. Tentative plans have been made to provide entertainment for the students, especially for those from out-of-town, and to provide such items as tray favors for the patients.

All women are invited to join this Auxiliary, especially those who have a concern for the training of Christian Nurses at Mounds-Midway School of Nursing (38 alumnae are now serving mission fields), who want the Mounds

Park and Midway Hospitals to have an effective witness for Christ in its ministry and who believe in prayer and service. This is the only Baptist School of Nursing and Hospital in the mid- and northwest. Two of the 38 alumnae now serving on the Mission Field are in the Cameroons, Africa: Miss Laura Reddig at the New Hope Settlement and Miss Eleanor Weisenberger at the Banso Hospital.

Mrs. David F. Dunn, Reporter

God's Blessings at Pioneer Church, Pound, Wis.

We of the Pioneer Baptist Church, Pound, Wis., can give thanks to the Lord for his many blessings. The month of December was especially filled with numerous blessings. On Dec. 21st the C.B.Y. had charge of the evening service and presented the play, "Sharing Christmas." On Christmas Eve the Sunday School under the direction of William Borkowski, superintendent, presented "The First Christmas Carol" with all the children taking part.

Then at the Watchnight Service we were happy that a baptismal service could be held when two young brothers and a newlywed couple followed their Lord in baptism upon their confession of faith. The Week of Prayer was observed in the church. At the quarterly business meeting it was voted to increase the salary of our pastor, Rev. G. Wesley Blackburn.

Mrs. Emily Mattrisch, Reporter

Dakota Conference

Welcome Reception at Herreid, S. Dak., for New Pastor

Sunday, Jan. 5th, was a memorable day for us at Herreid, S. Dak., when Rev. Alfred Weisser and his family were welcomed as our new pastor and family. Mr. Weisser's first sermon, "Roads Into the Future," was an inspiration, a challenge and a blessing to us all. In the afternoon, the Ladies' Missionary Society held its monthly meeting at which time Mr. and Mrs. Weisser spoke words of encouragement.

The evening service, conducted by Rev. E. Broekel of Bismarck, N. Dak., was our welcome reception. Special music was rendered by the choir and by a group of boys and girls. Chairmen of the various organizations and the deacons of the church extended a hearty welcome to the Weissers to which they responded. Afterwards a social hour was enjoyed in the church parlors by more than 300 people.

It is with grateful hearts that we accept the leading of the Lord who has so marvelously directed Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Weisser to Herreid. May he richly bless us in the future!

Mrs. E. A. Bischke, Reporter

Events at Grace Church, West Fargo, N. Dak.

Evangelistic meetings were held at the Grace Baptist Church, West Fargo, N. Dak., from Nov. 4 to 15, with Rev. Manuel Wolff of Gackle, N. Dak., as the evangelist. On Dec. 9 we enjoyed having Rev. Walter Sukut, our missionary in Japan, as he showed us in-

teresting slides and told us of the work being done in Japan. Our Christmas program was given to a large and appreciative audience on Dec. 23 with more than 50 children participating in presenting "The Three Gifts of Christmas."

Our New Year's Eve services truly enriched our lives as we saw the film, "Second Chance," from 9:00 to 10:00 P. M., followed by an hour of fellowship. Then we closed the year 1957 with a worship and prayer service and began a new year with our Lord. We are looking forward to extending the hand of fellowship to several new members very shortly as they join with us through baptism and by testimony and letter.

Mrs. Milton Hochhalter, Reporter

Events and Plans, Grace Church, Grand Forks, N. D.

The members of the Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak., were greatly blessed by a week of evangelistic meetings from Oct. 27 to Nov. 3 with Rev. Herman Palfenier as evangelist. We are happy to report that we have purchased a square block of ground in the new residential area in South Grand Forks. As soon as our present property is sold, we can begin building our new church.

We were honored to have the missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut and family, visit us early in December. They are members of our church because we have accepted the major part of their support as our mission project. For the most of us it was our first meeting with them. On Friday evening, Dec. 6, we had a special welcome program at the church for them. The different organizations of the church took part.

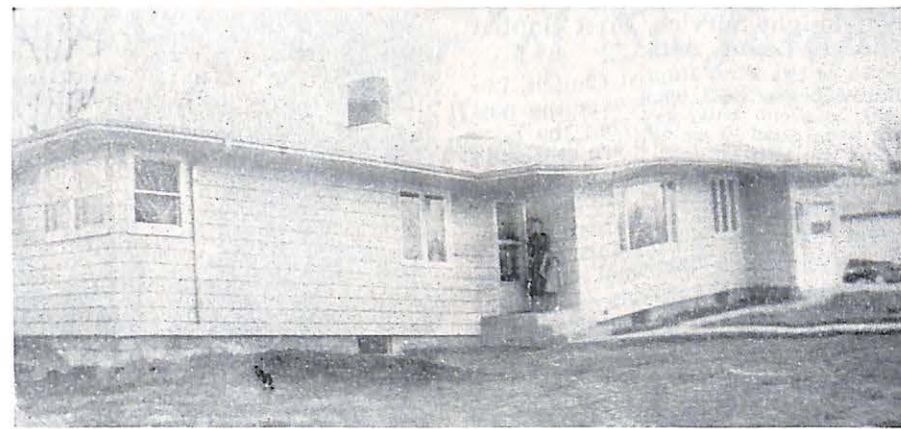
On Sunday, Nov. 24, our pastor, Rev. Walter Stein, had the privilege of baptizing 7 young people. Most of their decisions for the Lord were made during the Vacation Bible School. Three members were accepted into the church by letter at the time. In the past year, 12 people were baptized and 10 received into the church by letter.

Mrs. Orville D. Feickert, Reporter

Dedication of New Parsonage, Goodrich, North Dakota

November 10, 1957 will long be remembered by God's children at Goodrich, N. Dak., as the day when they dedicated the new parsonage to the glory of God. It was our privilege to have two pastors in our midst who had formerly served this church. Rev. E. Broeckel, in his intriguing way, brought a heart-warming message at the morning worship service. Rev. A. Reeh of Eureka, S. Dak., delivered the dedicatory message entitled, "A Dream Come True," at the afternoon service. He likewise presented the claims of Christ at the great Gospel service in the evening. The choir under the direction of Mrs. Schmuland delighted our hearts with appropriate numbers at each of the services.

At 4:00 P. M. we gathered at the house for the dedicatory service and Open House. Remarks of appreciation and consecration were directed to the people by the carpenter, Mr. Elmer Seibel, who is a fine Christian layman of the Mennonite Brethren Church at Harvey, N. Dak. After Mr. Reeh had offered the dedicatory prayer, Mr. Sei-



The new \$21,000 parsonage of the First Baptist Church, Goodrich, N. Dak. Rev. and Mrs. I. H. Schmuland and family are the first occupants of the manse.

bel cut the ribbon and presented the keys of the house to the pastor's family. Mrs. Paul Stober in the doorway sang the song, "God Bless This House." Then all people were guided through this spacious, modern home.

The house is 28 by 60 feet and has a garage attached, making an over-all length of 74 feet. There are 3 bedrooms with closets, study, bathroom, utility, kitchen, dining and living rooms. There is a full sized basement which has a large recreational area that the young people will use for recreation and social purposes. The total cost of the house is \$21,000. Besides the actual monetary cost, many hours of labor were donated by the members and friends of the church. The ladies of the church likewise did their share of work.

I. H. Schmuland, Pastor

Northern Conference

Recent Programs, Temple Church, Medicine Hat, Alta.

We of the Temple Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alta., praise God for the opportunities that are ours to witness for him. At our Fall Crusade for Christ with Rev. Richard Grabke as evangel-

ist, we had the joy of seeing 23 persons take their stand for Jesus Christ.

The Christmas activities were many. The 40-voice Chorus Choir under the direction of Eddie Unger presented the Christmas message in song on Sunday evening, Dec. 15th. This same program was presented at Carbon, Alta., on Thursday, Dec. 26th. The C.B.Y. Fellowship held its annual Christmas program on Friday, Dec. 20th, at which they presented the play, "Truth or Trimmings," and the pageant, "The Coming of Christ." The Sunday School had its Christmas program on Tuesday, Dec. 24th.

The high point of this year's activities was experienced on Dec. 31st at the Watchnight Service. We heard a group from the Christian Training Institute. Then we witnessed the baptism of 13 candidates. At the Lord's Supper, 15 persons received the hand of fellowship and thus joined the church. The closing moments of the year 1957 were spent in praise and prayer.

Walter Hoffman, Pastor

"The man who believes in nothing bigger than himself lives in a very small world."

"The beginning of anxiety is the end of faith and the beginning of true faith is the end of anxiety."



Thirteen persons baptized by Rev. Robert Hoffman (right, rear) and received into the fellowship of the Temple Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta.

Watchnight Service, First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta.

We of the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta, look back over the past year, and can truly say that the Lord has been good to us. We are especially thankful that we received a shepherd to lead the flock during the past year. Our pastor is Rev. F. Knalson.

Our New Year's Eve meeting was in the form of a baptismal service in which four young converts entered the waters of baptism. We are also thankful for these young lives who have most of their days ahead of them for service for the Lord. The last hour of the old year was spent in testimonies and special music, and was concluded with prayer.

Mrs. Dennis Hammer, Reporter

Baptism of 23, McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg

On Sunday, Dec. 29th, we of the McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, were challenged by the words, "Let us do what Christ has commanded." Rev. Wm. Sturhahn brought the morning worship message stressing that baptism is not just a formality but a triumphant event, and challenged us with the verse, "Be thou faithful unto death." Rev. H. J. Waltereit, our pastor, brought the evening message stressing the significance of baptism in the life of every born-again child of God. At these services a total of 23 converts were baptized.

Our Watchnight Service was again divided into three parts with the German young people presenting a very challenging drama on the "Ten Virgins." The English young people followed with a review of the life of Christ to his ascension and coming again and, in conclusion, we were privileged to have Rev. E. Hornbacher in our midst, who brought a message suitable for closing the old year and entering the new. Rev. H. J. Waltereit led us into the new year in a prayer session.

Miss E. Redlich, Reporter

Christmas Concert and Watchnight Service, Springside, Sask.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 22, a sacred concert of Christmas music was held at the First Baptist Church, Springside, Sask. The mixed and male choruses took part as well as various other organizations of the church, such as the orchestra, Woman's Mission Society, Homebuilders and CBY.

On Dec. 24 the Sunday School presented its annual Christmas program. A public address system was loaned to us so that each message and song could be heard by all in the auditorium. Our superintendent as well as all the teachers and scholars worked hard to present this program. The Junior Choir also took part. Christmas Day services were held at 11:00 A.M. An electric organ borrowed for the day did much to add to the worship service.

A Watchnight Service was held on Dec. 31 with all organizations taking part. The Woman's Society was in charge of the first hour. Two film strips on missions and evangelization were shown. Later the CBY presented the dialogue, "Miracle at Midnight." Testimonies and prayer concluded the



Rev. Paul Galambos, pastor of the Central Church, Yorkton, Sask., and three young people whom he baptized at the Watchnight Service.

program. Rev. Bert Milner is pastor of the church.

Mrs. Darleen Tillman, Reporter

Baptism and Mortgage Burning Ceremony, Yorkton, Sask.

On New Year's Eve the Central Baptist Church of Yorkton, Sask., had the great joy of witnessing the baptism of three young people into the Name of Jesus Christ. This was the second baptismal service of the church in this past year. At the following Lord's Supper celebration, we extended the hand of fellowship to these three precious souls, and to six others whom we received into our fellowship by letter.

At the same occasion we observed a mortgage burning ceremony. In April 1956, the church bought a new parsonage for \$8,500. Since that time a car shed was added to the house and a room was built in the basement in the value of about \$500. The Lord helped us to pay all our debts on the parsonage by December 1957. We rejoiced when the caveat which our trustees had signed at the purchase went into flames, and nothing was left but the ashes. At this ceremony we were reminded of our Redeemer Jesus Christ with Colossians 2:14: "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross." Praise to the Lord!

Paul Galambos, Pastor

Evangelistic Meetings and Watchnight Service, Carbon, Alta.

The days of November 10 to 17 were times of great blessing at the Carbon Baptist Church, Carbon, Alberta, during the meetings conducted by our denominational evangelist, Rev. H. Palfenier. On the last evening, many members came forward to stand with their pastor, Rev. W. Muller, consecrating their lives anew for their Lord with Mr. Palfenier bringing a prayer of

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consecration. Special music each evening contributed to the success of the meetings. The children looked forward eagerly to the stories and object lessons brought each evening by Mr. Palfenier especially for them.

On New Year's Eve, the church was filled to capacity to enjoy a well-planned program, consisting of the prelude by the orchestra, readings, recitations, vocal and instrumental numbers with each organization of the church being represented. It was climaxed by the pantomime, "The Holy City." At 11 o'clock we again gathered in the upper auditorium of the church, and Miss Ida Forsch served as the guest speaker. She is one of our Cameroons missionaries, who at present is home on furlough and is visiting with parents and friends at Carbon.

David Gieck, Church Clerk

Week of Prayer Services in Winnipeg, Manitoba

As in the past, we at the McDermot Avenue Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, with our pastor, Rev. H. J. Waltereit, followed the outline set by our denomination for Prayer Week and, continuing the practice of the past few years, we combined with the other two German Baptist Churches in our city to stimulate greater interest and variety. The ministers of the churches alternated in bringing the messages every evening in well-packed church auditoriums.

The themes were certainly very fitting to our lives and it was, indeed, a time of self-examination and rededication. The sincere participation in prayer, storming the throne of God and beseeching great blessings in 1958, was prevalent at all services. We felt strengthened and inspired to put forth greater efforts this coming year in the Lord's work. May we not let God down by failing to fulfill our promises!

Miss E. Redlich, Reporter

Eastern Conference

Christmas and Watchnight Programs at Arnold, Pa.

On Friday, Dec. 20th, the Union Baptist Church of Arnold, Pa., held a "Family Night Christmas Party." This party took the place of each class having its regular December meeting. The men sang two Christmas carols. This was followed by a duet, skits by the younger people, and each person brought a lunch for another person in a gift-wrapped box. The lunches were numbered and each person received the box to correspond with the number he chose. Dollar bills were pinned on the tree in lieu of exchange of gifts. The money will be used for the C.B.Y. Mission project of the Eastern Conference.

The Sunday School Christmas program by the Junior Department was presented Sunday evening, Dec. 22. Mrs. Dale Chaddock, the pastor's wife, was in charge. We held our Watchnight Service on Dec. 31 with the film "Martin Luther," a social time, and a baptismal service ending at midnight. We are looking forward to a very special event in our church in May 1958 when Red Harper will be with us for a week of meetings. Florence Pressick, Church Clerk

Obituary

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

MR. EMIL SCHIMKE of Trochu, Alberta

Mr. Emil Schimke of Trochu, Alberta, who was born at Ritzville, Wash., on Aug. 3, 1905, quietly slipped away to be with the Lord whom he loved, on Dec. 30, 1957, at the age of 52 years, 4 months, and 27 days. He came to Alberta with his parents 43 years ago. In 1931 on New Year's Day he accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. He was baptized the same year by Rev. E. P. Wahl and joined the Trochu Baptist Church. He was an active member of the church, both in the Sunday School and choir and was its clerk since 1943.

On July 5, 1934, Mr. Schimke was united in marriage to Miss Ernestine Weigum and to this union four daughters and one son were born. There remain to mourn the loss of Brother Schimke, his wife Ernestine; the five children: Marlene, Miriam, Nova, Joy and Dennis; his mother Mrs. Bereth; seven brothers, one sister and a host of friends who knew and loved him as a Christian brother.

Trochu, Alberta.

R. R. HOFFMAN, Pastor

MR. JOHN L. SCHRADER of Emery, South Dakota

Mr. John L. Schrader of Emery, S. Dak., went to his eternal reward on January 3, 1958 at the age of 86 years. He was born August 9, 1871 in Adeline, Ogle County, Ill., coming to South Dakota in 1891 with his parents. On February 5, 1896 he was married to Etta Browen who preceded him in death in 1939. Since coming to South Dakota, he and his family have lived in and near Emery.

At the age of 29 Mr. Schrader came to know the Lord as his personal Savior and was baptized by Rev. O. Olthoff and received into the membership of the Emery Baptist Church. He taught school for a short period and farmed, but he was first of all a Christian layman.

He is survived by his five children: Leonard, Isaac, Edwin, Elmer and Margaret (Mrs. Dierich Janssen). "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of one of his saints."

First Baptist Church
Emery, South Dakota

LELAND H. FRIESEN, Pastor

MR. BERTHOLD A. HEMME of Cleveland, Ohio

Mr. Berthold A. Hemme of Cleveland, Ohio, was born in Weimar, Germany, on Sept. 2, 1872 and passed away suddenly after a brief illness of two days at his home on Jan. 6, 1958, at the age of 85 years, 4 months and 4 days. At the age of 20 he became a Christian, was baptized two years later by Rev. R. Strake and joined the Erin Avenue Baptist Church. He was a faithful member here for 65 years. During this time he was a Sunday School teacher, church treasurer for 40 years, a deacon and at the time of his death was an honorary deacon.

On July 4, 1893 he married Anna Kummer at this church. His wife, Anna, and two infant children preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn his son, Arthur; daughter-in-law Milly; one brother in Germany; grandson Norman, and his wife; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Erin Avenue Baptist Church, Rev. W. Luebeck read the Scripture and Rev. Edwin Miller and the pastor brought words of comfort. Burial was in the Riverside Cemetery, Erin Avenue Baptist Church

Cleveland, Ohio

ERVIN B. STRAUSS, Pastor

MR. GEORGE BUSSE of Lyon County, Iowa

Mr. George Busse of Lyon County, Iowa, was born on Jan. 18, 1881 at Grundy Center, Iowa. He passed away while in the hospital at Cherokee Iowa, on Jan. 5, 1958. His early childhood was spent at the place of his birth. In 1888 he with his parents moved to Lyon County, Iowa, where he lived until his death. In 1906 he was united in marriage to Miss Verna Kruger. To this union six children were born. In 1957 Mr. and Mrs. George Busse had the joy of celebrating their golden wedding anniversary with all their living children present.

Mr. Busse became a believer on Christ in

"Mom Steiger" of St. Joseph

A personal tribute to Mrs. Hans Steiger of St. Joseph, Mich.

Former matron of the Children's Home

By one of the "former boys" — Mr. Charles Bradley

"MOM" STEIGER was 81 years old. But we who remember her during the 21 years in the Home as "Our Mom" never felt she was old. Even after retirement in 1943, we thought of her as one who would go on for many years as the dear, kind, considerate little lady who entered our lives in 1922 to love us through the important years of growing up.

One of the highlights of Mom's life was the reunion held in honor of her 80th birthday last year. She was happy "way down deep" when she saw so many of her "kids" together again in St. Joseph. She laughed delightedly as each arose in turn at the banquet to tell of an experience he remembered while a youngster in the Home. How happy we are that we honored one who, along with her husband, exerted a great good influence on our lives.

We buried "Mom" with kind words, many flowers, and a tender feeling in our hearts. We laid her to rest as

those who take a precious possession and put it carefully in a safe place. We loved her very much. Yet, we cannot believe she has gone from us as one we shall not see again. As Rev. L. H. Broecker said in his fine tribute to her, "She walked with God, and was not, for God took her." We know she lives on, for we feel her near us and are blessed by her continuing influence in our lives.

We believe Mom had a feeling that her time to leave us was near. We noticed later on the day she passed away that she had pulled the shades in her living and dining rooms in preparation of retiring, as was her custom. However, on this day she drew them earlier than usual. The day was drawing to a swift close for her and she was getting ready to go "Home" and be with Pa for Christmas. What a glorious, happy reunion that was. "Home with Pa for Christmas" to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!



Mrs. H. Steiger (center) at her 80th birthday party held in St. Joseph, Mich., with 24 of "her children," alumni of the Baptist Children's Home of St. Joseph.

1944 and was baptized in April 1951 by Rev. J. J. Renz and became a member of the First Baptist Church of George. He reached the age of 76 years, 11 months and 18 days. He leaves to mourn his departure his wife, Mrs. George Busse; and five children: Peter Busse, Doon, Iowa; William Busse, George, Iowa; Clifford Busse and George Busse, both of Little Rock, Iowa; one daughter, Louella, Mrs. Lyle Taylor of Mason City, Iowa; and 7 grandchildren.

First Baptist Church
George, Iowa

JOHN REIMER, Pastor

MRS. GEORGE WINTER of George, Iowa

Mrs. George Winter, nee Jurens, of George, Iowa, was born on May 29, 1889, in Visquard, Ostfriesland, Germany. She spent her first 20 years in that country, coming to the United States in 1910. On February 14, 1941, she was joined in mar-

riage to Mr. George Winter and the couple resided that year on a farm near Little Rock, Iowa, moving to George, Iowa, in December of the same year. In 1946 they retired to the city of George, Iowa. Mrs. Winter passed away on Dec. 20, 1957. She reached the age of 68 years, 6 months and 21 days. In May 1919 she and her husband were baptized and became members of the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa, where she continued as a faithful member until her death.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Mr. George Winter; six children: Mary, Mrs. Meinert Stratman; Henrietta, Mrs. Kriene Schneidermann; Henry Winter; Helen, Mrs. Harry Arends; John Winter, and Harm Winter; 16 grandchildren; 2 brothers: Claus Jurens and George Jurens; and one sister, Mrs. Wm. Jeremias.

First Baptist Church
George, Iowa

JOHN REIMER, Pastor

"THE LORRAINE HOUR"

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and stand before God dressed in his righteousness. Make your home a place where he dwells. Strive to make your church a first-century fellowship of believers, whose hearts flame with love for the Lord Jesus.

Work on your community. Vote Christian men into public office. Hold back the forces of Satan that threaten our youth. Lift your town to Christ. Slowly, but surely, in your own life, in your home, your church and your town, God will begin working miracles of his power. You'll find that he's ready when you're ready!

"For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show his *might* in behalf of those whose heart is blameless before him."

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS

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willing, and if other young people are again available, for another team of "God's Volunteers" to go out in the year before us. The year 1959 is to be an exceptional year for all Baptists on the North American continent. Plans are well under way for a united effort for a cooperative Baptist witness to be known as the BAPTIST JUBILEE

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YOUR ACCENT

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counted by his conduct and proved to be a spurious accent.

In a two-car economy with the prestige of a ranchhouse in the suburb, the church is sorely tempted to repudiate her prophetic accent and to equate prosperity with the Kingdom of God and then proceed to soft-pedal the

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