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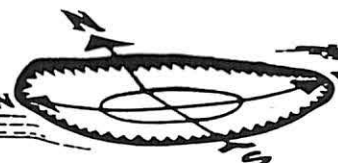
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**First Baptist Church, Lodi, California**

*Our Largest Church  
Return Unto the Living God  
United Nations--Twelve Years Later*



# March



## of Events

● Pastor Siegfried Schmutzler, 42-year-old chaplain to Evangelical students at Leipzig University, Leipzig, Germany, has been sentenced to five years of hard labor by the district court in East Berlin on charges of counter-revolutionary activities. Lutheran Bishop Hanns Lilje denounced the sentence as the newest "grave assault" in a concentrated campaign by the communists against the evangelical churches in the Soviet zone. Student groups also protested.

● "Our Hope" magazine, founded 63½ years ago by Dr. Arno C. Gaebelien and continued monthly without interruption for 772 issues, stopped publication with the December issue, Dr. Frank E. Gaebelien, publisher and son of the founder, announced. The magazine, which has merged with "Eternity" beginning in January, has constantly stressed the exposition of the Scriptures, especially in relation to premillennial and prophetic exposition.

● Dr. Louie D. Newton of Atlanta, Ga., was elected president of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State at a meeting of its board of trustees in Washington, D. C. He succeeds Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison, retired editor of the Christian Century, who was named honorary president. Dr. Newton, pastor of Druid Hills Baptist church in Atlanta, and former president of the Southern Convention, was a founder of POAU 10 years ago.

● The Hon. Matthew W. Hill, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Washington, is serving as a member of the Distinguished Awards Jury, to select the 1957 awards of Freedoms Foundation. A prominent American Baptist layman, Judge Hill is a member of the denomination's General Council and the First church, Olympia, Wash. Comprising the Distinguished Awards Jury are 31 state supreme court jurists and executive officers of national patriotic, veterans and service club organizations. Announcement of the award winners will be made February 22, at a special George Washington's Birthday ceremony at the Foundation's Valley Forge headquarters.

● Challenged with the thought that this may be the last generation for world evangelism, more than 1,500 students indicated at the Fifth International Student Missionary Convention, held at Urbana, Ill., that they would follow God's will for their lives wherever it might take them at any cost. Evangelist Billy Graham, speaking at the last night of the five-day gathering at the University of Illinois, said he felt the world was on the verge of judgment. Noting that in God's view

of history the convention was of greater significance than the recent NATO and Cairo conferences, Graham said the student gathering represented a potential missionary force to shake the world. He urged the 3,200 students attending to make "a full, irrevocable commitment to Christ." Sponsored by Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship and its affiliates, the Nurses Christian Fellowship and the Student Foreign Missions Fellowship, the convention was the largest since its inception in 1946.

● Following a custom established five Christmases ago by the National Council of Churches its new president, the Rev. Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, flew to Alaska to spend Christmas with U.S. chaplains and armed forces personnel. On his first mission as the Council's "spiritual ambassador," the fourth

president of the nation's largest religious organization made an eight-day visit to bases in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Kodiak and outlying posts as the guest of the Alaska command. He left New York Dec. 20 for Seattle and the following day for Anchorage, where he was formally welcomed at a dinner given by Lt. Gen. Frank Armstrong, Alaska commander-in-chief. The first Baptist and the first minister of a local church to be elected president of the Council, Dr. Dahlberg was the second president to bring Christmas greetings to men in Alaska. His predecessor, Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, visited troops in Alaska last year and those stationed in Japan, Korea, Newfoundland, Labrador and Greenland in other years during his three-year term.

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## Baptist Briefs

● **Baptists in Germany.** The Baptists in Germany now number 99,926. Of these 61,855 are in the West and 38,071 in the East. German Baptists have 331 full time missionaries. They constitute the largest group among the Free Churches which altogether have 228,265 members and 944 full time missionaries. Besides the Baptists the Free Churches include Mennonites, Moravians, Methodists, Evangelical Association and Free Evangelical congregations.

● **Dr. Lin imprisoned again.** Word has been received in Washington, D. C., that Dr. Henry Lin of China has been put in prison again. No details are available. Baptists throughout the world rejoiced a year ago at the word Dr. Lin had been freed after several years of imprisonment. Dr. Lin, a former president of the University of Shanghai, is a fourth generation Christian and a great Baptist leader in China. He is a graduate of the University of Shanghai and studied also in the United States. He was vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance 1947-50.

● **850 Baptists in New Guinea.** Sixteen local churches formed by Australian Baptist missionaries in the central highlands of New Guinea since late 1956 now have 850 members. Statistics of the recently organized churches have just been released by the Australian Baptist Foreign Mission's New Guinea regional committee and published in The Australian Baptist. The 16 churches have organized into the Baptist Union of New Guinea. They are served by five pastors, Pi, Yaka, Adi, Kukiwa and Kigapu. Forty

evangelistic teachers also work in the area, conducting schools for 600 scholars.

● **Baptist Youth Conference.** The Hon. John G. Diefenbaker, prime minister of Canada, has agreed to speak on "World Peace" at the Sunday evening sessions of the 5th Baptist Youth World Conference in Toronto June 27-July 2, 1958. Mr. Diefenbaker already had told Douglas Gow, chairman of the arrangements committee for Canadian Baptists, that he would serve as honorary patron for the occasion which is expected to attract 6,000 young people from 50 nations of the world.

● **"Christian Onward" Movement.** More than 10,000 young people of the Baptist General Conference of America launched a "Christian, Onward!" movement this fall. The 2-year campaign emphasizes Bible memory, leadership training, the deeper life and development of local church youth activities. It is directed by Rev. Gunnar Hoglund, of Chicago, under the sponsorship of Conference Youth Fellowship, the denomination's young people's organization. In 1959 the drive will culminate with the youth fellowship's quadrennial convention.

● **More Than 22 Million Baptists.** More than 22,000,000 Baptists in 105 countries on six continents meditated on Sunday, February 2, on their "one Lord, one faith, one baptism" (Ephesians 4:53). The date was Baptist World Alliance Sunday, an annual occasion when "Baptists of the world meet as one before the throne of grace in prayer and consecration. The Alliance,

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# Editorial



## The Common Man

ABRAHAM LINCOLN once said that "God must have loved the common people, or else he wouldn't have made so many of them." He saw how a nation must be built on the strong foundations of "a government of the people, by the people, and for the people." He was constantly the champion of the little man, the downtrodden peoples, the forgotten individual. His faith in God led him to have faith in his fellow-men with their potential greatness for expression and service!

The glory of Christianity is the vision of every man—the common man—lifted to heavenly heights by the redeeming grace of God. No one is beyond this saving reach of Christ. No one is so sunken in the mire of sin that the Savior can not lift him out and set his feet on the Rock of Ages. Whosoever believes in the Lord Jesus Christ—and that includes all classes, races and types of people—will be saved! The worth of an individual soul, regardless of his personal status and achievements, is greater than all the wealth of the world. That is a glorious Gospel in which to believe and to proclaim!

There is no one who is "common" in the sight of God. Peter, the apostle, had to learn that truth in a hard way through the vision that came to him at Joppa. All of us are "equals" before God. This is both a sobering thought and an uplifting truth. Any apparent inequalities are due to the fact that we often think of ourselves more highly than we ought to think (Romans 12:3). The true Christian confesses humbly that all he has and is have been "by the grace of God."

William Jennings Bryan was often called "The Great Commoner" during the years of his ascendancy as an American leader. He did not reach the top, although he was a candidate for the United States presidency several times. But he was always a great Christian gentleman and an inspiring leader who never "lost the common touch" and whose faith in people and God's revelation never wavered. At the National Democratic Convention in Chicago, Illinois, in 1896 he said, "The humblest citizen of all the land, when clad in the armor of a righteous cause, is stronger than all the hosts of Error."

All great leaders have had an unshakable faith in the common man and have been keenly aware of the possibilities in such a life. That is a truth that will be brought to our attention again and again during the month of February with its birthday observances of great presidents and memorable leaders. The simple, homespun president of the United States during the Civil War days was called "Father Abraham" because his life story had proved that democracy gives the humblest man his chance. This is also the heart of the Gospel that "God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; that no flesh should glory in his presence" (Cor. 1:27 and 29). With God's touch the common man rises to greatness of life and service!

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Materialistic America becomes fearful because a foreign power has suddenly forged ahead of us in scientific achievements. Have we forgotten all about faith in God?

# Return unto the Living God

*It is the Lord Jesus Christ, and not rocket power and  
earth satellites, who holds this universe together.  
Let us turn back to the Living God!*

Sermon by Rev. L. W. George, Bethel Baptist Church,  
Indianapolis, Indiana

"We preach unto you that ye should  
turn from these vanities unto the liv-  
ing God" (Acts 14:15).

DANIEL WEBSTER was asked the  
question, "Mr Webster, will you  
tell us the most important thought  
that ever occupied your mind?" He  
replied, "The most important thought  
that ever occupied my mind was that  
of my individual responsibility to God."

## MORAL DECLINE

Man has a primary responsibility to  
God. But as an individual and as a  
nation that responsibility has been  
greatly neglected. We have prided our-  
selves on being a Christian nation, and  
as such we have been blessed with  
many unusual and geographic advan-  
tages. The honest individual can only  
admit that these blessings are bestow-  
ments of divine favor. Sad to say,  
however, we have neglected the moral  
and spiritual obligations that accom-  
pany divine blessing.

Morally we have sunk to a low ebb.  
It is no longer a sin to break a traf-  
fic law; the disgrace is in getting  
caught. We have no compunctions  
about getting a parking ticket "fixed,"  
nor about evading the income tax  
laws. Racial discrimination, which we  
frankly admit is morally wrong, is  
practiced on every level of society by  
Christians and non-Christians alike.  
What we saw happening in Little  
Rock, Arkansas, occurs in many places,  
only not so well publicized.

## MATERIALISTIC PHILOSOPHY

This decline in moral values is not  
surprising. It can be observed every-  
where how people have traveled the  
road of materialism. Russia is an out-  
standing example of this. Dishonesty—  
especially in the fields of national and  
international relations—has long been  
prevalent in communist Russia. And  
what does Russia have to say? A state-  
ment by the Communist Youth League  
(Konsomol) and broadcast by Mos-

cow Radio points out that Russia's  
successful launching of an earth satel-  
lite proves "how wrong are all religious  
organizations and beliefs in speaking  
of heaven. We materialists (italics  
mine) create our own heaven and fill  
it with our own moon and stars," said  
the statement. The Russians exemplify  
the cardinal point of materialism which  
is that God is unnecessary.

America has traveled this road of  
materialism. Unwittingly, perhaps, we  
have adopted the attitude that God is  
unnecessary. A great furor has been  
raised because Russia has suddenly  
forged ahead of the United States in  
certain scientific achievements. But  
hardly a voice has been raised to la-  
ment the continual drift away from  
God and morality.

Few people, perhaps, recall the ar-  
ticle written and published recently  
by Mr. J. Edgar Hoover dealing with  
immorality as especially related to our  
young people. So acute is the problem  
that the director of the Federal Bu-  
reau of Investigation felt constrained  
to publish a warning to parents and  
young people and have it printed in  
a nationally read Sunday paper sup-  
plement.

But in spite of the danger that ex-  
ists, parents who are members of  
churches and who have children and  
young people growing up in their  
homes are absent from more church  
services than they attend. We are on  
the road of materialism and the moral  
decline of our nation is one indication  
of it.

## "EXCEPT YE REPENT"

The need of America is not to out-  
distance Russia in scientific achieve-  
ment. America's great and desperate  
need is a return to the living God. The  
way back to God is not new. It is still  
the same old way of the Cross. It is  
the way of repentance, confession and  
faith.

The warning of Jesus needs to be  
heard today: "Except ye repent, ye  
shall all likewise perish (Luke 13:3,5).

Repentance is commanded by God, who  
"now commandeth all men everywhere  
to repent" (Acts 17:30), and the mes-  
sage needs to be delivered to our  
nation "that they should repent and  
turn to God, and do works meet for  
repentance" (Acts 26:20).

To repent one must feel a sense of  
guilt. America's biggest hindrance is  
in a lack of this sense. The fault may  
lie in the pulpit. We preachers, per-  
haps, have not presented strongly  
enough the claims of God and right-  
eousness. On the other hand, the fault  
may lie in a lack of individual self-  
examination. Rarely do we find anyone  
who will conduct a critical inquiry into  
his own personal righteousness and re-  
lationship to God.

Certainly, even a brief consideration  
of the great commandments of Scrip-  
ture would awaken a guilty awareness  
of failure. "Thou shalt love the Lord  
thy God with all thy heart, and with  
all thy soul, and with all thy mind.  
This is the first and great command-  
ment. And the second is like unto it,  
thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy-  
self" (Matt. 22:37-39). Surely, this is  
sufficient to cause one to cry out, "O  
God, be merciful to me a sinner."

## ROAD BACK TO GOD

Confession is another step on the  
road back to God. It is a twofold thing  
and involves confession of sin and  
confession of Jesus as Savior and  
Lord. Repentance without confession  
is a hollow and empty remorse. "If  
we confess our sins, he is faithful and  
just to forgive us our sins and to  
cleans us from all unrighteousness"  
(I John 1:9).

Such confession of sin follows true  
repentance and the result is always  
forgiveness. "If my people, which are  
called by my name, shall humble  
themselves, and pray, and seek my  
face, and turn from their wicked ways  
then will I hear from heaven, and  
will forgive their sin, and will heal  
their land" (II Chronicles 7:14).

God will not always strive with a

## SUMMER VISITATION

All conference and camp sec-  
retaries and leaders who are  
making requests for general  
workers and missionaries to  
serve at the forthcoming sum-  
mer programs must send in their  
requests to the Promotional Sec-  
retary at Forest Park, Ill., by  
**March 5th.** Be sure and fill out  
the Summer Visitation forms  
which have been sent out.

people that refuses to confess Jesus  
as Lord and Savior. This aspect of  
confession is important on the way  
back to God. "No man cometh unto  
the Father but by me," said Jesus  
(John 14:6). Eventually "every knee  
should bow . . . and every tongue con-  
fess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the  
glory of the Father" (Phil. 2:10, 11).

But that is the demand that God  
will make of every creature that they  
must stand before his throne, saved  
and unsaved alike. How much better  
to confess him with a willing heart  
today! "If thou shalt confess with thy  
mouth Jesus as Lord, and shalt believe  
in thy heart that God raised him from  
the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Ro-  
mans 10:9 ASV).

## LIFE OF FAITH

"Without faith it is impossible to  
please God" (Heb. 11:6). The life of  
faith is the opposite of materialism  
and is the only life pleasing to God.  
The materialist puts his hope in the  
products of his own ingenuity. Ma-  
terialistic America becomes fearful and  
afraid because a foreign power has  
suddenly forged ahead of us in sci-  
entific achievements.

Have we forgotten all about faith  
in God? Is Sputnik I and Sputnik II  
greater than Jehovah God? Let us  
take our eyes off these things for the  
moment and focus them upon God.  
Paul said, "We walk by faith, and not  
by sight" (II Cor. 5:7). Let us do just  
that and become God-centred in our  
thinking and in our living.

It is the Lord Jesus Christ, and not  
rocket power and earth satellites, who  
holds this universe together. Of Jesus  
Christ it is said, "And he is before  
all things, and by him all things con-  
sist" (Col. 1:17). "For it pleased the  
Father that in him should all fulness  
dwell" (Col. 1:19). In him "are hid all  
the treasures of wisdom and knowl-  
edge" (Col. 2:3).

Peter healed the lame man at the  
temple gate called Beautiful, and tes-  
tified that it was the name of Jesus  
"through faith in his Name" that made  
the man strong (Acts 3:16). Let us  
turn back to the living God by re-  
pentance and confession, and "th-rough  
faith in his Name" find hope and  
strength and eternal salvation.

# Prayers Around the World

Story of the Women's Worldwide Day of Prayer—  
Friday, February 21, 1958

by Geraldine Sartain

DEEP IN THE Australian bush dwell  
some 60,000 aborigines, natives  
from time immemorial of the "Down  
Under Continent."

Living in their tribal society and  
clinging to some of their ancient cus-  
toms, seemingly untouched by the  
space age, many are Christians. Re-  
markably enough, among the prayers  
from the Christian tradition of the  
centuries to be said around the world  
in many tongues on the 1958 World  
Day of Prayer are some that these  
"first Australians" chanted in the old,  
old rhythms to the cadence of drums.

In Tamil, in Swahili, in Icelandic,  
as well as in English, French and  
German, the invocations of these no-  
madic tribeswomen, who have no writ-  
ten languages but have been taught  
the Christian Gospel, will ask "God's  
love for people of all places in the  
earth."

## AUSTRALIAN BUSH PRAYERS

Their prayers were chosen by a  
group of women members of Mel-  
bourne churches who wrote the serv-  
ice for the annual global observance  
on February 21, the first Friday in  
Lent. They found the devout supplica-  
tions of these simple aborigines com-  
pletely in harmony with man's high-  
est aspirations for world unity and  
abiding peace.

Each year the service that will be  
said in some 60 languages and in more  
than 1,000 dialects comes from a dif-  
ferent country, and has a different  
theme. This year's theme is *The Bread  
of Life*.

The special children's service pre-  
pared by students from eight different  
countries depicts children bearing  
fruits, grains and seeds as offerings.  
Musu from Liberia tells the worship-  
pers that a drum calls her to service  
in a church built from thatch, bamboo,  
and mud; they sit on the floor on mats  
to hear the story of God's love.

When dawn breaks on the coral  
shore of the Tongas, west of the In-  
ternational Date Line, the first invo-  
cations rise from Queen Salote and  
the people of her island kingdom.

As the sun in its course wheels  
across the heavens, cadenced phrases  
pour forth in ever-widening arcs, car-  
rying the spirit of faith, brotherhood,

## A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Christianity is a missionary  
religion, converting, advancing,  
aggressive, encompassing the  
world; a non-missionary church  
is in the hands of death."

—Max Miller.

and love across Asia, Africa, Europe  
and the Americas.

The voices of those men and women  
dedicated to peace and universal good-  
will cross 144 countries on six conti-  
nents around the sphere. By nightfall  
they die to a whisper in the Land of  
the Midnight Sun—on that speck in  
the Bering Sea that is St. Lawrence  
Island. At no time in the 24-hour pas-  
sage of the sun around the earth will  
the prayer chain be broken.

In the United States, where back in  
1887 a small group of dedicated Chris-  
tian women brought World Day of  
Prayer into being, more than 22,000  
communities will take part in the  
1958 observance. Prayers will rise in  
great cathedrals and in tiny roadside  
chapels, as well as in shops, schools,  
colleges, hospitals, factories and farm  
fields.

Out where the West begins—in Dal-  
las, Texas, nearly 50 business firms  
hold devotional periods, and *Sweet  
Hour of Prayer* is played from the top  
of the tallest building. The City Coun-  
cil of Burbank, Cal., authorizes the  
singing of hymns over the city's loud-  
speaker system and the mayor of Col-  
linsville, Okla., has religious music  
broadcast in the business district. In  
at least one church in New York, an  
all-day prayer vigil is maintained.

Overseas interest in World Day of  
Prayer is extensive. Special posters  
written in the Shona language are dis-  
played in government schools in South-  
ern Rhodesia, Africa, and the wife of  
the African pastor conducts the serv-  
ice in Shona, while the voices of Afri-  
can women singing a *capella* give spe-  
cial inspiration to the day. Korean  
church women translated the service  
into their language last year and  
printed 30,000 copies for use in 25  
churches.

## PRAYER CHAINS

People of many races and colors  
took part in Trinidad, West Indies—  
Scottish, Chinese, Swedish and East  
Indian. In the Dominican Republic a  
day-long prayer chain was formed.  
Despite a heavy fall of snow in north-  
ern Japan, people drove many miles  
over frozen roads to join at the little  
gospel church under the direction of  
Norwegian missionaries. In Singapore,  
the day was celebrated in 12 centers,  
sometimes in both English and Chi-  
nese.

The spiritual contribution of the  
aborigine Maunga woman from Aus-  
tralia is like the storied pebble. Drop-  
ped in a mighty lake or ocean, it  
forms concentric circles, moving swiftly  
and touching all life from shore to  
shore.





The 33-voice choir of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, California, with Mrs. Wanda Lippert, choir director in the front row (extreme left).

## THE LARGEST NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCH

The Story of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, California, with a Membership of 926

Served by Rev. G. G. Rauser, Pastor

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of Lodi, California, has carried on a vital and effective witness for the Lord since it was organized in 1905. It is the mother church of the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove and the Temple Baptist Church of Lodi. The last years have especially marked a great forward movement in the program and ministry of the church to the end that today it is the largest church in the North American Baptist Conference. Since 1952, the church has contributed over \$200,000 for building purposes alone.

In the year 1948, during the ministry of Dr. A. S. Felberg, when the church building became too small for its membership, the Temple Baptist Church was organized with nearly 200 members, and the need was temporarily met. Within several years, however, the facilities were again inadequate. In 1952 the Sunday School building, extending over the full length of the lot, with three assembly rooms, twelve classrooms, a superintendent's office and a chapel, with all mahogany furniture and wainscoting, and having a seating capacity of 120 people, was dedicated to the service of the Lord.

The faithfulness of God's people in donated labor and financial support was so noble that the building was dedicated free of debt with a \$10,000 balance in the Building Fund. This encouraged the church to undertake the building of a new church.

### NEW CHURCH EDIFICE

In the construction of a new church, we were confronted with more problems than in the building of the Sunday School facilities, since the same site was to be used for the new church, and the old church had to be removed before work could be begun. The work was started in May 1954, and by God's grace was dedicated on February 6, 1955. As of December 6, 1957, there is

only a balance of \$5,000 owing on the church.

The church has a seating capacity for 850 people. It has sixty-six pews in the main auditorium, made to accommodate eleven persons each. The balcony accommodates approximately 125 people, and contains two nurseries, one on each side, with restroom facilities for the use of parents with small children. The choir loft seats more than thirty persons. We thank God for the faithful people who fill it to capacity every Sunday.

The choir, under the able leadership of Mrs. Wanda Lippert, ministers every Sunday morning, and every other Sunday night, with inspiring anthems and Gospel hymns. On the two remaining Sunday nights of the month, the male chorus ably renders the special music under the leadership of Mr. Emanuel Dorheim.

The church has a full basement with a large dining hall and a fully equipped kitchen and six large classrooms. At the present time the main auditorium is well filled on Sunday

### SERIES ON CHURCHES

This is the third of a series of articles on some of our outstanding churches to appear from time to time in the "Baptist Herald". It was prepared by Mrs. Thelma Fischer, Mrs. Wanda Lippert and Rev. G. G. Rauser, pastor.

The first article that appeared some time ago dealt with the Colonial Village Church of Lansing, Michigan, and the second with the Ebenezer Church of Vancouver, B. C. The fourth article in this series will appear in the February 20, 1958 number and will bring the illustrated story of the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas.

morning, and our Sunday School facilities are again becoming inadequate. We give glory to God for the way he has blessed us in these material ways.

Our Sunday School has an enrollment of over 600, is fully departmentalized and staffed with consecrated, capable men and women. Our very able superintendent is Mrs. Dorothy Dehr, who has her Master's Degree in education, and is an aggressive leader in this great field of Christian education. The monthly meetings of teachers and officers are instructive and inspirational. Good films on methods and techniques of teaching are often presented. The need of home visitation and the follow up of absentees is stressed.

The Sunday School Board of Education is constantly striving to obtain the best and latest equipment and material which can be used for the advancement of the Sunday School. At the present time, we are in the process of establishing a library for the use of the members and friends of the church and Sunday School. At present, the church is in search of a capable full time educational director and young people's worker. We feel that this is the great harvest field of the church. The Sunday School is the church in action.

### MANY WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

The Woman's Missionary Society has a membership of 177. These are divided into four circles, namely, Naomi, Faith, Tabaa and Rebecca. The Circles meet separately each month for their time of work and prayer, and they also meet as one group each month for the purpose of taking care of affairs which concern everyone. The Society has tried to divide its time and work in such a way that the work of foreign missions, home missions, Church Extension, and our local church needs might be met. Along with the missionary work, which is the primary goal of the Society, the individual

members have felt a need of spiritual enrichment in the things of God. We have included this as a part of our responsibility.

In the work of foreign missions we view White Cross as one of our major projects. Throughout the year we have several all day work sessions. The ladies come in the morning and work all day on assigned projects. Through the monthly missionary studies, there is a reminder of the great financial needs of foreign missions. In various ways there have been money raising projects with missions as the incentive and goal. There has also been a keen interest in and concern for the Church Extension work.

With the building of a new church edifice, there have been numerous projects which the Society has taken care of. The Society also financed the redecorating of the parsonage interior, including wall-to-wall carpeting and drapes in the living and dining rooms. The Circles have provided much food and clothing for the Stockton Rescue Mission and have remembered the local Children's Home in many ways, particularly during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. In the past year the Society has given to foreign missions, Church Extension, building fund, other missionary projects, redecorating the parsonage and White Cross in the total sum of \$4,691.49.

The above projects have been the main goals of the women's work. Along with these projects, the groups have tried to create a bit of "social togetherness" which we need as Christian people. Occasionally there is a "Husbands" Night" or "Family Night" when we gather in Christian fellowship. Thus, we as a Woman's Missionary Society also have a part in the furtherance of God's Kingdom.



A Wednesday night prayer meeting in progress at the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., with Rev. G. G. Rauser, pastor (standing), singing with the large congregation.

### MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

The Men's Brotherhood meets every second Tuesday of the month with varied and interesting programs. Outside speakers are often invited who give informative as well as inspirational addresses. Once each month the men have full charge of the evening service at the Stockton Rescue Mission, on which they also support financially.

Our youth work is encouraging. All youth groups meet one hour before the Sunday evening church service. The CBY meets every Sunday night in

the beautiful Sunday School Chapel. They strive to make their programs attractive to the young people. They are promoting a missionary project as well as the activities of the California Youth Association.

The Junior and Primary Leagues are under the able leadership of Mrs. Audrey Hoff and Mrs. Irene Hoff, assisted by their respective husbands, and they are carrying on a training course which will be helpful to our boys and girls in leadership in the church and in the winning of souls in their future years.

### 250 AT PRAYER MEETINGS

The Wednesday night Bible Study and Prayer Meetings are the highlights of the week. An average of 250 people attend these meetings. A 6:30 P. M. service is conducted in the Sunday School Chapel in the German language for the sake of our older people who find it easier to participate in that language. This is the only church service still conducted in the German language.

The regular prayer meeting is held at 7:30 P.M., and we certainly appreciate the many young people who attend. At the close of the Bible Study, the young people retire to a separate prayer room for their time of prayer. For many of our people the Wednesday night service is the most outstanding of the week.

In spite of the heavy financial responsibility of the church, due to the building program, the interest in missions has not diminished, and in the future, with the building responsibility eliminated, a greater outreach can be made in that field of service. Aside from our contribution to our general missionary cause, the church is supporting one of our own young people, Mrs. Marcella Delk Jones, now serving in Nigeria, West Africa, under the Sudan Interior Mission.

By the first of the year Dr. and Mrs. Charles Miller and their two children will be leaving for their field of service in Puerto Rico. It is our prayer

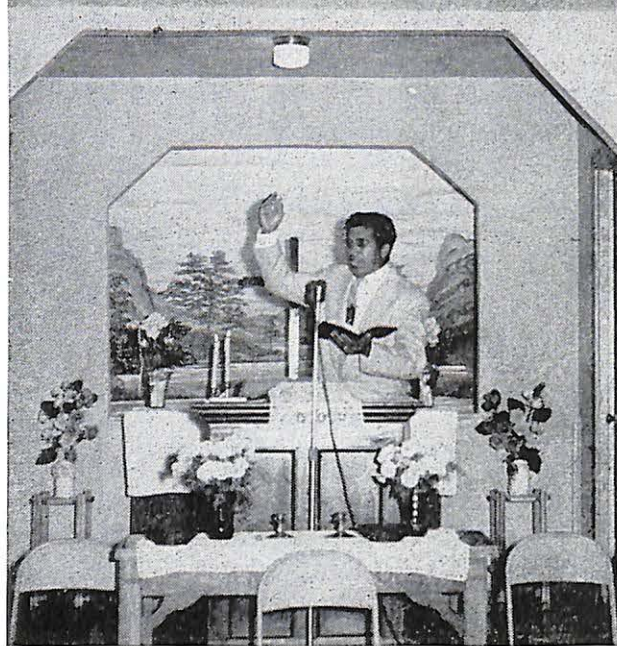
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A Sunday morning service with the congregation at worship in the First Baptist Church, Lodi, California. (Most of the balcony and an entire section of pews are missing.)





Missionary Raymond Castro forcefully proclaims the Gospel and "fights the good fight of faith" from the pulpit of the Garcias Ranch Baptist Chapel, Rio Grande City, Texas.

## A Champion Fighter and Missionary

RAYMOND CASTRO, our Spanish-American missionary, was saved from Japanese bombs during the war, was saved by grace through Christ Jesus, and has been saved to serve among his people in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas

A Thrilling Story by Mr. Dale Rott,  
Seminary Student, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

THE PLANE was coming in for a dive. It was diving right at me. Its bomb bay door opened. The plane maneuvered so that my gun could not hit it, but it could hit me. The bomb was dropped. I thought this was the end.

"Then the plane dove suicidally at me. I knew this was the end. There wasn't any place to which to run. I couldn't jump out of the ship's gun turret.

"I unstrapped my gunner's belt, pulled my knees up and into my stomach and wrapped my arms around my folded knees. I prepared for death. As the wind screamed over the onrushing wings, I screamed into the wind: GOD HELP ME!"

### A CRY FOR HELP

This was the cry of a trapped man. The cry of a soul seemingly bound for eternity.

The cry of a sailor.

The cry of a Golden Gloves Boxing Champion.

The cry of a Latin-American.

The cry of a Christian!

This was the cry of our missionary to the Latin-Americans in the Rio Grande Valley, Rev. Raymond Castro.

There was the sound of rattling

metal, the sounds of piercing thuds penetrating steel, an explosion and splattered shrapnel, shattered eardrums, and blazed eyes. The bomb was no more. The plane had been hit and veered off into the ocean.

### SILENCE!

The man who uttered the cry was not in eternity. He was trying to imagine what had taken place. His muscles were slow in relaxing. Relaxing the tension made the body weak. The thoughts circled in the mind, "Plane, bomb, death!"

But the reality of life banished the deathly thoughts. The voice that was desperate was now reverent. The scream was now a whisper. The split-second thought was now a moment's sentence.

Seconds after death had leered into his face, aboard a navy ship, in a gunner's turret, on the Pacific Ocean, Raymond Castro prayed to God, "Lord, now that you have helped me, I promise that I will serve you full time."

The cry revealed that there wasn't any way out but God. The promise revealed that there was only one future, God. The cry revealed a desperation faith. The promise revealed thankfulness. This desperation faith in God de-

veloped into a faith like unto Abraham's.

Raymond Castro's faith in God began on an Oklahoma cotton farm. It was a simple faith at the age of 15 years. It was a faith which rewarded the prayers of an older sister. It was with this faith that Raymond went into the U. S. Navy. It was during the war years that his faith was tried. It was this faith that produced the cry, "God, help me!"

### AN OKLAHOMA FARM

After Raymond's discharge from the service, God wanted his promise fulfilled. Then the excuses, "I haven't enough education," and "I can serve through prayer," wanted to answer the promise made on the ocean. Even ministers deflated the promise by saying that he should stay at home. "Witness on the cotton fields" were their replies. This faith of the ministers drove the promise into the background and Raymond back into the ways of the world.

One night when the stars sparkled forth God's handiwork, one night when the sky was cloudless, one night when the air was cool and the scene peaceful, Raymond fulfilled his promise. The stars sparkled, but Raymond's

eyes were dim. The sky may have been cloudless, but his heart was overcast. The night may have been peaceful, but his soul was in the midst of a thunderstorm.

In this atmosphere the knees brought the soul to the ground. The world hadn't brought peace. The answers of the ministers hadn't brought peace. There was only one answer—GOD. Once again the cry was "God, help me!" Once again it was in desperation; not desperation for life but for God's guiding hand.

With faith in the cry, "God, help me," the answer came, "Fulfill thy promise. Get thee from thy land to a place to learn and serve." As Abraham of old, not knowing where the place was, or how to go but assured with faith and God's promise, Raymond sought to serve.

### GOING TO BIBLE SCHOOL

God did help and reward Raymond Castro's faith. At a social gathering a minister suggested a Latin-American Bible School. God helped by furnishing a good cotton crop that summer. With faith that God would continue helping him, Raymond left for Bible School. While waiting for a bus, a free car ride was provided to the school.

After enrolling and beginning classes, everything seemed perfect. Faith in God's promise had brought Raymond to Edinburg, Texas, and on his way to fulfilling his own promise. But then the rosy picture faded. Raymond's faith in God's help was to be tested and vitalized.

With the first semester of school written into history's annals, the professors were discouraged with the grades of Mr. Castro. His previous education was beginning to hinder. They questioned his ability. Raymond felt that God had brought him here for a purpose. He remembered that ministers had been wrong before.

He sought God's help. Faith in scripture, "I can do ALL things through Christ . . .," made him request another chance. The second semester reports did not indicate that it was the same man who did the previous work. Raymond had nowhere to go but up, and he didn't stop until he reached the top. The secret was that hours of prayer were spent in asking for God's help. Faith that God would help produced a graduate!

### GOD'S ANSWERS

During school Brother Castro felt called into evangelistic work. Faith in God's help carried him through his first ventures. One evangelistic trip typifies this faith in God helping. Called for meetings in Colorado Rev. Raymond Castro and his family left Texas for the trip with five dollars. Foolish? No! He felt the challenge and the need and security of God's help. Stopping in a town, a stranger

### RAYMOND CASTRO, OUR MISSIONARY

Read his own amazing story with 10 illustrations in the 1958 ANNUAL.

- Raymond Castro comes from a "sharecropper family" who still live at Hog Creek, Okla.
- In the U. S. Navy he went through 15 major battles in World War II, received 6 silver and bronze stars, and was almost killed by a Japanese suicide plane.
- As a boxer he fought 90 fights, became champion of Oklahoma, and "knocked out" many opponents.
- As a wonderful, born-again Christian, he now serves his Spanish-American people at Rio Grande City, Texas.

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offering. The minister added \$15.00 more. God had begun to help.

In Oklahoma a similar situation took place. Word spread ahead of him that Brother Castro was near. Rev. B. F. Taylor (now of our Donna, Texas, church) requested that he stop and speak. Leaving Oklahoma they changed their route. They found out later that their planned route had been snow-blocked.

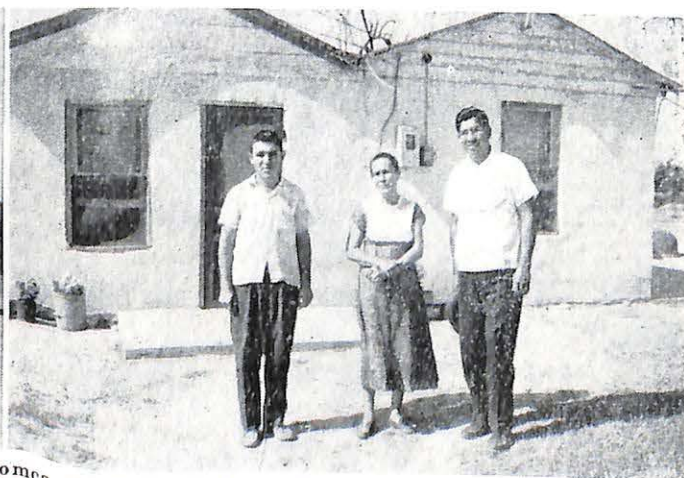
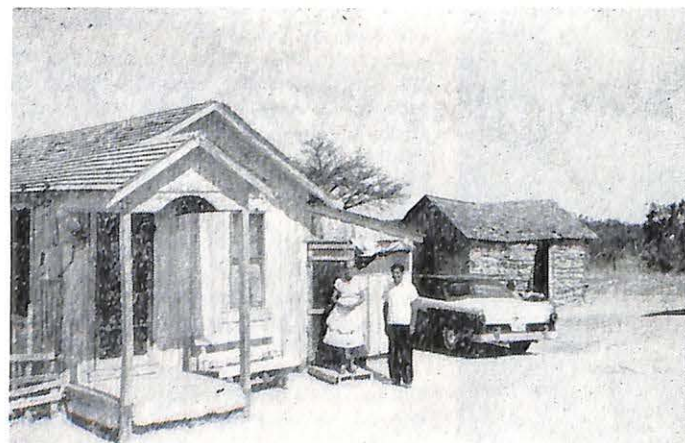
Almost reaching their destination, they became stuck in the mountains behind a snowbound bus. Five hours later they were plowed out and arrived in a city where the citizens helped graciously. They reached their destination safe and with more finances than when they began. God had helped abundantly!

Raymond's faith had changed from desperation to dependence. The cry was still for God's help but it showed dependence on God. With such a faith Brother Castro entered our denominational work. With such a faith he has begun and continued the work in the Rio Grande Valley among the Latin-Americans.

### FAITH DEPENDENT ON GOD

This dependent faith that ONLY God can help has become ingrained in the lives of the converts. Samuel, a converted Roman Catholic altar boy, told me he hopes and prays that his father will accept Christ. Samuel's father runs a tavern. Samuel hopes to influence his father through his witness. But the key to this situation was expressed in the words, "I will keep praying, and God will help."

From desperation faith on the ocean to dependent faith in the Rio Grande Valley, Brother Castro has fulfilled his promise, which he made years ago to God!

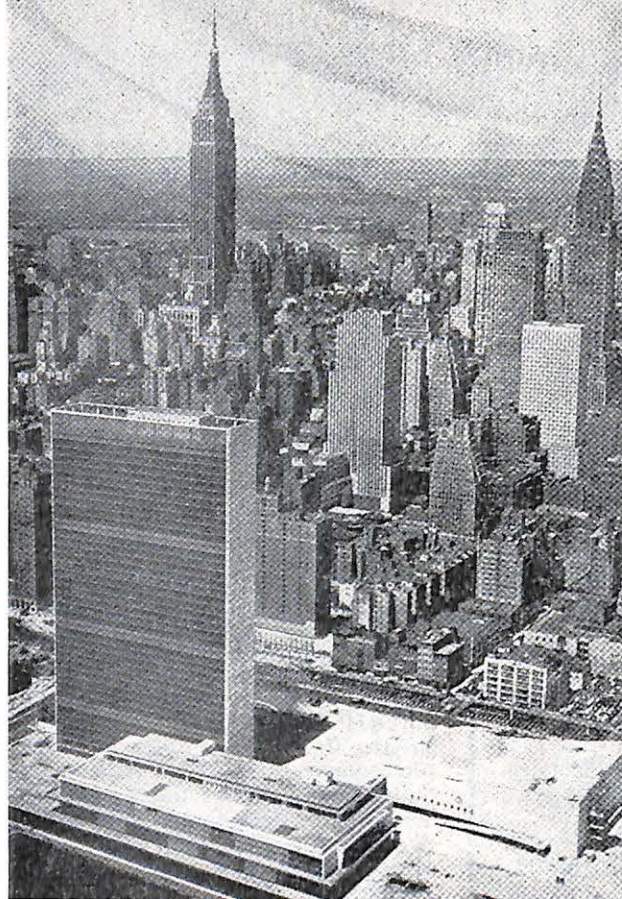


The Gospel of Jesus Christ has found entrance into hearts and homes of the Rio Grande City Latin-Americans. Here Missionary Raymond Castro is seen with some of the Christian converts of the mission field.



Rev. Raymond Castro (left), Spanish-American missionary at Rio Grande City, Texas, officiates at an impressive child dedication service in the Baptist Chapel.





The United Nations buildings (foreground) of New York City against the background of the skyscrapers of Manhattan.

# The United Nations --- Twelve Years Later!

*What should be the Christian's appraisal of the United Nations in the light of the Word of God? Abiding peace and blessing can be had only with the coming of the Prince of peace, the Lord of glory, the Lord Jesus Christ.*

**By Rev. C. B. Nordland of Oak Park, Ill.**

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"WE, THE PEOPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, DETERMINED to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our life-time has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and

to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and of nations large and small, and

to establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained, and to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

## AND FOR THESE ENDS

to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbors, and to unite our strength to maintain international peace and security, and

to ensure, by the acceptance of principles and the institution of methods, that armed force shall not be used, save in the common interest, and

to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples,

## HAVE RESOLVED TO COMBINE OUR EFFORTS TO ACCOMPLISH THESE AIMS.

Accordingly, our respective Governments, through representatives assembled in the city of San Francisco, who have exhibited their full powers found to be in good and due form, have

agreed to the present Charter of the United Nations and do hereby establish an international organization to be known as the United Nations."

The date was June 26, 1945. The place, San Francisco, California.

Gathered together were the representatives of many nations of the world, who, with the picture of devastation brought about by World War II vividly alive in their minds, were intent on finding a way to end such destructive conflicts and pave the way for lasting peace. Millions had already died in war. Other millions would yet die, victims of the war, homeless outcasts, starving and sick.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The attitude of delegates ran all the way from highest hopes to frankest scepticism that anything of lasting good could be accomplished. In the minds of many was the remembrance of the optimism of men when the old League of Nations, under the dominant leadership of President Woodrow Wilson, was born only to prove within a few years to have been an abortive effort of men of high ideals, who seemingly had come into the world too soon. On every hand the question was asked, "Will it work this time?" And men of faith promptly replied, "It must, or it presages the end of our civilization."

Now, after more than twelve years, during none of which the world has been free of conflicts of varying degrees of intensity and importance, the same question is still being asked and the answer comes back in almost the same words.

What has the United Nations accomplished in the twelve years that have

passed since its beginning. It is difficult to make an objective appraisal of the United Nations. One is either enthusiastically for or just as ardently against this world organization. Men approach a study of its work and objectives with definitely pre-conceived ideas and hopes or misgivings. But, even the most rabid critic of the United Nations will concede that in many areas much has been accomplished.

The several agencies appointed to deal with the specific work of reducing world illiteracy and improving the economic, social and health conditions of mankind, have made most encouraging reports. Ignorance, poverty, disease, if not completely alleviated, are at least recognized as among the major problems of our day. Solutions in these areas must be found before the major problem of world peace is to find its ultimate solution.

Teams of experts have gone to India—always plagued with an insufficiency of food—and have helped to make habitable vast areas of productive lands hitherto unusable because of malarial mosquitoes. Here, as in Thailand, in Indonesia and in countless other areas with unpronounceable names unknown to most of us a few years ago, modern machines and methods have been introduced and the people encouraged to become self-sufficient in the production of those things essential to life.

The World Health Organization has, with a great degree of success, inaugurated world-wide efforts to wipe out such dread diseases as tuberculosis, malaria, syphilis, typhus, polio diphtheria and leprosy.

## HUMAN NEEDS AND RIGHTS

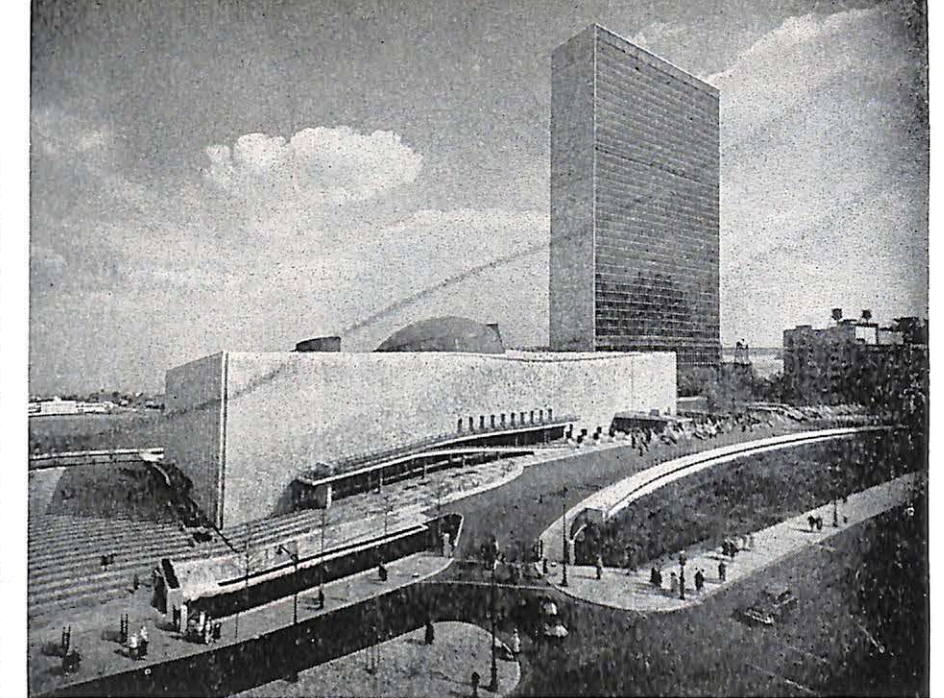
The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is a specialized agency for work with the children of the world. Though concerned with all phases of child need, the agency has given special attention to their nutritional and health needs and, as the result of intensive effort, now reports accomplishments that are heartening in that they give hope to many, many millions that their life span will be lengthened and that mere existence will be transformed into fruitful living.

The list of subsidiary bodies and specialized agencies is long and impressive. Name a need or an area in which work or help is required, and a committee or commission is all ready to step in. Indeed, it seems that everything the mind of man could conceive in the way of helpful cooperation has been anticipated and is already functioning or is on the planning board with a promise of speedy launching at the first opportune moment.

Perhaps no declaration of the United Nations Assembly received more favorable acclaim than did its Declaration of Human Rights adopted unanimously on December 10, 1948. This document sets forth clearly and forcibly the universal right of all men everywhere to life, liberty and security of person. Freedom from arbitrary arrest, freedom of movement and residence, freedom of speech, of press, of assembly and of worship, are acknowledged to be man's inalienable rights.

## KEEN DISAPPOINTMENTS

That this is an ideal not completely possible of attainment in this present disordered world is readily acknowledged by even the most enthusiastic proponent of the United Nations as an instrument for providing the people



—Photo by A. Devaney, Inc., N. Y.  
The General Assembly Building (left) and the 39-story-high Secretariat Building of the United Nations Headquarters in New York City built on the banks of the East River.

of the world with an equitable share in the freedoms we take so much for granted in this blessed land we call America. But there must be a beginning somewhere, and who can say that even a simple statement of moral judgment, backed by the combined force of world opinion, will not do much to set enslaved men free, even though the Utopian state which man envisions is seemingly impossible?

Man's keenest disappointment in the functioning of the United Nations has been in the field of international disputes. Member nations seem quite well able to tell their fellows how to decide both internal and external problems. But, let it concern themselves and as men always seem to do, they revert to

type. Self-preservation and selfish interests are the criteria by which they determine their attitude and action.

Nehru declares against the injustices of Britain, but quickly resorts to arms in India's dispute with Pakistan over Kashmir. Britain decries the haste of the United States in bringing about the Korean conflict, but easily justifies its retention by force of Cyprus and her invasion of Egypt. France clamors for prompt action against Russia for her suppression of Hungary but boasts of her ability to hold Algeria in subjection, though in the process it leaves her own economy bankrupt.

An uneasy truce prevails in tiny Palestine, with Israel poised to strike against her Arab neighbors at the slightest provocation, and Arabs pitted against Arabs along lines of allegiance to either East or West, find their Arab League impotent in their struggle for firm recognition in the community of nations.

## SIGNS OF ALARM

In spite of constant efforts put forth by the United Nations' truce teams, world leaders view the situation in Palestine with growing alarm and concede that here is the potential for the start of World War III which, in an atomic age, could mean the end of our vaunted civilization.

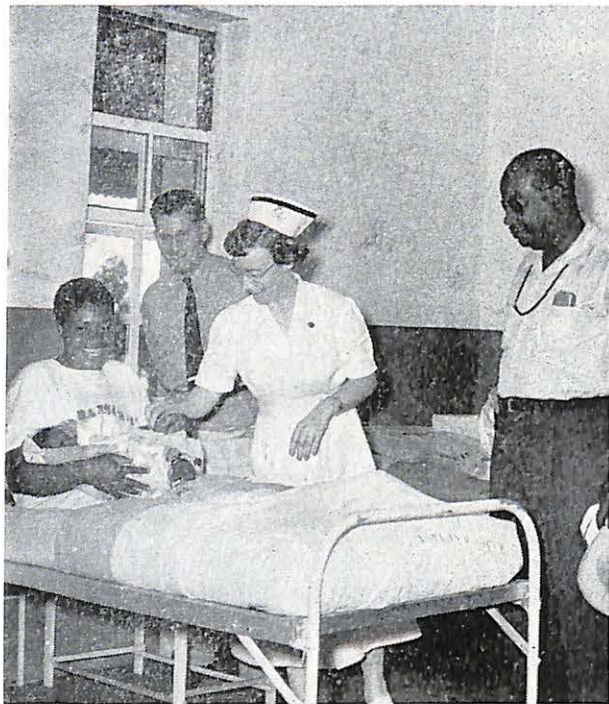
The fall of 1950 witnessed an earnest effort by the United States to strengthen the United Nations in its effort for peace. Its resolution calling for a "Unity for Peace" was adopted with only small opposition. Now, under the terms of this resolution, if the Security Council fails to act or is stopped by a veto, it can be by-passed and the General Assembly can take speedy action to provide aid to victims of aggression. Whether this will prove to be an effective deterrent to war on a large scale will be determined only

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—Picture by M. Leuschner  
This large sign across the street from the United Nations Building makes a vigorous protest against Russia's oppression and exploitation of the "captive European nations."





Two members of the "United Nations Visiting Mission" at the Bansa Baptist Hospital in the Cameroons along with Ardice Ziolkowski view the twins born to an African mother.

## Your Cameroons Mission and the United Nations

*The Southern Cameroons of Africa is one of Eleven Trust Territories placed under the Trusteeship System of the United Nations.*

By DR. PAUL GEBAUER

Superintendent of the Cameroons Baptist Mission

OUR PAMPHLET on "The Bansa Baptist Hospital" on its last page has a photograph that brings you face to face with the United Nations' influence in your Cameroons Mission. (See picture above.) The two men of the "government commission" are members of the last "U. N. O. Visiting Mission" to the Cameroons. Apparently these two were right at home in your hospital!

The tall, dark, French-speaking gentleman on the extreme right in the picture was the delegate from the Republic of Haiti. The smiling one—on the right side of Nurse Ardice Ziolkowski—represented the United States of America.

Of what concern was it to these visitors from UNO Headquarters in New York City as to what we are doing? What have we as Baptists to do with this embryo of a superstate? Are we playing with our cherished principle of separation of church and state? "What communion hath light with darkness?" Of what concern is this land, called the Cameroons, to the United Nations?

Simply this, that the U. N. O. exercises a sort of final authority over the Cameroons! Colonial rule over it

ended in 1919. The people became the special charge of the former League of Nations which, in turn, delegated its care to Great Britain. The United Nations of 1945 inherited this charge and, in turn, requested Great Britain to continue its trusteeship duties.

### UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP

Under this arrangement of trusteeship, Great Britain governs the Cameroons until U. N. O. agrees that the peoples are ready for self-government. A very considerable degree of self-government functions already. Complete political freedom might come to pass in 1960.

What benefits have our Africans derived from the arrangements mentioned? First and foremost, a trusteeship has been given them, which leads them, step by step, out of neglect and illiteracy into a place among the nations. Another benefit of great value has been the British protection of ancient, and valuable land laws and land rights. Thus, there has been avoided, in the British Trusteeship territory, the bitterness that follows colonialism elsewhere in our days. One other benefit I would mention: the observance of religious liberty!

### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Your Cameroons Baptists have valued highly this protection of religious liberty. As far back as 1928 they benefited by its observance in their struggles against Jesuitic statecraft. We never fail to proclaim this U. N. O. promise in our continuous opposition to the priests of Rome.

Our present service to lepers had its organizational inception in the United Nations' global attack on leprosy. That sulfone drugs are now within our reach can be traced to the same global planner in the New York headquarters.

The fight we wage against malaria, filaria, yellow fever and sleeping sickness gained its present, world-over proportions under U. N. O. plans.

That every postal agency in the Cameroons now offers preventions against malaria, and at a price within the reach of the poorest, that also stems from U. N. O. medical officers. U.N.O.'s "World Health Organization" is felt throughout the Cameroons, perhaps more often seen than felt, but it is there to illustrate the far-reaching interests of WHO (World Health Organization).

U. N. O. "floods" our literate leaders with literature. Some of it is very instructive; all of it is modern in its make-up. A great deal of it blows a loud trumpet for U. N. O. as it behooves such an organization of this day and age.

### "VISITING MISSIONS"

The greatest impact on our Africans is made, not by this literacy flood, but by the "Visiting Missions of U. N. O." Once every three years a team of four delegates tours the land. They meet leaders, parties, groups and all who wish to call on them in public or private. They hear petitions and complaints, receive protests and letters. This direct and personal contact is most effective. It helps all concerned, even your missionaries.

Our official attitude? We welcome these visiting missions. We encourage our African Baptists to co-operate by ever restating their need for religious liberty, for an increasing share in government, for guidance in politics and economics, for good will from within and without. And, last but not least, we are not afraid to state that U. N. O. would mean little to our Cameroonians without the faithful and just trusteeship exercised by the British.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 21 (Friday)—Worldwide Day of Prayer. Program material has been sent to all Women's Societies by the Woman's Missionary Union.

March 9 (Sunday)—Bible Day. Program material has been sent to churches by the Publication Society. Offerings for distribution of Bibles and Christian literature.

Feb. 11-23 — "God's Volunteers" at Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif. (Meetings with the director, Rev. Elmer C. Strauss, Feb. 16-23).

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## From the Professor's Desk

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*What are the Apocryphal and Pseudepigraphical Books and what value, if any, do they have for Christians?*

PERHAPS THE BEST WAY to answer this question is to begin with a discussion of the meaning of the words *apocrypha* and *pseudepigrapha*. *Apocrypha* is of Greek derivation and means "hidden away" or "concealed." Depending on how the Apocrypha were valued, one applied the meaning "hidden away" to them. For those who approved of them, they were "hidden away" because they contained truth too high to be made available to the uninitiated. For those who disapproved, the Apocrypha were worthy only to be "hidden away," i. e., withheld from public circulation because they contained heretical or at least doubtful teachings.

From this last mentioned meaning of the word, *apocrypha*, is derived its present meaning, viz., "spurious" or "false." The Pseudepigraphical Books are so named because they were written under the names of famous biblical characters such as Enoch, Isaiah, Solomon and the patriarchs.

### A WIDE RANGE OF BOOKS

The Apocryphal Books, strictly speaking, are those books included in the Vulgate (official Catholic Bible) in excess of the Hebrew canon (followed by Protestants). These books are sometimes referred to as the Old Testament Apocrypha to distinguish them from the New Testament apocryphal literature. They include a wide range of literary types, e. g., history (I Maccabees, I Esdras and to a much lesser degree II Maccabees); wisdom literature (Wisdom of Solomon and Ecclesiasticus); devotional literature (Wisdom of Solomon and Ecclesiasticus); devotional literature (Prayer of Manasseh); quasi-historical books with a moral purpose (Tobit, Judith, Susanna, Bel and the Dragon) and one apocalyptic work (II Esdras).

The Pseudepigraphical Books do not

include such a wide range of literary types. About half of them are apocalypses; the other half include sacred legends, psalms and wisdom books. Unlike the Apocrypha, the Pseudepigrapha were never included in any canon of Scripture, Jewish or Christian.

Although it is true that an unbiased evaluation of the Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha reveals their inferiority to the canonical books of the Old Testament, and although the Roman Catholic Church appeals to passages in them in support of Purgatory and Masses for the dead, they nevertheless have value for the Christian.

Their chief worth lies in the fact that they help to bridge the gap between the close of the Old Testament and the beginning of the New. Most of these books were written between 200 B. C. and A. D. 100. Thus they provide us with invaluable information for the inter-testament period. Without I Maccabees we would know far less about the thrilling struggle for independence waged by the Jewish people during this period under the leadership of Mattathias and his five sons.

### THEOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS

Even more important, without these books we would know very little about the theological developments among the Jews between the Old and New Testaments. From the Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha we learn of significant doctrinal developments, especially with respect to beliefs about immortality (Wisdom of Solomon, II Maccabees, I Enoch, Psalms of Solomon), the person and work of the Messiah (I Enoch, Psalms of Solomon, II Esdras, demonology and angelology (II Maccabees, Tobit, II Esdras, I Enoch). There is much in the New Testament which becomes more intelligible in the light of this inter-testamental literature.

An intelligent attitude toward the Apocrypha is to be found in the preface to them in the Geneva Bible, a translation produced by very conservative Protestants in 1560: "These books that follow . . . are called Apocrypha; that is books, which were not received by a common consent to be read and expounded publicly in the Church, neither yet served to prove any point of Christian religion . . . but as books proceeding from godly men, were received to be read for advancement of the knowledge of history, and for the instruction of godly manners: which books declare that at all times God had an especial care of his Church and left them not utterly destitute of teachers and means to confirm them in the hope of the promised Messiah . . ."



Members of the "U. N. O. Visiting Mission" with Dr. Leslie Chaffee and Nurse Ardice Ziolkowski at the Bansa Baptist Hospital in the Cameroons.

Left to right: D. O. Eamenda Division, Mr. F. Walker, Mr. J. Brayne-Baker, Deputy Commissioner, Chairman U.N.O. Mission, Mr. Max Dorsville, Baptist Hospital missionary Dr. Leslie Chaffee, Ardice Ziolkowski, nurse, Member of Mission, Mr. Edward W. Wulcahy, and Principal Secretary to Mission, Mr. Frank Cottrell.



# We the Women

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

## INTRODUCTION

The wife of our General Sunday School Secretary, Mrs. G. K. Zimmerman, writes an article to remind us to remember our national leaders in prayer and to oppose the forces of evil rampant in our world today.

This is indeed fitting as we celebrate the birthdays of famous statesmen of our nation and observe the World Day of Prayer.

May we, along with Mrs. Zimmerman, receive joy in upholding Christian ideals to our families.

## ABRAHAM LINCOLN

by Mrs. G. K. Zimmerman

Perhaps one of the most colorful and fascinating figures in American history is that of Abraham Lincoln. His humility, sincerity, honesty and unselfishness were qualities to be admired. He and his wife were great lovers of children. Their lenient methods of child-rearing were frowned upon by the people of their day. Lincoln would even allow an important cabinet meeting to be interrupted by his "dear codgers", as he called his children.

Although there is no record that he formally joined a church, he attended services with his wife even when those who hated him would leave their pews upon hearing the name of their president in prayer.

During the tragic days of the Civil War, accounts tell us that he "bore the sorrows of the nation in his own heart." Added to all this was the untimely death of his dearly beloved son, Willie. Cruel and unjust attacks were made upon him and his wife by both Northern and Southern newspapers. When these burdens became unbearable, he would retire to his wife's sitting room, where she kept a Bible convenient for him to read.

Upon one such occasion he entered her room deeply troubled, with signs of worry and tension lining his face. He reached for the Bible and after fifteen minutes "the dejected look was gone, and the countenance was lighted up with new resolution and hope." Upon investigation it was discovered he had been reading from the book of Job.

He sought spiritual advice and counsel often from an old friend, a pastor who had spent many evenings with the Lincolns during their Springfield days. This same friend was the one to whom Mary Lincoln turned many years later, after the deaths of her beloved husband and her son Taddie, and also when it seemed to her that her only living son had turned against her.

May I inject here that, according to an article written by an experienced

# North American Baptist Seminary

by Prof. Roy Seibel of Sioux Falls, South Dakota

## DR. GEORGE DUNGER GOES TO AFRICA

DR. GEORGE A. DUNGER, professor of missions for the past six years at our North American Baptist Seminary located in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, has been selected for a teaching and research assignment at Ghana, Africa.

Dr. Dunger was appointed by the International Exchange Service of the U. S. State Department to serve as visiting professor for an eleven-month term at the University College at Ghana. The college is located in Achimota, on the Gold Coast of West Africa, which is about 700 miles northwest of the Cameroons.

He will teach in the theological school of the university, working in his own field of missions. Sufficient time will be given him to do additional research work.

Funds for the teaching mission will be provided by the Smith-Mundt Act. This Act was designed to create closer relations between the United States and the twenty countries participating in the program.

The request for Dr. Dunger's appointment to this post came from the University of Ghana together with a recommendation from the Hartford School of Missions, Hartford, Conn., where he received his degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1950.

Dr. Dunger is well qualified for this task because of his acquaintance with the languages and culture of the people gained in his decade of missionary work in the Cameroons from 1938 to 1948. According to his present plans, he will leave for Africa next summer in order to be in Ghana when the fall school session opens in October.

## Dr. Mark Rich To Speak At Seminary Convocation

Dr. Mark Rich from the Rural Seminary of the Bible College at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, will be the guest lecturer at the Spring Convocation to be held at the

## A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"None preaches better than the ant, and she says nothing."

—Benjamin Franklin.

pastor in a national magazine recently, many church members do not come to their pastors in time of trouble or stress. To whom should one turn except to God and his messengers?

Lincoln's devotion to his purpose was evidenced by the fact that he chose Mr. Edwin M. Stanton to serve on his cabinet as secretary of war, who had referred to Lincoln as the "original gorilla." He chose this man sim-

North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., March 11 and 12.

The theme of the conference sessions will center on the rural church ministry. Since much of our ministry is in such areas, this conference should be of great practical value.

Dr. Rich comes to the Sem'nary from a rich background in the field of the rural church. He formerly served as secretary of Town and Country Work of the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

His work at the Groton Larger Parish in New York won national recognition. At the American Baptist Convention in Colorado in 1935 he was granted the annual award of the American Baptist Home Mission Society for rural work. He is "a spiritual son" of the Bethany Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon.

He is widely known as a lecturer and writer. Among his works are: "The Larger Parish" and the compilation of "Rural Life Prayers." He has contributed to the "Bulletin of The Christian Rural Fellowship," "Christian Century Pulpit," "The Baptist Leader," "Missions," and other publications.

The convocation is open to all our pastors. It is expected that another large group of men will avail themselves of this opportunity.

## BROTHERHOOD WEEK

February 16-23, 1958

By PHILIP M. TALBOT, President

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States

"It has always seemed to me that brotherhood must exist between men—as men—before it can exist between races, religious persuasions, or political creeds. It follows, therefore, that brotherhood must exist first in an individual's own heart, before it can exist in a neighborhood, a community, or between nations. Surely the Almighty himself and the Almighty alone is the fountainhead of brotherhood, and our love of him the beginning of our love for others. Here are the greatest commandments and the most difficult. But until man obeys them, he cannot fulfill his destiny on earth."

ply because he felt that Mr. Stanton was highly qualified to render the country invaluable service.

Should not "We, the Women" pray that our national leaders may turn to God for wisdom in these days when anti-spiritual forces threaten our beloved land? Today as never before we need leaders who cast aside selfish gains and work for the good of our country, with God's help and guidance.



# What's Happening

• The choir of the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta, presented the cantata, "King and Savior," on Sunday evening, Dec. 22. The C.B.Y. Fellowship also presented its annual program on Sunday, Dec. 29, featuring the pageant, "One Day More," which was directed by Mrs. F. Knalson. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Maskoskie recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, as reported by Mrs. Dennis Hammer.

• Dr. Ralph E. Powell of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., a member of the Seminary faculty, is on Sabbatical leave during this school year with half of his time spent in teaching classes at the Seminary and the other half in working towards his M.A. degree in Philosophy at the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, S. Dak. He is writing his thesis on the subject: "A Critical Investigation of the Leibniz-Clarke Correspondence".

• The First Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ontario, has asked Rev. Frank Friesen of Forest Park, Illinois, to serve as its interim pastor, beginning Sunday, February 2nd. He is one of two denominational interim pastors serving the churches with the endorsement of the General Council. Mr. and Mrs. Friesen will be living in the parsonage during their interim ministry at the Arnprior church. The church is prayerfully considering a successor to Rev. Walter Schmidt, now of Norridge, Illinois.

• The Shroyer Road Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio, held a School of Missions on three successive Sunday evenings from January 19 to February 2nd. These classes were held from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. with a light supper followed by intensive study classes. On January 19 there was a panel discussion on "Missions" with Margaret Davis as moderator. On January 26, pictures on the Baptist missionary work in Japan were shown. The February 2nd program was on Home Missions. Rev. Helmut H. Riemer is the pastor.

• The Trinity and Northside Baptist Churches of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., held a joint Watchnight service at the Northside Church. Dr. George A. Lang, president of the Seminary, brought the message in the early hour. The theme of the closing hour was "Experiences at Midnight". Rev. Henry Pfeifer of the Trinity Church and Rev. Harold E. Weiss of the Northside Church participated in this impressive service with many members of the churches and Seminary and college students attending.

• The Hager Memorial Baptist Church of Prince George, British Co-

lumbia, has extended a call to Rev. Paul T. Hunsicker of Columbus, Nebraska, the pastor of the Shell Creek Baptist Church since 1950. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Prince George Church on February 1, where he will succeed Rev. Philip Daum, at present the Northern Conference worker. The Prince George Church has a new parsonage for the pastor and his family.

• Mrs. Bertha Kepl, the widow of the late Rev. John Kepl of Regina, Sask., and Martin, N. Dak., and at one time the church missionary of the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Man., is now residing in Watsonville, California, where she is also engaged in a limited amount of work. She attends the services of the Baptist Church in Watsonville, of which Dr. Ralph Kraft is the pastor. He is one of the twins from Wasco, California, formerly engaged in an evangelistic ministry. Mrs. Kepl's address is 109 1/2 Third Street, Watsonville, California.

• The Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, California, has called Rev. H. John Vanderbeck of Elgin, Iowa, to become its pastor, to which a favorable reply has been given. He has presented his resignation to the First Baptist Church of Elgin, which he has served since 1953, and announced that he would begin his ministry in Anaheim, California, on March 1st. He will succeed Dr. Berthold Jacksteit, who at present is the editor of youth publications of the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, Pa. Rev. Henry Hirsch is the interim pastor at the church.

• Rev. Theo. W. Dons of Sterling, Kansas, former pastor of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Il-

## BIBLE DAY SUNDAY, MARCH 9

Recitation material for Sunday School observances and Programs that can also be used as Bulletin Inserts have been sent to all churches.

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linois, and of the Ellinwood, Kansas, church and denominational evangelist, was in charge of the Watchnight Service at the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kansas. For the first six months of 1958 he is supplying the pulpit of the Evangelical Mennonite Church near Sterling, Kansas. This is his longest commitment in one place since retiring from the active pastorate. He has also supplied pulpits in the Baker Avenue Baptist Church, Great Bend, Kansas, and in the Bethany Baptist Church near Vesper, Kansas.

• Mrs. Hans Steiger of St. Joseph, Mich., was called to her heavenly home quite suddenly on December 21st. The memorial service was held on the day before Christmas in the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph of which she was a member. Rev. L. H. Broeker officiated at the service, assisted by Rev. Walter Fricke, "an alumnus" of the Home. Several of the former "boys" of the Children's Home served as pallbearers. Rev. and Mrs. H. Steiger served as superintendent and matron of the denominational Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich., from 1922 to 1943. The obituary appears on page 23 of this issue.

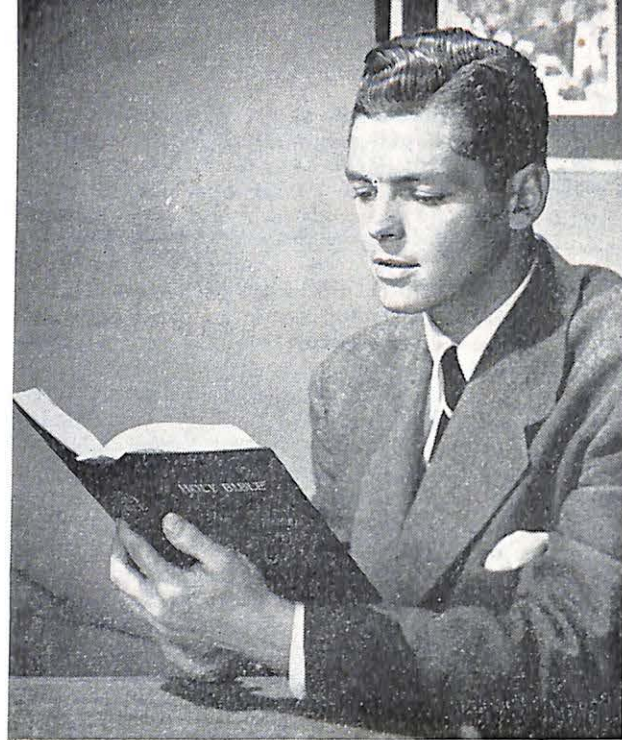
• Recently Rev. Walter Dingfield presented his resignation to the Startup Baptist Church, Startup, Washington, which he has served since 1955, and announced that he had accepted a call to join the pastoral staff of the Church of the Open Door in Los Angeles, California. This church of 3600 members is associated with the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. Mr. Dingfield is to be in charge of the Visitation Department of the church. Dr. J. Vernon McGee is pastor of the Church of the Open Door. Mr. Dingfield will begin his ministry in Los Angeles at the end of February.

• On Sunday morning, Dec. 29, Rev. Frank Veninga, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., baptized 7 converts on confession of their faith in Christ. On Sunday, Jan. 5, he received these and another person by letter into the fellowship of the church. Approximately 200 persons attended the community-wide Christmas Day service with 9 churches participating. This was held in the Temple Church auditorium. The second annual Aca-c'a-Senior Youth Banquet was held on Saturday, January 25, with Professor Roy Seibel of the Seminary faculty, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as the guest speaker.

• The Sunday School Christmas program of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kyle, Texas, was presented on Sunday evening, Dec. 22, and then repeated at the nearby Baptist Church of San Marcus, Texas, on Sunday evening, Dec. 29. Rev. Eldon Schroeder, pastor of the Kyle Church, conducts at 9:00 A.M. Sunday morning service twice a month at the Elm Creek Church, 45 miles from Kyle. Mr. Schroeder has

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—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 and David didn't see much of each other. One day David said he needed Barry's companionship and hoped that they would still room together at college. Then he suggested that Dale, his girl friend, and Barry and Cicily have a game of tennis and go to his place for dinner. Barry went to phone Cicily.

## CHAPTER THREE

CICILY AGREED to come and the game proved to be an exciting and enjoyable affair. David was an excellent player and the four had played many times together before the boys left for college.

"It seems like old times again," Barry remarked as they rested between sets.

"Yes, doesn't it?" Cicily agreed.

Cicily was more like her old self this afternoon and Barry felt renewed hope as her warm friendly smile rested upon him.

A note of discord came while they were sitting upon David's front porch waiting for dinner. Roy drove up in his new car, an expensive sport model.

"I just dropped by to remind you that you had a date with me this afternoon," he said to Cicily as he got out and approached the group. "Your mother told me where I would find you."

Cicily stared at him in dismay. She had completely forgotten her date with him.

"I'm so sorry!" she cried contritely. "I don't see how I could have forgotten it."

"Perhaps my eyesight is better than

yours," commented Roy with a wry smile directed toward Barry.

Cicily colored. "You surely don't think I would deliberately break a date with you, do you?" she asked.

"You never have yet," he said. "I'll forgive you if you'll promise to go with me tomorrow."

"Why of course. I shall be glad to," she said eagerly.

"Perhaps Barry can help you to remember it," Roy said as he turned to his car.

"What do you mean by that?" asked Barry belligerently.

"No offense," Roy replied hastily. "But I just can't get used to sharing Cicily with anyone."

There was a smile upon his lips but Barry saw the glint of something in his eyes which recalled the days of their childhood.

Roy's last remark rankled in Barry's thoughts and spoiled the rest of the evening for him. Sharing Cicily with him! As if Cicily could be shared with anyone! As if she hadn't always belonged to him!

The next morning Barry awoke earlier than usual. He lay for a while looking out of the window at his mother's small garden, with the rows of phlox and marigolds blooming in a mass of brilliant color. Under the tree in the far corner of the garden he could see his old swing still hanging there. His mother had refused to take it down during all these years.

He could hear his mother in the kitchen, singing the same song she so often sang as she cooked breakfast: "Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go." What was it in this religion of his mother's which gave her such a sense of peace? He had never seen her when that air of patience and peace was absent, yet there had been many

times when sorrow and losses had come.

There was the time his sister had died, when it seemed that she would collapse under the shock of that child's sudden death, yet even in that dark hour he had seen that there was a reserve source of strength which he could not understand which carried her through her suffering and left her serene and more beautiful in personality than before.

He had never thought much about this until now, for he had taken his mother's religion for granted. But now, in the light of David's baffling change, he began to wonder about the whole thing. Was God a real tangible personality and could this love of which David tried to convince him really change a man's life and give strength to new impulses which he had never dreamed of before? Could it make a man do things which he had never wanted to do before?

What really happened within a person to make a change like that possible? He had heard his mother say what it was. She had called it conversion, but he had laughed at her outdated ideas. People didn't believe that hokum now. At least educated people, abreast with the times didn't.

But David had said the same thing about himself after he had gone to that meeting and he had been different ever since. What did they do to David that night? Something drastic had happened which had changed his whole outlook on life and his whole purpose for living.

As if his thoughts had summoned the object of them, he heard David's voice in the kitchen.

"Come on in," his mother's voice answered David's greeting. "You're just in time for breakfast."

"Thanks, but I've already had break-

fast," David replied. "Where's Barry?"

"In bed, the lazy fellow. Go on in and get him up."

"I've got a job for you," David said as he came into Barry's room. "I need your help. I forgot to mention it last night. How about it?"

"Sure I'll help if I can," Barry replied. It was good to know that David needed him. It was like old times. "What is it?"

David smiled. "You'd better ask before you consent so glibly. It's hard work. I want you to help me clean off that old lot down by the mill yards. Mr. Barnes has offered it to me to use for my baseball team. It'll be a swell place, all fenced in and everything, but it's full of junk and we haven't money enough to pay to have it cleaned off."

"Why didn't he have it cleaned for you, the old miser!"

"Maybe when he sees how those boys can play ball, he'll do something for us later on. I'd like that better."

"What boys?" Barry asked. "I didn't know you had a ball team."

"A lot of things have been going on behind your back, while you had it turned on me," David said with mock severity. "They're boys from my Sunday School class."

"Sunday School class!" Barry cried. "Don't tell me that you're a Sunday School teacher! That's a woman's job, isn't it?"

"The job I have is a man's-sized job and then some," David told him.

"How on earth did they ever put that over on you?" Barry asked in disgust.

"They didn't," David replied. "And you needn't look at me like that. I'm still in possession of all my faculties. I asked for a class and they said they didn't have any for me. I think they still remembered those days when you and I sort of broke up things when we had to go to Sunday School. They suggested that I might go out and work up a class and I acted upon their suggestion. It gave me a chance to put some of my theories into practice."

"What theories?" asked Barry. There was a frown upon his face. A Sunday School teacher! And he was going to room with David next year. That would bear reconsidering.

"It would take too long to tell you about it now. You'll see them in practice some day, I hope. But I got those boys to come out on Sunday by promising them that we would have lots of fun during the week. This ball team is the beginning. Want to help me clean off that lot?"

"Sure. Though I can't see why you're so keyed up over a ball field. Those kids probably have plenty of places where they can play ball."

"No, they don't. The older boys run them away from the few available places where they could play. Besides, they don't have any balls or bats."

## A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Treasures in heaven are laid up only as treasures on earth are laid down."

"And you're buying some for them, I suppose."

"I'm getting what is necessary, but I hope to get help later on to buy them suits. It means such a lot to a kid of twelve or thirteen to have a suit and to feel that he is an important part of an organization. I want to get close to those boys this summer, Barry. They're in the most dangerous age of their lives. Some of them will land in the penitentiary if they do not get the right influence. They are as ignorant of high ideals and right standards as savages."

"I just can't picture you trying to reform a gang of hoodlums," Barry commented as he finished dressing.

"They're just boys who have never had a chance. They're at the age where poverty and bitterness and the sense of the unfairness of life bites deep into their souls and brings out the worst that's in them. If I can help them to know that there is a God who loves them and who really cares what becomes of them and is willing to help them to make something worth while of their lives, then I'll feel that I've done something for them and for the Lord."

"Carrying the torch, eh?" smiled Barry as he put an arm around David and they went into the kitchen.

Down at the lot the boys were already at work when Barry and David arrived. They were a ragged crowd, barefoot and dirty, but they were laughing and talking at the top of their voices. They greeted David boisterously.

"Hey! We've got a wagon load in this pile already," they cried.

"Good!" David approved. "We'll have that wagon here this afternoon and by that time we ought to have all this cleared off. Then we can get the ground smoothed off and begin practice."

As the boys continued their work, David turned to Barry and indicated an undersized boy with red hair which stuck up in a thick, unruly thatch.

"That's Pee Wee Banks," David remarked. "His father was executed recently for murder. When I first found Pee Wee, none of the other boys would have anything to do with him and he was the saddest, most bitter boy I ever saw. His mother takes in washings and they don't have enough to eat half the time."

"What did you do to make the other boys treat him decent?" asked Barry who was already interested in the boy.

"Well, in the first place I found out that Pee Wee was as fast as a streak on those thin little legs of his and when I began to coach him I discovered that he could really smack that

ball. I gave him all the fast and curved balls that I could throw. By the time we played a few games over by the school house, where I got temporary permission to play, the boys saw how good he really was. I made Pee Wee feel that we needed him and I tried to make the other boys understand that we couldn't get along without him. I tried to get the idea across to them that it doesn't matter so much what a fellow's parents have been, as it does what the fellow himself does. They've gradually warmed up to him and he feels his importance to the team. Even though he hasn't a whole garment to his name."

"I suppose you've been feeding the boy and his mother out of your pocket, even though you need money yourself?"

"No, Barry, I haven't. I took dinner with them one evening and I took some things that mother had cooked for them. We sort of shared a meal together. That mother doesn't want charity. She wants a chance to earn a living. She needs to keep her morale and her self-respect. I've managed to get more work for her and she's thrilled over the prospect of getting a washing machine some day soon. I helped Pee Wee get a job as errand boy for the summer. He works at night, so he'll be able to play ball with the other boys in the afternoons. There's more possibility for good or evil in that boy than in any of these others. With the right influence, he'll make someone worth while. If he's left to himself, he'll land in jail."

"Well, if he does, I'll get him out," Barry said. "Isn't that what I'll be doing when we start working together?"

"I'd love to do my part of the work so well that there wouldn't be anything for you to do," David replied as he began to help the boys work.

The morning was warm and the sun beat mercilessly down upon them but none of them seemed to mind. Barry was so interested that he forgot the heat. He became absorbed in listening to the boys chatter, and watching David as he worked with them. He could see how these boys adored David. They forgot the difference in their ages and accepted him as one of them.

Barry heard an occasional oath dropped unconsciously from some boy's lips and he waited to see what David would say. David hadn't seemed to notice. It dawned upon Barry that David wasn't concerned about minor things just now. He was concerned with the task he had set himself, to get close to these boys and to lead them to the experience he had had.

So this was what David meant by carrying the torch into lives where hope was dim, Barry mused. A new respect for David entered his heart, a new understanding of the life David was trying to live. This was indeed a man's job that he had set for himself.



# Sunday School Lessons

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: February 16, 1958

### Theme: THE PREACHING MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

Scripture: Romans 10:14-17; Ephesians 3:7-19

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** The strength of the church is largely dependent on the strength of its preaching ministry.

**INTRODUCTION:** Great churches and great revivals have always been associated with great preaching. "Preaching," to a great extent, is a New Testament term. So we immediately think of "the Gospel." The association is spontaneous! A new dispensation of life and power began when it was said: "In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 3:1, 2). It was brought into consummation a short time later when it was said: "From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 4:17). Often after that it was said, "He preached the word unto them."

Great preaching is associated primarily with the proclamation of the Gospel, the good news of salvation. When the first church was born at Pentecost, it was immediately accompanied by great preaching. Peter's sermon was the keynote to the ministry of the church of the future.

#### I. PREACHING AND ITS NECESSITY. Romans 10:14-17.

For the minister of Jesus Christ, preaching is not something that is optional, but a divine necessity. Like Paul, the minister feels the urgency, "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel" (1 Cor. 9:16). The immortal souls of men are in danger of being lost and their salvation depends upon the responsibility of the preacher. These opening words strike us as though God is thundering from the Holy Mountain—HOW? HOW? HOW? HOW? Only through the ministry of the church which has the power to "preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things"! So then faith is the object, hearing is the medium, and the Word of God is the power.

#### II. PREACHING AND THE PREACHER. Eph. 3:7-13.

There was no question about Paul's call to the ministry. He was sure of God's call, sure of God's grace and sure of God's power. It was not a position he coveted, worked for, or deserved. Yet no minister worked at his calling harder, and with more zeal and love. So content was he with his call-

ing that he would never think of changing places with the greatest kings or rulers.

Notice the content of his preaching:

- (a) The unsearchable riches of Christ;
- (b) To make all men see;
- (c) The manifold wisdom of God;
- (d) Boldness, confidence, faith.

#### III. PREACHING AND PRAYER. Eph. 3:14-16.

It is so easy to express thanksgiving in our prayer for the good and favorable things in life. A minister or teacher can thank God for the inspiration that comes in preparation for the sermon or lesson, or for an interested and attentive audience, or for a beautiful sanctuary in which to worship. Paul, however, bowed his knees to God and thanked him for the tribulations which brought glory to his congregations. A good minister takes upon himself a great burden when he becomes responsible for the flock of God, and only through much prayer and intercession can he bring a healing, helping and saving ministry to the church.

#### IV. PREACHING AND LOVE. Eph. 3:17-19.

Many of our churches are so deeply rooted and grounded in tradition, doctrine and ceremony that the roots of love have been destroyed. Love, the greatest of all virtues, is often lacking in the very place where it should be found in abundance—the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul's goal was "to know the love of Christ." It was said of Frederick W. Robertson that he brought so much love with him on his parish calls that the chair in which he sat became a family prize.

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: February 23, 1958

### Theme: THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Scripture: Matt. 18:19-20; John 4:23-24; Acts 1:12-14; Col. 3:16-17.

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** Worship is not merely attendance in church; it is seeking a closer relationship with God and seeking his will for your life and strength for your task.

**INTRODUCTION:** "But I haven't seen God yet," remonstrated a little boy as his mother tried to pull him through the door of the church. No doubt, it would be well for all of us not to hurry away before we have seen the vision of Isaiah, "I have seen the

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Lord" (Isa. 6). Mary Magdalene at the tomb, Paul on the road to Damascus, the two disciples on the way to Emmaus, and a host of others had the experience which made them cry out, "I have seen the Lord!" The prayer of every true worshipper can be experienced in the words of the Greeks who came to Philip and said, "Sir, we would see Jesus" (John 12:21). Many approach the minister today with the attitude: "Sir, let's get this over with." In many communities the church service has become a social custom, a sign of respectability, and an accepted moral restraint. True worship must go farther, deeper and higher.

#### I. THE PRESENCE OF GOD IN WORSHIP. Matt. 18:19-20.

In these few words of Jesus, there are four points of emphasis together—agreement, Christ's presence, results. It is obvious that Jesus did not say that two ministers had to be together, or two priests, or rabbis. Only two persons dedicated to the will of God, agreeable in spirit and purpose, dependent on the heavenly Father for their needs are capable of bringing about a true worship experience.

#### II. THE ATTITUDE OF WORSHIP. John 4:23-24.

Simply to have some knowledge about worship will not make a person a Christian. His attitudes must be changed and renewed. The woman at the well, to whom Jesus addressed these words, knew something about worship, but it did not affect her sinful life. Her superficial ideas of worship had to do with a matter of geography, with going through certain motions, and conforming to certain religious rituals. True worship is a meeting of the Spirit of God with the spirit of man so that in worship we might gain a forgiving attitude, a loving attitude, a pure attitude, a humble attitude, all based on God's attitude of grace, mercy and love.

#### III. PRAYER AND WORSHIP. Acts 1:12-14.

If there was one characteristic which was outstanding in the early church, it was that their worship was primarily a worship of prayer. It was continuous prayer, united prayer, and persevering prayer. Today we have many churches which are known for their great preaching, but seldom do we hear of a church which is known primarily for its great and good praying. It is our attitude of prayer in worship which indicates our measure of closeness with God.

#### IV. THE FORM OF WORSHIP. Col. 3:16-17.

We often have much controversy about form and ritual in the church. Because of this, we go to opposite extremes, from the high church ritual of the Episcopalians to the silent worship of the Quakers. Certainly God does

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# Our Denomination in ACTION

## Dakota Conference

### Evangelistic Meetings at Grace Church, Hettinger, N. Dakota

The Grace Baptist Church of Hettinger, N. Dak., held evangelistic meetings Nov. 19-29. Rev. John C. Kastelein, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Harvey, N. Dak., was the evangelist. Mr. Kastelein showed scriptural motion pictures every night before the message.

Although Mr. Kastelein could not complete the meetings because he became ill with the flu, the church benefited much by his straight forward Gospel messages and films. The pastor, Rev. Iver Walker, took over the daily radio program which had been begun during the meetings. He also brought the messages for the remaining nights.

The Grace Baptist Church is grateful for the blessings that God gives through the faithful preaching of his Word.

Iver Walker, Pastor

### Annual Program, Woman's Missionary Society, Parkston, S. Dak.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church of Parkston, S. Dakota, presented its annual program on Sunday evening, Nov. 17, 1957. The president, Helen Radel, presided. Mrs. Helmut Mehlhaff and Mrs. Albert Radel led the devotions. Special music was furnished by the Ladies' Chorus.

A short skit was presented by Mrs. A. Weisser, Mrs. Adolph Decker, Mrs. Wm. Koth, Mrs. Helen Radel, Mrs. Wm. Fix and Mrs. Gus Radel. The skit was written by Mrs. Raymond Harsch and portrayed a women's missionary meeting on the Indian Reserve. A reading, "The Tale of the North American Baptist Sheet", was given by Mrs. Edwin Rieb.

The guest speakers were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Harsch of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, who told of their experiences on the Indian mission field and of the special needs there. A free will offering was taken and the greater portion of it given to the North American Baptist Nursing Home at Madison, S. Dakota.

Mrs. Alex Mehlhaff, Sec'y

### South Dakota Youth Rally at Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

The theme, "True Christian Love", became more real and precious to the young people of the South Dakota CBY Fellowship as we met at the Trinity Church in Sioux Falls on Nov. 22 and 23 for our annual fall rally. Rev. J. A. Brygger of the Central Church of George, Iowa, who was our guest speaker, challenged us with his graphic messages on Friday evening and again at the banquet on Saturday. His word pictures made his messages interesting, inspiring and helpful.

On Saturday morning the film, "The Miracle of Love," was presented by

Miss Martha Leypoldt, a professor at our Seminary. It described the powerful influence which Christian love has had on the lives of several people. Following the film, buzz groups were organized to discuss the film and apply it to our lives. On Saturday afternoon we had an "Operation TFC" workshop in which each C.B.Y. Fellowship reported its progress in the program.

The rally was climaxed by the banquet with Miss Iola Kludt as toastmistress. The banquet and all other meals were served in the seminary dining hall. Special music was provided by the various societies in the association.

DeLana Saylor, Reporter

### Farewell Services for Pastor's Family, Parkston, South Dakota

On Friday evening, Dec. 27, the members of the Parkston and Tripp Baptist Church, along with their neighboring pastors, Rev. Rubin Herrmann of Tyndall, S. Dak., and Rev. Willis Potratz of the Plum Creek Church near Emery, S. Dak., gathered at the Parkston Church auditorium for a farewell service in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Weisser and their two daughters, Barbara and Laura. Mr. Harold Lippert, deacon of the church, presided.

Representatives of the various organizations of the church brought expressions of appreciation for the pastor and his good wife's work during their eight years of ministry among us and in our community. The two neighboring pastors spoke of the fellowship they had enjoyed with the Weissers. Special music was furnished by the male quartet and ladies' duet of Parkston and by a men's duet of Tripp.

The church presented to the Weissers as a token of appreciation a swivel arm-chair, and the Woman's Mission Circle an end table. The pastor and his family graciously responded. Our prayers are with them as they serve their Master in their new field at Herreid, South Dakota.

Mrs. Alex Mehlhaff, Clerk

### Prayer Day and Parsonage "Open House", Madison, S. Dak.

With the theme, "Now Is the Time—Now Is the Day," the Women's Day of Prayer was observed at the West Center Church, Madison, S. Dak., with

## QUOTABLES

When God measures men he puts the tape around the heart, not the head.

Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.

Storms make a strong tree—suffering makes a strong saint.

You are near to God as you are far from self.

—Compiled by

John E. Southard.

our sister churches of Emery, S. Dak., and the First Baptist Church of Madison as our guests. Devotions were led by Mrs. Milton Schrepel and Mrs. Carl Frautchy took charge of the program. Mrs. Lyle Fawbush sang "Just for Today". After a period of prayer, the group joined in singing "Blest Be the Tie" and repeating the Lord's Prayer. A time of fellowship and refreshments followed the program.

On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 16, about 100 members and friends of the West Center Baptist Church, Madison, S. Dak., called at the parsonage to observe "Open House." The parsonage had been remodeled, redecorated and carpeted before the arrival of our pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. J. Benke, and family. Everyone found the parsonage very inviting with its improvements, furnishings and touches of Christmas decorations throughout the house.

We hope that the Benkes will enjoy their new home and work in Madison and that we as a congregation will be a blessing to them as we know they will be to us.

Mrs. Graydon Rohrer, Reporter

## Eastern Conference

### December's Events at Baptist Church, Neustadt, Ontario

The month of December was ushered in very fittingly at the Baptist Church, Neustadt, Ontario, with the observance of the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer on Dec. 6. This was the first time our women had observed this day. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. John Hammer. Mrs. Ramus spoke on the theme, "Now is the Time, Now is the Day." Mrs. Aleda Yungblut, Mrs. O. Helwig, and Mrs. G. Voelkel rendered special music.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 15, the choir with narration and filmstrip rendered a musical program, "Joseph and the Nativity." On Christmas night the Church School presented its annual Christmas program to an appreciative audience. The Sunday School superintendent, Ronald Helwig, welcomed those present. The church choir, directed by Leslie Helwig, presented two anthems. Thelma Yungblut directed the children in presenting "The Characters of Christmas Meet Christ." The program was effectively climaxed by the young people's presentation of the play, "The Wiseman from the West." Adolph Hahn and Ronald Helwig very aptly portrayed the leading characters.

The year 1957 was climaxed on Dec. 31 with a vesper service from 9 to 10 P.M. in charge of the pastor, Rev. H. G. Ramus. Three laymen, Orlando Helwig, Simon Dahms, and Adolph Hahn, spoke on "As I See the New Year". This was a time for spiritual rejoicing and looking forward to 1958.

Mrs. H. Ramus, Reporter



## Southwestern Conference

### Kansas Association at Calvary Church, Stafford, Kansas

The Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, Kansas, was host to the Kansas Association from October 21 to 23. The sessions began on Monday evening with Rev. H. J. Wilcke, host pastor, in charge. Rev. Norman Miller served as song leader. Prof. Roy Seibel, a member of our Seminary faculty, brought inspiring messages on Monday and Tuesday evening on the theme of the Association, "Love." On Tuesday afternoon Prof. Seibel also gave an interesting report on the work of our denomination as to God's Volunteers, Church Extension and Missions. Various pastors spoke during the worship service and led in devotions.

Rev. Charles Thole, vice-moderator of the Association, led the business sessions. The Association time for next year was extended from Monday evening to Wednesday evening. The churches of Marion, Strassburg and Durham were encouraged to look into the possibility of beginning a work in Wichita, Kansas.

All delegates and guests appreciated having meetings in the beautiful sanctuary of the Calvary church, staying in the homes of the hospitable people and being served most delicious meals.

Harry Haas, Reporter

### Ingersoll, Okla., Church Will Relocate to Cherokee

The members of the Bethel Baptist Church, Ingersoll, Oklahoma, have decided to relocate to the nearby city of Cherokee. A Building Fund has been established and the lots for the new location have already been purchased. The location is in a well respected neighborhood with plenty of parking space, but right in the center of that



Dr. A.S. Felberg (Left), pastor of the Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, British Columbia, congratulates three couples on their wedding anniversaries: Mr. and Mrs. Gus Lick, 60th (left to right); Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fried, 50th; and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Semke, 25th.

part of the town in which Cherokee is expanding.

Several reasons prompted the membership to decide to relocate. First of all, the present location in Ingersoll with the members living on surrounding farms has completely lost its potential. But Cherokee is surrounded with oil developments and is decidedly the key town of the area. Although Cherokee has a Baptist church affili-



The new Memorial Window in the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church, Inglewood, Calif., behind the pulpit and choir loft.

ated with the Southern Baptist Convention, there is definitely a need for another Baptist church with a somewhat different organization and policy. A North American Baptist Church will meet this need.

So with God's grace and guidance, we hope to prosper and grow. Presently we do not have a regular pastor, but Rev. H. A. Meyer and others are carrying on the pastoral duties. We plan to have "Eight Great Days of Revival" in the near future. Pray for us tremendously!

Menno Harms, Reporter

### A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Christian faith is nothing else but the soul's venture. It ventures on Christ, in opposition to all legal terrors. It ventures on Christ, in opposition to our guiltiness. It ventures for Christ, in opposition to all difficulties and discouragements." — W. B. Dages.

## Pacific Conference

### Memorial Window Dedicated, Inglewood Knolls Church, Calif.

A beautiful stained glass window now adorns the sanctuary of the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church in Inglewood, Calif. The large, lovely window was given to our church by Miss Mildred Roberts in loving memory of her friend, Mrs. Helena Jessen. For many years Mrs. Jessen was a faithful member of our church. She went home to be with her Lord in 1956.

The colorful picture is of Jesus with his arms outstretched extending the invitation to everyone to "Come Unto Me." It is a beautiful and fitting background for our choir loft and baptistry.

The dedication service of the Memorial Window was held on Sunday morning, Dec. 8th, during the worship service. Miss Mildred Roberts presented the gift to the church with kind words of tribute to Mrs. Jessen, her friend since 1934. Ferdinand A. Post, trustee, accepted the gift in behalf of the church. Our pastor, Rev. E. Mittelstedt, led the audience in the appropriate responsive reading. The talented artist, Mr. John Wallis, modestly gave a few brief remarks. His beautiful creation, however, will speak to the many who will view it throughout the years.

The choir added to the inspiring service by singing two sacred anthems with Mrs. L. Marang as soloist. Our pastor completed the beautiful service by giving "The Spiritual Significance of the Window."

Mrs. Clyde Johnston, Reporter

### Three Wedding Anniversaries, Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, B.C.

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 4th, the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, B. C., was happy to honor three couples celebrating wedding anniversaries: Mr. and Mrs. Gus Lick, their 60th; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fried, their 50th; and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Semke, their 25th. A program under the chairmanship of Mrs. A. S. Felberg, president of the Ladies' Missionary Society, began the festivities. Flowers were presented to the couples by their children. Congratulations were extended on behalf of the church and a gift presented to each of the brides. The pastor, Dr. A. S. Felberg, addressed the couples and past events were recalled by close friends and relatives. Recitations and musical selections rendered by the German Mixed Choir as well as individuals enhanced the festivities of the evening.

Gustave and Sophia Lick were married on Nov. 27, 1897 in Romania. They were blessed with 12 children, 8 of whom are still living. They have 23 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Karl and Rosina Fried were married on Dec. 27, 1907 in Martin, N. Dak. They have 13 children, 30 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Albert and Katherine Semke were married on Dec. 3, 1932 at our church in

Vancouver. They have two children, Mrs. Ruth Hemmerling presently of Creston, B. C., and Wayne, at home. Mrs. Eugen Lueck, Reporter

### Building Plans for Immanuel Church, Portland, Oregon

The Immanuel Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, has approved plans for a new edifice to be erected at NE 83rd Avenue and Prescott Street. The proposed edifice is to be one story high, 70 x 104 feet, with partial basement. Walls will be brick with aluminum sash and glue-laminated timber roof. Both the church and educational units are to be constructed. The plot plan calls for off-street parking for 40 cars and considerable landscaping. Cost, without furnishings, is estimated at \$100,000.

The original congregation was organized in 1902 under the leadership of the Rev. J. Kratt, pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church. The building was erected in 1904 when the congregation was known as the Second German Baptist Church. This was located at NE Morris Street and Rodney Avenue.

In October, 1954, property was purchased at NE 83rd Avenue and Prescott Street, and in February, 1955, a branch Sunday School was started. Morning services have also been conducted there in a residence on the property. Services have also been conducted temporarily in the chapel of the Baptist Home for the Aged after the sale of the property at NE Morris and Rodney. Two charter members are still active in the church: Mrs. Mary Harding and J. A. Hoelzer. Rev. Henry W. Barnett is the present pastor.

—"Oregon Journal," Portland

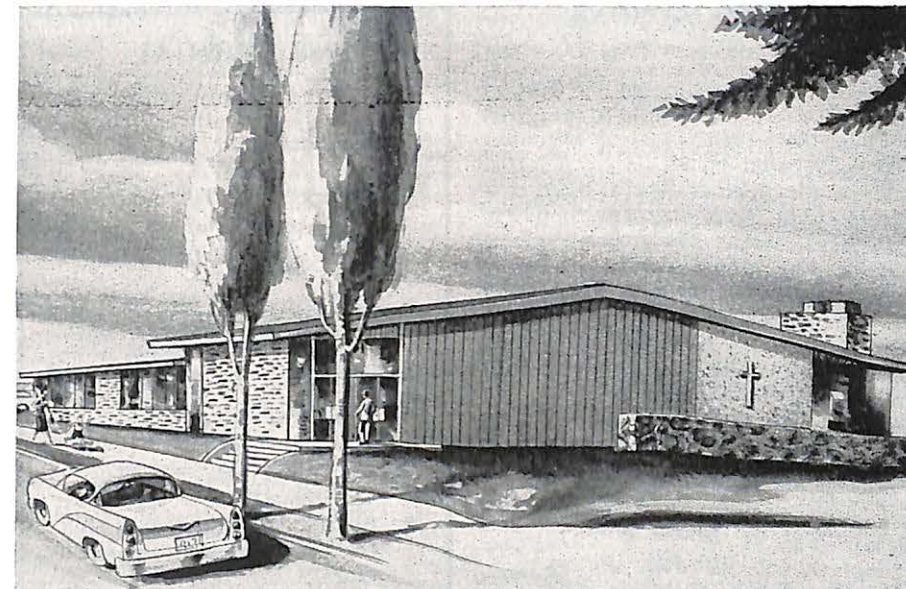
### New Library Dedicated, Temple Church, Lodi, California

On Sunday evening, Dec. 8th, the Temple Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., held a special service of dedication for our church library which had been planned for at the time of the construction of our new sanctuary. A library committee, composed of Elvera Bullington, chairman; August Auch, Verne Howen, Clara Kandt and Delores Midthun, had been appointed to purchase books and to process them for library use. Approximately \$400 was available to the committee as a result of contributions given in memory of loved ones. The shelves for the library were donated by the Men's Brotherhood.

At the service of dedication Mrs. Bullington explained the rules and regulations concerning the library use and Mr. Auch brought a report on one of the books contained in the library. The pastor, Rev. Robert Schreiber, then led in a dedicatory prayer and Mrs. Martha Howen cut the ribbon, officially opening the library with its approximately 235 books. An additional 50 books were donated by interested persons that night.

Mrs. Lois Pryor was appointed as head librarian with Mrs. Martha Howen and Carol Schreiber as her assistants. We look forward to the many benefits that the library will provide for the members and friends of our church.

Robert Schreiber, Pastor



Architect's sketch of the new edifice for the Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, with the Sunday School wing at the left and the church sanctuary in the foreground.

## Northwestern Conference

### Inspiring Services at Central Church, George, Iowa

The Central Baptist Church of George, Iowa, rejoices in continued blessings from the Lord. Seven members were given the right hand of fellowship on July 28. Six of these were baptized by our pastor, Rev. J. A. Brygger. This service was followed with a candlelight communion service. Our congregation received additional blessing during the week of September 22 to 29, when we had "Seven Bible Nights" with Rev. E. W. Fall of Albert Lea, Minn., ministering to us with prophetic messages.

On Sunday, Oct. 6, we observed Rally Day in our Sunday School. The missionary offerings continue to be generous, and the Sunday School has assisted in the building project in which our church is engaged. Many improvements are being made, including a new entry way, and we are especially encouraged by the addition of a number of Sunday School rooms. Dedication services will be held on completion of this improvement.

On Dec. 22, the 20-voice choir of our church presented the cantata, "Chimes of the Holy Night" by Fred B. Holten and Herman Von Berge. Mrs. Harvey Schmidt is the choir director and Mrs. Raymond Sudinga is the pianist.

Mrs. Harvey Schmidt, Reporter

## Central Conference

### New Youth Program at Grosse Pointe Church, Detroit

In an attempt to bring the youth program of the church into a contemporary setting, a new approach to youth work was launched at the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., in October. After the 6 p.m. evening service, the following schedule is now in effect on Sundays: at 7:30 p.m. a youth worship service is held, planned

and conducted by the assistant pastor and youth director, Rev. Victor Priebe, for all young people from the 6th grade up. At 8 p.m. the young people divide into Interest Centers until approximately 9 p.m., when a combined closing exercise is held.

These Centers are designed to provide fellowship through creative activity geared to the talents and interests for which the youth have expressed preference. Currently there are eight such Interest Centers, including Drama, Music, Photography, Handcraft (4 groups), Bible Study, Missions, and Arts. Qualified adult resource leaders are provided for each Center. A Recreation Center is also provided for visitors and for those not in any Interest Center. Though the program has only been in operation for three months, it has already resulted in increased attendance, positive enthusiasm and interest, and more active participation in the program of the church on the part of our young people.

Mrs. Wm. Faust, Reporter

### FIRST CHURCH, LODI

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that as time goes on, other young people will dedicate their lives to full time Christian service. Our church has also given a helping hand to the Willow Rancho Church of Sacramento, Calif., with a gift of \$1,000 for their building project.

### RICH OPPORTUNITIES

The vital message of the Gospel of Christ spoken with conviction and positiveness is attracting large audiences. A better weekly calling system is in the process of being adopted which will reach many more people for the Lord and his church. Truly, these are days of opportunity! We are thankful that we have a people who have a mind to work. May we be found faithful in the trust which God has given unto us!



## UNITED NATIONS

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when an emergency arises and men of good will everywhere unite in the earnest hope that such a test of effectiveness may never come.

World disarmament is still being discussed with little present hope of agreement among the major powers. Nations with atomic bombs are being urged to abandon them as weapons of war. The suspicions with which nations view each other has led to an arms race of tremendous proportions with the nations of the world spending the major portion of their annual budgets on the building up and strengthening of their armed forces.

This has been done, in spite of the fact that world economists have pointed out that no nation is financially strong enough to run the present course indefinitely. A recent newspaper editorial, commenting on the ineffectual conversations carried on by a recent conference on disarmament said, "All they do is talk," to which a wise man replied, "At least they are talking, and as long as they talk they are not likely to fight."

## GOD'S REVELATION

No appraisal of the United Nations would be complete without viewing it from the point of view of Revelation in the Word of God.

A world-wide Kingdom is envisioned in Scripture, the inauguration of which will usher in an era of peace and righteousness. The hearts of men long for such a golden age when wars shall cease and all the nations will be united under one head and one government. Perhaps it is this deep-felt desire that motivates men in their efforts to help bring it about.

How sad that, as has always been true, man's best efforts are pre-doomed to failure. True, some good will accrue out of these endeavors. But the ideal proposed, that of a world made up of a community of men enjoying equally the fruits of their labors in an era of universal peace and prosperity, is a dream impossible of attainment even though man's efforts may for a time restrain the forces that could bring about the total destruction of the world in this atomic age.

At least two ingredients essential to the success of man's efforts are missing. First, men must have natures so completely changed that they no longer engage in sin or are subject to the domination of Satan, and to "the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye and the pride of life." The second ingredient is the visible presence of the King of kings and Lord of lords, without Whom none of the things spoken of in Scripture are possible of realization.

It is well to be reminded that God has a plan for the world vaster in scope and greater in its provisions for the good of men than anything man

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has yet devised. But only when the Lord Jesus Christ returns, as he has promised, will the nations be united. He must rule and he will rule. Then men will no longer be divided by conflicting ideologies that have their dependence on a spirit of compromise, tolerance and the acceptance of a state of peaceful co-existence.

## THE CHRISTIAN'S WITNESS

Should Christians then abandon cooperation in all efforts to bring about a better world condition or to alleviate the sufferings of mankind? No, for these are inherent in the Gospel, even though but a by-product of its proclamation.

There must, however, be an intelligent recognition of the fact that man's best efforts are doomed to failure, and that abiding peace and blessing can be had only with the coming of the Prince of peace, the Lord of glory, the Lord Jesus Christ. This realization should be the Christian's greatest incentive to world evangelization by every means at our command, to faithful stewardship of the talents and possessions entrusted to us and to a personal re-dedication on the part of God's children which is reflected in unqualified devotion to God, and manifested in the life we live, in the service we render and in the hope we reflect in the face of an ever darkening world horizon as the end of an age draws near and the coming of the Lord draws near.

"Even so Lord Jesus, come quickly."

## THE TORCH BEARER

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It wasn't going to be easy, for he realized that the way would be filled with disappointments. David would need him, perhaps, even as he had said. Well, he would not disappoint him.

When they left the lot, hot and tired and longing for a cool bath and a comfortable place to lounge, Barry turned to David with an odd smile.

"If religion can take a fellow out in that hot sun to do what we've done today, it's some miracle worker," he said.

"You'll admit that it took a miracle to get me away from a book on a cool porch," David replied.

Beneath the perspiration and the streaks of dirt upon his face, David wore a radiant look and there was a light in his eyes which brought a catch to Barry's throat. It was the little-boy look he had seen on David's face long ago when they had talked of great adventures or planned some daring exploit.

"If it's religion that makes you do things like this why doesn't it strike the same way with everybody?" Barry asked.

"I don't know," David replied seriously. "Perhaps people have just grown stale by not putting their religion into practice. They've let it die from inaction. Just imagine what this world, or even just this town, would be, if everyone who really professed to be a Christian would really live up to their obligation as Christians."

"I wouldn't dare. I'm afraid there would be no more road houses or joints, and we'd all become long-faced deacons thinking about the good old days and wondering where the joy of living had gone."

David smiled. "That's because you just don't understand. Religion was never meant to be a series of prohibitions. It was meant to make people enjoy life more, not less, but to know what real joy means. Do you think that a God who is Love personified could decree that those who followed Him should know only sorrow and gloom?"

"I hadn't bothered to think about it at all," Barry was beginning to feel uneasy. He always did when David began talking like this.

"I've been happier this summer than I've ever been before," David said quietly. He noted Barry's uneasiness and changed the subject.

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## Obituary

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

### MRS. HANS STEIGER of St. Joseph, Michigan

Mrs. Martha Steiger of St. Joseph, Michigan, was born in Switzerland, on Sept. 18, 1876. She was married to Rev. Hans Steiger in 1904. In 1911 she accompanied him to the United States when he accepted a call to become the minister of the Baptist Church, Steamboat Rock, Iowa. Before becoming superintendent of the Baptist Children's Home in St. Joseph, Michigan, he served four other congregations.

In 1922 she and her husband began their ministry of 21 years as matron and superintendent at the Children's Home in St. Joseph. They cared for 129 children, and she was affectionately known as "Mom" to all. They retired from this active service in 1943, and her husband passed away in 1945. In August 1956, "the children" of the Home honored Mrs. Steiger at a reunion in St. Joseph. She passed away peacefully in her sleep on December 21, 1957.

She is survived by two sisters: Mrs. Hulda K. Smith of St. Joseph, Michigan; and Mrs. Lydia Plambeck of Davenport, Iowa; and other relatives. The memorial service was held on December 24th at the First Baptist Church with Rev. L. H. Broeker, pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. Walter Fricke, "an alumnus" of the Home. Burial was in St. Joseph City Cemetery. Pallbearers were from "the Home's Family."

First Baptist Church  
St. Joseph, Michigan  
L. H. BROEKER, Pastor

### MRS. FRED KOPF of North Freedom, Wisconsin

Mrs. Fred Kopf, nee Pfaff, of North Freedom, Wis., was born October 16, 1887, in Ableman, Wisconsin. She passed away Dec. 12, 1957, from a heart attack. She was united in marriage to Fred Kopf on August 25, 1925. Surviving her are her husband, Fred; 2 daughters: Mrs. Andrew Quam of Windsor, Wis.; and Mrs. Oscar Fritzsche of Nokomis, Sask., Canada; 4 sons: Walter and Donald of Kenosha, Harold of Milwaukee, Wis., and Rev. Edward Kopf of Odessa, Wash.

Mrs. Kopf was baptized upon confession of her faith in Christ on April 11, 1902, by Rev. Julius Kaaz. In 1950 she transferred her membership to the North Freedom Baptist Church in which she served faithfully as the president of the Ladies Missionary Society, and also as Sunday School teacher and member of the Tabitha Society.

The words of Jesus, "... Be thou faithful unto death ..." (Rev. 2:10) were fulfilled in her life, for on the day of her death she was present at the meeting of the Tabitha Society and earlier that morning she had made preparations for teaching her Sunday School class.

North Freedom, Wisconsin  
RICHARD LAWRENZ, Pastor

### MR. PETER E. DeNEUI of George, Iowa

Mr. Peter E. DeNeui of George, Iowa, was a member of the Central Baptist Church of George, Iowa. He was the son of Jo and Kathryn DeNeui and was born May 28, 1894 near George. He was married in 1919 to Lily Martens. To this union six children were born. In 1920 he became a member of Central Church.

He died at his home near Rushmore, Minnesota, on Dec. 14, 1957. He was preceded in death by two sons: Laren Elmer who died in infancy and Raymond Edward who died at the age of 14. He is survived by his wife; two daughters: Vera, Mrs. James Thoele of George, Iowa; and Delores, Mrs. Elmer Gruis of Rushmore, Minn.; two sons: Dwain of George, Iowa; and Donald at home; also 3 grandchildren, 3 brothers and one sister.

Central Baptist Church  
George, Iowa

MRS. HARVEY SCHMIDT, Clerk

### MR. GUSTAV KWAST of Lansing, Michigan

Mr. Gustav Kwast of Lansing, Mich., was born March 8, 1875, in Russia and died Dec. 2, 1957. He moved to Germany in 1905 where he received Christ and was baptized

under the ministry of Rev. Sommers. He came to the United States in 1923 and made his home in Lansing, Michigan.

In May of 1903 he was married to Bertha Bothe. This union was blessed with six children. Left to mourn his passing are his wife, Bertha; his son, Reinhard of Anaheim, Calif.; Dr. Harold Kwast of Portland, Mich.; Rudolph and Alfred of Lansing; and two daughters: Mrs. Emma Powell and Mrs. Edna Strauss, both of Lansing. There are seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Kwast served for years as deacon and trustee of the Holmes Street Baptist Church (now Colonial Village church). The undersigned brought words of comfort from I John 3:23. Burial took place in Deepdale Cemetery, Lansing, Michigan.

Colonial Village Baptist Church  
Lansing, Michigan

A. BUHLER, Pastor

### MR. GUSTAV A. ACHTERBERG of St. Joseph, Michigan

On Nov. 28, 1957, at the age of 85 years Mr. Gustav A. Achterberg of St. Joseph, Mich., departed this life to be forever with his Lord. At the General Conference in 1916, Mr. Achterberg was elected a member of the board of trustees of the Children's Home, which position he held until the day of his death. For many years he served as its secretary. He was also a member of the General Council of the denomination.

Born in Pomerania, Germany, in 1872, he came to America eleven years later. At the age of 10, he was converted and baptized. After coming to this community he was a member of the First Baptist Church in St. Joseph for some years, and then of the Clay St. Church of Benton Harbor. In both churches he served as deacon, and in the latter also as Sunday School superintendent. He leaves to mourn his departure his beloved wife and five children: 3 sons and 2 daughters. His pastor, Rev. Wm. Hoover, conducted the funeral service and spoke of Mr. Achterberg's faithfulness.

Clay St. Baptist Church  
Benton Harbor, Michigan.  
AUGUST F. RUNTZ, Correspondent.

### MRS. JOHN J. HEITZMAN of Emery, South Dakota

Mrs. Marie Heitzman, nee Graf, of Emery, S. Dak., was born Sept. 7, 1887 at Newpest, Hungary, and went to her heavenly reward on Nov. 28, 1957, after a brief illness. She found her Lord early in her youth and was baptized on October 2, 1904 by Rev. George Gervich in Newpest, Hungary. She left her home at the age of 19 to come to America. She made her home in Allegheny and Pittsburgh, Pa., but since 1915 she had lived in the vicinity of Emery, S. Dak. She was married to John J. Heitzman, Jr., by Rev. Frank Dobrovolsky, then pastor of the Emery Baptist Church.

Mrs. Heitzman had been a faithful member of our churches in Pittsburgh, Pa., and Wessington Springs, Plum Creek and Emery, South Dakota. Surviving are her husband and two daughters: Helen (Mrs. David Moberg), now in Groningen, Netherlands; and Ethel (Mrs. Will Jass) of St. Paul, Minn. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

First Baptist Church  
Emery, South Dakota  
LELAND H. FRIESEN, Pastor

### MRS. PETER G. KRUGER of George, Iowa

Mrs. Florence (Mulder) Kruger, nee Bronleeve, of George, Iowa, was born on May 22, 1863, in Weener, Ostfriesland, Germany and passed away quietly at the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Mulder, on December 23, 1958, having attained the age of 94 years, 7 months and 1 day.

As a young girl she accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized by Rev. M. Swyter. In 1884 she was united in marriage to A. R. Mulder. In 1900 she came to the United States with her nine children, arriving at the home of her brother, Mr. R. P. Bronleeve at Kanawha, Iowa. In 1903 she and her children moved to Buffalo Center,

Iowa. In 1905 she was united in marriage with Peter G. Kruger and settled with him on a farm near George, Iowa. In April 1950 her husband passed away, and since then she made her home with her children. In 1905 she had her church membership transferred to the First Baptist Church at George, Iowa.

She leaves to mourn her death ten children: Mrs. Mart Fischer, Tyler, Minn.; Mrs. H. B. Adams, Buffalo Center, Iowa; Mrs. Dick H. Kruse, Little Rock, Iowa; Rudy Mulder, George, Iowa; Richard Mulder, Parkersburg, Iowa; John Mulder, Rushmore, Minn.; George Mulder, Little Rock, Iowa; Mrs. Peter Schol, Rock Rapids, Iowa; Mrs. Martha Terril, White, S. Dak.; and 3 stepchildren: Mrs. Carl We Weert, Little Rock, Iowa; Martin P. Kruger and Maynard Kruger of George, Iowa.

First Baptist Church  
George, Iowa  
JOHN REIMER, Pastor

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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had an unusual opportunity of witnessing for Christ to an army officer from Pakistan at Camp Gary, 5 miles from the Kyle parsonage. Hours of discussion have taken place as the Christian faith has been explained to this Mohammedan officer from Pakistan.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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not want us to be form-less. There is room for an accepted order of service, remembering that the form is an aid to worship and not the object of worship. Even the simplest form of worship will be meaningless unless it is followed by an expression of worship. Worship leads to the workshop!

## BAPTIST BRIEFS

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which holds international congress sessions every five years and regularly promotes "world Baptist fellowship, service and cooperation," lists a total of 22,068,058 members of constituent bodies in 105 countries. The new totals, announced in the January issue of The Baptist World, are based on December 31, 1956 statistics of its member bodies. They reflect a gain of 1,025,165 members and six countries over figures available on BWA Sunday a year ago.

• **Baptist Television Star.** The vast difference between true evangelical Christianity and the traditional religion of Brazil, as emphasized by their attitudes towards the Bible, was spotlighted in Rio de Janeiro recently in a very unusual way. A Baptist housewife and mother from the State of Sao Paulo took part in "The Sky is the Limit," a radio and television show. She was the first contestant in the program's history to answer questions on the Bible, and she also reached the highest level ever attained, answering correctly a question worth 600,000 cruzeiros (about \$9,000). The master of ceremonies for the show said that she had made more propaganda for the Bible than she had for the product which sponsors his program.

## A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"If I am faithful to the duties of the present, God will provide for the future."—Bedell.



# Spice of Life

Son: "But, Dad, I don't wanna study arithmetic."

Dad: "What, a son of mine doesn't want to grow up and be able to figure out baseball scores and batting averages?"

The Texan bragging about the size of his state said, "We can get on a train at one border of Texas and travel not one, not two, but three whole days before we reach the other border of Texas."

A North Carolinian who'd been listening said, "Yep—we have slow trains in Carolina, too."

Teacher: "Use the word 'triangle' in a sentence."

Willie: "If a fish don't bite on grasshoppers, triangle worms."

Mother: "You were a very tidy boy not to throw your orange peel on the floor of the bus. Where did you put it?"

Johnny: "In the pocket of the man next to me."

## APOSTLE TO THE INDIANS

● John Eliot's Algonquin Bible, translated into the Indian language 300 years ago (1658), and financed by a London Missionary Society, was the first Bible printed in America. In the Dec. 1957 issue of "American Heritage" costing \$2.95, the opening chapter deals with Eliot as "The Apostle to the Indians."

● Equally fascinating and much more reasonably priced is the illustrated account of John Eliot in the 1958 ANNUAL with the thrilling story of this first missionary who preached to the Indians in their "barbarous Lingo" and tried to reply to their disquieting questions.

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Angry Visitor: "That means fight where I come from."

Angrier Citizen: "Why don't you fight then?"

Visitor: "I'm not where I came from."

## MARCH OF EVENTS

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● More than 4,500 people are expected to meet in Tokyo next summer at the 14th World Convention on Christian Education, the Rev. Nelson Chappel, general secretary of the World Council of Christian Education, announced recently. This assembly will be one of several planned for 1958 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the coming of Christianity to Japan. Some 1,000 church-school teachers, youth counselors, ministers and missionaries will join other thousands of Christian education leaders in Japan for the sessions, he said, in "an adventure in world-wide friendship," August 6-13, 1958. In a recent report, the Rev. and Mrs. Norman Koehler, U. S. A. missionaries, said that a goal of 80 new self-supporting Japanese churches had been set to mark the centenary. "Following the recent resurgence of Shintoism and Buddhism," the Koehlers reported, "leaders in these two groups began to imitate many of the qualities they admired in Christianity and even sent several missionaries to the United States." They added that the Christian church in Japan, however, has been showing marked signs of confidence and a sense of mission."

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