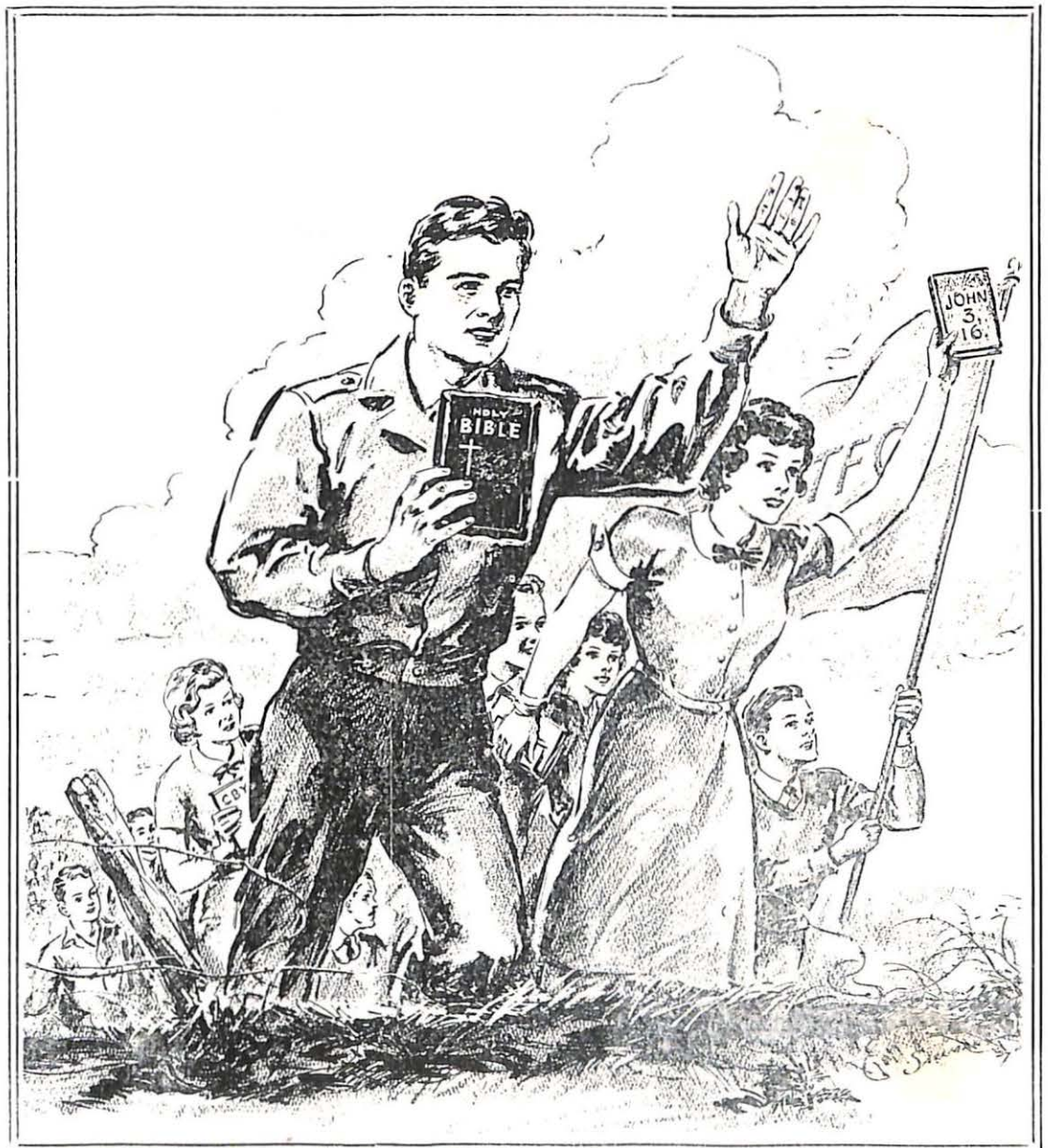


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*How to Lead Youth
Victory Through Faith
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March



of Events

• A memorial to John Rogers (1500-1555), editor of "Matthew's Bible" and first British Protestant martyr under Queen Mary Tudor of England, was unveiled on the grounds of the Open-Church Association in Gloucester, Mass., recently. The six-foot monument, cut of gray granite, stands on a base about four feet square. It is topped with a huge replica of an open Bible and has a large bronze medallion of Rogers on one side. The memorial is a gift from Roger W. Babson of Gloucester, who said he is a lineal descendant of the early Protestant leader.

• A physician and a clergyman began a series of nightly talks over radio station WTTM, Trenton, New Jersey, on "Better Health Through Prayer." They are Dr. David A. Fluck, chief pathologist at McKinley Hospital, and Dr. Andrew C. Braun, pastor of St. Paul Methodist church. Dr. Fluck is an active member of the Methodist congregation. The program consists of a verse for the day and a prayer for health offered by Dr. Braun, and a capsule comment on health by Dr. Fluck. The local Council of Churches sponsors the program.

• Gideons International dedicated 100,000 Bibles at a service in Miami, Florida, before placing them in more than 500 south Florida hotels and motels. It was the largest number of Bibles ever given away by the organization in a single area at one time. Besides placing the Bibles, members spoke in 125 churches from West Palm Beach to Key West. Since 1908 the Gideons have placed more than 35,000,000 Bibles or Scriptures in hotels, hospitals, jails, motels, trains, ships, airplanes and Army and Navy centers.

• In Paraguay, Dr. Reinaldo Decoud, a psychiatrist and professor of Guarani at the Free Methodist Bible School in Asuncion is translating the Bible into Guarani language. He has already completed the books of Genesis and Matthew. A Guarani hymnal is being compiled, with 50 hymns already translated. The New Testament and Psalms were translated into Guarani many years ago, but because there were no fixed spelling rules grammatical errors were made. The Guarani language originated with the Guarani Indians but is now spoken in Paraguay, Uruguay, Argentina and Brazil. The majority of the Paraguayan people speak Guarani, although Spanish is the official language.

• Missionaries of the Greater Europe Mission in France placed an ad in "Selection" (the French edition of "The Readers Digest") and in one week they received over a thousand requests for a Bible. The first request was

dated nine days before the issue came out. This 17-year-old, probably a typesetter, said he had wanted a Bible for a long time. Six days after the ad appeared the requests totaled 1,086, with as many as 386 received in one day. The missionaries' ad made the following offer to "Selection's" four million readers: "The first 100 (who write in) will receive a whole Bible, the next 200 will receive the New Testament, and the others one of the Gospels which tells of the life of Jesus." Letters came from service men, doctors, students, government officials. Some who realized they were probably too late to receive a Bible offered to buy one.

• A national Churchmen's Commission on Decent Publications was formally organized in Washington, D. C., to campaign against obscene literature.



Baptist Briefs

• **Dr. Lord Takes Furman Post.** Dr. F. Townley Lord, London minister and past president of the Baptist World Alliance, has accepted a position on the faculty at Furman University, Greenville, S. C., for the 1958-59 school year. Dr. Lord is retiring from the pastorate. He retired in 1956 from editorship of The Baptist Times, London.

• **Dr. Dawson Honored.** Baylor University, a Southern Baptist school at Waco, Texas, is seeking \$250,000 to establish a Chair on Church and State. The professorship will be named in honor of Dr. Joseph M. Dawson, formerly Executive Director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, D. C.

• **Royal Ambassadors Plan Anniversary.** Royal Ambassadors, a mission study and church training organization for boys, organized by Southern Baptists in 1908, will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 1958. More than 135,000 boys are members of the 16,160 R. A. Chapters in the USA and 28 other

It is a broadly representative Protestant group with Inman Douglas, Washington representative of the Christian Science Committee on Publication, serving as president. Elected vice-presidents were Dr. A. C. Miller, executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission, Southern Baptist Convention, and Dr. Frederick E. Reissig, executive secretary of the National Capital Area Council of Churches. Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, secretary for public affairs of the National Association of Evangelicals, was named secretary, and Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, editor of *Christianity Today*, treasurer. The commission's purpose is to encourage higher standards in the publication industry. It will also campaign for "necessary federal, state and local laws to curb the publishing and distribution of indecent and obscene publication."

countries. A crowd of 8,000 is expected to attend the second Southern Baptist R. A. Congress in Forth Worth, Texas, August 12-14, 1958.

• **Russians Return to Seminary.** Four Russian Baptist theological students who were enrolled in Bristol and Spurgeon's Colleges in England last year have returned to London for a second year of study after spending the summer vacation at home. They are Michael Zhidkov and Anatoli Kirukhanstev, students in Spurgeon's College, and Ilya Orlov and Matthew Mellnik, at Bristol College. Two other students from Russia are expected to arrive within the next few weeks, according to The Baptist Times.

• **Italy Needs More Home Missionaries.** The Baptist Union of Italy, consisting of 57 churches and 41 stations, has reiterated an urgent appeal for more missionary couples to serve in Italy as pioneer evangelists and pastors. There is no Baptist witness in 63 of Italy's 92 provinces. The Italian Union Executive Committee voted: "The Committee of the Union, faced with the needs of our field and the scarce number of students qualified for the ministry, recognized the necessity of requesting missionaries in order to complete the pastoral activity and organization of Italy."

• **Baptist Hospital in Ghana.** Baptist work in Africa's newest nation, Ghana, received a boost in groundbreaking services for a Baptist hospital at Nalerigu in September, when Southern

YOUTH ISSUE

For the observance of Youth Week, Jan. 26 to Feb. 2 sponsored by the CBY Fellowship

Front Cover Picture, "Operation TFC"

by Warner Sallman, Christian artist, painted for our CBYF. See page 11 for story of Sallman's sketch.

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Editorial

"Perhaps He Is Waiting on You"

Guest Editorial by Mr. Herman Balka of Dallas, Texas
President of the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship

WE READ IN ALL FOUR of the Gospels the beautiful story of a partnership between Jesus and a little lad who was willing to give all that he had to Jesus. Three of the Gospels tell us that it was in the cool of the evening and that they were in a desert place. Luke tells us that it was a desert place belonging to the City of Bethsaida and that Jesus had been preaching the Kingdom of God and healing among a crowd of 5,000 men, not counting women and children.

The people were captivated by the preaching of Jesus and lost all sense of time. As the evening shadows began to creep up the slope of the hillside on which Jesus was preaching, the disciples suggested that he dismiss the meeting so that the listeners could go into town for a bite to eat. Instead of dismissing them, Jesus went to Philip whose home town was nearby and asked, "Whence can we buy bread that these may eat?" Then Andrew steps up and says, "There is a lad here with five barley cakes and two small fishes, but what are they among so many?"

I can see the Lord Jesus as he walked over to this lad, with a smile on his lovely face that always attracted children to him and looking down into the lad's admiring eyes he asked, "Sonny, what do you have there in your hand?" And I imagine that the little lad answered, "Oh, nothing much; just a little lunch my mama fixed before I left home this morning."

Then Jesus probably asked, "And sonny, what's in that lunch?" To which the lad replied, "Oh, several barley cakes and a couple of fish which I caught down at the stream the other day." Then Jesus with an understanding look, must have said, "Son, will you give them to me that I may feed all these people?" I suppose at that moment all heaven must have held its breath while it waited for that small boy's answer. You see, Jesus had chosen to work through HIM to feed this multitude. Had the boy said "No," Jesus could never have performed the miracle.

Today, once again, Jesus is feeding the multitudes the Bread of Life through our CBYF Evangelism Crusade, Operation TFC. Young person, let me ask you a question. Has Operation TFC been all that you wanted it to be in your CBYF? Let me further ask you, To how many people have YOU spoken about the Lord Jesus Christ?

Has it ever occurred to you that perhaps God is waiting on YOU to surrender what you have in telling others to pour out his blessing just as he waited on that little boy? Once again he looks down with loving eyes and yet with a mark of concern. As his gaze plumbs the very depths of your soul, once again he asks, "Young Person, are you willing to give me all that you have so that I can feed this multitude the Bread of Life?"

AND ALL HEAVEN HOLDS ITS BREATH AS IT AWAITS YOUR ANSWER!

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Youth responds to the call of Christ when that call is clearly transmitted.

HOW TO LEAD YOUTH To Faith and Discipleship

An Address delivered at the Mennonite
World Conference at Karlsruhe, Germany

by C. N. Hostetter, Jr., President, Messiah College

THERE ARE two harvest fields to which the church must give attention. First, the one inside the fold of the church in which we endeavor to bring our own children into a relationship of living faith and obedience to Christ. Second, the church must be concerned to win those who are outside the fold. This is the task of Christian missions and our obligation reaches around the world.

There is danger that in our concern for men and women around the world we do not sufficiently concentrate on the winning of our own sons and daughters to faith in Christ. What shall it profit a church if it go around the world to make converts and lose its own sons and daughters?

To win our sons and daughters to faith in Christ and obedience to Christ is not an easy task. It does not take place automatically. It must be planned for and worked for. We must reckon with the powerful and subtle forces of evil that oppose the progress of the Kingdom of God. Like other great problems the solution is not simple. To find this answer it may be of value to endeavor to look at life through the eyes of youth.

THE NATURE OF YOUTH

They who would win young people to the faith must concern themselves about understanding youth. The Master whom we serve knew what was in man. It is difficult for youth to understand themselves and very important that those who lead youth endeavor to understand them. There are certain basic emotional, intellectual and spiritual hungers that are generally found among youth. Among these are:

The Hunger for Happiness — The pursuit of happiness is one of the inalienable rights of men. It is natural that our youth seek happiness. This search sometimes inclines him toward sensual pleasure and frequently the inclination is strong to sacrifice the future for the present.

The Hunger for Security—Fear is a factor that exerts a strong influence on youth. As a shelter from fear, youth seeks security. He wants to belong to the group. He desires to be loved. He finds security in the satisfaction of this sense of belonging and in this release from fear.

Desire for Reality—Youth resents sham and pretense. He hates hypocrisy. Although youth is not always honest, he demands honesty. His search for reality is evidenced by his constant questioning and desire to investigate. He wants to know the reason why.

The Hunger for Adventure—Youth inclines to leave the beaten path and to try the new road. The thrill of new experience causes him to risk and dare to go where others hesitate.

A Longing for Hope—It is normal for youth to have high hopes. This generation has brought a measure of catastrophe and disillusionment that has crippled the normal youthful outlook. As he faces the clouded future with dim view he seeks for hope to give him courage and faith to do his work in the world. Today the heart of youth is very much like that of his elders. It is hungering for hope.

YOUTH ISSUE

This article, "How to Lead Youth," by Dr. Hostetter first appeared in "United Evangelical Action" and is reprinted with permission.

The "Soul Winner's Packet" used in "Operation TFC" can be secured for 25 cents from the Forest Park Headquarters office. Read the article about "Operation TFC" on pages 8 and 9.

Remember the days for the observance of "Youth Week"—Jan. 26 to Feb. 2, 1958. The theme is "Victory Through Faith" (I John 5:4).

THE NEEDS OF YOUTH

We must recognize not only the desires of youth, but we must also look more closely at his person to find that there are certain basic needs of youth; of these basic needs frequently youth is not aware. He realizes his desires keenly but does not always recognize his deepest need. The hungers mentioned are but symptoms of a deeper problem.

Youth needs salvation because he is sinful. His intellect has been darkened; his emotions have been degraded and his will power weakened by the fact of sins. Sin affects him within and without. His sinful nature needs the regenerating touch of a Savior who will make him a new creature in Christ. He needs an inner strength to live in a sinful society and not be conformed to that society.

He needs guidance as he faces life with limited experience. By nature he "turns to his own way" because sin has made the human heart rebellious. His own experience is not adequate to guide him as he makes the important decisions that will affect the remainder of his life. This guidance is provided through the Word of God, the Holy Spirit and the teaching of the church. Youth sorely needs this guidance.

UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE

We must not only understand youth, but we must also understand the will of God as revealed in the Scriptures if we would lead youth to faith in Christ and discipleship. What does the Bible say about faith? "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God" (Romans 10:7). It thus becomes clear that knowledge of the truth is a pre-essential to saving faith. Youth must be confronted with the truth about God, the truth about Christ, the truth about sin, the truth about the way of salvation. This is necessary before saving faith can function.

Repentance is essential to the exer-

cising of saving faith. "Repent ye and believe the Gospel" was the preaching of Jesus (Mark 1:15). The Apostle Paul preached "repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ." Godly sorrow for sin is essential prior to the exercise of saving faith.

Jesus said, "If a man love me he will keep my words" (John 14:23). A man does not become a true disciple of Jesus Christ by coercion or persuasion from without. There must be an inner love awakened that moves him to loyalty and obedience to the will of God, especially when the will of God conflicts with the practices of society. It is not enough merely to believe on Christ if one would be a true disciple. The Apostle Paul says, "The love of Christ constraineth us" (II Corinthians 5:14). Only those who love Christ will follow Christ when the path is difficult and dangerous.

GOSPEL INSTRUCTION

To make clear the way of life and to influence our youth so that they will respond by faith in Christ and discipleship with Christ, our instruction must be:

Adequate—Instruction in the Gospel must present a clear revelation of man's need for Christ. Youth must see his sinful state if he is to receive the Savior. He must recognize the enslaving nature of sin if he is to be led to a deliverance in Christ. Youth is not led to a discipleship that is deep and sincere by patting him on the back and calling him a jolly good fellow. Youth must be made to see how bad he is by nature and how much he needs the Savior.

He must not only have an adequate revelation of his own need but an adequate presentation of the fullness of the Gospel in Christ. He must see Christ as one who will add to the joys and happiness of life. He must see Christ as one who will multiply the disciple's talents and greatly extend the effectiveness of his service. He must see Christ as Master and Lord who leads in a path of righteousness, truth, humility and service.

Relevant—Teachings of Christ and the message of the Gospel must be related to life. If religion is only a pious exercise on the Lord's Day, it will have little attraction for youth. It must enter into the whole of life and color and control all that youth does. The Gospel must be related to man's welfare and to man's work in a vital way.

THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

Attractive—The example of those who teach youth must be such that the Gospel is set in an attractive perspective. It must have appeal for youth. Youth wants to see "the beauty of holiness." Youth will respond to a Gospel that calls for self-denial and sacrifice provided that it achieves ends and goals that have meaning and value.

BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE SUNDAY

A Message for All Baptists for Sunday, February 2, 1958

Dear Baptist Friends:

Once again Baptist World Alliance Sunday reminds us of our growing world-wide fellowship, one in our love for our Lord, our common faith, and mutual concern one for another. It is a day when Baptists of the world meet as one before the throne of grace in prayer and consecration. This shared day of worship is assuming greater significance with each successive observance.

This year it might be easy to feel a sense of discouragement. No continent, hardly a country, is without its tensions and tumults, economic uncertainties, political upheavals and social difficulties. In a time of rigorous nationalism and international tension, nothing must override or obscure the faith we cherish that in Christ we shall find the answer to our needs as individuals and as peoples. It was never more vital that Christian truth and ideals be paramount and religious liberty be preserved.

To Baptists comes the challenge: What have we to offer? It behooves us on Baptist World Alliance Sunday to renew our faith, reaffirm our convictions, and resolve to strengthen our witness.

We rejoice that many of our distinctive principles are shared by other evangelical groups — evangelism, the autonomy of the local church, believer's baptism, a regenerate church membership, the separation of church and state, the priesthood of all believers. Perhaps the greatest contribution of Baptists to the ongoing of the Christian faith has been our devotion to the concept of full religious liberty and the supreme value of the individual soul. We ask no right or freedom for ourselves that we do not ask for others, while yielding to none in our concern for the distinctive principles our forefathers cherished through the years and in an increasing effort to win all men to a saving faith in Christ.

Reasonable—Youth places emphasis upon reason. The faith which we present to him must appear reasonable. Faith goes beyond reason but faith is not contrary to reason. Youth must learn that human reason is not man's highest authority but youth will only respond when the will of God is interpreted with clear, objective thinking.

Psychological—The emotions of youth have a tremendous influence upon his life. Emerging from his adolescent state into adulthood, he idealizes the intellectual approach, but unconsciously many times is governed more by his emotions than he realizes. Our interpretation of the Gospel and our instruction to and counseling with

Let us resolve on this Baptist World Alliance Sunday to plan and work together to preserve our heritage from the past and to be faithful in our stewardship to the present and the future. Let us pray for brotherhood and understanding in the spirit of Christ and that the world may know him, whom to know is life eternal.

The year 1958 is a significant one for Baptists. Our Baptist young people meet in their fifth World Conference in Toronto, June 27 to July 2. Let us be constant in prayer and hope when these future leaders—leaders of our denomination and leaders of nations as well—gather for a week of fellowship and inspiration.

The European Baptist Federation will also convene for a significant meeting in West Berlin, July 27-31. Our brethren in Poland and Chile will commemorate important anniversaries of the Baptist witness in their lands. We rejoice with them and others in past achievements and pray with them that their heritage may be possessed anew and bear even more abundant fruit.

To all, to those in difficult situations and dangerous places, to those whose lot has fallen in pleasant ways, to new believers and long-time servants of our Lord, we send our warm greetings. May Paul's inspired word to the Philippians be our watchword for the year ahead!

"Be careful for nothing: but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ."

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youth must recognize the emotions of youth and handle these emotions honestly and skillfully.

Youth is supremely interested in action. Youth desires to do. He must be challenged to enlist for service for Christ and the church as he enlists in the army for service to his country.

ENLIST YOUTH

Therefore, an appeal to youth must provide opportunity for expression. There must be release in action. Christian truth and discipleship must express itself in service and in work for Christ and his Kingdom.

Youth responds to love. Youth responds to truth. Youth responds to the call of Christ when that call is clearly transmitted.



—Luoma Photo
 "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (1 John 5:4).

Victory . . . Through Faith

*"Encamped along the hills of light,
 Ye Christian soldiers, rise,
 And press the battle ere the night
 Shall veil the glowing skies.*

*Against the foe in vales below
 Let all our strength be hurled;
 Faith is the victory, we know,
 That overcomes the world."*

Personal Testimonies by Christian Young People

VICTORIOUS WITNESSING

By Mrs. Edward C. Balka
 Carroll Ave. Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas

TO BE A VICTORIOUS witness for the Lord Jesus Christ, first of all, we must have compassion for those who are unsaved. When I first came to know the Lord as my Savior through the personal witnessing of a friend, I immediately became concerned about those of my family and friends who were unsaved.

One day a Christian lady and I were sharing together our joy in our salvation and our desire to lead others to Christ. She asked me if I had ever actually wept over an unsaved person, and I had to admit that I had not.

Sometimes our concern isn't deeply rooted enough in love for us to be an effective witness. Perhaps if we find it difficult to weep, we should search our hearts to find out if our real desire is to see that unsaved person come to the Lord for their sake, or if we want that person saved for our own convenience.

SPIRITUAL CONCERN

In Psalms 126:6 we read, "He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Seemingly, in the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ today, there are very few who really have a concern for the lost. John R. Rice recently stated, "It is amazing so few tears are shed when there is so much to weep about."

Before we go out to talk to others about Jesus Christ, we must talk to him, and then we must let him talk to us through his Word. There is no substitute for daily communion alone with God, since this is where we receive our power. If we pray for the unsaved, the Holy Spirit will prepare

their hearts and we will find our witnessing fruitful.

Our daily devotional life may be what it should be. However, if we don't go out, we shall never win a soul to Christ. "He that goeth forth and weepeth" wins souls. A builder, who is to build a house, first has a blueprint. He studies the blueprint carefully in order to know exactly what he must do to complete the house. But in order to get the house built, he must work at building it. A fisherman cannot hope to catch a fish until he goes fishing.

I had always wanted to learn to

swim. I read all the books I could find on swimming, but I didn't learn to swim until I practiced swimming.

We can learn to win souls only by witnessing. We find our blueprint for the job of building God's Kingdom in Psalm 126:6. We have the proper instructions and we need only to get to work. We often sing "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow" and then we go home and go to bed.

ACTUAL PRACTICE

To be a victorious witness we do not need to be educated, we do not have to be endowed with a magnetic personality, or any such reason. We need only to take Jesus by the nail scarred hand, for he has promised, "Go—and lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world."

VICTORIOUS LIVING

By Mr. Hans Rogalski, Jr.
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THE CHRISTIAN LIFE for many people, even today, is a physical conflict. Most certainly, in every life surrendered to Christ, there is a spiritual conflict between the forces of darkness and evil and the forces of truth and right. To fight this battle, for which we have enlisted as soldiers of the Lord when we surrendered our lives to Christ, we must be equipped with spiritual weapons. We cannot expect to be victorious in any kind of battle or conflict if we are not properly equipped. Especially in the conflict against the powers of Satan, it is so easy to surrender and to yield to the many temptations which confront us from day to day.

THE CHRISTIAN ARMOR

The Apostle Paul has vividly described our spiritual weapons in his letter to the Ephesians, chapter 6, be-

ginning with verse 13. "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, take the shield of faith" as protection against the fiery darts which are the assaults of Satan that bring such deadly harm. "Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

May it never be said of us young people that lack of knowledge of the Word of God or failure to pray for strength and guidance has caused us to surrender to the forces of evil and to lose a victory in Christ. It is during these periods of private devotions, or fellowship with other Christian friends in reading and studying God's Word, or

communing with him in prayer that we receive new strength and spiritual support to be victorious in our conflict against the evil powers of Satan.

"Give of your best to the Master;
 Give of the strength of your youth;
 Clad in salvation's full armor,
 Join in the battle for truth."

CHRIST NEVER FAILS

May this chorus of one of our favorite hymns be a challenge to many more young people to enlist in the army of the Lord. With our Lord and Savior as Captain and by fighting for the right and truth, we can never fail and God will grant us many more and greater victories through our Lord Jesus Christ.

VICTORIOUS PRAYING

By Miss Gladys Hoogrestaat
 Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

THE EFFECTUAL fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16b).

Victorious praying is certainly essential for victorious living. Our prayer life is the source of power and provides the energy and courage for us to be more than conquerors for and through Christ. Faith is the key to such victorious praying.

LESSONS IN PRAYER

My first lesson in prayer came to me when I was a youngster of about five years of age. I was always delighted whenever given the opportunity to write with pen and ink. Having been denied the privilege one afternoon, I remember putting my head down on the table and praying that God might send millions of pens, bottles of ink and paper from heaven. I visualized these things floating down from the ceiling and filling the room.

To my amazement nothing happened. Secretly I wondered why this request was not granted to me, having been taught that God answers prayer. The motive of my prayer was very self-centered and an element of spite was also present as I thought, "I will show my mother that I'm not too small to write with a pen."

Even now I find it essential and helpful to examine the motives of my prayers. The promise found in Romans 9:26 is reassuring in the development of an effective prayer life. "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

The second prayer I remember uttering was, "Come into my heart, Lord Jesus." This prayer was definitely answered as I came to the realization that I was in great need of a Savior. Again the declaration of the work of the Holy Spirit as found in

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Feb. 2 — Closing Sunday of "Youth Week" observance.

Feb. 2—Baptist World Alliance Sunday. Communion offering for the work of the Baptist World Alliance. Read the special message on page 5.

Feb. 9—Race Relations Sunday.

Feb. 21 (Friday)—Worldwide Day of Prayer for all Christian women.

Has your church done its part in the work of Church Extension and in giving toward the Church Extension goal of \$50,000?

"Why the President Believes in Prayer," that Mr. Eisenhower prays for the best course to pursue when making a decision. When he gets this light he prays for strength and courage to carry through." In summarizing the president's views on prayer, Mr. Antrim concludes with these statements. "Prayer is not only the greatest power but the greatest privilege in the world. It is available to everybody, high or low, rich or poor. No appointment is needed. No fee is charged for going to the source of wisdom for a renewal of faith, for light on problems, for hope, strength and courage."

PRAYER REQUIREMENTS

Our need for prayer is quite evident. In order to realize victorious praying, certain requirements need to be met. Faith is essential as we find in Scripture. "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him" (James 5:15). The passage found in James 1, including the sentence, "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering," is further evidence of this. A complete giving over to the will of God needs to accompany our faith in God and our dependence on the Holy Spirit.

It is unfortunate that there needs to be a distinction between praying and victorious praying. Praying as we have been taught to pray by Jesus himself is victorious praying. Giving God the glory for the results of prayer is the natural response from the soul which is praying victories.

Effectual praying is a result of close and constant communion with God. "Pray without ceasing." Prayers of sincere thanksgiving, devotion and praise result in an even closer relationship with the heavenly Father.

Daron Antrim stated in an article,



Mr. William Goding of Chicago, Ill., conducts a class on "Christian Leadership" at the Leaders' Conference held last summer at the Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

OPERATION T. F. C.

"My Father's Business"

A Challenge to CBY Fellowships and to Churches

by Rev. Lawrence Bienert

General Secretary, CBY Fellowship



—Photo by A. Devaney, Inc., N. Y.
Every Christian believer a winner of souls around the world!

WHEN CHRIST was still a young boy, he realized that he had been sent to be about his "Father's business." His Father's business was telling the Good News to all who would listen. He declared his purpose was "to preach the gospel to the poor; . . . to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord" (Luke 4:18, 19).

Christ then passed on this same sense of responsibility, this same commission to his disciples when he said, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20:21). Christ saw that there would be a need down through the ages for faithful servants to be about their Father's business. We must be awakened to the need about us and then strive to do our part in the service of our Lord.

WINNING OTHERS FOR CHRIST

There are about thirty million young people between the ages of eight to eighteen who are not being reached by any church. We are told that seven out of ten high school pupils today receive no religious instruction. There are too many young people who are not concerned about their own ignorance of the Bible, their irregular attendance at church, and their lack of cooperation in their youth program. Does it make any difference to us whether these young people are won for Christ? We are aware that there is now a new hunger for the things of God. Now is the time to be about our Father's business.

The young people of our North American Baptist General Conference are about their Father's business. They have felt a fire burning within their souls. The love of Christ is compelling them to share the Good News of salvation and peace.

When the CBY Fellowship Executive Committee met last spring, there was no doubt in the mind of any member. There was a united assurance that God was directing us into a program of evangelism. With this firm conviction we laid plans to carry out the business of our Father. This special emphasis on soul winning was called **Operation TFC** (Thousand For Christ), a name which immediately points to the united effort which will be required and the goal set before us. During the months from August 1957 to July 1958, we desire to lead 1000 persons into a saving knowledge of and a close fellowship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

With this goal clearly in mind, we set about to prepare our young people and to place into their hands the tools to be used under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. "The Soul Winner's Packet" was prepared and mailed to all pastors and presidents of the local CBY Fellowships. Each packet contained a soul winner's handbook, a Scripture memory packet, sample tracts, decision cards and report blanks.

OPERATION TFC LITERATURE

"The Soul Winner's Handbook" was prepared by one of our denominational evangelists, Rev. Daniel Fuchs, whose wealth of practical experience as pastor and evangelist aided him in setting down in these pages the most helpful and practical suggestions for the work of soul winning.

The Scripture Memory Packet is unique in itself. One pocket contains 7 Scripture verses outlining God's plan of salvation. The other pocket has 14 verses dealing with God's answer to excuses. The entire packet is simple enough to be used by the very young, and at the same time allows for expansion and more detail by the experienced adult.

The decision cards are used to indi-

cate the type of decision made and are then handed to the local president who, in turn, shares this information with the pastor of the church. Special report blanks were included in the packets sent to the president of each local CBY Fellowship. These reports are to be filled out and sent to the regional or conference president as well as to our office in Forest Park, Ill.

Operation TFC was officially launched at our Christian Leaders' Conference in Sioux Falls, S Dak., in August 1957. At that time our president, Mr. Herman Balka, presented the aims and functions of our personal soul winning emphasis in such an interesting and helpful manner that there were many requests to have printed copies of this presentation. Mimeographed copies were then prepared and mailed to our local presidents and pastors.

The program of **Operation TFC** within the local church is to begin with a study course on soul winning, using the suggested study course book, "Every Christian's Job" by C. E. Matthews. This is a training period of great value to anyone interested in carrying out our Father's business. As ministers and missionaries feel the need of adequate seminary training, so every personal soul winner too needs this time of specialized study and prayer. Even the Apostle Paul found it necessary to spend some time in the wilderness of Arabia preparing himself for the great work of spreading the Gospel.

We sincerely appreciate the fine encouragement that our pastors are giving to their young people. They too have seen that this emphasis on soul winning is of great value to our youth as well as to the church as a whole. Many have assumed the responsibility of teaching the study course and giv-

ing guidance to the young people in their program of visitation and witness.

RESULTS OF OPERATION TFC

According to our reports many of our churches conducted this study course on soul winning during the month of September as we had suggested. Others found October or November to be a more suitable time. Some of our CBY Fellowships reported that they will be putting special emphasis on **Operation TFC** right after the new year. We are happy for this fine response.

The work of **Operation TFC** is not completed when the study course on soul winning has been taught. That is only the beginning. It is our hope and prayer that our young people will also be able to initiate a visitation program which would be conducted at least once or twice a month. In addition to that, every opportunity should be taken to witness to friends, classmates, and others as the Holy Spirit directs.

When we saw the reaction of our young people to **Operation TFC**, we knew that this was God's time for this program. Our youth leaders and counselors had been prepared spiritually and psychologically to desire and to search for such an emphasis. A newly organized group of young adults in one of our churches was planning for the type of program to be followed. Each member felt that a program of personal evangelism would be most helpful, but where would they turn for information, guidance and materials? At that very same time **Operation TFC** was being introduced, and this indeed was the answer to the prayers and desires of these young adults.

Our denominational leaders have been very impressed with the fine response and enthusiasm which have been evident wherever the program of **Operation TFC** has been presented—whether at camps, conferences, workers' conferences, or in the local churches.

ADULT PARTICIPATION

When we began our emphasis on **Operation TFC**, we had in mind a program in which the young people would participate. We had also asked that the adult members of our church support this emphasis with their prayers. Our adults have taken up this challenge. Never before have we seen the parents so interested in what the young people of the church are doing.

When people pray, great things happen. This has also been true in the prayers offered in behalf of **Operation TFC**. Those who have prayed have themselves become so interested in personal evangelism that they too want to join in these personal and practical aspects of our Father's business. We have seen leaders of the Woman's Missionary Societies who were interested in **Operation TFC** and have ordered the soul winner's packets for all their

members. Other societies have put **Operation TFC** on their prayer lists. Yes, the women of our churches are praying for and even participating in **Operation TFC**.

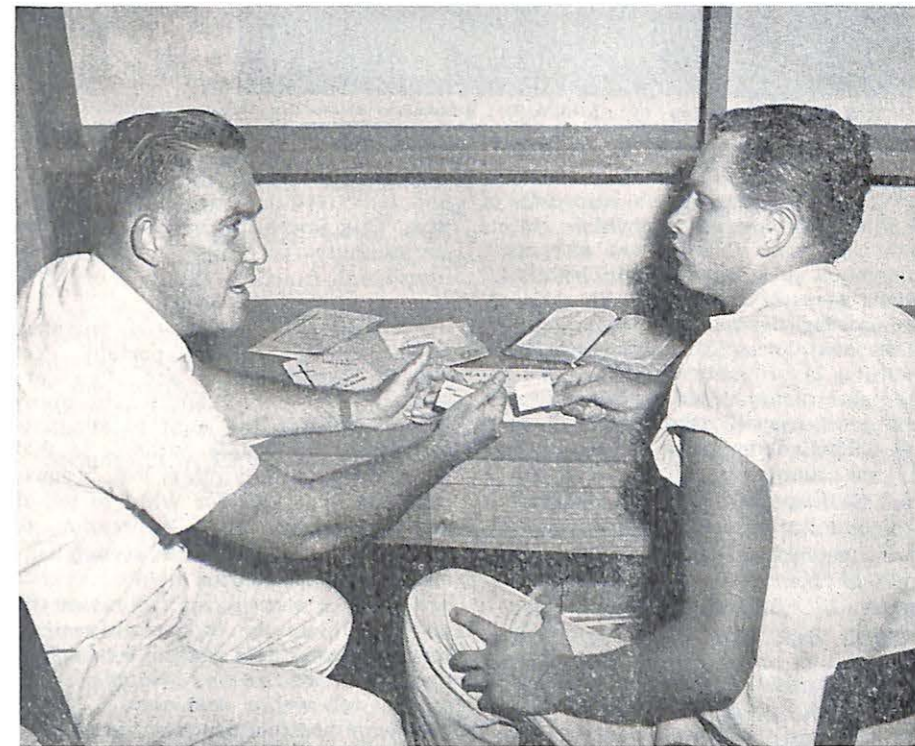
Church visitation committees and groups are also finding our packet to be a great aid and helpful guide. One church ordered 100 packets for such purposes and has recently ordered 50 more. A number of pastors have found our **Operation TFC Soul Winner's Packets** helpful in encouraging new converts and new members of the church to become active immediately in the work of our Lord. Even our high school young people have found these packets stimulating and encouraging to Christian youth groups within their schools.

The Atlantic Conference youth leaders have organized a team known as

The work of personal evangelism is the concern of God's people everywhere. The famous artist, Warner Sallman, has painted a picture especially for **Operation TFC**, which appears on the front cover of this issue. The thrilling story of this great man is told on page 11 of this number.

REDEEM THE TIME

Sample packets have been sent to other Christian leaders of our country. Rev. Grady B. Wilson replied in behalf of the Billy Graham evangelistic team stating: "I have personally examined it (the packet) very carefully and think it is tremendous. You are to be congratulated, and I am confident you will be most successful in this new idea. We assure you of our prayers."



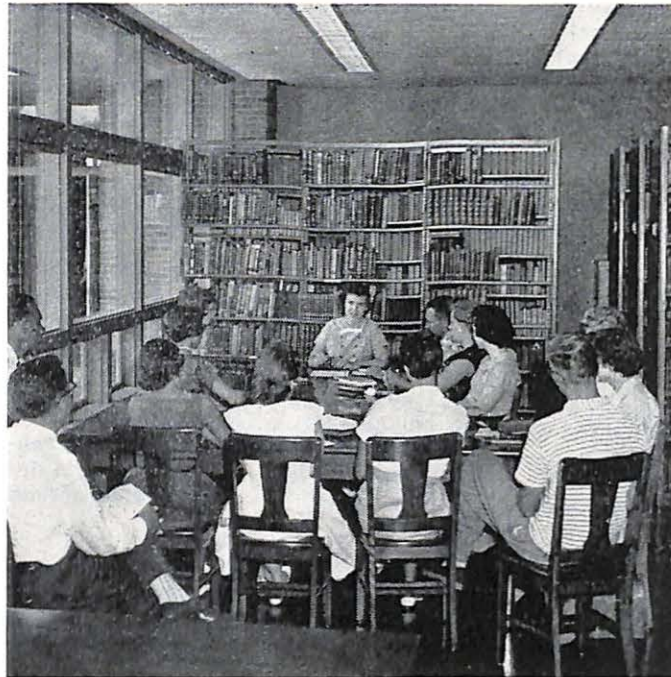
—Photo by Roy Seibel
Herman Balka, president of the C.B.Y. Fellowship, gives some important pointers about "Operation T.F.C." to John Bohlen of Burlington, Iowa, president of the Iowa C.B.Y. Fellowship.

the "Atlantic Ambassadors." This team of officers, with Miss Jeanne Nolte as president, has set up a schedule to visit each Atlantic Conference church in the interest of **Operation TFC**. Such promotional work has created a great interest in personal evangelism and has been of special blessing to the members of the team.

The program of **Operation TFC** goes farther than winning a soul to Christ. It also means feeding, guiding and helping this new "babe in Christ" to grow spiritually strong and to walk in harmony and fellowship with Christ, the Redeemer. A pamphlet on follow-up work is being prepared at the present time to guide the soul winner in this important work.

Those who are active in **Operation TFC** realize that this is the time for seeding the Word of God. It is a time for watering with prayer and loving concern. Even so, we can already see that the harvest is being gathered in. Quite a number of decisions have been made thus far, but we have a long way to go if we are to reach our goal of one thousand souls for Christ.

This goal may seem quite large when we consider only the figure of "1000." But when we realize that, if each one of our CBY Fellowships wins only three people to Christ, we will reach our goal. Surely, there are enough faithful witnesses for this task. **Operation TFC** is our Father's business. It is our business too!



Mrs. William Goding of Chicago, Ill., guides a discussion group of Christian leaders at the 1957 summer conference in the Seminary Library, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

HOW TO BE A GOOD LEADER

Every Christian should be a leader.

This article will help you to find and put to use your talent for leadership.

by Rev. William Goding of Chicago, Illinois
Associate in Public Relations of Northern Baptist
Theological Seminary

ONE IS JUSTIFIABLY suspicious of the advertisement which claims the ability to "make you a concert pianist in just three months by mail." Even as such an offer is sensational, so is the desired result impossible. The idea of getting something for nothing is probably as old as society, and just about as old is the discovery that it generally doesn't work that way. This condensation is not intended as an attempt to describe the "How in One Easy Lesson," but is rather a collection of thoughts stemming from the Leadership Training Conference held in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., last summer.

Good leadership, like piano playing, doesn't just happen. It has never been easy to make a team out of a group of individuals. People may be elected to office but not to leadership. We may laugh at the French politician who said, "I must follow them, since I am their chief," and yet he may have expressed with marked accuracy the difficulty of influencing people to co-operative effort. On the other hand, without definite aims and goals, leadership can quickly become confusion. The term seems to escape simple definition, which may explain why the need for leadership, apart from Christ, has never been fully satisfied.

EXAMINE THE NEED

Examining the need. In its search for executive ability, business spends millions of dollars to train thousands of men in order to fill hundreds of positions—and expects to find no more than a handful of executives. It is significant, however, that all of those trained are better employees, that a majority find places of greater responsibility. The problem of matching men

and tasks requires constant job analysis. This unceasing vigil leads to an increasingly accurate description of individual function and a more efficient total business effort.

Perhaps this sounds too technical and therefore not important. Yet church responsibilities are often carried by the few which leaves many areas neglected for want of adequate direction. The tragic paradox is that new members are often lost because they are at a loss for what to do. A vague and undefined expression of need rarely leads to the accomplishment of specific tasks.

A careful scrutiny of the major divisions of church responsibility could be quite profitable. Begin by making these four distinctions: worship, education, fellowship and service. Next, list every possible function under each of these divisions and then every task needed to fulfill those functions. Are they all being met? Where can I serve best? Do I know of an unassigned task which might particularly appeal to a new Christian or a new member? Examining the need can be the beginning of a new level of leadership for you.

CHECK YOUR QUALIFICATIONS

Checking the qualifications. It should go without saying that one cannot be a good leader unless he is loyal to Christ. This is fundamental to any form of Christian service, and yet to attain office without such a desire is to be "one of the blind, leading the blind." It is from this relationship with Christ that all other qualifications issue and have their meaning. He loves the church and senses Christian duty. He has a desire to render service and has a genuine interest in others. He welcomes work and criti-

cism. He aims at unselfishness, sincerity, humility.

He has a working grasp of the right attitude in his dealings with others and knows something about the general characteristics of human nature. It is interesting to note that the excessively aggressive person is not always a good leader. It is quite possible to be under one's own spell rather than to be motivated by the desires of God and of others. Aggressiveness, like other qualities, must be harnessed if it is to be useful.

This list could be extended considerably and with value to include such characteristics as insight, self-confidence, initiative, persistence, dependability, sociability and even "know-how," to name but a few, and then each discussed with profit. It is evident that the oft-repeated statement, "We are saved to serve," becomes more than a familiar platitude to one who thinks carefully concerning the capabilities which are his. Regular examination of personal strengths and weaknesses is a means of developing a keener awareness of the relative effectiveness of one's service to God.

USE YOUR TALENT

Developing the ability. The great task is the development of the Christian life. It is interesting to note that this development precedes the discovery of latent talent. In one sense, the procedures adopted by business firms are a demonstration of this, that is, that most of their talents will be made and not born. While the Christian life begins with a New Birth, a basic teaching of Christ to those who would assume responsibility for his work on earth may be expressed in very simple terms. It must begin with *Follow-*

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The Front Cover Picture

The amazing story of Warner Sallman, Christian artist, and of the preparation of the sketch, "Operation TFC," for the CBY Fellowship that appears on the front cover of this issue of the "Baptist Herald."

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Illinois

ONE OF THE best known Christians of our day is Warner Sallman. In Chicago, Illinois, his "home town," he can walk the streets for hours unrecognized. He makes few appearances as a speaker in churches. Even his picture has not been widely circulated.

For Warner Sallman is best known for his Christ, whom he loves and serves with unquenchable enthusiasm. His immortal picturization of "The Head of Christ" is to be found in almost every Christian home and in many churches, and its circulation has reached the incredible mark of more than 70,000,000. Presses continue to serve night and day to supply the demand. Someone has said that "without much question this is the most widely distributed likeness of the Redeemer in the nearly 2,000 years since Christ came to teach and to save."

Warner Sallman, an advertising artist of Swedish-Finnish descent, is a genial, humble, vibrant man. His Christian testimony radiates into every direction when you are in his presence. But he is always hiding behind his Christ and the Cross.

"If there's any glory in this work," Sallman says, "it all goes to God who gave me the vision. I am merely the human figure through whom God expresses his will. I pray that every painting and every print made of 'The Head of Christ' may magnify him so that hearts may exalt him."

It is this well known Christian artist, Warner Sallman, who has given us the front cover picture for this "Youth Issue" of the "Baptist Herald." The spirit and program of "Operation Thousand for Christ," launched by the denominational C. B. Y. Fellowship, are embodied graphically in this inspiring sketch by Sallman.

FRONT COVER PICTURE

A host of eager faced, happy young people are going forward to win others for Christ. They belong to many C.B.Y. Fellowships, as indicated by one of the girls in the foreground. They have to face difficulties and hindrances, as they climb the steep hills and push past the barbed-wire barriers. They proclaim the message of the Holy Bible and give witness to the truth of John 3:16. Their slogan on the banner, that floats in the breeze, is "Operation TFC," a thousand other young people to be won for Christ! As you study this front cover picture, you will hear again the words of the theme song, "Faith Is the Victory," and realize more profoundly than ever that "this

is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

But did Warner Sallman really draw this sketch expressly for the CBY Fellowship of our North American Baptist General Conference? How was this possible? This amazing story is a tribute to our youth leaders as well as to the humble spirit of the artist.

Last summer the youth leaders of the CBY Fellowship met with the general secretary, Rev. L. Bienert, to make final plans for the launching of "Operation TFC." This was a bold venture of faith, expecting God to do great things for them. But they needed something dramatic and overwhelming to catch the wholehearted attention of other young people and to enlist them in the program. What could be done?

Mrs. Betty Goding, the vice-president of the CBY Fellowship, had a thrilling suggestion. "Why not approach Warner Sallman for a picture to capture the attention of our young people to rouse them to action?" After all, her husband, Mr. William Goding, is the associate in public relations for the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Illinois, and he knows the importance of making bold plans for aggressive programs.

A BOLD FAITH

But no one in the group knew Warner Sallman personally, and most of them felt that it would be "a wild goose chase" to approach this artist. "Besides what if he would charge several hundred dollars for such a painting? How could we ever pay for it?" Sallman can command almost any price nowadays for his paintings.

But the strains of the song, "Faith Is the Victory," came back to the minds of the committee members. The Godings were asked to make inquiry of Warner Sallman back in Chicago. With much eagerness they telephoned him. A conference time was arranged. They laid before Mr. Sallman their plans and hopes for the program of "Operation TFC."

Warner Sallman was deeply impressed. "This is what Christian young people should be doing everywhere—winning other young people for Christ." He liked the virile, militant

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Grace comes into the soul, as the morning sun into the world; first a dawning; then a light; and at last the sun in his full and excellent brightness."—T. Adams.

plans for this aggressive evangelistic work. All of this was in keeping with the inspiration which he had received almost 35 years ago for his painting, "The Head of Christ."

The sketch signed by him (see lower right hand corner in front cover picture) was delivered at the Forest Park headquarters with the assurance from Mr. Sallman that he would be praying for this project and giving it his personal interest and support. As far as the sketch was concerned, his fee was absolutely nothing!

"THE HEAD OF CHRIST"

That's just like Warner Sallman, this well known Christian artist. It's the story of his famous picturization of Christ as related some time ago in "The Christian Herald".

It all began on a snowy January day in 1924 in Chicago's downtown Loop. A former coal miner, who was preparing for the ministry, addressed a noon-day Bible class of young men at the Chicago Y.M.C.A. on the need for practical religion.

"Jesus lived right down on the level of ordinary people, helping them every time he got a chance," Charlie Goff, the big-muscled, vigorous seminary student told them. "We should do the same. We ought not to set him apart. He's really Christ of the open road." Goff went on to say that he hoped some day someone would visualize the Redeemer in a vigorous, victorious way.

In the crowd was Warner Sallman, a young artist, who specialized in men's styles, toothbrushes and auto trucks. He had had the urge to take up religious art from the days his devout immigrant father, a carpenter by trade, took him out to the country for companionship, while he indulged his hobby of painting landscapes.

Earlier in his career, Warner had taken night classes at Moody Bible Institute. When the dean heard Sallman was an artist, he called him in.

"We have too many sad, effeminate, namby-pamby conceptions of the Savior on canvas," said Dean Sellers. "Some artist surely will paint the Master as he is, a strong, manly character, who lived outdoors and worked with his hands. Maybe you could do it!"

Goff's talk came at the precise moment to get action. Sallman had agreed to draw a cover picture for the next issue of the "Covenant Companion," a Sunday School paper, and the time limit was the following noon. He

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Prairie Churches Celebrate 40th Anniversary

Reports from McIntosh, South Dakota and Plevna, Montana

FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, MCINTOSH, SOUTH DAKOTA

BY THE GRACE of God we of the First Baptist Church of McIntosh, S. Dak., were privileged to celebrate the 40th anniversary of our church on Sunday, Nov. 24, 1957. The original meetings were held in the homes of a well settled community 15 miles southwest of McIntosh, and by 1917 the need was felt for a church building and organization. It was under the leadership of Rev. C. A. Gruhn on Nov. 29, 1917 that the First Baptist Church was organized in this rural area with 17 charter members.

Many changes have taken place over the years, including the move into McIntosh. The drought and dust storms caused the homesteaders to leave that original area. We thank God for the foresight and faithfulness of these people so that at present we have a church in McIntosh where Jesus is proclaimed as Savior and Lord.

The anniversary service began with Sunday School, followed by the morning worship service highlighted with a message by Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary of our denomination. Scripture was taken from II Corinthians 5:14-21. At the afternoon service the pastors of the neighboring churches brought greetings. Our guest speaker brought the closing message to a church filled to capacity. Invitations had been extended to the eight charter members and to the former pastors who are still living. None were able to be with us at this time.

The pastors who have served our church in these 40 years are Rev. C. A. Gruhn, 1918-1925; Rev. S. Blumhagen, 1925-1933; Rev. John Koschel, 1933-1934; Rev. Otto Lohse, 1935-1938, and 1944-1947; Rev. Arthur Schulz (as student pastor), 1939; Rev. G. Palfenier, 1941-1949; Rev. Ervin Gerlitz, 1949 to 1952; and Rev. Walter Klempel, pastor since February 1953.

Lucille Wagner, Reporter

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"The strength and happiness of a man consists in finding out the way in which God is going, and going in that way too."

—Henry Ward Beecher.

FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH PLEVNA, MONTANA

ON SUNDAY and Monday, Nov. 24 and 25, the 40th anniversary of the First Baptist Church of Plevna, Montana, was observed. The organizing pastor, Rev. H. P. Kayser, from Mount Clemens, Mich., and Dr. M. L. Leuschner from Forest Park, Ill., were the guest speakers during these festivities.

Dr. Leuschner brought the Sunday morning message to a capacity audience. At the evening service greetings were read from the former pastors, Rev. J. J. Renz, and Rev. G. Beutler, as well as others wishing us God's blessing in the future. The Reverends D. Fuchs, Henry Lang and Fred Fuchs, sons of the church in the ministry, also sent greetings. Rev. D. Littke, a former pastor, was present and gave his greetings in person. Rev. H. P. Kayser brought the message at this service.

Monday afternoon amid tears of joy the five charter members still with us reminisced about the joys and sorrows, blessings and victories of yesteryears. Each was given opportunity to relate outstanding scenes and activities of the past. Most of them dwelt on the times of 40 years ago and more. How they longed for the preaching and the teaching of God's Word, and Christian fellowship and prayer!

Out here on the prairies during homestead days, with no roads and only horse and wagon transportation among a very few Christians (and those of different denominations) scattered for miles, it was by the grace of God that they were brought together

to worship God in their humble little homes, from which our church had its beginning. Rev. H. P. Kayser, at that time the area missionary, aided in organizing the church in 1917, and in establishing a church home in 1919 when the church was built.

Pastors who have served the church are as follows: Rev. H. P. Kayser, 1917-1920; Rev. E. Nieman, 1920-1926; Rev. E. Huber, 1926-1933; Rev. A. Steiter, 1933-1938; Rev. J. J. Renz, 1938-1944; Rev. D. Littke, 1944-1948; Rev. G. Beutler, 1948-1954; Rev. R. H. Zepik, 1955—, the present pastor.

Four charter members are still with us. One is member of the Grace Church at Hettinger, N. Dak., and another a member of the Calvary Church in Billings, Mont. Through the years God has blessed the church spiritually as well as materially. About \$225,000 were raised of which about one-third was given to our denominational missionary enterprise. One-half of this sum was raised since 1948.

About 160 guests enjoyed the delicious anniversary dinner that was prepared and served by the ladies of the church. The tables were decorated with flowers and candles and a four-tier cake baked by Mrs. Arthur Hepperle was as delicious as it was beautiful. The church auditorium was decorated with flowers. Two of the floral pieces were given by the Bechtold families in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Bechtold. Miss Ruth Sieler made a beautiful table piece showing the number "40".

All the services were beautified with special musical numbers by young and old. A generous offering was received during these festivities. After the historical presentation, written by the pastor, Dr. Leuschner closed the program with an inspiring message challenging us to greater service for Christ, so that when we reach the next milestone even greater victories will have been won.

Ervin Huber, Church Clerk



Mrs. Benjamin Huber and Mrs. Karl Hepperle cut the 40th Anniversary Cake (left) for the Baptist Church, Plevna, Montana. This Anniversary Cake is shown more clearly in the center picture with Mrs. Art Hepperle. Charter members of the church, at right are: (left to right) Mrs. Benjamin Huber, Mrs. Karl and Mr. Karl Hepperle, Rev. H. P. Kayser, Mrs. Magdalena Fuchs and Mr. Henry Fuchs.

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke

Dec. 31—Watchnight Service, Forest Park, Illinois.

Jan. 15-16—Executive Committee, General Commission on Chaplains, Washington, D. C.

Jan. 17—Investment Committee, Forest Park, Illinois.

Jan. 18 (Saturday A.M.)—Church Extension Committee, Forest Park, Illinois.

Jan. 18 (Saturday P.M.)—Church Loan Fund Committee, Forest Park, Illinois.

Jan. 24-25—CBY Fellowship Executive Committee, Forest Park, Ill.

Jan. 26 (Sunday A.M.)—First Baptist Church, Center Line, Mich.

Feb. 3-4—North American Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. (Annual visit of secretaries).

Rev. R. Schilke

Jan. 10—Corn, Okla.

Jan. 12 (Sunday A.M.)—Gotebo, Oklahoma.

Jan. 12 (Sunday P.M.)—Bessie, Oklahoma.

Jan. 18—Church Extension Committee, Forest Park, Ill.

Jan. 26 (Sunday A.M.)—Hettinger, North Dakota.

Jan. 26 (Sunday P.M.)—Mott, North Dakota.

Jan. 28—Bison, S. Dak.

Jan. 29—Isabel, S. Dak.

Jan. 30—Selfridge, N. Dak.

Jan. 31—Selby, S. Dak.

Feb. 2 (Sunday A.M.)—Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Feb. 2 (Sunday P.M.)—Emery, S. Dakota.

Feb. 3-4—North American Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Feb. 4—Woman's Missionary Guild, Forest Park, Ill.

Rev. J. C. Gunst

Jan. 18—Church Extension Committee, Forest Park, Ill.

Jan. 19 (Sunday A.M. and Afternoon)—Dedication Services, Trinity Church, Warren, Mich.

Jan. 19 (Sunday P.M.)—Bethel Church, Detroit, Mich.

Feb. 2 (Sunday A.M.)—Wessington Springs, S. Dak.

Feb. 2 (Sunday P.M.)—Plum Creek Church, Emery, S. Dak.

Feb. 3-6—North American Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Rev. G. K. Zimmerman

Jan. 14-18—Leadership Course, Grace Church, Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Jan. 19 (Sunday A.M.)—Grand Forks, N. Dak.

Jan. 19 (Sunday P.M.)—Grace Church, West Fargo, N. Dak.

Feb. 7-8—Sunday School Union Executive Committee sessions, Forest Park, Illinois.

Rev. Lawrence Bienert

Jan. 24-25—CBY Fellowship Executive Committee sessions, Forest Park, Ill.

From the Professor's Desk

By Dr. Walter W. Wessel, Professor of Bible

North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

What is the oldest book of the New Testament?

By "oldest book" I assume you mean the first book which realized its present complete form. Unfortunately, one cannot be dogmatic here, because New Testament scholars are divided. Some would say that Paul's First Epistle to the Thessalonians, written about A.D. 50, is the oldest book of the New Testament. This may be, but there is another book which also has strong claims to this distinction. This is the Epistle of James.

Actually, there are two possible dates suggested for James. One is A.D. 62, just before the death of the brother of our Lord as recorded by Josephus. The other possible date is around A.D. 44 or 45. If this latter date is accepted, then the Epistle of James has no rivals for the distinction of being the oldest book in the New Testament.

Several lines of evidence are appealed to in order to arrive at this early date. Let me mention just two. The superscription of the epistle ("To the twelve tribes which are in the dispersion" R. S. V.) seems to be addressed to the whole Christian Church. Since the twelve tribes were never in their

entirety in the dispersion, one must take this statement in James 1:1 to be a figurative designation meaning something like "the church dispersed in an alien and hostile world."

However, when the epistle is read, its contents (the most Jewish in the New Testament) make it all too evident that the readers are Jews. The only time in the history of the Christian Church one could address the entire Church and be speaking primarily to Jews was before Paul's first missionary journey (circa A.D. 47). This points to the early date.

The crucial passage, however, is James 2:14-26. This is the celebrated passage on faith and works. It is very doubtful that a passage like 2:14-26 could have been written without some knowledge of Pauline ideas and formulas. On the other hand, it is hard to believe that James is refuting Paul in these verses. Such an assumption would involve James in an almost inconceivable miscomprehension of the Pauline doctrine of justification by faith.

The passage is best explained as having been occasioned by a misunderstanding of Paul, not by the author, but by those to whom he addresses his Epistle. Such a misunderstanding of Paul would be most likely at the very outset of his public preaching ministry. According to the Book of Acts Paul's first extended public preaching occurred at Antioch (Acts 11:26). This year long ministry took place before the famine visit to Jerusalem of about A.D. 46 (Acts 11:27-29; Gal. 2:1-10) and the Herodian persecution of A.D. 44. How long it took for the misunderstanding and misapplication of Paul's doctrine of justification by faith to come to the attention of James, we do not know.

However, in view of the fact that Jews, both Christian and non-Christian, from all over the Mediterranean world were constantly moving in and out of Jerusalem, it probably was not long. A date of circa A.D. 44 or 45 would not be far wrong.

DR. WALTER W. WESSEL

Dr. Walter W. Wessel, Professor of Bible at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., will edit this department, "From the Professor's Desk," throughout 1958. He is a popular and inspiring teacher at our seminary as well as a very challenging speaker at our churches and youth camps. He will be the main speaker at the General Conference Banquet in Edmonton, Alta., on Saturday night, July 26. In this department he will deal with a variety of fascinating subjects as well as answer questions on the Christian life.

EDITOR.

Jan. 28-29—Evangelical Press Association, Washington, D. C.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner

Jan. 18—Church Extension Committee, Forest Park, Ill.

Jan. 22—German Baptist Mission Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Jan. 23—Faith Church, Regina, Sask. (Loyalty Dinner and Program).

Jan. 30 (Thursday Morning)—Chapel Service at Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Jan. 30—Plum Creek Church, Emery, S. Dak.

Jan. 31 (Friday Afternoon and Evening)—Dedication of Baptist Nursing Home, Madison, S. Dak.

Miss Ruth Bathauer, Children's Worker

Jan. 13-17—Leadership Training Course, Sacramento, Calif. (Area Churches Invited).

Jan. 24-25—CBY Fellowship Executive Committee, Forest Park, Ill.

Feb. 7-8—Sunday School Union Executive Committee, Forest Park.

We the Women

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

INTRODUCTION

Oh, the power of prayer!

We bring this beautiful testimony of prayer by the wife of one of our evangelists. May it help to put our hearts in tune for the World Day of Prayer, February 21, 1958.

PRAYER

By Mrs. Daniel Fuchs, Oak Park, Ill.

"Lord, what a change within us one short hour

Spent in thy presence will avail to make.

What heavy burdens from our bosoms take."

Spending time in God's presence in prayer has constantly been a source of strength and courage to me. To look at life from the brighter mountaintop of prayer always makes things look more bearable and hopeful. I have found that many of my burdens and spiritual depressions can be lifted simply by prayer. Someone has said, "As consumption of the body is cured by breathing the pure air of the mountains, so consumption of the soul is arrested by breathing the atmosphere of prayer."

Life has its trials and hardships. It is not easy to face these experiences, but often it is necessary. God permits us at times to struggle through hours of loneliness and anxiety. He does so for a purpose. As steel is made in a furnace, so the strongest characters are those who have faced the trials of life.

The encouraging experience to my heart has been the assurance of God's presence in all circumstances of life. He knows what we are in need of, and he watches over us. Never once do we get beyond his eye. Whenever I have called on him in prayer, this assurance of God's presence and his concern for my welfare has been a wonderful source of help to me.

"His eye is on the sparrow
And I know he watches me."

It is only natural for a person to desire the sympathy of others. We want to know if there is an ear to hear, or an eye to witness our conflicts and trials. The answer to that desire has come to me personally in prayer. I am sure that there is no place where our deepest needs and desires are more keenly felt than at the very heart of God himself. He knows and cares, and he is touched with a feeling of our infirmities and weaknesses. It is through fellowship with Christ in prayer that we learn to know that God is deeply concerned about us and that his interest in our welfare is really true.

Let us then be of good cheer, and let

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS IN PORTLAND

By Mrs. Shirley Roehl, Reporter

"THERE SHALL BE showers of blessing, this is the promise of love." This promise surely has been fulfilled in the City of Roses, Portland, Oregon, both spiritually and in the way of rain. We enjoyed the beautiful fall weather of the west coast, especially the flowers, grass and trees which grow so well because of it. The moisture and cloudy days were quite different from that to which most of us have been accustomed, but we learned to like that part of Oregon too.

The Lord blessed bountifully in the four churches with which we were privileged to work. Our first evangelistic meetings were held in the Trinity Church, where Dr. John Wobig is the pastor. Violet Rau and Shirley and Floyd Roehl assisted in the meetings and in the afternoon visitation. A fine group of volunteers from the church joined us in the house calls, and so a great many people were contacted.

Leona Hoffman, Lily Boymook and LeRoy Kiemele worked in the Glencullen Church where Rev. Eldon Seibold is pastor. The group did canvassing and prospect calling. They

also had a blessed time in the meetings held there with our director, Rev. Elmer C. Strauss.

After returning from Vancouver, B. C., we again divided our ranks, this time with Lily Boymook, Violet Rau, and LeRoy Kiemele going to work with Rev. Arthur Schulz at the Bethany Church. Working in this rural area was a fine change for them, and they thoroughly enjoyed serving the Lord there.

Leona Hoffman and Shirley and Floyd Roehl received many blessings at the Southwood Park Church where Rev. Albert Wardin is interim pastor. Most of their time was spent canvassing the area where the new church building is being erected. It was very encouraging finding interested families whom we hope will come to the services, find Christ as Savior, and support this fine church.

As the time came to leave Portland, we knew the Lord had really been with us there. We praise his Name for the souls that were won to his Kingdom and for the revival in Christians' hearts. We are thankful for our Prayer Partners and trust you will stand behind us in prayer.

BAPTIST BRIEFS FROM EVERYWHERE

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Baptist mission leaders told the Africans that their medical work is "an expression of Christ's compassion and love." Dr. George M. Faile, Jr. and his African helper, Samuel Olawumi, have begun outpatient clinics with the aid of a mobile dispensary. The Leprosy Service is also turning over to Dr. Faile's care some 2,000 leprosy patients now attending clinics near Nalerigu. There are about 83,000 people in the Nalerigu vicinity, and some 8,000 leprosy cases within a 40 or 50 mile radius.

● **Baptist Students in England.** Baptist Student Federation, consisting of 17 societies in English universities, has developed an Autumn Mission program which has grown into a major cooperative movement between college students and the churches. In September 1957, five teams were sent out to areas varying from industrial centers and country towns to select residential areas. The normal team is about 20 strong, usually drawing its members from two or more universities. Average time for a mission is 12 days. Team members are drawn from all faculties in the universities—medicine, history, classics and physics.

us keep praying. May we continually keep close to him who said: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me."

HOW TO BE A GOOD LEADER

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ship which inevitably results in *Servantship* which alone can produce *Leadership!* The true leader knows where he stands and why he stands there.

The good leader, then, is not one who devotes all of his time to devotion and meditation, nor is he one who devotes all of his time directing certain activities within the church. Jesus told his disciples, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." A closer look at the lives of those disciples reveals that, to the extent that they followed him, they became *leaders* of men. And this leadership reflected itself in joy at the service rendered by other believers to God.

The good leader is alert to the need for providing opportunities for development to others. A student pastor on a college campus was once asked what he considered to be his primary responsibility. His answer was, "To work myself out of a job." A person so motivated is concerned with rectifying the complaint that "the laborers are few."

The good leader is not so much taken up with perpetuating his own importance as he is in discovering and developing others to help with the task. In this sense, every Christian should be a leader. This is hard to do—but that doesn't alter the requirement!

What's Happening

● The Fellowship Baptist Church of Passaic, New Jersey, has extended a call to Dr. F. Dean Banta of Shelton College, Ringwood, New Jersey. He has succeeded Rev. Berkley G. Helms in the pastorate of the Fellowship Church.

● The New Leipzig Baptist Church, New Leipzig, N. Dak., held a baptismal service in the Baptist Church of Hebron, N. Dak., on Sunday afternoon, December 1st. The pastor, Rev. Emil Becker, baptized two adult persons and two younger girls upon the confession of their faith in Christ as Savior.

● On Sunday, Nov. 24, Rev. Thomas D. Lutz, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, S. Dak., baptized four young people on confession of their faith in Christ. At the communion service on Sunday, Dec. 1, he gave the hand of fellowship to these four new members and to three others who were received by letter. Another baptismal service was held at the Watchnight Service on New Year's Eve.

● The Sunday School of the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, California, held an attendance contest from Oct. 20 to Nov. 24, with an increase of 38 percent in attendance. The highest attendance during the contest for the entire Sunday School was 313. The class with the largest growth was the Adult class with a 76 percent increase. Mrs. Lillian Pinkel, reporter, stated that "the effort was worthwhile, but much is still to be done for Christ". Rev. Kenneth Fischer is pastor of the church.

● On Sunday, Dec. 15, a baptismal service was held at the First Baptist Church, Linton, N. Dak., at which Rev. A. J. Fischer, pastor, baptized 8 candidates. Four of these were converts at special meetings recently held at Hazelton, a mission station, with Evangelist F. Dalzell. At the Watchnight Service the 25th anniversary of the CBY Fellowship of the church was observed. Special prayer and revival meetings were held at the Linton Church from Jan. 6 to 12 with Rev. A. Bibelheimer of Ashley, N. Dak., as the guest speaker.

● On Sunday, Dec. 1, faculty members and students of the Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., took charge of all church and Sunday School services in the First Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak. This was Seminary Day at the Emery Church. On Sunday, Dec. 22, the church received an offering towards the Building Fund with a goal set at \$20,000. The guest speaker at the Watchnight Service on Dec. 31 was Mr. Harold B. Johns of Oak Park, Ill., president of the Publication Board.

Rev. Leland H. Friesen is the pastor of the Emery Church.

● The annual Christmas concert was held at the Daytons Bluff Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., on Sunday evening, Dec. 8, featuring the cantata, "The Christmas Angels" by Steward Landon, and other selections. The choir was directed by Robert Grant with Lois Yearsley at the organ. On that Sunday morning, Rev. William H. Jeschke, pastor, preached on the topic, "Look to Your Eternal Securities!" Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut, missionaries to Japan, showed pictures, spoke and sang at the Sunday evening service on December 1st.

● The First Baptist Church of Norridge, Ill., has extended a call to Rev. Walter Schmidt of Arnprior, Ontario, to which a favorable answer has been given. Mr. Schmidt will begin his pastorate of this church in the Chicago area on Feb. 1st. The First Baptist Church of Norridge, Ill., is the amalgamation of the former Grace and Humboldt Park churches of Chicago. For the present, the new church meets in the chapel of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged of Chicago. Mr. Schmidt has been the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ont., since 1951.

● The Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., held a farewell reception for Mr. and Mrs. Norman Haupt, Cameroons missionaries, at the Watchnight Service on Dec. 31. They left Detroit for England and Africa on Jan. 2. The Week of Prayer meetings were held from Jan. 6 to 10 with a very fine participation by church members. On Sundays, Jan. 5 and 12, a re-affirmation of the conviction on "Scriptural Tithing" was made by numerous members of the church. The goal of the church is "Every Christian a Tither, Are You?" Dr. A. Dale Ihrie is pastor of the church.

● On Thursday evening, Nov. 21, the ordination service for Mr. Milton Vietz was held at the First Baptist Church of Mott, N. Dak. Six North American Baptist Churches took part in the examination of Mr. Vietz, pastor of the church in Mott, N. Dak., and in the ordination service held that evening. The message was brought by Dr. C. H. Seecamp of Hebron, North Dakota, the home church of Mr. Vietz. The welcome into the ministry was extended by Rev. E. Michelson of McLaughlin,

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Never think that God's delays are God's denials. Hold on; hold fast; hold out. Patience is genius". — Buffon.

S. Dak., and the charge to the church by Rev. W. Klempel of McIntosh, S. Dak. Rev. E. Becker of New Leipzig, N. Dak., served as the chairman.

● Services are being held regularly in Selby, S. Dak., with Rev. G. P. Schroeder as the interim pastor. Mrs. Schroeder has accompanied her husband to the Selby field. Four Sunday School classes are being taught by Rev. G. P. Schroeder, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Berndt and Mrs. Alvin Ackerman. Special evangelistic meetings were held for the community from Jan. 5 to 19. A small choir has also been begun by Mr. Schroeder. The officers of the new church are as follows: Willie Ackerman, deacon; John Eiseman, treasurer; secretary, Mrs. Clinton Berndt; and Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Clinton Berndt.

● Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Meidinger celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on Dec. 8, 1957 at the Berlin Baptist Church, Fredonia, N. Dak. The children and relatives had arranged a program consisting of numbers by an orchestra, quartets and a duet. Rev. V. H. Prendinger, pastor, brought an appropriate message and Mrs. Prendinger read a humorous history of the couple. After the children and others had spoken, lunch was served at tables decorated with a beautiful wedding cake. Mr. Meidinger is one of the trustees of the church, and Mrs. Meidinger is active in the Woman's Missionary Society.

● Rev. and Mrs. Roger Schmidt of Jamesburg, N. J., have announced the birth of a son on Dec. 10, who has been named Daniel Roger. This is their third child. Rev. and Mrs. John Wollenberg, of Ebenezer, Sask., have announced that a son was born to them on Dec. 13, to whom the name, Mark Allan, has been given. Rev. and Mrs. Eldon Schroeder of Kyle, Texas, have announced the birth of a daughter on Dec. 19 who has been named Sharon Joy. A son was born to Rev. and Mrs. Donald Rich of Burlington, Iowa, on Dec. 27 who has been named Gregory Wayne. Mr. Rich is the assistant pastor of the Oak Street Baptist Church.

● Dr. John Leypoldt, of Forest Park, Ill., brought his interim pastorate at the Baptist Church, Herreid, S. Dak., to a close on Sunday, Dec. 19. He had served the church in this capacity since Sept. 8. At the closing service he brought a unique message to the church with 12 points on what we would not have today in the world "If Christ Had Not Come". At the service Mr. Andrew Huber and Mr. E. A. Bischeke, deacons, spoke in highest tribute of Dr. Leypoldt's ministry and presented a gift to him from the church. Rev. Alfred Weisser began his pastorate in the Herreid Church on Sunday, January 5.

● A baptismal service was held by the Riverview Church, St. Paul, Minn.,

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New School Building for Indians

Report from the Montana Reserve, Hobbema, Alberta

by Mr. Joe Hufnagel, Missionary

"Your Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things."

DECEMBER 9th was an exciting day for the senior class of our Day School on the Montana Indian Reservation near Ponoka, Alberta. The dream of having a much needed and long prayed for second school building had finally become a reality. As the man of old took his bed and walked after he was healed, so the children joyfully took their desks and marched off to the new school across the road from the Baptist Chapel, which had been used as a classroom for the past two years.

MANY INDIAN CHILDREN

Several years ago while the missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Derman, were on this field, they found an increasing number of Indian parents becoming interested in sending their children to our school. Not only was this interest characteristic of the

This was not a small task, however, since the Government Agent of Indian Affairs was Roman Catholic and consequently did not favor another Protestant School. Not receiving any response from government officials in answer to our crying need, the Derman's solved the problem temporarily by using the chapel as a classroom, in which Mrs. Derman, who had been teaching school prior to their appointment as missionaries, very ably served as teacher.

The arrangement for the children of the Samson Reserve to stay with their relatives on the Montana Reserve was far from satisfactory. To solve this problem, Mr. Derman went to the trouble of running a school bus at his own expense. After much difficulty and tedious negotiations, this arrangement was sanctioned and supported by the government. From that time on, plans for a second classroom and building began to develop more rap-

You can therefore well imagine how a family of five would appreciate moving into a more spacious home!

The Junior Classes are being taught in the first school building by Mrs. F. Hornby, whose services are also very much appreciated.

We trust that this new school building will prove a great blessing on this Indian Reserve. To some children it may be a place of refuge, a refuge from the sinister and powerful hand of Rome which would inevitably lay its claims upon their young lives if they had no Protestant School to attend.

To others it will be "Bethel" where they will come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior through the religious instruction received there. For others it may just be another new building. But it is our prayer that it may be a means of reaching the lost for Christ and of encouraging those, who already know him, to serve him better.

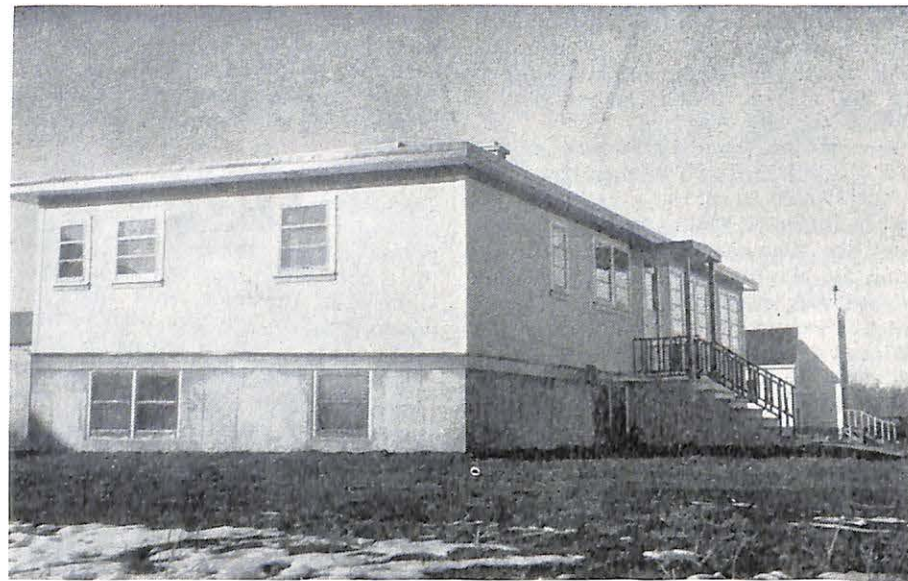
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would draw a head of Christ that would be virile and triumphant. Yet what would it be like? The idea possessed him but the image did not materialize. That evening in his studio in the attic of his home, Sallman sketched one design after another, but none satisfied him and he threw them away.

At a late hour, he went to bed. But he could not sleep. Fitfully he tossed about, his subconscious mind reaching feverishly for a tangible form for the idea even as he tried to force himself to doze. Finally, in the darkness just before dawn, something flashed before him. But let Sallman tell it: "There emerged in one luminous moment a visual picturization of the head of Christ, so clear and definite that I could almost see it on paper. I hastily went upstairs to my studio and made a thumbnail sketch of the picture before the image could get away from me. Later I made an enlarged charcoal drawing which was completed just in time for the deadline!"

Thus was born Sallman's "Head of Christ". This Christ of the open road with strong, manly character, and with his inner life of divine revelation revealed by his facial features, as depicted in Warner Sallman's "Head of Christ," finds a dramatic sequel in these Christian young people on the front cover of this issue, going forth on "Operation T.F.C.", aggressively and radiantly witnessing for Christ and to his Word!



The new Protestant School Building on the Indian Montana Reserve of Alberta with the Baptist Chapel shown in the background (right).

Montana Reserve people, but also of the people on the Samson Reserve, which is adjacent to the Montana Reserve. So great was the interest that people of the Samson Reserve brought their children in horse drawn wagons at the beginning of each week to stay with relatives on the Montana Reserve for the week, so that they could attend our school.

As time went on, our school building with one room became overcrowded. It also became extremely difficult for one teacher to teach the ever-growing class, which likewise included the beginners who hardly knew a word of English. Consequently, it became increasingly necessary to have another classroom.

idly, but it was not until two years later that those plans materialized.

Today, not only the pupils enjoy the modern school building, but it also includes a new teacher's residence equipped with power, electric range, thermostatically controlled oil furnace, modern bathroom, and water system. For the past two years we have been blessed with the services of a fine Christian teacher, Mr. Gordon Larson, and his family.

Not only have they served in public school teaching but Mr. and Mrs. Larson have been a great help in Sunday School and church work. Until the new school building had been opened, their living quarters were a residence built for a single teacher.

Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: February 2, 1958

Theme: PRIVILEGES OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:9-10; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8; Galatians 6:1-5; Hebrews 4:14-16; 10:23-25

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Privilege leads to responsibility, responsibility leads to duty, duty leads to work, and no work is more important than the work of a member of the Church of Jesus Christ.

INTRODUCTION: Frequently the members are given a false conception of their relationship with the church. The minister, as well as the leading laymen, have often expressed their thanks and appreciation to the members for coming out for a special program. Special commendation was given to them, particularly if they left the comforts of home and television on a stormy, rainy or cold night, and attended the evening service. It gave the members a feeling of making an unusual sacrifice—as if they did the minister, the church and God an extraordinary favor! Such an act of self-sacrifice, it was thought, was worthy of special merit or reward. Many are the ways and means which are used to lure the members to the church. They are invited, begged, coaxed and tempted with spiritual and material rewards. Sometimes, but not very often, they are even threatened with dire consequences. Certainly, the Church of Jesus Christ cannot encourage forced membership; but neither can it promote soft membership. To be a Church of Jesus Christ, it must unashamedly and without apology encourage each and every member to accept his divine privilege and responsibility.

I. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP — BEFORE AND AFTER. 1 Peter 2:9-10.

Perhaps because the contrast was so striking in his own life, it was easier for Peter to give us a picture of the difference. On the one hand he saw himself as a poor, coarse, ignorant, quick-tempered cursing fisherman, and on the other hand as a leading apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ. Notice the vivid contrasts which Peter sketches in his "before" and "after" portrait; royal - common; holy - unholy; praise-blasphemy; darkness - light; nobody - somebody; condemnation-mercy.

II. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP—BOUNTIFUL OR SPARING. 2 Cor. 9:6-8.

The farmer cannot expect a dozen plants to come up where he has planted but a single seed. Neither can the fabled donkey continue to work and grow strong by mixing his oats with

sawdust. If you expect your business to grow, you must invest in your own business. There is no excuse for a poor church member. The reason God loves a cheerful giver is because God is a cheerful giver.

III. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP—BURDEN OR BURDEN-BEARER. Gal. 6:1-5.

"There are two kinds of Christians, you know them: The ones who take your strength from you, and those who put it all back." A true Christian should be carried out of church only once. But we know there are many who must be carried throughout their entire life. They have even tried to shift to another's shoulders their own sin and personal responsibility of obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ. The greatest burden a Christian can take upon himself is the burden of restoring his weak brother to the household of faith.

VI. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP—BOLD OR TIMID. Heb. 4:14-16; 10:23-25.

The timid soul is a source of ridicule in every community. What a contrast to the bold and brave men enshrined in the Hall of Fame! There is no timid soul listed among the heroes of faith in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. The church will cease to grow unless it has members who are bold enough to launch out, who have the adventurous spirit, the missionary spirit, the working spirit—those, who like William Cary, "expect great things from God and attempt great things for God."

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: February 9, 1957

Theme: THE TEACHING MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

Scripture: 1 Timothy 4:6-16; 2 Timothy 2:1-2

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Remember that we are to be concerned about the teaching ministry of the church; not only about the teaching ministry of the minister.

INTRODUCTION: As we study about the birth, life, death and resurrection of our Lord, we often forget that the ministry of Jesus was largely a teaching ministry. During almost two thousand years since his death, there were many truths about Christ which were either forgotten, neglected, misinterpreted or deliberately suppressed. That is why so many sects and denominations spring up. They gave renewed emphasis to some disregarded doctrine.

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of Christ. Needless to say, some also brought additional confusion. Therefore it is imperative that we teach the whole Word of God for the whole congregation of God so that the church might become aware of its whole responsibility to God.

I. THE TEACHING MINISTRY OF THE MINISTER. 1 Tim. 4:6-16.

We think of the minister primarily as a preacher. But as we follow Jesus, the twelve apostles, as well as Paul, we come to the conclusion that teaching is an important function of the minister. Preaching implies proclamation, inspiration, decision; whereas teaching conveys a long-range program of training, guidance, and growth.

(a) The minister is to nourish the memory of the church members. Someone said, "I forgot to remember what I was supposed to forget." Most of us have more difficulty remembering what we are supposed to remember. Our memories need constant refreshment in matters of faith and doctrine.

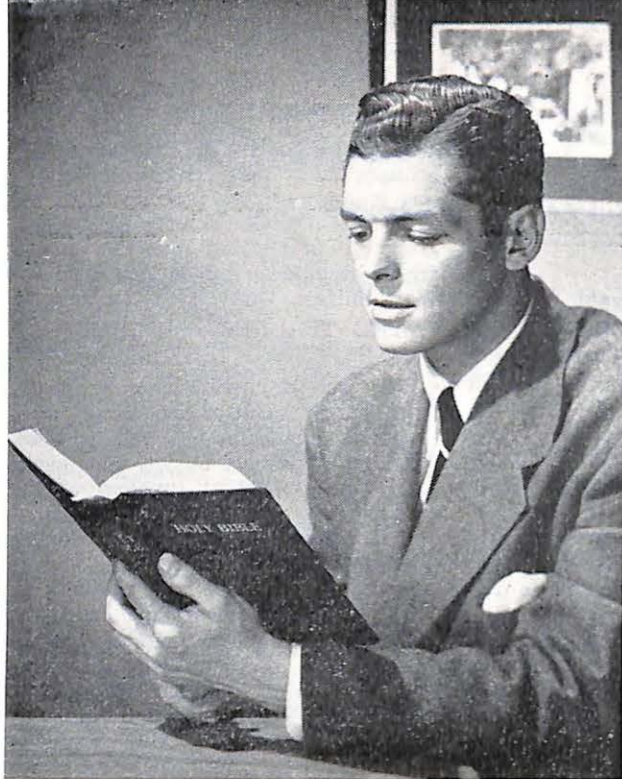
(b) The minister is to nourish himself. Spiritual as well as physical exercise is necessary for a good teaching ministry. An athlete who neglects to exercise will never win a contest. And a minister who fails to teach himself will be unfit to teach others.

(c) The minister must be an example. This is not to say that he must be infallible and perfect, but his aim and ideal must always be the highest. There are many who need the human example of the minister as well as the divine example of Jesus Christ. Often like Paul he must be able to say, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ" (1 Cor. 11:1).

(d) The minister must nourish his gift. No man, whether he be artist, musician, craftsman or minister can afford to neglect his talent. It must be stirred up constantly and cultivated or it will be taken away from him. Constant prayer, meditation, reading and study are necessary for a good teacher of the truths of God.

II. THE TEACHING MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH. 2 Tim. 2:1-2.

The purpose of teaching is not simply to impart knowledge to another, but to make another teacher; not merely to absorb knowledge but to change people. The well-known missionary and literary expert, Dr. Frank Laubach, attributed his great success largely to the motto which was stressed constantly among the students: "Each one teach one." The command of Jesus in his great commission is: "Go teach." One of the discouraging things of our time is the fact that we have many good listening churches but not enough teaching churches. The art of listening is only half an art unless it leads to the art of teaching. We have the best Teacher, the Lord Jesus as an example; we have the best material, the Word of God, as our subject; therefore we need the best teachers for the best ministry.



—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

David Gardner's decision to become a minister irritated his college roommate and close friend, Barry Carter. Both of these students returned to their home town for the summer holidays where they saw Cicily at the railroad station. Barry had formerly dated her but had not written to her while at college. That night he put Cicily's picture again on his dresser at home and determined that he would revive his former love affair with her.

CHAPTER TWO

TRUE TO HIS determination to lay siege to Cicily's heart, Barry began his campaign at once. After breakfast the next morning he phoned her and asked if he could take her for a ride in his father's car. Cicily consented to go, but he gathered that she was not unduly elated over the prospect. He was overjoyed, however, and his mother could hear his gay whistle as he got out the rather ancient car and gave it an additional rub down.

When he came in the house a half hour later, with a banging of doors and stamping of feet, a wave of memory brought a smile to her lips. It seemed only yesterday that he had been a little fellow, coming in with that same loud whistling and banging of doors.

She had seen him come in the house so many times just like this, with that little air of importance which told her that he had a date with Cicily. She had watched that youthful romance with amusement, for Cicily had been so openly worshipful of Barry. She wondered now whether Cicily was the type of girl who would make Barry happy. She was a gay little butterfly, used to every luxury, and Barry's wife would have to count the dimes for a long while.

"Going out with Cicily?" she asked as he came into the room.

"How did you guess?" he asked in mock surprise.

"I know the symptoms. You haven't changed at bit, son," she replied, with a twinkle in her eyes.

"That's a very depressing bit of information," he remarked as he dropped into a chair beside her. "I was hoping that the acquisition of all that knowledge during four long years would make me at least look more intelligent."

"I wonder how much you really did learn," she murmured aloud.

"Enough to make you and Dad proud of me. You just wait and see."

"I'm willing to be shown."

"How would you like Cicily for a daughter-in-law?" he asked.

"Has it gotten that far already?" she asked in surprise.

"Oh, no," and he grinned sheepishly.

"It hasn't gotten anywhere yet. I just wanted to know what you thought of her, because I'm going to try to convince her that she'll make the mistake of her life if she doesn't marry me."

"Then I don't suppose it matters much what I think about it," his mother said. She did not sound enthusiastic and he noticed it.

"Don't you like her, Mother?" he asked anxiously.

"Of course, dear. She's beautiful and charming. I like her very much. I'm just wondering whether she would be happy as a poor man's wife."

"Sure she will, if she marries this poor man," he stated with a confident grin. "I'll make her so happy that she'll forget about the absence of the bank roll. Let's not worry about that until the time comes."

"I'm not worrying, dear," she said quietly. "I know that if it's best for you two to marry, the Lord will see that everything works out right for you."

"What's the Lord got to do with it?" he queried, rather impatiently. "You

don't really believe that He bothers Himself about me, do you?"

"I know He does, son," she replied gravely. "I've prayed too long that He would."

He rose to go. The conversation was drifting into a channel that always annoyed him. What old-fashioned ideas his mother had, he mused as he drove toward Cicily's home. He wished she would stop praying for him. It made him feel hemmed in and bound by some invisible bonds against which he fought rebelliously.

When he had Cicily in the seat beside him he forgot everything else. She was dainty and exquisite, a pink pastel color to life. Her pink linen dress seemed to emphasize the brilliance of her red-gold hair which blew in soft curls about her face.

"You remind me of a pink camellia," he remarked as her eyes met his.

"Hadn't you better keep your eye on the road?" she suggested as she flashed him an amused glance.

"Is that all the thanks I get for my compliment?" he asked in hurt tones.

"Compliment!" she scoffed. "Do you think I feel flattered to be compared to a flat, squatty thing like a camellia? Do you really know what a camellia is?"

"No, I don't," he admitted with a laugh. "That's another thing I didn't learn at college. But in a novel I read once the author compared the girl to a pale pink camellia, with her soft flushed face and the skin like the smooth petals of the flower and the faint fragrance that seemed to breathe of the flower garden. When I looked at you I thought of those words. I thought you'd appreciate them."

"Stick to your own similes, Barry, my dear," she advised with the flash of a smile. "I like them better than borrowed ones."

"Thanks for coming with me this morning," he said presently.

"You mean you knew you didn't deserve to have me come," she countered.

"I was afraid you might feel that way," he admitted. "I wish I could make you understand about that, Cicily," he began, but she interrupted him.

"I understand thoroughly," she said with a cool note that chilled him. "I only came this morning to get the ordeal over with."

"The ordeal?" he echoed. "How very flattering. What do you mean by that?"

"The ordeal of your confession, explanation and repentance. I knew that you'd be suffering from a severe attack of remorse of conscience and that you wouldn't give me any peace until you'd gotten it out of your system. So—the sooner I get it over with, the better."

"H'm. That is a knock-out, isn't it?"

"I hope not," she said sweetly, too sweetly, he thought.

He pulled the car off the road and parked under a clump of trees. He looked down into her cool blue eyes for a moment in silence.

"I'm not going to make any explanation or beg you to forgive me for neglecting you the way I did," he said with a new note of determination in his voice that surprised her. "If I tried to explain, I'd only lie to you and I'm not going to do that. There's no excuse for the way I acted except that I was engrossed with my own affairs, getting the most I could out of my life and letting you slip into the background. I realize what a fool I've been. I love you, Cicily, and I want your love more than I've ever wanted anything in my life."

"Isn't this a rather sudden discovery of yours?" she mocked.

"Yes, it is," he admitted gravely. "It hit me between the eyes when I saw you standing there at the depot. But somehow I felt that all through those absent years it had been there in my heart hidden away in a little corner."

"How romantic and how tragic!" she remarked. "Like a poor little camellia lying neglected in a dark corner and suddenly bursting into full bloom at the first peep of sunlight. Sounds like a fairy story, only I'm afraid it won't have a happy ending."

"That depends upon you," he retorted. "You can laugh at me all you want to, but you're going to learn before the summer's over, that it's no laughing matter."

"Evidently we're going to have a very depressing summer," she remarked as she turned her head away.

She was angry with herself that, in spite of Barry's neglect and her determination to forget him, his words thrilled her as they had done in the past when he gave her a careless word of affection.

"Won't you give me a chance to prove to you that I do love you, Cicily?"

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ly?" he asked as he gained possession of one of her hands.

"You'll have to prove first that your memory is a little better than it was," she replied as she withdrew her hand.

The rest of the ride was not satisfactory to Barry. She refused to be drawn into personal conversation. As they parted at her home, Barry felt that she was laughing at him. Though it hurt his pride terribly it did not daunt his determination to win back what had once been his. Now that she seemed so remote, she was more desirable than ever.

As Cicily watched him ride away a slow smile spread across her lovely face.

"What a big stupid baby you are, Barry Carter," she said to herself. "And what a silly dunce I am to love you, but I do and there's nothing I can do about it. In fact, I don't want to do anything about it, but just to keep you wondering for a while."

As time passed, Barry's self-confidence forsook him completely and he was abjectly miserable. Cicily enjoyed seeing him suffer the pangs of uncertainty, for she knew that in the end she would surrender to the love she had longed for all through the years.

She could not forget, however, those heart-breaking months when she had waited day after day for the letter which never came, when the bitter knowledge forced itself upon her that the Barry she had loved ever since her early childhood had let her slip from his life without a word of regret. It gave her a wicked feeling of satisfaction to know that he in turn was suffering.

She was alluring, bubbling over with gaiety. Barry felt that he was chasing some elusive will-o-the-wisp which shone daz'ingly just beyond his reach. She accepted his invitations for a date, but when he tried to tell her of his love and endeavored to get her to be serious, she only laughed at him.

When Roy Farlan returned from New York, the situation became even more upsetting for Barry. Roy made it quite plain to Barry that he considered that Cicily belonged to him. Cicily adroitly kept them both in a state of uncertainty and though they were outwardly friendly, there was no real friendship between them.

Barry had never liked Roy and he knew that Roy disliked him. There was something cruel and malicious in Roy's nature, hidden under a suave polish that made him appear charm-

ing. Barry had discovered this sadistic tendency when they were children. He had found Roy torturing a kitten, hidden away in a secluded spot where he thought no one would discover him. There had been a fight that day which neither of them had ever forgotten. Roy realized that Barry had discovered this sadistic streak in his nature and he hated him for it.

Roy had grown into manhood, fairly good looking, polished and poised. His wealth and the veneer of charm that he manifested toward those he wanted to impress, made him quite popular with the girls. When he focused his attentions upon Cicily, she was the object of much envy from others who had hopes for themselves.

It was inconceivable to Roy that Cicily could prefer anyone, especially Barry, when she could have him. Barry had nothing to offer a girl but himself. Roy had to admit that that self was quite handsome and that any girl would find him attractive. Barry's persistent pursuit of Cicily made him furious. There was nothing he could do about it, however, except to appear friendly and polite to his rival but he hated Barry with his whole soul and he seethed with the desire to do anything that would eliminate Barry from the scene.

For a time Barry saw little of David. His time was well taken up with Cicily and then, too, he was trying to get accustomed to the break which he felt had already come between them. The old David was gone, the David of the stolen night adventures, the gay parties, the comrade who had followed him wherever he led the way. A strange David had taken his place, a David who spoke a strange new language which annoyed Barry because it made him so uncomfortable. It had destroyed the closeness of their friendship, for Barry felt a restraint when he was with David that was both annoying and heart-breaking.

David was busy studying, preparing himself for the heavy course he was going to take, for he was trying to crowd three years into two. He had begun to realize that Barry was deliberately avoiding him and he went to see him. The look on David's face made Barry feel guilty and self-conscious and suddenly ashamed of himself. He greeted David boisterously.

"Well, well! How's the parson this morning?" he cried, slapping David on the back. "Able to take time off to talk to this heathen?"

"I've taken time off to come over and preach you a sermon," David replied with a twinkle in his eye. "My text for the morning will be friendship. There is a friend—"

Barry held up a warning hand. "Stop it! None of that!"

David continued as if he hadn't heard. "The meanest fellow in the world is the fellow who'll turn his

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Our Denomination in ACTION

Central Conference

Thanksgiving Services at Grosse Pointe Baptist Church

Our national Day of Thanksgiving was acknowledged in the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., with two special occasions. The first was our annual Family Service held on Wednesday evening. The second was the annual Community Service to which we were the host church on Thanksgiving morning.

Our Family Service was an unusual time of blessing for us all. Three couples of varying ages in their family experience gave their personal testimonies on the theme, "What Christ Has Meant to Our Home." There was a time for open expressions of gratitude with members of the congregation addressing the entire audience by means of the "Travelling Microphone." Our annual offering brought a good response, enabling us to do more for Christ. We acknowledged all the newer members who have joined our church since last Thanksgiving.

The Community Service was shared by our neighbors, with five visiting ministers taking part. The sermon, "A Blessed Compromise," was preached by Rev. Arno'd Johnson of the Congregational Church. It was a blessing to share in such a service of gratitude to God for his faithfulness.

Mrs. Wm. Faust, Reporter

Woman's Anniversary Program at Saint Joseph, Mich.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church of Saint Joseph, Mich., observed the 50th anniversary of the denominational Woman's Missionary Union on Nov. 12th at the church. The ladies of the Clay St. Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., were guests. A delicious luncheon was served by Mrs. Daniel Pschigoda and her committee. The president, Mrs. Clarence Peterson, graciously welcomed the guests and asked Miss Florence Miller, one of our missionaries to Japan to offer the prayer.

A total of 126 ladies met in the church parlors for the devotionals and the program. Mrs. A. A. Schack, program chairman, presided. Mrs. Rudolph Kovalska gave the devotionals. Mrs. Walter Maikowski and Mrs. Arthur Wesner sang a number, and Mrs. Theodore Bestervelt played a saxophone solo. Mrs. Wesner and Mrs. Bestervelt gave wonderful testimonies. Mrs. Ben Riemersma and Mrs. Leo Cuthbert played a piano duet. The guest speaker, Mrs. Thomas Lutz, president of the denominational Woman's Missionary Union, spoke on the topic, "God's Work for Us as Women". In her inspiring message she spoke of the women of the Bible and the many who are now serving in mission fields. She said each woman in the church has a work to do for God.

Mrs. Worthy Decker, Sec'y

Dakota Conference

Women's Annual Program, Baptist Church, McLaughlin, S. Dak.

"Heritage of Christian Women" was the topic of the message by Mrs. T. D. Lutz, the president of the denominational Woman's Missionary Union, at the Baptist Church of McLaughlin, S. Dak., on Sunday evening, Nov. 17. She was the guest speaker at the annual program of the McLaughlin Woman's Missionary Society. Our hearts were deeply touched by her message and we were challenged to greater and better service for the Lord. We praise and thank God for his many blessings throughout the past year. Serving him in clothing drives, White Cross work and with monetary gifts have truly made all of this a labor of love.

Ella C. Grosch, Reporter

Important Events, First Baptist Church, Underwood, N. Dak.

On Sunday evening, Oct. 20, the congregation of the First Baptist Church of Underwood, N. Dak., went to the Turtle Lake Church for a baptismal service and used their new convenient baptistry. Rev. R. Grenz, our pastor, baptized 8 young people on their confession of faith. On Nov. 1st a delicious ham dinner was served to about 90 men from the Northern North Dakota Association churches when they met here for their annual Men's Brotherhood meeting. Our own men in Underwood do not have a Men's Brotherhood, but the blessings of the evening were many and most inspirational to our people.

Our evangelistic meetings were held Nov. 12 to 22 with Evangelist and Mrs. Floyd Dalzell. There were no visible results, but many of us were drawn into closer fellowship with our Lord. On Dec. 1st at the communion service the pastor was happy to extend the hand of fellowship to seven young people who were baptized last fall. One could not be present due to illness.

Mrs. Emma Blatchford, Clerk

Baptism of 19 Converts at Isabel, South Dakota

The Isabel Baptist Church, Isabel, S. Dak., has continued to be the recipient of God's gracious blessings. Evangelistic services were held with Rev. Aaron Buhler of Lansing, Mich., from Nov. 12 to 21. During that time there were eleven decisions for Christ. It was indeed a refreshing time for the hearts of all believers.

Then on Sunday evening, Dec 8, we had an impressive baptismal service at the Timber Lake Baptist Church. Following a message on the subject, "Faith of Our Fathers," by the pastor, Rev. Herbert Vetter, 19 candidates followed the Lord in baptism, 7 of whom had been saved in our recent meetings. On the morning of Dec. 15th they were officially received into the fellowship

of the church. We rejoice at this visible evidence of the Lord's blessing, and it gives us new courage to press on with our precious Lord.

Mrs. Arlene Vetter, Reporter

Bismarck Baptist Church Rejoices over Wonderful Meetings

The Lord has blessed the Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, N. Dak., richly during the last two months. A Christian Workers' Regional Conference with the Beulah, Hebron, Linton, McClusky, Mercer, Turtle Lake, Underwood and Washburn churches participating was successfully held on Oct. 9. Our guest lecturers were Miss Martha Leypoldt, Rev. Richard Grenz and Rev. J. C. Gunst.

October 16 to 28 was revival time at our church. Rev. G. G. Rauser of Lodi, Calif., was again our evangelist. His illustrated talks and revival messages were ably and convincingly given. We felt the Holy Spirit's power coming upon us. Nearly every night some folks would come forward, either for rededication or conversion.

On Sunday, Nov. 10, the Twosome Society had charge of the evening service. The guest speaker was our missionary, Rev. Walter Sukut. Our Christian friend made a very gratifying impression upon the large audience. On the following Thursday evening, Miss Ruth Bathauer of Forest Park, Ill., spoke at the monthly meeting of our Sunday School officers and teachers. Her very helpful message was deeply appreciated.

John E. Grygo, Pastor

Northern Conference

Special Meetings and New Hymnals, Trochu, Alta.

The Trochu Baptist Church, Trochu, Alberta, looks back with joy to the wonderful meetings held recently with some of our denominational leaders. Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., was the guest speaker at our young people's meeting, and challenged our hearts with some of the denominational projects. We were also thrilled to hear of some of the preparations of the General Conference to be held at Edmonton in July 1958. The pictures shown that night helped us all to see more clearly our great privileges of service.

The other guest was Rev. R. Schilke, our mission secretary. Mr. Schilke was the speaker at our annual Church Fellowship Supper which is sponsored by the Ladies' Mission Society of the church. The work of some of our missionary endeavors was clearly presented by messages and slides. A missionary offering was received.

Recently one of the families of the church donated 100 new "North American Hymnals" to our church. We are most grateful for them, and trust that our worship in song will be greatly enhanced as we continue to worship together.

Robert R. Hoffman, Pastor

Baptismal Service, Hilda Baptist Church, Hilda, Alta.

Sunday, Nov. 17, was a milestone in the spiritual life of the Hilda Baptist Church, Hilda, Alberta, when 12 persons followed Christ in baptism. This service was made possible when, three weeks before, after a week of evangelistic services with Rev. Herbert Hiller of Edmonton, 10 persons came forward in the closing service, some to receive Christ as Savior, and others to reconsecrate their lives to him. Due to the lack of baptismal facilities, the service was held in the Grace Church of Medicine Hat.

Rev. R. Kanwischer, the pastor of the host church, led the service, with Mr. Arthur Gellert, the pastor of the Hilda church, bringing the message. He spoke on "The Water Baptism of John and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit," contrasting and comparing them. Two numbers by a male quartet from Hilda and the participation of the Ladies' Choir from the Grace Church beautified the service. Two other women were received into the church by testimony, bringing the total number to 14, to whom the hand of fellowship could be extended at the communion service the Sunday following. Indeed, God has been good to us!

Arthur Gellert, Pastor

Dedication of German Baptist Church, Calgary, Alta.

Sunday, Nov. 10, was a day of great rejoicing for the German Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta, for on this day we had the joy of dedicating our newly purchased church. It has a seating capacity of 300, and was bought for \$30,000, of which \$14,000 were raised in the past year and a half. Rev. Waldemar Ertis is the pastor.

Prior to this date, we spent several busy weeks repairing, painting, sanding, and also laying carpets, and were able to hold these expenses down to about \$1000, since all labor was donated. The sanctuary is now attractive and restful, providing the proper atmosphere for worship.

At the morning service the auditorium was filled to capacity. Our guest speaker, Rev. R. Schilke of Forest Park, Ill., brought the message, based on 1 Col. 3:16-17. In the afternoon for



Eleven of the 12 young people baptized by Rev. A. Gellert of Hilda, Alberta, pastor of the Hilda Baptist Church.

the dedication service, the building could not provide even standing room for the many friends. We were privileged to have the Bridgeland Baptist Brass Band with us. The words of greeting brought by the pastors of our neighboring churches filled our hearts with joy. Brother Schilke brought the message, "The House of the Lord as a Gateway to Heaven."

The Lord has been near to us and has blessed us. From a small beginning, we have grown to 125. May every one of us be a living stone in the spiritual house of the Lord, so that he might reveal his glory in our midst in becoming salvation and peace to the many who are lost about us.

Myrtle Ertis, Reporter

Pacific Conference

Good Tidings from Calvary Church, Tacoma, Wash.

On Sunday evening, Oct. 20th, the Calvary Church of Tacoma, Wash., had the distinct pleasure of hearing a message by Dr. George Lang, president of the North American Baptist Seminary, and a former pastor of the church. It

seemed good to see him again and to hear from him.

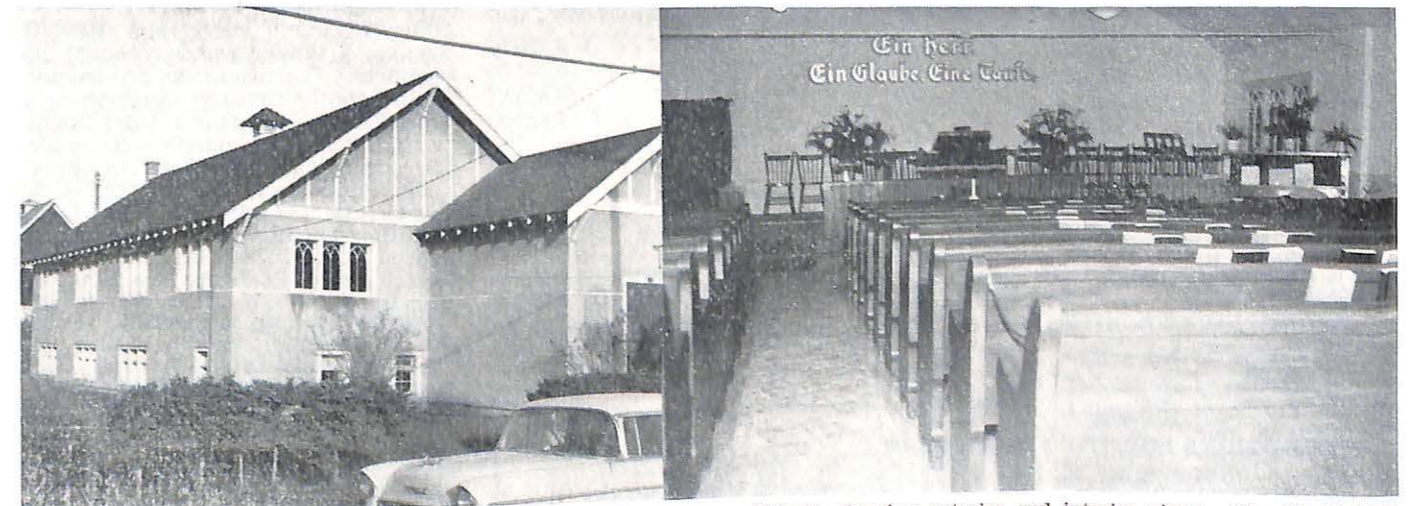
On the afternoon of Nov. 24th a reception was held for Rev. and Mrs. Henry Smuland at our Portland Ave. Chapel. Mr. Smuland had begun his pastorate at the Chapel the previous Sunday. Messages of welcome were brought by various members of the Chapel group, including one by the Sunday School superintendent, Miss Doris Wagner. Rev. R. S. Hess of the Calvary Church also spoke.

The first baptismal service was held in our new sanctuary that same evening. Seven persons were baptized into the death and resurrection of Christ. They, together with others who came by transfer of letter or confession of faith, were given the hand of fellowship at the communion service the following Sunday. Calvary Church was the host church for a Union Thanksgiving Service sponsored by the Greater Tacoma Evangelical Association.

Elfriede Gudelius, Reporter

Mission Festival at Faith Church, Vernon, B. C.

On Sunday, Oct. 20, the Faith Baptist Church, Vernon, British Columbia, (Continued on Page 22)



The newly dedicated building of the German Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta, showing exterior and interior views. Rev. W. E. Ertis is the pastor.

THE TORCH BEARER

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back on a friend without a cause just when that friend needs him most. That's what you've done, Barry."

"Me! Oh, I say, Dav'd! I never did any such thing."

"You just forgot that I existed. Is that it?"

"No, that's not it and you know it. But you know how hard this thing has hit me and I was just trying to get used to doing without you."

"Did you ever stop to think that I might need you now more than ever?" David's eyes were fixed on Barry.

"Need me? No. That's what hurt so. I just thought—well—that you were off somewhere in a fog, in a world where I wouldn't count any more."

"Yes, I know," said David sadly. "But that isn't true. You don't understand the situation at all. You see, when a person's capacity for love increases, his capacity for suffering also increases. I care more for you now than I've ever cared for you, Barry, but you've hurt me more than you ever could have done before. I need you now more than I ever have needed you."

"How?" asked Barry uneasily.

"I need your friendship, your old cheery companionship, the Barry I've grown accustomed to having with me all these years. I can't stand your shunning me, Barry."

Impulsively Barry threw an arm around David. "I didn't know you felt that way about it. I've been acting like a peevish kid, I suppose. I just thought I didn't mean anything to you any more. Boy! This has been tough

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on me! I've felt as if I'd lost a leg or something."

"Don't think it has been easy for me," David said.

"Why, I thought you said you wanted to be a preacher—that you'd never be happy again if you didn't preach?"

"I did and that's the way I do feel, because I feel that it is what God wants me to do. But don't think that I didn't have a struggle with myself before I gave up that dream we've had for so long. It isn't going to be easy preaching the kind of Gospel I believe in."

"I feel as if a torch had been flung to me to carry forward and light up the darkness of despair and hopelessness that envelopes countless thousands. Only God's love can lighten that darkness and if I can only reveal that love to those in the depths of despair, I shall feel that I have accomplished something. It's not going to be easy and I shall need you. You won't fail me, will you?"

"How can I help you?" asked Barry in dismay. "You're not hoping to make a preacher out of me, are you?"

"Nothing would please me better," David laughed. "But I'm not going to force anything on you. I just want to

know that you'll always be on hand with your friendship when I need you most. Sometimes when a fellow's down, the touch of a friendly hand will work miracles. Nobody but you can do that particular thing for me."

"I've been thinking about the fall," David said presently. "You're still going to study law, aren't you?"

"I suppose so. Dad's set his heart on it."

"Why not go to Maitland with me? We could still be together and you couldn't get a better law course than you could there."

"I hadn't thought about that. It would be swell," Barry conceded. "We could still room together, but I'd have to do my midnight window climbing all alone," he added with a wry smile.

"Perhaps there won't be so much window climbing," David replied. "I shouldn't think you'd want to do much running around, now that you and Cicily have come to an understanding."

"But we haven't come to any understanding. She has me on a hot griddle and she's keeping me there and enjoying seeing me stew."

"I'm sure she still loves you. I don't believe she's changed."

"I wish I could feel that way," Barry sighed. "She's done everything she could to discourage me, but I'm sap enough to keep on hoping."

"How about a game of tennis this afternoon, a foursome with Dale and Cicily," David suggested as he prepared to leave. "Mother wants us all to come over for dinner afterwards."

"That would be swell. I'll phone Cicily now," and they went into the house to phone.

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