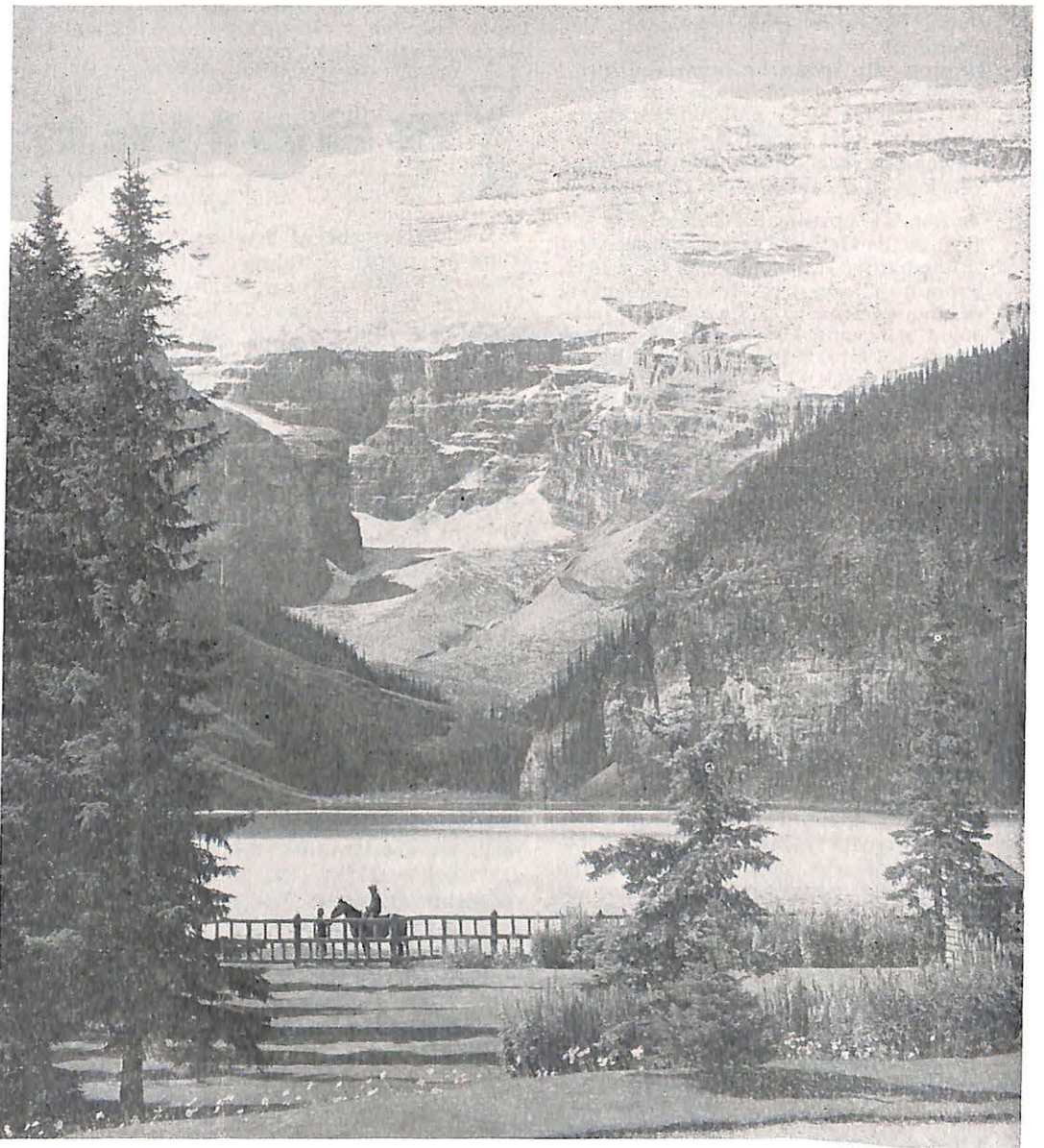


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March

of Events

Some pastors of the Church of the Reformation are protesting Shinto shrine worship in Kobe, Japan. The whole incident began when a primary school in Kobe took a group of school children on a tour to the Grand Shrine at Ise. The children practiced bowing and clapping their hands before making the tour. Two Christian children declined to take part in the bows and clapping, and made an apology to their teacher.

President Eisenhower's favorite hymn is "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," Rev. Frederick Fox, a White House aide, said here. The Congregational minister said whenever the President was asked to suggest the singing of a hymn he invariably proposed this one, which was written in 1697 by Isaac Watts and William Croft. The hymn was chosen by Gen. Eisenhower for use at his two inaugural services as President, Mr. Fox said.

Sunday opening of 200 supermarkets in the Detroit area was suspended following mounting protests by church groups. Closing of branch markets was announced by Wrigley's, Kroger's, Food Fair, and National chains. The stores are situated in Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw and Genesee counties which include the cities of Detroit, Ann Arbor, Pontiac and Flint. A number of large independent grocery associations announced they would limit their Sunday operations to one store each. A&P stores will remain closed on Sundays.

More than 200 nationally-circulated magazines, including seventeen with circulations over 1,000,000 each, adhere to a policy of refusing all alcoholic beverage advertising, the Methodist Board of Temperance reported here. The temperance board listed the magazines with more than 1,000,000 circulation as the Reader's Digest, Saturday Evening Post, This Week, Ladies Home Journal, National Geographic, Good Housekeeping, Household, Popular Mechanics, Mechanix Illustrated, Seventeen, American Home, Parents, Workbasket, Boys Life, Better Homes and Gardens, Woman's Day, and Scholastic.

The Federal Communications Commission recently granted the Moody Bible Institute an FM frequency in Cleveland, Ohio, according to an announcement by C. B. Nordland, manager of the publications and radio division. This new venture is being undertaken in cooperation with the Christian Radio Fellowship, an organization of Christian laymen from the Cleveland area who have undertaken to raise the money needed for studio and transmitter facilities. Moody Bible Institute, which operates WMBI, a non-

commercial AM station in Chicago, will provide the management, programming and personnel for this new station. No date for the beginning of broadcasting in Cleveland has been set, says Mr. Nordland, though it is expected that operations will soon begin. Gerrit Verkuyl, Ph.D., D.D., Berkeley, California, Editor-in-Chief of the new Berkeley Modern Speech Bible translation soon to be published, is experiencing the satisfaction of seeing the results of what may be termed a second career or life work. Now past eighty years of age, Dr. Verkuyl is witnessing the fruition of twenty-two years of work as a Bible translator, a task he took up after having spent more than the average career pe-

riod in Christian educational full-time ministry. The Berkeley Bible translation in Modern Speech will be issued in January of 1959. Dr. Verkuyl served for over thirty years with the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. He is a New Testament Fellow of Princeton Seminary, from which he was graduated in 1904. Dr. V. Raymond Edman, President of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, has said of this group of translators and their work: "Sound evangelical scholarship has produced in the Berkeley Bible a very accurate, readable and devout translation of the Scriptures in 20th Century English—the Book of the ages in the language of today."



Baptist Briefs

Commencement at Baylor. At the commencement exercises of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, held on May 23 at the Heart O'Texas Coliseum, the doctor of divinity degree was conferred on Dr. Theodore Adams, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia, and the president of the Baptist World Alliance. Another honorary degree was awarded to Rev. Paul M. Stevens, director of the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Stevens brought the commencement address.

Word from Romania. A Baptist pastor in Romania has written to Dr. G. W. Sadler, Southern Baptist Convention Mission Board representative for Europe in the first direct communication the Board has received from Baptists in that country since the beginning of World War II, Dr. Sadler said. "Romania has been more closed than Russia," Dr. Sadler added. Among other things the letter reported: "We are all well. The Lord's work is going on well. We are teaching in the seminary (at Bucharest)."

Baptist Laymen. A special committee authorized by the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee at its meeting in Hamilton, Ont., last summer to consider the organization of a Men's Department for BWA met in Chicago May 16 on the call of Mr. John Dawson. Members of the committee are Mr. Dawson, Chairman; George

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

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

W. Schroeder, J. C. Oliver, Walter W. Grosser, A. W. Fry, Burtil Engstrom, and C. C. Carter. Their report will be presented to the Executive Committee at its meeting in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, August 28.

Hong Kong College. Professor Franklin Liu, dean of Hong Kong Baptist College, reports that the school now in its third year has an enrollment of 380 young men and women who are studying civil engineering, business, science, mathematics, English literature, world history, sociology and Bible. "We are trying to train Christian ministers, teachers and lay leaders to be ready for any emergency in China and the world," Mr. Liu said. A desperate need for physical facilities and equipment for Hong Kong Baptist College was listed by Mr. Liu. A goal of a half million dollars is sought for new buildings and equipment.

Cameroun Baptists Meet. Meeting in their annual conference at Douala, Africa, the Baptist Union of French Cameroun viewed with alarm an emigration which has left the countryside scarcely occupied but has filled the cities with men, and also looked optimistically toward spreading mission work throughout the land. The emigration from rural areas of the city has left churches financially weak. There are about 150 Baptist churches in the Cameroun with approximately 11,000 members. Despite financial difficulties, the report says that churches have been quickened by a missionary spirit which has led to the opening of new work in several areas. A mission station also has been begun in North Cameroun by the European Baptist Missionary Society.

Editorial

Three Great Baptist Conferences

WITH PRAYERFUL INTEREST our North American Baptist people are participating in three outstanding Baptist conferences this summer. The reports and observations of these sessions will appear in forthcoming issues of the "Baptist Herald." You can anticipate some vivid accounts and wonderful blessings pertaining to these conferences in advance of their publication dates in August and September. Our Baptist fellowship ought to be strengthened and enriched because of these gatherings, both for those who were present and for those who read about them.

More than 6000 Baptist young people representing 70 different countries attended the fifth Baptist Youth World Conference in Toronto, Ontario, from June 27 to July 2. It was by far the largest of five conferences held thus far under the auspices of the Youth Department of the Baptist World Alliance. Previous meetings were held in Prague, 1931; Zurich, 1937; Stockholm, 1949; and Rio de Janeiro, 1953.

Baptist young people in attendance were thrilled by the opening Roll Call of Nations and the keynote address by Rev. Joel Sorenson of Stockholm, Sweden. They crowded into the Maple Leaf Garden Auditorium to hear the Honorable John Diefenbaker, Prime Minister of Canada. They were led to the altar of personal dedication by Dr. Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance, in the closing session.

The August 21st issue of the "Baptist Herald" will bring you a first-hand account of this youth conference. Rev. L. Bienert of Forest Park, Ill., Rev. Henry Ramus of Neustadt, Ontario, Rev. Berndt Kuhn, exchange student from Germany at our seminary, and others have promised to send us their reports. We hope to publish the address of Prime Minister Diefenbaker. Several pictures will also be featured.

The 32nd General Conference of our churches to be held in Edmonton, Alberta, from July 21 to 27 will undoubtedly break many records. It promises to be the largest, busiest, most colorful and exciting conference in our history. We wish that every North American Baptist could personally share in the decisive and inspiring events of those conference days.

Since this is impossible, naturally, we shall devote the entire September 4th issue of the "Baptist Herald" to the Edmonton Conference. Everything possible will be done by means of pictures, reports, human interest items and published addresses to bring the inspiration of this conference into your home. This will be an outstanding publication event of the year!

During the last week of July (July 26 to 31), about 12,000 Baptists will unite their voices in song and their hearts in prayer at the European Baptist Federation Congress in Berlin, Germany. They will come from almost every European country and from overseas to celebrate this 50th Jubilee Congress. In the midst of chaotic and critical times in Europe, the Baptists at this Congress will trumpet the good tidings of the Gospel and the message of Baptist distinctives.

The September 18 issue of the "Baptist Herald" will bring you the account of these epoch making sessions through articles and reports by Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Appel, Miss Alethea S. Kose, Mr. John Binder and others. You will again share in the blessings of these Baptist conferences meeting this summer. You ought to be able to sing more fervently, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and to be justly proud that you are a Baptist!

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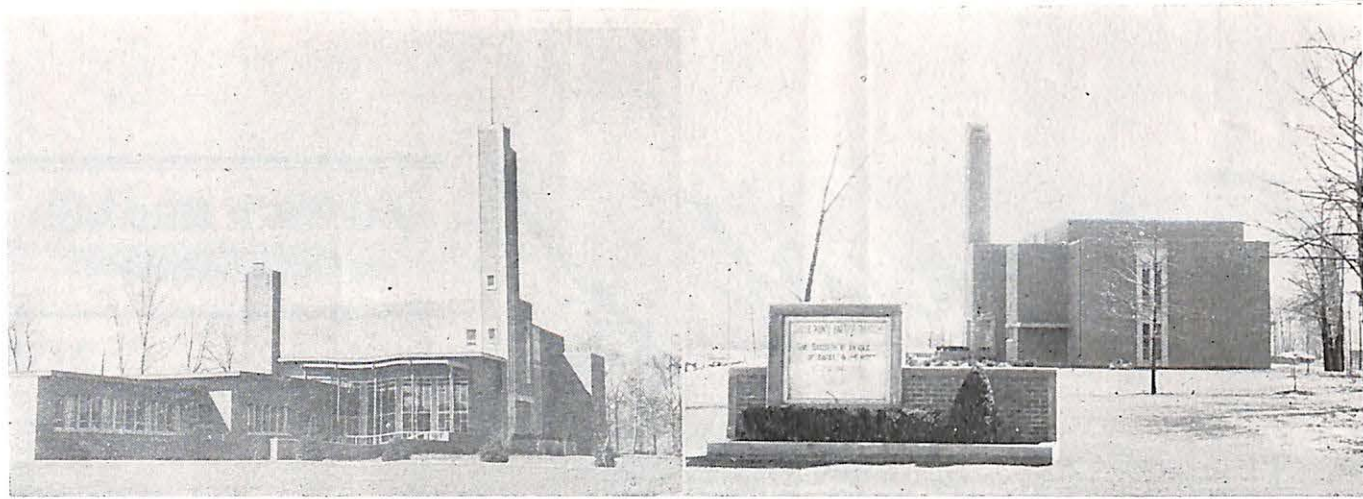
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The beautiful building and landscaped grounds of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Grosse Pointe, Mich., with the bulletin board (right).

God's Faithfulness at Grosse Pointe

The Grosse Pointe Baptist Church of Michigan, with 800 members worshipping and participating in a busy, bustling program for the Lord in an \$800,000 building under the leadership of Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, the dynamic pastor, and with a radio ministry that reaches more than a million listeners, is certainly one of the most outstanding churches in our denominational fellowship.

By Rev. Victor Priebe of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

THERE ARE TWO familiar hymns which could well characterize the mood and spiritual tone of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Grosse Pointe, Michigan. The first bursts forth as the providential leading of God in the past: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness, O God My Father."

The hand of God is clearly evident, chastening, purifying and guiding the struggling mission of the First Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan. Begun in 1897, it grew into the Burns Church in 1915 and, having outgrown that location, it then became the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church in 1955. Names and locations change and disappear but the body of Christ, the true Church, continues on under the watchful eye and constant care of the great "I Am." The charter membership of 82 has grown to approximately 800 and has been the mother of three other North American Baptist churches through the years. They are the Conners Church (now Ridgemont), Trinity (formerly Ambassador) and the First Baptist Church of Center Line. Indeed, "Great is Thy Faithfulness, O God."

TYPICAL CHURCH WEEK

Today, through the relocation, a new era has dawned upon this church with unprecedented opportunities and greater challenges than ever before. New dimensions of spiritual experience and Christian service await the onward tread of God's people. What else could be the united, fervent prayer of this church except, "Lead On, O King Eternal, the Day of March Has Come"?

How does a church function in the bustling, teeming, industrial society of the Motor City? What is life at Grosse Pointe Baptist Church really like? Well, take a deep breath and get ready for an imaginative tour of a typical week at Grosse Pointe.

"Good morning, Mr. Meiser! Good morning, Katy!" Our genial janitor,

whom we affectionately call our director of maintenance, and his assistant, Mrs. Ehmer, do not have too much time to stop and chat because Monday morning begins the process of cleaning virtually every room in the spacious new building! The halls betray the hundreds of feet that have been in and out of the doors of our church the day previously.

After pausing at the church office to greet Eleanor Ernst, our secretary, Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, pastor of the church, and I slip into one of our offices to review the activities of the past Lord's Day and to plan the week's schedule. If you see us leaving about 11:00 A.M., it is because Monday is traditionally a day for ministerial meetings and chances are we are off to one of them.

Monday night finds several activities in process at the church. If you hear what sounds like an army sergeant as you enter the door about 7:15 P.M., it's just Scoutmaster Bob Doyle putting the scouts through their paces. The boys are all excited because they are in the midst of a contest, the grand prize for which is a free airplane ride.

Those blue-clad figures scurrying through the hall further down are some of our Pioneer Girls, about 60 strong, meeting under the direction of a very capable staff of ladies. The younger group is currently working on an afghan blanket which will be sent to a missionary.

SOUL WINNERS' GROUP

The friendly aroma of coffee brewing attracts us to the Youth Room across the hall. It's the "Twenty Minute Club," our soul-winning group, meeting for their instructions. As we slip into the room, we see Dr. Ihrie leading the group in a roll-playing demonstration on how to deal with the excuse, "I am not ready to become a Christian." Promptly at 7:30 the group breaks up and after having received their assignments the approximately 20 callers go forth. We cannot help

feeling that this is the New Testament church in action—1958 version!!

Excuse us for awhile, will you? We have to slip into a special committee meeting, but stick around, the evening has just begun. We'll meet you at 9:00 P.M. for bowling. Competition in the Men's Bowling League of the church, sponsored by our "Baptist Men," is keen and there is plenty of vocal enthusiasm expressed. What's that you say, "Ron Dettloff bowled 256"? Impossible!! About 11:45 P.M. we slowly make our way homeward through the ever-present traffic of the city.

LADIES' SEWING CIRCLES

Tuesday, let's see, what's on today? Would you like to drop in on one of the twelve Ladies' Sewing Circles, which meet during the day monthly on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in various homes? Then, depending on what week of the month it may be, you might join us this evening in either the Woman's Missionary Society Meeting, the first Tuesday of the month; Deacon Board Meeting with instructions and interview of new candidates the second Tuesday of the month; Advisory Board Meeting the third Tuesday of the month; or the family roller skating night at Mt. Clemens the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Let's see, it's the third week of the month, so this would be the night for the Advisory Board. As we join the meeting for a few moments, we see that the spiritual leaders of our church are on their knees in prayer as they begin their session of business. This is symbolical, I think, for throughout the church there is a deep, united desire to be led by the Spirit of God in all matters. This is a church which takes its business in Christ's Kingdom seriously!

We look forward to Wednesday nights because it is like a spiritual oasis in the exhausting rush and noise of city life. We meet from 7:30 until

9:00 P.M. Let's look in on the Junior Bible School, a graded Bible training program offered for all youngsters from the first through the eighth grade. You will see the 50 or so children listening attentively as Miss Maxfield, our superintendent, leads them in a film-strip study!

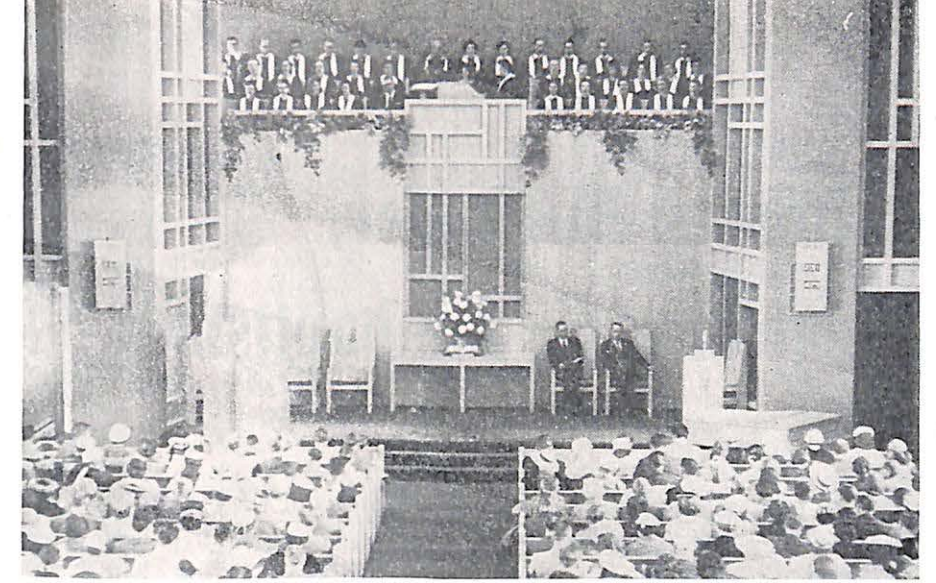
Or you may want to join the 60 or so young people in their Bible study and prayer as they are led by Rev. Victor Priebe. That's down in the Fellowship Hall. They have just completed the course in Operation TFC. The 100 or so adults meet in the Chapel for one of Dr. Ihrie's rich expositional studies. At 8:30 P.M. all the groups, except the children, divide into smaller groups for prayer.

If you hear faint sounds of singing in the background, that's the "Echoes of Heaven" group rehearsing in the Music Room. Mr. Elmer Wengel is putting them through their paces before the program is taped. The broadcast is actually on Sunday nights from 9:00 - 9:30 P.M. over 50,000 watt Station CKLW. "Echoes of Heaven" is in its 20th year of broadcasting and has an audience, according to listening surveys, of anywhere from one to two million listeners. Letters are received regularly from Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Ontario and Quebec with occasional correspondence from Cuba and Massachusetts. Eternity alone will reveal the far-reaching ministry of this missionary venture.

About 10:30 P.M. the parking lot lights finally go out and the church is quiet for another day.

FRIDAY'S BUSY PROGRAM

Thursday is the quietest day on our church calendar. The only regularly scheduled activity is the choir rehearsal Thursday evening. It's just as well, because Friday begins bright and early. In the early hours of the dawn you can see men hurrying into



A Sunday morning worship service in the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Grosse Pointe, Mich., with Dr. A. Dale Ihrie and Rev. Victor Priebe, pastors, on the platform.

the church as though bent on some urgent mission. The truth is, they are!

Friday at 6:00 A.M. is our Men's Prayer Meeting. Sometimes called "The Fellowship of the Concerned," it is a little publicized prayer-time in which about a dozen men share spiritual concerns for the life of the church. They make their own breakfast, too, and every one of the men who attends will tell you that Andy Gabor and Don Ruegsegger are the best "egg-scramblers" for miles around.

Friday evening is devoted to class meetings and social activities. The nine adult classes of our Sunday School fulfill one of the most important functions needed in a church this size, the integration of new members into a closer circle of fellowship. They do this through monthly or bi-monthly meetings in homes or at church. Monthly youth socials are also held. During the summer, our men compete in the eight team Baptist Baseball League on Friday evenings.

In an industrial society, Saturday is typically the day off. It's the day for

family activities. It's the day for weddings and it's a rare Saturday, at least in the summer, when there is no wedding at our church. It is also the day for group picnics, for the men's golf outing and other forms of relaxation. During the winter our basketball teams play their league games Saturday evenings. By the way, that shiny new trophy in our hall trophy case is a reminder that our men's team won the basketball championship in their division this past year. What did the boys do? Well, we won't talk about that.

SUNDAY'S BLESSINGS

Sunday! "This is the day the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it." A sense of eager anticipation seems to pervade the air as we arrive at church about 9:45 A.M. Already cars are lined up at the parking lot entrance dropping off the gaily-clad children for Sunday School. We slip into the Deacons' Prayer Meeting where intercession is being made for the Holy Spirit's presence in the services of the day. Once again, we are conscious of the spiritual concern which pervades the atmosphere of the church. The prayer meeting continues through the various opening exercises of the departments. We dismiss just in time to join the Men's Class in the Chapel about 10:15 A.M.

In the main auditorium, Dr. Ihrie is conducting the pastor's class. Twice a year he instructs new members in the basic doctrines of our faith. Here again the integration into the heart and fellowship of our church of the approximately three hundred people who have become part of our church in the last three years is accomplished partly by this 12 week class under Dr. Ihrie's splendid tutoring.

The 11:00 A.M. service is a time of quiet meditative worship with the sanctuary usually comfortably filled, this morning's count being 562. One of the unusual features at Grosse Pointe is the early evening service. This dates back to the time when they shared the building with another congregation at Burns, but once the church arrived in its new building, they voted to retain a 6:00 P.M. eve-

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Grosse Pointe Baptist Church women in one of the 12 Sewing Circles of the church which meet monthly to prepare White Cross materials for our mission fields.

Balthaser Hubmaier, Greatest of the Anabaptists

The Last of a Series of Articles on Heroes of the
Reformation

By Professor Hugo Lueck, Sioux Falls, South Dakota



Balthaser Hubmaier (1481-1528), an Anabaptist leader and one of the greatest Protestant Reformers, who was burned to death at the stake in Vienna, Austria, for his faith.

LUTHER'S famous utterance before the emperor and the political and ecclesiastical leaders of the empire at the Diet of Worms, "Here I stand; I cannot do otherwise; God help me," best expresses the firm stand of all the reformers. They were willing to die rather than to give up their convictions of truth gained from the Word of God. This firm stand led to a break with the Roman Catholic Church, which the reformers had not intended originally.

For fifteen centuries Western Christianity had been one church and separating from it was not a small matter. Was the Church, compared to the seamless robe of Christ, to be rent by the Reformation? However, they were willing to pay the price and to bring any sacrifice. But in spite of this, the Lutheran and the Reformed Churches were in many ways a continuation of the former Catholic Church.

The reformers believed in the independence of the Church from the State, but at the same time they could not conceive of a Church completely separated from the State nor of a Church built upon a voluntary membership only. Taking the theocracy of the Old Testament as an example, they cooperated with the State, keeping in mind the fact that the State is also ordained by God. They also continued with child baptism by which all who were born in the community were received into the church.

RADICAL REFORMERS

But there were other more radical groups, which felt that the reformers had not gone far enough in this respect. They rejected all concepts of a national church. They believed religion to be the concern of the individual soul and the church to consist of believers only, men and women saved by personal faith in Christ. They rejected infant baptism and baptized and received into the church only adults after confession of faith.

They kept strict discipline and excommunicated all who failed to live up to their profession. They demanded freedom of conscience and condemned all interference by the state in religious matters. They condemned war and all violence and religious persecution. They refused to bear arms, to accept civil offices and to take oaths. They also opposed the lending of money for interest and refused to take interest themselves. Money was to be lent for the interest of the borrower rather than the lender. Brothers must not exploit each other. They did not accept the interpretation of the reformers on election and predestination and believed in the freedom of the will and in complete moral responsibility.

Their opponents called them Anabaptists, which means re-baptizers, and wrongly classified them with all radical and revolutionary groups of that time. Unfortunately there were many fanatics among the radical groups, men like Melchior Hoffmann and the leaders at Muenster. There were also revolutionists, men like Thomas Muentzer, who encouraged and used violence and bloodshed in their fanaticism. But the true Anabaptists, with whom we are concerned, were men advanced beyond their time, but men of sound judgment, deeply spiritual and without the fanaticism so often found among radicals. Unfortunately the reformers themselves could not conceive of a church reduced to voluntary membership only and considered all Anabaptist notions as dangerous to Church and State.

FIRST ANABAPTISTS

The first Anabaptists were to be found in Switzerland, the little country in the Alps, where the spirit of independence had developed further than in other lands. They belonged to the Zwingli group and were his intimate friends. But when Zwingli disagreed with them, they parted company. Their leader was Conrad Gre-

bel, a young man of aristocratic family and of highest culture and learning. With him were Mantz, Blaurock, Reublin and Haetzer, the latter an outstanding Hebrew scholar and translator of the prophets. He always took the Hebrew Bible into the pulpit when preaching. Having come to the conclusion that infant baptism was without warrant in the Scriptures, and therefore no baptism, they baptized themselves. In a private house Grebel baptized Blaurock, and he in turn baptized the rest. Then they observed the Lord's Supper in the same simple way.

Such radical procedures shocked the others. The Anabaptists were warned and soon arrested and imprisoned. When this availed little, stricter measures were taken. The imprisoned were put on bread and water until they "die and rot." The Zurich council was determined not to tolerate any Anabaptists and finally punished them by drowning. "They submerge; let them be submerged" was the saying. Mantz was drowned. Blaurock was burned at the stake and Haetzer beheaded. Grebel, their leader, was spared the fate of his brethren, by dying an early death of the plague. Had he lived, he probably would have become one of the great leaders of the Reformation.

In spite of the most cruel persecutions, the Anabaptists spread rapidly until they were found in southern Germany, Friesland, Holland, Austria and other places. The empire also gave orders to put to death by fire or by sword all Anabaptists and re-baptized persons, without regard to age and sex.

LIFE OF HUBMAIER

One of the most important leaders of the Anabaptists was Balthaser Hubmaier. He was born about 1481 in Bavaria, two years before Luther and Zwingli. Nothing is known of his family. He studied at Freiburg and was a most successful student. He was a close friend of one of his professors, Dr. Johannes Eck, the famous opponent of

Luther at the Leipzig Disputation. Together with Eck he went to the strongly Catholic University of Ingolstadt and soon became professor of theology. He also was a gifted speaker and was appointed as university preacher.

In 1515 he became the vice-rector of the university. A year later he was called to the University of Regensburg in southern Germany, where he was removed from the influence of his friend Eck and began to study and think more independently.

When the Reformation began, it immediately appealed to him. He was so interested in the truth that he soon was willing to sacrifice his good position and his fame for it. He gave up his position and went to Schaffhausen, where he was close to the Swiss Reformation and probably hoped to take part in it. He then accepted a parish at Waldshut in Austria on the border of Switzerland. He did not break with Rome and hesitated for a while, before he definitely decided to go with the Reformation.

In 1523 he visited Zurich and soon became a close friend of Zwingli, who was just in the midst of his reform. In that early stage Zwingli agreed with Hubmaier that infant baptism was not scriptural and ought to be abandoned. Hubmaier also joined Zwingli in his famous disputations in Zurich and took a leading part in them. After a period of time, Zwingli withdrew from the position of believer's baptism, while Hubmaier became more convinced of it and began reform work in his own parish in Waldshut.

BURNED AT THE STAKE

Like Zwingli, Hubmaier cast out all Roman practices. His bishop summoned him, but he paid no attention and continued his reform. The Austrian government persecuted him and he had to flee to Schaffhausen, where he wrote a pamphlet, "Heretics and Those Who Burn Them." The people at Waldshut sided with him and he was able to return. Now he even went further in his reform. He married, put off his priestly robes and wore ordinary clothes. He then was baptized by Reublin together with a large group of his people. Soon afterwards, he himself baptized another 300 persons of his parish.

By this time the Anabaptists were fiercely persecuted in Switzerland. He wrote two tracts in defence of his brethren entitled, "On the Baptism of Infants" and "Concerning the Christian Baptism of Believers." Persecuted again, Hubmaier fled to Zurich where he was arrested. Under torture Hubmaier recanted his views, was released and banned from Switzerland. He sought refuge in Moravia and was received by the two lords of Liechtenstein. Many of the persecuted Anabaptists also fled to the same place of safety.

In Liechtenstein Hubmaier carried on his work with success. Some historians estimate that there were about 12,000 Anabaptists in that place. But

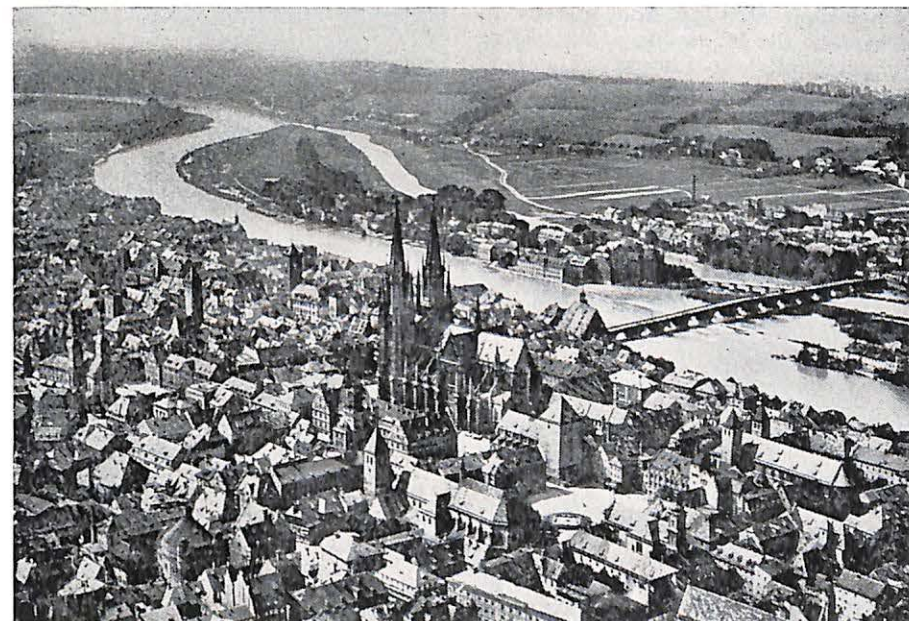
the Austrian government heard about this and arrested Hubmaier and his wife. They were taken to Vienna and tried for heresy. On March 10, 1528 he was taken through the streets to the public square in Vienna and burned at the stake. Three days later his wife was sewn into a sack and drowned in the Danube River. Thus perished the greatest of all Anabaptist leaders, when he was about 46 years old.

HIS CHRISTIAN CONVICTIONS

Hubmaier was a scholar of the first order, gifted in speech and with the pen. Within a year he published 15 tracts which set forth with clearness the beliefs of his people. On the question of bearing arms and holding public office, Hubmaier was more mod-

now it is clear to everyone, even to the blind, that a law to burn heretics is an invention of the devil. Truth is immortal." (Quoted from Vedder's "Shorter History of the Baptists.")

We conclude our brief articles on the Reformation with the lesser known and at that time misunderstood and rejected group of the Anabaptists. They were radicals and revolutionists. In a sense, all reformers were revolutionists, but they carried through the principles and ideals of the Reformation to its logical conclusion. The Anabaptists were practically the only people who fully grasped the principle of religious liberty and who demanded freedom of conscience. It is marvelous to note that these, to a large ex-



A thrilling air view of Regensburg, Germany, showing the meandering Danube River and the towering steeple of St. Peter's Cathedral (center) where Balthaser Hubmaier served as the chief preacher from 1516 to 1520 A. D.

erate than his Swiss brethren. He believed that the Bible teaches Christians to perform their duties to the state as citizens and even to bear the sword as magistrates. But with the Swiss brethren he condemned war and all persecutions.

He wrote: "We confess openly that there should be secular government that should bear the sword. This we are willing and bound to obey in everything that is not against God." In his tract: "Heretics and Those That Burn Them" he wrote: "Those who are heretics one should overcome with holy knowledge, not angrily but softly . . . If they will not be taught by strong proofs, or evangelical reason, let them be mad, but those who are filthy may be more filthy still . . . This is the will of Christ who said, 'Let both grow together till the harvest, lest while ye gather up the tares ye root up also the wheat with them!' . . . Hence it follows, that the inquisitors are the greatest heretics of all, since they, against the doctrines and example of Christ, condemn heretics to fire and before the time of harvest root up the wheat with the tares . . . And

tent, simple men, through the study of the Bible gained convictions and ideals, which Christians even today, in most civilized lands, dare not fully accept.

FORERUNNERS OF ANABAPTISTS

One word remains to be said about their further history. Persecuted all over Germany, Switzerland and Austria, the Anabaptists were driven eastward into Moravia, Bohemia and Poland. In the last mentioned country, they found asylum for a time. After repeated persecutions they finally disappeared in the time of the Roman Catholic Counter Reformation, executed by the Jesuits.

Only in Holland did the Anabaptists survive under the new name of Mennonites, where later the English Independents adopted their teachings and founded the first Baptist church in Holland and soon afterwards also in England. With some of the early pilgrims, the English Baptists brought their beliefs and teachings over to America, where they eventually gained undreamed of opportunities of practicing their faith and preaching it to others until our present day.

The European Baptist Congress

Twelve thousand delegates from 22 Baptist Unions of Europe will meet for the Jubilee Congress of the European Baptist Federation from July 26-31, 1958 in West Berlin, Germany

THE VERY FIRST European Baptist Congress was held in Berlin, Germany, in 1908. Therefore 50 years will have passed when we shall meet again at the same place in Berlin from July 26 to 31, 1958. How the world has changed in the meantime! Of 22 Unions which belong to the Federation today, 15 lie on one side, 7 on the other side of a frontier line which separates two political ideologies. The Berlin Congress of 1958 has consequently the special task to lead our members together over frontiers and thereby to strengthen the fellowship of the twelve million Baptists in Europe.

12,000 BAPTISTS EXPECTED

It was made clear to the Arrangements Committee that the government of the German Democratic Republic would like the Congress not to move from one sector into the other, but to have it exclusively either in Eastern or Western Berlin. Even disregarding the fact that during the same period there will be a big meeting of the Communist Party, it would be technically impossible to choose the "Besenbinderhalle" alone, which is the large hall in the Eastern sector, because it can seat only 4,000 persons. We were assured that the government of the German Democratic Republic had no objections against a Congress in Western Berlin only.

So it was decided that we meet in the Deutschlandhalle near the "Funkturn." It offers great advantages in every respect. Together with the various galleries, there is room for 4,000 to 12,000 persons. Several adjoining halls can be used. In restaurants and in the garden thousands can obtain their meals. The station of the Metropolitan Train is close by, so that the access from Eastern Berlin is not difficult.

We are counting on a good attendance at the Congress. As a starting point for our considerations, we know that in Berlin alone there are 9,000 Baptists. According to statements by our Baptist brethren, their seven unions will send more than 1,000 visitors. In addition, the brethren of Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia have responded favorably to our invitation. The Russian and Polish brethren hope to send a delegation to Western Berlin as they stated in the B.W.A. Executive Meeting in Hamilton, Ontario.

We are hoping for a Congress which will fill the large hall in the evenings. The representatives of the foreign Baptist Unions expressed again and again that a Congress in Berlin has special significance for them. For this reason the Executive Committee decided to open the Congress on Saturday night, July 26, and to close on Thursday night, July 31.



A beautiful view of Strassburg, Germany, looking over the typical rooftops of buildings toward the spire of the cathedral.

A SINGING CONGRESS

The purpose of the Congress is not only to let the brotherly and human relations among us grow stronger, but it has a much deeper and more intensive purpose. However large the meetings may be, they should be directed and planned in such a way that we will all be led into the presence of God and be enabled to give and hear a life-filled testimony of the salvation in Jesus Christ.

In addition, this Congress ought to be a **praying** and a **singing** Congress. Many times the foreign brethren have expressed the wish that national choirs and much singing should be on the program apart from a large German choir and a male chorus. In this connection we were grateful to hear that an orchestra for brass instruments has been formed which is to accompany the singing in the large meetings.

CONGRESS REPORTS

From July 26 to 31, 1958, the 50th Jubilee Congress of the European Baptist Federation will be held in the Deutschland Hall in Western Berlin, Germany, with 12,000 singing and praying Baptists expected to attend from all countries of Europe.

The "Baptist Herald" will publish exclusive reports of this Congress in a later issue to be prepared by Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Appel, Miss Alethea S. Kose and Mrs. John Binder, exchange student at the Baptist Seminary, Hamburg, Germany.

At 9:30 A.M. we will begin with a prayer time in the smaller halls. These can house up to 1,000 persons. We should like to give opportunity for the different language groups to pray in their mother tongues. At 11:00 A.M. one of the principal lectures will follow. In the afternoon national delegates will give reports in connection with the roll call. Special meetings for certain groups will occupy the time of the afternoons: meetings for pastors, laymen, seminary teachers, Sunday School teachers, youth leaders, Baptist historians, etc.

At 7:30 P.M. the Congress will come together for the big meetings. On Saturday, at the opening session, Dr. Theodore Adams will speak as the president of the Baptist World Alliance. He has announced his topic as the goal for the Baptist world, "1959—A Year of Evangelism."

THE CONGRESS THEME

In Berlin we would like to make the attempt, both in the morning and in the evening sessions, to answer on the basis of the Holy Scriptures the question which is implied in Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians: "God is able to make all grace abound toward you" (9:8). In our own words: **God can do it! What shall I do, so that it is done? His grace is sufficient! Where am I insufficient? We do not wish to speak only of evangelistic methods and various ways of missionary activity, but it is our goal to reach each person individually from the center of the Gospel, to challenge him, and thus to awaken the spirit of a joyous, courageous testimony.**

The morning lectures will not bring "dry theology" but deal with some burning questions from the viewpoint of the Bible, namely: **Do we put our hope exclusively in the Christ of God? Do we really expect something decisive from the Holy Spirit? Do we appreciate (acknowledge) sufficiently the privilege of fellowship in the Church of the Lord? Do we really feel the responsibility to bring other men the Gospel?**

Such questions will be dealt with. Everything will be done so that the lectures are presented in three languages: one from the speaker, and the other two translated. We shall then have an opportunity to talk to the speaker in one of the adjoining rooms, to ask questions and make suggestions. We expect that in this way God's Word will become powerful among us. If this does happen, then all costs and care invested in the preparation of such a big Congress will not have been in vain. We may then be assured that God will grant us a great blessing for the entire Baptist work in Europe.

Decisions for Christ in San Francisco

The Story of the Billy Graham Crusade in San Francisco, Calif., After Five Weeks of Spiritual Victories

By Mrs. Leonard Fischer of Lodi, California

AT THE BEGINNING of the Billy Graham Crusade in San Francisco, California, there were doubts in the minds of some people that the team was doing the right thing in coming to this area for their Crusade. Christians had been praying all over the world for long months in advance. Counseling sessions had long been conducted. The office had also been set up. The choir of 2,500 voices was practicing. But still the skeptics warned the team not to come to San Francisco, for they feared that the Crusade would be greeted with coldness, if not with open hostility. The great Giant baseball team had come to San Francisco and the people were seemingly not interested in any evangelistic meetings.

But how wrong they were! When God's people are faithful, he will answer prayers. And answer prayers he has been doing, and we know he will continue to do so. At the end of the fifth week of the meetings, the crowds had exceeded all other records, except that of New York City, a total of 477,100 persons having attended, and over seventeen thousand decisions for Christ had been recorded.

SAN QUENTIN PRISON

People who have long attended church services and felt they were prepared for heaven found that they needed to accept Christ as their personal Savior. People who have long neglected to attend church services have found a new zeal in working for Christ. The impact has been felt in San Quentin Prison where Billy Graham spoke to 4,000 of the 4,500 inmates, and approximately 600 prisoners came forward to accept Christ. Billy Graham spoke to the students of the University of California at Berkeley, and thousands of students attended the service. He has carried the message to the science department at Stanford University. The team has given unstintingly of themselves to proclaim the message, not only at the Cow Palace, but wherever a service could be conducted during the day.

On a recent Sunday night the entire team traveled to Turlock, California, a city of approximately 8,000 people, near the hometown of Cliff Barrows, and conducted a service. The football field was jammed with 15,000 persons from all over the San Joaquin Valley, and again approximately 1,000 men, women and children gave their hearts to Christ. Many are the voices that can now say with the song writer, "Praise the Lord, we'll all be there."

Because of the faithfulness of the Christian Business Men's Committee of Tracy, California, my family and I were among the almost 600 persons who traveled to the Billy Graham

meetings on Friday evening, May 16th, by specially chartered train, all from Tracy, Stockton, Lodi and surrounding areas. Our hearts were thrilled as we saw three train cars filled with teenagers, many of them Christians, but a large number of them unsaved.

It was a thrill to our hearts to walk the length of the train, seeing the many persons looking forward to a great meeting at the Cow Palace in San Francisco. They were people from all walks of life, from all denominations, Protestant and Catholic; people who were church members but had never really accepted Christ; people

their feet, and as only God's children can sing sang forth with that great hymn, "O Listen to the Wondrous Story." George Beverly Shea, with his gifted voice, gave forth to the glory of God as he sang, "Jesus Has Promised My Shepherd to Be."

BILLY GRAHAM'S SERMON

Then humbly arising from his chair and with bowed head, Billy Graham ascended to the pulpit with his message from God's Word. For this service he chose to speak on "The Pharisee and the Publican," taking his Scripture from Luke 18:9-14. His message is not new, nor is it spectacular, but it comes



—Religious News Service Photo
Evangelist Billy Graham passes out religious leaflets after addressing inmates at a rally in San Quentin Prison in California. Nearly 4,000 of the prison's 5,000 inmates heard the evangelist speak. Following his talk, 623 prisoners came forward to make "decisions for Christ." Mr. Graham came here from San Francisco where he was conducting the crusade.

who perhaps had no intention of giving their lives to Christ that evening, but who were going because they were curious; and those who were truly born again, and were looking forward to a meeting in which the Holy Spirit would bless the efforts of God's people.

As we entered the great auditorium that evening, only the reserved sections were still available, and those for whom they were reserved were streaming in. Our hearts were thrilled beyond words as Ted Smith at the piano and Lorin Whitney at the organ broke forth with the strains of the song, "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah," and Cliff Barrows asked the large choir and the entire congregation to stand and sing that glorious hymn.

The choir, consisting of men and women and teenagers of all nationalities and all denominations, rose to

from lips anointed by God. He told us again that, if we come in humbleness to the throne of grace, we can truly be forgiven of our sins. He urged the people to humble themselves and come to him before it is eternally too late. Pride can only mean eternal damnation. He pleaded with them not to put it off any longer, but to surrender their lives to him that night.

The time went all too quickly, and as he brought his message to a close, he asked, "Who will take their stand for Christ tonight, and come down these aisles and accept him as their personal Savior?" There was no continued pleading, no continued invitation, for the Holy Spirit was working in the lives of those who were there. This man of God is so completely

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Mr. and Mrs. Loren Weber with their camping equipment which they will use on their combined business and vacation trip to the General Conference at Edmonton, Alberta. Mr. Weber is a member of the Seminary Class of 1958.

We're Heading North--- Come On Along!

The Story of Seminary Students Going to the General Conference, July 21 - 27, 1958 at Edmonton, Alberta

By Dale Rott of Sioux Falls, South Dakota

IT WON'T be by hook or crook. It follows the pattern of, "If there's a will, there's a way." What are we talking about? We're talking about Seminary students going to Edmonton, Alberta. You might ask, "What is so important about a Seminary student going to the General Conference?" How does his decision affect you?

The answer is thought provoking. The men who graduate from your Seminary will be guiding your churches. Would you want an uninformed minister? Would you want to lose the "tie that binds"?

Now, let's go on to the question, "How and why are Seminary students going to the General Conference?"

REASONS FOR GOING

"Having gone to the Waco Conference," says Mr. Raymond Harsch (class of 1958), "I would be breaking the unity by missing this year's meeting. Business which began three years ago and was formulated between sessions will be voted upon. The experience of the last conference makes attendance this year a necessity." As a future pastor, Mr. Harsch feels a sense of responsibility. One must be informed as to the continuing developments in our denomination.

Mr. Arthur Brust (class of 1959) expressed his reason humorously: "My wife is serving on a committee, so I have to go." Actually Art wants to go. Why? "I need to get back into the fellowship," is his answer. Having served a Congregational church during the school year, he feels the need to refresh the "home" tie.

There are several ways of traveling to Edmonton. Mr. and Mrs. L. Weber have chosen a unique way of traveling. Their plan is economical and will provide interesting sidelights. By making use of Canada's camping sites, the Webers will head north. With a tent, camp stove, and sleeping bags, their

trip will combine conference business and vacation pleasure. Loren Weber (class of 1958) will be attending his first North American Baptist General Conference. For this reason he will be seeking to understand the organization of the denomination. He wants to see how he can further the Kingdom of God in relation to the denominational program. There are social reasons. Meeting leaders, pastors and friends develops a closer bond of kinship. There is an anticipation of the blessings through the inspiring messages.

"ROUGHING IT" TO EDMONTON

Mr. and Mrs. D. Rott (class of 1958) have also chosen to "rough it." Their "40 winks" will be secured within their station wagon. Another economical way is that of sharing expenses.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Rich will be traveling with Mrs. Rich's parents. Parents of students get to see their children so seldom. This plan "kills two birds with one stone." Bruce (class of 1958) feels the conference is a fine way to tie the denominational family closer together.

The Seminary Quartet will be visiting the conference. They are Walter Kerber, Henry Lippert, Arthur Boymook and Paul Siewert. They will be looking forward to serving through the medium of their voices. Their musical variations will inspire everyone who listens.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ADDRESS

All mail for General Conference visitors and delegates during the days of July 21 to 27, 1958 should be addressed as follows:

Name of Person
Jubilee Auditorium,
114 St. and 87 Ave.,
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Seminary wives have similar conference interests. Wives of the Seniors will be attending the ladies' meetings. They will be able to receive first hand information. This information can then be assimilated in the church where their husbands will serve.

"Rumors were flying" recently and the general secretaries of the denomination nailed them down for us. Via their annual visit at the Seminary, an insight pertinent to the student was discussed. Attendance became a "must" when we heard of the coming new proposals. They whetted our appetite when they told us of the new trends. Lectures are allotted during seminary classes on our denominational organization, policy and aims. These lectures have shown us the place the student must fill. This has stimulated us to seek the practical side by attending the conference.

FELLOWSHIP WITH SAINTS

Some students humorously exclaim, "It's a good vacation from studies." All will agree that we show our interest in the denominational work by our attendance. It will be enlightening to compare notes with older ministers. We seek the fellowship which the saints of the New Testament experienced during their assemblies.

It will be interesting to take part in the business sessions. We are waiting for the variable and special music for which the Canadian churches are famous. We will be eager to learn more about the challenging frontiers which will be recommended. We are anticipating the inspiration of God through the messages and devotional thoughts. Each student is waiting to hear the progress of God's work.

We hope our enthusiasm will "rub off" on you. It is our prayer that our reasons will encourage your attendance.

SEE YOU IN EDMONTON!

Music at the General Conference

By Mrs. Con Schroeder of Edmonton, Alberta

"Break forth into joy,
Sing together, North American
Baptists!"

THE THRESHOLDS of the province, known as "Sunny Alberta" in Canada, and the gates of its capital city will soon be flung open wide to receive our Baptist friends from near and far. For many it will be their initial venture to Canada and the great northwest. For others it will be a glad reunion with friends and loved ones. And to still others, it will mean "homecoming." Whether you arrive from the far north, the balmy south, the colorful Atlantic states or rugged Pacific Coast, there will be unexpected heights of inspiration and blessing in the musical moments of our 32nd General Conference from July 21 to 27 at Edmonton.

Music is a language, a universal language of dynamic spiritual power which will add length, breadth, gaiety, color and depth of meaning to the program of our conference. As North American Baptists gather at Edmonton, may our hearts be in tune with God and man to permit the spiritual force of music to pierce the wall of human flesh and to enter the depths of the soul.

For our General Conference director of music, we are fortunate in having a genial, enthusiastic baritone in the person of Rev. Edward Link, who is presently teaching, giving vocal lessons, and directing music at the Christian Training Institute. Mr. Link was born at Camrose, Alberta, which no doubt accounts for his sunny smile. He sang as soon as he learned to talk, and as a boy soprano attained top honors in several local and Alberta Musical Festivals.

CONFERENCE DEBUT, 1937

At the age of twelve Eddy made his debut before North American Baptists when he thrilled the audience with his testimony in song at the General Conference in Portland, Oregon, in 1937. During high school days in Calgary, a scholarship assisted him in further training which was taken from the Rev. T. Elgar Roberts, and presented opportunity for radio work. Advanced instruction followed at the Eastman School of Music at Rochester, New York, with a highlight of his musical career being an extensive tour with the "Seminars," our 1949 Seminary Quartet.

Rev. Edward Link, a graduate of Roberts Wesleyan College, Chili, New York, and the North American Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was ordained in 1952 at the Victoria Ave. Church, Regina, Saskatchewan, where he was pastor for one year before coming to Edmonton. God called our director to serve, and as he conducts

the Christian Training Institute Choristers, Mixed and Male Mass Chorus during the Conference days, you too will appreciate his musical ability and Christian fervor, as we in Alberta do.

Edmonton's Jubilee Auditorium offers facilities second to none, featuring sound proof practice rooms, a Conductor's Study, a full size practice stage. Instruments on the spacious stage include a Three Manual Allen Electronic Organ, Steinway Concert Grand Piano, a Heintzman Concert Grand in the orchestra pit, as well as a Hammond Organ and upright piano in the Social Room. The comfortable red plush seats, the air conditioned auditorium, and exceptional acoustics will lend to creating a pleasant, inspirational atmosphere while anthems resound in praise to God.

Selections from Handel's "Messiah," "Gloria in Excelsis" by Mozart, the popular anthem, "How Great Thou Art," and some Negro spirituals, are among the numbers being rehearsed by three hundred members of Alberta Choirs who will blend their voices to sing in the mass chorus. Our competent accompanist, Miss Georgine Kern, librarian and music teacher at the Christian Training Institute, will be at the console or keyboard throughout the week.

C.T.I. CHORISTERS

The Christian Training Institute Choristers, organized in 1953, have become well known throughout our denomination for their inspiring and delightful singing. Many will recall the dynamic messages in song rendered by the 1955 Choristers at Waco, Texas. In April, the 1958 group began their fifth consecutive tour, which took them to Canada's three prairie provinces, as well as many of our churches in the Dakotas and Montana. A very special treat awaits you at this conference when, for the first time, many previous members will have the opportunity of joining the 1958 class to form a fifty voice Mass Chorister Choir. Their Ladies' and Male Quartet will also beautify the sessions with harmonious musical messages.

Singers from our five Edmonton churches, Central, McKernan, Lauderdale, Immanuel and Zion Baptist, will also have the privilege of contributing to the conference program. The voices of one hundred men will add color and inspiration to the Men's and Women's Rally, while a mass chorus of approximately seventy-five children will brighten the Sunday School Union program. The mixed choirs of McKernan and Central Baptist will also unite to praise God in song at the Tuesday evening meeting. These musical events, as well as the great chorus of Baptists led in congregational singing by many of our outstanding directors,

should keep your heart in tune during the week and your soul rejoicing long after the conference days are over.

The Psalmist exhorts us to "Praise God with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with stringed instruments and organs." An orchestra consisting of thirty players from Edmonton and district churches was organized in the fall of 1957. At present this group meets for monthly rehearsals and plays upon invitation of local churches. A highlight will be the orchestral accompaniment to the mass chorus of Handel's "And the Glory of the Lord" and "The Hallelujah Chorus," while selections from Sam Fox's Orchestra Folios, Overtures by J. S. Zamecnik, and "Let All Rejoice," by Frederic Van Norman, will provide preludes and postludes to various conference sessions.

FIFTY PIECE BAND

Rousing marches and overtures will add to the festive days as a fifty piece band will join God's chorus of birds and bees as they render musical selections on the grounds of the auditorium, and also add gaiety and spirit to the great picnic at Victoria Park on Saturday afternoon. Players from as far south as Calgary, as well as Camrose, Wiesenthal, Leduc and Edmonton, Alberta, will take part.

Mr. Robert Neske of our Fellowship Baptist Church, Camrose, Alberta, will serve as conductor of the General Conference orchestra and band.

William Carey once said, "Expect great things from God and attempt great things for God." The Apostle Paul writes in Ephesians that "God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." We are confident God can lift us "On Wings of Song" to spiritual heights of inspiration and blessing, but Paul reminds us that this promise will be fulfilled, "According to the power that worketh in us."

Dr. C. T. N. Singh, scientist and professor at the International University of Pondicherry, India, as a result of ten years of research states that "when entertained by music, plants will grow faster." We believe a similar comparison can be made to our Christian life, and trust that when the final curtain is drawn to end the 32nd General Conference on Sunday afternoon, July 27th, each one present will have experienced a deep spiritual growth and enriched life through the musical ministry of the conference.

As a result of this growth, may a radiant testimony continue to channel through us as we do our part to fulfill the words spoken by Christ, "And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

108th Commencement at the Seminary

Report of the Exercises at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

By Professor Roy Seibel

THE North American Baptist Seminary commencement activities were climaxed Sunday afternoon, May 18, in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., with the conferring of nine degrees upon the graduating students at the 108th commencement exercises of the seminary. The impressive activities began Saturday at 6:30 p.m. with the colorful seminary banquet held in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church.

SEMINARY BANQUET

A bold banner with the words, "All Things To All Men," emblazoned on it was draped across the platform immediately in back of the speaker's table. The banner extended from a large sketch of the seminary to a map of the world.

The graduating class explained that the banner symbolized their firm commitment to the task of ministering to all men by all means at their coming ministry cannot recognize geographic or racial boundaries.

S. Dak., led the group in singing a number of lively choruses. The seminary quartet sang, "Climbing Up the Mountain."

GREETINGS AND GIFTS

In his words of greeting, President George A. Lang warmly welcomed the guests and friends, pointing out the deeper significance of the occasion.

Professor Martha Leypoldt introduced the graduates by presenting to each an appropriate greeting card which she interpreted for the benefit of the audience.

Raymond Harsch, president of the graduating class, gave the response and presented to the seminary a large metal magazine stand for use in the seminary lounge.

After Walter Kerber sang, "The Song of the Soul Set Free," Dr. George Dunger led in a solemn moment of memory for the alumni who had gone on to meet God this past year. The ladies' trio composed of Mrs. Arthur Boymook, Mrs. Arthur Brust and Mrs.

seminary. As the congregation sang, "Gloria Patri," one could sense the very presence of God. President Lang led in the invocation asking the blessing of God upon the gathering.

Dr. Ralph Powell read the Scripture passage from II Timothy 2:1-15. After the seminary quartet sang "The Cherubim Song," Professor Lueck led in prayer.

Drawing from his rich background as pastor and evangelist, Rev. H. Palfenier, general evangelist for our conference, addressed the congregation on the subject, "In the School of Christ." With their formal preparation behind them, Mr. Palfenier urged the graduates to continue studying in Christ's school for his prophets.

With the chimes of the great pipe organ striking three o'clock, the impressive academic procession marched down the aisle of the First Baptist Church to mark the ninth commencement exercise of the seminary in Sioux Falls.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Dr. Walter Wessel read the Scripture passage from Romans 10:1-18 and Rev. H. Palfenier led the congregation of over 400 in prayer.

The seminary male chorus, under the direction of Herman Effa, sang the anthem, "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee."

In the commencement address, "Today's Pastor and Foreign Missions," Dr. Paul Gebauer took opportunity to point out the necessity of the pastor relating the ministry of the local church to the larger world perspective of the Great Commission. He declared that home and foreign missions are two phases of a single task which prosper or die together.

In a solemn moment President Lang, assisted by Mr. Herman Bleeker, chairman of the board of trustees, conferred nine degrees upon the graduating students.

Those receiving the degree of Bachelor of Divinity were: Herbert Mitchell of Milltown, New Jersey; Bruce Rich of Hillsboro, Oregon; Dale Rott of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Gordon Voegelé of Glen Ullin, North Dakota; Lyle Wacker of Washburn, North Dakota; and Loren Weber of Buffalo Center, Iowa.

Those receiving the degree of Bachelor of Theology were: Arnold Frieze of Bentley, North Dakota; Raymond Harsch of Carbon, Alberta, Canada; and Leslie Zilkie of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

TASKS AHEAD!

As student and professor marched forth with measured step in the recessional, there lay behind them years of classroom sessions, chapel services, and personal conferences. Before the students loomed the beckon of open

homes and hearts, of pulpits, of some honor and much labor. Even now they continue marching for they have determined to become "all things to all men."

Within days after the commencement activities, these men were scattered across the continent from Ohio to Oregon and north to Leduc, Alberta, Canada. Each is serving in the place where God had called him.

The task, however, is not completed. Even now God is calling many other youth and challenging them to pay the full price of an adequate preparation in order to be ready when their hour strikes.

Christ placed his command before the churches many years ago as he challenged, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest" (Luke 10:2). Many of God's people are rising to answer that command today.

SAN FRANCISCO CRUSADE

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yielded to Christ that, after the first invitation, he allows the Holy Spirit to take complete control. Hundreds of people came down those aisles seeking the God of whom he spoke, and then into the counseling room.

My husband and I had the privilege of going down those aisles with two of our young people, one to make a first-time decision and the other for assurance of salvation. The counselors are highly trained, and that evening there was a counselor for almost every person who came seeking salvation. In some instances, there were two persons to one counselor, truly born again Christians, from all denominations.

For many it took only a few minutes of time before they definitely knew that they were born again, and the counselors could then go on to others, if necessary. But for many it was something that was hard to understand. Many were the tears of repentance that flowed that evening. But the great majority of those who entered the counseling room came away knowing that their sins had been forgiven. They knew that they were among the "whosoever" referred to in John 3:16:

These are blessed days for Christians all over the world and particularly for those who have just yielded their lives to Christ. The song writer so fittingly says, "The Savior has come in his mighty power, and spoken peace to my soul; and all of my life from this very hour, I yielded to his control. It is marvelous, oh it is wonderful, what Jesus has done for my soul!"

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Man should trust in God as if God did all, and yet labor as earnestly as if he himself did all.—Chalmers.

Welcome, Saints of God!

Your Welcome to Edmonton, Alberta, for the General Conference Sessions — July 21 - 27, 1958

By Rev. E. P. Wahl

General Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee

O God, thy summons still is heard
As once by Galilee
There came to men the Master's word,
"Arise, and follow Me!"

never be forgotten. We welcome you from far and near to new and high experiences as the Lord God shall walk in our midst.

Conference guests and delegates, we bid you a warm welcome to the thriving city of Edmonton, to our churches of the Edmonton area, to our homes and to the place where the Conference sessions will be held, the Edmonton Jubilee Auditorium, which our Alberta churches have gladly leased for the occasion. We welcome you to seek God's special blessings as we shall be waiting in his courts during the Conference days.

THUS MANY will come joyfully to the 32nd North American Baptist General Conference to be held in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, from July 21 to 27, 1958. It gives us much pleasure to welcome our brethren to come and to enjoy all the preparations made for this great Christian Conference.

Welcome, saints of God, to the high privilege of sitting at the feet of the Master who will give us further instructions, new visions, greater incentives to march on under the banner of the Cross.

At the General Conference in Waco, Texas, God directed the delegates to choose Edmonton as the next meeting place of our Conference. He must have had a purpose. His purposes are always great and sacred. With this in mind, we have carefully, diligently and devotedly sought to make arrangements for Conference days that will

We welcome you that we might jointly draw nigh unto him, our God, and that he might draw nigh unto us, for we as a denomination have a great work to do. Thus we join our hearts and pray:

"Grant that with true and faithful heart
We still may act the Christian's part,
Follow the path the Master trod,
And ever do thy will, O God."

DR. HERBERT GEZORK

GENERAL CONFERENCE SPEAKER at Edmonton Alberta, July 21-27, 1958

Dr. Herbert Gezork, guest speaker at the General Conference sessions in Edmonton, Alberta, from July 21 to 27, born and educated in Germany, is a graduate of the University of Berlin



Dr. Herbert Gezork of Newton Centre, Mass., who will address the General Conference sessions in Edmonton, Alberta, on several evenings and lead the daily "Meditations and Bible Studies."

and Baptist Divinity School in Hamburg, Germany. He was an Exchange Student to America in 1928-30 and traveled around the world, studying social and religious conditions in the Orient, where he visited Gandhi and Tagore in India, Kagawa in Japan, and others.

He served as the General Secretary of the German Baptist Youth Movement until it was dissolved under the Hitler Government which he opposed. He wrote two books in German, both of which were banned under the Nazis. He came to the United States in 1936 and became a U. S. citizen in 1943.

From 1939 to 1950 Dr. Gezork was Professor of Social Ethics at Wellesley College and Andover Newton Theological School. Since 1950 he has been president of Andover Newton. In recent years he has gone to Europe three times on missions for the U. S. Defense and State Departments.

He has served as president of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and as vice-president of the American Baptist Convention. He was one of the nine members of the Deputation of American Churchmen to Christian leaders in Soviet Russia in March 1956.

Dr. Gezork is a member of the Board of Preachers at Harvard University. He holds honorary degrees from Bucknell University, Colgate University, Colby College and Emerson College.



North American Baptist Seminary graduates and faculty in the reception line (left) receive congratulations and greetings from relatives and friends following the commencement exercises held in the First Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

In singing with the congregation, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow," the graduates found fervent expression of their gratitude to God for giving them the privilege of studying and working in the seminary for the past three years.

The toastmaster, Rev. J. Benke '43, pastor of the West Center Baptist Church in Madison, S. Dak., called upon Dr. Paul Gebauer, field superintendent of the Cameroons Baptist Mission in West Africa, to lead in the invocation.

Herman Effa, serving as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Chancellor,

Paul Siewert sang: "Thy Way Is Best For Me."

Dr. Paul Gebauer, speaking in the absence of Rev. Gideon Zimmerman who was unable to attend because of illness, called upon the graduates to weigh carefully the full impact of their theme, "All Things to All Men." He declared that they must interpret this in the manner in which they identify themselves with men and in the methods they employ to preach the message.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

The baccalaureate service was held Sunday morning in the chapel of the

We the Women

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

INTRODUCTION

Since this is my last article as editor of "We, the Women," I want to take this opportunity to thank all who have had a share in making this possible.

It has been a joy to work with you and to feel the presence of God as we worked together to inspire the work of our Woman's Missionary Union. With Samuel we say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" (I Sam. 7:12).

As "we press toward the mark for the high calling of God in Christ Jesus," it seems very fitting to bring the request of the chairman of the Nominating Committee of our Union, Mrs. J. J. Lippert.

REST IN THE LORD AND WAIT PATIENTLY FOR HIM

By Mrs. J. J. Lippert of Waco, Texas

How many of us who have read the verse in Psalm 36:7 have really learned to rest in the Lord? Resting in the Lord, what contentment is ours! If we are resting in the Lord, there need be no fear, no worry, nothing but perfect trust. We do need this trust and faith and resting in the Lord in these days of preparation for the General Conference.

Since this triennium is rapidly coming to a close, we are greatly concerned about NEW LEADERS to carry on this great work which the Lord has entrusted to us as North American Baptist women. Who is the Lord's choice for the next triennium? Will you pray for the nominating committee that we may definitely be led to set up a ballot of nominees of those "sisters" whom the Lord would use to carry on his work? As we are endeavoring to do his will in selecting nominees, we have a right to claim his promises.

There are so many consecrated and capable women from whom to choose leaders for our Woman's Union. We want the Lord's choice for every office. Therefore, I am urging you again to pray for us and with us that God's will might be accomplished, and that we might be able to do it "resting in the Lord."

We would not be as the man who was walking along the road carrying a heavy burden. Someone came along and offered him a ride. The traveler accepted the ride but continued to carry his burden on his back. After traveling some distance, the benefactor noticed him still holding on to his burden and told him that he might as well lay it down. "Oh, no!" he replied, "It is enough for you to carry me, without asking you to carry my burden also."

We are asked to put our burdens upon him, the "Burden Bearer." Pray for us that we may be able to perform

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION

By REV. G. K. ZIMMERMAN, General Secretary

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION PLANS FOR THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

The invitations to attend the General Conference, July 21-27, in Edmonton, Alberta, have become much more enticing through the colorful articles which have appeared in the "Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote" during the past months. The Sunday School Union wishes to add to this invitation by sharing with you some of the events which will be of special interest to all Sunday School teachers, workers and scholars. For many months we have been preparing for the events which will be sponsored by the Sunday School Union at the General Conference, and we believe that some very special blessings will be in store for all who will attend these activities.

WORKERS' CONFERENCE LUNCHEON

The Christian Worker's Conference Luncheon will be held on Wednesday noon, July 23, with 350 reservations available. From the experience of past conferences, we know that the tickets for this occasion are usually sold out. If you plan to attend this luncheon, you will want to secure your ticket as early as possible after registering at the conference.

The fellowship at the luncheon will be a memorable experience since it will be a meeting of our devoted Christian workers from all areas of our denomination. You will have the opportunity to meet Sunday School teachers and workers who through sharing their experiences and exchanging their ideas will help you in your responsibilities as a Christian worker. An instrumental duet will be provided by Raye and Daniel Pankrat, who are two young accomplished musicians of the Foster Ave. Baptist Church of Chicago. A role playing skit entitled, "Contacting the Home," will be presented to emphasize the effectiveness of visitation for better Sunday schools.

SEMINARY CLASS OF 1908— OMISSION

In the May 15th issue of the "Baptist Herald" in the article about the Seminary Class of 1908, I omitted the

this work, and trust that his will may be done.

Attend the General Conference, the W.M.U. luncheon and business meeting Thursday, July 24, 1958, the Woman's Union program Friday, July 25, 1958 and the Missionary Tea and Reception immediately after the program.

FRIDAY EVENING'S PROGRAM

The Sunday School Union Program on Friday evening, July 25, has a special presentation in store for all who attend. The new theme for the coming triennium, OPEN THE DOORS OF OPPORTUNITY, will be launched through a visual presentation of a standard Sunday School. Many months of preparation and planning have taken place to make this a very memorable occasion. Musical selections will include the Junior Choir of the Edmonton churches and the Seminary Quartet from Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Delegates to the conference will have the opportunity to elect the officers for the coming triennium. The nominees will appear on the conference ballot. We hope you will personally have the opportunity to meet these officers who assume many responsibilities during the triennium to plan and to promote the program of the Sunday School Union.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DISPLAY

The description by the Conference Display Committee of the available space and facilities properly to display the materials of each department assures one that this will in itself be a most profitable and informative experience. The Sunday School Union has already been assigned space for its display. Plans are underway to make this as helpful and interesting a display as possible. The conference sessions will occupy much of the time of the delegates but you will want to plan for some time in the display sections for a better acquaintance with the Sunday School Union materials.

Our Sunday School superintendents will especially benefit from the General Conference sessions. We hope to meet many of you at the conference who are the co-workers in our schools. Let us continue to pray for God's abundant blessings upon this 32nd General Conference program.

paragraph which follows and which is very important for the record:

"Julius Ehrhorn's record is incomplete. We do know that he spent the most of his years in the Southland, in Oklahoma and in Texas. He had two happy pastorates at Goodwin and at Okeene, Okla. In Texas he served the churches at Kyle, Dallas, Brenham and Greenvine. He also had a four-year ministry at George, Iowa, and later a fruitful ministry at Waco, Texas. There is, however, a gap in his ministry which we have been unable to fill. The total number of years of his ministerial activity was forty-eight."

—Dr. Albert Bretschneider
Rochester, N. Y.

What's Happening

● Rev. Carl B. Zimmerman of LaCrosse, Wis., recently presented his resignation as pastor of the Bible Baptist Church of LaCrosse, which he had served since 1954. He has announced that he will take further studies at the Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif., this fall. His resignation will take effect at the close of the summer months.

● The First Baptist Church of Moosehorn, Manitoba, has called Mr. Bruno Voss of Ochre River, Man., a former student at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta. He responded favorably to the call and began his ministry in Moosehorn on June 1st. The church has been without a full-time minister since Rev. Bert E. Milner left for Springside, Saskatchewan, early in 1957.

● A joint baptismal service was held at the First Baptist Church at Dickinson County, Elmo, Kansas, on Sunday evening, May 25. The Dickinson County Church had three candidates for baptism and the Ebenezer Baptist Church, also of Elmo, Kansas, had two candidates. Rev. Harry Haas of the Ebenezer Church and Rev. Walter Weber of the Dickinson County Church brought brief messages, as reported by Mrs. Earl Rhodes.

● The pulpit of the Baptist Church of Sebastopol, Ontario, is being supplied this summer by Mr. Daniel Kolke of Winnipeg, Man., with the support of the Student Service Plan of the denomination. Mr. Kolke is a member of the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church of Winnipeg and has finished his undergraduate studies at the University of Manitoba. He is serving the Sebastopol Church as summer pastor from June 1 to August 31.

● On June 10, 1958, Rev. and Mrs. Emanuel Wolff of Burlington, Iowa, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Mr. Wolff is the pastor of the Oak Street Church of Burlington. They were married in 1933 in Rochester, N. Y., Mrs. Wolff's home, by Rev. David Hamel of the Andrew Street Baptist Church. A few days later on June 18, 1933, Mr. and Mrs. Wolff began their first pastorate at the Calvary Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Pa.

● On Sunday, May 25, a sacred concert was presented in the Baptist Church, Southey, Sask., by the Dalmeny Menonite Choir, Dalmeny, Sask., the home town and church of Mrs. E. L. Thiessen, the wife of the Southey Baptist Church pastor. On May 4, the church bade farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Karl Bindert who left for Vancouver, B. C., to make their home with two daughters. Both of these members had been devoted members at Southey.

● On Sunday, June 8, the Erin Avenue Church, Cleveland, Ohio, dedicated its new organ with Mr. Daniel Majeske, first violinist with the Cleveland Orchestra, and Mr. John Ferguson as guest organist. Mr. Herbert Mitchell, a 1958 seminary graduate, began his ministry as summer pastor assisting Rev. Ervin Strauss, on June 1st. Dr. George A. Lang, president of the North American Baptist Seminary, served as guest speaker on Sunday evening, June 15. A baptismal service was held on Sunday evening, June 22.

● The 80th anniversary of the First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas, was observed on Sunday, June 22, with Dr. Peter Smit of St. Paul, Minn., a former pastor of the church as guest speaker. On Sunday, May 25, Rev. Harold W. Gieseke and Rev. Donald McCracken of Concordia, Kansas, exchanged pulpits. Mr. McCracken is "a spiritual son" of the Lorraine Church. It has been announced that Mr. Bill Hogan is serving as the summer student assistant in Lorraine beginning with May 25.

● The Sterling College Yearbook, Sterling, Kansas, was dedicated to Rev. Theo. W. Dons with the following expression: "It is our pleasure to dedicate the ROUND UP FOR 1958 to Rev. Theo. W. Dons, former assistant to the president and much loved friend of all Sterling College students. From 1952 until June 1956, he worked faithfully, traveling many places and cultivating friends and prospective students for Sterling College. He has endeared himself to Sterling College and its students." Mr. and Mrs. Dons are now living in retirement at Sterling, Kans.

● A baptismal service was held at the First Baptist Church, Springside, Sask., on Sunday, May 25, at which Rev. Bert E. Milner, pastor, baptized nine candidates. Four of these are adults of whom two were recently converted from the Greek Catholic faith, Ukrainian. On July 6 a great day of dedication of the new Summer Youth Camp near Springside was observed. Buildings are being erected on the 160-acre site which the Saskatchewan Association purchased this past winter. Plans developed rapidly for the use of the camp grounds this summer beginning with July 1st.

● The Board of Trustees of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, has appointed Rev. Arnold Rapske of Camrose, Alberta, to the school's teaching staff. This appointment was confirmed by the General Council at its annual session from May 22 to 24. Mr. Rapske has resigned as pastor of the Fellowship Baptist Church of Camrose which he has served since 1956 and announced that

he would begin his ministry as teacher at the Edmonton C.T.I. on October 1st. The announcement of the appointment was made by Rev. Karl Korella, the C.T.I.'s acting president.

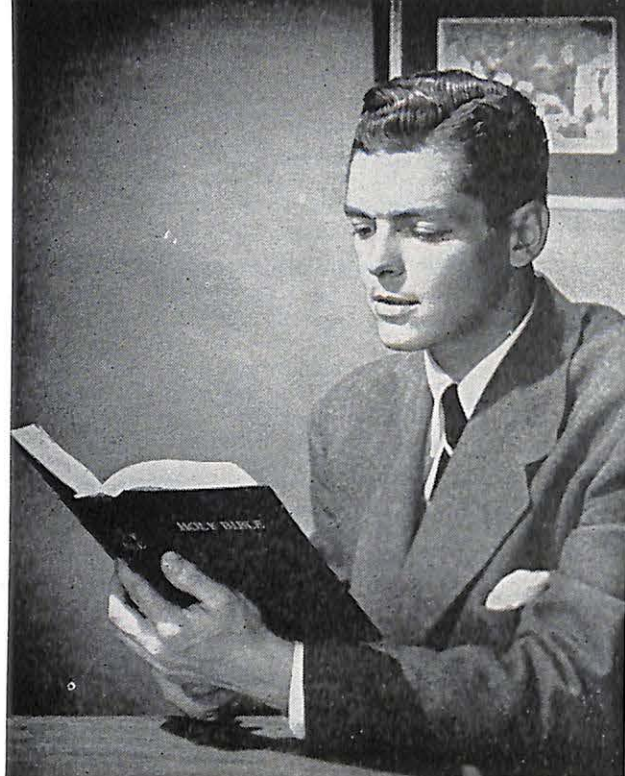
● Rev. G. Beutler of Chilliwack, British Columbia, has tendered his resignation as pastor of the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church. His services with the church terminated on June 23. He has been the pastor at Chilliwack since 1954. He and his family have moved into their own home in Chilliwack, following the close of his pastorate with the church. In the meantime, the Victoria Avenue Church of Chilliwack has called Mr. Berthold Tutschek, a student for three years at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, as its pastor. He is already on the field, serving the church as its new minister.

● Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wiese of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., superintendent of buildings and matron, respectively, at the North American Baptist Seminary, have resigned with the effective date of August 31st. Mr. Wiese's health has necessitated a change in his position and work. Dr. George A. Lang, Seminary president, has also announced that Miss Joyce Ringering of Bison, Kansas, a 1957 graduate of the Seminary, will be assistant librarian at the school this fall and that Dr. Firman A. Early, professor at Sioux Falls College, will teach two courses in missions during the absence of Dr. George A. Dunger at the University College of Ghana, Ghana, West Africa.

● Miss Ida Forsch, Camerons missionary, visited most of the churches in British Columbia from May 15 to 28, including the British Columbia Association at the Ebenezer Church of Vancouver, B. C., from May 15 to 18. On Sunday, June 1, she served at the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Valleyview, Alberta. In June she participated in programs of the Alberta Association at Leduc's First Church, the Northern North Dakota Association at Grand Forks, and the Alberta Senior CBY Camp at Sylvan Lake. She was also our representative at a missionary conference held at Edenwold, Sask., from June 12 to 15 for churches of that area.

● Rev. and Mrs. Paul Wengel of the Ridgewood Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., shared the celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary with the members and friends of the Ridgewood Church on May 28. Following a devotional service, Mrs. Ella Beck, president of the Woman's Missionary Society, presented Mrs. Wengel with a corsage and Mr. Wengel with a carnation. The church choir sang. Mrs. F. C. Arnold, moderator, brought felicitations to the Wengels and presented them with a cash gift. Mr. Don Taylor expressed his deep thanks to the pastor for his encouragement and wise advice which the student pastor finds invaluable.

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

The TORCH BEARER

By Sallie Lee Bell

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

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SYNOPSIS

Barry Carter knew that he was responsible for the death of his very close college chum, David Gardner. In deep remorse, he sought the faith, by which his friend had lived, and as a result was gloriously saved. Later through the influence of Dale, David's fiancé, he entered the ministry and became pastor of a church in New Orleans, La. His former girl friend, Cicily, to whom he was once engaged, married Roy Farlan, but there was little love for each other. They visited New Orleans and attended Barry Carter's church, but Roy had a sinister plot in mind. They invited the preacher over to their apartment several times. One day when Roy was out of town, Cicily asked the Rev. Barry Carter to come over and help her with her intricate problems. The husband, Roy, suddenly returned and found his wife sobbing in the preacher's arms. "What an interesting love scene," Roy's drawling voice remarked.

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

WITH A smothered cry Cicily turned and faced him. Barry felt as if he had been suddenly turned to stone. As he saw the twisted smile upon Roy's face and the gleam in the small eyes, he knew that the worst had happened. This was a trap and he had fallen into it, when he had refused to listen to that inner voice that had warned him. "Why don't you say something, my dear Cicily?" Roy asked as he advanced into the room.

"I thought —" she began, but he interrupted her.

"Don't bother to tell me what you thought. Your stupid little brain thought that I would go away and leave you the opportunity you've been waiting for, to have time alone with Lover Boy. I was hoping that you would be just that stupid, but I didn't quite know whether our handsome preacher would fall into the trap or not."

"I came because she said she needed my help," Barry said though he knew that his words were useless.

"Yes, of course. You came to help her," Roy's sneering voice agreed. "You came to advise her about the best way to get rid of a husband she hated. I thought that would be the

bait she would hold out to you and I was sitting in my car in the next block waiting for you to come. You were very accommodating not to keep me waiting too long. You see, my dear," and he turned to Cicily as his evil smile broadened, "I had no intention of going out of town. I just drove down the avenue, turned a few corners, then sat in the car and waited. My patience has been rewarded even better than I thought."

"What do you intend to do about it?" Cicily cried desperately.

She could no longer keep silent in the face of those sneering lips and gloating eyes.

"I'm just trying to decide which plan to follow. I have several ideas in mind. I'm trying to decide which one will make you suffer the most."

"O Roy! Why do you want to do that?" Cicily cried desperately. "I've never done anything to make you treat me like this."

"No?" he cried harshly. "What do you think you've done ever since you married me, but make me suffer more than your silly little brain could ever realize! I told you what it meant to me to discover from the very beginning that you didn't love me, that you still loved him. I told you that you were the only person I had ever loved. I loved you madly and I thought you loved me. You haven't yet paid the full price. Now is my opportunity to repay you both in full."

"That won't bring you any happiness or peace of mind," Barry said. "You'll only make your own life more miserable."

"You keep out of this," Roy cried. "I'll settle with you later. Just now this is between me and my faithful, loving wife."

He turned back to Cicily and a low laugh escaped his lips. As Barry

watched him he was convinced that the man was not entirely sane.

"Think this over," Roy said as he looked at her and chuckled again. "The doctors have told me that I don't have many more months to live. I have a brain tumor developing rapidly and there's no possibility of an operation. If you had just been patient enough to wait a few months longer, you would have been free from the husband that you hate. You would be free to marry the man who still loves you, the thief who has come into my home to steal my wife; the wolf in sheep's clothing, coming here with the thin excuse of trying to help you when he was only too willing to listen to your admission that you still loved him."

"That isn't true, Roy, and you know it," Barry interposed. "I came here because she was in trouble and I sincerely hoped that I could help her."

"To help her! Ha! To help her leave me? Is that what your church instructs her ministers to do? You came here because you still love her. Deny it if you can."

"This is not the reason I came here. I do deny it and you know that I speak the truth," Barry said.

"Do you dare deny that you still love her," Roy demanded.

"My feelings are none of your business," Barry retorted heatedly. "She married you and I have respected her as your wife. My feelings are no concern of yours."

"I've made them mine," Roy informed him, "and when I finish with you, no one in this city will respect you. Your career as a minister is at an end, my dear friend." He turned to the desk and opened the drawer. He drew out the revolver that he had put there when they moved into the house, and laid it on the desk. Cicily uttered a terrified cry.

He smiled again. "I told you, my dear, that this would come in handy some day, perhaps. I had other plans for it, but those plans have been changed. This is much, much better. I haven't quite decided which one of you I shall kill. But one of you will never leave this room alive."

He stood near the gun, looking them over speculatively. "If I kill my wife, you wouldn't suffer enough," he told Barry. "You might grieve for her, but I'd be the one to pay the penalty for the crime and that would give you too much satisfaction. Now if I kill you, she will suffer doubly. She will not only no longer have you, but she will have the sweet thought to carry with her through life that she was the cause of your death. She will remember that if she had been willing to wait a while, she would have been rid of me and free to marry you."

"No matter which one of us you kill, you will hang for it," Barry told him.

He was wondering if he dared take a chance to get that gun before Roy could pick it up. If he tried and missed, he might precipitate a deed which he hoped Roy was not really going to commit. He would wait and see what happened next before he tried to get that gun.

"If I kill my wife, of course I'd be tried for murder. But I would never live to be executed. If I did live that long, I would be totally insane and I wouldn't know what was happening. Now if I should kill you, there's a question as to what the verdict of a jury would be. In either case, execution wouldn't mean too much to me. I would be past the point of knowing or caring. In the meantime I should enjoy the sweet thought of revenge, for I'd be knowing that my wife was suffering every moment of every day. I believe it will have to be you, old friend." He laughed sardonically.

With a swift movement which neither of them expected, Cicily darted to where the gun lay and seized it.

"You'll not kill anybody," she cried as she held it in her hand. It wobbled as the barrel pointed shakily at Roy. "I'll kill you first."

Roy made a grab for the gun, but as he did so, her finger touched the trigger. The bullet struck him in the chest and she fired again as he staggered and fell. He lay there writhing in pain, then lay still.

Cicily stood looking down at him with horrified eyes, then, with a stifled cry she dropped the gun and fled from the room.

It had all happened so suddenly and unexpectedly that Barry was taken completely by surprise. He went over and looked down at Roy, then he knelt beside him and felt for his pulse. It was fluttering faintly, though Roy did not seem to be breathing. Barry was so dazed his mind refused to function. He picked up the gun and stared stupidly at it. Then he realized that he must get to the phone and call a doctor. As he rose to his feet the cur-

tains parted and the frightened maid stood there staring at him with wide horrified eyes.

As Barry started to tell her to phone for a doctor, Roy opened his eyes and saw the girl standing there. He turned his gaze from her to Barry, who still held the revolver, and a faint grin twisted his lips which were turning blue. He called weakly to the girl and she came nearer.

"Get the police," he gasped. "This man has shot me."

The frightened maid darted out of the room and Roy turned glazing eyes upon Barry standing there too stunned to move or say a word.

"This is — even — better than — I had — planned," Roy gasped. "Both of you will pay — and pay — and pay. Too bad — I won't be — here — to — enjoy it. Better this — than — dying by inches."

He coughed and blood streamed from his mouth. The light went out of his eyes and his jaws sagged open. Barry knelt once more and felt for his pulse. This time there was none.

Barry was still kneeling there when the maid returned with two officers who had been in the neighborhood and had been summoned in answer to her phone call.

The maid was explaining hysterically what she had seen and heard but Barry did not hear her. In one short hour his whole world had crashed about him. The torch that he had tried to carry was extinguished. There seemed only a dead end to the road ahead.

Life had suddenly become a living nightmare to Barry. The newspapers, with their flair for sensationalism had splashed the story across the front page. A shocked congregation was suddenly bereft of a pastor. Those to whom Barry's sermons had brought unrest and dissatisfaction, shook their heads and assumed righteous attitudes of complacency. He had preached a gospel which had been only a front for his own weakness and sin.

There were a few who still believed in him and who came to him and offered to help him in any way possible. Among them was a young lawyer, Phil Barton, who had been converted under Barry's ministry. He gave Barry the only offer of help that Barry could accept. He offered his services to defend Barry in court. Barry accepted because he knew that if he did not engage a lawyer, the court would appoint one. He made it almost impossible for his lawyer to plan a defense, for he refused to discuss the details of the case. He said that he would refuse to testify in his own behalf at the trial which was set for an early date. The only fact that he would state was that Roy was shot in self defense.

"You leave me mighty little to go on," Barton told him. "I can't hope for an acquittal. The jury will most certainly bring in a verdict of guilty on the testimony which will be presented."

"Didn't the victim say I was guilty?" Barry responded. "Why try to prove that I am not?"

"I don't believe you are guilty," Barton told him. "I think you're holding back something that would help to prove your innocence."

"The jury will not be interested in what you think," Barry replied, "so you'd better not think about it. I've told you all I have to say. The verdict will be in God's hands."

"Then you'd better pray that it won't be capital punishment," Barton told him gravely. "Do you realize that you are in danger of being executed for this?"

"Yes," Barry replied. "But since my life's work seems to be over, I believe execution would be preferable to imprisonment."

"That doesn't sound like the man who led me to the Lord," Barton rebuked him.

"It's the way I feel, however," Barry replied.

He was in the lowest depths of despair. He had tried to pray but he could not pray. It seemed impossible that God would have allowed this to happen to him when he was trying so desperately to be a torchbearer for Him. His lips twisted convulsively as those words echoed in his memory. A torchbearer! What a failure he had been! Ending his life either at the end of a rope or behind prison walls.

He had thought, after those first hours of shock and horror, that Cicily would come forward and admit that she had shot her husband, but he had not seen her or heard anything from her. He wondered as the days passed if she would be coward enough to let his life pay for her crime. As the trial drew near he realized that she was going to do that. Dull apathy settled upon him. He decided, doggedly, that he would never accuse her, even if they took his life. His life was wrecked but he was prepared to die and to meet his Lord. She was not.

Perhaps the shock of this might lead her to realize that she needed God in her life. If his punishment for her crime would do that, then perhaps it would not have been in vain. It was foolish reasoning, but he was no longer able to think clearly. He knew that Cicily would be called as a witness at the trial and he thought that perhaps she might break down and confess when she was placed on the witness stand, for Barton had told him that he would have her summoned if the state did not.

The trial progressed rapidly. The maid was called and gave her damaging testimony. She had not seen Cicily at all when she came in. By the time she reached the living room Cicily had disappeared. The revolver was produced as evidence and Barry's finger prints were there to confirm what the maid had said about seeing him standing over Roy with the gun in his hand.

(To Be Continued)

Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: July 20, 1958

Theme: Justice in the Family

Scripture: Proverbs 6:20-23; Ephesians 6:1-4; Mark 10:13-16; Ephesians 5:21-23; 1 Timothy 5:8.

THE CENTRAL TRUTH: The measure of love and justice you gave and received in your family relationship will become the standard by which you will love and judge your fellowmen.

INTRODUCTION: We often speak of love and peace in the family, or its opposite—hate and strife. Because of its close relationship, the family uncovers the best and the worst in us. Nowhere are we so completely exposed. Our saintliness and our sinfulness cannot be hid. A Christlike justice must prevail if our homes are to have a solid foundation on which our characters are to be built. It is the family court of justice in which we are continually on trial. Guilt and innocence, prosecution and defense, judgment and intercession, reward and punishment are all part of our family judicial system. A miscarriage of justice in the family has ruined many a home. If righteousness is to exalt the nation, it must first exalt the home.

I. JUSTICE AND PARENTAL EXAMPLES. Proverbs 6:20-23.

The father's commandment and the law of the mother will be meaningless unless the father obeys his commandments and the mother lives according to the laws she prescribes for her children. If laws are only for children, then they will soon become lawless adults. There is much truth in the statement of the boy who said, "I wish I knew as much as Daddy so that I wouldn't have to go to Sunday School any more." Our sons and daughters will remember the commandments much easier if they have commandment-keeping parents.

II. JUSTICE AND CHILDLIKE OBEDIENCE. Ephesians 6:1-4.

Children are very susceptible to love and discipline and will readily accept the word of the parent as the highest and final authority. Therefore it is important that the child learns obedience from the Christian point of view. The criminal also teaches his child obedience, but it is not obedience in the Lord. Children will learn how to obey by how they are commanded to obey.

III. JUSTICE AND FAMILY COOPERATION. Mark 10:13-16; Ephesians 5:21-31.

In the first portion of Scripture, Jesus implies that a religion which excludes children is not a true religion. Our family worship must be planned to include the children. They must be given the all-important privilege of

receiving the blessing of Jesus Christ.

The entire family relationship must be centered around giving and receiving, love and obedience, Christlikeness and purity. If Christ is the head of the house, then justice will rule in love and not merely in blind duty. The husband and father, the wife and mother, as well as the children, will find their proper places when they submit themselves one to the other in the fear of God.

IV. JUSTICE AND FAMILY RESPONSIBILITY. I Timothy 5:8.

Taken out of its context, the verse may refer only to the immediate family, the sole implication being that the father is to provide for those of his own house. In the context, however, Paul is talking about widows and the responsibility of children and relatives for their fatherless mother. The unfortunate and helpless widow may be the responsibility of the church and the state, but so long as the children or nephews and nieces are able to provide for their own, it remains their solemn duty.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: July 27, 1958

Theme: Justice in Community Life

Scripture: Leviticus 19:15-18; James 2:1-9; Romans 13:8-10.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The faith of a Christian manifests itself realistically and actively in the life of the community.

INTRODUCTION: Millions of people have read the Christian classic, "In His Steps" by Charles M. Sheldon. By asking the simple question in the book, "What would Jesus do?" the personal, family, church, business and community life was dramatically changed. It is still a good question to ask ourselves, for if every Christian who bears the name would take part in the life of the community, then much of the sin of the community would disappear. Our Christian concept of justice would do away with much injustice. Once dishonesty becomes entrenched in the community, it takes great courage and strength to remove it. That is why Christians ought to be continually alert, for they are stewards of God's love and justice. Someone has said that for evil men to succeed, good men need only do nothing.

I. JUSTICE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. Leviticus 19:15-18.

All of us try to shun the so-called

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lawless neighborhood. We do not expect justice to prevail there, nor do we have enough faith to believe that our own feeble efforts will bring about a neighborhood transformation. But there is also injustice in the respectable suburbs. We may believe ourselves to be within the law of the community but we are nevertheless outside the law of God. Justice and injustice can also be detected in our attitudes toward our neighbor, in the respect we have for him, in the way we talk about him, in our dealings with him, in our hate and in our love.

II. JUSTICE IN THE CHURCH. James 2:1-9.

It is a sad commentary on Christianity that we should ever speak about justice in the church. Of all the places on earth this is where it ought to be found in its truest meaning. Yet even in the Christian community men do not always judge one another by the measure of love, but by the measure of money. James seriously questions the faith of those who use the scales of wealth rather than God's scales of love and justice.

III. JUSTICE IN BUSINESS. Romans 13:8-9.

In order to protect himself, the businessman must be a member of a nationwide credit bureau, or be listed in Dun and Bradstreet. It is practically impossible to do business if a person has a poor credit rating. A feeling of trust is established, however, as soon as the report from the credit bureau is returned saying, "He owes no man anything!" On a much higher plane, we all have a "credit rating" with God. And it is impossible to do business with him at the altar unless we first go back and be reconciled with our brother. (Matt. 5:24).

IV. JUSTICE FULFILLED. Romans 13:10.

Notice how often the command is given, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." At least nine times in the new Testament this command is repeated. It is actually a single law, in which a violation at any point is a violation of the whole. All other debts are to be avoided, and the only honest debt we are privileged to have is the debt of love to God and our fellowmen.

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Our Denomination in ACTION

Dakota Conference

Vacation Bible School at Lehr, North Dakota

A Vacation Bible School with 33 children in attendance was held from May 26-30 at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Lehr, N. Dak. The school was under the direction of Mrs. E. S. Fenske. "Worship the Lord" material was used. This was taught by the following teachers and helpers: Nursery teacher, Mrs. Jake Schopp; helper, Joyce Zimmerman; Primary teacher, Mrs. John Stolz; helper, Lorie Jean Stolz; Junior teacher, Mrs. E. S. Fenske; helper, JoAnn Schnable; Devotions and Bible teacher, Rev. E. S. Fenske; and pianist, Kathleen Boschee.

An offering, which amounted to \$12.60, was collected throughout the week of school. This money will be used for missions. A program was given on Friday night, May 30, in which all the classes participated. Handwork was on display for the parents to see.

Joann Schnabel, Reporter

Baptismal Service for Berlin Church, Fredonia, N. Dak.

The Berlin Baptist Church of Fredonia, N. Dak., can report progress. As a result of evangelistic meetings with Rev. E. S. Fenske of Lehr, N. Dak., in March, seven persons were saved, and we had the privilege to baptize them on Sunday, April 27. The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Lehr opened its doors for our church to hold this service. We are thankful for the fine fellowship which our two churches and their pastors enjoy together.

On Sunday, May 4, we received eight new members into our church. Our C.B.Y.F. is doing good work, and has charge of the evening service once every month. The salary of the pastor was raised again, and the church plans to celebrate the 70th anniversary in the fall.

V. H. Prendinger, Pastor

Pastor's Farewell at Gackle and Alfred, North Dakota

Rev. Manuel Wolff brought his ministry of almost 5 years in the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle and Alfred, N. Dak., to a glorious and inspiring climax on Sunday, May 18th. That evening we witnessed the baptism of two young people and a couple joining the church through testimony. After the meeting, another couple expressed their desire to get right with God.

On May 11th a farewell service was held for our pastor. We all feel a great loss in losing Rev. and Mrs. M. Wolff but our loss will be Grosse Pointe Church's gain in Michigan. The Lord through the Wolffs has done great things for us for which we are glad.

We are thankful that our call to Rev. Bernard Edinger of Selfridge, N. Dak., has been accepted. He will begin his ministry here on July 1st. Nine Primary children and 4 Juniors of the Gackle church have finished the



Vacation Bible School teachers, assistants and pianist of the Ebenezer Church, Lehr, North Dakota.

Scripture Memory Course. Nine of these children are eligible for a week at camp as their prize.

Mrs. Jalmer Anderson, Reporter

Pastor's Farewell at Germantown Church, North Dakota

The members and friends of the Germantown Baptist Church near Cathay, N. Dak., were greatly blessed by two weeks of evangelistic meetings from April 1 to 13, with Rev. Ron Daltzell of Thief River Falls, Minn., as evangelist.

On Sunday, April 27, Rev. Elmer Buening brought his ministry at the Germantown Church to a close. In the afternoon a baptismal service was held at the Fessenden church building. The hand of fellowship was extended to the new converts during the communion service in the evening. Then a Fellowship Supper was enjoyed by the members and friends, and an informal program was given with Mr. Clarence Seidel in charge. Several musical numbers by a ladies duet and men's quartet were rendered. Representatives of the various organizations of the church expressed their appreciation and presented gifts to the pas-



Rev. V. H. Prendinger (left), pastor of the Berlin Baptist Church, Fredonia, N. Dak., and 8 new members whom he received into the church.

tor and his wife for their six years of faithful ministry. Mr. and Mrs. Buening graciously responded.

Our prayers are with them and the'r family as they continue work in their new field at Parkston and Tripp, South Dakota.

Mrs. Albert Meth, Reporter

Mother's Day Program at Hettinger, North Dakota

On Sunday, May 11, the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Grace Baptist Church, Hettinger, N. Dak., observed Mother's Day with a Mother-Daughter banquet in the church parlors. The men and boys served as waiters. Everyone enjoyed the fine food and fellowship.

Following the banquet the Ladies' Missionary Society was in charge of the evening service during which they presented their annual Mother's Day program. A number of the women presented readings on "The Beauty of Motherhood." Special music on the theme, "Mother," was brought by several girls from our C.B.Y.

The guest speaker of the evening was Mrs. D. J. Bormann, wife of Rev. D. J. Bormann, pastor of the Methodist Church in Hettinger, who brought a thought-provoking meditation on "The Privileges and Responsibilities of Motherhood." The pastor, Rev. Iver Walker, closed the service with prayer.

Iver Walker, Pastor

Ordination Council and Service for Rev. Arnold Friez

Delegates and visitors from six churches were present at the New Leipzig, N. Dak., church May 30 for the purpose of examining and setting apart for the ministry of the Gospel Brother Arnold Friez, a young man reared in the host church. Brother Friez has accepted the call of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church of North Dakota. The churches represented were Hebron, Hettinger, McLaughlin, Mott, New Leipzig, and Selfridge. The meeting of the ordination council was opened by Rev. Emil Becker, pastor of the host church. Rev. E. Michelson of McLaughlin, S. D., was elected chairman, and Rev. B. Edinger of Selfridge, N. D., was elected secretary.

The candidate gave a clear presentation of his conversion, call to the ministry, and doctrinal statement. The council voted unanimously to recommend him to the church for ordination. In the evening ordination service, the host pastor presided. Rev. E. Michelson of McLaughlin read the Scripture. Rev. B. Edinger led in prayer. An accordion solo was played by Gordon Voegelé. A duet preceded the ordination message by Professor Hugo Lueck of the Seminary. Dr. C. H. Seecamp of Hebron led in the ordination prayer. The local pastor welcomed the candidate into the ministry. The charge to the candidate was given by Rev. Milton Vietz of Mott, and the charge to the church by Rev. Iver Walker of Hettinger. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Arnold Friez.

Bernard Edinger, Clerk

South Dakota Song Festival at Madison Church

The first song festival ever held in the South Dakota Association churches launched what we hope will be an annual occasion. The song festival, sponsored by the South Dakota C.B. Y.F. and held in the West Center St. Baptist Church of Madison, S. Dak., on Sunday, April 27, was well supported by all the churches in the association through attendance and participation.

Choir songs were presented by the Corona, Emery, Plum Creek, Trinity, Northside, Tyndall, Danzig, Tripp, Parkston and Madison churches. The Avon, Spring Valley, and Chancellor churches brought other special numbers. A mass youth choir of over 100 voices, directed by Rev. Leland H. Friesen of Emery, sang during the evening service. Rev. J. G. Benke, pastor of the host church, was the speaker at that service.

The hymn writer says, "O, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise." We found a real joy as we joined other Christian young people in singing the praises of our wonderful Redeemer and Lord Jesus Christ, at this song festival.

DeLana Saylor, Reporter



The South Dakota Mass Youth Choir directed by Rev. Leland H. Friesen rendering a number at the Song Festival held in Madison, S. Dak.

er, Mrs. K. Sigel, and the youngest mother, Mrs. Hildegard Lehotsky, were especially honored with corsages of flowers. Our pastor served as guest speaker, speaking on the theme: "The Mother-in-law."

Selma Blischke, Clerk

Northern Conference

Inspiring Events at Baptist Church, Springside, Sask.

On Sunday evening, April 6, the mixed chorus of the First Baptist Church, Springside, Sask., rendered several Easter anthems. A film, "The Call of the Navajos," was shown. On Friday evening, April 11, the Homebuilders' Group held a banquet in the newly decorated church basement. "Springtime Melody of God's Love" was the theme. The program consisted of numbers by a ladies' quartet, men's quartet and a vocal solo. Rev. J. Woltenberg of Ebenezer, Sask., was the guest speaker.

On Friday evening, April 25, the CBYF held a banquet in the church parlors, sponsored by their Sunday School class and the CBY executive. Mr. Gordon Goltz was in charge of the program, which consisted of several

special numbers and talks by Hilda Tillman, CBY president; Reuben Ziolkowski, young people's S. S. teacher; Lillian Fenske and Norbert Breitreuz. Our pastor, Rev. Bert Milner, brought a challenge to the young people.

On Sunday, May 11, the CBYF presented a Mother's Day program with special numbers and a dialogue. Sunday, May 18, being Association Sunday, we had Rev. Richard Grabke of Regina with us for the morning service. Our prayer is that we as a church may go forward for Christ!

Mrs. Darlen Tillman, Reporter

Recent Programs at German Church, Calgary, Alberta

In March the German Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta, enjoyed a song festival. The choir was assisted by several members from the choir of the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, and was under the direction of Mr. Heinz Kleber. Participating were the mixed, male, and children's choirs.

In April we had a baptismal service, at which time six candidates upon confession of their faith followed our Lord in baptism. Rev. William Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Man., and Rev. D. Schmidt of Pasadena, Calif., were guest speakers for the day. At the Communion service, the hand of fellowship was extended to ten new members by the pastor, Rev. W. E. Ertis. Later that month the young people presented a program, the chief feature being a play concerning missions. The audience was inspired anew to pray for and to give toward the work among the millions who have never heard the Gospel.

During May we conducted an evangelistic campaign in which Rev. Robert Kluttig served as evangelist. The Lord wonderfully blessed us, and five persons came to a saving knowledge of Christ.

Myrtle Ertis, Reporter

Golden Wedding Anniversary, Baptist Church, Southey, Sask.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Engel were guests of honor at a reception marking their golden wedding anniversary in the Southey Baptist Church, Southey, Sask., on April 20. The choir rendered a favorite song of the Engels during the program in the main auditorium of the church, after which over 100 guests partook of the anniversary supper pre-



Rev. W. E. Ertis, pastor of the German Baptist Church, Calgary, Alta., and six converts whom he recently baptized.

pared by the church. The overseer of the village presented the honored couple with a gift and Rev. E. L. Thiessen, master of ceremonies, presented them with a gift of money for the purchase of a refrigerator.

Mr. and Mrs. Engel were married April 12, 1908 in Lemberg, Sask. Their witnesses, Mr. and Mrs. John Zapf of Regina, were again able to witness this happy occasion. In 1916 they came to make their home in Southey where they reared their three sons, Fred, Carl and Gordon, and were active in church work. Besides serving in the capacity of deacon and Bible class teacher, Mr. Engel served the church faithfully as janitor for ten years. Mrs. Engel has worked most enthusiastically in the Woman's Missionary Society, being the president for several terms.

Thelma E. Herz, Clerk

Southwestern Conference

Missionary Program at Emmanuel Church, Marion, Kansas

The Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kansas, was honored Sunday, May 4, to have Dr. Martin Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., as its guest speaker. In the morning service he presented a stirring missionary message. After a basket dinner in the church parlors, a very informative panel discussion was held with Dr. Leuschner answering questions about our foreign mission work.

That evening at the King's Daughters annual missionary program, he showed colored films of some of our mission fields in Africa. A collection of over \$80.00 was received for the national teacher, David Williams, whom the group sponsors in the Cameroons.

Agnes Ehrlich, Secretary

Recent Events at Ebenezer Church, Shattuck, Okla.

On Friday evening, May 16, the Junior CBY boys and girls of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Shattuck, Okla., had an eventful time. To close the Scripture memory course and also end our regular monthly CBY meetings for the summer months, the 18 enrolled children and their parents were honored at a banquet.

The toastmaster, Butch Schoenhals, presided over the program. The children sang and recited their Scripture memory songs and played piano numbers. A short play entitled, "A Miss Is As Good As A Mile," was presented by four of the children. All 14 children enrolled in Scripture memory work completed the course and were awarded pins. Rev. Eleon Sandau of Loyal, Okla., was the guest speaker. Mrs. George Littau was our Scripture memory director. Mrs. Reuben Schoenhals and Mrs. Albert Pshigoda are the Junior CBY sponsors.

Our Women's Missionary Union has been active during the past few months. In January they surprised one of the older members, Mrs. Mary Meier, with a birthday party. In May they honored three of the older ladies, who are unable to attend regularly, with a birthday party. These women were: Mrs. Katie Schoenhals, Mrs. Mary Sturtz and Mrs. Katie Longhofer.

Mrs. Albert Pshigoda, Reporter



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Engel of Southey, Sask., at their golden wedding anniversary celebration.

Northwestern Conference

Women's Birthday Dinner, Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

A highlight for the women of the Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wis., was the birthday dinner held on May 20th. Each of the four tables was decorated according to a season of the year. A booklet made by Mrs. Wilmer



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Quiring was placed at each plate. It contained the menu, program and words of the songs used. The cover was made from a used birthday card. After the invocation, all enjoyed the delicious turkey dinner.

Mrs. Kenneth Miller led the inspiration which followed, and Mrs. Erich Schroeder the devotions. The women sat in groups according to the season in which their birthdays came.

With Mrs. John Lind, Mrs. Earl Iding, Mrs. Joseph Mueller and Mrs. Leon

Olson as leaders, the groups contributed numbers appropriate to their season. The second part of the program was of a missionary nature. The play, "The Key to the Handcuffs," was impressively presented. The birthday offering was designated for the projects of the Woman's Missionary Union. The closing number was a song rendered by our ladies' sextet.

Laura Weihe, Reporter

Pacific Conference

Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif., Holds "Sweetheart Banquet"

On Monday evening, May 26, in the beautiful Garden Room at Knott's Berry Farm, the Men's Brotherhood of Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., honored their wives, mothers and sweethearts at a "Sweetheart Banquet," with approximately 160 persons in attendance. "This evening is in partial appreciation for the many wonderful dinners prepared for us by our women folk," declared Herbert Stabbert, chairman. Most appropriately and hidden in the individual table favors was a capsule announcing the engagement of two of Bethel's young people, Joella Wiseman and Bill Martin.

Opening prayer was by the pastor, Rev. H. John Vanderbeck. The meditative talk given by the guest speaker, Rev. Chase Findley of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, suggested the seven characters of a Christian repre-



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sented in 2 Timothy. Duet numbers were sung by Joe Atolle and Jack Findley, accompanied on the accordion. Besides the chairman, Herbert Stabbert, the banquet committee included Harry Fox, Virgil Isbell, Joe Love and Bill Telkamp. Table decorations were arranged by Mesdames Harry Fox, Herbert Stabbert and Robert Martin.

Ruth Mellen, Reporter

Eleven New Members Received at Sacramento, California

The combined efforts of the "God's Volunteer's team" and its director, Rev. Elmer C. Strauss, along with that of the pastor, Rev. C. Walth and his young people of the Willow Rancho Church, Sacramento, Calif., were not in vain. In one week of time this group made 1725 house calls, at which time 154 families indicated their desire eventually to make the Willow Rancho Baptist Church their spiritual home.

As a result of the nightly services, in which Brother Strauss brought inspiring messages, as well as the personal work, 6 young people accepted the Lord as Savior. Five other young people came by letter and personal testimony. The church rejoiced with its pastor to extend the hand of fellowship to 11 new members into its fellowship on Easter Sunday. New faces are seen in the services nearly every Sunday, and we are anticipating further victories for the Lord in the future.

Mrs. G. W. Rutsch, Reporter

Great Events, Portland Avenue Church, Tacoma, Washington

The members of the newly organized Portland Avenue Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., met on Sunday afternoon, May 18, for the purpose of electing officers. Some of the new officers are: deacons, Dave Judd, Otto Stolz and Jacob Yost; deaconesses, Mrs. Dave Judd and Mrs. Otto Stolz; trustees, Wilfred Christensen, Fred Klapstein and George Shelton; clerk, Mrs. Marvin McIntosh, Sr.; financial secretary, Mrs. George Shelton; treasurer, Melvin G. Kageler; Sunday School superintendent, Miss Doris Wagner; and assistant, Mrs. Harvey Newman.

Our hearts were thrilled on Sunday evening, May 18, when we held our first baptismal service since becoming an organized church. Eleven converts followed the Lord in baptism: Mrs. Esther Ruff and her twin sons, Dennis and Donald Ruff; Mrs. Harvey Wilson and her daughter, Kathy; Sharon Shelton, Dave Judd Jr., Pat Pietz, Susan Wilks and Pastor Smuland's two youngest daughters, Corrine and Brenda Smuland. This church was first established as a mission chapel in February 1944. Our present pastor is Rev. Henry Smuland of Renton, Washington. Coming with Brother Smuland to serve us are his wife and 4 children.



The congregation of the newly organized Portland Ave. Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., is photographed by its pastor, Rev. Henry Smuland (right). The view at the left shows the finished picture!

Commencement at C. T. I.

Report of the Commencement Festivities at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

THE 1958 commencement of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, was observed from April 13 to 15. The baccalaureate service was conducted on Sunday evening, April 13, in the Central Baptist Church. Rev. O. R. Schmidt, faculty member, presided. Music was furnished by the Institute's student male chorus and mass choir. Rev. W. R. Mueller of Carbon, Alberta, gave the address, "Victorious Living In This Scientific Age."

An annual feature of C.T.I. commencement is the Sacred Concert which was presented by the C.T.I. choirs: mass choir, choristers, ladies' chorus and male chorus on Monday at 8:00 p.m. in the Alberta College Auditorium under the direction of Rev. Edward Link, head of the C.T.I. music department. Rev. Herbert Hiller, pastor of the Central Church, presided. Rev. William Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Man., gave the concert message: "The New Song."

Tuesday's day sessions were combined with the Northern Conference Ministers' Fellowship in the C.T.I. chapel. Rev. E. P. Wahl, former C.T.I. president, welcomed the ministers and also brought the morning devotion. The following lectures were given: "The Pastor's Task In Today's World," Rev. J. C. Gunst, Forest Park, Ill.; "The Student's Place In His Church," Rev. Paul Galambos, Yorkton, Sask.;

"The Student and His Denomination," Rev. Bert E. Milner, Springside, Sask.; "Our Camerouns Mission Field," Dr. Paul Gebauer, Cameroon's Mission Field, Africa.

At 8:00 p.m. the commencement exercises were held in the First Presbyterian Church. Faculty members, the Board of Trustees and the graduates were led in formal procession by the chairman of the C.T.I. Board, Rev. H. WALTERIT of Winnipeg, Man. Rev. E. P. Wahl gave the Salutation to the Graduates. Rev. J. C. Gunst delivered the commencement address, "The New Life" (1 Cor. 16:13, 14). Following the commencement address, Rev. K. Korrella, acting president, presented the diplomas to two Bible School graduates, Miss Lydia Albrecht and Miss Myrtle Bachler; to seven High School graduates; a Christian Worker's Certificate to a young lady; three Martha Liebig Scholarships for Bible Research, the Ethel Ruff Trophy for Vacation Bible School work and the Albert Gurel Trophies for Speech to the respective graduates and students.

The Service was concluded with the singing of the graduates' theme song: "My Life, My Love I Give to Thee." May God continue to bless the Christian Training Institute as it serves both our young people and our churches through their ministry to the honor and glory of God.

church met in the basement for a time of singing, after which we became better acquainted with our pastor and family and they with us.

The following Wednesday evening the Senior young people's group met for their regular meeting. The topic for the evening was "Mother" and many lovely readings, poems and songs were rendered. Rev. E. Janzen gave a short message on Christian mothers which was enjoyed by all. After the meeting Mr. and Mrs. Janzen were ushered into the church basement where a surprise pantry shower was held in their honor. After all the lovely gifts had been opened, Mr. and Mrs. Janzen expressed their deepest thanks.

Mrs. Gerald Kuehl, Reporter

Central Conference

First Men's Retreat for Central Conference Churches

They came! Men, Men, Men! Fathers, sons, grandfathers! A grand total of 120! This first Men's Retreat of the Central Conference, held at Oakwood Park from May 23-25, proved a grand success, thanks to the fine work of Edward Meister, president. After the first evening of fellowship and devotion, led by Rev. A. Buhler, there were no more strangers among us. Eagerly we closed our eyes for a needed rest, soothed (or frightened) by the "Paul and Silas" party who raised their voices and instruments at midnight.

The brief devotion on Saturday morning was followed by a stimulating panel discussion, led by three pastors and three laymen on "What the Church Expects from the Laymen" and vice versa. The afternoon was spent in recreation. The day was concluded with a stirring evening message by Dr. John Wobig of Portland, Oregon.

The climax of the retreat came on Sunday. After the Sunday School class, taught by Harold Johns, Dr. Paul Gebauer gave a challenging missionary appeal to the men. The missionary offering amounted to \$185, in addition to \$80.50 collected for the treasury of the Baptist Men's Fellowship. The theme, "Enlightened to Serve," became real to all present.

Special music was rendered by the Trinity Male Quartet, the Center Line brass trio, Irvin Obergefell, soloist, and the Foster Ave. C.F.C. Chorus. Election results were: president, Clarion Cooke, Detroit, Mich.; vice-president, Clarence Schultz, Cleveland, O.; secretary, Floyd Cate, Warren, Mich.; and treasurer, Wilbur Reich, Chicago, Illinois.

Bernard Schalm, Reporter

July 14-18

SASKATCHEWAN INTERMEDIATE CAMP at Echo Lake, Sask. Chaplain Leslie Albus.

July 16-18

PACIFIC CONFERENCE at Bethel Baptist Church, Missoula, Montana. Rev. and Mrs. Earl Ahrens, Chaplain George Zinz and Mrs. Thomas Lutz.

July 21 (one day)

NORTHERN CONFERENCE at McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta.

Obituary

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

MR. EMMANUEL NORBERG of Nokomis, Saskatchewan.

Mr. Emmanuel Norberg of Nokomis, Sask., was born on January 9, 1893 at Genowitz, Vladimir, Russia. In 1912 as a young man he came to Canada. He settled in the Nokomis area, and made this his home until his death. In March 1923 he was united in marriage to Minnie Netzer, with whom he shared the joys and sorrows of life for over 35 years. To this union five children were born.

Although Mr. Norberg had taken up his residence in Nokomis, he could not remain idle. While helping with the spring work on the farm he met with sudden death. On May 14 he was seriously injured by an upset tractor which he was driving. He passed away within a few hours after the incident. He attained the age of 65 years, 4 months and 5 days. He leaves to mourn his sudden departure his beloved wife; two sons: Wilfred and Milton Norberg of Nokomis; one daughter, Gladys Norberg of Regina, Sask.; two daughters-in-law; one grandson; and four sisters.

Nokomis, Saskatchewan
OSCAR FRITZKE, Pastor

MISS EMMA FELLMAN of Oak Park, Illinois.

Miss Emma Fellman of Oak Park, Ill., was born in Kitchener, Ontario, where her father, the late Rev. Fellman, was pastor of the Baptist Church. In the early nineties she came to Chicago with her parents. She accepted Christ as Savior, was baptized by her father who was then pastor of the Forest Park Baptist Church, and received into the fellowship of the church. She was active in the life and work of the churches in which she held membership. She taught her Sunday School classes with a definite concern for the souls of her scholars, leading many of them to the Savior. Until five years ago she faithfully attended the worship services.

After years of weakness and suffering, she was called home by her Savior on Sunday morning, June 1st. To mourn her departure she leaves her two sisters, Minnie and Marie, and a brother, Dr. W. O. Fellman, all of Oak Park, besides many relatives and friends. Thoughts of comfort were based on the verse of Exodus 33:14. "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest."

Forest Park Baptist Church,
Forest Park, Illinois
REV. R. KERN, Pastor

MRS. ANNA BOHSTEDT of Victor, Iowa.

Mrs. Anna Katherine Bohstedt of Victor, Iowa, was born on June 23, 1884 at Victor. She grew up under Christian influence and at an early age professed her faith in Christ. She was baptized at the age of twelve. She was a faithful member of the Victor Baptist Church since that time. In the year 1907 she was united in marriage with Bernard Bohstedt. Two children were born into their family circle. Their son Theodore continues to operate the business started by his father. Adelaide is serving as instructor at Bob Jones University of Greenville, South Carolina.

Anna Bohstedt always loved her church. She was a charter member of the Woman's

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

If we work marble, it will perish; if we work upon brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds and instill into them just principles, we are then engraving that upon tablets which no time will efface, but will brighten and brighten to all eternity.

—Daniel Webster.

Missionary Society which was organized in the home of her parents. She passed away on May 19, 1958, having attained the age of over 73 years. She is survived by her husband, 2 children, 2 sisters, 3 brothers, 2 grandchildren and many other relatives and friends. Arthur Lang, a lay preacher, assisted the pastor in the memorial service.

Victor, Iowa
FRED SCHMIDT, Pastor

MR. PETER J. SCHRODER of Avon, South Dakota.

Mr. Peter J. Schroder of Avon, S. Dak., was born Nov. 30, 1871 in Cedar Valley, Ia., and passed to his heavenly home on May 3, 1958 in Mexico, Missouri. His active life was lived in and around Avon, S. Dak., moving there with his parents when he was 17 years old. Mr. Schroder accepted the Lord as his personal Savior in 1888 and was baptized by Rev. O. F. Olthoff, becoming a charter member of the Avon Baptist Church. On Feb. 12, 1901 he was married to Rebecca M. Roose who now survives him. During the past 10 years the Schroders have made their home in Missouri to be near their daughters.

Besides his wife he leaves to mourn two daughters: Viola Jurrens, wife of Rev. George C. Jurrens of Pulaski, Ill.; and Laura Nolte, wife of Rev. Raymond Nolte of Mexico, Missouri; 3 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted May 6, 1958 in the Avon Baptist Church by the pastor, Rev. Peter Wiens, and he was laid to rest in the Baptist cemetery nearby.

Avon, South Dakota
The Family

MRS. CHRISTINE RANGE of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mrs. Christine Range, nee Berndt, of Minneapolis, Minn., was born in Russia on May 1, 1882 and passed away quietly on Sunday morning, April 27, at Startup, Wash., where she had spent several months with her sister, Mrs. Adolf Guenther. She came to the United States with her parents when she was three years of age, settling near Herreid, S. Dak. There she grew to womanhood and found salvation in Jesus Christ, was baptized and united with the Baptist Church of Herreid. She was married to Jacob Range in June 1917, making her home in Minneapolis, Minn., thereafter.

Mrs. Range is survived by three daughters: Christine Temple of Salt Lake City, Utah; Elizabeth Lentz of Monroe, Wash.; and Ruth Range of San Bernardino, Calif.; 4 stepchildren; 3 sisters: Elizabeth Guenther, Sophie Kromlich and Paulina Berndt; and one brother, Adam Berndt, as well as six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband. She was a member of the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis. Rev. Lewis B. Berndt, her nephew, officiated at the funeral which was held at Startup, Washington.

Faith Baptist Church,
Minneapolis, Minn.
LEWIS B. BERNDT, Correspondent

MRS. ERVIN B. STRAUSS of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Rovia Delores Strauss of Cleveland, Ohio, was born on Oct. 22, 1932 at Trochu, Alberta, the oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haller. In April 1944 she was converted and followed the Lord in baptism the following July. Her Christian home, her church training and her two years at the Christian Training Institute were to prepare her for a short but fruitful life of service to the Lord. Her talents were freely dedicated to his work. The quartet of the CTI used her musical talent as pianist.

Ervin B. Strauss, seminary student at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., took Rovia as his bride on August 28, 1953 at the Trochu church. This devoted couple served a student pastorate for two years and upon graduation accepted the pastorate at Erin Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, in July 1955. Happily and harmoniously they labored together in this field. Their home was gladdened with the coming of three precious children. All recognized her as a faithful and devoted wife, a conscientious mother to her children, and an untiring servant of her Savior.

Left to mourn her passing are her beloved husband, Ervin; her children, David, Calvin, and Ivette; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haller; Alvin, her brother; Mildruth and Jean, sisters; all in Canada; and a host of relatives and friends.

Erin Ave. Baptist Church,
Cleveland, Ohio
EDWIN MILLER, Officiating Pastor

Eastern Conference

Youth Group, Killaloe, Ont., Presents Two Hour Play

The Commissioned Baptist Youth Group of the Calvary Baptist Church, Killaloe, Ontario, presented a two-hour play entitled, "Follow Thou Me," on Friday, April 18 and Sunday, April 20, to near-capacity audiences in the auditorium of the church.

The efforts and long hours of practice by the participants were well rewarded, the total free-will offering amounting to \$232.80. The entire proceeds of the play were designated for the camp being built on the shores of Round Lake near Killaloe by the young people of the Ontario Convention.

Ronald Getz, Reporter

Reception for New Pastor at Arnprior, Ontario

In February 1958, Rev. and Mrs. Eldon Janzen accepted a call from the First Baptist Church, Arnprior, Ontario. Even though it is a long way from Fenwood, Saskatchewan, where they previously resided, to Arnprior, their new field of service, the Janzens arrived safely on Thursday, May 1. On Sunday, May 4, Mr. Irvin Woermke officially welcomed them into our fellowship. Following the evening service, the members and friends of the

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ning service. It's an informal time of singing, testimonies and has been faithfully supported by our people. The count this evening: 342.

YOUTH'S INTEREST CENTRES

At 7:30 P.M. following this evangelistic service the Youth program takes place. It begins with a worship time for all young people in the Chapel at 7:30 P.M., and at 8:00 P.M. they divide into Interest Centres. Currently there are eight such centres meeting: dramatics, music, missions, handcrafts, literary, photography, arts, Bible study and discussion. Each of these Interest Centres has one or more adult leaders, and various projects geared to the program of the church are followed. The young people choose their centre on the basis of their interests and talents.

At 9:00 P.M., after brief closing exercises, the evening is concluded with the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." As we lock up the church and shut off the lights for another Lord's Day, we sigh happily, even though we may be weary, because we know that we have been engaged in the most important business in the world . . . the King's business.

We would not presume to equate abundance of activity with spiritual vitality. However, all the groups that meet during a typical week at Grosse Pointe exist because they are attempting to meet a vital need in their particular area. Whether that need be for evangelism, missionary enterprise, instruction, worship or even Christian recreation, each group is vital and important. All of them together blend into that important growth which every believer experiences as he is conformed more and more into the image of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Before you conclude your whirlwind tour of our church and its day-to-day life, let's stop and chat with some of our leaders and hear their own personal reaction concerning the recent relocation. Let's ask them two questions. (1) In your opinion has the relocation of the Burns-Grosse Pointe Church been justified? Why? (2) What is one important suggestion you would offer to other churches, growing out of your experience in the relocation?

VIEWS OF LEADERS

Mr. Emil Wilde, senior deacon, speaks: "Yes. (1) I believe the relocation is justified because it has solved our impossible parking problem and space problems in an overcrowded neighborhood. (2) Our relocation was possible because feelings of frustrations led to a determination to go and grow!"

Mr. Edward Russell, Sr., chairman of our Board of Trustees, answers: "(1) The relocation of the Burns-Grosse Pointe Church has been definitely justified. Our neighborhood was rapidly changing from a strictly white to 80 percent colored and our



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We'll see you in Edmonton —
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chances of survival and growth were very poor. (2) The necessity of relocating a church does not come about overnight. Therefore it requires planning in advance and should not be postponed until the strength of the church has diminished to the point where it becomes a hardship."

Mr. Walter Landenberger, chairman of our Board of Deacons, replies: "(1) Yes, I believe the relocation has been justified because most of our people had moved from the neighborhood and it was extremely difficult to invite new people to come to our church due to the location. The results of our relocation have justified our move. (2) I would suggest that new members coming into the church should be thoroughly familiarized with the policies of the church and then should be encouraged to take an active part in its life."

DR. IHRIE'S OBSERVATIONS

On your way out, let's stop in Dr. A. Dale Ihrle's office and ask him these same two questions. "Dr. Ihrle, do you believe the move to the new area has been justified?"

"Let me say at the outset that if our people hadn't thought they were doing the right thing by moving they wouldn't have moved. We faced the same situation every mid-city church faces: a changing community. Ninety percent of our people had already moved to the new area and drove the distance back to the old church only because they believed that "their church' would one day be out where they had purchased their homes. The surrounding territory had become 85 percent colored. We faced the usual dilemma: Change the location or

change the church program to a bi-racial Christian 'center' type of ministry, supported by the suburbanites as a mission project. The church voted to change its location and keep its historic family-community type program."

Has this been justified? "If you mean, 'Has the church prospered and are the people enjoying the new building?', the answer is a definite Yes. If you mean, 'Have you maintained the church family so that its mission contributions can continue to flow into the labors of the Gospel?', the answer is still an overwhelming Yes. To have scattered the church would have eliminated its entire missionary program as such. If you mean, 'Has the church found an important ministry in the new area?', the answer is a clear affirmative.

"But has the move been justified in the eyes of God? Are we rationalizing our success in order to cover up our cowardice? In staying down where the teeming masses are degenerating in congestion would we have been following the principle of the cross more completely? Have we been 'saving our own lives?' Only God can judge."

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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● A banquet featuring roast turkey for the choir members of the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, California, was given by the Woman's Missionary Society on May 27 in the church's social hall. Following the dinner, the choir sang several numbers, and readings were given by Miss Theo Wuttke and Mrs. Ed Kammerer. Mrs. Ed Kammerer as president of the Woman's Society also extended the welcome. The Children's Day program was rendered by the Sunday School on Sunday evening, June 8. Every class in the Junior Department took part with Mrs. John Wageman, superintendent, in charge. Special numbers were also given by the Senior Department with Henry Rausser, superintendent. Rev. W. W. Knauft, pastor of the church, brought a message of interest to all age groups.

● Dr. Peter E. Fehr, a medical-missionary appointed for the Cameroons Baptist Mission Field, is visiting many churches in the Central and Eastern Conferences from July 3 to 16. He began his trip with an engagement in the Foster Avenue Church of Chicago, Ill., on July 3. He served the churches of Cleveland, Ohio; Erie, Pa.; Folsomdale, N. Y.; Buffalo, N. Y.; and Rochester, N. Y., before going to Detroit, Michigan and vicinity. His schedule for the next few days includes the following churches: Warren, Center Line and Ridgmont (Detroit) churches, Mich., on Sunday, July 13; Alpena, Mich., July 14; Auburn, Mich., July 15; and Lansing, Mich., July 16. Dr. and Mrs. Fehr will be commissioned to missionary service at the General Conference at Edmonton and will sail for Africa on Sept. 4, 1958.