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With Jesus in Galilee*

● A new manual on Scouting entitled "Scouting in Evangelical Churches" has just been issued. Editors of the booklet (which has been approved by Boy Scouts of America) are Rev. Gunnar Hoglund and Dr. Clate A. Risley of the National Sunday School Association. The manual aims to interpret Scouting for churches of the more than forty denominations that are affiliated or are cooperating with the National Association of Evangelicals. It is available (No. 3555) at 45 cents a copy through the Supply Service of the Boy Scouts of America or the office of the National Sunday School Association, 542 South Dearborn Street, Chicago 5, Ill.

● The National Association of Evangelicals has expanded its Washington office. The NAE, which represents 41 conservative Protestant denominations, has leased an entire floor in the Western Union building located in the heart of the main business district two blocks from the White House. A full-time staff of six persons will work under the direction of Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, secretary for public affairs of the NAE. Liaison relations between the State Department and the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association also will be handled by the office.

● "Christ in You, the Hope of Glory" is the theme of the 1958 convention of the National Association of Evangelicals to be held in Chicago, April 14-18. Dr. Billy Graham will be a featured speaker. Under the guidance of Dr. Frederick C. Fowler, convention chairman, the meetings will carry out the theme with a three-fold emphasis on prayer, fellowship and inspiration. Along with Billy Graham, other well-known Christian leaders are to be featured speakers at the convention. Dr. Robert G. Lee will speak in the evening on the subject "The Christian Believes in the Necessity of the New Birth." Other evening speakers will be Dr. J. Wilbur Smith and Dr. Harold John Ockenga.

● There is good news from the republic of Colombia. The Evangelical Confederation of Colombia reports a "decrease in the number of cases of violence or discrimination against Protestants" during the period from June to September, 1957. The Confederation, which includes the synod of the Presbyterian Church and more than a dozen other Protestant groups, reports that the Colombian Government had informed it that everything possible would be done to restore constitutional freedom of religion to Colombian Protestants. However, as soon as this report was released by Colombian Protestants, a Bogota newspaper reported that a Colombian Protestant had been

murdered on November 2, about 75 miles north of the country's capital. Senor Coy is the 78th Colombian Protestant known to have been murdered because of his faith since 1948.

—Evangelical Christian

● Evangelist Billy Graham said that his campaign in Latin America had met with what he termed unbelievable response. "At the Mexican arena in Mexico City there were 25,000 people jammed inside for our closing meeting

and 15,000 more in the streets," Graham said. "At the close of the services, 2,000 came forward." He said that in all of the countries he visited, the meetings were the largest Protestant gatherings in the country's history. Graham, who had been reported ailing, said he is not sick and "never felt better," in his life. He said the report of ill health probably arose from the shortness of breath he suffered a few times while speaking in Mexico City's high altitude.



Baptist Briefs

● Seminary in Yugoslavia. Yugoslav Baptists have moved their Baptist Theological Seminary to Novi Sad, with Rev. A. Lehocki as director. The Seminary enrolls 16 students. It formerly was located at Daruvar. Mr. Lehocki was formerly a North American Baptist missionary in Yugoslavia, who was imprisoned during World War II for his faith.

● Polish Centennial Set. Polish Baptists will celebrate their centennial this summer in special observances July 11-13, with Dr. Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance, as one of the speakers. President of Baptist Union of Poland is Rev. Alexander Kircun of Warsaw, a visitor in North America last summer.

● Hungarian Paper Resumed. "The Messenger of Peace," publication of the Baptist Union of Hungary, is being published again following a long interruption. Its editor is President Laszlo Szabo, with Vice-President Jozsef Nagy serving as co-editor. First established in 1895, the paper was forced to cease publication in 1944. It has appeared regularly now since last August 15.

● 30,000 New Churches Sought. The Southern Baptist Convention has launched a movement to establish at least 30,000 new preaching stations by 1964, and the Convention's

former president, Dr. C. C. Warren, of Charlotte, N. C., has resigned his church to direct the movement. The Southern Baptist "30,000 Movement" grew out of a challenge made to the Convention in 1955 by Dr. Warren after he was elected president.

● Truett Home. The George W. Truett Home near Hayesville, North Carolina, will undergo complete repair. It is the birth-place of Dr. George W. Truett and an historical shrine for many visiting Baptists. It will be the residence of the associational missionary for Western (N.C.) Association, and the Baptists in that area will raise further funds for improvement and maintenance of the Home.

● New Southern Baptist Seminary. The Southern Baptist Convention has acquired 99 acres of land at Kansas City, Missouri, for \$252,000 as the site of the new Midwestern Baptist Seminary. It will be the denomination's sixth theological school. Located north of the Missouri River, the property is at the intersection of two federal highways, with a third under construction nearby. The five theological schools now operated by the Convention are at Berkeley, Calif.; New Orleans, La.; Wake Forest, N. C.; Louisville, Ky.; and Fort Worth, Texas.

● Baptist Chief Justice. An American Baptist has been named Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Iowa. Justice Henry K. Peterson of Council Bluffs was named to this position for the 6-months period beginning January 1. He has been on the Supreme Court since November, 1955, and was elected to a 4-year term in November of 1956. Justice Peterson served as president of the Iowa Convention in 1919 and for the years 1929 and 1930. He is an active member of the First Baptist Church, Council Bluffs, Ia.

—Watchman-Examiner

● Graham in San Francisco. Evangelist Billy Graham's San Francisco

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Editorial

"FOR ME"

CHRISTIANITY is meaningful only as it becomes personal. This is God's revelation to me! God's gifts of grace and mercy are meant for me. "The Lord is my shepherd". During these weeks before Easter, and even at the celebration of Easter Sunday, God's Spirit should find his focal point in each of our hearts and burn his truths into our souls. The Apostle Paul expressed this in a personal inventory of himself and in a heart-searching prayer for himself: "I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: that I may know him, and the power of his resurrection" (Philippians 3:8-10).

The Gospel is the story of God's concern for you and for me. His concern about sin and its devastating power in the souls of men led him to reveal his redemptive love on the Cross. But the Gospel invitation always comes to each individual heart: "Be ye reconciled with God!" The saving power of the Cross is revealed only in such a person who with a penitent look of faith can say: "He died for me and for my sins!"

This is the message of the first stanza of a poem, the author of which is unknown, entitled: "All Three—For Me".

"His hands were pierced, the hands that made  
The mountain range and everglade,  
That washed the stains of sin away,  
And changed earth's darkness into day."

The Cross reveals God's self-giving love that centers its objectives on "me and my life". In Romans, chapter 5, the Apostle Paul shows how the love of God has been shed abroad in our hearts. "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly" (verse 6). He begins to think of individual men, as he becomes very personal and thinks especially of himself. "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief" (1 Timothy 1:15).

"His heart was pierced, the heart that burned  
To comfort every heart that yearned;  
And from it flowed the cleansing flood,  
The river of redeeming blood".

If you have lifted your eyes of faith to the Cross and beheld the Crucified Christ as your Savior, and if you have encountered him as the Risen Lord with boundless love for you, then God's expectations of you will be equally personal and intimate. As Christ gave himself for us, so we ought to be followers of God, as dear children. (Eph. 5:1-2).

At this Easter season with its many heart-searching reminders of all that Christ has done for you and me and given to us in the gifts of his grace, each one of us should be clearly aware of God's expectations of us.

What does he want of me in my life? What gifts should I bring this Easter to lay into his nail-scarred hands? These are important questions for me that only I can answer in the holy presence of the Risen Lord, my Savior!

"His hands, and feet, and heart—all three  
Were pierced for me on Calvary;  
And here and now I bring to him  
My hands, feet, heart, and offering."

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 "That I may know HIM, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; if by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead" (Phil. 3:10-11).

TO THE WRITERS of the New Testament, Jesus was not merely an ideal or sentiment. He was a fact, a tremendous, historic, personal, redemptive fact. In him they saw the glory of God breaking through from the eternal and heavenly world into our world of time and space. They saw in him the manifestation of the redemptive grace of God which seeks the reconciliation and justification of humankind.

Paul's great conviction that every conceivable human claim and merit were as nothing, compared with an intimate and experimental knowledge of Christ, stemmed from his fellowship with the resurrected and living Christ. He knew that Christ had appeared to him on the Damascus road and had transformed his life and his hope. He had stood by him in the time of shipwreck, when he was in prison, when they tried to stone him, as he went about preaching the Gospel and establishing the churches. Now, at the end of his ministry, he voices once more the great longing that has taken possession of him, "That I may know him" (Philippians 3:10).

#### CHRIST IS RISEN!

The return of Easter reawakens and intensifies that longing in our own hearts. "He is risen"—the Christ of God! Death and the grave are powerless over him and over those that are in him. Evil had sought to destroy him by nailing him to a Cross and sealing him in a tomb. Instead the darkest deed of evil set him free, giving him power such as wickedness had never known. On Good Friday, our Lord was imprisoned in the body and chained in human bonds. On Easter morning, he stood immortal and incorruptible, above time and space, omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent, the Eter-

# That I May Know Him!



On Easter morning, Christ stood immortal and incorruptible, above time and space, omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent, the Eternal Son of the Eternal Father!

Easter Sermon by Rev. E. Wolff  
 of the Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa

nal Son of the Eternal Father. "That I may know him!"

We live in a world that has many attractions. It clamors for our attention and our affections. But, above all, we need the love and the blessings of the Father. We are nothing, and we can do nothing in ourselves. We need to approach the Easter season and come into his house of praise from Sunday to Sunday not because we are good, or even because we would be good, but that we might be led into the blessings which our Lord is ready to bestow upon those who love him.

We need to have our lives founded firmly on a solid foundation of faith that rests, not so much on a theological concept, as on a personal and real experience with Christ. This was the great thing Paul emphasized in his life. He had received his conviction and his faith, not through the apostles, because he had not spoken with them. His faith came through the personal experience of the Damascus road and through the succeeding fellowship he had with Christ.

#### LOVE'S TRANSFORMING POWER

This was the experience of the disciples. Christ was their Lord and Savior. He was the Christ, the Son of the living God. He had lived for them, had died for them, and then had risen for them so that their faith might be strong and unshakable. Before returning to the presence of the Father, he had given them this promise, "Lo, I am with you always." Their devotion to Christ became the motive and the power of their deeds. It kindled their emotions, and those emotions became the power of a transformed life.

The love of God as revealed in Christ has become the strongest force in the world. It has touched more people and has transformed more peo-

ple than anything else humankind has ever experienced. It has produced heroes. It has moved men and women to incredible deeds of sacrifice. It has motivated movements of charity and kindness that have cut across all boundaries of class and nationalities and nations and has reached into all lands of the world. To know him in our everyday life is to walk in newness of life. There is a living, throbbing, pulsating power within the heart that transforms life. We are born again. "Old things are passed away; behold all things are become new."

We must know him in order to see the eternal triumph of good over evil, the glorious victory of God over the devil. In Christ we find that many of life's darkest tragedies are transfigured into glorious triumphs. Our Lord, by his death and resurrection, has taken the sting from death and has given victory over the grave. We live in a world filled with dead sorrows and living sorrows, sorrows marked by simple crosses in some quiet God's acre, and sorrows we must needs keep secretly at home or at least hidden within our hearts.

#### CHRIST GOES WITH US!

For one it is the tragedy of death, the death of the beloved. For another it is the tragedy of life, the beloved life crippled and broken alive but yet dead. Nor can sorrow ever become commonplace, at least not for those who suffer—for Rachel mourning for her children, nor for Naomi lamenting the bitter loss of her husband, nor for David grieving for his friend and son.

Yet we are not alone! When we walk on our Emmaus road, perplexed and our hopes broken, Christ would walk with us and open the eternal truths of his Word to us. When we  
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# Christ's Sacrifice— Our Sacrifice



Christ gave his all for us; dare we give less for him?

This can be our joy through the  
 EASTER OFFERING

By Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Secretary



—Luoma Photo  
 The return of Easter reawakens and intensifies this longing in our hearts: "That I may know HIM."

EASTER IS A time of rejoicing and victory. It is the day on which Christians throughout the world sing hallelujahs in commemoration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Although the resurrection of Jesus is for us—as it was for the early disciples—almost incredible, we are confronted by the open grave and the message: "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said" (Matthew 28:6). As we begin to comprehend the meaning of this report, we exclaim with the Apostle Paul: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" (I Corinthians 15:55).

#### THROUGH SACRIFICE TO VICTORY

How was the resurrection of Christ possible? The answer to this question must of course be the answer of faith: it was possible through the power of Almighty God! He who created the universe and all that is therein also raised our Savior from the dead.

But what was the way to this victory? As we read the Scriptures, we soon recognize that it was the way of self-denial and service, the way of selfless love, the way of sacrifice, the way of the cross. Jesus is proof of the statement that there can be no crown without a cross, no victory without sacrifice. It was precisely because he was willing to sacrifice his last full measure of devotion upon the altar of love that he could be the Savior of all. Although he knew no sin, he accepted our sin, our guilt and our punishment as his own; and this was the way, not only to Golgotha and the cross, but also to the day of resurrection!

We recall the unforgettable words of Paul: "And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath exalted him, and given him a name

which is above every name" (Philippians 2:8-9).

#### OUR SACRIFICE—OUR VICTORY

The Word of God tells us that Jesus died and rose again for us. He was made to be sin for us in order that we might be made the righteousness of God in him (II Corinthians 5:21). We have thus escaped the cross, for in the name and in the righteousness of Christ we can now freely receive forgiveness and reconciliation and eternal life.

This is the joyful and comforting message that we love to proclaim over and over again. Are we perhaps oversimplifying the Word of God? Is there then no sacrifice to be made on our part? What does it mean to have faith in Christ? What is the significance of going forward to make a decision for Christ at an evangelistic meeting? What is accomplished by joining a church, as millions of Americans have been doing in recent years? Our best evangelists would be the first to agree that these steps, important as they can be, are not in and of themselves an experience of saving faith in Christ. To receive Christ as Savior and Lord, we ourselves must also make sacrifices.

The first sacrifice we need to make is that of our own righteousness. The Bible tells us again and again that we must confess our sin and repent if we want to receive the new life in Christ. In other words, we must humble ourselves even as he humbled himself. We must confess our sinfulness and admit our helplessness. We must be willing to crucify our sinful selves with Christ and come to him in repentance.

#### OUR SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Yet how men long to cling to their own self-sufficiency! A Chicago newspaperman graphically describes how he reacted when he first heard the terrible verdict that he was a cancer

victim: "Along toward dawn of that first night, then, I conceded the inevitability of my fate. Slowly, reluctantly, fighting the 'Surrender' idea as a muskie fights the hook. So deep-rooted is the instinct for survival!

"Only then, I'm ashamed to say, did my thoughts turn from the allurements of this life and fix themselves on my chance for everlasting peace in the next. Only then did I scurry to God as a scared child runs to its mother. It is said that so many refuse to look upward till there is no place else to look."

Is that not a true picture of countless millions who are desperately trying to avoid acknowledgment of their own sinfulness and their need of God? Yet the resurrection victory can be shared only by those who are willing to humble themselves at the foot of the cross of Christ.

#### THE WAY OF THE CROSS

There is another sacrifice that we must make if we would share fully the Easter victory: we must be willing to walk the way of the cross with Christ. Why is it that we so often lack joy in our daily lives? Is it perhaps not to be found in the fact that we are still living primarily for self and not for service? Our Easter hallelujahs will soon fade away if our lives are not surrendered to God. Jesus was not merely making words when he stated: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it" (Luke 9:23-24).

There is no crown without a cross. Salvation is free, but we shall not know its joys until we follow Christ in surrender and service.

For some of us, a full surrender to Christ will mean following him to the  
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# The Fellowship of His Sufferings

Japanese Christians are a living testimony of the victorious life that can be lived only in Jesus Christ and in the light of Philippians 3:10.

By Rev. Walter Sukut, Missionary to Japan, Now Home on Furlough

IN PHILIPPIANS 3:10 Paul speaks of "knowing the fellowship of his sufferings". During this season of the year, we are made mindful of the great fact that Christ's sufferings for the sins of the human race were climaxed with pain and agony, in his dying moments on the Cross, as he cried: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

There is no doubt in our minds that when Christ cried, "It is finished", his vicarious suffering for sin was finished. There is nothing that anyone can do to add to or to subtract from the pain he suffered as he died in our stead. The word, "finished," ended his sufferings for sin. The sacrifice was completed once and for all.

## CHRIST'S SUFFERING FOR US

As Christians we can know the fellowship of his sufferings upon the Cross only in a sympathetic way—as standing afar off. But as we view the life of Christ, we see that his life in a real sense is a life of continuous suffering which only eternity can fully heal. Even though his sufferings for sin were completed upon the Cross, Christ began to suffer long before Calvary and continues to suffer in anguish for the lost of the world.

As Christians we can participate in

and know the fellowship of his continuous sufferings for the lost. C. J. Vaughan wrote: "St. Paul shared Christ's yearning over the sin-stained, self-ruined souls of fallen men. There is a vicarious sacrifice still in all who know the fellowship of the sufferings, not to purchase again the purchased possession, but yet to bring the One Ransom and the One Redeemer home to the erring, straying, lost ones, who know not their need or his sufficiency."

In many of the experiences that have been mine on the mission field in Japan, I have learned to know and to see the fellowship of Christ's sufferings for the lost, and the greatness of the victories as they are brought into the light of salvation. May I share several of these experiences with you?

## PERSECUTED FOR THEIR FAITH

There have been numerous occasions where I have shared in the heartaches of Japanese Christians who have been rejected by their families and loved ones because of their faith in Christ. These are Christians who have literally been cast out of house and home because they have taken Christ as their Savior, and since they can no longer bow down to the family gods and the ancestors.

In introducing Christ to us, the Gos-

pel of John tells us: "He came unto his own and his own received him not." How deeply Christ suffered as the impact of being rejected by his own pressed upon his heart! In a measure, this can be understood by these Japanese Christians who have been rejected and cast out of their homes by their own loved ones. However, some of these faithful Japanese have at times experienced the great joy of leading to Christ those loved ones who had rejected them because of their faith in Christ.

Miss Yamamoto, Miss Miller's Japanese co-worker, has experienced this great joy. When she first became a Christian, she was completely rejected by her family and had to leave her home. But since then, through faithfulness in prayer and a fervent Christian spirit, she has been able to lead some of the members of her family to Christ.

The Scriptures tell us that as Jesus looked upon the multitudes, "he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd". As their lost souls pressed heavily upon his heart, he turned to his disciples and said: "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few."

I'm sure that there have been many occasions when all of your missionaries in Japan have known in a measure the sufferings of Christ for the lost multitudes, as we many times have seen them fainting and scattered abroad in great numbers, especially during their religious festivals. There are about 89 million "sheep without a Shepherd" in the land of Japan alone. Lord of the harvest, send forth laborers!

## CHRIST OVERLOOKING KYOTO

One day as I stood on a pinnacle overlooking the city of Kyoto, Japan, a city of over a million people, I was overcome with an awareness of Christ's presence. The picture of the Master, as he stood on the pinnacle overlooking Jerusalem and cried, "O Jerusalem, . . . how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!", became very real to me. I could not help but feel that Christ continues to suffer and weep over cities and nations who are heedlessly plunging themselves headlong into sin and destruction, not knowing or caring that the Savior is near at hand, eager to save them from the impending eternal doom.

How deeply it must pain the Master as he sees the little children of Japan

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—Acme Newspictures  
A small band, composed of Japanese war orphans, supplies music for the workers who have come to Tokyo to harvest the rice field in the former Shinobazu Pond of Ueno Park. The pond was converted to a rice paddy several years ago by victims of the war who needed the land for growing food.

# The Power of His Resurrection

In the Cameroons, Africa, there are many Christians on our mission field who have demonstrated the power of the Risen Christ living within them.

By Dr. Paul Gebauer, Field Superintendent of the Cameroons Baptist Mission

ON EASTER MORN of 1926 things came to a head for the Baptist flock in the valley of Nga in your West Africa. In their three years of a precarious existence, these Christians had known few victories. Their chief opposed them. The medicine men harassed them. They who followed the Roman priest on the hilltop made fun of their worship, disturbed their meetings, molested them everywhere, on the trail and in the market.

On Easter Sunday these followers of Rome came down from their own place of worship. They came with sticks and stones to drive the Baptists out of the valley. And they burned the little chapel to the ground! They had brought to an end this Baptist heresy of their valley, so they thought!

## FROM DOUBT TO JOY

The scattered Baptists returned in the afternoon to the ashheap of the chapel. The bruised and beaten men and women formed a circle of defense around their little preacher while he preached. "How shall we recover from this?" "Where is our Jesus now?" "Who will roll away this stone of our defeat?" Out of the circle stepped the tallest one, he who rarely spoke. Next to the doubting preacher, he placed himself and sang a song of his own, one that was born within him in that hour of doubt: "Jesus rolls away the stone!"

The others picked it up. Led by their tall singer, they walked off the ashheap, through the valley, up to the hill where the priest lived. Into his night they sang it unmolested: "Jesus rolls away the stone." He did not know the experience behind the simple song. But they who had persuaded him that night knew that the power of Christ's resurrection had come among them in their darkest hour. Through the night they sang that one and the same song.

In the morning they swept away the ashes of their defeat, collected the materials to re-build their place of worship, building to the rhythm of the song. Jesus was among them in the power of his resurrection!

## THE SINGING EVANGELIST

The one to whom this song had been given never returned to his trading. He and his song went on the road. Like the evangelists of the first century and like the circuit riders of our own history, he moved about—homeless—from tribe to tribe, to sing to all about the power of his Jesus. He became a tremendous influence and a powerful witness—this singing evangelist!

I heard him and his song for the

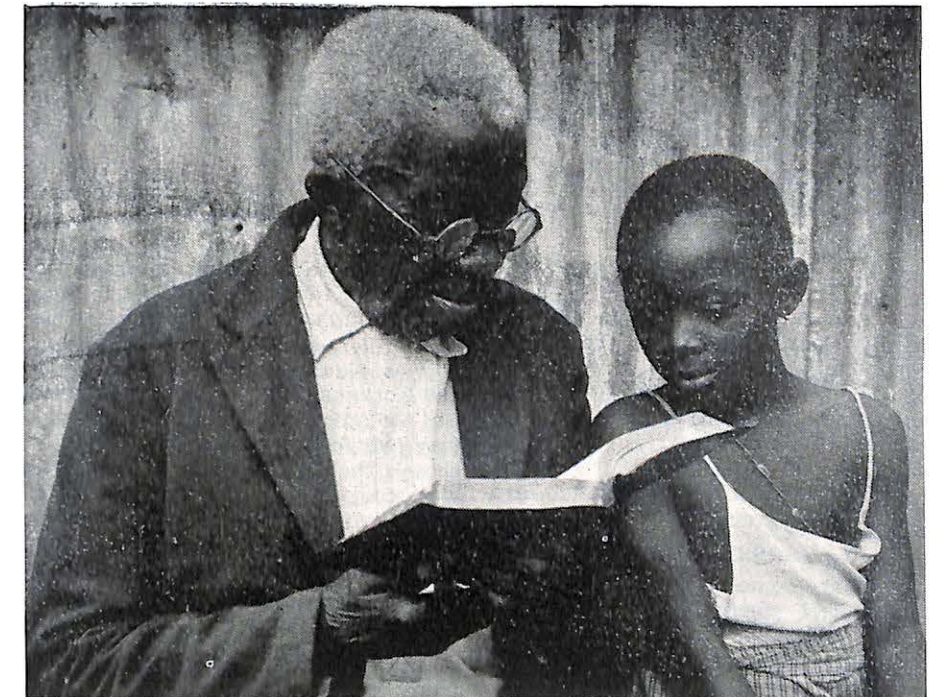
first time during an unforgettable night. Together we had climbed the trail up to the stronghold of his king. At night we appeared before the king. Gathered in a huge hall, around a blazing fire, sat the elders of the tribe. Along the walls stood the shiny, oiled bodies of the king's four hundred wives.

In front of the mighty man stood our evangelist, re-telling the burning of the chapel and speaking of Jesus who does roll away the stones of sin and of despair, of ignorance and defeat. And then he sang his song. The four hundred wives picked up the rhythm of

the song. Clapping hands and with ever-increasing volume, they sang about the power of God and his Christ, who came back from the dead.

## CHRIST'S MIGHTY ARMY

The African king has died. His four hundred wives have been scattered. Many of them have died. The gathering of that one night belongs now to the tribe's history. The evangelist has gone to meet his Jesus. The seed of his song has sprouted and grown into a mighty army of believers. We, who have grown with Christ, know the power of his resurrection.



—Photo by Gilbert Schneider  
Chief Carr of Newtown, Cameroons, reading the Bible to his grandchild. Chief Carr is an elder of the Newtown Baptist Church and a radiant witness for Christ.

## THE FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SUFFERINGS

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and other countries of the world who have little food and hardly any clothes to wear in the chill of winter's nights while Christians in America wastefully adorn themselves in expensive clothes and thoughtlessly waste food daily. Surely the Master is grieved when he sees old grandmothers who have no families to care for them and who have to live in little unheated shacks of cardboard boxes while Christians in America build themselves bigger and more luxurious homes, without giving any thought to help the poor.

Japan has many poor, unfortunate people who would be glad to eat the leftovers wasted by their rich Ameri-

can cousins. Often as we have seen these poor people suffering, our hearts have yearned that there might be some way to help them. Oh, how great our joy has been as the Master has revealed to us ways and means to help them!

Though at times it may seem difficult, it is a wonderful experience to be able to know the fellowship of Christ's sufferings. I would that more Christians today, as Paul did of old, would seek to know the fellowship of his sufferings. Let us remember at all times God's Words to us through the lips of Paul: "If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us".

# Wanted--- and Supplied!

Some of the recent important events on the Spanish-American field in Colorado, where our missionaries labor for Christ, uniquely described as "classified want ads" for you to read!



By Rev. David C. Keiry  
of Monte Vista, Colorado

"BUT MY GOD shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Recently the truth of this verse came again to me in an unexpected way in the San Luis Valley of Colorado. I have an odd hobby which I seldom express any more, but it gives me an insight into people and a community.

What a community wants and offers tells any prospective settler what he will find to satisfy himself and his family. During the years there have been enormous amounts of goods offered and money spent, some good and some evil. There are opportunities available for every aggressive individual or group. Certainly the Spanish-Americans of Del Norte, Colorado, are one of those groups.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

Here are some of the recent events of the field where Miss Helen Lohse labors "classified" for you.

**SITUATIONS WANTED!** An energetic group of missionaries called of God to serve the Spanish-speaking people in the San Luis Valley would like the opportunity to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ within the confines of a suitable building.

This is the picture of all the past and present missionaries serving our Conference here on the field. Each one has a deep desire to fulfill the command of our Lord Jesus Christ and to take the message to all who have never accepted his proffered salvation simply by faith alone.

**WANTED, A BUILDING!** A building is desired by the parties listed below to use in corporate worship and for evangelizing our friends and community. The building ought to be spacious enough to permit worship, teaching and social activities. Our petition is listed at the throne of God.

Throughout the years we have labored in the San Luis Valley of Colorado, our ministry has been character-

ized with rickety buildings, old stores, and in every town almost untenable quarters, but under God's blessing they have served. As a result a small group of interested people has been attracted by the devotion of the missionaries to their cause to commit themselves into Christ's care. Never could it be said that our buildings were serviceable enough to draw people, except for an added feature to our regular program.

Therefore, for several years a Chapel was planned for the believers in Del Norte, and to this end they prayed. But the answer came in an unexpected way long before we hoped to have an actual "house of God." Our people were constantly searching for a building in which the rats and cats didn't have free access. So move after move was made until through various contacts we found a building.

**BUILDING FOR SALE!** Good opportunity for anyone wishing to have a building for living quarters, store, storage, or church services. Building originally built and dedicated to the work of God, but we are unable to carry out our commission for the Lord. Contact Rev. Maez.

## BUILDING AVAILABLE

Miss Lohse brought this rumor to me just before she left on deputation, for the building had not been advertised except by word of mouth. However, we thought this might be an opportunity to enlarge our work. So hurriedly we contacted Mr. Maez and asked him to hold the building for us while we submitted plans for its purchase to our General Missionary Society.

All of the rumors about its sale to anyone were true. We knew we had to act fast. One person wanted it for a store; someone else wanted to live in it; and the Spanish-Seventh Day group wanted to publish their false teachings through it. After the ap-

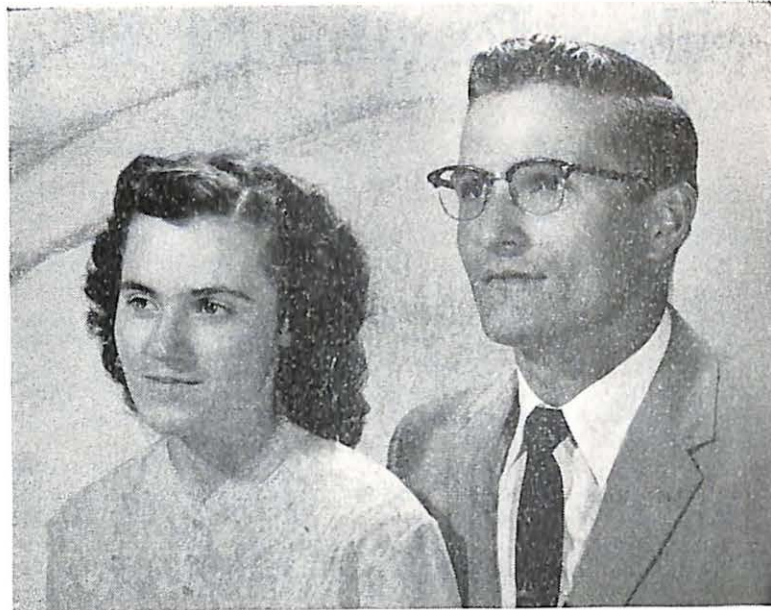
proval of our Society and final negotiations with their council in New Mex'co, we joyously took possession. It is now our privilege to continue where other servants of the Lord laid down the burden.

**BUILDING SOLD!** Recently in our columns we have advertised a building suitable for the proclamation of the Word of God. It has been sold at the disclosed purchase price of \$500. The new purchasers have already opened the building for services with a good attendance. This facility allows for a larger number of people to share in the "Good News" as was demonstrated by the Christmas program with 87 persons in attendance. Twenty-one were adults, and all seemed glad and happy to be out of their former cramped and stuffy quarters. All activities will now be held in the new quarters under the local leadership of Miss Helen Lohse. It is the feeling of this writer that we ought to watch the development which is a part of the missionary outreach of North American Baptists with our prayers and material interest.

## NEW BAPTIST CHAPEL

Thus we waited breathlessly for the final contracts to be signed. Even though our Society had given almost immediate approval, the Latin Council had misunderstood our purchase agreement and the deed to the property had not been forwarded to our headquarters, leaving our local staff with the feeling that, possibly after all, the doors weren't going to be opened to this wonderful building. Yes, our people have waited, prayed and been supplied out of the abundant mercies of God!

Such a story of a modern-day miracle would not be complete unless we could find a climax which could inspire each of us to more intensive praying and giving for our Lord's work. The events of the past few



Rev. and Mrs. David C. Keiry of Monte Vista, Colorado, missionaries to the Spanish-Americans of the San Luis Valley.

weeks are clearly crystalized in my mind and my reasons for being here are increased. But let's look at two more ads:

**WANTED: SOULS.** Offering the best in the world for the natural man, pleasure, drink, lust, on easy payments. Nothing down, payable at death with your soul, (and I hope others). All the benefits are tell-tale and good advertising for my work. Contact, "your father, the devil." (John 8:44).

**WANTED: SOULS.** For the dissatisfied, pardon, peace, joy, love, and a blessed future in the presence of God. Benefits payable at every need, with many desires filled also. It costs you nothing; pays treasures untold. If interested, contact God, through Jesus Christ at Calvary where he paid all the price to bring you to right standing towards God and your fellowman.

## GENE AND GLORIA

Every person in the world must answer these two advertisements, and take his position in the ranks. No one is exempt—either the devil and destruction, or the disciplining Christ! Two individuals come to mind to illustrate the point. Gene, a good looking young fellow, was always in and out of trouble all his life.

A "hitch" in the reformatory and release seemed to bring no peace nor reformation to his heart and life, so at 20 years his play-boy life, "live-as-you-go", was snatched from him by his partner in sin, a common-law wife, with a shot in the dark intended only to scare him. But it hit a vital spot, and Gene left this world as far as we know without ever confessing his need of a Savior. He drank to the depth the Devil's words and works in his short life.

Not so, Gloria, the girl pictured below who recently gave her life to the Lord Jesus. Miss Helen Lohse showed slides, and after careful consideration Gloria asked her the next day about her soul's salvation. All the radiance of a new-born child of God is now shining in this girl's face.

How we thank God for this victory

## EASTER OFFERING

Your Easter Offering will help to send the Gospel of Christ as Savior to many needy souls wherever our missionaries are serving faithfully. There is still a great deal that needs to be done through our denominational enterprise, which has been so signally blessed of God.

Palm Sunday, March 30, to  
Easter Sunday, April 6th.

in Christ, but our hearts are saddened because of the many still outside of Christ. Possibly it's all pointed up in the fact that Gene and Gloria are brother and sister! Christ DID DIE for ALL, but somehow, somewhere, we have failed in our God-given responsibilities to reach the world for our Lord.

You say you'd like the opportunity to help draw these souls to Christ before many more go into eternity without him? — Oh, oh, there's one more ad!

**WANTED: SALESMEN AND WOMEN!** All training supplied through a vital connection with Jesus Christ and results absolutely guaranteed by the use of the Word under the direction of his able Teacher, the Holy Spirit. This is an open field; no limit to the opportunities! This PERSON is essential for a successful life here and a necessity for those looking with hope to the future. No other plan will work (Acts 4:12), but success is granted to any earnest conscientious worker. Apply in the "closet of prayer," any place, and at any time you are willing, to his Majesty the Lord Jesus Christ.

You may join in our labors by joining with Christ for the evangelization of your community and ours if you will let him use you any way he sees fit. The road is not easy, but he is a constant Companion!

## QUOTABLES

We must keep in the center of God's will to draw on the treasures of God's grace.

Our lives must take deep rootage in

## THAT I MAY KNOW HIM

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stand beside the tomb, he would call us by name, "Mary", and assure us that he is alive forever more. We mourn not as those who have no hope, but as those who have all hope. Because Christ rose triumphant over death and the grave, we know that though "weeping may endure for a night, joy cometh in the morning." Realizing this truth our longing increases, "That I may know him!"

We must know him because our souls do not rest until they rest in him. What is the one truth above all others that you and I crave after? It is not the assurance that no hurt or harm will come to us on this earthly pilgrimage. It is not the promise that nature will be gentle and benevolent. It is not even that we may be fully released men and women, the masters of our fate and the captains of our souls.

The deepest, most passionate longing in the human soul is to know that God is and that God is good! That is the truth above all others. Tell us that Love is on the throne of this universe and that a heavenly Father has us in his keeping, and our souls find that peace which the world cannot give and which the world cannot take away. "I am the Truth," said Jesus. "If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also." "No man cometh unto the Father but by me."

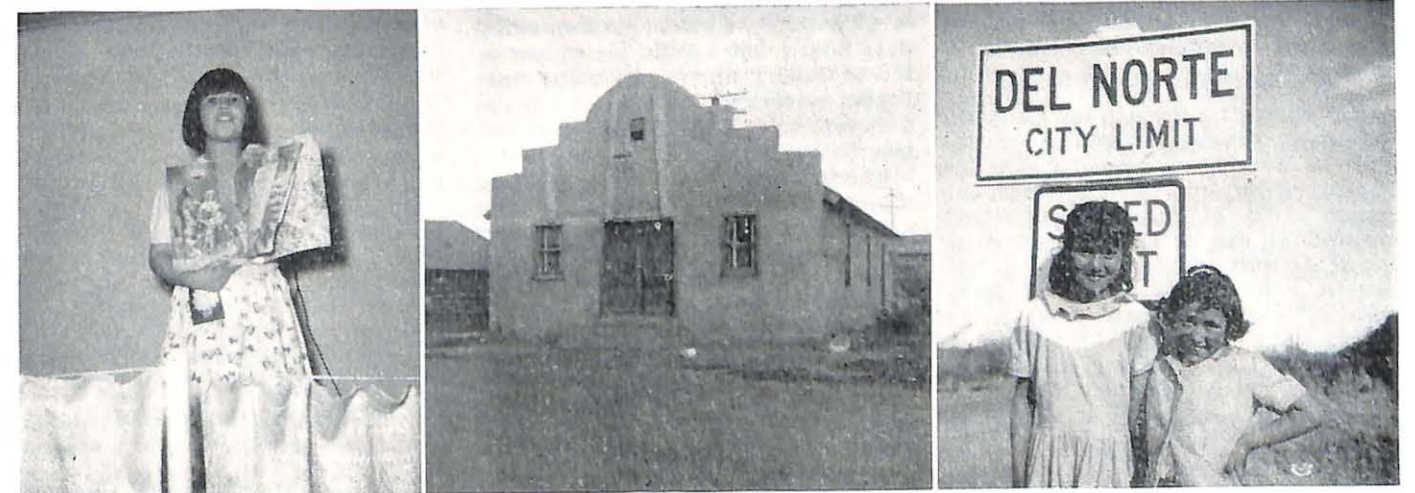
Have we known this Jesus, you and I? Have we believed in him, trusted him, and cast our care upon him? No living soul can do that and not find the Father. No living soul can do that and not find the abundant life on this earth

Christ to bear rich fruitage for Christ, and the everlasting life in his presence for ever more.

Think on Jesus when your mind wanders in search of peace.

It is not great talent that God blesses, so much as great likeness to Jesus.

—Compiled by John E. Southard



The building at Del Norte, Colorado (center) which has been bought and is now being used as a Baptist Chapel to the glory of God. At the left Gloria Medina is giving a Christmas recitation. On Dec. 15, 1957, she gave her heart to Christ and is now witnessing for Christ. Two of the Spanish-American girls, Ruth and Christina, are shown at the right in front of the "Del Norte" sign.

# Faith of Our Fathers

Personal Adventures With Baptists in Central Europe Following a Recent Trip to the Continent

By Rev. William Sturhahn, Winnipeg, Manitoba

THE WORDS, "faith of our fathers," never had a greater meaning for me than during my recent visit to Europe. At times, we in America must wonder whether we are not bending over backwards to throw off the connections with our forefathers. Afraid to be tangled with traditionalism, we want to become modern and up-to-date. Living entirely in traditions is deadening. This is quite evident in certain countries of Europe.

A well balanced Christian will acknowledge his connections with the forefathers. God reminds Israel that he is "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." Paul lauds Timothy for having the faith which formerly dwelt in his grandmother and mother. The

birthplace of the two great opposing forces and thoughts of today's world. A plaque on the outside wall of an old house shows the room in which Lenin, the father of the Bolshevik Revolution, lived and composed his ideas and plans for the revolution. On the other hand, Zurich, in the light of recent church history findings, is also the place of the rebirth of the Anabaptist free church movement and thinking.

So we stood in the market place, from where the judgment of death was spoken over the leaders of the Anabaptist movement. I bowed my head in humble silence at the place where Ernst Manz was executed by being drowned in the River Limmat. A tall

ing on a sword. By persecution the free church movement spread from Zurich to all parts of Europe.

It was probably not coincidental that I should witness a most interesting baptismal service in the Zurich Baptist Church. The church was crowded to capacity. According to my good hostess, Mrs. Meister, there were many visitors present. Nineteen young people came forward in white robes. Next to me sat two deaconesses. During the worship service my neighbor in the pew introduced herself to me as being from the "free deacony." She kept up a continued questioning, revealing a person who was very anxious to know the truth:

## RETURN TO THE WORD

"Only a few weeks ago I myself went through this experience of baptism. I came today to witness it being performed on others." I asked her, "Then you are a member of this church?" "Oh, no, we cannot all leave the Landeskirche (state church). I was led to the Lord by an evangelist from Great Britain. When it came to the question of baptism, I had to promise that I would tell my pastor. I have not yet done it as yet, but I must soon do it. I shall then await his further reaction. If he objects, I shall probably tell him that I must sever my connections with the Landeskirche. We must return to the Word."

I was deeply impressed by her sincerity. After the impressive baptismal message, she turned to me again and said, "But he didn't mention infant baptism at all." She was obviously under the impression that we also practice infant baptism. Possibly my whispered replies may have helped her to understand and believe more fully. Meeting this deaconess was like finding a seeker from the days of the Anabaptists of the 16th century. I could visualize how our forefathers of the faith must have had the same inquisitive, open nature.

An appreciable contribution to the re-discovery of Anabaptist teachings is made by the Baptist Seminary at Rueschlikon, near Zurich, Switzerland. Good Bible teaching and scholarship have already left evidence that state church preachers are taking notice of this, possibly revising their conceptions of this "sect." Several small tracts on Baptists and baptism issued by the Rueschlikon Seminary are awakening interest in the faith of our fathers.

## OUR MISSION IN AUSTRIA

Austria is mission territory of North American Baptists. The ground is hard, and the work of our missionaries most difficult. No fruits of sixteenth century

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# Into the Fields with the Master

Our North American Baptist Seminary is aware of the fundamental contribution of field work to the well rounded training of a minister.

By Prof. Roy Seibel, Director of Public Relations

AFTER THE LORD had spent some time giving the disciples personal instruction, he sent them out into the fields for service. The manner in which Christ prepared the apostles for their life's work demonstrated that the training of God's ministers embraces not only the study of great eternal truths but also the skill in relating these to actual life situations

At one time their task was to carry baskets of food to the thousands who sat in companies of fifties and hundreds on the flower-dotted Galilean hillside like so many blocks on a patchwork quilt.

## CHRIST'S CHOSEN VESSELS

At another time they went out two by two preaching the message of the Gospel and healing the sick along the way. Whatever their task as they moved among the masses, the objective in the mind of Christ was to prepare his chosen vessels for the day when they would stand alone among the sick and dying to serve as ministers of the Gospel.

A review of the history of theological training in America reveals the fact that in the early beginning of our country the ministers were prepared in the same manner as those in other professions. A young minister served in association with a more mature veteran of service in a form of apprenticeship.

At one time the young man studied theology and exegesis at the feet of the master craftsman, and at another he stood with him at the bedside of a sick parishioner. Following a pattern similar to the training of the twelve before him, the young minister saw his study as a single whole.

With the passing of the years and the increased complexity of life, a number of colleges and universities began to dot the countryside. The primary purpose of these institutions was to train ministers to shepherd the churches.

## RISE OF SEMINARIES

There soon emerged new schools called seminaries and divinity schools that specialized exclusively on the educating of men for the task of the ministry. Unfortunately, along with this evolving process among the schools, there emerged the concept that the seminary was something like a monastery where the students were cloistered from life to allow them the opportunity to meditate and to concentrate upon academic achievement. The fledgling minister was not to be distracted from his important studies

by spending time working in the church and calling upon the sick.

This was simply a reflection of the popular educational concepts of the day. It is significant to note that it is only with the lifetime of the present generation that the medical doctor is required to supplement his training in theory and observation with actual internship experience before going out as a fully licensed doctor of medicine.

Today the training program of the minister is coming out of the cloister

through practical experience. It is learning by doing.

Advances are being made in more effective teaching techniques and expanded facilities for visual aids. The fact remains, however, that certain skills can only be gained by doing. The best way to learn to become effective in preaching is constantly to preach.

Our North American Baptist Seminary is aware of the fundamental contribution of field work to the well



The Limmat River in the heart of Zurich, Switzerland, where Anabaptists were drowned as martyrs to their faith centuries ago. The bridge in the foreground is known as the Muenster Bridge, leading to the Gross-Muenster Cathedral.

entire eleventh chapter of Hebrews is dedicated to the faith of the fathers with the closing admonition: "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us run with patience the race that is set before us."

## ANABAPTIST BEGINNINGS

My recent trip through the European continent became a thrilling adventure of walking on ground where the fathers of our faith "were tortured, endured trials of cruel mockings and scourings, yea of bonds and imprisonment, were stoned, slain with the sword, wandered about, being destitute, afflicted, tormented, of whom the world was not worthy" (from Hebrews 11). Under the excellent guidance of our good friends, Dr. and Mrs. Jacob Meister, now living in retirement in Zurich, Switzerland, we walked through the ancient streets of this beautiful Swiss city and were strangely stirred by past historic events.

By strange coincidence Zurich is the

willow hangs over the river on the very spot, as though to cast its leaves and branches on the grave of the martyrs. For centuries the word "Anabaptist" has had a certain stigma. I remember very well from my own school days how I felt a little bit embarrassed in history classes when the Anabaptist movement was brushed aside as a movement of fanatics and "Schwaermer."

The facts are that the Anabaptist movement grew as a third strong plant next to the reformation movements of Zwingli in Zurich and Luther in Germany. Both reformers, however, despised them and urged that they be "persuaded by means of the spirit and the state" to recant their heretical teaching. Persuasion by means of the state meant imprisonment and execution. Thus it was that within the Zwingli reformation movement this deeper reform movement was crushed by cruel means. It may be symbolic that Zwingli is immortalized in a statue, holding a Bible in one hand, but lean-



Arthur W. Boymook, second year Seminary student, directs the youth choir in a rehearsal at the Central Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

to follow the pattern originally set forth by Christ. More and more seminaries are seeking ways and means to integrate the classroom study with the actual life situations in our Sunday Schools and churches. Teaching a young people's class and attending a meeting of the education committee of the church are now considered essential in the preparation of a minister.

The study of Biblical exegesis and theology must always remain the hard core of a minister's training. However, there also must be provided ample opportunity to acquire basic skills in preaching, teaching, and in ministering to the spiritual needs of the individual. There comes a time when the student must reach beyond the classroom to master such skills.

## FIELD WORK

That is the area where field work enters the program. Field work is that part of the learning process which is carried on outside the classroom as the student acquires basic skills

rounded training of a minister. It is for this reason that effort is made to place every student in some practical work among the churches.

Sioux Falls area offers a wide range of service possibilities for the students enrolled in the Seminary. These opportunities for service vary from student pastorates to teaching pre-school children in the Sunday School, from singing in the choir to directing a junior church.

It is significant that at the present time thirteen of our students are serving in the capacity of a pastor. In addition to Baptist churches, our men serve in four other denominational fellowships. Wherever they go the needs are the same and men respond to the appeal of the Gospel. In the first four months of this year our students delivered 430 sermons which is an increase over the same time last year.

In addition to conducting the regu-

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— Religious News Service Photo  
This is a view of Nazareth in Galilee, where Jesus lived in his youth and received his religious training, both at home and in the synagogue. Here he also preached, but he performed few miracles because of their unbelief.

# Following in Jesus' Footsteps in Galilee

The Bible lives again with greater vividness and power after a day spent in Galilee along familiar paths.

By Rev. H. Schumacher, of Wetaskiwin, Alberta

THE SUN rose in a happy red glow above the Syrian hills to the east. It was still early in the morning, but already hot along the shores of the blue Galilee, which lies in a humid atmosphere more than 600 feet below sea level.

I stood on the front porch of the doctor's house in Tiberias. As I gazed about me it seemed unbelievable that I was standing so near to some of the places where the Master Jesus had once walked.

Far to the north, I could see the cone-shaped peak of Mount Hermon, standing erect and stately as a grenadier guard on duty, while the smaller hills seem to look up with envy and admiration like little boys who watch a weight lifter display his enormous strength.

## SEA OF GALILEE

Before me, snuggled between the hills, like a child upon its mother's bosom, lay the blue Sea of Galilee. The tall, stately palm trees waved in the breeze as though they were bidding farewell to all the past centuries.

Yes, indeed, what wonderful stories this sea could tell if it could only speak! Stories of the Master Jesus and his disciples . . . how he walked with his noble stride upon the waves and how his fearful and helpless disciples cried to him in their anxiety.

Later we rode along the winding trails near the rocky shore, and far to the east we could see the hills of the Gadarenes. What mystery and hidden struggle they seemed to hide! A little further on we came to the Hill of the Beatitudes. In my mind I could almost see the Master and his disciples as they sat upon the hillside so many years ago and he spoke those blessed words to them, which we find in the Sermon on the Mount.

"Blessed are the meek . . . the pure . . . the poor in Spirit . . . the merci-

ful . . . the peacemakers!" The very stones seemed to re-echo his words, for there was much need of such gracious words in this land now torn by strife.

## RUINS OF CAPERNAUM

Still further on we came upon the ruins of the ancient city of Capernaum. As we sat upon these huge rocks, many of them with the star of David still carved upon their hard faces, we took our New Testaments and read from Matthew, chapter 11, verses 23 and 21. "And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes."

How striking and solemn did these words seem to us! A prophecy—a curse—proclaimed by the Master many years ago, and here it was fulfilled to the very letter! Capernaum was destroyed and never built again because of its unrepentant attitude towards God.

Reluctantly we turned to go, and as we did we asked each other: "What must it have been like in the days when the Master was here?" Slowly we rode back along the winding trail to the place called Tiberias. It is a small city, where the ancient forts built by the Turks in the days of the crusaders still stand as a reminder of the past.

## GOD'S JUDGMENTS

Now it is a bustling, hurrying little city where everyone is intent on doing business. There is little time here for God, for its streets are packed with Arabs, Jews and the ever present tourists, anxious to learn more about this

land. Sometimes the tourist is disappointed and sometimes he is elated with his discoveries, but always as you travel here there is a feeling that Someone holier, and better and wiser has walked these paths before you.

As I climbed into the well worn and noisy bus that day to leave the blue Sea of Galilee, a thousand thoughts raced through my mind. These were thoughts of great events that took place when Christ lived here. Far to our left, Mount Tabor showed its peak above the stony hills. The very ruggedness of the surrounding country seemed to cry out a word of judgment and warning to all to "repent" and to begin to serve the true and the living God.

## INTO THE FIELDS

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lar Sunday worship services, the students conducted 91 prayer meetings and 41 children's services. Thirteen meetings were held in the city mission.

Many students find opportunity to serve in some phase of the churches' total program of teaching. They taught 221 Sunday School classes as well as participated in extended sessions of the Sunday School.

Following the example of Christ, the students find occasion to leave the pulpit and classroom to seek out the individuals and minister to their spiritual needs. Three hundred and thirteen sick calls were made in the hospitals and 605 calls were made in the homes as the students brought the Gospel to where the people are.

God saw fit to reward the efforts of his witnesses by giving them the joy of personally introducing fourteen souls to Christ as Savior. Only eternity can ever unfold the full impact of this field work experience upon the students in training, the churches served, and the Kingdom of God.

What will be your share in our EASTER OFFERING?

## ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke

- Feb. 23 (Sunday A.M. and Afternoon)—Mortgage burning ceremony and services, Sumner, Iowa.
- Feb. 23 (Sunday P.M.) — Parkersburg, Iowa.
- Feb. 27-28 — Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee, Oak Park, Ill.
- March 12-13 — C.T.I. Board Meeting, Edmonton, Alberta.
- March 20 — Workshop Meeting and "God's Volunteers" Committee, Forest Park, Ill.
- March 21—Summer Visitation Committee, Forest Park, Ill.
- March 22—Student Placement Committee, Forest Park, Ill.
- March 30 (Sunday)—Dedication of Basement Addition, McLaughlin, S. Dak.
- April 4-6 — Evergreen Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Rev. R. Schilke

- March 2 (Sunday A.M.)—Spokane, Wash.
- March 2 (Sunday P.M.)—March 5—Leadership Training Course, Colfax, Wash.
- March 6—Odessa, Wash.
- March 9 (Sunday A.M.)—Southwood Park Church, Portland, Ore.
- March 9 (Sunday P.M.)—Salem, Ore.
- March 11—Pacific Conference Mission Committee Session, Salem, Ore.
- March 11-13 — Pacific Northwest Ministers' Retreat, Salem, Ore.
- March 20-23 — Missionary Conference Walnut Street Church, Newark, N. J.
- March 23 (Sunday P.M. — Ridge-wood Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- March 26—Immanuel Church, New York, N. Y.

Rev. J. C. Gunst

- March 7-8—Sunday School Lesson Committee, Forest Park, Ill.
- March 9 (Sunday A.M. and P.M.)—Foster Ave. Church, Chicago, Ill.
- March 16 (Sunday)—75th Anniversary, Faith Church, West New York, N. J.
- April 1—Woman's Missionary Guild, Forest Park, Ill.
- April 6 (Easter Sunday)—Bismarck, N. Dak.
- April 7-9 — North Dakota Pastors' Conference, Bismarck, N. Dak.
- April 13 (Sunday)—First Church, Leduc, Alberta.
- April 14-15—Commencement Exercises, Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta.
- April 15-17—Pastors' Conference for Northern Conference churches, Edmonton, Alta.

Rev. G. K. Zimmerman

- Feb. 16 (Sunday)—Kankakee, Ill.
- Feb. 28—Dedication of North American Baptist Home, Madison, S. Dak.
- March 2-4—Workers' Conferences, Sheffield, Iowa.
- March 7-8—Sunday School Lesson

# From the Professor's Desk

By Dr. Walter W. Wessel, Professor of Bible

North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

IT IS NOTHING SHORT of amazing how close in time to the original autographs are the oldest New Testament manuscripts. This becomes strikingly evident when one considers the age of the oldest manuscripts of some of the most famous of the classical authors. A good example is Caesar's "Gallic War." The oldest extant manuscript of this famous work dates to about A. D. 900 or approximately 900 years after Caesar wrote it. The oldest known manuscripts of both Herodotus and Thucydides were copied about 1300 years after the original compositions.

When we turn to the New Testament, the situation is quite different. There is only a very small gap between the autographs and the extant manuscripts. The oldest known fragment of any New Testament book is the Rylands Papyrus, a scrap from a papyrus codex (book-form manuscript) containing John 18:31-33 on one side and John 18:37-38 on the other. Experts have dated this fragment in the reign of the Roman Emperor Hadrian (A.D. 117-138). If the dating of the Rylands Papyrus is correct (there is little doubt but that it is), and if John's Gospel was composed between A.D. 90-100, there is a space of only about forty years between the original and the Rylands Papyrus!

Other early New Testament papyri include the famous Chester Beatty collection. These include three manuscripts (designated P45, P46, P47) which contain most of the New Testament and are dated in the third century.

Now a new papyrus manuscript of the Gospel of John has been discovered and published by Professor Victor Martin of the University of Geneva. Dr. Floyd V. Filson of McCormick Theological Seminary reports on this new discovery in the September 1957 issue of the "Biblical Archaeologist."

This manuscript, designated Papyrus Bodmer II, is an interesting and important discovery for a number of reasons. First, it is very old—probably the second oldest (after Rylands Papyrus) New Testament manuscript we possess, since it dates to about A. D. 200.

Second, it is well preserved. Most papyrus manuscripts which have been found are very fragmentary. This is due to the nature of papyrus as writing material. It is brittle and fragile and decays very easily. Bodmer II has full pages and preserves about two-thirds of the original manuscript.

Third, the manuscript adds additional weight to the weight of some New Testament scholars that the original manuscripts of the New Testament were written in codex (book) form and not in scroll form, as had been thought previously.

Finally, the greatest significance of this new manuscript find, at least for the layman, is that it "confirms the general accuracy of the Greek text of John behind the Revised Standard Version." (P. 60). This means, among other things, that it omits John 5:3b, 4 and 7:53-8:11, as do the other best and earliest manuscripts.

- Committee, Forest Park, Ill.
- March 25—Sunday School Workers' Conference, Kankakee, Ill.
- April 7-10 — Leadership Training Course, Alpena, Mich.
- April 12-13—Auburn, Mich.

Rev. Lawrence Bienert

- Feb. 2 (Sunday)—First Church, Leduc, Alta.
- Feb. 3—Temple Church, Leduc, Alta.
- Feb. 5—Camrose, Alta.
- Feb. 9 (Sunday) — Temple and Grace Churches, Medicine Hat, Alta.
- Feb. 11—Hilda, Alta.
- Feb. 12—Golden Prairie, Sask.
- Feb. 20-23—South Texas, Louisiana and Alabama Association at Mowata, La.
- Feb. 26 and March 5—Leadership Course, Kenosha, Wis.
- March 7-8—Sunday School Lesson Committee, Forest Park, Ill.
- March 29-30 — Andrews Street Church, Rochester, N. Y.

- April 9-11—Associated Church Press, Chicago, Ill.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner

- March 9 (Sunday) Okeene, Okla.
- March 10—Immanuel Church, Loyal, Okla.
- March 11—Gotebo, Okla.
- March 12—Corn, Okla.
- March 14 — Woman's Missionary Guild, East Side Church, Chicago.
- March 16 (Sunday Afternoon) — Dedication of New Unit, Grace Church, Racine, Wis.
- March 16 — (Sunday P.M.) — Ordination Service, Mr. Bernard Schalm, Foster Ave. Church, Chicago, Ill.
- March 23-26—Mt. Zion Church Junction City, Kansas.
- March 30 (Sunday) — Neustadt, Ontario.
- April 8-10 — Southwestern Conference Ministers' Program, Creston, Nebraska.
- April 13 (Sunday)—La Salle, Colo.

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# We the Women

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

Mrs. Heartsill Wilson of Grosse Point, Mich., president of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Central Conference, speaks. It is the daily message of her heart with the emphasis on Easter!

## THE JOY OF EASTER

"Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Cor. 15:57).

After the suffering of Jesus on the Cross, we hail the Risen Savior and share in his glorious power of the resurrection life. The resurrection of Jesus is the most important fact in our Christian faith. In it is God's endorsement of his well-beloved Son. For the JOY set before him, Jesus endured the Cross.

Jesus in the fulfillment of the prophecies brought joy out of sadness. Throughout his ministry, Christ had taught of his experiences to come. He challenges the imagination of our immediate problems and shadows into a new and brilliant experience that transcends all the earthly experiences as we know them. Through the empty tomb comes assurance of our eternal JOY with him.

Others constituted the entire concern of Christ. His appearance on this earth was instituted for OTHERS.

"I am the resurrection and the life . . . I am come that OTHERS might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

While drinking the bitter cup he prayed: "Forgive them, for they know not what they do." It was for a lost world that the Father gave his only begotten Son, but it was the Son's choice that the empty tomb would forever symbolize his love for OTHERS.

You, like the two disciples on the road to EMMAUS, can share in the JOY of the risen Christ. He who had, at first, been a STRANGER, was to be known as "The Lord." The bewilderment, that had been so heavy in the hearts of these two was soon to be replaced with exuberant joy and testimony. Gone were the tears of disappointment and now in their place were the peace and glory of the Risen Christ.

The JOY OF EASTER does not come simply from KNOWING him, but greater still is the JOY that comes from sharing the priceless gift with others. Our Lord commissions his own. Those who worship him cannot hold him. Christ must be given to OTHERS. Because he is alive forevermore, men must give of themselves that the Good News of the Risen Savior will be given to all.

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION

By REV. G. K. ZIMMERMAN, General Secretary

## YOUTH IN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Much has been accomplished for the children in our churches by providing improved facilities, properly graded equipment, adequately graded lesson materials and teacher training programs with the ministry to the child as the center of emphasis. Our program of Christian Education would fall far short of its effectiveness if our planning and training are for children only. We have made limited attempts to improve and to strengthen our ministry to the young people and adults in our Sunday Schools.

It has been somewhat disturbing to notice that so many of our North American Baptist churches speak of their Sunday Schools as being for children and minimizing that it is a ministry to all age groups of the church. Children are vitally important, and we must seek to raise the standards of Christian Education for the children but not neglect the development of an adequate young people's program in our Sunday Schools.

Young people of the Junior High and Senior High groups face multiple problems due to the competition and demands which this highly mechanized and scientific age has brought to pass. Young people in this age group must repeatedly adapt and adjust themselves to the changes in the physical, mental and spiritual realms. Intelligent, alert, needy and deserving young people challenge our churches to provide the best leadership available. Every church must seek for someone from its membership who is trained to meet the requirements of a young people's teacher and leader.

Many more perplexing problems must be faced by young people today than we did who were in this category twenty years ago. The reaction to problems is the same, since God has not changed the basic responses of those whom he created in his image. A careful account in our diary of our actions and thoughts as teen-agers would provide answers to problems which seem so insurmountable as we try to guide youth today. Frequently, I attempt to recall how I faced problems which seemed "big" when I was a teen-ager, but the detailed experiences are overshadowed by the concept which remains from viewing the past in its total perspective.

Opportunities for training leaders today is better than it has ever been. Since we cannot relive through memory how we conquered obstacles in our experience as young people, let us search diligently for God's guidance, wisdom and understanding to become the leaders needed "for such a time as this."

Many excellent texts have been written giving help to Sunday School leaders of our young people. The following texts will prove helpful in your training for better leadership: "The Young People's Department of the Sunday School" by W. P. Phillips; "Teaching Youth in the Church" by McRae; "Young People in the Sunday School" by A. V. Washburn; "Guiding Youth in Christian Growth" by Cummings; and "Youth Makes a Choice" by H. E. Watters.

The greatest exodus from our Sunday Schools occurs in the Junior High and Senior High Departments. Neglected follow-up is partly the cause. Young people need more attention by the teacher than the one hour or less in the Sunday School. Some of the most rewarding experiences with young people came to me through personal counselling.

I recall the experience with one young man who came to the church one warm summer afternoon to cut the lawn. What was intended as a brief chatting period developed into a two hour conference under the shade of a maple tree. The young man was at the crossroads of wanting to know where God was calling him to serve. He needed someone who would listen to the problems which needed to be answered, since this was a determining point as to the vocation of his life.

Sunday School teachers must be God's servants throughout the week to speak the guiding words of the Lord and to listen patiently and with understanding to those whom we lead and teach. A few calls by the teacher or young people's leader on a Junior High or Senior High student who has been repeatedly absent from class may be the turning point toward a life dedicated to God's will and purpose.

Teaching our sacred doctrines and beliefs to young people is another area which needs a strong emphasis. Some of our pastors have become alarmed over the inability of our young people to define their beliefs, let alone defend them. An evaluation of the curriculum in our Sunday Schools unveils part of the answer. Many of the lesson materials used in our schools inadequately treat the doctrinal beliefs of us as Baptists.

Teachers of young people should request that their present curriculum be reviewed and, if it inadequately treats Baptist beliefs, steps should be taken to correct such inconsistencies of a Baptist Sunday School. The Sunday School Union is making available the findings of an evaluation of Sunday School materials which will aid you in securing materials which more adequately meet the needs of a North American Baptist Sunday School.

# What's Happening

● Rev. and Mrs. Everett Barker of Salem, Oregon, have announced the birth of a daughter on Jan. 27, to whom the name Carol Ann has been given. Mr. Barker is pastor of Salem's Bethel Baptist Church.

● Early in February Rev. T. J. Haire presented his resignation to the Temple Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta, effective immediately. He had served the church since 1955. The congregation of Leduc's Temple Church is earnestly considering the choice of a successor.

● The Bethany Church near Vesper, Kansas, has extended a call to Rev. Edwin Voigt of Huron, S. Dak., to which he gave a prompt favorable reply. He began his ministry at the Kansas Church on Sunday, Feb. 16, succeeding Rev. John B. Wood, now of Beulah, N. Dak. For several years Mr. Voigt served the church at Bison, S. Dak., following his graduation from our Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

● The First Baptist Church of Startup, Washington, has called Rev. Herbert Schauer of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., as its minister. He has responded favorably to the call, presented his resignation to his present church and announced that he would begin his ministry in Startup on June 1st. He will succeed Rev. Walter Dingfield, now of Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. Schauer has been the pastor of the Turtle Lake, N. Dak., church since 1954.

● The entire service of the First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas, on Sunday morning, Feb. 16, was devoted to the recording of the 200th program of the "Lorraine Hour." This was broadcast on Sunday, March 2, over radio. The church is making plans for the observance of its 80th anniversary on Sunday, June 22, with Dr. Pieter Smith of St. Paul, Minn., a former pastor, as guest speaker. Rev. Harold W. Gieseke is the pastor of the Lorraine church.

● The Tyndall and Danzig Baptist Churches of South Dakota, have recently announced the organizing of a joint Men's Brotherhood. The officers are John Lubbers, president; John Brandt, vice-president; Sidney Heber, secretary; and Ervin Weber, treasurer. On Friday evening, Jan. 31, Rev. J. C. Gunst, promotional secretary, addressed the men's group at the Danzig church. Rev. R. Herrmann is the pastor.

● Rev. Fred A. David, pastor of the Upper Bay Baptist Church, Santa Ana Heights, Calif., has reported about the meetings held with the "God's Volunteers" team and its director, Rev. Elmer C. Strauss, from Jan. 2 to 12. As a result of these fine meetings, 37 chil-

dren professed faith in Jesus Christ and three adults made a public confession of Christ as Savior. A total of 950 canvassing calls were made by "God's Volunteers" during their stay in that area.

● The First Baptist Church of Chancellor, S. Dak., has called Mr. Herman Effa, a second year student at the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as its pastor. He will complete his studies at the Seminary while serving the church in a full time capacity. Mr. Effa's home is Winnipeg, Man. He and his wife moved into the Chancellor parsonage in February. His ministry at the church began on March 1st. He has succeeded Rev. Fred G. Moore, now serving as our missionary in Japan and at present stationed at Kyoto, Japan.

● The Baptist Church of Parkston and Tripp, S. Dak., has called Rev. Elmer A. Buenning of Cathay, N. Dak., pastor of the Germantown Church since 1952, as its minister. He has given the call a favorable response and announced that he would begin his ministry at the Baptist Church of Parkston and Tripp, S. Dak. on May 1st, succeeding Rev. Alfred Weisser, now of Herreid, S. Dak. In the meantime, the pulpits of the Parkston and Tripp churches are being supplied by Mr. Loren Weber, a Senior student at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

● On Feb. 24 and 25 the Baptist Church of Baileyville, Ill., was host to the Greater Freeport Evangelistic Crusade and its Bible Conference with Professor Hugo Lueck, a member of our Seminary faculty, as the guest speaker. The church's Spring Mission Rally will be held in April with Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut, Japan missionaries, as special speakers. A series of messages on "The Seven Letters to the Seven Churches" in the book of Revelation is being brought by Rev. Harold Sanders, pastor, at the morning worship services.

● Mrs. J. F. Niebuhr of Ocean Grove, N. J., continues her interest in our denominational activities and publications. A cousin of hers, Mrs. Elam Anderson of McMinnville, Oregon, has recently published a book, "When Death Steps In," which will be reviewed in the "Baptist Herald." Mrs. Niebuhr informs us about Miss Gertrude H. Niebuhr who is a teacher for mentally retarded children at Vineland, N. J., and Ted Niebuhr who is a civil engineer at Dayton, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Niebuhr and their three sons are very active in church work. Rev. J. F. Niebuhr passed away last summer.

● The Napoleon Baptist Church, Napoleon, N. Dak., has begun separate Sunday worship services for the children. This new venture has worked very well, even though the space for the services is not altogether satisfactory. Mrs. Otto Grenz is the capable leader. The Sunday School teachers are assisting her. On January 5 the men organized a Brotherhood with 18 charter members. Edward Kramer was elected president. Otto Grenz is vice-president and Ronald Schauer is secretary and treasurer. The church is happy for the interest which the men show in its activities. Rev. Henry Lang is pastor of the church.

● Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman, Cameroons missionaries, sailed from New York City on Feb. 21 on the "SS. Sylvania" bound for Liverpool, England. They had traveled from Los Angeles, California, to New York City in a Dodge half-ton, pick-up truck which they have taken with them for use in the Cameroons, Africa. A farewell service for them was held by their home church, the Berean Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., on Sunday, Jan. 26. In March they sailed from England to Africa, hoping to arrive at the Cameroons Mission 18 days later about the middle of April. Their son, Larry, is a sophomore student at Pomona College, Claremont, Calif.

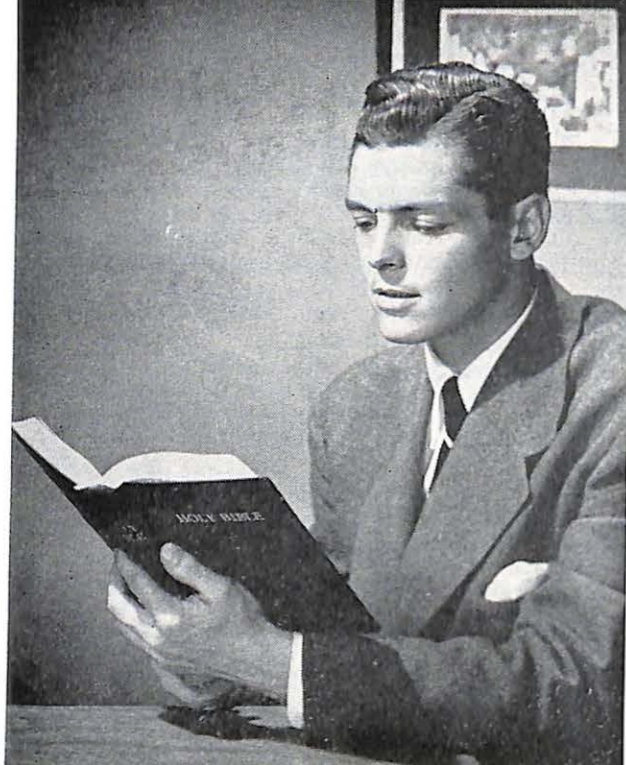
● Mrs. H. G. Braun, the widow of Rev. H. G. Braun who passed away in 1949, is serving as the Residence and Building Director of the YWCA at Washington, Pa. Besides serving as the house mother for 24 girls, she has complete charge of the building with its 70 rooms, including five offices, auditorium, lounge and swimming pool. She also does the buying and ordering of supplies and supervises the building's maintenance. Her address is YWCA, 42 West Maiden Street, Washington, Pa. The last pastorate for her husband and herself was that of the Baptist Church at Parkston and Tripp, South Dakota.

● The Baptist Missionary Training School, Chicago, Ill., has announced the appointment of Miss Twila Bartz of Seattle, Wash., as the associate professor in Christian Education. Her home church is the North American Baptist Church of Anamoose, N. Dak. For several years she served as our first missionary to the Indians of Alberta. In more recent years she has been the Associate Director in Christian Education in the state of Washington for the American Baptist Convention. She will serve during the sabbatical leave of Miss Alethea S. Kose during the spring term and assume full teaching and field work supervision responsibilities in the fall term of 1958.

● The Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., participated in a "School of Christian Living" with weekly sessions from Jan. 12 to Feb. 16. Eight other

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

#### SYNOPSIS

Barry Carter was irritated by his college roommate and close friend, David Gardner, because he announced that he was going to be a preacher. They entered into frequent discussions about the Bible and God. David frankly stated that he was praying for his roommate. A week before Barry and Cicily were to be married, a dinner party was held for them by friends. David went reluctantly to the party. The hilarity at the dinner increased and toasts were drunk to the prospective bridegroom, as David looked on silently and critically. Then some demon was aroused in Barry as he called out to the crowd: "What about drinking a toast to the preacher—my pal and my best man?"

#### CHAPTER SIX

A LOOK of pained surprise flashed across David's face as the crowd noisily agreed to Barry's proposal. He glanced for a moment at Barry standing across from him, hair in disorder, face flushed and eyes bright. Barry swayed slightly as he held his glass aloft.

"I'd rather you wouldn't, Barry," David said in low tones.

"Why?" Barry demanded noisily and belligerently. He was spurred to further perversity by the hurt look in David's eyes. "Don't you want us to wish you the best?"

Something deep down within him, beneath the fumes of liquor, beneath the reckless spirit which dominated him cried out to him that he wasn't playing fair and urged him to stop. But the voice was silenced by the desire to banish that uncomfortable feeling which possessed him.

"Come on, boys! A toast to the preacher!" he cried. "Here's to you, pal o' mine," he cried thickly. "Success in your work. May you set 'em on fire with your preaching. Carry your torch, old boy, and burn 'em up! To Preacher David, the torch bearer."

As the rest rose to their feet, Barry raised his glass aloft, then drained it. Something in David's face made him turn his eyes away. He could not meet that stricken look.

# 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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David's face had gone white as he heard Barry's remarks. He sat there silent, while the toast was drunk and the guests resumed their places about the table. Then he rose and stood for a moment looking them over. A sudden hush hung over the group.

Through the fog which clouded Barry's brain he realized that he had done a terrible thing. The shock sobered him momentarily.

"I'll be going, if you don't mind," David said quietly. "Good night."

As he left the table Barry lurched after him.

"Wait, David!" he called. "I'm going with you."

He waved a wobbly goodbye to the group and left them, following David unsteadily.

"Go back to your party," David said as Barry caught up with him.

"I'm not going back. I've had enough," Barry said. "Come on. I'm driving you home."

David hesitated a moment, then got into the car reluctantly. They drove for some time in silence.

"Hang it all! Why don't you say something?" Barry finally exploded.

"There's nothing to say," David replied.

"Yes, there is," Barry persisted. "There's plenty you could say. Why don't you tell me what a fool I made of myself tonight? Why don't you let loose on me and give me what's coming to me?"

"What good would that do?"

"It ought to do you a lot of good to be able to let off a little steam. I know you're boiling mad at me. I can't blame you," he added morosely.

"When a person's hurt, it isn't a question of letting off steam, Barry."

Barry turned and looked at him in the dim light. David's face was set and white and his eyes were fixed straight

ahead. Barry had never seen that look in his face before. He looked as if he had received a physical wound, a wound that was causing him intense pain.

"David, don't look like that!" he cried. "I'm sorry I did it. I don't know what made me do it. Too much liquor, I guess. And the way you looked at me all evening, as if you were disapproving. I just wanted to show you that you couldn't make a gloom spreader out of me. It wouldn't have been so bad if I hadn't said what I did about you carrying the torch."

"It was because you ridiculed something which I held sacred that hurt so much," David said in tones which seemed to quiver with hurt. "I had never told anyone but you how I felt about carrying that torch."

"What a fool I've been!" ejaculated Barry. "Won't you forgive me? Won't you believe that I'm sorry?"

"Yes, of course I'll believe it. Let's try to forget the whole thing. It will be better for us both if we do."

"Forget!" cried Barry. "I'll never forget and you know you never will. It's the first thing like this that's ever come between us and neither of us can forget it."

He jammed his foot savagely on the accelerator and the car shot forward at reckless speed. Around one curve and then another they dashed, the car pitching crazily back and forth across the road.

"You're driving too fast," David warned him.

"Not afraid, are you?" Barry threw at him tauntingly, as he put the car to a faster speed. Some inner maddening force drove him on as his liquor-soaked brain tried to find release from torturing thoughts.

"Yes, I am," David admitted gravely. "I don't want to be maimed or crippled

for life. There's too much that I want to do, too much waiting for me—"

His words were cut off by the sudden wild lurching of the car as it skidded around a sharp curve, left the road and plunged down the embankment, landing on one side.

Barry regained consciousness to find himself pinned down in a corner of the seat under the wheel. He tried to move but every movement was agony. One leg seemed deadened and useless and there was a sharp pain in his side like a knife thrust every time he tried to breathe. He tried to raise himself from his cramped position but the sudden pain in his arm convinced him that it was broken. He felt his numb leg and discovered that David was lying across it.

"Get off my leg if you can, David," he said in a voice muffled with pain. "I can't move out of this jam I'm in."

There was no response. Barry waited a moment, wondering dully why David did not move nor reply. He was still dazed from the shock and his brain was still fogged by alcohol. But a sudden flash shot through it with terrifying clarity.

"David! David! Are you all right?" he cried.

He reached out and touched David's body and gave it a gentle shake.

"David! David!" he cried and this time his voice held a note of terror and horror.

He felt for David's face. He discovered that David's head was twisted under his body and already there was the chill creeping over it which indicated the one sure thing that Barry could not fail to understand. David was dead.

"David! David!" he cried again wildly and there was agony and heart-break as well as horror in his voice.

Heedless of torturing pain he managed to twist his body so that he could lean over and touch David's face with his cheek. Tears streamed down his face and he cried with an utter abandonment of woe.

"David! David!" he cried again and again as his tears drenched the cold still face so close to his.

A car drove down the highway and his cries pierced the stillness of the night. The driver got out and came to where the car lay on its side. Barry was oblivious of the approach of the stranger.

"Oh God! What have I done! What have I done!" he cried in hoarse tones of despair. "I've killed him! I've killed him! Oh David! David! Tell me it isn't so"

He sank into unconsciousness with his tear-wet face against David's cold cheek.

Barry opened his eyes and saw his mother and Cicily sitting nearby. He lay there staring at them, trying to figure out where he was and why he was there. Then memory returned with sickening, torturing force.

#### NEW JAPAN MAP

A new colored map of our mission fields in Japan is now available free of charge from North American Baptists, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Ill.

"David!" he cried out in sudden agony. "Where is he? Where is David?"

Both women turned at his agonized cry and his mother leaned over and put her hand upon his.

"Be quiet, son," she cautioned. "You mustn't exert yourself. You're not out of danger yet. Try to sleep."

"I don't want to sleep!" he cried. "I want to know about David. Tell me about him."

When she didn't answer, he cried out again, "Then he really is dead! I did kill him! O David! David! Why couldn't it have been I who was killed instead of you!"

His mother went in haste for the nurse. She came in and gave him a shot to quiet him and he slept for a while. When he awakened, he lay there moaning and crying, calling David's name over and over again. Cicily tried to talk to him to take his mind off of himself.

"Barry, darling," she said, "don't act like this. If you don't try to lie there quietly and get your strength back, we'll never be able to have our wedding as we planned. Let's talk about that, shall we?"

He stared at her somberly. "How can I talk about our wedding when it was that dinner that made a murderer of me? I don't want to talk about it. Just let me alone."

Cicily was hurt by his words, but she was more disappointed over the delay in their wedding than she was concerned about his condition. She left the room.

"Son, you shouldn't have talked to her like that," his mother said. "She's been so upset by all this and so worried over you."

He didn't reply, but turned his face away and continued to moan and call David's name. Over and over the memory of that last evening returned to him in a series of scenes that had been burned upon his memory. David's white face and accusing eyes when he had proposed that toast. David's hurt voice when he had reminded him that he had violated a sacred confidence in mentioning that torch. David's last words: "There is so much for me to do—too much waiting for me."

Now there was no longer a David to work for the underprivileged boys, no more staunch friend who had been such a part of his life. Nothing but torturing memories and a conscience which tortured more and more as memory burned itself through his brain.

His temperature rose dangerously, brought on by an infection and aggravated by his restlessness which drugs

failed to allay. He became delirious and for days his life hung in the balance while his mother watched and prayed and Cicily sat there in stricken silence.

Over and over again they heard a garbled account of that last terrible night, of his resentment at David's silence, the toast he had proposed, David's reaction and his wild drive that had ended in David's death.

One day Dale came to the hospital. She had been prostrated by David's death and she was pale and hollowed-eyed, but she greeted the two women with a smile and then stood for a moment by the bed. As she listened to Barry's ravings, her heart contracted with pain and her lips trembled while her eyes filled with tears.

As Barry began to cry weakly, as he did so often at the conclusion of his recital, she put a hand upon his and said, "Crying won't help, Barry, dear. Just try to get well and to forget what has happened."

He stopped his incoherent mumbling and looked at her with the first sign of recognition that he had shown.

"Dale?" he asked weakly as his deep-circled eyes stared at her.

"Yes, Barry. It's Dale," she answered and smiled down at him.

"Go away!" he cried. "You must hate me! I killed him! I killed him! Have you come to tell me how much you hate me?"

"No, Barry, of course not. I don't hate you. I came here because I'm still your friend and I want to see you get well. Please believe that."

His hand gripped hers with sudden strength. His eyes filled with tears as he murmured, "Then don't leave me. Just stay here and let me feel that you don't hate me."

He closed his eyes while she held his hand and in a few minutes he was asleep, the first normal sleep he had had since the accident. Dale sat by the bed for a while, then tried to remove her hand, for she felt that she had stayed long enough, but when she tried to release it, he stirred in his sleep and mumbled, "Don't leave me. Don't go."

Cicily sat there with cold eyes upon Dale's pale face. There was a frown upon her lovely face and a grim tightness on her lips. This girl had been able to do for Barry what she herself had not been able to do and the thought brought a surge of jealousy.

Presently Barry turned in his sleep and Dale was able to release her hand. She turned to Mrs. Carter and whispered, "I'll be going now, but I'll come back tomorrow if you don't think it will upset Barry."

"Please do come back," Mrs. Carter urged. "I believe you can help him in a way that none of us can."

Cicily's goodbye was cool, but if Dale noticed it, she gave no evidence that she had.

When she returned the next day

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## FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

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Anabaptist activity in Tyrol seem to have remained. For the past 18 months Dr. and Mrs. William Appel have been giving loving assistance to the churches and missionaries. From their apartment in "Himmelreich," Salzburg, Austria, they drive almost untiringly in their "Volkswagen" car to participate in meetings, conferences and consultations. This strong Roman Catholic territory, the land of Peter Rosegger and Mozart, the birthplace of "Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht," still struggling with economic problems, has a native piety and Catholic loyalty which will turn viciously against outsiders who interfere with their holy cults or against natives who dare to attend meetings of the "sect."

The little village of Seekirchen, near Salzburg, has a small Baptist church. The local priest instituted a social and economic boycott against several town people who had been seen at the Baptist church. This was a most vicious and effective weapon against someone who needs work in order to live, or has to buy supplies from the local grocer, or who has to rent an apartment from a house owner. The same thing happened in Bad Ischl.

Shortly after the war, a refreshing period of spiritual awakening fell over some parts of Austria. In those days the Salzburg church grew from a small struggling membership to its present strength. A combination of refugee witnesses and the evangelistic ministry of Rev. M. Gignseder (Bruder Martin), brought a fine number of people to the living faith.

The present pastor at Salzburg, Rev. E. Schiffer, came from Germany to take over this ministry. It was a step of faith, again proving that the faith of our fathers is still living. To go out on various mission services in all kinds of weather on nothing more than a motor scooter is very much like the long mission marches which our forefathers made in Russia, Canada or early developments in the United States. What valuable services a small car would give to these missionaries.

### RUTHLESS PERSECUTIONS

After these encounters with evidences of faith of our fathers I looked at other cities and places with a different interest. Augsburg, Nuremberg, and Munich had large flourishing free churches in the first part of the 16th century. All of them were crushed ruthlessly by torture, imprisonment, excommunication and execution. Yet their faith has lived on. It was persevered in Amsterdam, Holland, and Emden, East Friesland, in spite of vicious persecution.

Passing through the famous city of Muenster, Germany, I looked at the remaining symbol of cruel torture. A branch of fanatic Anabaptists without mercy had established their rule in this city in the 16th century. Their victory was of short term, for soon strong Roman Catholic supported arm-

ies marched on the city, and after bloody fighting recaptured it for the archbishop. The leaders of this small Anabaptist movement were placed in an iron cage, and the cage was raised to the top of the Muenster church steeple. There the men died, and their flesh was literally eaten by the birds. The cage still hangs in the tower of the church as a sobering reminder of possible human cruelty in the name of religion, as well as of the judgment on those who misuse the faith brought to them by their fathers.

It happens that the birthplace of J. G. Oncken, the father of the modern German Baptist movement, is also my own birthplace. I spent a Sunday in my home church and the place to which Oncken returned after his conversion in Scotland in order to preach to the fishermen and farmers in this small town situated close to the North Sea. Here also my own grandfather found the Lord and was baptized. Here my parents led their children to the Lord, and we learned to love and honor the fathers of our faith.

### BAPTISTS OF GERMANY

My fellowship and association with the brethren in Germany was most happy and refreshing. Already on the ship "Statendam," Mr. Eberhard Schroeder, business manager of the Baptist Publishing House in Kassel, Germany, who had been on a trip through some of our churches in Canada and the United States, and I enjoyed a happy time of fellowship. The "Bundesleitung" (General Council) was in session in Kassel while I was there. I gave our greetings and was asked to take back greetings of the brethren. The men remember in deep gratitude the help in food, clothing and money which they received after the war. Their present problems seem to be the same as ours. With deepest concern they had to cut off from their fellowship those who had gone astray in doctrine and love.

German Baptist pastors are facing a



Rev. E. Schiffer, pastor of the Baptist Church, Salzburg, Austria, and four converts whom he recently baptized. The second woman from the right is the first person from the Tyrol to be baptized and received into a Baptist Church.

gigantic task. The phenomenal economic upswing of Western Germany brings with it a popular swing toward secularism and pleasure. The ground is pretty hard, and much seed falls by the wayside. But the great difficulty seems to be in maintaining the spiritual level within the churches. It is startling to notice that in modern Baptist church music the trend is toward the State Church choral and canon type of singing, or directly away from the revival Gospel song.

Many Baptist pastors in Germany are also deeply worried about a loosening attitude towards smoking, as evidenced by the report of a pastor that two prominent members of his church, heavy smokers, had recently died of lung cancer. The moneys spent on tobacco should go to church building and missions, he thought. Thus it shows that here and there satanic powers are driving hard against the true Church of the Lord.

Our forefathers preached and lived "Apartheid" from the world. Possibly it is time that Baptists everywhere no longer consider such evils as smoking, drinking and gambling as being on the "perimeter of Christian experience." As long as we hold on to pet sins, we will certainly never achieve the fullness of the Christian life, and we shall never be prepared to verify the song, "We Follow in Their Train." "How sweet would be their children's fate, if they, like them, could die for thee."

### BAPTIST BRIEFS

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Bay Cities Crusade has been extended from six to eight weeks. It will open April 27 and is now scheduled to conclude June 22. The crusade executive committee announced a drive to recruit 15,000 volunteer ushers and other workers from Bay Area churches. Principal crusade meetings will be held in the Cow Palace, and a closing rally is set at Kezar Stadium with an attendance of 60,000 anticipated. A campaign to raise at least \$225,000 has begun.

● **Dr. C. Oscar Johnson Retires.** Recently Dr. C. Oscar Johnson of St. Louis, Missouri, announced his retirement from the active ministry after serving the Third Baptist Church of St. Louis for 27 years. The church's membership numbers 5,200, making it the largest church in Missouri. The midtown property is valued at \$3,000,000. He served as president of the American Baptist Convention and as vice-president of the Southern Convention, the only man ever to hold such distinguished positions in both conventions. He was president of the Baptist World Alliance from 1949 to 1950. He and his wife will move to the San Francisco bay area in California, where he will teach some courses at the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, of which his son Ralph is the president.

# Sunday School Lessons

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: March 30, 1958

### Theme: THE CHURCH OBSERVES THE ORDINANCES

Scripture: Rom. 6:3-4; 1 Cor. 10:14-22

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** In baptism we confess Christ as Lord and Savior and in partaking of the Lord's Supper we are reminded of what the Lord has done for us.

**INTRODUCTION:** Some time for discussion ought to be taken for the clarification of the terms, "ordinances" and "sacraments". The Catholic church has seven sacraments: baptism, confirmation, the Lord's Supper, penance, extreme unction, ordination and marriage. They believe that the sacrament itself has a saving power. Some Protestant bodies hold similar views. Many others agree that most of these are meaningful and should therefore be looked upon as being sacred and holy, but should never be accepted as a means of salvation.

Only two, baptism and the Lord's Supper, were commanded by Christ, and we as Baptists look upon these as ordinances rather than as sacraments because of the meaning and association of the latter. Originally the word, sacrament, came from the Latin and referred to an oath which a soldier took when he entered the service of the emperor. Baptism and the Lord's Supper are therefore to be looked upon as ordinances of obedience rather than channels of grace and salvation. They are symbols of God's grace rather than the means of grace.

### I. THE CHURCH AND BAPTISM.

Romans 6:3-4.

The announcement of a baptismal service is always accompanied by anticipation as well as reflection. We look forward to seeing the new converts follow the Lord in the waters of baptism and joining the fellowship of believers. But it is also a blessing to look back to the time when we made the all-important decision, to the day of repentance, conversion and public confession through baptism, symbolic of our burial with Christ and of our rising to a new and glorious life—abundant life. The baptismal service is always a reverent service, a dedicatory service, a sacred service, a never-to-be-forgotten day as we entered into the Christian fellowship. Whether it takes place by the river-side or in a beautifully lighted sanctuary, the heavens are opened in recognition of our sacred act. (With the aid of your concordance, look up all the references to baptism).

### II. THE CHURCH AND THE LORD'S SUPPER. 1 Cor. 10:14-20.

The unity of the early church is best described by the word, "together". Repeatedly it was said that they

## QUOTABLES

If a care is too small to be turned into a prayer, it is too small to be made into a burden.

Better than counting your years is to make all your years count.

ate together, they prayed together. they worshipped together, they partook of the Lord's Supper together. The communion service is of particular significance because, when we do it in remembrance of him, it also establishes a "togetherness" of the church.

### III. THE CHURCH AND THE CONSISTENT CHRISTIAN. 1 Cor. 10:21-22.

The danger in the Corinthian church was the fact that some professing Christians sat together at the Lord's Supper and then went to an idol's temple and sat together with their pagan friends and joined in a feast which was sacrificed to idols. Long ago Jesus said in no uncertain terms, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." The oneness of Christ demands our single allegiance. "One Lord, one faith, one baptism", and we might add, "one table of the Lord." The ordinances of Jesus Christ are ordained to remind us of what Christ has done for our salvation and to remind us to be true to him and to serve him only.

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: April 6, 1958

### Theme: THE CHURCH'S ASSURANCE OF VICTORY (EASTER)

Scripture: John 20:26-29; Ephesians 1:15-23

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** The church is assured of victory so long as it has faith in the victorious Savior.

**INTRODUCTION:** There have always been periods in history that have made life difficult and complicated. In wars and rumors of wars, families have been divided, lives have been lost, and national security has been threatened. Economic recessions and depressions make it difficult to earn the means for a livelihood. When the stock market drops, men become desperate and lose the joy, and often the purpose, of living. In danger, sickness and death people find it difficult to accept the inevitable. What a comfort and joy it should be to the Christians to know that God is not the Author of defeat but of victory! "In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of

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good cheer, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). What matter if the whole world be against us, if God be for us? Easter is a time to remember that the worst that can happen—death—is but a gateway to the best—the resurrection!

### I. ASSURANCE AND DOUBT. John 20:24-25.

Robert Browning reminds us that there is great faith in honest doubt. It is perhaps the lowest rung on the ladder of faith. Great souls have doubted, but they doubted while they were looking up. The poor souls who lost doubted while they were looking down.

### II. ASSURANCE AND SIGHT. John 20:26-29.

Jesus appeared to his disciples when they were gathered together. Because Thomas missed a meeting, he missed seeing the Master. The Lord, however, does not ignore those whose faith is weak and who need a special revelation to strengthen them. Thomas was quite practical in his faith and he wanted to be shown the facts. It is still another low rung on the ladder of faith when a man says, "Show me." He must rise higher to where he hears the Lord say, "Believe me."

### III. ASSURANCE AND FAITH. Eph. 1:15-17.

In mathematics and science we find many ways of proving the facts and findings of the universe. Some are still held in abeyance until the "missing links" are found. I do not know how the resurrection will ever be proved scientifically. That is not the condition of faith in Christ. In the midst of idolatry and superstition, the Ephesian Christians found a living faith in a living Savior. Notice how Paul "proves" their faith: "I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, AND love unto all the saints." Faith is measured in terms of love and service, not in the laboratory of test-tubes and electronic machines. Faith based on creeds must be measured in deeds.

### IV. ASSURANCE AND UNDERSTANDING. Eph. 1:18.

Our assurance is not based on blind and ignorant faith. Faith grows and becomes more meaningful as we continue to study and apply ourselves so that we might grow in wisdom and understanding. Paul gives thanks for their present faith, but he also prays that their understanding might be enlightened so that they might know more about the hope of their calling.

### V. ASSURANCE AND POWER. Eph. 1:19-23.

No matter how impressed we often are with the power of atoms, hydrogen bombs and missiles, the Church is still the greatest monument of power in the world today. The power "which God wrought in Christ when he raised him from the dead" is still the power which God is willing to exercise in "exceeding greatness," depending on our faith and love to him. There is much to be discarded before his "fulness" can come in.

# Our Denomination in ACTION

## Northwestern Conference

### Festive Programs and Busy Activities, Aplington, Iowa

Holiday activities in the Aplington Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa, began Dec. 15 when the Junior and Intermediate choirs rendered their Christmas music. The Sunday School program was divided with the Junior and Intermediate groups presenting the inspiring pageant, "The First Christmas Carol", on Sunday evening, Dec. 22. A record attendance of 375 persons witnessed the program of the Beginner and Primary Departments on Christmas Eve.

Our annual Watchnight Services began at 9:00 o'clock New Year's Eve with the young people in charge of the opening part of the hour. Several other persons spoke on the theme, "A Year With Christ". The Fellowship Hour followed at 10:00 with the final hour spent in testimony, praise and prayer. Week of Prayer was observed January 6-10.

Professor Roy Seibel of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was guest speaker at a series of meetings held Oct. 27 through Nov. 3 at which time several confessed the Lord and are now preparing for baptism. The three Aplington churches participated in the UNICEF drive at Halloween. Following the canvass, which netted \$214.80, parties for the children were held at the various churches.

Mrs. Paul Voogd, Reporter

### Golden Wedding Anniversary, Daytons Bluff Church, St. Paul

The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heckmann of St. Paul, Minn., members of the Daytons Bluff Church, will take pleasure in the news of their 50th wedding anniversary observed January 3rd. Because of the couple's failing health, the milestone was celebrated by the gathering of only the immediate family and pastor, Rev. Wm. H. Jeschke and wife. A shower of greeting cards, a special floral basket, ivy ring and other tokens expressed only in small measure the high esteem in which the Heckmanns are held by their church. Mr. Heckmann's forty years as custodian, with faithful help from his wife and children, is only part of his great contribution to our church's life and strength. All six children and their families are energetic workers and leaders in the church.

Besides this concrete working for their church, the parents made the goodness of God very real to their children through intimate testimony to his faithfulness and trustworthiness and in the delight witnessed in prayer habits. It is a joy to pay tribute to such "faithful stewards" as these, "always abounding in the work of the Lord," who in their lifetime could know and see that their "labor is not in vain in the Lord."

William Jeschke, Pastor

## Pacific Conference

### Youth Week Activities at Chilliwack, British Columbia

Youth Week activities by the C. B. Y. Fellowship of the Victoria Avenue Church, Chilliwack, B. C., included an inter-church Fellowship and Bible study held with the Youth of Evangelical United Brethren Church, a study of our mission work in Japan and Africa with special prayer for our missionaries, and repairing hymnals at the church.

On Sunday evening, Feb. 2, a program was presented on the theme, "My Heart—Christ's Home." All participated, demonstrating in word, music and pictures, how victorious faith means surrender to Christ of every room of our hearts—even that secret closet. A study of "Operation T.F.C." was completed before Christmas, and was helpful and challenging to everyone.

Executive officers for 1958 are: president, Miss Clara Werk; vice-president, Miss Irma Schiwy; secretary, Gracen Beutler; and treasurer, Miss Mildred Bresch.

Mrs. G. Beutler, Reporter

### Class Banquet and Pastor's Anniversary, Tacoma, Washington

On Friday evening, Jan. 24th, the Men's and Women's Bible Classes held their first banquet in the fine young people's room in our new church building. Over 70 guests were present and enjoyed a very bountiful and delicious chicken dinner. This also being the occasion of the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brungard, faithful members of the classes, a surprise program was held in their honor. Our love to them was expressed in word and by a beautiful gift. Although the Brungards have no family relationship in our church, they feel deeply and express freely the spiritual union which is



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heckmann of St. Paul, Minn., faithful members of the Daytons Bluff Baptist Church, are photographed at their golden wedding anniversary celebration in their home.

theirs with us in Christ. We wish this wonderful couple many more happy years together with us and in the Lord.

On his fifth anniversary with us on Jan. 26th, the church presented our pastor, Rev. Robert S. Hess, and family, a bouquet of red roses as an expression of our love. We thank God daily for our pastor's ministry and pray that our bond of fellowship and love may increase as we give ourselves to Christ in a labor of consecration and devotion.

Elfreda Gudelius, Reporter

## Northern Conference

### Loyalty Dinner at Faith Church, Regina, Saskatchewan

The annual Loyalty Dinner of the Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Sask., was held on Jan. 23rd. About 200 members and friends of the church gathered for a delicious supper catered by the Ladies' Missionary Society. A time of rich Christian fellowship was enjoyed by everyone who attended.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner from Forest Park, Ill., was the guest speaker. He is the editor of the "Baptist Herald" and of other publications. In keeping with the theme of the evening, he spoke on the "Joy of Sacrificial Giving." He brought out the fact that "it is not how much money we give to God, but how much of God's money we keep ourselves" that is true stewardship.

Winston Knoll, the chairman of the "Every Member Campaign," also spoke a few encouraging words, and encouraged each one to give as the Lord prospered them. The choir rendered two numbers under the direction of Mr. J. Neufield. Rev. Richard Grabke, our pastor, was in charge of the program.

Isabel Gogel, Reporter

### "Youth Week" at Winnipeg's McDermot Avenue Church

"Every Believer a Winner" was our theme for Youth Week, Jan. 26 to Feb. 2, at the McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Man. On Sunday the German group went to Moosehorn for the day, and after the evening service, the English group enjoyed a pleasant Sunday evening. Monday was "Home Night." Tuesday, for "Tract Night," we made personal contacts, striving to win them for Christ or to attend church. Wednesday, at prayer meeting, the young people participated with testimonies and special numbers.

On Thursday the film, "The Unfinished Task," was shown with the other two German Baptist churches in our city attending. Saturday our theme for the banquet was "Missions." We were privileged in having Rev. K. Korrella of Edmonton, Alberta, as guest speaker, whose topic was "Faith." On the concluding Sunday, the two young people's groups combined and our pastor, Rev. H. J. Waltereit, presented the challenge, "Dare to Risk It."

Miss E. Redlich, Reporter

## Dakota Conference

### Advance Crusade at Plum Creek Church, South Dakota

A Spiritual Advance Crusade was held at the Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, S. Dak., from Jan. 13 to 24. Rev. H. John Vanderbeck, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa, brought a series of messages entitled, "The Heart-beats of Life from Colossians". Rev. Willis Potratz, our pastor, was in charge of the services. Special music was presented each night.

On Saturday evening, Jan. 18, the young people held a Youth Banquet with the theme, "Thousand for Christ," which was carried out in word and song. Mr. Vanderbeck was the guest speaker. Roger Decker served as the toastmaster.

Many friends came each night to share in the blessings. Christians were brought closer to the Lord and challenged to live better lives for him. Our desire is that we may be found faithful in witnessing for the Lord Jesus and that we may walk forward in the things of God to the very end.

Mrs. Vernon Janssen, Reporter

### New Baptist Church Group at Selby, South Dakota

We started the new year with many activities in our small Baptist church group at Selby, S. Dak. The Watchnight Service was just the beginning. Besides a message by our interim pastor, Rev. G. P. Schroeder, we had prayer, a lot of singing, also a social hour. During the week from Dec. 29 to Jan. 4 we held cottage prayer meetings.

From January 5 to 24 we held evangelistic meetings. During the first week we were more on our own, but during the second week we had the help of neighboring pastors: E. S. Fenske, Lehr, N. D.; and Arthur Fischer, Linton, N. D.; Orville Meth, Venturia, S. D.; and Adolph Reeh, Eureka, S. D. The latter two brought their church singers along. We also had a Junior Choir from Herreid, S. Dak., under the direction of Mrs. R. H. Ackerman and Marilyn Quenzer with her accordion. During the third week Rev. Arthur Fischer from Linton, N. D., served us on four nights with messages from God's Holy Word.

We thank the Lord for making it possible to have a church of our own denomination in Selby, although we are not organized as yet. We covet the prayers of God's children for us here in Selby, South Dakota.

Mrs. Clifford Grenz, Reporter

### Linton, N. Dak., CBYF Celebrates its 25th Anniversary

The evening of December 31 was a milestone for the CBYF Fellowship of Linton, N. Dak., as we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the organization. Verda Job, president, opened the service with a hymn followed by Scripture and prayer. Special musical numbers were rendered by a trio, an instrumental number and a quartet. Recognition of charter members and words of welcome were extended. Letters of congratulations from former members and pastors were read. Comments

were made by several charter members.

The first minutes of the CBYF were read by Jake Kiemele who was the second secretary. A financial report was given by a former treasurer, Viola Kiemele. The history was read by Alma Kremer, who was president from the beginning of the CBYF, until 1956. At this same time a gift was presented to Mrs. Kremer for her many years of service. Closing comments were made by Rev. A. J. Fischer, our pastor. A fellowship hour in the church parlors followed where past activities and photographs were displayed.

Elaine Tschritter, Reporter

### Youth Week, First Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak.

The Senior C. B. Y. Fellowship of the First Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., took a very active part in the church activities during Youth Week. Several members were in charge of the opening exercises in the Adult, Junior and Beginners Departments of our Sunday School. On Sunday evening, Jan. 26, the young people had charge of the worship service. The program consisted of special music and the playlet, "Victory Through Faith".

On Jan. 27 the young people sponsored a candlelight banquet in honor of their parents. The program centered around the theme, "Victory Through Faith," and musical numbers. Our pastor, Rev. Leland Friesen, sang a solo and Rev. Willis Potratz, our neighboring pastor, brought an inspirational message. On Saturday evening, Feb. 1st, our young people sponsored a roller skating party in Freeman, S. Dak., inviting the young people from the Plum Creek Church of Emery and the Trinity and Northside Churches of Sioux Falls.

On Sunday evening, Feb. 2nd, we were privileged to have Rev. Richard Schilke of Forest Park, Ill., with us as guest speaker. We thank God for the many blessings which he has given us during the past months.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Schrader, Sponsors

## Central Conference

### Fellowship Dinner and Youth Week, Indianapolis, Ind.

The members of the Bethel Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind., held their annual fellowship dinner on Tuesday evening, Jan. 21. The pastor, Rev. Lawrence George, presided over the program and business meeting that followed the dinner. There were special numbers by the men's quartet and the young ladies trio.

Several items of business were discussed. A motion was made and carried that effective April 1, 1958, our church will become financially self-supporting. We discussed starting a building fund and a committee was appointed to make definite plans.

In observance of Youth Week, the young people took part in the evening service on Feb. 2nd by leading the song service, reading the Scripture passage, offering prayer and participating in a Bible quiz. They had been studying the book of Philippians in their CBY meetings and the Bible Quiz was

on this book. The Junior Youth Group sponsored by Mrs. George gave Scripture verses with references and sang a special number. The pastor brought a challenging message on "The Demand for Youth."

Mrs. Mary Presley, Reporter

## Eastern Conference

### Youth Week at Union Church, Arnold, Pennsylvania

During the month of January the worship services of the Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Pa., were on the air each Sunday morning over our local radio station. During Youth Week, January 26-February 1, our C.B.Y. enjoyed several highlights. Prof. Roy Seibel spoke at a combined meeting of the three groups on Sunday evening, January 26, challenging them to full time service. He also spoke at our evening service. Rev. Dale Chaddock, our pastor, baptized three adults at that service.

On Thursday evening, January 30, all three C. B. Y. groups enjoyed a chili supper to which their parents were invited. Rev. Don Philips, Youth for Christ leader, was the speaker. The Woman's Missionary Society served. On February 1, Rev. Wendy Collins, field director of the High School Bible Clubs of Youth for Christ International, was guest speaker at our Sunday morning worship service.

Several adults accepted Christ as their Savior recently and are in the Pastor's Class preparing for baptism and church membership.

Florence Pressick, Clerk

## Southwestern Conference

### Shell Creek Church, Nebraska, Bids Pastor Farewell

On Tuesday evening, Jan. 14, the members of the Shell Creek Baptist Church, Columbus, Nebraska, and of the Creston Baptist Church, along with other neighboring friends and pastors, gathered at the Shell Creek Church for a farewell service in honor of Rev. and Mrs. P. T. Hunsicker and family. Rev. R. Stading, pastor of the Creston Church, presided.

Representatives of the various organizations of the church, friends, and neighboring pastors brought expressions of appreciation and presented gifts to Rev. and Mrs. P. T. Hunsicker for their work of seven and one-half years. Two readings were given pertaining to their leaving and God's guidance and care for them before they went forth to Prince George, B.C. Special music was furnished by the male quartet and ladies quartet of Shell Creek and a girls' duet from Creston.

On Wednesday evening, Jan. 15, the members of the Shell Creek Church gathered for a supper and a short program. A special feature was given by the Junior C.B.Y., whom Mr. Hunsicker led so capably and faithfully. Mr. Hunsicker replied with a brief message and closed the service with prayer along with a gift as a token of love to each family of the church represented.

Mrs. Allen Mohrmann, Secretary

## Ordination of Rev. Kenneth E. Unruh of Kansas

On Jan. 17 representatives of ten North American Baptist churches met at the call of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, near Junction City, Kansas, to consider ordaining its pastor, Mr. Kenneth E. Unruh, to the Gospel ministry. The candidate, Mr. Unruh, was introduced by Mr. Charles Zoschke and gave a clear account of his conversion, his call to the ministry, and his doctrinal views, whereupon the council warmly recommended him for ordination.

The impressive ordination service for Mr. Unruh was held that evening, with ten pastors participating. Rev. H. Wilcke presided. Rev. Norman Miller led the song service. Rev. Harry Haas read God's Word. Rev. Charles Littman led in prayer. The ordination sermon was brought by Rev. L. B. Hinz of Waco, Texas, who had been Mr. Unruh's pastor at the Strassburg Baptist Church. Rev. Harold W. Gieseke led in the ordination prayer. Rev. Oliver K. Ringering gave the charge to the church. Rev. Jack I. Krause gave the charge to the candidate. The welcome to the ministry was extended by Rev. Walter Weber, Conference mission secretary. Rev. Kenneth E. Unruh gave a word of praise to God and closed the service with the benediction.

Rev. Kenneth E. Unruh has been the pastor of the Mt. Zion Church since June 1957. He is a graduate of Tabor College and has completed one year of work on his M. R. E. degree at Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City. Harold W. Gieseke, Clerk

## WE, THE WOMEN

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Today we are certain of the Risen Christ as we read the Scriptures, as we share the Lord's Day, as we see the Kingdom grow in men's hearts, as we experience the same spirit and the same inward fire.

"AND YE ARE THE WITNESSES OF THESE THINGS" (John 24:46-48).

"But now is Christ risen from the dead" (1 Corinthians 15:20).

## JANUARY CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES			
Conferences	Jan., 1958	Jan., 1957	Jan. 1956
Atlantic	\$ 3,699.10	\$ 3,940.81	\$ 2,119.48
Central	13,407.67	24,937.30	8,650.94
Dakota	8,270.52	7,568.71	8,420.13
Eastern	6,042.35	3,120.61	4,085.66
Northern	6,415.42	6,587.77	4,726.00
Northwestern	12,185.29	8,711.40	6,014.64
Pacific	14,754.06	12,823.35	13,000.01
Southwestern	888.73	578.13	1,102.10
Southern	4,095.71	4,129.84	4,761.28
Total Contributions	\$69,758.85	\$72,851.03	\$52,880.24

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED			
	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of January, 1958	\$64,555.13	\$ 5,203.72	\$69,758.85
For the month of January, 1957	62,478.03	10,373.00	72,851.03
For the month of January, 1956	47,139.25	5,740.99	52,880.24

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR			
April 1, 1957 to January 31, 1958	\$489,197.75	\$43,351.35	\$532,549.10
April 1, 1956 to January 31, 1957	483,129.62	60,732.15	532,861.77
April 1, 1955 to January 31, 1956	418,697.91	74,341.76	493,039.67

Let us give sacrificially to the EASTER OFFERING as a testimony that we are truly partakers of the resurrection life. EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 6

## CHRIST'S SACRIFICE

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utmost part of the earth. For most of us, it will mean faithfulness in our daily calling. For all of us, it will mean a burden to bring the Gospel to all men, as Jesus charged us to do.

As North American Baptists, we have been entrusted with great missionary opportunities. Thus far we have been faithful in carrying out our responsibilities and we have experienced much joy in doing so. Our EASTER OFFERING this year is our opportunity to continue our missionary tasks. As we gather to rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord, let us give sacrificially for thus we shall give testimony to the fact that we are truly partakers of the resurrection life. He gave his all for us; dare we give less for him?

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

- March 20 — Denominational Workshop for Leaders, Forest Park, Ill.
- March 20 (Evening) — God's Volunteers Committee, Forest Park, Illinois.
- March 21—Summer Visitation Committee, Forest Park, Ill.
- March 22 (A.M.)—Student Placement Committee, Forest Park, Ill.
- March 30—Palm Sunday.
- April 6 — Easter Sunday. EASTER OFFERING for our denominational enterprise.
- April 13-26—Commencement Exercises, Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta.
- April 19—Commission on Denominational Objectives and Organization, Forest Park, Ill.

## THE TORCH BEARER

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she found Barry awake and rational. He held out his hand and smiled at her.

"Was it true, or did I just dream that you were here yesterday and that you said you didn't hate me?"

"It was true," she told him as she sat down. "Why should I hate you? I know you never would have wilfully hurt David. What happened was just something that couldn't be helped. It was an accident."

"But it could have been helped," he contradicted. "If I hadn't been drunk, it never would have happened. I promised David that I wouldn't drink, but I did. You said I would never wilfully hurt him but I did just that. I hurt him terribly just before we left. It was because I knew I had hurt him that I began to drive so recklessly. That's why I feel that I murdered him."

Dale caught her breath sharply as he told her what had happened. "I didn't know it happened that way. They just told me that the car had skidded and turned over."

"Now that you know, how can you help hating me?" he asked as his narrowed eyes looked into hers.

"Because when God's love is in a person's heart, there is no room for hate."

"That's what David said once," he murmured brokenly. He was silent for a moment, then he said, "I can never forget what his last words were. They'll haunt me for the rest of my life."

"What were they?" Dale asked through trembling lips.

"I asked him if he was afraid when he cautioned me about driving so recklessly and he said, 'Yes, I am. I don't want to be crippled for life. There's too much for me to do—too much waiting for me.' Now he'll never be able to finish the job he had in mind. All that he so much wanted to do will never be done. And all because I was such a fool, such a fool!"

Dale was silent while she wiped the tears from her eyes. She had tried to keep from crying but she couldn't.

Presently she said, "There's one thing you could do to help you feel that you haven't destroyed David's work entirely."

"What's that?" he asked anxiously.

"You could carry on for him, Barry, if only you would."

"Me carry on for him!" he exclaimed wide-eyed.

"Yes. If you would, you could take up where he left off. You could try to do all the things he planned to do. If you would, you could take his place and do a wonderful work for the Lord. Remember the words of that beautiful poem written during the first world war? 'To you from failing hands we throw the torch. Be it yours to hold it high!'"

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churches in the area also took part with many people and church leaders attending the nine classes. Rev. Frank Veninga, pastor of the Temple Church, taught the course on "Courtship and Marriage." The members of the Temple Church were recently given a questionnaire on Christian stewardship designating their preferences and aptitudes in service within the church. The results in enlisting the church membership in active service has been very gratifying.

● The 100th anniversary of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, was held on Sunday, Oct. 27, 1957. This report was sent belatedly due to the illness of the pastor, Rev. Monroe D. Chafant. The anniversary sermon on Sunday morning was given by Dr. Arthur A. Schade of Spearfish, S. Dak., who served as pastor at the Cincinnati Church from 1910 to 1917. At the afternoon Hour of Remembrance, Rev. John Hasel, a former pastor, spoke. The church is still a light-house for the Lord, conducting services twice each Sunday besides a mid-week prayer meeting. An anniversary booklet was prepared for the Centenary Jubilee.

● Twenty boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 12 years joined the newly organized Junior CBY at the Baptist Church of Martin, N. Dak. The group meets two Sunday evenings a month and one week day a month for crafts and games. Mrs. Le June Kost and Mrs. Betty Kessler are serving as counsellors. "Youth Week" activities of the Senior CBY included a special program with installation of newly elected officers, a part in the midweek prayer service, and visitation to shut-ins. Plans are being made for the 46th annual program of the CBY to be given on March 23. Two plays, "To All the World" by the Senior group and "The Wonderful Lamp" by the Juniors, will carry out the missionary theme of the program.

● An interesting issue of "Trinity News," a six page mimeographed paper with news about the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, appeared in February 1958. The Bible School with Mr. James Billeter as superintendent has set a goal of 700 in March. The annual "Sweetheart Dinner" sponsored by "Baptist Men" of the church was held on Feb. 10. Mark Hatfield, Oregon's Secretary of State, brought the message. During February and March Rev. George Breitzkreuz has been conducting a Teacher Training Class during the Bible School hour. At the annual business meeting held on Jan. 15, a total of 124 persons were elected to various offices in the church, Bible School and other organizations as announced by the pastor, Dr. John Wobig, in the "Trinity News."

## Obituary

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

### MR. JACOB ZIMMERMAN of Lodi, California

Mr. Jacob Zimmerman of Lodi, Calif., was born May 10, 1903 at Gackle, N. Dak. It was here that he was married to Metha Schweinforth in 1927. God blessed their home with happiness, giving to them two fine children, Winifred and Kenneth.

For about the past 20 years the family has resided in the Lodi area where Mr. Zimmerman had been engaged in various types of farming. Through the ministry of Dr. Carl Truex of the First Baptist Church of Stockton, Calif., he received Christ as his personal Savior and became a member of that church after following the Lord in baptism. Later he transferred his membership to the First Baptist Church of Lodi and, when Temple Baptist Church was organized, he became a charter member. He was a faithful Christian and active in the life of his church.

The Lord called him home suddenly and unexpectedly on January 6 at the age of 54. The memorial service was attended by a large group of sorrowing relatives and friends.

Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, California  
ROBERT SCHRIEBER, Pastor

### MRS. MARIA PLOOG of Lorraine, Kansas

Mrs. Maria Ploog of Lorraine, Kansas, was born in Hohenkirch, West Prussia, Germany on May 2, 1865 and passed away at her home in Lorraine on Feb. 13, 1958. She was 92. At 15 she gave her heart to Christ, was baptized by the Rev. Krom, and joined the Baptist church in Hohenkirch. Coming to America in 1882 and settling in the Lorraine community, she joined the First Baptist Church of Lorraine. At her death, she had been a member for nearly 75 years and was the church's oldest member.

In 1888, she was united in marriage to William Ploog, who passed away in 1938. This happy union was blessed with four children, three of whom survive: Mrs. Bertha Walker of Lorraine; Mrs. Marie Tieleman of McMinnville, Oregon; and Emil W. Ploog of Lorraine. Mrs. Ploog was a stalwart Christian, a godly mother, and a prayer warrior for her church and the Kingdom. Serving her Lord was her greatest joy.

Funeral services were held in the First Baptist Church of Lorraine on Feb. 15, 1958. Mr. Walter Schmidt read the Scriptures and led in prayer and her pastor spoke on the

## ENGAGEMENTS

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### Miss Ruth Bathauer

March 20-26—Leadership Training Course, Faith Church, Regina, Sask.

March 28-30—Sidney, Montana.

April 16-21—Southwestern Workers' Conferences in Oklahoma and Kansas.

### Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Evangelist

March 26-April 3—Kenosha, Wis.

April 6-13—Martin, N. Dak. (With God's Volunteers).

April 22-May 4—Hamilton, Ontario.

### Rev. H. Palfenier, Evangelist

March 25-April 4—Appleton, Minn.

April 13-20—Rapid City, S. Dak.

April 27-May 4—Toronto, Ontario.

### God's Volunteers

March 18-30—Dayton's Bluff Church, St. Paul, Minn. (Meetings with

Rev. Elmer C. Strauss, director—March 23-30.)

text Ps. 4:8, which she herself had chosen. First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas

HAROLD W. GIESEKE, Pastor

### MISS MARGUERITE GAERTNER of Philadelphia, Pa.

Miss Marguerite Gaertner of Philadelphia, Pa., was born on Aug. 14, 1907 in Philadelphia, and went home to be with her Lord on Jan. 17, 1958 at the age of 50 years and 5 months.

As a girl of 11 years she accepted Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized on confession of her faith into the fellowship of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of this city by the pastor, Rev. S. A. Kose. Through the years she faithfully served her Lord in the choir, in the Sunday School, the Service Guild and as Assistant Church Clerk. A cheerful, loving, willing and real devotion to her Lord bore a radiant testimony both in the church and in her secular work as secretary to the superintendent of the Philadelphia Schools, the School Board and elsewhere. This was attested at the funeral by a warm eulogy by Dr. Allen H. Wetter, the superintendent of our local school system.

Her homegoing is mourned by her mother, Mrs. Sophia Gaertner; one sister, Mrs. Edward Kube, and one brother, Frederick J. Gaertner, all of this city, as well as a host of other relatives and friends. The message of comfort was based on a favorite Scripture verse of our sister, Matt. 11:28.

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

### MRS. OLGA KANDT of Butte, North Dakota

Mrs. Olga Thressia Kandt, nee Strogies, of Butte, N. Dak., was born June 13, 1908 at Cathay, N. D., and passed away Jan. 9, 1958 at Bismarck, N. Dak., attaining the age of 49 years, 6 months, and 26 days. She spent her early years with her parents on a farm near Cathay and attended the Cathay schools.

On January 5, 1934 she was united in marriage to Mr. Martin Kandt. To this union two children, Kenneth and Sharan, twins, were born. She was converted at an early age and baptized by the Rev. Otto Brenner and received into the Germantown Baptist Church. She became a member of the Cathay Baptist Church on Oct. 26, 1948. Sister Kandt served in her church as a deaconess, president and treasurer of the W. M. U., as well as Sunday School teacher and pianist.

She is survived and mourned by: her husband, Martin Kandt; a son, Kenneth; and a daughter, Sharan; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Strogies; and two sisters: Alice (Mrs. Ervin Haedt) of Cathay, N. Dak., and Selma (Mrs. Warren Moulton) of Rush City, Minn.

Cathay Baptist Church, Cathay, N. Dak.  
DAVID ZIMMERMAN, Pastor

April 1-13—Martin, N. Dak. (Meetings with Rev. Daniel Fuchs) (April 6-13.)

April 15-27—Faith Church, Regina, Sask. (Meetings with Rev. Elmer C. Strauss, April 20-27.)

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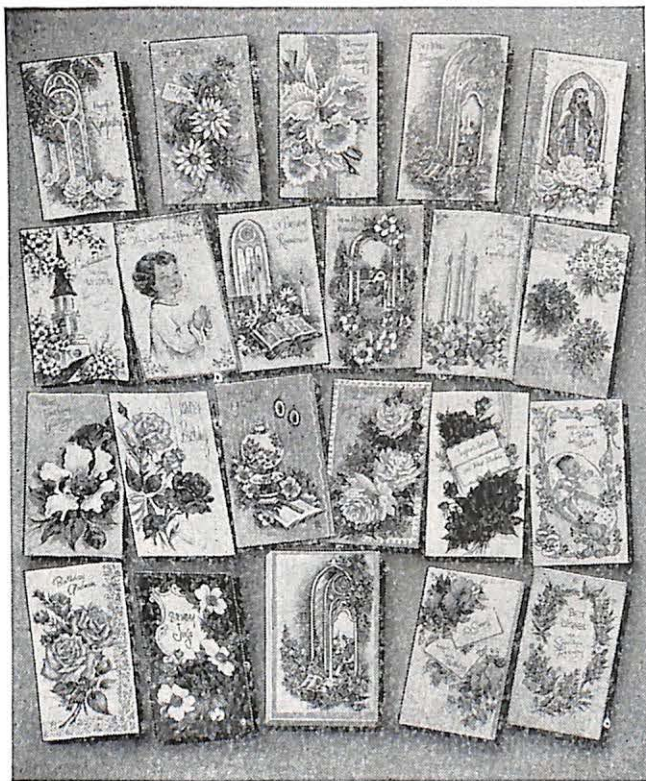
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