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March of Events

● The favorite drink of diplomats at the United Nations lounge in New York City is orange juice, the Methodist Board of Temperance states. The Board cited a recent report by the United Nations administration which showed that 80 gallons of orange juice a week is being served. This is more than any other beverage, although all types of alcoholic drinks are provided.

—The Watchman-Examiner

● Evangelist Koji Honda, the "Billy Graham of Japan," is holding a series of city-wide crusades throughout that nation. More than 1,000 were in attendance in Amagasaki, a city of 350,000 near Osaka, and there were 500 decisions. The series of meetings began in Kobe, a city of 1,000,000, where Evangelist Honda is pastor of the second largest church. During the past two years he has preached to more than 65,000 people with 6,500 making decisions for Christ. To celebrate 100 years of Protestantism in Japan evangelicals are backing the evangelist in an "All-Japan Centennial Greater Evangelistic Crusade."

● Top leaders of the Salvation Army, in a special 16-day session near London, England, drew up plans to modernize the Army's approach to winning souls while maintaining the same goals and standards as formerly. General Wilfred Kitching said that "antiquated methods must be set aside, unproductive activities abandoned, and new strategies examined." In future, the training period for Army officers will be increased from nine months' schooling plus a year's probation to two years' training and a year's probation. Greater emphasis will be placed on spiritual counseling and instruction. Increased use will be made of literature, radio and television.

● Dr. Paul Geren, who held diplomatic posts with the U. S. Foreign Service in Syria, Jordan, and India before becoming executive vice-president of Baylor University in Waco, Texas, in 1956, believes that Arab nationalism, though linked with the Moslem religion, need not mean the end of Christian missions in the Middle East. He told 300 Protestant missionary education workers at Evanston, Ill., that while "nationalism will not close countries to Christianity," it calls for "a new, imaginative role" in missions.

● A new "European HCJB" designed to reach many of the 600,000,000 who live in Europe has been announced by the World Radio Missionary Fellowship, Inc. The proposed radio station is the result of intense investigation on the part of Harold Van Broekhoven who established Radio Station TGNA, operated by the Central American Mission. Interest in the proposed

AND ONCE AGAIN —

we must part to set our faces toward your African mission fields. Again you made our furlough-year pleasant and rich and memorable. To each and all of you our gratitude and our greetings with 1 Corinthians 15:58, before we said to serve in Christ's Name and on your behalf.

Clara and Paul Gebauer
New York City
Sept. 4, 1958

WRFM "Radio Europe" project has been expressed by top religious leaders of evangelical circles in Europe and in North America, where advisory councils have already been set up. Steps are being taken to organize sim-



Baptist Briefs

● **Visiting Baptist Doctors.** More than 1,000 Japanese doctors have heard lectures in Kyoto, Asaka and Tokyo by members of the Baptist World Alliance medical team which made Japan an early stop on its round-the-world tour. Dr. James P. Satterwhite, director of the Japanese Baptist hospital at Kyoto, told his visitors that only active Christians are employed at the institution, and this is quite a difficulty because of the limited number of Christians in Japan.

● **Baptist Jubilee Advance.** Seventy state and city secretaries and executives of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies met at Green Lake, Wis., for a Baptist Jubilee Advance planning conference July 25-26. American Baptists are launching a four-point program during the first year of the advance in 1959. The convention will stress: 1) mission to the academic

FRONT COVER

The front cover picture shows five former pastors of the Wiesenthal Baptist Church, Millet, Alberta, at the 50th anniversary festivities of the church held on July 19 and 20. The pastors from left to right are: Rev. Henry Smuland of Tacoma, Wash.; Rev. Philip Daum of Vancouver, B. C.; Rev. Ernest A. Hoffmann of New York, N. Y.; Rev. C. B. Thole of Stafford, Kansas; and Rev. Robert Schreiber of Lodi, Calif. The present pastor is Mr. Arthur Zeller, who is not shown in the picture. (See report, page 20.)

ilar committees and councils in Europe.—Moody Monthly

● The World Council of Churches in its Central Committee meeting, August 21-29, observed the tenth anniversary of its founding and made plans for the future. The meeting was at Nyborg, Denmark. Among the plans is construction of a new \$2,500,000 headquarters building in Geneva, Switzerland. The policy-making Central Committee endorsed a project which looks toward completion of the new building by the end of 1961. The third world assembly of the Council is also planned for 1961. Its theme, the Committee decided, will be "Jesus Christ — the Light of the World." The Assembly, scheduled for the University of Ceylon at Peradeniya, will bring together delegates from all parts of the world.

community; 2) mission to ministers; 3) schools of evangelism and simultaneous evangelistic effort; and 4) televangelism.

—The Watchman-Examiner

● **Baptist Union of Wales.** Annual assembly of the Baptist Union of Wales, held at Bangor, was attended by 700. Rev. R. T. Evans is the Union's incoming president, succeeding Dr. Thomas Richards. T. J. Evans is treasurer. Special concern was voiced over a shortage of preachers, and Rev. D. Wyre Lewis said there are 100 pulpits in Wales without a preacher. Speakers at the assembly included Rev. D. J. Richards and Gwilym T. Hughes.

● **Baptist Seminary in Norway.** A new building for the Baptist Theological Seminary in Oslo, Norway, was dedicated June 21-22 as the culmination of the hopes, prayer, and dreams of the 7,500 Baptists in that country who poured themselves and their substance into the enterprise. Norwegian Baptists also support a foreign mission program in the Belgian Congo. Taktung part in the dedication services were Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, president of the Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon, Switzerland; Dr. Edwin A. Bell, the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society's representative in Europe; and Dr. George W. Sadler, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's representative for Europe.

● **Stevenson Visits Russian Baptists.** Aclai E. Stevenson highlighted a four-week visit to Russia by going on a guided tour of the ancient Russian Or-

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Editorial

A LOOK AT BAPTISTS

YOU'LL get to see very clearly why Baptists think and believe as they do in the new book, "A Look at Baptists" by Dr. John Wobig of Portland, Oregon. The newly elected moderator of the General Conference and the influential minister of the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland has answered all questions on Baptist beliefs and presented a clear-cut Scriptural case for our convictions in this volume. It's really an enlightening look at Baptists!

Baptists emphasize the New Testament pattern of the church. They have been called "the people of One Book." They regard the Scriptures as the sole authority for their faith. Therefore a book about Baptist distinctives ought to be firmly grounded on the Word of God. Dr. Wobig devotes an entire chapter early in the book on "Baptists and Their Concept of the Scriptures." He quotes hundreds of Scriptural passages to prove the statements of his book. It is the author's contention that "whatever Baptists preach or teach must always be affirmed by the Scriptures before it need be accepted." In this book with its look at Baptist beliefs, the Bible is always open before the reader, illuminating the way of truth ahead of him.

Dr. Wobig opens his volume with a general look at Baptist history, their earliest beginnings, and their development of churches on various continents of the world. It is the author's viewpoint that "Baptist beginnings go back to the time of Christ and his apostles. These distinctives that characterize Baptists can be traced to the time of Christ and the New Testament. Christ is their Founder and the New Testament their parentage."

The author presents a lucid and informative account of Baptists as the champions of religious freedom and of their historical consistency in contending for the separation of church and state. In the struggle for human liberty, Baptists have always been in the vanguard of conflict in England, on the continent of Europe and in the Americas. Dr. Wobig also shows how Baptists have been pioneers in the fields of education, literature, missions and political democracy.

Even though there are many different kinds of Baptists, (Dr. Wobig lists eight of them), the author shows the spirit and nature of their agreement in essential matters of faith. He devotes several pages to the organization and work of the North American Baptist General Conference, of our relationship to other Baptist groups and of the objectives of the Baptist World Alliance.

This book on Baptist distinctives is unique in stressing the spiritual interpretation of Baptist history. An entire chapter is devoted to "Baptist Tenets of Faith and Their Mission." Dr. Wobig has clearly stated the Baptist message on the fundamental doctrines of our faith in order to indoctrinate the readers more fully in the Christian faith. A thoughtful reading of this book will be spiritually rewarding to everyone.

This book, "A Look at Baptists," with its distinctive green cover will be avidly read by our people, used at many mission services and prayer meetings, studied in Teacher Training Classes and youth camps for years to come. It is an outstanding book! It is a publication milestone in our denomination! For one dollar you, too, can have "A Look at Baptists"!

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—Photo by Roy Seibel
Mr. Walter W. Grosser, Conference moderator (right), confers with several denominational leaders at the General Council Exhibit.

His Disciples in Deed

The Moderator's Masterful Message
Delivered at the
32nd General Conference in Edmonton, Alta.
By Mr. Walter W. Grosser
General Conference Moderator, 1952-1958

THE privilege of addressing this conference affords me an opportunity to express my appreciation to all of you for the enrichment that has come to my life through serving you as moderator for two trienniums. As a layman to fill this office, I reluctantly followed the statesmanlike predecessors, Dr. George Lang, Dr. Otto Krueger, and Dr. Herman von Berge. You have been most patient and gracious in your response.

Meeting frequently with the General Council and visiting with many of you in your churches have added a number of enduring and worthwhile friends. One privilege, which I wish were possible for all of you, is to know more intimately the men who serve the denomination on our secretarial staff. Their Christian devotion to many responsibilities must be observed at close range to appreciate fully their dedication. I have also found the office personnel cooperative and devoted to their tasks.

CONFERENCE THEME

This 32nd General Conference may well be one of the most significant meetings of our denomination. I covet your prayers for these days. The theme for this conference is: "Continue in My Word." This exhortation is taken from a text which suggests a great goal to be attained.

In John 8:31 Jesus said, "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed."

The subject of this address is: "My Disciples in Deed." Note the change from one word of the text, "indeed," to the use of two words, "in" and "deed."

Jesus also said, "What is the point of calling me Lord, Lord, without doing what I tell you to do?" This verse then becomes an imperative not only to persevere in the study of the doctrine, but to do what the doctrine prescribes.

"My Disciples in Deed."

While we plan this week how best

to exercise our discipleship, we would do well to examine ourselves:

1. Our past deeds and accomplishments;
2. Some of our concerns;
3. Our hopes.

Let us consider these under the scrutiny of the Spirit of Truth. Our text continues, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

DENOMINATIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A brief review of our accomplishments will show a growing constituency. This is true both as to total membership as well as in the number of churches in our fellowship. We have had more baptisms; and in this transient society it is gratifying to note that we have been gaining more members than we have lost. We have kept pace with other Christian denominations in the building of new churches.

We thank God for the rapid expansion of our missionary projects, both at home and abroad. Our mission in the British Cameroons of West Africa is recognized by Baptists as an outstanding work of the Spirit. The mission in Japan, although still in its infancy, and despite some discouraging setbacks, has progressed beyond our expectations. Our mission projects at home, our locally supported Homes for the Aged, our Woman's Missionary Union, and Baptist Men have all given a good account of their stewardship.

Our organizational procedures have constantly improved. Sunday Schools and youth groups have received specialized helps in training and programming from the C.B.Y.F. and Sunday School Union organizations. Our publications are carefully edited and helpful. They compare favorably with those of other denominations.

One of our earliest objectives was to organize churches in North America for German immigrants. In this area where we are meeting, we can see many of these new churches recently

organized, indicating that we have not forgotten our historic responsibility. Many of our older city churches had been struggling to keep alive in more recent years. Today the influx of Christians from Europe has completely revitalized some of them.

Our seminary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, has increased in stature. We have an excellent faculty, good facilities, and have made progress toward accreditation. The Christian Training Institute, located in this city of Edmonton, has been responsible for furnishing the Seminary with some of its fine students.

On the whole, our ministers are better paid and should be in this inflationary economy. We have provided them with group life insurance and have a financially sound Pension Plan with greatly improved benefits.

More and more mission churches have voluntarily become self-supporting in recent years.

OUR CONCERNS

We are one of seven Baptist groups in the Baptist Jubilee Advance in an evangelistic effort. This is a much needed display of a united Baptist witness in the shrinking world of our day. Our executive secretary, Dr. Woyke, is highly regarded as a member of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, and is a member of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. He serves ex-officio on the boards of all of our cooperating societies and reports that devoted work is being carried out in every department.

While we humbly give thanks to God for his blessings upon those deeds, which reflect his approval, we would be very shortsighted if we did not reflect upon some of our concerns.

The General Conference will be asked to concur in the recommendations of the Commission on Denominational Objectives and Organization, as approved by the General Council. These recommendations have been

widely publicized in advance and you should be familiar with them. If you approve this report, you will be adding secretaries to our paid staffs. You will attempt to coordinate our educational facilities. You will be making drastic changes in the Publication Society. The presumption is that our denominational giving and our growth and expansion, both at home and abroad, will more than justify these changes.

It is to be sincerely desired that if we adopt a new course of action, we will settle down and earnestly go to work. Let us be through with surveys and questionnaires for a while and with the help of God put our emphasis upon the deed—to do that which he has commanded us to do.

When Jesus spoke about being disciples in deed, he knew well how selfish motives would stand in the way of true discipleship. And he said to them all, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

SHORTAGE OF MINISTERS

This verse suggests another one of our concerns, namely the shortage of ministers. We are not developing leadership fast enough to keep our present pulpits supplied. What will be the gain from a vigorous Church Extension program unless these churches can be supplied with dedicated and well trained ministers?

Basically, this concern is one for the Christian home and the local church. Young people volunteer for Christian service when they have a call from God. God calls those whose hearts have been conditioned. If the emphasis at home and in the church is that we have been born to be comfortable and to enjoy the benefits of prosperity, no amount of urging or upholding doctrinal purity will impress observing youth very much.

A young woman in one of our churches said recently that most of her high school friends were indifferent to religion. They gave as their reason, "Our parents talk much about their faith, but we see little evidence of it in their living."

The youth of Russia may be godless, but they believe fervently that Communism is the new way of life. Everything they do is a fulfillment of that faith. Will our comfort and our complacency become our doom?

The day is at hand when we must act as though we believe that Christ is the only hope for a sin-sick world. By our example, let us practice self-denial and convince young people that following Jesus Christ is our way to life's greatest achievement and deepest joy.

DEDICATION TO DEEDS

In the early church, the believers recognized the value of a trained, talented leadership, and set aside some as pastors, teachers, and prophets, but they also considered every believer to be a minister. It was this corporate

dedication to the Gospel that enabled them to set the world upside down. Let's uphold our dedicated ministers by pledging ourselves with them to the deeds found in the words taken from a hymn in our "North American Hymnal."

God send us men whose aim 'twill be,
Not to defend some ancient creed,
But to live out the laws of Christ
In every thought and word and deed.

God send us men of steadfast will,
Patient, courageous, strong, and true;
With vision clear and mind equipped,
His will to learn, his work to do.

God send us men with hearts ablaze
All truth to love, all wrong to hate;
These are the patriots nations need,
These are the bulwarks of the State.

Each of these distinctives is in great danger today because evil forces are at work to undermine it. It will require more than just an affirmation of these vital truths if they are to be preserved. Every church member needs a quickening sense of discernment, and a boldness to put on "the whole armor of God" and fight "to a standstill."

We are grateful for our achievements. We are concerned about serious problems and obstacles which hinder us in becoming disciples in deed, but in conclusion, we can also speak with confidence about our hopes. In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus said, "Thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth as it is done in heaven; for thine is the



—Goertz Photo
General Conference leaders meet at the Canadian National Railroad Station on Monday morning, July 21, to greet the arriving visitors.
Left to right: Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Rev. E. P. Wahl, Mr. Walter W. Grosser, Mr. Edwin Marklein and Dr. M. L. Leuschner.

Instead of judging the best church members to be those who listen to the most sermons and attend the most meetings, we will have active participants instead of passive attenders. Without this result, numerical gains will be of little value.

The Apostle Paul said, "We are up against organizations and powers that are spiritual. We are up against the unseen power that controls this dark world and spiritual agents from the very headquarters of evil. Therefore you must wear the whole armor of God, that you may be able to resist evil in its day of power, and that even when you have fought to a standstill, you may still stand your ground."

BAPTIST DISTINCTIVES

Some other concerns are well expressed in the preamble to our General Conference constitution. Here we affirm our faith in a number of great Baptist distinctives, such as:

"Soul liberty, the separation of church and state, a regenerated church membership, and the proclamation of the Gospel to the whole world."

kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen." These majestic words assure the ultimate triumph of righteousness when our Lord shall reign forever and forever.

GOALS FOR 1964

What a different outlook for the Christian than for the many who live only for the material things. To them the future looks dark and foreboding. God's children know that his plan for mankind will eventually triumph. Therefore we can optimistically announce new goals to be attained by 1964:

- 10,000 conversions;
- 100 missionaries in foreign service;
- An ever increasing home mission program;
- 50% more per capita giving;
- Every member a witness!

To be "His Disciples in Deed" is our fondest hope and earnest prayer. Our prayer becomes meaningful when ex-

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On the Mount of Transfiguration

The Baptist World Alliance's Executive Committee held wonderful sessions of consultation, study and fellowship at Ruschlikon, Switzerland, August 2-8, as reported by

Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Secretary

THOSE who participated in the Baptist World Alliance meetings in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, August 2-8, frequently exclaimed: "This is just like being on the Mount of Transfiguration!" Those were truly wonderful days of consultation, study and fellowship.

The Ruschlikon Seminary had generously and graciously made its beautiful facilities, located on a high bluff overlooking Lake Zurich, available to the Executive Committee and the Study Commissions of the Alliance. About 100 representatives from 27 different countries came to take part in these meetings.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECISIONS

I shall mention, first of all, a few of the matters that were considered by the Baptist World Alliance's Executive Committee. For the sake of brevity, I shall enumerate them.

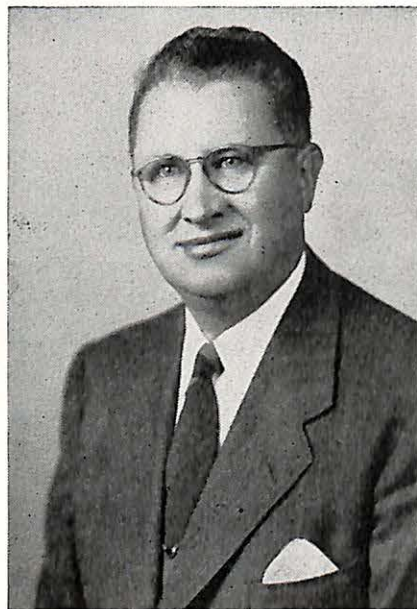
1. **Special greetings** to Dr. C. Oscar Johnson and Dr. W. O. Lewis. There was general regret that it was not possible this year for Dr. Johnson, former president of the Alliance, and for Dr. Lewis, former general secretary, to be present. A special greeting was sent to them.

2. **Memorial Service.** A brief memorial service was held for three members of the Executive Committee who had passed away to their eternal reward since the 1957 annual meeting: W. H. Jernagin, W. C. Tapper and J. Howard Williams.

3. **Associate Secretary for Europe.** Dr. Henry Cook of England has been rendering a much appreciated ministry as Acting Associate Secretary for Europe since the retirement of Dr. W. O. Lewis several years ago. Upon recommendation of the Administrative Committee, Dr. Eric Ruden of Sweden was appointed the new Associate Secretary for Europe. This person also serves as secretary of the Baptist Federation of Europe.

4. **General Secretary.** Our beloved General Secretary, Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, has indicated that he desires to retire in 1960. The president was therefore authorized to appoint a special committee to consider nominees for the office of General Secretary, this committee to report back to the Executive Committee at the annual meeting in 1959.

5. **Possible establishment of a Men's Department.** Mr. Eberhard Schroeder of Germany reported on behalf of the committee studying the possibility of establishing a Men's Department of the Alliance. Although the report was favorable, it was felt that further



Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, who recently attended the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee's sessions in Switzerland.

study was needed. The committee was therefore asked to continue its studies and report back in 1959. Such a Men's Department would parallel the Youth and Women's Departments, which are already in operation.

1960 BWA CONGRESS

6. **1960 World Congress.** Plans for the 1960 Baptist World Congress are well under way. Permit me to give only a few particulars.

a) Theme for the Congress is to be, "Jesus Christ Is Lord."

b) The text is taken from Philipians 2:10-11: "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things on earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

c) The place of meeting, of course, is to be in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

d) The dates of the Congress are June 26 - July 3, 1960.

e) There are 220 Baptist churches in the greater Rio area, with 117 located in Rio de Janeiro itself. The population of greater Rio is in excess of three million.

f) Registration for those delegates coming from North America will again be arranged through the Washington, D. C., office in cooperation with the denominational offices. Particulars will be announced later.

g) The Brownell Tours organization has been designated general agent for travel and hotel arrangements for the 1960 Congress. This has been done for

the purpose of coordination. Since travel facilities to Rio, and hotel space in Rio are limited, much confusion could result if no organization were in full charge. Any travel bureau may make reservations, however, acting in effect as a sub-agent of Brownell Tours.

7. **1959 Alliance Budget.** The total consolidated budget for the Alliance for the year 1959 is \$90,500.00. The Relief Department operates apart from, and in addition to, this budget.

THE COMMISSIONS

During the period, August 2-6, the following commissions met for study and consultation: The Commission on Religious Liberty, The Commission on Baptist World Missions, The Commission on Evangelism, The Commission on Bible Study and Membership Training, the Commission on the Doctrine of Baptism, and The Commission on the Doctrine of the Church.

The reports of the various commissions revealed that a very valuable interchange of ideas had taken place. Although opinions at some points differed, there was a wide area of agreement concerning the matters discussed, especially with respect to the historic distinctives of our fellowship.

Since I was a member of the Commission on Baptist World Missions, I am pleased herewith to give the report of this Commission as it was approved by the B.W.A. Executive Committee.

COMMISSION ON WORLD MISSIONS

1. That the following be accepted as the objectives of the Commission on World Missions:

1. To seek to obey more decisively the "Great Commissions" (Matt. 28:19, 20), as received by the Church from her Risen Lord and Savior, who died for all.

2. a) To assemble information, at the B.W.A. office in Washington, D. C., regarding the missionary work of boards, conventions, and societies recognizably Baptist.

b) To arrange for the publication, from time to time, of a directory of such information.

c) To make available, as and when possible, information as to the location of earlier records, etc., of Baptist missionary work.

d) To take steps to encourage Baptist missionary bodies to compile a history of their work, it being hoped that

before long a world history of Baptist missions may be made available.

WORLD-WIDE BAPTIST WITNESS

3. To call the attention of Baptists

a) To areas with little or no Baptist witness and particularly areas with no Christian witness at all;

b) To the need for collaboration with Baptists and other bodies in relation to projected entry into new fields;

c) To the possibility of Baptist groups helping one another and also other missionary groups in particular places.

4. To envisage the possibility of a world-wide Baptist missionary strategy.

5. To continue to strive for the expansion and upbuilding of the younger churches, and to seek their further enlistment as full partners in the world missionary task.

6. To challenge the whole Baptist community in the world with the situation created by the spirit of extreme nationalism, the revival of the ancient religions, animism, Hinduism, Buddhism and Islam- and by the rising tide of atheism, materialism, and humanism.

7. To seek to stir the conscience and compassion of the Baptists in relation to the physical, social and economic plight of under-developed areas of the world, and to their need for practical help.

BAPTIST MISSIONARIES NEEDED

8. To urge on all boards, societies, churches and church members a greater obedience to the call of Christ to pray "the Lord of the Harvest" that he would



Dr. Theodore F. Adams (2nd from left), president of the Baptist World Alliance, with several other Baptist leaders, including Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance (right), prior to their trip into Russia to visit Baptist churches.

BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE MESSAGE

Announcement by the Baptist World Alliance Executive, of which Dr. Frank H. Woyke is a Member

To our Baptist people in all parts of the world, greeting in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE members of the Executive of the Baptist World Alliance, assembled in August 1958 in Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, meet in a mood of thanksgiving that so many have been able to come together from such widely-scattered areas. The world of our day is in a state of tension; on every hand there are fears and misgivings; yet in our fellowship we represent a vital and growing community of 23 millions in which the ties that bind are strong and enduring.

We desire to affirm once again our conviction that our Savior, crucified, risen and exalted, is our only hope both for the present and the future; that the fellowship of his Church is a voluntary association of those who acknowledge him as Savior and Lord, and in their obedience in baptism have pledged themselves to his way of life, both as individuals and communities; that our belief in the Fatherhood of God commits us not only to human brotherhood but also to those principles of liberty in which alone are recognized the rights and duties of men as children of God.

send forth laborers into his harvest in the firm expectation that candidates of such character, quality, equipment and training will volunteer as to bring additional strength and increasing reinforcements wherever needed.

In our deliberations we have surveyed our Baptist life and witness bearing in mind not only our great heritage but also the challenge of youth movements and new areas of opportunity. We have rejoiced in reports of progress both in home churches and on the mission field. We have been moved to admiration and gratitude as we have learned of our brethren who, in situations of difficulty and even persecution, have shown their loyalty to Christ, often at great cost.

To all ministers of the Gospel and members of our churches of every race and color we send affectionate greetings. Assuring them of our constant remembrance and prayers we ask of all our people throughout the world continuing prayer for our work. We believe that the greatest contribution we can make to the peace and happiness of our world is by exalting Christ our Lord and Master.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Theodore F. Adams, President
F. Townley Lord, Past President
Mrs. Edgar Bates, Jakob Meister, P. S. Wilkinson, Yakov Zhidkov, Vice-Presidents
Arnold T. Ohrn, General Sec'y

9. To press on the attention of Baptists the presence in their midst of nationals from other lands, especially of other faiths, and also to the numbers of young men and women leaving their own lands for secular employment overseas, and to the necessity of Christian witness on their part in their new environment.

10. To seek to ensure that the churches of China and of all closed lands, in their separated fellowship, be remembered continually in prayer as brothers in Christ.

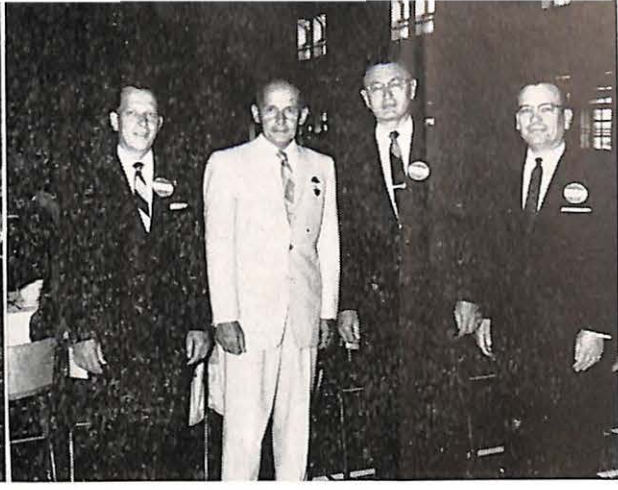
11. To call the Baptist churches

1960 BAPTIST CONGRESS
RIO de JANEIRO, BRAZIL
June 26—July 3, 1960
"Jesus Christ Is Lord!"

missionary-minded in the full New Testament sense, and to dedicate their financial resources sacrificially to the cause of Christ's Kingdom at home and abroad.

12. To press on all Baptists the sheer urgency of the missionary task in view mainly of the

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—Photos by Roy Seibel
North American Baptist men, representing the "Baptist Men's" organization and the Ministers' Fellowship at the General Conference luncheon in Edmonton, Alta. (left), and some of the leaders and speakers at that luncheon (right), as shown (left to right): Rev. Leland H. Friesen, Emery, S. Dak.; Dr. Paul Gebauer, Cameroons, Africa; Mr. Herbert Stabbert, Anaheim, Calif.; and Mr. Raymond E. Engelbrecht, Waco, Texas.

Laymen's Sunday, October 19, 1958

Program Sponsored by "Baptist Men" as Announced by
Mr. R. E. Engelbrecht of Waco, Texas

THE third Sunday in October (Oct. 19, 1958) is again set aside as "Laymen's Sunday" for all North American Baptist churches. This is becoming a National Day. This special day in our denominational life offers our churches an excellent opportunity to use the laymen. We do not mean that the laymen should "take over" on this day. The pastor is pastor on Laymen's Day just as he is on every other day. Only with his encouragement and help can the observance of Laymen's Day become a successful and challenging event in the life of the church.

LAYMEN'S SUNDAY PROGRAM

In churches that have an organization for the men, a "Men's Fellowship" or a "Brotherhood," the planning committee will be the executive committee or program committee of this organization. In churches without such an organization, a special committee may be appointed by the pastor. The various committees needed to carry out the Laymen's Sunday plans will be appointed by the planning committee. The pastor meets with the planning committee and guides them in all plans made for the observance of Laymen's Day.

Some pastors use the morning worship service on Laymen's Sunday to bring a message pointed directly to the need of the enlistment of all Christian laymen in the overall program of the church. Others use the evening worship hour and use laymen in the service. Have a layman direct the congregational song service. If possible, have a layman play the piano or organ. Use laymen to read the Scripture and lead in prayer, and have them provide the special music, a male chorus or other type of music.

To have a successful Laymen's Sunday, you must plan well. Use every possible means to publicize Laymen's Sunday. Posters, newspapers, articles

in your church bulletins, advance announcements from the pulpit and in Sunday School are only a few of the possibilities. Invite all men to be present for all services of the day. The evening worship hour may be climaxed with a great Family Night service, when the men and their families will come and sit together. Recognize the families where every member is present.

VISITING TO WIN

Visitation Evangelism. Direct a visitation program during the week prior to Laymen's Sunday. The theme for our laymen in promoting evangelism should be "Visiting to Win." Enlist the men of your church in visiting the unsaved—win them to Christ and to church membership. Evangelism has been one of the major areas of activity for several years. Such an undertaking will give a practical aspect to evangelistic activity by the laymen's organization in our churches. This visitation effort will make the Laymen's Sunday more meaningful.

Planning, of course, is not enough. The plans must be worked. Brotherhood leadership in every church will need to plan carefully for the part their laymen will have in the program on Laymen's Day and then see that the plans are carried out. All officers and committee chairmen should pool their energy to make this day effective.

Plea for Mission-Minded Laymen! It has been said that few laymen have any real knowledge of what North American Baptists are doing in foreign lands. Oh, yes, they give to our missionary program, but make little or no effort to learn of the operations of this great undertaking. They know, in a lukewarm way, that we are working in foreign lands, but they show no real enthusiasm and give their money in a perfunctory sort of way for the sup-

port of our Foreign Missionary Enterprise.

"Baptist Men" can help to correct this situation, and we have every reason to believe that the Brotherhood is doing just that, for there is a growing interest in our foreign mission work. What a glorious day it would be if the "Brotherhoods" in our churches would be comparable to the Woman's Missionary Union in this matter of missions.

\$2000 MISSION PROJECT

Laymen will have an opportunity to express their interest in foreign missions in a tangible way on Laymen's Sunday, because all churches are requested to have an offering for the project adopted by "Baptist Men" during their business session at the General Conference in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. A project was adopted of \$2,000 per year towards the support of Dr. and Mrs. Peter Fehr, newly appointed Medical Missionaries to the Cameroons, Africa. This is the first project that our denominational organization has adopted.

The goal we have set seems very small, but since this is our first attempt to sponsor a project, we decided to be conservative. We trust that the laymen in all of our churches will support this project on Laymen's Sunday, whether you have an organization for your men or not. We also hope that you will not only support it on Laymen's Sunday, but throughout the years of the present triennium.

Let us never forget that the Christian movement began as a laymen's movement. Laymen should realize their responsibility and their potentialities and how the conduct of their individual lives affect the world for good or evil. Far too few of us realize as we should that our words and ac-

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A Soul Winners' Fellowship in Every N. A. B. Church

Our Denominational Motto:

"Ten Thousand More by Sixty-four"

By Rev. Daniel Fuchs

North American Baptist Director of Evangelism

THOUSANDS of North American Baptists feel deeply in their hearts the need for an aggressive, Spirit directed, Bible program of soul-winning in our denomination. For the same reason that we are promoting a denominational program of missions, Sunday School and youth work and other New Testament activities, we also need vigorously to promote a denominational program of evangelism. We know that "in union there is strength." Without a unified program of evangelism, we can never expect to mobilize 50,000 North American Baptists to accomplish their God-given task in soul-winning.

HOLY CONCERN

Statistics show that we are annually averaging one baptism to every 24 church members. In other words, it takes 24 North American Baptists 12 months to win one soul to Christ. What is even more startling is the fact that over one-third of our churches annually report not one single baptism. Out of 300 churches over 100 go twelve months without baptizing a convert. Such results in soul-winning should be sufficient cause to stir our hearts with holy concern.

It was this concern for a more effective program of soul-winning that motivated the 32nd General Conference at Edmonton, Alberta, to pass a resolution to "improve the evangelistic phase of our work." In co-operation with nineteen million other Baptists in the United States and Canada, who are presently united in the great Baptist Jubilee Advance, we as North American Baptists desire to go forward, led by the Spirit of God in a denominational program of soul-winning.

Our slogan is: "Ten Thousand More by Sixty-four." At present we have a total membership of 50,000. It is our prayer that by 1964 our membership will have reached the 60,000 mark.

Since our annual loss through deaths and other causes averages about a thousand, it means that we will need to gain an average of 3000 souls a year to reach our goal.

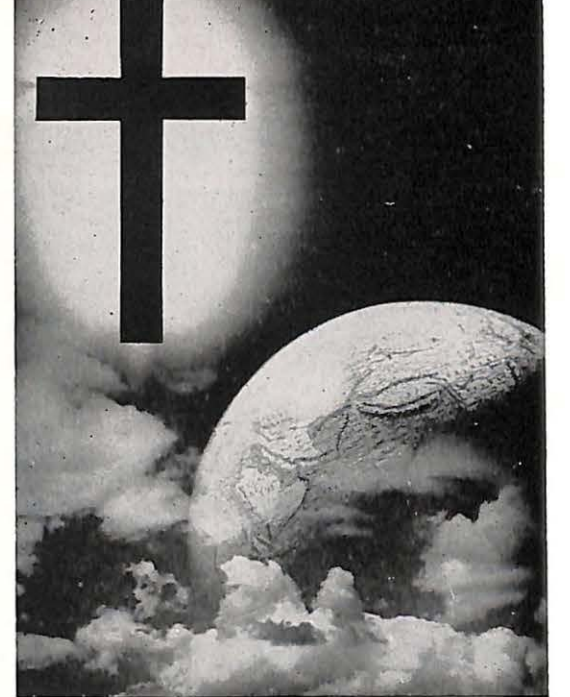
SOUL WINNERS' FELLOWSHIP

To help achieve this worthy objective, our aim is to encourage the organization of a Soul Winners' Fellowship in each of our churches. The **Soul Winners' Fellowship** consists of a group of consecrated Christian men, women and young people, who band themselves together in each of our churches for the specific purpose of personal soul-winning. Under the leadership of the pastor or some other capable person, these soul winners meet regularly to receive instruction and to accept specific assignments in seeking the lost and helping to lead them to the Savior. It should be the desire of every North American Baptist church to have in its organization a perennially active, Holy Spirit directed **Soul Winners' Fellowship**.

The first step in organizing a **Soul Winners' Fellowship** is to personally enlist the soul winners. In all of our churches we have young people, as well as men and women, who are wonderfully qualified for this great task. These potential soul winners need to be specifically and personally chosen and enlisted as permanent members of the **Soul Winners' Fellowship**.

No other group in the church has a more important task than the **Soul Winners' Fellowship**. The pastor himself will want personally to visit and enlist each prospective worker. Should it not be possible for the pastor himself to enlist each worker personally, he will want to make other arrangements whereby this can be done.

The second step in the organization of the **Soul Winners' Fellowship** is to train the soul winners. Many potential soul winners hesitate to engage in the work because they do not know how.



"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit"—Jesus (John 15:16).

Jesus trained twelve disciples and "appointed other seventy" (Luke 10) and prepared them for their task. Under the leadership of the pastor or some other qualified person, a course on personal soul winning will be given the workers periodically.

SOUL WINNERS' PACKETS

A "Soul Winners' Packet" has been especially prepared and is available from our Forest Park office. Every member of the **Soul Winners' Fellowship** should have this packet. It has in it a helpful "Handbook" for soul winners, also the attractive folder, "Twenty Guideposts" for North American Baptist churches, besides a number of other evangelistic leaflets and tracts. These packets can be secured in any quantity for the nominal price of 30 cents per packet. Write to North American Baptists, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois.

The third step in the organization of a **Soul Winners' Fellowship** is to give the soul winners definite assignments. Once every two weeks the **Soul Winners' Fellowship** meets regularly for instruction, prayer and assignments. The pastor will team the workers together, so that each team will have a leader and a leader's partner. The pastor will likewise assign to each team the prospects whom the team is to visit. Men will visit men, women will call on women, and young people will witness to young people. Where husband and wife make a good team, they may be used to visit anybody.

The pastor will keep an accurate, up-to-date prospect list. On this list will be the names and addresses of people who should be won for Christ and the church. From this prospect list the pastor makes assignments to the workers. Every two weeks the pastor assigns to each team of soul-winners as many prospects as the team will be able to visit in the next two

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An interior view of the Deutschlandhalle in Berlin, Germany, with more than 10,000 Baptists attending the Jubilee sessions of the European Federation.

Christ Our Hope — Europe Our Responsibility

Highlights of the European Baptist Congress held in Berlin, Germany,

By Mr. John Binder of Swan River, Manitoba

Seminary Exchange Student at Hamburg, Germany, During the Past Year

FOURTY-FIVE of us seminary students from Hamburg, Germany, were on our way by train to the European Baptist Congress to be held in Berlin. As we crossed the border from West Germany into the Eastern Zone, the customs and passport inspectors came through our car. All foreigners had to buy a visa to travel through the Eastern Zone to Berlin.

One of our number was taken to another car and questioned by four policemen. At the next station, when the train stopped, he was taken out and put on another train going back to Hamburg. His passport was not valid anymore. It should have been renewed a month previously. However, he was treated very cordially. In West Germany he renewed his passport and was again permitted to travel on the next train to Berlin. The tragedy in this incident for me was this: here was a German citizen hindered in this way from travelling freely in his own country.

THE CONGRESS IN BERLIN

At the opening meeting of the Congress in the "Deutschlandhalle," at which there were about 12,000 people present, the mayor of Berlin put it this way: "In the middle of a land, you are required to buy a visa to reach this city, and when you arrive you are not permitted to leave beyond its limits. Berlin bears a heavy burden of history

upon her shoulders. This the people did not desire. Many collapse under the strain of the encounter with these two contrasting forces. But above all, there is a personal power that can overcome, your faith and this meeting. We are thankful for the Baptist Unions that have come to meet in Berlin — it inspires new hope for us also."

Nowhere in the world can one come into a more direct contact with the tensions and divisions of our world today than in Berlin. And yet as the Baptists of 21 nations from East, West, North and South, from the free world and from behind the Iron Curtain, gathered in Berlin, one could find a wonderful feeling of unitedness and genuine fellowship. As Dr. Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance, said, "In this world of tensions and divisions, what joins us together? Only one Person, Jesus Christ, because we all 'confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!'"

At the close of his message, as he reminded us of our fellowship in Christ, he told us of a young man who at the end of World War I had seen much hatred and pain. He bowed under a monument of Christ and said, "Man of Galilee, you can count on me." Dr. Adams went on to say, "He is our peace and we can be united in him. People want peace, not hatred and war. If all Christians would be certain

that all others want peace, we would be a long way toward peace."

MARTIN NIEMOELLER'S ADDRESS

The president of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Germany, Martin Niemoeller, encouraged the Baptists by saying: "In history God asks us questions, serious and unpleasant. Fifty years ago we did not have a representative here; 100 years ago definitely not. But God has forced us to face one another, and to bring us a step closer together. We are not on the defensive or offensive; Christ has already won the victory over his enemies. We only proclaim Christ. We need him, and the world also needs him. I do not agree with all the doctrines of the Baptist Church, but I have discovered it to be a missionary Church and I would encourage it to stick to this."

Dr. H. Luckey, the past president of the European Baptist Federation, in his response, as he referred to the Congress motto, "Europe Our Responsibility," said: "We are concerned for that one person who needs Christ, as the Good Shepherd, leaving the ninety and nine and going after the one that is lost."

We were given a good insight into the European Baptist movement today by Dr. H. Cook, the European secretary. He said, "The European Baptist movement began a long time ago. It began when Paul obeyed the call of God through the man of Macedonia to 'come over and help us.' The first Christian Church in Europe was established at Philippi, and it was, as we believe, a Baptist church. I need not speak further of that first great European Baptist movement. You can get it all in the New Testament."

RISE OF BAPTISTS

The next stage of the European Baptist movement takes us to the Reformation and the rise of the Anabaptists. I believe myself that if the Baptist movement in Reformation times had been allowed to develop, Europe would have been spared much suffering. There would have been Gospel churches in every land, and the Christian faith itself would have been saved from much misunderstanding and confusion. As it was, the European Baptist movement was well nigh extinguished. The fragments were gathered together in freedom-loving Holland, and from Holland the living center of the movement passed on to England. From there it spread to America and afterwards to the rest of the world.

It was not until 1905 that the Baptist World Alliance was founded, which has fostered Baptist fellowship across the world. Not only have we grown enormously in members, but we have grown in a deeper understanding and appreciation of each other. We have more than 22,000,000 members, drawn from many lands and speaking many languages, but in spite of all our differences, we have come to know in a

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A Dream Comes True!

The story of a summer's trip to Baptists in nine European Countries

By the Misses Alethea and Celia Kose of Chicago, Illinois

COMMIT thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass" (Psalm 37:5). This promise of God was our guiding verse as we spent two months in Europe last summer, visiting nine countries and some thirty cities. Everywhere we found friendly people, eager to help us find our way.

Whereas sightseeing is always a thrill, we decided to make it incidental to our two major objectives, namely, to see former students and graduates of the Baptist Missionary Training School residing in Europe, and to become somewhat acquainted with Baptist work in Europe.

B. M. T. S. ALUMNAE

We wish we could give a report of each of the ten alumnae we visited. We found them in England, Denmark, Germany, Austria, Switzerland and France. Anne Anderson returned to Denmark two years ago. Shortly after her arrival, Danish Baptists appointed her to give direction to youth work, to women's organizations and particularly to give assistance to the whole field of Christian education. She was one of those chosen to take an active part in the discussion on Sunday School work at the European Baptist Congress in Berlin.

In Hamburg, Germany, we had a long visit with Miss Emma Fetzer who attended BMTS in 1905-1906. She is a most interesting, alert person in spite of physical handicaps. She is related to well-known Baptist families, such as that of Johann Oncken, Philip Bickel, Walter Rauschenbusch and Gottlieb Fetzer, a former editor of "Der Sendbote." The story of her life fascinated us. Among her happiest memories are those of her year in Chicago attending B.M.T.S.

Other alumnae with whom we fellowshiped were Ursula Koester in Vienna, Austria, and Ursula Bohle Elsholz of Aachen (Aix-la-Chapelle) Germany. Both are daughters of Baptist preachers in Germany. At Kaiserslautern, we found two alumnae, one of whom was Marie Krebs McAlpine, a former missionary in our Ridgewood Baptist Church in Brooklyn, N. Y. Our most recent alumna, Marianna Lenz, returned to Switzerland, shortly before our visit there. She is a member of Salem's Kapelle in Zurich. She and her future husband hope to do missionary work in Russia as soon as the doors open.

The training and work of Baptist deaconesses was naturally of special interest to us. Both at Hamburg and at Berlin we had an opportunity to become personally acquainted with the wonderful work of Baptist deaconesses

in Europe. To become a deaconess means years of thorough training, a genuine consecration, and a willingness to give one's life to serve anywhere without special remuneration. West Berlin alone has five Baptist hospitals in which deaconesses serve.

Another phase of the work which was of special interest to us was that of the seminaries. European Baptists now have eight seminaries. We were privileged to visit three of these. At the Baptist Seminary in Hamburg we found John Binder, the exchange student from our Sioux Falls Seminary. In Tollose, Denmark, we visited the Danish Baptist Seminary where Dr. J. Norgaard, a seminary roommate of our own Dr. M. Leuschner, is president.

Many European seminaries like the two just mentioned give short courses in Bible, in missions and in Sunday School methods for lay people, who then return to their own local churches, better equipped to work there. In Zurich, Switzerland, we were privileged to visit the spacious and beautiful campus of Ruschlikon Baptist Seminary.

BAPTIST CHURCHES

Baptist churches were another special interest to us. We attended the Salem's Kapelle in Zurich, Switzerland, on the Sunday morning when Baptist representatives of 27 countries, members of the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee worshiped with us. In Aarhus, Denmark, we worshipped with Danish Baptists. We understood very little, but we felt we were one in spirit with them.

In Aachen (Aix-la-Chapelle), Germany, we worshipped with one of the



Alethea Kose (left) and Celia Kose of Chicago, Ill., on their trip of last summer to Europe.

new church groups. Seven years ago there was no Baptist church in that large city. Then refugees poured in, among them many Baptists. A new church building was erected and a strong active Baptist work is developing there. This is an example of what is happening all over Europe.

In the past twelve years, 366 new Baptist churches have been erected in Europe. Although many of these new churches are in Great Britain and Germany, it is of note to find 29 new Baptist churches in Italy. Spain and Holland each have 24 new churches. Other countries could be listed. Thus Baptist work is spreading through Europe.

BERLIN CONGRESS

We also attended the 50th Jubilee Congress of European Baptists in Berlin, Germany. As one entered the great auditorium, the Deutschlandhalle, one felt an excitement, a great joy and a wonderful sense of fellowship. In spite of language barriers, one was conscious of a great sense of belonging, and a true family spirit prevailed.

Because of our special interest in Christian education, we felt that the section meeting devoted to the work of the Sunday School workers was important. A feeling of keen expectancy was felt. After greetings were given by Sunday School and youth workers of various countries, the discussions based on questions of vital, mutual interest began.

The panel was made up of Sunday School leaders and pastors from Denmark, Holland, Poland, Yugoslavia, Portugal and Germany. The first discussion question was "What are we as Sunday School workers doing for the home, and what are parents doing to help the work of the Sunday School?" Leaders from one country after the other told of the great need for more cooperation between the home and the Sunday School.

It was heartening to hear how in Yugoslavia, churches were urged to have parents and Sunday School workers meet in a joint session, once or twice each year. Denmark released Anna Anderson from her usual duties as National Baptist worker for three months in the coming year, so that she can write materials stressing home and parental cooperation with the church and church school.

Question II was "How do you train your lay-teachers and workers?" This discussion revealed the great need for professionally trained leaders in Christian education. The short courses for lay workers in several of the seminar-

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King's Messengers Quartet Tour

The Seminary Quartet Reviews Its Experiences in Churches and at the General Conference This Past Summer

IT IS GOOD to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to thy name, O Most High" (Psalm 92:1). There is no finer way for man to express the joys he is experiencing in his heart than by song. Certainly, it is an unusual way by which we can express our praise to God that floods our soul. As the King's Messengers Quartet, it was our privilege to herald forth the praises of God this summer.

PURPOSE OF THE TOUR

"Arise, arise ye hosts of God, the Lord has need of you." Certainly this one line of the song, that we repeatedly sang, expresses much of the purpose of our tour. It was our primary concern to sound out the call of Christ for more laborers to work in the fields which are white unto harvest.

ish-American Mission Field. From Colorado we proceeded westward to California, visiting most of our churches there. Here we turned north and toured Oregon, Washington, and finally entered Alberta, Canada, to crown our journey by attending the General Conference at Edmonton.

Certainly it was a joy to see some of our nation's most scenic spots, such as Glacier National Park and also some very popular places such as Disney Land in California. However, these experiences cannot be compared with the spiritual blessings that crowned our tour. At most of the churches it was our first visit as quartet. In spite of this, we found ourselves constantly surrounded with warm Christian friends. We sincerely thank our many

Knolls, California, the Immanuel Church of Portland, Oregon, now under construction, the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., and the Terrace Heights Church of Spokane, Wash. We noted the zeal and enthusiasm which the people of these congregations had as they faced the challenge of their respective areas.

The work of Church Extension was of particular interest to all of us. Formerly we had heard or read reports of some of these new churches, but now it was our privilege to see the work for ourselves. The Lord has blessed some of these new churches in many marvellous ways, for which they are rejoicing, and in which we rejoice also.

Although many quartets have gone out in past years, yet there are certain areas which each quartet visits for the first time. Ours was the privilege of being the first quartet to visit our Spanish-American field in Colorado. We were delighted to see how eagerly the people listened to the presentation of the Gospel in song, even though we could not utter a word of Spanish.

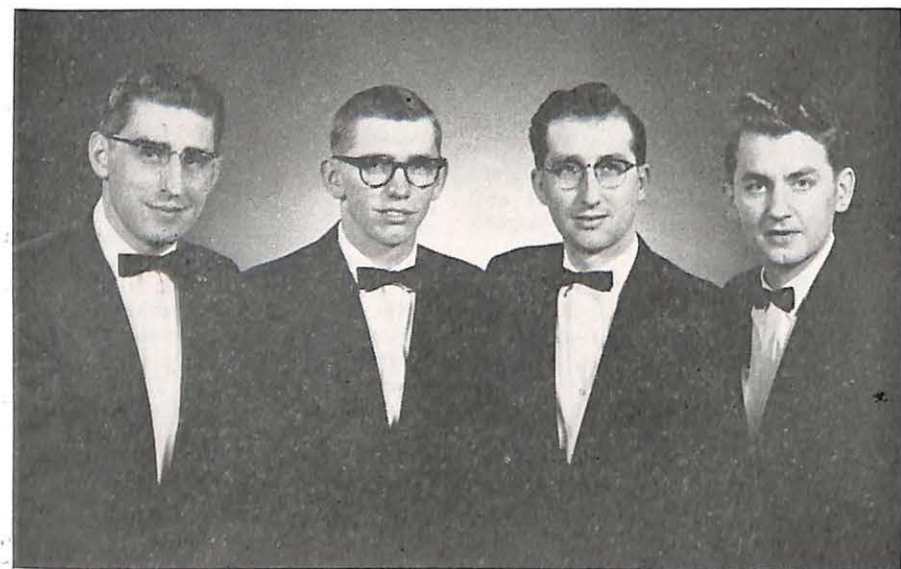
Here also, the Lord has many of his children and once again we felt the spirit of fellowship which unites all in Christ our Lord. As we travelled from church to church we felt that we are children of one great family. As a denominational family we also work together as a family should. It was gratifying to observe that many of our churches are seeking to work together to be more effective for the Lord.

CONFERENCE BLESSINGS

Throughout our tour we had been looking forward with much anticipation to our General Conference sessions in Edmonton, Alta. We had expected great things in Edmonton and we were not disappointed. From the very first evening until the last service, we were dwelling on the mountaintop. The General Conference revealed to each of us in a very vivid way the work of our total organization. It was thrilling to experience the warm Christian atmosphere which prevailed, even though so many different parts of the continent were represented.

We were richly blessed as we heard many wonderful messages and other presentations. All of these things brought us closer to our Lord and Master and challenged us anew to go out and seek to serve him more effectively.

Although the conference and our tour are now over, the memories of both will linger with us. The wonderful hospitality and warm welcome given us by all makes us more thankful to our Lord for the privilege which has been ours to serve him in this way.



The King's Messengers Quartet of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, sang its way into the hearts of General Conference visitors and church people during the past summer.

Left to right: Paul Siewert, Henry Lippert, Arthur Boymook and Walter Kerber.

We were particularly anxious to meet the young people of our churches. It was our earnest desire that, through the message in song and word, young people would be helped to find their place in full-time service, according to God's plan.

Also it was our venture to better acquaint our churches with our North American Baptist Seminary which stands prepared and qualified to train young men and women for the ministry, the mission field and youth work. It was our constant prayer that the Holy Spirit would use our efforts to challenge young and old to greater service, and cause some lost soul to find salvation in Christ.

Our tour during July took us to several churches in South Dakota, through Nebraska and Colorado. In Colorado we enjoyed the beautiful drive through Estes Park, and our visit to the Span-

new friends for their refreshing and kind hospitality. Above all, we thank God for the unique opportunity to serve him.

CHURCH EXTENSION FIELDS

Not only did we enjoy the warm fellowship and beautiful scenery, but we saw the churches of our Conference reaching out to meet the challenge of new areas. These churches have caught the vision of meeting the spiritual needs of people in many fast-growing areas. Some of these churches have been landmarks of many years standing in an area, but seeing a greater mission in other parts they have relocated. These congregations have sacrificed much to build suitable churches, which are both practical and beautiful and which point people to our great God.

It was our privilege to see some of these, such as our church in Inglewood

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke
Sept. 16-18—Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.
Sept. 22-23 — Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee, Nashville, Tenn.
Oct. 6-8—Iowa Association at Baileyville, Iowa.

Rev. R. Schilke
Sept. 14 (Sunday) — Beulah, North Dakota.
Sept. 16—Sunday School Teachers' Meeting, Forest Park, Ill.
Sept. 21 (Sunday) — McClusky, N. Dakota.
Sept. 28 (Sunday)—Hebron, N. Dak.
Oct. 1-9 — Sunday School Workers' Conferences in Atlantic Conference churches with Rev. H. Freeman of Hamden, Conn.
Oct. 12 (Sunday)—Neustadt, Ont.

Rev. J. C. Gunst
Sept. 14 (Sunday) — Erin Avenue Church, White Ave. Church, and Parma Heights Church, Cleveland, Ohio.
Sept. 16-18 — Baptist Conference on Religious Liberty, Washington, D. C.
Sept. 21 (Sunday A.M.) — Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
Sept. 22-23—Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee, Nashville, Tenn.
Oct. 3-5 — Dedication Services, Ridgmont Church, Detroit, Mich.

Rev. G. K. Zimmerman
Sept. 8-11—Leadership Training Course, Lorraine, Kansas.
Sept. 22-23 — Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee, Nashville, Tenn.
Oct. 5 (Sunday)—Emery, S. Dak.
Oct. 6-10 — Dakota Conference Christian Workers' Conferences.
Oct. 11-12—Billings, Montana.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner
Sept. 7 (Sunday)—Baileyville, Ill.
Sept. 8—Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
Sept. 14 (Sunday)—Second Church of New York, N. Y., and Cornerstone Church, Union City, N. J.
Sept. 16-18 — Baptist Editors' Conference on Religious Liberty, Washington, D. C.
Oct. 5 (Sunday)—Centennial Jubilee, Minnetrista Church, St. Bonifacius, Minn.
Oct. 11-13—75th Anniversary of the Plum Creek Church, Emery, South Dakota.
Oct. 15-19—Trinity Church, Portland, Oregon.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS

October 3-5 — Nebraska-Colorado Association at Creston Nebraska. Dr. Walter Wessel and Mrs. Earl Ahrens.
October 6-8 — Iowa Association at Baileyville, Iowa. Dr. Frank H. Woyke and Rev. J. C. Gunst.
October 16-19—Pacific Northwest Association at Odessa, Washington. Rev. Roy Seibel and Rev. and Mrs. Clemence Auch.
October 20-22—Kansas Association at Strassburg Church, Marion, Kansas. Dr. Ralph Powell.

From the Professor's Desk

By Dr. Walter W. Wessel, Professor of Bible
North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

What is the meaning of the statement in I Tim. 2:14,15: "And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. Notwithstanding, she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety."

The subject under discussion in this passage is the place of women in the public worship of the church. In verse 9, Paul lays down certain requirements as to women's dress: they are to dress modestly and sensibly (not shabbily) that is, they are not to go beyond the limits of womanly reserve. Paul rules against coiffures and flashy ornamentation because he fears that such things are liable to distract the thoughts of Christians at public worship. The Christian woman's adornment is rather to be an inward one of good deeds.

In verse 11, Paul turns to the part which a woman is to have in the public worship of the church. He says flatly that it is to be a silent one! She

is to be a follower, not a leader. She is not to teach publicly or to assume authority over men. The reasons given are: (1) The priority of man's creation ("Adam was first formed, then Eve" v. 13); and (2) Woman, apparently, is more easily led astray ("The woman being deceived was in the transgression" v. 14).

Now lest this rather severe censure of woman in relation to the public worship of the church should overly discourage her, Paul adds in verse 15 that she will be saved for making a contribution to the Christian cause. This she will be able to do through her divinely appointed function as the bearer of children, if this function is accompanied by a consistently godly and devout life.

To understand Paul's teaching here, one must realize that the emancipation of women in the first century, which was the result of the Christian message, created problems for the church. Christian women were asserting their new-found freedom in a society where this was strictly taboo, and as a result the church was in danger of becoming a scandal. This crucial cultural situation must be taken into consideration in arriving at a proper estimate of Paul's attitude toward women and their place in the church.

Nevertheless, even when due consideration is given to the cultural situation which gave rise to this passage, Paul's contention that the greatest contribution which any woman can make to the cause of Christ is by rearing children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord is as true today as when he wrote it.

FALL FESTIVAL, CHICAGO

The Central Baptist Home for the Aged will have its Fall Festival, October 23, 1958, 1:00 to 8:00 P.M. Dinner 6:00 P. M. Adults, \$1.75; Children under 12, \$1.00.

We are looking for the churches to send in their donation in cash or otherwise to Central Baptist Home for the Aged, 7901 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago 31, Illinois.
M. Vanderbeck, Sup't.



Dr. Walter W. Wessel, Seminary professor of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and author of the popular column, "From the Professor's Desk," addresses the General Conference banquet at the Macdonald Hotel, Edmonton, Alberta.

We the Women

By MRS. ALBERT REDDIG
of Cathay, North Dakota

President of the Woman's Missionary
Union

INTRODUCTION

Since our past General Conference moderator's address appears in this issue, (see pages 4 and 5 of this issue), we thought it fitting that our women's column have the message of his wife, our beloved Mrs. Grosser, a past president of our Woman's Missionary Union.

KEEP THE TORCH BRIGHT

By Mrs. Irma Grosser, LaGrange
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To greet you again, the women of the Missionary Union, through the media of this column brings back fond memories and a distinctive nostalgia.

When a past president passes on the torch of leadership to her successor, she delights in seeing the Lord's work go forward. The new heights attained send thoughts of love that encompass our women around the globe.

The golden anniversary pageant at Edmonton, Alta., proved again that our women carry on a great, co-operative work. As the torch was passed on to new leadership these words were repeated:

"Pass on the torch, pass on the flame!
Remember whence the glory came;
And eyes are on you as you run
Beyond the shining of the sun."

To carry the torch in 1958-1961, the Woman's Missionary Union has elected a new slate of officers with Mrs. Albert E. Reddig as president. Like her predecessor, Mrs. T. D. Lutz, she has given six years of unselfish service on the Executive Committee before her election in Edmonton. She carries a bright torch of preparation and experience.

I like to recall the missionary emphasis observed in the Reddig home when Freda's four sons were at least five years younger. On the dining room wall was a map of the Cameroons. The Reddig's were still in the old homestead, where our beloved missionary, Laura Reddig, was born. Those boys knew just where Aunt Laura was serving the Lord Jesus Christ. Family devotions were led by their father, Albert Reddig. The United States map was in evidence. Names of local senators and representatives, plus other information, reminded the family that Christians have a responsibility toward their government, too. The family torch shone brightly there.

To you, Mrs. Reddig, the women have given a torch over fifty years old. The glory of it came from God. "So

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GENERAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions Adopted by the North American Baptist General
Conference at Edmonton, Alta., July 21-27, 1958

WHEREAS, we of the North American Baptist General Conference join six other Baptist groups on this continent in a commitment, wherein we dedicate ourselves to engage in a cooperative evangelistic program to present Christ to the unsaved, and

WHEREAS, we shall endeavor to strengthen the believers in faith and practice,

BE IT RESOLVED that we recommend that every church of the North American Baptist General Conference with its pastors take the program of the **Baptist Jubilee Advance** to the local church level and put forth every prayerful effort to:

1. Win others through cooperative witness;
2. Win others by Bible teaching and training;
3. Win others to stewardship through enlistment;
4. Win others by Church Extension;
5. Win others by world missions;
6. Win "10,000 more by '64," the North American Baptist General Conference objectives of the **Baptist Jubilee Advance**.

PRAYER AND POLITICAL ACTION

WHEREAS, it has become apparent that the spiritual and material structure of our civilization has projected itself upon the threshold of an era of multiple uncertainties involving the local community, the nation, and the world—the complexities of which offers a serious challenge to the maintenance of peace and understanding among the people of all races—recognizing that the ideologies of these nations do within themselves present a challenge to the program of the cause of Christ Who is the hope of the world,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 32nd General Conference of the North American Baptist General Conference invoke, through prayer and Christian action within our local churches, God's leadership in the political and spiritual needs of the world; that local churches offer continuous prayer for the leaders of the nations of the world that their actions might be tempered by the love of Christ and his purposes for mankind.

THE CHRISTIAN HOME

WHEREAS, the social problems of our day are continually appearing in the various forms of evil, such as drunkenness, delinquency, both parental and juvenile, violence, adultery, murder, and the dissolution of homes in increasing numbers through the media of the divorce court.

WHEREAS, the Scriptures declare such things to be the "works of the flesh," and

WHEREAS, these same Scriptures

declare that "if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new,"

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that our churches become actively concerned in three ways:

1. That they preach and teach their respective constituencies the necessity of holy living as a practical impact for good,
2. That our people lay hold of every rightful and effective means to curb this rising tide of social evil, and
3. That our homes pay particular attention to their privilege and duty in these days, for we believe that the most potent force for good in our modern society are the church and the home.

PROGRAMS OF SAFETY

WHEREAS, the sacrifice of human life continues at an increasingly appalling rate on the highways of our nations, accounting for thousands of deaths and many thousands of disabled citizens every year, and

WHEREAS, more of our citizens have lost their lives through highway accidents since the beginning of the 20th century than in all the wars in which we have participated, and

WHEREAS, this fact is an implied breaking of the Sixth Commandment, "Thou shalt not kill,"

THEREFORE, be it resolved that we pledge ourselves as a people to a program of safety and courtesy in automobile driving, and that we will encourage and support programs of safety in our respective communities both of local and national origin for the pedestrian and the driver.

EVANGELISTIC MOVEMENTS

WHEREAS, only through an aggressive program of evangelism can Christians hope to save the world from destruction and curb the continued march of atheism and the loss of liberties for which our forefathers gave their lives, and

WHEREAS we as North American Baptist General Conference cannot hope to accomplish this work through our own strength and means,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we pray fervently for mass evangelistic movements in our land, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we cooperate with evangelistic campaigns that do not require compromise of our beliefs and Scriptural-founded principles, and that we conserve the results of these evangelistic efforts by bringing the new Christians into our churches and nurturing them in the Christian way of life and the privileges and responsibilities of the Lord's service.

What's Happening

● Rev. and Mrs. Manuel Wolff of East Detroit, Mich., have announced the birth of a daughter on August 12 to whom the name, Teresa Kay, has been given. Mr. Wolff is the director of youth activities at the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich. The Wolffs now have two daughters in their family. Rev. and Mrs. Harold E. Weiss of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., have announced the birth of a daughter on July 26, who has been named Carolyn Ruth. This is their first daughter in the family.

● The Lauderdale Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, has extended a call to Rev. Fred W. Pahl, pastor of the Rabbit Hill Baptist Church near Leduc, Alta., as its minister. He has accepted the call and announced that he is beginning his ministry in the Lauderdale Church on Oct. 1st, succeeding Rev. G. J. Thiessen. Mr. Pahl has been the pastor of the Rabbit Hill Church since 1955.

● Rev. Elton Bleeker recently resigned as pastor of the Baptist Church of Jeffers, Minnesota, effective in September 1958. He has served the church since 1954. The resignation was accepted by the church and a new pastor is being sought. Mr. Bleeker's plans for the immediate future are somewhat uncertain, as he awaits God's guidance in the opening of a new field or church for service.

● The Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle, Texas, has extended a call to Rev. Herbert Mitchell of Milltown, New Jersey, a 1948 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. He has responded favorably to the call and began his ministry at the Kyle Church on Sept. 1st, succeeding Rev. Eldon Schroeder, now of Elgin, Iowa. During the past summer Mr. Mitchell has served as the assistant pastor at the Erin Ave. Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio.

● The First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta., held a Vacation Bible School from August 4 to 8 with an enrollment of 48 pupils. The school was directed by Rev. Fred J. Knalson, pastor, assisted by the following teachers: Mrs. Lyle Fillenberg, Misses Joan and Elnor Roth, Beginners; Mrs. Norma Fillenberg, Miss Elaine Bienert, Miss Gloria Kern and Miss Alice Gering, Primary Dept.; Mrs. Bill Ohlmann, Mrs. Dennis Hammer and Miss Darline Hammer, Juniors. At the closing program on Sunday evening, parents and many friends witnessed the fine work that had been done at the school, as reported by Ruth Hammer.

● At the recent reception held by the First Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa, for Rev. and Mrs. Eldon Schroeder and

family (see page 19) a silver tea service, the gift of Mrs. Amelia Kamm and family in memory of the late Balz Kamm, Sr., and a punch bowl with matching cups, presented by Mrs. Grace Simek, were used for the tea. These gifts were dedicated in a brief service at the close of the reception. General arrangements for the tea were in charge of a committee headed by Mrs. Clarence Muehlethaler.

● The Forestburg Baptist Church, Forestburg, Alberta, has extended a call to Rev. Ted L. Lashley to which a favorable response has been given. He is already on the field in serving as the church's pastor. He is a graduate of the Prairie Bible Institute at Three Hills, Alberta. The Forestburg Church has been without a full time pastor for the greater part of the past year.

● Rev. Emil Becker of New Leipzig, N. Dak., passed away on Sept. 2nd at the Bismarck Hospital, Bismarck, N. Dak. At the General Conference sessions in Edmonton, Alta., announcement was made of his serious illness. He seemed to rally for a time and improvement was hoped for in August. His wife had been at his bedside in the hospital for most of the days during the last weeks of his illness. A memorial service was held at the New Leipzig Church on Sept. 5, where Brother Becker had served faithfully as pastor since 1951. Dr. C. H. Seecamp was in charge of this service with Rev. John E. Grygo bringing the message. On the same afternoon the funeral service was held in Goodrich, N. Dak., with Rev. I. Schmuland in charge and Rev. David Zimmerman bringing the message. Interment was in the Goodrich cemetery.

HARVEST AND MISSION FESTIVAL, OCTOBER 1958

The program sheets and recitation material (English and German) for the observance of Harvest and Mission Festival have been sent to all of our churches. In Canada as well as in the United States the observance will be on Sunday, Oct. 12. However, any other Sunday in October can also be used for this Sunday School and church observance.

The program sheet, which can easily be inserted in the church bulletin, has a message on "Japan Needs Christ," and shows Rev. and Mrs. Fred J. Moore, missionaries. The offering will be designated for our foreign missionary enterprise. Extra copies of the recitation material or programs are available.

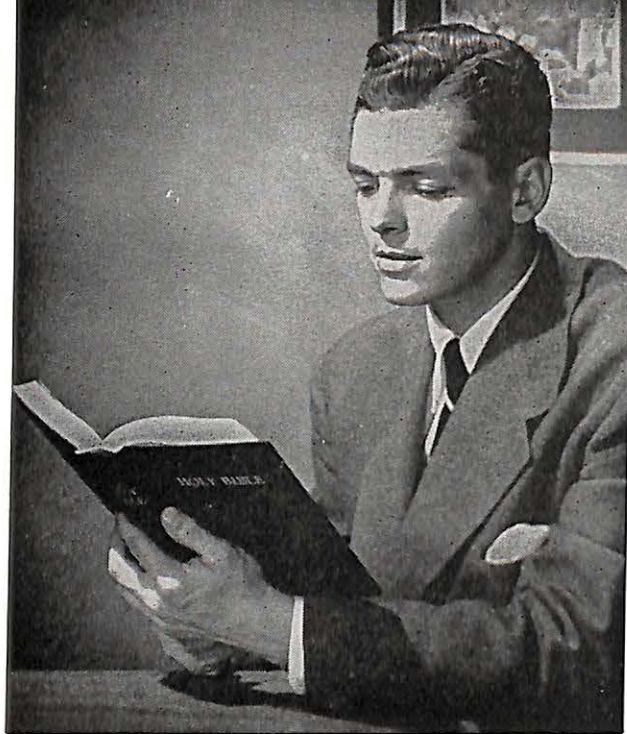
● Mr. Ernest Radke of Golden Prairie, Saskatchewan, has resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church of Golden Prairie which he has served since 1956. His plans for the immediate future are still somewhat uncertain as he awaits God's guidance.

● The Immanuel Baptist Church, Wausau, Wisconsin, is making good use of a 22 room mansion, facing three streets, about three blocks from the church for its Church School. The children and young people from the Nursery through the Junior Departments meet in Woodson Hall which used to belong to a wealthy lumber man of the city. Woodson Hall, as it is now called, was bought for \$40,000, although it is assessed at \$80,000. The church has also purchased an adjoining building and property as a future site for its planned new edifice. The Sunday School with an average attendance of 225 is headed by Mr. Gering as the general superintendent. Rev. Wallace C. Olson is pastor of the church.

● Rev. Clemence Auch, missionary in Japan, is visiting many of our churches on a busy promotional tour during the months from September to December. He spoke in these supporting churches: Bethel Church of Salem, Oregon; First Baptist Church of Bellwood, Ill.; and Oak Street Church of Burlington, Iowa. He will also bring missionary messages in the North and South Dakota churches, in Oregon, California and Washington, besides speaking at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton and various Alberta churches, in addition to numerous other engagements. Remember these itinerant missionaries and their heavy trips in your prayers.

● Several Ontario pastors are serving a small German group of people at Sudbury, Ont., several hundred miles from Ontario in the northwestern part of the province. Each of these pastors spends two weekdays a month, holding services in homes and rendering a spiritual visitation ministry. They are Rev. Philip Scherer of Toronto, Rev. John Wahl of Hamilton and Rev. John Goetze of Kitchener. Sunday School sessions are conducted on Saturdays with about 20 children in attendance. The weekday services in German attended by 15-20 people are held in the chapel of the Canadian Baptist Church of Sudbury.

● Dr. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer and their children, Anne and Walter, were given a farewell service at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., on Sunday evening, August 24. They were enroute to New York to embark for England and the Cameroons, Africa. In the morning Clara Gebauer spoke to two of the Adult Departments as they combined their sessions to hear her. Then in the evening Dr. Paul Gebauer flew in from another appointment at Pittsburgh, Pa., and brought a very interesting and profitable message. Rev. E. Arthur McAsh is pastor of the church.



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

The TORCH BEARER

By Sallie Lee Bell

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

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SYNOPSIS

Barry Carter knew that he was responsible for the death of his very close college chum, David Gardner. In deep remorse, he sought the faith by which his friend had lived and was gloriously saved. Later through the influence of Dale, David's fiancée, he entered the ministry and became pastor of a church in New Orleans, La. His former girl friend, Cicily, to whom he was once engaged, married Roy Farlan, but there was little love for each other. They visited New Orleans and attended Barry Carter's church, but Roy had a sinister plot in mind. As a result he trapped the minister in his home and accused him of trying to break up his marriage. He threatened him with a gun which accidentally went off and killed him when his wife tried to intervene. But all evidence pointed to the Rev. Barry Carter as the murderer. He was convicted of the crime and sentenced to prison for 10 years. His entire life seemed to have fallen in ruins about him. Later Barry was pardoned and received an appointment to work for a manufacturing company in Meadville. Before he parted from Dale, he bent down and suddenly kissed her. "That was for David as well as for me," he whispered as he released her.

CHAPTER TWENTY

CICILY did indeed have a weight of guilt upon her soul. Each day the consciousness of her guilt and cowardice cut deeper. If she could only go back and undo the past! That thought rang in her mind day and night. If she could just live over again the time of that tragedy, she would tell the truth and take the consequences. But would she? That accusing thought stood like a grim inquisitor before her. Would she have been willing to face those jurors and await their verdict? Would she have been willing to face the years in prison and a possible death sentence? She shuddered at the thought. Yet she had allowed Barry to endure that in her place. How could she ever live it down? One day it would either kill her or drive her insane.

If she could only see Barry and try to make him understand, perhaps he would forgive her. It would be easier for him to forgive, now that he was free again. She could never wipe that stain from his name, but if she only

had the chance, perhaps she could win back the love he had once had for her and they could be happy together in this new life he was now living.

But she could not find out where he was. She had tried to find out from Barton, but he had refused to tell her and he had advised her not to try to find Barry. As the memory of her interview with Barton returned to her, the appalling thought came to her that even now she could clear Barry's name. She could confess her crime and his honor would be restored. He could take his place once more in the world from which he was hiding. But she could never do that! It would mean double punishment, for murder and for perjury. No jury would be merciful to her now.

If she could just find peace in her heart, peace such as Dale and Barry had! But if she sought that peace she would have to confess her sin and she could not do that.

One day Mr. Compton called Barry into his office.

"Since we expanded the plant, we'll have to get a nurse to take charge of our dispensary," he said. "I've realized that we have needed one for some time. We'll fix up those rooms in the new wing for emergency cases. Do you know of anyone who could take over this work? We will have to be as careful about employing a nurse as we would anyone else. Too many leaks have gone through women in other plants."

"I know of such a person," Barry replied, "but I don't know whether she'd consider the position. She's a wonderful Christian and a most competent nurse. I've known her practically all my life."

"Phone her and ask her if she will come for an interview," Mr. Compton said.

Barry was thrilled and excited at the prospect of having Dale near him again, yet he knew how hard it would be to keep her from discovering his secret. When he phoned her she asked him to give her time to think it over. She promised to ring him that evening and give him her answer.

How wonderful it would be to be near him, to hear the sound of his voice, to see the old quizzical smile upon his lips, the mischievous light in his eyes, to feel the touch of his hand upon hers; yet how hard it would be to keep him from knowing what was in her heart. How could she be near him and not betray her secret? If she did, everything would be over between them. He would be more hurt than ever to know that he was causing her pain because he could not respond to her love for him.

Her longing to be near him made her decide to accept the offer to go for an interview with Mr. Compton. Barry assured her that she would get the position.

She had to tell Cicily that she was going away and the girl's pitiful dismay at the news touched her deeply.

"You'll let me write to you, won't you?" Cicily asked. "I'll be utterly lonely without you. What shall I do?" She suddenly burst into tears.

Dale put an arm around her and said. "Of course, you may write to me. I shall be glad to have you do that."

Dale soon became an established part of the Meadville personnel at the plant. It did not take Mr. Compton long to decide that she was ideal for the position and as soon as the necessary arrangements were made, she began her regular duties.

"It seems like old times, having you around again," Barry told her on her first day at the plant. "Only now it's

much better, for you'll always be where I can drop in on you and keep an eye on you."

"Just why should you want to keep an eye on me?" she asked with mock severity. "Am I suspected of being an enemy agent or something worse?"

"Something much worse," he grinned. "This place has some mighty good looking bachelors working here and I don't want any of them getting a finger cut or something, just to be near you. That's a privilege reserved for those who really need a nurse."

"Then I'll remember not to admit you unless you have worse than a cut finger," she replied.

"Just remember that I shall still need a prop even if I don't have so much as a cut finger."

"I wonder," she replied. "Judging from your letters, I thought you had learned to live without a prop."

"I thought I would have to, so I tried to get used to doing without that prop. But how wonderful to know that from now on I won't have to. That's why I don't want someone running away with you right under my nose."

"Don't worry. Worry often causes indigestion," she said as she gave him a smile.

Her smile always transformed her face. It gave her a beauty which was not evident when she was serious. As he looked into her laughing eyes, Barry uttered a sigh. Her heart still belonged to David. There was no hope for him. For the first time he felt a pang of jealousy toward David. David still held a love that was doing none of them any good.

"Don't look so glum," she said. "None of these good looking men would give me a second glance, so I'll still be around to prop you up whenever you need a prop."

Before long Dale shared much of Barry's work in the church as well as in the community. She helped in the Sunday School which he had valiantly tried to organize but which was woefully lacking in teaching personnel. She visited in the homes of the children and won the love of their parents. She gave her services as a nurse to those who were too poor to pay and she sat up many a night with those who were dying and needed spiritual as well as physical aid.

Barry was happier than he had thought he ever could be again. They were together every day at lunch and often in the evenings when Dale was free. She had a room with a couple who lived near the plant while Barry lived at the boarding house which was dignified by the name of hotel. They went to church together and often went for long rides on Saturday afternoons when the plant was closed.

Dale was amazed and thrilled at the depth and power of Barry's sermons. He spoke with such freedom and with such conviction that it was not surprising that often there were those who came forward to accept Christ as their Savior. As the congregation grew, he

CHAPEL CHEER OVER RADIO

"Chapel Cheer," the new radio program produced by the North American Baptist Seminary and supported by the South Dakota Association churches, will be released on Sundays, 7:15-7:30 A.M., over WNAX, Yankton, South Dakota. WNAX is located at 570 kilocycles. The first broadcast will be on October 5, 1958.

Radio Committee

had hopes of one day building a church.

Without any visible reason the hopeful outlook began to change. People gradually lost interest in the services and the attendance dwindled until it was depressingly small. A change came over the people who had been Barry's friends and admirers. An unaccountable coolness seemed to come over them while some began to avoid him.

"I can't understand what has happened," he said to Dale one evening as they walked home from the service. There had been just a handful there and they did not seem much interested in what he was trying to preach. Their lack of interest had its effect upon him and he felt so hampered that it was difficult for him to preach at all.

"It's just one of those things that seem to happen," she said. "I wouldn't pay too much attention to it. Everything will work out all right. It's bound to. This has happened in other churches. I suppose it is just the work of the devil, trying to destroy God's work when he sees that it is succeeding."

"But this isn't just in the church," he said. "I find it wherever I go. I see it even at the plant. Something is at work and I can't understand what it is. The men are polite and cooperative, but the old cordiality is lacking. I wonder if in some way they found out the truth about me and have lost faith in me."

"Now don't get such ideas," Dale warned him. "That will only make you imagine things that do not really exist. Just let things drift and keep your eyes open and perhaps you will find out what it is."

She had noticed the change which had crept over the people and she too had wondered at the cause. She did not believe that Barry's past had anything to do with it. She was mistaken, however, for this was just what had made the change in the situation.

Straps Duncan, the guard who had been in on the plot to dynamite the unit at Angola, was in town. He had been sent there to stir up trouble among the workers at the plant. It was one of those strange twists of circumstances that he should be the one, out of all the gangsters employed by these enemies of freedom, to be sent to that particular plant.

When he had first come to Meadville he had discovered Barry. What a lucky

break for him, he told himself as he looked over the situation. Here was a chance to get revenge upon Barry while getting paid for what he was sent there to do. He kept out of Barry's sight while he was getting all the information he could about the plant and its personnel. When he learned how Barry stood with the employees as well as with the other citizens of the town, he set about to undermine that love and respect.

He began by letting out hints that gave room for speculation and imagination. This built up a distrust toward Barry in the minds of those who heard the hints. As the rumors passed on to others, this distrust gradually spread and increased. It was Straps' plan, after he had killed Barry's influence and had thoroughly discredited him, to stir up a strike at the plant. This would give him an opportunity to incite the strikers to commit acts of violence which he planned to direct toward the destruction of the plant. The stakes were high and the pay would be good and there was not too much haste, so he could take his time and do his work thoroughly.

Barry and Dale had grown even closer during their months together at the plant. Now that he had found what he thought was his life's work and had gained the victory over gloom and depression, Barry was more like himself than he had been since David's death. There was still a struggle going on within him, however, a battle wherein he felt that he might be on the losing side. So often he was almost overwhelmed with the desire to take Dale in his arms and tell her how much he loved her, but he did not dare, for fear that it would spoil their relationship. Every time he was with her, he felt a renewal of the battle and he felt that one day he would surely yield to that desire, no matter what the consequences might be.

What he little dreamed was that Dale was having a conflict in her own heart. She found herself hoping against hope that he would give her some little sign that he cared. She was hoping that he had forgotten Cicily. They never mentioned her name and she hoped that his love for her had died. She knew that he thought that she was still grieving for David and that her heart still belonged to him, yet there was nothing that she could do to change his mind about this without running the risk of revealing her feeling for him. She was afraid to do that, for fear of losing him entirely.

One evening as they were coming home from church, walking down the uneven road that led from the school house, her foot slipped and she would have fallen if he had not caught her. He held her for a moment in the circle of his arms and they suddenly tightened around her while he pressed his cheek against hers. Her heart pounded

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Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: October 12, 1958

Theme: THE PROMISE FULFILLED

Scripture: Luke 2:25-35

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The Bible is a book of promises, and Christ is the culmination and the fulfillment of all the promises.

INTRODUCTION: There is something fascinating, wonderful and sacred about a promise. The elements of anticipation and hope constantly help us to look forward to the fulfillment of our inmost wishes and desires. Life becomes interesting and the future looks brighter when there are promises continually unfolding. They are also needed to try our patience, strength and faith, and they deepen our love.

If we were to describe the condition of the world today in simple terms, we would say that the world is suffering from broken promises. Homes are divided and shattered because of broken wedding promises; governments suffer because of broken political promises; nations are apprehensive and suspicious because of broken pacts and treaties. Like Diogenes of old, we take up our lamp and wander through the world looking for an honest man.

We often have reason to doubt the promises of man, but if God has kept his promises in the past, why should we doubt his promises in the future? "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, (the greatest promise), how shall he not with him freely give us all things?" (the lesser promises). (Romans 8:32). See also 2 Peter 2:25-26.

I. PATIENCE AND THE PROMISE. Luke 2:25-26.

True patience is cloaked in spiritual qualities. Simeon was "waiting for the consolation of Israel," but while he was patiently waiting, he was also "just and devout" "and the Holy Ghost was upon him." We do not know how long ago the promise of seeing the Lord's Christ was given unto him, but we know that old age did not rob him of his patience. The reward of patience was given him in God's time and in God's way.

II. WORSHIP AND THE PROMISE. Luke 2:21-28.

In spite of its imperfection and its hypocrisy, God still used the temple worship services as a medium of revelation. It was in the worship service that the angel of the Lord appeared unto Zacharias and promised the birth of John the Baptist. It was in the temple that Simeon saw the salvation of the Lord. It was in the temple that the boy Jesus asked and answered questions and referred to it as his Father's house.

"God broke our lives into hours and days,
That hour by hour,
And day by day,
Just going on a little way,
We might be able all along
To keep quite strong."

III. FULFILLMENT AND THE PROMISE. Luke 2:24-32.

The world owes much to a few people who kept on hoping and praying long after the world ceased to hope and pray. To say that God would fulfill his promises even without human aid is a moot question. The fact remains that God's promises were largely fulfilled because of men and women who prayed without ceasing and who remained steadfast in their faith in God's Word.

IV. SUFFERING AND THE PROMISE. Luke 2:33-35.

It is strange that many of God's promises bring both sorrow and joy. Shakespeare said, "Better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all." Many parents will testify to the truth that it is better to have sons and daughters and lose them than never to have had them. Yet love is never lost. Our children in Christ are never lost. A sword may have pierced the heart of Mary at the foot of the cross, but she gained a Savior for eternity.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: October 19, 1958

Theme: THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

Scripture: Luke 3:15-22

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Baptism by the Holy Spirit is performed within man and results in regeneration. Baptism by water is a symbol of our outward obedience. We FOLLOW the Lord in baptism.

INTRODUCTION: It was interesting and profitable some time ago to take part in a survey of Sunday School material by our Sunday School Union. One of the glaring weaknesses which we found in non-denominational and interdenominational material was the omission of baptism, and the vague reference to the baptism of Jesus. The impression was given that so far as the Biblical doctrine of baptism is concerned it doesn't make much difference what a person believes.

We as Baptists ought to be bold

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enough and strong enough to proclaim our convictions in this truth as it is set forth in the Word of God. When once we give assent to the phrase that "baptism is not necessary to salvation," then we can easily think of many other "unnecessary" things. Church membership is not necessary to salvation; the Lord's Supper is not necessary to salvation; tithing is not necessary to salvation. If you accept only the "bare necessities" of salvation, you will end up by being a barren Christian. A true Baptist is not primarily interested in Baptist doctrine. He is interested in Bible doctrine—ALL OF IT!

I. THE BAPTISM OF JOHN THE BAPTIST. Luke 3:2-18.

If anybody expected John to preach a nice little devotional message, they must certainly have been shocked by his strong language. It is true that God's servant must often bring comfort to those who need comfort and sympathy to those who need sympathy, but he must also bring fire to those who need fire. Jonathan Edwards began what was referred to as "The Great Awakening" by preaching on the topic, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God." The "fire and brimstone" preaching of John the Baptist was necessary to awaken the people to the fact that Christ was coming and that he was already on the threshold.

The baptism which John preached and practiced had a three-fold purpose:

(a) It was a baptism of repentance. A new temple ceremony or sacrifice was not enough. God required a new and different life.

(b) It was a baptism by immersion. Even though John recognized his baptism as incomplete and provisional, it was more than a ceremonial cleansing or washing.

(c) It was a baptism of preparation. He did not expect them to stop with his baptism, but to prepare them for the greater baptism of the Holy Spirit.

II. DOCTRINE AND PERSECUTION. Luke 3:19-20.

John did not waste time or words in generalities. His convictions became personalized. The publicans and soldiers were given direct answers. And whether it was a common man or Herod, all felt the fire of his convictions. There have been many since John who have felt the sword of persecution and death because they condemned sin where they found it.

III. THE BAPTISM OF JESUS. Luke 3:21-22.

In Matthew 17:24ff., there was a question as to the necessity of Jesus paying the temple tax. As the Son of God he might claim exemption from many things, but he came "to fulfill all righteousness." (Every devotional duty). He had no need of baptism for repentance or for the remission of sins, but as our Savior he also wanted to be our example in every act of worship and obedience.

Our Denomination in ACTION

Dakota Conference

Flower Day and Women's Program, Lehr, N. Dak.

On Sunday evening, August 17, the women of the Ebenezer Baptist Missionary Society of Lehr, N. Dak., presented its annual program in connection with the Flower Day Festival. The entire front of the platform was decorated with flowers of every kind and hue. The program, in charge of the president Mrs. E. S. Fenske, consisted of two poems, numbers by a duet, soloist and trio and two songs by the entire group. A daisy petal demonstration was given by ten women and the president. Each petal had a Bible verse representing Christian womanhood as found in God's Word.

At present, we number 24 active members and two honor members. Over \$1,000 were raised for missions and local purposes. Our White Cross work was faithfully supported. Several boxes of clothing were sent to the Indian Mission in Saskatchewan, Canada. A total of 178 sick calls were made. A new electric range was bought for the parsonage.

The officers for 1958 are: president, Mrs. E. S. Fenske; vice-president, Mrs. John Kranzler; secretary, Mrs. Jacob Schopp; treasurer, Mrs. Ted Miller; and pianist, Mrs. Henry Kranzler.

Mrs. Jacob Schopp, Reporter

Northwestern Conference

Elgin, Iowa, Baptist Church Welcomes New Pastor

The First Baptist Church, Elgin, Ia., welcomed its new pastor, Rev. Eldon Schroeder and family, at a reception on Sunday evening, August 3. Karl Miller presided and introduced the following program: Scripture reading, Mrs. Alfred Baechler; prayer, Carl Hackmann; welcome from the church organizations—Tabitha Society, Mrs. Leon Jacob; Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. Alfred Baechler; CBY, Beverly Oelberg; Sunday School, Hugo Hackmann; Men's Brotherhood, Leo Lehman. Guest speakers were Rev. Donald Caspers, Methodist church; R. E. Kohler, city clerk; Rev. Louis Johnson, Kankakee, Illinois; and Matt Zurbrigen, representative from the Sumner church.

Musical numbers included selections by the Primary department, the Junior and Senior choirs, and the Men's Chorus. Louis Horsely and Tom Messerer of Sumner, Ia., sang a duet. Mrs. F. C. Muehlethaler presented the Schroeders with a bouquet of giant white chrysanthemums. In their response, Rev. and Mrs. Eldon Schroeder expressed their appreciation for the kindnesses shown them and pledged themselves to the work of the church in the community. Mrs. Leon Jacob and Mrs. Alfred Baechler presided at the table at the fellowship tea that followed.

Mrs. Fred Schoer, Reporter



The Ebenezer Baptist Woman's Missionary Society of Lehr, N. Dak., at its anniversary program.

Atlantic Conference

Vacation School, Second Church, Union City, N. J.

A Vacation Bible School was conducted at the Second Baptist Church, Union City, N. J., during August 11 to 15 with "Bible Sea Adventures" as the theme. Our pastor, Rev. Richard Sparling, was the director. His assistants were: Mrs. Ruth Downs, Mrs. Ginny Schell, Mrs. Evelyn Emr, Mrs. Carol Sparling, Mrs. Estelle Walsh, Mrs. Eelma Milton, Mrs. Verna Prendinger, Mrs. Rose Aeschlimann, Mrs. Frieda Arndt, Mrs. Elsie Geiger, Miss Dixie Aber and Miss Gisele Weyer.

The enrollment was 54 pupils, with an average attendance of 43 and a high of 47. The offering of the week totaled \$28.00 and was sent to our North American Missions. Our Savior led and blessed the school, and nine children gave their lives into his keeping. Closing exercises were held Aug. 15 at 8 P.M. Prizes were awarded to those children bringing the largest number of friends to the school and handcraft was displayed.

Anne Downs, Reporter



Vacation Bible School children of the Second Baptist Church, Union City, N. J., with Rev. Richard Sparling serving as director.

Northern Conference

Vacation Bible School, Temple Church, Leduc, Alta.

A Vacation Bible School was held by the Temple Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta, August 4-8, with an enrollment of 77 children. One of the Intermediates accepted the Lord as Savior. There were four departments with teachers as follows: Pre-School, Mrs. Janet Ohlmann and Esther Ohlmann; Primary, Mrs. D. Lounsbury and Joanne Fitz; Juniors, Eric Ohlmann and Mrs. H. Lehmann; Intermediates, Rev. R. Harsch. Mrs. D. Lounsbury was the director of music.

Each morning the children brought a missionary offering. Gospel Light material was used for the lessons with our theme, "Bible Sea Adventures". A very fine closing program was given by the boys and girls on Friday evening of the school week. We praise God for the many spiritual blessings that were received. It was a thrill to behold how much of God's Word was learned in such a short time.

Raymond Harsch, Pastor

SCRIPTURE MEMORY GRAND AWARD WINNER

The following is another name of a grand award winner which was not listed in the last issue of the "Baptist Herald": Miss Johnnie Mergert, Bison, South Dakota.

Miss Ruth Bathauer

Home Coming Sunday, First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta.

On July 20 we, of the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta, held our Home Coming Sunday. We look forward to this event every year, but this time we had something very special to anticipate. It was a thrill to have most of the church's "sons and daughters" with us, who are now serving as pastors, pastors' wives, missionaries and former missionaries. At our Sunday morning service, with "missions" emphasized during the Sunday School Hour, Mrs. Myrtle (Hein) Funnell served as speaker.

Following the noon fellowship, we had our special program, especially giving our guests an opportunity to say a few words. Those who were present were: Rev. Otto Patzia, Rev. Jothan Benke, Rev. Victor Priebe, Rev. Fred Mashner, Rev. Rubin Kern, Rev. Fred Ohlmann, Rev. Lawrence Bienert, Mrs. Lillian (Roth) Klatt, Mrs. Cecilia (Priebe) Schwanke, and Mrs. Agnes (Priebe) Mashner.

A week of evangelistic services were held at our Clover Lawn Mission station from July 28 to Aug. 3, with Rev. John C. Kastelein of Harvey, N. Dak., as evangelist. Many precious moments were spent in time of fellowship around God's Word. We are thankful to God for the 9 persons who made their decision to follow the Lord.

Ruth Hammer, Reporter

Fiftieth Anniversary of Wiesenthal Church, Millet, Alberta

On July 19 and 20 the Wiesenthal Baptist Church of Millet, Alberta, celebrated its 50th anniversary. Seventy-five members organized the church in 1908, and now the church has grown to a membership of approximately 188.

The celebration began on Saturday evening with the church band opening the service. Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., brought the message. We were privileged to have with us on this occasion five of our former pastors: Rev. Philip Daum, Rev. H. Smuland, Rev. Robert Schreiber, Rev. C. B. Thole, and Rev. E. A. Hoffmann. (See front cover picture). It was a great thrill to see these former "church shepherds" with us once more. Our present pastor is Mr. Arthur Zeller.

On Sunday a record breaking crowd attended both the forenoon and afternoon services. Rev. H. Smuland of Tacoma, Wash., spoke in the Sunday School hour, while Rev. Philip Daum of Vancouver, B. C., brought the message for the worship service in the German language and Rev. E. A. Hoffmann of New York, N. Y., spoke in English.

In the afternoon Mrs. Smuland, the founder of the Woman's Missionary Union, spoke and also Mrs. Hoffmann. We heard greetings from the neighboring churches. As a special feature of the afternoon a tape recording was played, bringing greetings from our missionary in Japan, Rev. Edwin Kern. Another Japanese missionary, Rev. Walter Sukut, and Rev. C. B. Thole of Stafford, Kansas, also spoke words of greeting. Rev. Robert Schreiber, of Lodi, Calif., then brought the message.

Our Jubilee was indeed a mountaintop experience. We were all lifted to new heights of spiritual blessing, and it is our desire that we, the present members, may ever keep in view the vision of our forefathers. We are



Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Link of Kelowna, B. C., at their golden wedding anniversary celebration in Edmonton, Alta., during the General Conference days.

looking forward to the future as the Apostle Paul states in 1 Cor. 3:6: "I have planted, Apollos has watered; but God gives the increase." May God richly bless our work!

Mrs. Edward Ertman, Reporter

Golden Wedding Celebration, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Link

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Link of Kelowna, B. C., were married July 22, 1908 at Leduc, Alberta, by Rev. F. A. Mueller. They farmed west of Camrose, Alberta, until 1929 when they moved to a farm east of Olds, Alberta. In 1948 they retired to Kelowna, B. C. They are now members of the Grace Baptist Church of Kelowna. Six children were born to them: Mrs. Ted Risto of Westkewan, Alberta; Mrs. Bill Faust of Detroit, Michigan; Mr. William Link of Edmonton, Alberta; Rev. Vernon Link of Sheffield, Ia.; Mr. Herbert Link of Kelowna, B. C., and Rev. Edward Link of Edmonton, Alberta.

Edmonton was chosen for this anniversary celebration since the General Conference convened there at the same time. An Open House Tea was held at the McKernan Baptist Church on July 22nd. About 225 relatives and old-time friends attended. On the following Sunday evening the entire family had a dinner at the King Edward Hotel in honor of the couple. At this time words of appreciation were spoken by each of the children for having had the opportunity of having been reared in a Christian home. Rev. E. P. Wahl, who has been so closely connected to the family for so many years, brought a brief message.

Vernon Link, Reporter

Eastern Conference

Baptismal Service at Forest Church, Winburne, Penn.

During the revival meetings held this year in the Forest Baptist Church, Winburne, Pa., three boys received the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior. The Word of God was faithfully preached by one of our neighboring pastors, Rev. Richard Shanklin of the Clearfield Baptist Church of Clearfield, Pa. The meetings were well attended night after night. All of us were richly blessed and revived by the preaching and teaching of the Word of God. After these meetings, the boys received religious training for seven weeks for church membership.

On Sunday afternoon, June 29, we held the baptismal service at the Clearfield Baptist Church. Rev. R. Shanklin preached the baptismal sermon. Then Rev. George W. Zinz, Sr., pastor of the Forest Church, baptized three young men. What a glorious time we had! In the accompanying picture they are: Larry Burd; my grandson, James Hargrove of Greentown, Ohio; and Walter Hirsch. Two of the boys were received into our church and my grandson into the Baptist Church, Greentown, Ohio.

George W. Zinz, Sr., Pastor

Eastern Conference Sessions, Temple Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The 107th sessions of the Eastern Conference met August 21-24, 1958 at the Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., with Rev. Frank Veninga as host pastor. The conference theme, "The Christian Home in Modern Society," presented a vital challenge. This was the largest attended conference thus far with registrations almost double that of last year. Conference guest speakers included Dr. George Dunger, Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Dr. Arthur Kannwischer and Dr. Paul Gebauer. Rev. Eldon Janzen was the conference song leader.

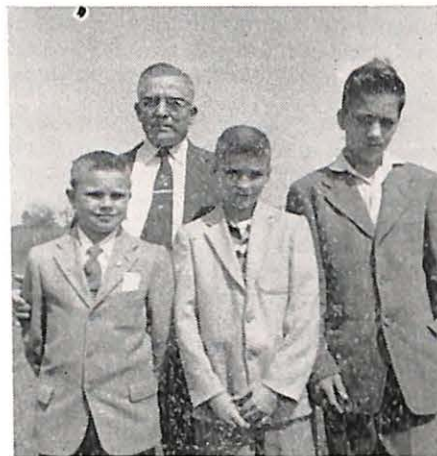
On Thursday night, the opening session, Dr. M. L. Leuschner challenged the conference with thoughts on "The Godly Home." Friday began with devotions led by Mr. Adam Yung, a Pittsburgh layman; and later messages by Dr. George Dunger, "The Home's Influence in the World"; by Rev. Arthur Weisser, "The Home's Influence in the Church and the Church's Influence on the Home"; and by Dr. Arthur Kannwischer, "The Parents' Influence on the Children and the Children's Influence on the Parents." Rev.



Some of the Eastern Conference pastors, delegates and visitors in attendance at the 107th annual sessions held with the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dale Chaddock led a panel discussion on Christian Education. The Friday evening service was in charge of the Woman's Missionary Union with Mrs. Arthur Weisser, president, presiding. The women of the host church presented an impressive play entitled, "The Lost Church." Dr. G. Dunger spoke briefly on "Contrasts."

During the fellowship breakfast on Saturday morning the C. Susek family of Arnold, Pa., led in family devotions. Following this the Baptist Men, W.M.U., and C.B.Y.F. met for business and devotions. The morning message,



Rev. George W. Zinz, Sr., pastor of the Forest Baptist Church, Winburne, Pa., and three boys whom he recently baptized, including his grandson (left).

"God's Pattern for Courtship and Marriage," was delivered by Dr. M. L. Leuschner. Dr. George Dunger directed a panel composed of conference speakers on some of the conference highlights.

The following conference officers will lead us during the next year: moderator, Mr. Leslie Kauffeldt; vicemoderator, Rev. Eugene Stroh; recording secretary, Rev. Eldon Janzen; steno-secretary, Rev. Richard Mikolon; Council representatives, Rev. Dale Chaddock, Mr. Merle Gibbons; Board of Missions representatives, Rev. Arthur Weisser, Mr. Lincoln Love; Mission Committee, Rev. Arthur Weisser, Mr. L. Love, Rev. Albert Fadenrecht, Rev. H. G. Ramus, Mr. Clarence Susek; Conference treasurer, Mr. Fred A. Grosser.

The conference C.B.Y.F. led the conference banquet on Saturday evening when its officers were installed by Rev. Frank Veninga and Rev. Dale Chaddock spoke on "The Big 'Why'?" The conference climaxed Sunday

morning in a very inspiring worship service at which time our missionary, Dr. Paul Gebauer, spoke forcefully of the changes in Africa since 1935 because of the Gospel of Christ. Truly, these were days of enrichment and blessing and all declared anew with Joshua, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Henry G. Ramus, Reporter

Pacific Conference

Vacation Bible Schools, Grace Church, Kelowna, B. C.

"Time to Serve the Lord" was recently brought home again to the Vacation Bible Schools at Kelowna, British Columbia. We had a morning school from 9-11:30 A.M. at the South Kelowna Mission and an evening school in town at the Grace Baptist Church. An adult class was also included in the night school. Our director was our pastor, Rev. E. Nikkel, who also taught the adult class. A total of 122 enrolled students attended these classes. The Intermediate classes were taught by Ruby Busch and Ertman Bredin; the Junior classes by Agnes Bredin and Bert Badke. Ida Hemmerling, Dieter Bothe and Otto Schlenker taught the Primary classes, Janet Hait and Elizabeth Schultz the Beginners and Milda Schultz the Nursery.

At the South Kelowna Mission we taught the same course with 39 children enrolled. Frank Luellau taught the Intermediate class; Esther Bredin the Juniors, two of which were saved. Leona Hait taught the Primary and

Joyce Hait the Beginners. Mrs. Sam Jansen of the district taught the Nursery with Mrs. Ron Blanke helping her. The closing program was presented "Radio Style" by the children on Friday night.

Rose Leschert, Asst. Director

Missionary Meeting at Bethel Church, Salem, Oregon

The Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, Oregon, has been blessed with the ministries of several missionaries during the summer. From July 16-20 the American Board of Missions to the Jews, with headquarters in New York City, held a conference in Salem on "Prophecy and the Jew." The speakers were: Rev. Emil Gruen, Conference Secretary; Miss Ruth Backus, missionary in Portland; Dr. Charles Feinberg, professor at Talbot Seminary in Los Angeles; and Dr. Walter Atkinson, field evangelist from Seattle. Rev. Earl Ahrens was with us on Wednesday evening, July 30, as he related to us the ministry in the Bible School in the Cameroons.

A welcome home reception was held for Rev. and Mrs. Clemence Auch and family on Sunday evening, August 3. They told of their term of service in Japan. The Auchs are partially supported by the Bethel Church. On Sunday evening, August 17, Mr. Auch showed pictures of the missionary work in Japan.

Miss Helen Lohse, representing the Spanish-American Mission in the San Luis Valley, showed pictures of that needy area in Colorado. She was with us on Wednesday evening, August 20.

Mrs. Gordon Rands, Reporter



The Wiesenthal Baptist Church near Millet, Alberta, on the Sunday (July 20, 1958) of its Golden Jubilee celebration attended by five former pastors (see front cover), many friends and members of the church.



Vacation Bible School group at the Grace Baptist Church, Kelowna, British Columbia.



Rev. Ernest Lautt, pastor of the Round Lake Baptist Church, Gladwin, Mich., and 8 young people whom he recently baptized in an out-of-door service.

Central Conference

Baptismal Service and S.S. Picnic, Gladwin, Mich.

On Sunday, July 13, the congregation of the Round Lake Baptist Church, Gladwin, Michigan, gathered on the shores of the beautiful Pratt's Lake to witness a baptismal service. After singing several hymns, Rev. Lawrence Wegner of Orlando, Florida, led in prayer. The pastor, Rev. E. Lautt, brought the message, after which the following were baptized: Lois Gertz, Mrs. Bruno Schmidt, Mary Sue Schlinder, Linda Lautt, Karen Wegner, Wayne Will, Wilmer Gertz, and Jerry Pahl. In the evening service Rev. L. Wegner gave the message and we observed communion at which time the hand of fellowship was extended to the candidates.

On Saturday, July 12, the Sunday School gathered at Gladwin Park for a ham picnic dinner after which there were races, volley ball, and soft ball. The services of Jerry Hickman, who attends Moody Bible Institute, were greatly enjoyed while the pastor and family attended the General Conference in Edmonton and were on vacation. On Sunday evening, August 24, after the service a farewell lunch was served in honor of Jerry and he was presented with a love offering gift.

Mrs. Ernst Lautt, Reporter

Farewell Services for Missionaries, Ebenezer Church, Detroit

Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Strauss and their children were given a farewell service at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., on Sunday, August 10th. These missionaries going for their first term to the Cameroons, Africa, are members of the Ebenezer Church. Brother Strauss was raised in the church as a boy and young man and was ordained here as he finished his ministerial training and went into the pastoral work.

In the evening service in the open-air "Chapel in the Trees," Ruth Strauss told of her conversion and call to the Lord's work at the side of her husband. Elmer brought the message and included also an outline of the Lord's call to him in his service, both here in the homeland and now to the

CHRIST OUR HOPE

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wonderful measure "the fellowship of kindred minds which is like to that above."

The European Baptist Federation, however, did not come into existence until much later, and then almost unexpectedly. In 1948 under the auspices of the Baptist World Alliance, a conference of Baptist leaders was held in London to consider how best we could try to heal the wounds created by the second World War. The war was over, but it had left behind it a tragic mass of bitterness, starvation and misery. What could we as Baptists do to help our people in their emergency?

THE BAPTIST FEDERATION

Representatives came together from many lands, not only from Europe, but also from America, whose open-handed generosity has never failed in time of need. A great program of relief was set up which proved to be of incalculable blessing to multitudes. But great as was this success of the London conference, the greatest thing which the conference did was something that no one had expected. The European representatives at the conference held a meeting by themselves and decided to create some kind of organization for fellowship among themselves.

So the European Baptist Federation was born. In October 1949 in Paris, the Federation came into existence officially with nine Baptist unions as founder members. Today practically all Unions in Europe have joined.

For me, as a student, it was a very enriching experience to attend the European Baptist Congress in Berlin as well as having had the privilege of attending the Seminary for one year in Hamburg as our exchange student. I want to thank our denomination and our Seminary in Sioux Falls which have made this "student-exchange-plan" possible. I am certain that this experience has broadened my interest and perspective in many ways. This should be of life-time benefit, as I continue my studies and then go on into the work that the Lord has for me.

THE TORCH BEARER

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madly and hope sprang to life within her.

He released her suddenly and said, "You'd better hold on to me." He put her hand in the bend of his arm. "I don't want our nurse to break a leg. If you did that, then who would take care of us?"

He began to chatter of trivial things and she responded while a glad little throb stirred her heart. Perhaps he was beginning to care just a little. Perhaps. Hope raised its head timidly, but surely within her.

The next day hope died a sudden death. Cicily appeared most unexpectedly and unannounced upon the scene.

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Obituary

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

MISS EMMA JUNG of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Miss Emma Jung of Milwaukee, Wis., was born April 12, 1889 to Charles and Sarah Jung at Wayne, Wisconsin. She was baptized in 1907 by Rev. E. H. Otto and became a member of Zion Baptist Church of Wayne, Wisconsin. She lived in close fellowship with her Lord and was faithful in service to her fellow-believers as well as to those who did not know the Lord. On August 18, 1958 she went to be forever with the Lord. Surviving are the following: a brother, William Jung of Fond du Lac, Wis., and five sisters: Alma Jung of Abrams, Wis.; Ida Hein, Frieda Brautigam, Ella Rohrbach, all of Milwaukee, Wis.; and Martha Martin of Wayne, Wis.; and a number of other relatives.

Immanuel Baptist Church,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
HAROLD W. TIETJEN, Pastor

MRS. DOROTHEA SCHAIBLE of Waco, Texas

Mrs. Dorothea Schaible of Waco, Texas, was born in Lehe Bremezhaves, Germany, on March 23, 1879. She passed away on July 21, 1958 at the age of 79, after several years of illness.

She came to the United States in 1881 with two older sisters and her parents, Rev. Frederick and Caroline Sievers. The Sievers family settled in New Jersey where Mr. Sievers pastored for several years. In 1897 the Sievers moved to Texas and he pastored both the Waco and Kyle churches. In 1902 she married the Rev. Theodore Schaible. She continued in her service for the Lord by the side of her husband as he pastored churches, including Waco, Texas, Chicago, Ill., and Cottonwood, Texas. Rev. T. Schaible died in 1910. Mrs. Schaible made her home in Waco at 1500 Clay Street.

Leaving to mourn her death are her son, Walter Schaible; and her two daughters: Mrs. Grace Knouff and Mrs. Ruth Locklin; five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Her faithful attendance and devotion to her church will always be remembered by many close friends.

Central Baptist Church,
Waco, Texas
L. B. HINZ, Pastor

MISS ELIZABETH BLEEKER of Houston, Texas

After a lingering illness, Miss Elizabeth Bleeker of Houston, Texas, went to be with the Lord in July 15, 1958 at the home of her sister Winifred Bleeker in Houston, Texas. She was born December 3, 1896 in Chancellor, S. Dak. She accepted the Lord as her own personal Savior in her early youth and upon confession of her faith was baptized by Rev. Frank Balogh. She became a member of the Chancellor Baptist Church. She moved to Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in 1939 and united with the Central Baptist Church and remained a member there. Except for the two years, she made her home with her sister. She was a faithful and loyal member of that church.

Survivors are Mr. and Mrs. Herman Burfeindt of Chancellor, S. Dak.; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Haagen; Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Bleeker; and Miss Winifred Bleeker of Houston, Texas. Burial was at Forest Park Cemetery in Houston, Texas.

Chancellor, South Dakota
Mrs. Herman Burfeindt, Correspondent

MR. JOHN SCHOENHALS, SR., of Shattuck, Oklahoma

Mr. John Schoenhals, Sr., of Shattuck, Okla., was born in Stefern, Russia, on Aug. 1, 1876, and death came to him at his home in Shattuck, Oklahoma, on August 1, 1958, on his 82nd birthday. He came to the United States with his parents in 1893 to Lehigh, Kansas. He was united in marriage to Eva Heffley in 1901, coming to the Shattuck community in 1903 where farming was his occupation. His conversion experience occurred in 1910 during a series of evangelistic services conducted by Rev. Jacob Markel, evangelist.

He was baptized and under the ministry of Rev. E. J. Ehrhorn became a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church. He was a strong supporter of our denominational program and activities. His wife preceded

him in death in October 1957. He leaves to mourn his passing his seven sons and four daughters: Henry, William, Victoria, John, Esther, Hulda, Fred, Reuben, Minnie, Benjie and Alvin, all of Shattuck. 18 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Ebenezer Baptist Church,
Shattuck, Oklahoma
LeROY SCHAUER, Pastor

MRS. MARY LANGHEIN of Victor, Iowa

Mrs. Mary Langhein, nee Mueller, of Victor, Iowa, was born near Fischerhude, Germany, on May 4, 1870. When she was nine years of age, her parents and their family came to the United States and settled near Victor, Iowa. As a girl of 13 she professed her faith in Christ and was baptized in March 1884. She was an active member of the Victor Baptist Church since then. She was married to Jacob Langhein in 1901. Two children were born into their family circle: Mabel Lang and Milton Lang, both of Victor. Her husband preceded her in death in 1944.

About two weeks before her death she suffered a stroke. She passed away to be with her Lord on August 20, 1958, at the age of 88 years. Those who will miss her presence in this life are her two children, two sisters, three grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Victor, Iowa
FRED SCHMIDT, Pastor

MRS. JONATHAN BELTER of Vancouver, British Columbia

Mrs. Leona Belter, nee Eggert of Vancouver, B. C., was born on Sept. 18, 1913 in Roszik Wolnia, Russia. As a young girl she gave her heart to the Lord Jesus as her Redeemer and was received into the Baptist church in Neudorf, Wolnia. With her aunt and two brothers she emigrated to Canada and landed in Halifax, Oct. 18, 1928. Her first home in the new country was Edmonton, Alberta, where she joined the Central Baptist Church and upon coming to Vancouver, B. C., in 1956 she became a member of the Ebenezer Church. In August 1933 she was united in marriage with Jonathan Belter and the Lord blessed this union with one son and one daughter.

She closed her earthly pilgrimage on Aug. 10, 1958 and is survived by her loving husband, Jonathan; one son, Jonathan, Jr.; one daughter, Bernadette; one brother, Edmond Egger; and two sisters: Mrs. Martha Kitzman and Mrs. Jennie Kubetin. The burial service was held on August 13th in the Pleasant Hill Chapel. The undersigned spoke on "The Love of God" (1 John 3:1).

Ebenezer Baptist Church,
Vancouver, British Columbia
PHIL. DAUM, Officiating Minister

MRS. EVA MOSER of LaSalle, Colorado

Mrs. Eva Moser, nee Ginther, of LaSalle, Colo., was born on Jan. 15, 1875 in the vicinity of Odessa, Russia. She came with her parents to the United States in 1888. At an early age she accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her Savior. When the First Baptist Church of LaSalle was organized, she was one of the charter members. Mrs. Moser was a faithful member of the church and attended regularly until she moved to Greeley seven years ago, after suffering a stroke.

On Dec. 26, 1895 she was united in marriage to Chris Moser, and this union was blessed with ten children. Mr. Moser and one son preceded her in death. Mrs. Moser had been confined to the Convalescence Home for several months. She answered the call to be with her Lord on August 14th, at the age of 83 years, 6 months, and 29 days. She leaves to mourn her passing, 9 children, 18 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

LaSalle, Colorado
F. H. FUCHS, Pastor

MR. JOHN GOEHRING of Lodi, California

Mr. John Goehring of Lodi, Calif., was born on April 29, 1884 in Neudorf, South Russia. He came to the U. S. at the age of nine months, living at first in Ashley, N. Dak. Since 1924 he has been a resident of Lodi, Calif. In 1913 he graduated from the Rochester Theological Seminary, was ordained to the Gospel ministry and for one year served the Annprior Baptist Church of Ontario. He felt the need for more education and enrolled in Northwestern University. From 1918 to 1922 he attended the Louis Institute and, after coming to California, he received his degree in Pharmacy from the University of California. He operated the Goehring Drug Company in Lodi for 20 years and in 1953 he retired for reasons of health.

On June 22, 1923 he was united in mar-

riage with Miss Margaret Rott, his now bereaved widow. In 1904 he made his profession of faith in Christ and was baptized. He served his Lord faithfully through the many years in various offices in the church and as teacher in the Sunday School. He was called to his heavenly home on Sunday, August 10th, having reached the age of 74 years, 3 months and 11 days. Besides his widow, Mrs. Margaret Goehring, and his daughter, Mrs. Norma Jean Lori, he also leaves five brothers and one sister.

First Baptist Church,
Lodi, California
G. G. RAUSER, Pastor

BAPTIST BRIEFS

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thodox theological academy at Zagorsk and by speaking at Moscow's Baptist Church where he was enthusiastically received by the congregation. Mr. Stevenson described the Baptist church as "the best impression among many interesting things I have seen in Russia." Amid loud cheers from some 2,000 in the congregation, he expressed his confidence that the "Russian Baptist community will flourish due to its vitality."—The Watchman-Examiner

HIS DISCIPLES IN DEED

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pressed in the words of a minister's plea to God.

"God of grace and God of glory,
On thy people pour thy power;
Crown thine ancient church's story;
Bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour.

"Set our feet on lofty places;
Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces
In the fight to set men free.

"Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the search for thy salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving thee whom we adore."

Jesus said, "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

SOUL WINNERS' FELLOWSHIP

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weeks. He will keep a record of the persons each team is to visit.

JESUS' METHOD FOR US

When the two weeks are up, at the regular meeting of the Soul Winners' Fellowship, the pastor will call on each team to report. Each visit will be carefully evaluated and a permanent record of it kept. New assignments are given each team for the next two weeks.

In this way the Soul Winners' Fellowship in each of our North American Baptist churches will put into practice in our generation "the two by two" soul-winning method which Jesus himself used for extending his Kingdom. We cannot improve on his method.

Let us then rally our forces! Let us organize our ranks so that, under the sure leadership of the great Captain of our souls, we may go forward to possess the land!

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tions at home either help or affect adversely the work of our missionaries on the field. To create new interest in missions on the part of laymen can be a great tonic for our laymen as well as for our missionaries.

If we do not give to God out of love, we can never give with the true spirit. In much of our giving we give out of pity. In a Scriptural sense we give because we love. Our motive ought to be right. When we give in the spirit of love, we do not look upon our giving as a hardship, but we enjoy the experience and are blessed by it. Any gift we make is far too small in comparison to all that God has done for us. We as laymen ought to consider it a real privilege to share in the extension of the Gospel at home and abroad, and we should seize this opportunity whenever offered to us.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY

Our prayer is that every layman in our entire North American Baptist General Conference will consider it an unusual opportunity and a challenge not only to remember our newly appointed Medical Missionaries, Dr. and Mrs. Peter Fehr, with an offering on "Laymen's Sunday," but that we will support them throughout the year with our prayers as well as with our financial means.

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then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase." . . . "For we are laborers together with God." . . . "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." (From 1 Cor. 3).

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To all of our women comes a challenge. If we will work as hard with Mrs. Reddig as she worked with her predecessors, the torch of the goals attained by 1961 will shine brighter than ever before.

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rapidly increasing populations of "mission lands" and of the desperate immediate need of mankind for a Savior, but also, and most vitally, because of the nature of the Gospel as God's offer of salvation to this generation.

CAREY BI-CENTENARY

II. That all Baptist conventions and unions, boards and societies of the world be encouraged by the Baptist World Alliance to celebrate worthily, in August, 1961, the bicentenary of the birth of William Carey with the confident hope that a rebirth of missionary vision, enterprise and obedience will follow in blessing and power.

III. That the principle enunciated in this commission's recommendation, approved by the Executive in Hamilton, Ontario, namely that some plan be devised "whereby Baptist mission board secretaries in North America may get together for two days, possibly annually, to discuss common problems and share experiences," be extended to other regions with common interests, and that the findings of all such gatherings be made available for all.

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