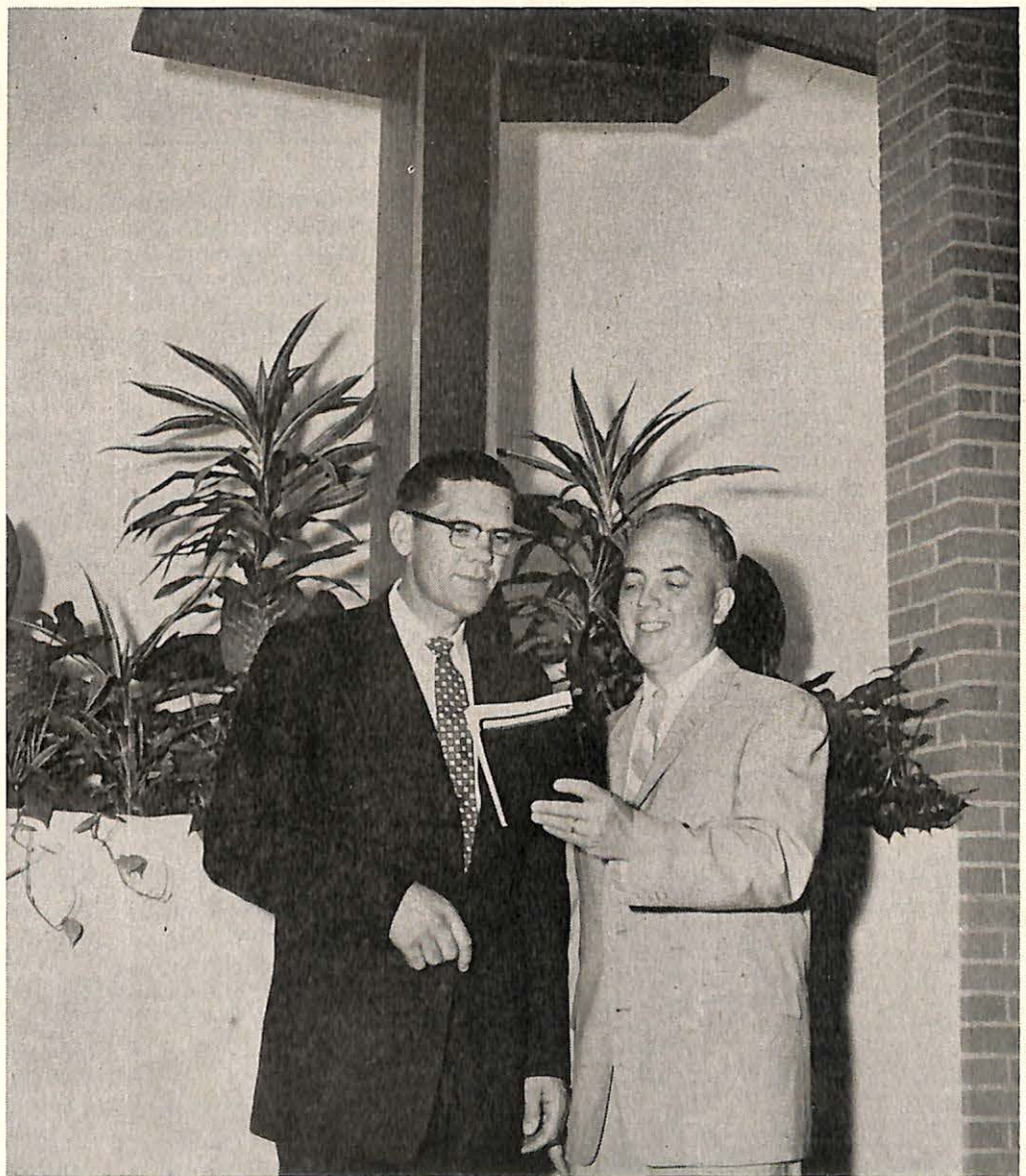


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• Bedloe's Island, in New York's City harbor, America's Statue of Liberty, became Freedom Island on June 29. The renaming was approved in a resolution adopted by Congress and signed by President Eisenhower. The official ceremony took place on the 76th anniversary of France's gift of the statue to the United States.

• Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr retired May 30 as vice-president and senior professor of Union Theological Seminary, New York, N. Y. He reached the mandatory retirement age of 68 in June. As professor emeritus of ethics and theology Dr. Niebuhr will continue teaching on a limited scale; he will also serve as a research associate in international affairs at Columbia University, and is planning to write a book on problems of war and peace.—Christian Century.

• After being outlawed for more than ten years, the Gospel is back on the air in Columbia. About two weeks before Easter a commercial radio station in Cali consented to sell time to the Christian and Missionary Alliance for a 15-minute program weekly. The management was impressed with the quality of the program, and when Good Friday came around the evangelicals of Cali secured a 2½-hour period for a program presenting the seven utterances of Christ from the Cross. There were 25 professions of faith at the church where the program originated, and letters and telephone calls reported other conversions in homes.

• The National Council of Churches is launching a year-long, nationwide "study of religious freedom" among its member communions. It will be conducted by the council's Department of Religious Liberty under a newly-appointed executive director, the Rev. Dean M. Kelly, former pastor of Crawford Memorial Methodist Church in New York City.

Dr. Roy G. Ross, NCC general secretary, says the study program will place emphasis on local discussion of questions such as: Should Christians be concerned about freedom and how should that concern be expressed? Should there be any religious tests for public office? How does "free speech" affect the broadcasting of derogatory statements about religious groups?—Christianity Today.

• A \$1,700 (U.S.) fine can be the penalty for giving or selling Christian literature to a Moslem in the State of Malacca, Islam stronghold in Malaya. A similar fine can be levied against any Moslem who accepts such literature. While Islam is the state religion throughout the Federation of Malayan States, other groups have

been free to work. The Malayan Constitution provides for freedom of religious practice but not propagation. A movement is now under way to introduce legislation in other states similar to that in Malacca. Missionaries in Malacca must confine their ministry to the local Chinese and Indians. No public gathering may be held for Moslems, and any missionary so accused may have his visa revoked.—The Standard.

• The Burma Christian Council has presented a statement to the state religious advisory commission declaring that newly elected Prime Minister

Nu's proposal to make Buddhism the state religion of Burma is "diametrically opposed to the modern democratic ideal of separation between religion and the state." The proposal fulfills an election campaign promise by U Nu. At the same time, two Roman Catholic archbishops presented testimony pointing out that Buddhism is already so privileged in the nation that it does not need to be given the "title" of state religion. There are 600,000 Protestants in Burma, about an equal number of Moslems, 177,000 Roman Catholics. Most of the rest of the 20,250,000 population is Buddhist.



## Baptist Briefs

• **Nigeria's Baptist Senator.** It will be of interest to Baptists in Scotland, and especially to those in Edinburgh, to know that Mr. E. A. Lagunju, M. A., has been appointed a senator, one of the 44 members of Nigeria's Upper House. He was a highly esteemed member of Morningside Baptist church while taking his M. A. degree at Edinburgh University. On his return to Nigeria he became Principal of Kiriji Memorial College, Igbajo.

—Baptist Times, London

• **Diefenbaker's Views.** Canadian Prime Minister J. G. Diefenbaker paid a surprise visit to the opening session of the Baptist Union Assembly at Westminster Chapel, London, England recently and declared himself against racial discrimination and the continuation of nuclear tests. In words of firm conviction he said, "I believe we Christians cannot adopt any other attitude."

• **Baptists in Hungary.** After a two-week visit in Hungary, Dr. Glen Garfield Williams reports in *The Baptist Times* (London): There are about 20,000 Baptists in Hungary. The more than 500 churches are served by 102 pastors. In Greater Budapest alone there are 21 congregations. Baptist buildings received much damage during

the war and in the events of 1956, but, with the help of both foreign and state aid, the task of rebuilding is now virtually completed. A new hymnbook with 500 hymns had been published this spring. The denomination has two old people's homes, with accommodations for 60 aged persons.

—The Standard

• **"Baptist" a Popular Name.** Baptist church rolls in Australia show only 37,841 names. But when the Australian government took its latest census, a total of 127,444 said they were Baptists. Commenting on the discrepancy, *The Australian Baptist* observed that the gap between denomination and government reports "suggest we now have a large number of nominal Baptists." It seems that it is popular to be called a Baptist. Then Editor Alan Prior adds "We know of 37,841. Where are the others?"

• **Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago.** Mr. Walter W. Grosser, chairman of the Board of Trustees, Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill., has announced the appointment of Dr. Benjamin P. Browne of Philadelphia, Pa., to be the Acting Administrative Officer of the Seminary. Dr. Browne is the Executive Director of the Division of Christian Publications of the Board of Education and Publication of the American Baptist Convention. Beginning September 1, 1960, President Charles W. Koller will take a sabbatical leave and Dr. Browne will function through an administrative council at the Seminary. Dr. Browne will also continue in his present position as the Executive Director of the Division of Christian Publications.

• **Dr. Beal's 50th Anniversary.** Dr. Richard S. Beal, Sr., for 42 years pastor of the First Church, Tucson, Ariz.,

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### FRONT COVER

The front cover picture shows Rev. Herman H. Riffel (left), pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, St. Clair Shores, Mich., and Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, guest speaker, in front of the baptistry of the church following the formal dedication ceremonies at the Bethel Church. The illustrated report of the dedication of this \$265,000 building appears on pages 10 and 11 of this issue of the "Baptist Herald."

EDITOR

# Editorial

## A Song in Your Heart!

A good hymnal is like a treasure to be prized with high esteem. There are all kinds of hymnals on the market, but they vary greatly as to content and musical value. The right kind of a song book can transform a group of people into a singing congregation that feels the thrill of spirited, exciting music. If you can let yourself go as you sing a song, you can touch the portals of heaven of inspirational living. A good hymnal is your passport to some wonderful adventures.

The NORTH AMERICAN HYMNAL has been widely acclaimed as distinctive and outstanding. Its rapid sale of the first printing of 15,000 copies has attested to this fact. We have rejoiced that orders for several thousand copies have been received in advance of the second printing date. Now it can be announced jubilantly that the hymnal will again be on the market for distribution among our churches on September 1, 1960. These hymnals have been a strong factor in uniting the hearts of our North American Baptist people in the songs which they sing and in their spiritual ministry.

The second printing of the NORTH AMERICAN HYMNAL will be virtually unchanged as to the songs and numbers assigned to them and the basic contents of the book. Any church can easily order copies and use them with the first song books. But more than two hundred corrections in the hymns have been made in musical composition, spelling corrections, dates of composers and authors, and the like. Several new responsive readings have been added for baptismal and communion services. The INDEX has been completely revised and improved to facilitate the use of the hymnal by our people. All of this ought to enhance the value of this fine hymnal and to make it a greater instrument in the hands of our people to sing joyously before the Lord.

Sing with joy in your heart by remembering your favorite melodies and hymns. A good hymnal will remind us of those songs which we learned many years ago and which are associated with precious experiences. It may be the German Sunday School song, "Let your Hearts be Ever Happy," or the hymn sung at the time of my conversion, "At the Cross." Undoubtedly, the songs will come back to you at the kitchen sink or behind the farm plough or in the business office to transform these places into temples of God of blessed experience.

Most of us fail to study our church hymnals. We ought to become familiar with the stories behind the hymns, the lives of the composers and the incidents associated with the songs. The NORTH AMERICAN HYMNAL is unexcelled for giving this important information about most of its 573 hymns. It can become the source of profound spiritual blessings as you make each hymn a study of the wondrous things that God has wrought through dedicated men and women down through the centuries.

A great deal of love and labor has been poured into the NORTH AMERICAN HYMNAL to make it one of the best on the market today. It is especially outstanding in inspiring a congregation to sing heartily "as unto the Lord." Its evangelistic emphasis will be welcomed by our churches. It will put a new song into your heart to praise the Lord!

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# A Surging Africa

What Does It Mean to Christianity?

By Eugene R. Bertermann, Missionary in Africa

(Reprinted from "This Day")

## A SURGING AFRICA

Crowds of Africans at the dedication of the Faith Baptist Church, Mutengene, Southern Cameroons

AFRICA, for many centuries the "dark" continent, is undergoing far-reaching changes in this decade—political, social, economic, educational, and religious. One can hardly pick up a copy of a newspaper or news magazine without becoming aware that powerful forces are surging throughout this continent, more than three times as large as the United States.

## 242 MILLION PEOPLE

Of Africa's 242 million people, 93 million now live in independence. Within 12 months another 54 million will reach that status; and by 1965 a further 30 million will be ruling themselves.

For centuries Africa's riches consisted of a mere trickle of gold and ivory, but mostly of human bodies sold into slavery. Now natural resources have been discovered in almost unbelievable abundance. Modern industry is moving into Africa, raising the social and economic levels of vast areas formerly all but closed. Schools, too, are rising up on every hand.

What does all this mean to Christianity in Africa? Rapid changes in missionary policies and practices confront African Christian missionaries. The call is issued for "a new day" in African missions. African churches want to be—and should properly be—indigenous, self-administrating, self-propagating, and self-supporting.

Christianity in Africa today is opposed by powerful forces.

## PAGANISM'S POWER

Despite centuries of Christian work, paganism still holds millions of Africans in its sway. Idolatry and fetish worship are by no means dying out, in spite of Africa's tremendous forward strides. In recent months African newspapers have carried headlines like

these: "Accused of Witchcraft—Woman Dies After Forced Liquid Drink," "Abnormal Mushroom Grows—Villagers Desert Homes Till Gods Appeased," "Cameroons Use Juju to Check Volcano."

Spirit worship has greatly affected Africa's history. In a real sense it lies at the root of most of the plagues of this disease-racked continent. It stubbornly resists progress. It keeps whole villages on the edge of starvation through taboos. It encourages disease and discourages enlightened treatment. It stunts the mental powers of promising young men and women.

While Christian missions and schools have helped to bring the very enlightenment which has led to a desire for independence, frustrated nationalism can turn the clock back overnight by appealing to prejudice.

## MOHAMMEDANISM

Of every 10 pagans converted from idolatry in West Africa, 7 become Mohammedans and 3 Christians. A militant missionary force, Mohammedanism attracts many Africans with its Oriental customs, including especially polygamy. In the last 20 years Mohammedanism has doubled its African membership and promises to more than double it in the next decade. Mohammedanism is numerically the greatest threat to the spread of the Christian Gospel on the African continent.

Although usually very conservative, Mohammedanism is enlisting the aid of modern techniques. The larger mosques are installing fluorescent lighting, as well as loudspeakers to broadcast the daily call to prayer over the rooftops.

Literacy is also emphasized strongly. "Islamic literature . . . is the major factor which has carried Islam forward and which has caused alarm for the Christians," the head of West Africa's most mission-minded Mohammedan

sect recently declared.

During the last 30 years Mohammedanism has aggressively pushed its sphere of influence a thousand miles to the south. Generally, Christians have presented a soft front, as they tended to settle down as church and school organizers, while failing in missionary outreach.

Christians may well ask whether history will repeat itself. In the early centuries Christian churches flourished in North Africa. However, 1,200 years ago while the church preoccupied itself with useless controversy, the whip of Islam scourged them nearly into oblivion. The first-century church might have beamed its Gospel light across the desert and tropical jungles. Instead Africa became the impenetrably dark continent!

If the present Christian mission effort is not redoubled, large areas of Africa will be influenced by the spiritual darkness of Mohammedanism.

## MATERIALISM IN AFRICA

During these days television engineers are installing Africa's first television station in Nigeria. Meanwhile, just across the borders in West Africa, pioneer missionaries are patiently reducing a tribal language into writing so that Stone Age people may begin to read their own language. Thus Africa is hurdling in fifty years the span which the Western countries covered in five centuries.

Such rapid change has given rise to the spirit of *materialism*. Rising salaries of government and industry employees have set a dazzling goal before the people.

Communism is laying careful plans to take advantage of rapid social changes by infiltrating trade unions, planting Reds in key government posts, providing technical experts, influencing students overseas.

Only Christ's Gospel can arrest and fight back the inroads of materialism in Africa.

## SECTARIANISM

Africa's tropical climate seems also to germinate religious sects with surprising speed. In one part of South Africa the government recognizes about a thousand sects, but the number in existence is actually more than twice that.

Fly-by-night religious demagogues often add to the confusion. Unfamiliar with the historic differences in the Western church, Africans tend to accept as Christians all who use the Bible, and thus regard doctrinal distinctions as unnecessary bigotry.

Times of restless change provide a remarkable opportunity for the advance of the Christian Gospel.

## CHALLENGE TO MISSIONS

Since the pioneer days of David Livingstone, the story of African missions has recorded some of the most remarkable chapters in all of mission history. And through the mercies of God the doors are still open in Africa for Christian missions.

Shortly before Northern Nigeria obtained self-government, Premier Bella declared: "I wish to assure you that we believe that this Region cannot get on without overseas interests and that all who genuinely wish to serve our people will always be welcome. . . . We wish to allow all men to practice their religions as they wish. . . . My motto for the newborn North is 'Work and Worship'."

A statement of religious freedom to which the premier referred reads as follows: "Subject only to the requirements of the Law and public order the Regional Government has no intention of favoring or advancing any religion at the expense of another. All persons in the Region are, as they always have been, absolutely at liberty to practice their beliefs according to their conscience without fear or favor, let or hindrance, within the limitations outlined above. . . . Subject only to the considerations referred to, the Government will not place any curb on the religious activities of missionaries or on their right to receive converts among other religions."

## DAYS ARE NUMBERED

By the same token, however, the day of opportunity for foreign missionaries in Africa is rapidly drawing to a close. Dr. Thomas F. Zimmermann, President of the Assemblies of God, recently returned from Africa with this conviction: "I am tremendously impressed with the opportunities on the dark continent. It is my opinion, however, that the days for our efforts in Africa are probably numbered, due to the rising tide of nationalism and the continuing adverse attitude to foreign leadership."

Because the time is short in Africa as elsewhere, Christian missionaries will do well to utilize the twentieth-century media of mass communica-

# African Unrest in 1960!

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

THE LAST calendar year was one filled with unrest here in the Southern Cameroons, Africa. Across our southern border, in the French Cameroons, terrorism moved into the open. By Christmas we were busy with African and European refugees from the French side. By Christmas all missionaries, Protestant and Catholic, had been removed from the areas just across our Bamenda station. And those who had not fled were killed.

## MOUNTING TENSIONS

These happenings across the border had their natural responses in our own little land, the British Cameroons. Political tensions mounted. A deep political split runs right through the population. The governing party rules by a slight majority. The opposition is active. "Politics" is serious business out here. It is a new type of religion for many.

The unrest without is observed within our churches. Heavenly wisdom and much patience had to be exercised by the pastors in order that their sheep be kept to the course laid down for them and us once and for all. The 3000 baptisms in 1959

speak for God's grace and the shepherd of his flock. The churches most deeply affected by political tensions have become stronger in their testimony. Rejoice with us.

## PRAYER OBJECTIVES

What of 1960? We are moving toward plebiscite preparations. Propaganda is being stepped up. Claims and counterclaims are made. At Kumba and Bamenda we observe the protective activities of companies of Nigerian soldiers. By October 1st they will have left.

British soldiers may take their places to keep the peace into 1961. None can foretell the future. One thing we know: He is our peace. One more thing we know: Cameroons Baptists need your prayers as never before.

- What should you pray for?
1. Pray that the 24 pastors may keep close to God and God's Word.
  2. Pray that your 31,000 Baptists in Southern Cameroons may be true to their faith.
  3. Pray that your 46 missionaries remain steadfast and true.
  4. Pray for the Cameroons' Government according to I Timothy 2:1-4.



## THE JESUS' WAY OF LOVE

Daniel, a Sunday School teacher tells a pupil about Christ's love revealed in God's Word.

tions, notably the printed page, radio, and television, to obtain the widest possible outreach for the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Radio in particular affords a number of significant advantages and is the most effective single means of mass communications, far superior to anything else currently available.

Radio facilities on the African continent are not easy to obtain. Many

transmitters are government-owned and have little or no interest in carrying the Christian Gospel.

If the church of the Lord Jesus Christ is to make significant missionary advances in Africa, it must utilize the powerful new tools which the Lord of the church has placed at its disposal. Christendom should take advantage of page, radio, and television—for the preaching of the saving Gospel.





Philip, the Baptist Leprosy Inspector in charge of the Ndu Clinic, stands at the door of the Chief's "palaver house." (Photo by Laura E. Reddig).

# The Greater Challenge of the Cameroons

Looking at the map of Africa, the fact becomes clear that the Cameroons are strategically located, joining hands with the West Africans to the west, the Sudanese in the north, and the great mass of Bantu people in the east and south. What a responsibility God has given to the Cameroonians!

By Dr. George A. Dunger of Sioux Falls, South Dakota

**K**UMBA, a fast developing population center of the Southern Cameroons, Africa, is the first springboard from which to jump into the grasslands. Mamfe, a town of no mean ambitions and much potential growth, lies about 115 miles to the northeast. This is the second springboard towards the grasslands. The distance between Mamfe and Bamenda, the administrative center of the grasslands, is less than one hundred miles.

Traveling is slow. Most of the road runs along narrow mountain valleys, steep mountain sides, describing innumerable curves and hairpin turns. In the grasslands, the road continues tortuously over mountains and through valleys. Slow progress is fully compensated by the ever-new views of the never-ending beauty of the land.

## AFRICAN MOTOR ROADS

Dr. Paul Gebauer and I left Mamfe about seven o'clock in the morning and arrived at Bamenda at about one o'clock in the afternoon, not to forget a short stop-over at the Protestant College at Bali where we enjoyed a short visit with Mr. Haupt and his family. Although traveling by car seems slow when compared with our mileage here at home, covering the distance between Mamfe and Bamenda in about six hours is still something of a miracle. Before this motor road became usable, it took us between three and four days of strenuous trekking to cover this distance. Imagine walking every day about thirty miles! And that for three or four days! Not much of a springboard and not much of a jump!

Similar conditions prevail in Bamenda Province. Journeys that took days in years gone by, plus plenty of sweat, aching muscles and

not infrequently a bout with malaria—due to exposure in malaria infested areas—now take a few hours. Journeys that lasted for weeks and for which extensive preparations had to be made—food, clothing, medicines, carriers, messengers, plus preparation for carrying on the work on the mission station while absent—now can be made in a few days' time.

This accounts for what, to me, seemed like a whirlwind trip. In one day from Bamenda to Belo. In one day from Belo and Mbingo, the Leper Settlement, to Banzo. On the following day we went to Ndu and after breakfast at Ndu to Mbem, arriving there at one o'clock in the afternoon. This, in former days, was completely unthinkable! The trek from Ndu to Mbem alone—about twenty-five miles of forced march up and down mountains—was an ordeal if done in one day. But now we were zigzagging up and down the mountains in the Diesel Jeep, and many were the memories that returned, memories of trekking and on horseback, meeting with chiefs and peoples, conducting conferences with churches and planning and building of schools.

## FELLOWSHIP WITH MISSIONARIES

Thus the events of many years were crowded into just a few hours as we drove along. And the wonderful hours we spent with the Schneiders at the Good Hope Settlement, with our doctor and the nurses there, with the tired missionary nurse at Belo, Gerry Glasenapp, who manfully shouldered many responsibilities day and night and who earned the esteem and love of the Belo women through utter faithfulness. And who can fully tell the story of all the other missionaries, Dr. and Mrs. Fehr, Eleanor

Weisenburger and Ardice Ziolkowski? What a palatable lunch you prepared for our roadside meal two hours outside Mbem, Ardice! And all the loving and thoughtful attention received from the George Langs at Ndu, the Holzimmers at Mbem and the many other friends and Africans of long ago! What a marvelous breakfast Esther Schultz spread with simple but exquisite means! There was the whitest of damask table cloth, the most attractive table silver and sparkling cut glass. Toast, eggs, coffee and fresh strawberries! The setting of a feast and the atmosphere of a sacrament. And then the long, hospitable, heavily-laden table at the home of the Schneiders! Children's voices blending with the happy laughter of the ladies and the booming voices of the men.

There were the unforgettable hours of fellowship and hospitality in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Gebauer. Here Christian simplicity combined with refined, unobtrusive taste and culture, thoughtful concern, anticipation of needs, provision for comfort, spiritual and intellectual awareness, humility and genuine service together with efficiency and humor permeated the atmosphere.

## THE BAPTIST WITNESS

Not only here, but everywhere on our mission stations the example of the Baptist witness shone in the splendor of God's grace. . . . Then we stood atop Chapel Hill at Ndu. It was early in the morning. The rising sun touched with silver rays the cloud blanket which covered Kakaland, but beyond, seventy-five miles beyond, stood the great granite mountain of Ribao west of which lay the landmarks of early pioneer days, Tamnya, Warwar and the Donga Horn. I knew

I could not go to Warwar. Time would not allow it. The Goodmans were there. Physical fellowship was denied us. We stood silently in precious moments of prayer, placing our Mambila witnesses into the loving and enabling care of our Heavenly Father.

## REVOLUTIONARY CHANGES

Our return trip was accomplished with the same speed. We left Mbem at noon, were at Ndu on the same day, left Ndu at six on the following morning, and arrived at Bamenda at four in the afternoon with a number of visits and important stops here and there, visiting with government officers, inspecting a mission school, taking a look at Wum Hospital, enjoying a roadside conference with the oldest Cameroons Baptist evangelist, Mamadu. This and much more making up just one eventful day on the Ring Road of the Cameroons!

These changed conditions and this accelerated pace of travel means far more than covering distances in a shorter span of time. It means, first of all, that people and areas hitherto relatively remote from the impact of western civilization now become subject to the relentless and profound change from the old, traditional way of life to a new and revolutionary existence. The honored chief, who formerly was also revered and feared as priest, becomes an administrator responsible to the government, and the political leader storms up and down the land trying to convince the people of the advantages of his platform and the benefits his party offers to all.

Easier and rapid transportation means increased and accelerated communication. More people travel. News travels faster. Traders and their wares penetrate farther and quickly into remote areas. Markets flourish. Money is more plentiful. Goods abound. Young people aspire to better economic and social status. They come to the schools, not only in hundreds, but by the thousands. Ancient linguistic barriers break down. Old social organization—tribal life—gives way to the modern government.

There is the House of Assembly, electoral regulations providing that members are to be elected by universal adult suffrage. The Premier and his ministers control the Departments of Government, Administration, Education, Medical Service, Agriculture, Forestry, Veterinary Service, Cooperative Societies, Audit and Treasury, Public Works and Information Service.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS

These changes are reflected in the economy of the people and the land. In addition to the seven main items of export—bananas, rubber, cocoa, oil palm produce, coffee, hides and skins—commercial timber has shown a fantastic development. In 1955 exported timber tonnage was 1,475, in 1956 it was 6,207, in 1957 it rose to 37,284 and in 1958 it reached 72,000



CAMEROONS PROTESTANT COLLEGE AT BALI  
Students and faculty of the Cameroons Protestant College at Bali, Africa with Missionary W. Norman Haupt at right and Missionary Ernest A. Zimelman at extreme left.

tons! The revenue derived from timber export alone jumped from about \$18,000 in 1955 to about \$60,000 in 1958.

The same phenomenal growth can be seen in the Cooperative Societies. In 1952 there were 38 such societies with 2,200 members handling about \$22,000 worth of produce. In 1958 there were 150 cooperatives with a membership of 12,000, handling produce valued about \$60,000. In 1952 the Bakweri Farmers' Union was founded. This union handled 8,000 stems of bananas valued at about \$7,000. In 1958 it handled bananas valued at about \$3,000,000.

According to American standards one might be tempted to say: "\$3,000,000—so what? That's peanuts!" As in every case, money does not tell the whole story. These economic developments tell of the innate capacity and ability of the Cameroonians, their ambitions, their responsiveness and their eagerness to advance. Although the Cameroons popu-

lation may appear rather small, nevertheless, they form a strong potential when related to the fifty million people of Nigeria and the five million people of the French Cameroons.

Realizing the manpower of West Africa in terms of political, economic and cultural advancement, the importance of spiritual and intellectual as well as moral growth, strength and example is of staggering proportions. The insignificant "peanuts" have changed to a restless, seething, advancing mass of humanity upon which may depend the life and welfare, indeed the destiny, of a continent.

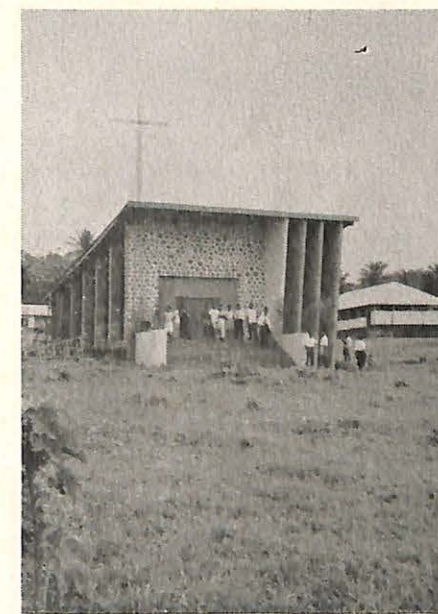
## A CONTINENT'S DESTINY

This sense of eagerness of advance, this sense of destiny of a continent permeates the atmosphere of the Cameroons, the mission stations and the schools. Our American missionary personnel and the African pastors, evangelists and educators apply themselves to the urgent tasks with a balance that only complete devotion and know-how can supply. The "Message" is true to the New Testament, and there is a genuine desire in the hearts of the people for more Bible knowledge and a deeper spiritual life.

Everywhere, on mission stations and school compounds new churches and school houses are being constructed. As physical buildings are erected, so the spiritual house of God is built: new churches spring up here and there, the church membership multiplies until there are now over 28,000 church members. The churches assume responsibilities of self-support and evangelization, and new areas are being occupied. The established churches form regional associations and they, in turn, organize themselves into the Cameroons Baptist Convention with its own officers and plans for operation and expansion.

Looking at the map of Africa, the fact becomes clear that the Cameroons are strategically located between West Africa and Central Africa. The Cameroons form a link between the two. The Cameroonian people join hands

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The Faith Baptist Church of Mutengene, Southern Cameroons, visited by Dr. George A. Dunger on his trip to the Cameroons mission fields.



# Serving Christ in the Eastern District

By Rev. E. Wolff of Cleveland (Parma), Ohio, Eastern District Secretary

"WE ARE laborers together with God" (1 Cor. 3:9). Paul's words to the Corinthians become increasingly meaningful and vital when viewed in the light of the life and work of a number of churches in a larger area. No church is entirely independent of the others. It needs their prayer support and their Christian experience to help shed light on its own needs and problems, the encouragement that comes through the knowledge of their existence and continued efforts.

The churches are bound together because they build on the one foundation which is Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, and because they build with but one purpose: to have a share in the building of God's Building—his Church which will abide forever. Only as the churches become laborers together with God can they most efficiently carry out the divine command of foreign missions, home missions, Sunday School and youth work, the training of pastors, missionaries and church workers, and giving aid to the needy. As in the local church, so also in the larger field, there is need of those who plant and those who water, but it is God alone who can and will give the increase.

## EASTERN DISTRICT AREA

Within the Eastern District, we have 74 churches with a 1959 membership of 17,022. These churches are scattered from Chicago to New York City and from Baltimore, Maryland to Arnprior, Ontario, Canada. In fact, the Mt. Sterling Church in Missouri and several churches in Illinois are west of Chicago. Of the 74 churches, 59 use the English language, 6 are bilingual and 9 use German. The 1959 Conference Minutes report 13,406 Sunday School pupils, 2151 CBY members and 3750 Women's Missionary Union members. During the past few years almost half of the churches have undertaken major building projects.

During the nine months I have served as district secretary, I have not lacked for something to do. My visits to 51 churches gave me opportunity to do promotional work, share in five dedications and two church anniversary services, and to present the Denominational Advance Fund program. I took part in an ordination council in one church and in the reception of the new pastor in two others. On six occasions I was asked to meet with church councils.

I was able to attend three conference mission committee meetings, was at two workshop sessions, the annual meeting of our Board of Missions, the General Council sessions, the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs

which met in Washington, D. C., and attended one regional conference. The Eastern and the Central Conferences convened during the months of June and July, respectively. Twice I had the privilege of participating in local pastors' conferences and I met with one of the local conference Sunday School committees.

Then there were opportunities to speak to the Sunday Schools, to youth groups and to women's and men's organizations. An increasing number of congregations call on the district secretary for various purposes such as Church Extension, relocation, problems within the church, personal problems, missionary promotion and to help the local members get a better understanding of our denominational program.

## CHURCH EXTENSION PROJECTS

The work of Church Extension has been especially interesting and inspiring. The Snowview Church in Parma, Ohio was recognized at the 1959 Central Conference sessions. Property was purchased last fall and plans are now complete to erect a fine new church building during the summer months. Attendance in both the Sunday School and the morning worship services is usually at or above

the one hundred mark. Rev. and Mrs. Harold F. Lang are doing a very commendable work in serving the church.

A recent issue of the "Baptist Herald" carried a report of the encouraging work that is being done at our new church in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. The group is meeting in the former Faith Lutheran Church. A fine, new parsonage has been bought. This new church is under the capable and faithful leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Connie Salios.

Our church at Arnold, Pennsylvania and its much beloved pastor and pastor's wife, Rev. and Mrs. Dale Chad-dock, began a new work at Holiday Park, Pennsylvania, a large new housing project located about halfway between Pittsburgh and Arnold. Property has been acquired in this area and plans are to erect a church unit this summer. Our Temple Church in Pittsburgh and its fine, young spiritual leaders, Rev. and Mrs. Raymond P. Yahn, have given their assistance and support to the Holiday project.

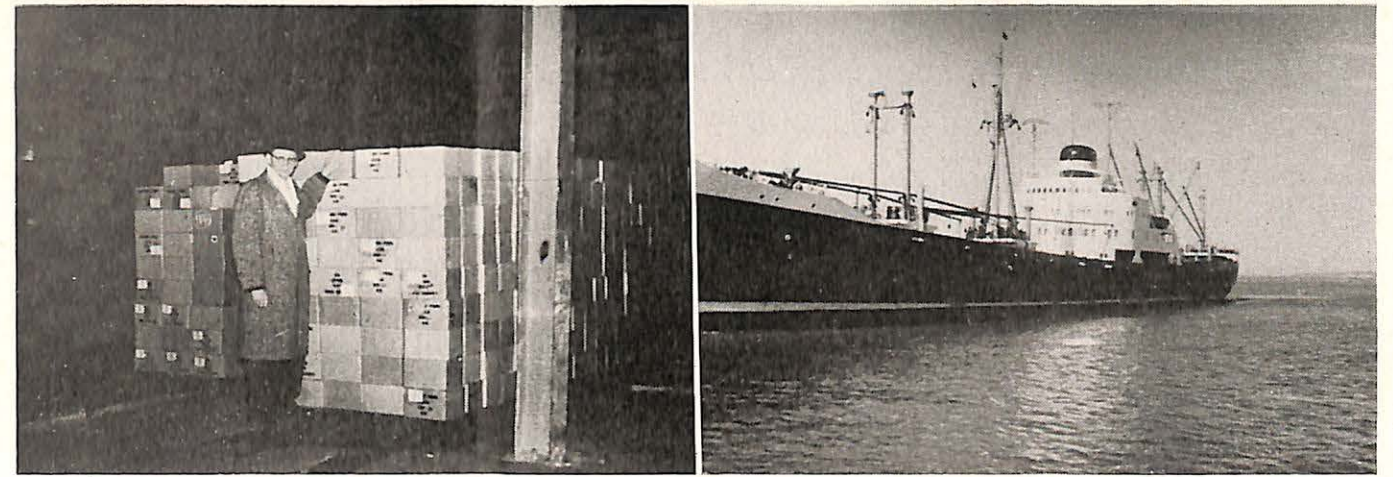
Mr. Norbert Laudon, theological student at our Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, will work three months this summer among a large number of German immigrants in Sudbury, Ontario, to investigate the possibilities of a church there. Three other groups are now studying the opportunities of beginning new churches in their areas and of uniting with our denomination.

## FAITH CONFERENCE SESSIONS

On June 4 and 5 I had the privilege of attending the Youth Meeting and the Faith Conference of the German speaking members of our churches in Ontario and nearby Buffalo and Rochester, New York. Approximately 200 young people, representing about 12 churches or mission groups, and coming from Sudbury to the north, Windsor to the southwest and Rochester to the southeast, gathered at Kitchener on Saturday. Their topic was "The Christian Personality" and Dr. Richard Schilke, our mission secretary, and I had been asked to be the main speakers.

However, there were messages, poems, musical numbers or testimonies (or all four) from every group represented and by most of the pastors present. And there were songs and songs until the place really rang! It is sometimes said that young people just cannot sit still. This was not the case with this group. The morning service began at 9:15 and ended at 12:00. In the afternoon we began at 2:00 and closed at 5:15. Then followed refreshments, a hike, fellowship

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Rev. William Sturhahn stands alongside a carload of "Canadian luncheon pork" (left) at the docks in Quebec, and (right) the "MV Welheim" sails from Quebec, bound for Hamburg, Germany with "the relief pork" for destitute refugees in Europe.

# Canadian Meat for Refugees

With the help of the Canadian Government and the denomination's Fellowship Fund Committee, two carloads of luncheon pork were sent to Germany for 130,000 meals for refugees.

By Rev. William Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Manitoba

MY RECENT visit to the Quebec port of eastern Canada reminded me of a similar situation and action in 1946, when North American Baptists of Manitoba shipped a carload of wonderful Canadian flour to our Baptist brethren in Germany. This time it was a carload of good Canadian luncheon pork.

In writing this story, I am surprised at the number of amazing coincidents which work together. Yet, it is not entirely coincidental. It is proof that God has provided help before the need arises. Some time ago we heard of a Canadian Government Pork Surplus program for relief distribution inside of Canada but also outside of this country. The Fellowship Fund Committee of our denomination authorized investigation and immediate action.

We did not expect the following action to be as easy and free of red tape as it turned out to be. An inquiry brought response that we could have not only one but that two carloads had been reserved for us. Even in Canada, we are not used to getting something from the government for nothing, but there were no strings attached, except that we could not sell or exchange the goods, but had to give them away.

## WORLD RELIEF YEAR

On the other side of the story is the continued and even increasing need for relief in Europe. For one thing, this action gives us opportunity to have a share in World Refugee Year efforts to bring relief to the still lingering thousands of people in refugee camps. But more than that, the free world must have been stunned at the news that more than 5000

people sought refuge from East Germany in Berlin during the Easter weekend only. The tide of refugees during the month of April will probably reach a high of 20,000 persons. These people come without anything. They have left houses, possessions and clothing behind. They must be fed, clothed and assimilated into the western world. We have no idea how many Baptists there are among them, but in our action we cannot wait.

Our inquiry to Baptists of Germany brought the response that "Bruderhilfe" was prepared to accept the shipment for distribution in Berlin refugee camps. At the time of this writing, the goods are on their way across the ocean. Since I had to visit Montreal in the interest of immigration, I was able to see our shipment loaded on board the MV "WELHEIM" at the port of Quebec. We had 2773 cartons of 2 dozen cans of pork luncheon meat, for a total weight of 25 tons.

The cans are labelled "Canadian luncheon pork". The cartons have the label, "Canadian canned pork. A gift by the Canadian Government. Cannot be sold or exchanged." Another label says

"North American Baptist General Conference"  
HAMBURG

All this may be only a small drop in a bucket, but we sent it with our love and under the blessing of the Lord.

After arrival in Germany about May 5th, the meat was taken over by Rev. H. Heeren of Hamburg, who for many years has been a member of "Bruderhilfe". Although we have suggested Berlin refugee camps as a spot of primary needs, the distribu-

tion is entirely in the hands of Baptists in Germany. This total of 66,480 cans of meat provide 130,000 meals.

Upon my return home, I found a letter from our overseas representative, Mrs. Helga Wegner, who had just returned from a two day visit to the refugee centre in Berlin. She writes:

"We have no idea of the external, mental and soul anguish of people in the 'Zone.' (This term is commonly used for 'Soviet Zone of Germany'). For instance, a church deaconess from the Zone came to sister Irmgard (refugee deaconess in West Berlin). She had a face lined with grief and was poorly dressed. She got two packages of soup and some butter. You should have seen her face brighten up when she was told, 'This is for you personally.' The value of this gift was 30c.

## SHOCKING CONDITIONS

"Sister Irmgard is overworked. She intends to write to you, Brother Sturhahn, as soon as possible regarding the gift of pork. She also told how on the previous day three pastors from the Zone had called on her. She gave them some clothing, which are a gift by Swedish Baptists. Sister Irmgard sighs: 'It is grace to be able to help, but there are times when one feels that it is impossible to carry on.' I have received the definite burden to pray much, much more for Sister Irmgard and the poor people in the Zone.

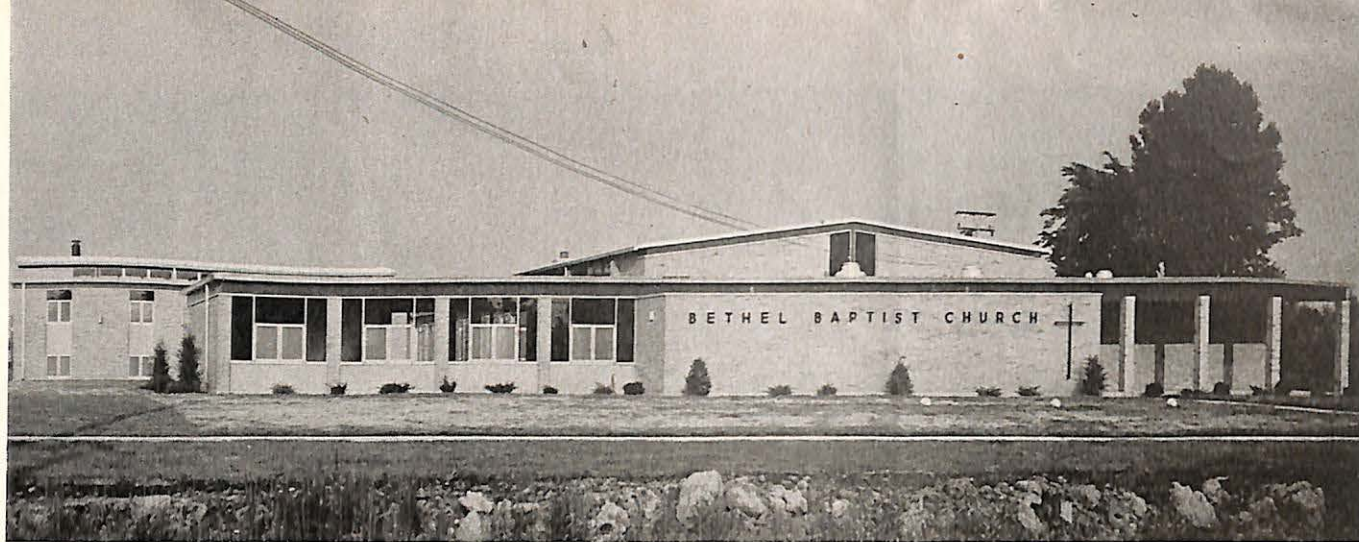
"On the following day we went together to Marienfelde (the reception camp for Zone refugees). Right now it is the final effort of Communists

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Rev. E. Wolff of Cleveland, Ohio, the Central District Secretary





BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, ST. CLAIR SHORES

The \$265,000 edifice of the Bethel Baptist Church, St. Clair Shores, Mich., of which Rev. Herman H. Riffel is the pastor.

## Detroit Church Dedicates New Building

The Story of the Dedication Festivities at the Bethel Baptist Church, St. Clair Shores, Mich., reported by Mr. James Young, Church Moderator and Chairman of the Dedication Committee.

THE DEDICATION of the new house of worship of the Bethel Baptist Church, St. Clair Shores, Mich., June 8-15, brought joy and blessing to the hearts of many. This completed another phase of Bethel's 96-year history. Five places of worship have housed the congregation since its organization in 1864. This last is the furthest move, taking the congregation 11 miles from the former location. We are now in St. Clair Shores, a suburb of Detroit with a population of 75,000.

The new site of three-and-one-half acres was purchased five years ago and ground was broken for the first

unit on March 15, 1959. Recently seven lots were added to the site, in order to keep the property clear and to give us the required parking space for the future building. We now have nearly four acres, purchased at a price of \$70,000.

### \$265,000 CHURCH BUILDING

The architectural firm of O'Dell, Hewlett and Luckenbach, builders of the Ford Auditorium in Detroit's Civic Center, as well as numerous schools, churches and hospitals, was engaged to design the building. Two firms owned by members of the church, the Zab-

locki Electric and Steyer Roofing companies, took sub-contracts on the construction. Mr. Richard Krupp, a former member, was construction foreman on the job for the Charles Fromm Construction Company, General Contractors. Mr. E. Ross Awrey, a builder in his own right and an instructor at Wayne State University, was chairman of our Planning and Construction Committee, with Mr. Fred G. Stadelbauer, general chairman of the Building Committee.

The over-all plan of the building calls for the various units to be built around a court 60 feet square, which is to be landscaped for beauty and used for evening outdoor services. A glass-walled corridor will surround three sides of the court.

The present construction is the first of the three-unit building. We now have a fellowship hall, a two-floor educational wing, three church offices, a Sunday School office, a pastor's study, a foyer, a church lounge, a large kitchen and two kitchenettes. The fellowship hall is 45 by 90 feet, is beautifully designed and will serve as our sanctuary for the present time. The two floors of the educational unit are arranged for Senior and Junior High departments permanently, but presently it accommodates other groups as well.

The pastor's and secretary's offices are conveniently located off the foyer, while the pastor's study in the rear provides the necessary privacy. The floors in the fellowship hall and corridors are covered with Corlon vinyl. Both hot water and hot air heating systems from a gas furnace are used. Nearly 14,000 square feet comprise the present unit at a cost of \$265,000.

The beautiful building at our former location on Mack and Iroquois was sold to the Christ Baptist Church, a group which is carrying on a very fine testi-

mony among their people of the neighborhood.

Two former pastors participated in the dedication services. Rev. Stanley Sommerschild of Elmhurst, Illinois, spoke to us on our outreach into the community at the Community Night Service. Dr. Owen Miller of the First Baptist Church of Riverside, California, challenged us to continue on with Christ. In the Sunday morning service Rev. Harold Gieseke warmed our hearts with a call to "keep ourselves in the love of God."

The formal dedication service was held on Sunday afternoon, June 12. The choir of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit ministered beautifully in the musical portion of the service. Many representatives from other churches and the city were present to greet the church. Rev. Adolph Braun, pastor of the Redeemer Baptist Church of Warren, Michigan, represented the North American Baptist Churches of metropolitan Detroit and Dr. Frank Woyke brought greetings from the general headquarters. The presentation of the keys was made by the architect. Pastor Herman Riffel led in the Act of Dedication, with Dr. Dale Ihrie, pastor of Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, offering the dedicatory prayer. The service was climaxed by another message from the Lord brought with conviction by Rev. Harold W. Gieseke.

Since beautiful music has been a vital part of Bethel's life through the years, an evening of music was presented on the Sunday night of dedication week. Under the able direction of Mr. Elmer Wengel, with Mrs. William Potter as accompanist, the Bethel Choir presented two groups of selections. Featured soloists with the choral numbers were Mrs. Bettie Sayers, soprano, Miss Mary Baske, contralto and Mr. Roger Williams, tenor. Other numbers were presented by the ladies' chorus from the choir, and instrumental solos were rendered by Miss Sheryll McManus, pianist and Miss Anita Richards, violinist. Miss Elizabeth Hatcher was guest soprano soloist for the evening's concert. The pastor brought a fitting devotional on the Lord's presence in his House.

### 96th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Climax of the dedication week was a Church Family 96th Anniversary Dinner on June 15. The program, beautifully arranged by Miss Mary Baske, Fine Arts and Dramatics teacher in the Detroit public schools, together with Miss Harriette Patterson and Mrs. James Young, related the history of Bethel from its inception through the establishment of other churches to its present day. In a light and entertaining vein, the story was told, but throughout the program honor was given to the Lord who has done so much for us. Mr. John Momeyer took the part of "Grandpa Bethel," with many other church members participating.

We are especially thankful that God has given a spirit of unity among us during the planning and construction

## Church Dedication at Leola, S. Dak.

The story of God's wonders at the First Baptist Church of Leola, S. Dak., reported by Rev. A. E. Reeh, pastor.



The newly dedicated sanctuary of the First Baptist Church, Leola, S. Dak.

THE DREAMS, hopes and anticipations of having a Baptist church in the County Seat, in the City of Leola, South Dakota, has finally come true in the dedication of the completed and newly furnished church building. Looking back only a few years, we see that there was a deep desire in the hearts of our people of the Leola area to re-locate from the country to the city. But there were no funds available other than those from the denomination.

Thus a committee was organized and a building site was chosen and purchased at Leola, S. D. Since Leola has been an integrated part of the Eureka congregation, the Eureka church made arrangements for a loan from the denomination in the amount of \$10,000 for the purpose of starting a church in Leola.

Thus the work was begun in the fall of 1954 of building the basement and erecting the shell of the superstructure. In the spring of 1955 the basement was completed and dedicated for services which were held regularly every Sunday. But the unfinished church remained a dream and presented a challenge.

### \$52,000 CHURCH BUILDING

With the coming of the new minister in the fall of 1955, negotiations with the secretary of the Church Loan Committee were undertaken for an

of this "Bethel-the House of God." There is a oneness of purpose that we are confident will result in a growth and blessing in the days to come. We are thankful too for the sacrifice of the people who have carried a budget of \$54,000 this past year, about 50% of which is for current expenses and 25% each for building fund and missions. Since we are a bi-convention

additional loan in order to finish the needed church. Finally in 1958 the church was informed of the possibility that an application for an additional loan would be approved by the Loan Fund Committee. Hopes and anticipations among our people began to mount.

Action was taken and decisions were made by the Eureka-Leola congregation, that would lead to the final separation of these two congregations. The indebtedness against the Leola church property was to be assumed by the Leola church alone.

Thus today Leola is a self-governing church, although formal recognition as such has not taken place, but this will be arranged for in the near future. The church is known as the First Baptist Church of Leola, S. Dak. Today this church represents a total value of \$52,000 with an indebtedness of about \$16,000. This is like a miracle and wonder before our very eyes. The Lord has blessed and multiplied and increased that which was dedicated to him for his Name's honor and glory.

### THE SPIRITUAL CHURCH

The formal dedication of the completed and newly furnished church was set for May 29, 1960. Rev. Daniel Fuchs, director of Church Extension and Evangelism, accepted our invitation to be the guest speaker. Three services were held that day, with the dedication in the afternoon. Greetings and congratulations were extended by the visiting ministers and letters from the sister-churches were read. The church choir sang in each service, while the male quartet from the Eureka Church rendered two special selections, and a young people's group and a duet inspired our hearts. The dedication offering amounted to \$1,210. Free meals were served to all guests, visitors and friends by the Mary-Martha Mission Society.

However, the task of building the spiritual church in the lives and hearts of people has just begun. It is never finished, for it must go on from one generation to another. The witnessing of the grace of Jesus Christ and the forgiving love of God in Christ must continue in the years ahead so that the Lord shall add those who may

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FELLOWSHIP HALL OF DETROIT'S BETHEL CHURCH

The spacious Fellowship Hall of the Bethel Church, St. Clair Shores, Mich., looking towards the platform with the baptistry. Light streaming in from the glass-walled corridor can be seen on the left. The small windows on the right are multi-colored.



# Dedication Week at Kankakee, Ill.

Dedication Festivities at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Ill., reported by Mrs. Alice M. Luhrs

THREE SERVICES attended by more than 800 persons officially dedicated the new Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee, Illinois, on Sunday, May 26th. The days' observances brought to a close a week of dedication marked by the congregation as it dedicated its new \$300,000 sanctuary and educational unit.

## DEDICATION ADDRESS

At 3 p.m., the official dedication service, Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary of North American Baptists, spoke on the subject, "I Will Build My Church." He praised the church for its continued high giving to missions in the face of the building program and that we were among the leaders in giving in the denomination. He asked us some questions as: "What is the church of Jesus Christ? Who builds the church? and, Will the church of Jesus Christ be able to stand?" He replied by stating that the church is the cornerstone and we need to dedicate ourselves now to "building up" the Church of Jesus Christ.

Moderating the meeting was Gilbert Luhrs, chairman of the executive board of the church. Rev. Harry Bryant, minister of First Baptist Church of Kankakee, and Rev. Herman H. Riffel, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, St. Clair Shores, Michigan, also participated. Dr. Louis R. Johnson, church pastor, led the dedication response.

Dr. Johnson, speaking at the 11 a.m.

service, cited the congregation for its vision, prayer, planning, performance, paying and praising to bring about the construction of a new church building.

Rev. Herman H. Riffel was guest speaker at the evening service basing his message on a Bible study of the building of the church through the ages. There was wonderful special music at all the services, and the beautiful flowers from members and friends enhanced the sanctuary's beauty.

## DEDICATION WEEK

The dedication week began with the Wednesday evening, May 25th, service at which Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, editor of the "Baptist Herald" was guest speaker. He personally felt it was a miracle to see the church as it now stands. Speaking in the old church two years ago, he had challenged us to build. Dr. Leuschner also reminded us of the things for which the church stands and that we must be vessels of honor suffering reproach, sacrifice and meeting disaster for Jesus Christ. Afterwards a surprise party was held for Dr. and Mrs. Louis R. Johnson's birthdays—only a few days apart. The feature of this was a beautifully decorated cake in the shape of a Bible, which was presented to them.

"Missionary Night" was marked Thursday, with the speaker being Dr. Richard Schilke, general mission secretary of North American Baptist General Conference. "Temples Where God

Dwells" was the theme of his talk as he reported on the work of the missionaries on foreign fields. He also said that our bodies are temples of the living God where he dwells—just as much as the building itself. "I live—nevertheless not I—but Christ liveth in me." The presidents of the various women's missionary societies participated in the service.

## CHURCH BANQUET

More than 250 persons attended the all-church banquet Friday night in the Fellowship Hall. Guest speaker was Dr. Albert J. Gernenz, executive secretary of the Illinois Baptist State Convention, Springfield, who was reared in the Kankakee church. Gilbert Luhrs, chairman of the planning and building committee, was master of ceremonies. Movies of the various phases of the construction of the church were shown by Frank Zelhart.

Dr. Gernenz based his talk on Heb. 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same, yesterday, and today and for ever." This is a changing world but Christ is the same. Jesus Christ is the chief cornerstone of the building that we are dedicating. The purpose of God is unchanging as we dedicate; and he is changeless in his promises. His prayer was that God's hand would not be withheld and that we would continue to be a missionary church as in the past.

## BEAUTIFUL SANCTUARY

A sanctuary whose beauty lies in its simplicity highlights the new \$300,000 building. Seating capacity is more than 350—including the sanctuary, the choir loft, the mother's room and the overflow area upstairs.

Oak predominates in the sanctuary, although several other types of wood are used. Pews are of solid oak and the trim likewise is of oak. Wood paneling is generally used and laminated beams add to the contemporary design of the area. Ceiling is of 3-inch decking with a corrugated surface.

Adding to the beauty of the baptistry are planters resplendent with flowers in season and greenery. The organ formerly in the old building has been rebuilt and electrified. Chimes have been added. At either side of the pulpit area are doors leading to the pastor's study and to the sound-proof choir room.

The 52 by 108 foot sanctuary also contains a remembrance of the old building, namely, a stained glass scene of the Good Shepherd which once was located in the entrance way of the old building. The lighted window is now encased and hangs at the rear of the sanctuary.

The Education Unit includes 26 by 44 foot classrooms for the following departments: beginners, primary, jun-

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ior and junior high. A similar-sized area has been divided into the crib nursery and the nursery department. Also included in the unit are the Fellowship Hall with an adjoining kitchen, a comfortably-furnished parlor, the church office and library and the boiler and storage rooms.

## FELLOWSHIP HALL

The Fellowship Hall is 42 by 52 feet and can seat about 250 people for dinners. A folding door can effect a small banquet room for 50 to 75 persons. The folding door also is used in the Sunday School and training union periods, an adult department making use of one of the areas and the young people's department the other.

The parlor has many uses—a meeting area for small groups, a room for small wedding receptions, etc., and will seat about 30 persons.

A canopied drive runs along the south edge of the building to provide covered entrance for worshipers during inclement weather.

The congregation owns more than 12 lots at the site. In addition to the church building, which makes use of seven of the lots, the area also includes the parsonage and a four-lot area which is being made into a recreation area for the congregation.



## INVITING CHURCH PARLOR AT KANKAKEE

The Immanuel Church Parlor is beautifully furnished and ready for many smaller meetings, weddings, important conference sessions and delightful fellowship with others.

## MEAT FOR REFUGEES

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to force the still remaining independent small farmers into the Collectives, which has caused this stream of refugees. I believe that Canada has a duty especially toward these farmers, who are crowded into industry of Western Germany.

"It was shocking to look into these sorrowing, harrowed faces of young and old people in camp. One comes to the conclusion that they could never become cheerful again. How puny are our cares and how superficial most of us live. One ought to draw the world's attention much more to these conditions."

## EASTERN DISTRICT

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and finally supper at the church between 7:00 and 8:00. All the young people had prepared well, the Kitchen people were the perfect hosts, and the result was a most delightful, inspiring and blessed day.

The Faith Conference met on Sunday at our church in Toronto, Ontario. The ushers tell us there were about 400 in attendance. The program committee had asked me to speak on "The Return of Christ According to the Scriptures." Dr. Schilke spoke on "Our Preparation For His Coming" and Rev. W. C. Damrau, pastor of our Temple Church in Buffalo, on "Signs of His Coming." Again there were very fitting and most excellent musical numbers from the various churches, testimonies and greetings.

This also was a day rich in Christian fellowship and blessings. The Toronto folk and their pastor's family, Rev. and Mrs. Philipp Scherer, are to be congratulated on their newly decorated church, the fine manner in which they serve their guests, and, above all, on the warm-hearted welcome they extended to everyone.

## A CHALLENGING WORK

The work of district secretary is a new venture for me in many respects. Not only is the work different, but I miss the joys, as well as the sorrows experienced in the intimate fellowship of the local church. However, the cordial reception of the pastors and the churches, and a renewed and ever widening vision of and interest in the work of our denomination, have soon compensated for any loss I may have felt. I feel a deep sense of gratitude toward all with whom I have been able to serve in the past few months.



## DEDICATION SPEAKERS AND LEADERS

Left to right: Rev. Harry Bryant, First Baptist Church, Kankakee; Dr. Frank H. Woyke, dedication guest speaker; Dr. Louis R. Johnson, pastor of Immanuel Church, Kankakee; Rev. H. H. Riffel, Bethel Church, St. Clair Shores, Mich.; Mr. Gilbert W. Luhrs, chairman of the Building Committee and moderator of church.



## IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, KANKAKEE, ILL.

The worshipful sanctuary of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Ill., with a seating capacity of more than 350. The new building with its marvelous facilities cost \$300,000.



# Worship in the Sunday School

By Miss Ruth Bathauer of Forest Park, Illinois, Director of Children's Work

"COULD YOU give us some ideas to make the opening exercises more interesting in our Sunday School?" This is a question which is often asked at workshops and workers' conferences. We realize that the inquirer is referring to the first fifteen or twenty minutes of the Sunday School hour on Sunday morning. It is true that many times the "opening exercises" in our Sunday School follow a very routine pattern. Therefore, the concern to make this period worthwhile is justifiable. Let us consider the purpose of the "opening exercises."

## THE PURPOSE

The primary purpose of this period is to provide opportunity for scholars to worship in the Sunday School with those of their own age peers. Because the purpose is *worship*, we shall refer to this period as the Sunday School at worship. The worship period might be the first fifteen minutes of the school or it might be at the end of the hour. In the latter case, pupils would go directly to their classes instead of assembling in their department rooms or in the large auditorium.

When we consider that out of 168 hours a week our pupils are in Sunday School for one hour, it means that we have them less than one-half of one per cent. Department superintendents must realize the value of this worship period and plan it well. The program should be planned according to the age of the pupils.

For Nursery and Kindergarten chil-

dren, where the program is very informal and flexible, worship will be more informal. The leader must be on the alert for moments of worship when during the Bible story, or some other time during the hour, opportunity presents itself for the children to bow their heads and to thank God in prayer. Worship might be defined as an awareness of God, reverence, awe, etc. When those moments arise, teachers of small children should develop the moment by giving honor to God.

It is well to budget the time tentatively for Primary and Junior worship; however, the time schedule should be flexible enough to be adjusted to the needs of the pupils. The first five or eight minutes might be given to more of an informal time, when time may be given to welcome songs, birthday celebrations, announcements, etc. It is well to reserve approximately 5-8 minutes for a definite worship period which can become a preparation period for the class session. When planning the worship service in relation to the general lesson theme, care must be taken not to infringe on the plans of the teachers. No more than fifteen minutes should be used for worship period in the Junior High through the Adult departments.

A clean, bright, cheerful place is much more conducive to worship than a dark untidy room with an accumulation of Sunday School papers on the piano and table at the front of the room. Worship centers help to create an atmosphere of worship. These worship centers should be changed often

enough to add interest and to stimulate the worshipper.

Worship, to be effective, must involve participation by the worshipper. It is impossible to worship while trying to learn a new song, or while listening to someone stumble over difficult words while reading the Scriptures. Much can be done to enhance the worship period if some time will be spent in worship preparation.

In many schools, the period between the arrival of the first pupil and the formal starting time of the Sunday School sessions is not used. Some of the pre-session time and activities may be devoted to worship preparation. The early arrivals might be encouraged to gather around the piano to learn a new song which might be used later in the worship service.

The children should be encouraged to help the superintendent prepare a worship center during pre-session. Scripture should be assigned to children in advance so that they might familiarize themselves with it and will be able to read it fluently and with meaning during the worship service. Offering plates should be ready so that the offering might become a part of the worship service.

## PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

The worship service should be built around one theme. However, there should be variety to add interest and to avoid monotony. Stories, picture study, poems, prayers, Scripture, etc., might all be used as elements of worship. Instead of having the Scripture read by the superintendent, plan to have several pupils read it. In the children's departments, choric reading might be used. Use some of the later versions of the Bible to make the message more understandable. Prayer might be used in a variety of ways, such as sentence prayers, silent prayer, and guided prayer. Periodicals as the SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDER, and the BAPTIST LEADER give guidance for worship services for various age groups.

The offering should have a place in the worship service. Too often the offering is taken in the midst of much confusion. Some schools have younger children deposit their offering at the door to avoid coins rolling over the floor at some inopportune time during the service. It is well to free the children's hands for other activities, but there is also a tendency for children to consider this an admission fee to Sunday School instead of presenting their money to God! When the offering is taken upon arrival, provision should be made for it to become part of the worship service. This can be done by acknowledging the offering and dedicating it during the worship period.

# What's Happening

• The Jeffers Baptist Church, Jeffers, Minn., has announced that its pastor, Rev. David J. Miller, has resigned effective June 1. He has become the minister of another Baptist church. He served the Jeffers Baptist Church for a two year period. The church is prayerfully considering a successor to Brother Miller.

• The Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., has extended a call to Rev. Hans J. Wilcke of Stafford, Kansas, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford since 1953. He has accepted the call of the Dayton's Bluff Church and announced that he would begin his ministry there on Sept. 1, succeeding Rev. William H. Jeschke, now minister of the Immanuel Church, Portland, Ore.

• Walter Gebauer, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer of Bamenda, Southern Cameroons, arrived in the United States by plane on July 2. His parents accompanied him to the Lagos Airfield in Africa from which he went by plane to the United States on July 1. Walter is to complete his grade eight education in the homeland rather than in the Cameroons, according to the decision made by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer.

• Rev. and Mrs. Leon Franck of Gladwin, Mich., have announced the birth of a son who was born to them on March 23, 1960 and who has been named Daniel Paul. This is the fifth child in their family. Mr. Franck is pastor of the Round Lake Baptist Church of Gladwin. Rev. and Mrs. Edmond Hohn of Nokomis, Sask., have announced the birth of a daughter on June 21 to whom the name Glenda Faye has been given. Mr. Hohn is pastor of the Nokomis Baptist Church.

• On Sunday evening, June 19, Rev. L. B. Hinz, pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, baptized five young people on confession of their faith in Christ. Miss Geraldine Glasenapp, Cameroons missionary, was the guest speaker at the evening service, relating her experiences as a missionary nurse on the Belo field. She and Rev. Walter Hoffman, director of "God's Volunteers," had served as denominational representatives at the nearby young people's encampment of the Southern Conference churches during the previous week.

• On Saturday, June 11, Rev. Gordon Huisinga, pastor of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., and Miss Elizabeth Simmons were married at the Walnut Street Church. Rev. Edwin Miller of Wilmington, Delaware, officiated at the service. The North American Baptist Seminary

Quartet of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., known as the Gospel Jubilaires, sang several selections at the wedding reception upon the request of Mr. and Mrs. Huisinga. The couple is residing in the parsonage next to the Walnut Street Baptist Church.

• Mrs. Earl H. (Lois) Ahrens has had to return to the United States from the Southern Cameroons, Africa, on a sick leave. She left Tiko Airport on June 14 and Lagos, Africa on June 17, arriving home in Tacoma, Wash. on June 20. The Ahrens family decided that father and son should remain in the Cameroons on the Ndu field for the time being. Mrs. Ahrens is receiving expert medication here at home. Dr. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, has said: "We commit her to the prayers of God's people."

• In recent services 17 persons were baptized at the Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich., after they had attended a six weeks' training course on "The New Life" taught by Rev. Robert F. Penner, pastor. A Men's Brotherhood has been organized in the church which has already proven to be a great blessing to "the fathers and sons" of the church. Miss Ruth Pletz reported that "the fellowship suppers held by the Brotherhood have been well attended and have featured speakers of note with interesting messages."

• In June the McClusky Baptist Church, McClusky, N. Dak., held its Vacation Bible School for one week with an enrollment of 62 children. The school had quite a number of teachers and helpers who rendered an appreciated ministry as reported by Mrs. Herbert I. Engel. She also reported: "We know that the children received a better understanding of God's Word." The closing program for the parents of the children and friends of the school was held on Friday evening, June 10. Rev. Edward R. Oster is pastor of the church.

• The closing program for the Vacation Bible School conducted by the First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kan-

sas, was held on Friday evening, June 10, with 205 persons attending. Rev. Merle Brenner, pastor, served as the school's director with Richard Meyer as the assistant. The Intermediate Department presented a brief dramatization. A program of illustrations was given by the Junior Department. A staff of 16 teachers and 4 cooks conducted the school, which had an enrollment of 87 pupils. The school's theme was "The Teachings of Jesus."

• The executive committee of the denominational Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship has appointed Rev. John Binder of Morris, Manitoba, as the general secretary of the C. B. Y. Fellowship for "the unexpired term" until the 1961 General Conference sessions. He will succeed Rev. Lawrence Bienert, the new business manager of the Roger Williams Press. Mr. Binder presented his resignation to the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Morris, which he has served for one year, on June 12 and announced that he would begin his new ministry in this denominational capacity about September 1.

• The Immanuel Baptist Church, Kenosha, Wis., has extended a call to Mr. Milton Zeeb, a 1960 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Mr. Zeeb also served as the student pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church during the past year with marked success. His home church is the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon. Mr. Zeeb has responded favorably to the call and announced that he would begin his pastorate there on September 1, succeeding Rev. Edgar W. Klatt, now an appointee to the teaching staff of the Christian Institute of Edmonton.

• Rev. Ralph R. Rott, assistant field counselor in Connecticut and Rhode Island for the Council on Missionary Cooperation of the American Baptist Convention, terminated his work in Connecticut on June 25. He became a Director of Promotion for the Pennsylvania Convention. He will make his home in Philadelphia and will supervise the work of C. M. C. for Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware. Mr. Rott came to Connecticut from the pastorate of the Calvary Church in Yonkers, N. Y. He is a native of North Dakota and a graduate of Bucknell University and Rochester Seminary. He is a former North American Baptist pastor.

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## Vacation School at Immanuel Church, Beulah, N. Dak.

The Immanuel Baptist Church, Beulah, N. Dak., held its Vacation Bible School from May 30 to June 3 with an enrollment of 37 children. The Junior Class had a perfect attendance all five days. Our theme was "Pioneers for Christ." Each morning our pastor, Rev. John Wood, brought a talk on inviting



Vacation Bible School of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Beulah, North Dakota

and bringing others to Bible School and the importance of coming each day. The pianist was Mrs. John Wood. Beginner's teachers were Mrs. Gilbert Ost and Mrs. Roy Fischer; Primary teacher, Mrs. Fred Reich; Juniors, Mrs. Fred Helm; Intermediates, Mrs. John Wood; and helpers, Judy Strom, Janet Helm, Carol Helm, Noreen Binder and Caroline Karlin.

The Beginner's boys wore hats and the girls wore bonnets which were made at Bible School for the closing demonstration program that was held on Friday evening, June 3. After the program, the parents were invited to see the display of articles the children had made during the week of Bible School. Mrs. Gilbert Ost, Reporter.

## Women's 50th Anniversary Program, Cathay, North Dakota

The Baptist Woman's Missionary Society of Cathay, N. Dak., observed its 50th anniversary program on June 5th with the Carrington, Fessenden, Germantown churches and the local Methodist church members as our guests. The president, Mrs. Fred Reddig, extended a hearty welcome to our guests. Many former members and pastors' wives sent greetings and some attended. The program, "Our Golden Years," was given with Mrs. David Zimmerman as the reader. The secretary and treasurer gave their reports, and also Mrs. Otto Strogies, our charter member, gave an interesting report.

We were so happy to have Missionary Laura E. Reddig with us, who spoke on the subject, "To Be Continued." After the program a lunch was served to our guests in the church basement. Two of the charter members are living: Mrs. Otto Strogies of Cathay and Mrs. Emma A. Stephan of Washington, D. C., who was unable to attend. The offering was designated for Mbongo Chapel, the Cameroons fields where Laura Reddig is stationed.

Mrs. Albert Seibold, Reporter.

## Golden Wedding Anniversary, Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Schroeder

On Sunday afternoon, June 19th, members and friends of the Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., met to celebrate a double golden anniversary—50 years of marriage for Rev. and Mrs. Henry R. Schroeder and also 50 years in the ministry for Mr. Schroeder. Surrounded by family and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder heard letters and telegrams from all over the country extending congratulations and best wishes and recalling some of the wonderful work of Brother Schroeder as he so faithfully served in the ministry. Dr. M. L. Leuschner was able to be present and spoke reminiscently of their long association and told of Mr. Schroeder's excellent editorial work on the *Sunday School Quarterly* since 1945. Rev. J. C. Gunst spoke of Mr. Schroeder's dedication, devotion, dignity and diligence in the work of the Lord.



### GOLDEN REMINISCENCES

Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Schroeder of St. Paul, Minn., recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with relatives and friends of St. Paul's Riverview Baptist Church.

Rev. Henry R. Schroeder was born in Hillsboro, Kansas, and attended the North American Baptist Seminary, graduating in 1910. That same year he was ordained in Dallas, Ore., and in Buffalo, N. Y. was married to Helen Bender, sister of Rev. Carl J. Bender, missionary to the Cameroons. Mr. Schroeder served as a missionary in Newark, N. J. until 1912, became pastor at Wilmington, Delaware from 1921 to 1913 and then was pastor of the Walnut Street Church in Newark until 1923. He served the St. Louis Park Church, St. Louis, Mo., until 1927 when he came to Riverview Church. In 1935 he left to serve the West Center Street Church in Madison, S. Dak., where he stayed until 1948, leaving to serve the East Side Church in Chicago. In 1957 he retired from the ministry but has continued to serve as interim pastor in many churches, including those in Elgin, Iowa; Watertown, Wis.; Lorraine, Kansas; and Hutchinson, Minn. Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder have had two children—Milton (deceased), who followed his father in the ministry; and Dorothy, now Mrs. Henry Richter, Mrs. Gerald Miller, Reporter.

## Vacation Bible School at Chancellor, South Dakota

"Signalling For Christ" was the theme of the Vacation Bible School held from May 31 through June 10 at the First Baptist Church, Chancellor, South Dakota. A total of 83 children were enrolled with an average attendance of 80, and 28 teachers and helpers daily expounded God's word to eager little ears and ready hearts. Each day, the children brought an offering which totalled \$100. This amount was designated for Miss Lucille Wipf, missionary-appointee to Japan, to help her purchase her necessary equipment for the mission field.

Rev. Herman Effa, pastor, was in charge of the Bible School, and Mrs. Herman L. Weeldreyer was secretary. The Bible School was climaxed with a picnic in the park on the last day, and a demonstration of what was learned and made in the following Sunday morning and evening services. Although no outward decisions were made for Christ, we know that the Word fell on good ground and will bear fruit for eternity.

—Mrs. Herman Effa, Reporter.

## Baptist Church Napoleon, N. Dak., Reaches Building Milestone

Sunday, June 12th, marked a milestone in the life of the Napoleon Baptist Church, Napoleon, N. Dak., for it was the occasion of the ground-breaking services. The old structure is being dismantled and a new edifice erected on the same lot in order to meet today's needs more adequately.



### GROUND BREAKING AT NAPOLEON, N.D.

Leaders of the Baptist Church, Napoleon, N. Dak., and guest speakers at the ground breaking exercises for the new building.

Left to right (front row): Rev. Richard Grenz, Rev. J. C. Gunst, Rev. B. W. Krentz, Mrs. Lydia Schuh, Mrs. Barbara Grenz, Mary Ann Lang and Rev. Henry Lang.

Special speakers at the service included Rev. Richard Grenz, Underwood, North Dakota, a son of the church; and Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District Secretary. Rev. B. W. Krentz, administrator of the Baptist Home for the Aged, Bismarck, North Dakota, assisted Rev. Henry Lang, pastor, in the service. Those taking part in the actual groundbreaking were the pastor,

special guests, deacons, officers of the various branches of the church, charter members, the youngest and oldest members of the church, and visiting pastors. After the service lunch was served by the ladies of the church.

The following week the church was dismantled by the members who turned out in full force for the job. We are now looking forward to the beginning of the construction work on the new building.

Dorothy Pritzkau, Reporter.

## Events at Northside Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

In April we, of the Northside Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., climaxed our Sunday School Expansion Campaign with "Decision Day." Rev. Robert Krueger, our pastor, brought a brief message to our Intermediate and Junior pupils. He gave an invitation to those who had accepted Christ earlier but who desired baptism and church membership. Then he gave an invitation to those who wanted to accept Christ. Several pupils responded to this invitation. Since then, we have witnessed two baptismal services, one held on May 22 when eight young people followed their Lord in baptism. On June 19 four adults and one young person again took this step of obedience.

Our ladies enjoyed a Mother and Daughter banquet on May 12 at the YMCA. Mrs. Frank Veninga, the wife of our Seminary president, spoke on the theme, "Harmony of Christ's Love." Our building program is moving along. We are beginning to paint walls and wiring is almost completed. We also appreciated the services of our student summer worker, Herbert Berndt, who served us so faithfully during the month of June. He directed our Vacation Bible School, which proved to be a blessing and success.

Louise C. Westerman, Reporter.

## Women's Sessions, Central Dakota and Montana Association

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Central Dakota and Montana Association enjoyed their annual luncheon at Eureka, S. Dak., on Friday, June 10. The business meeting followed in the First Baptist Church with the president, Mrs. A. E. Reeh, in charge. Scripture was read by Mrs. Irvin Schaeffer, Eureka, S. Dak., and Mrs. A. J. Fischer, Linton, N. Dak., led in prayer. The devotional challenge was presented by Mrs. Delene Broekel of Eureka. Mrs. Reinhardt Gill extended a gracious welcome to the visitors. The secretary's report revealed that the Woman's Union in their individual societies raised \$18,610.95 during the past year, with \$7,484.48 of this amount designated for foreign mission work. Mrs. Fred Knalson was in charge of the Memorial Service.

A special program was presented to a large audience in the evening. Mrs. Carl Weisser, Streeter, N. Dak., led the song service with Mrs. John Grygo, Bismarck, N. Dak., serving as pianist. Mrs. A. W. Bibelheimer, Ashley, N. Dak., read Scripture and Mrs. V. Prendinger, Fredonia, N. Dak., offered prayer. Mrs. E. A. Fenske, Lehr, N. Dak., directed the Ladies' Mass Choir in a soul stirring rendition of "How Great Thou Art." Mrs. Wm. Giedt, Ashley, N. Dak., installed the newly

elected officers: president, Mrs. Allan Strohschein, New Leipzig, N. D.; vice-president, Mrs. Orville Meth, Venturia, N. D.; secretary, Mrs. Walter Klemmel, McIntosh, S. D.; treasurer Mrs. Carl Fischer, Ashley, N. D.; Rev. George Lang, missionary to the Cameroons, presented to us a changing Africa and its needs with the aid of slides. The offering of \$407.68 will be given to the Home for the Aged in Bismarck, N. Dak., Crystal Springs Youth Camp, Nursing Home in Madison, S. Dak., and the \$60,000 Project of the Woman's Missionary Union.

Mrs. Wm. Giedt, Reporter

## Montana-Dakota Central Association at Eureka Church

The Montana-Dakota Central Association met at Eureka, S. Dak., June 16-19, with almost 100 delegates representing 25 churches present. The theme was "The Christian Home." The guest speakers were Rev. George W. Lang, missionary to Africa and Dr. Ralph Powell, professor at our seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. We were also happy to have our Central District secretary, Rev. J. C. Gunst, with us.

Dr. Powell and the local pastors who were assigned topics truly challenged the well-attended association to abide by God's standards for the home. Other subjects were: "Establishing the Christian Home" by Rev. Bernard Edinger; "The Divine Purpose of the Home" by Rev. Alfred Bibelheimer; "Worship in the Home" by Rev. Jacob Ehman; "The Home Combatting Juvenile Delinquency" by Rev. Bernard Fritzke; "Winning the Children in the Home" by Rev. Herbert Vetter. Rev. John Grygo brought this year's doctrinal sermon entitled, "Why I Am A Baptist." Missionary Lang thrilled the association with his illustrated and spiritual presentations of his work at Ndu, Africa.

The laymen of the Montana-Dakota Central Association for the first time organized as Baptist Men. They elected as their president, Mr. Ephraim Schrenk of Ashley, N. Dak. We were happy as an association to welcome into our ranks three new pastors: Rev. Ervin Faul, Rev. Daniel Heringer and Rev. Fred Knalson.

Iver Walker, Reporter

## Eastern District

### Evangelistic Crusade at Grosse Pointe Church, Mich.

The Spirit of God was gracious in preparing our hearts at the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Grosse Pointe, Mich., to make us ready for the Mel Dibble team and its consecrated ministry. There was a hunger for a revival by our church members and spiritual leaders. Much time was spent in prayer by church groups and individuals and God answered prayers as the spiritual crusade was conducted June 5 to 12.

Every night a large audience attended and every morning the evangelist's mother, Mrs. George Dibble, conducted a well attended women's class stressing things vital to Christian life and the things that bring revival. Assisting in music were Mr. and Mrs. John Landgraf, both graduates of Wheaton College, and a volunteer choir

directed by Mr. Landgraf. As a result of this crusade, the church witnessed two impressive baptismal services and received several new members by experience. The Holy Spirit revived several new members by experience. The Holy Spirit revived our hearts and we claim anew, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit," and trust that the cause of Christ be furthered.

Mrs. Wm. Faust, Reporter

## Western District

### God's Blessings at Baptist Church, Odessa, Wash.

We give thanks to God for his many blessings to us as the Baptist Church, Odessa, Wash., especially this past spring. After a series of evangelistic services with Rev. T. T. Smith, our church experienced new life and enthusiasm to do the Master's Work. It was a great joy to baptize three young mothers and three juniors on Good Friday. On Mother's Day evening the Woman's Missionary Society presented its 49th anniversary program. A play, "The Desert Shall Bloom," was included in the program and was well received by our own people and visitors from other churches in town.

A very enjoyable Vacation Bible School was held from June 6 to 10. Our enrollment was larger than expected but the teachers and assistants were able to take care of all the children in a satisfactory way. The courses of study this year centered around the theme "Our Church," using the Judson Press materials. A program was presented on Sunday evening, June 12, to many parents and friends. A sound film, "The Right Start," was included in the program. Many new families are moving into our town who are employed at the missile bases in this area. We rejoice that some of them are seeking the fellowship of our church and we endeavor to minister to them.

Geraldine Goetz, Reporter

### Church Holds Pastor's Farewell At Sacramento, Calif.

A farewell service was held for Rev. and Mrs. Clarence H. Walth, and their children, Carlo, Michael, Jesse, on May 25 at the Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif. Words of farewell and encouragement were given to the Walths from our sister churches. Peggy Balliet and Viola Wright sang, "EACH STEP I TAKE." Representatives from the various church organizations presented gifts of love to Pastor and Mrs. Walth and their boys. A letter was read from Mr. Wilfred Rueb, our vice-moderator, who has been out of town the last two months. Mr. Clifford Filler was in charge of the service.

Five years ago this June, Mr. and Mrs. Walth came to Sacramento to begin a mission work. In the spring of 1955, seven lots were purchased in what was to be a new housing development. On Sunday, Nov. 20, 1955, services were held in a vacant store building a few miles from the church property. Five months later a parsonage was completed to house the pastor and family and to serve as a temporary meeting place. We soon outgrew the parsonage and began construction





**IMPRESSIVE ORDINATION SERVICE, MAGNOLIA CHURCH, ANAHEIM**  
Rev. Loren Fischer (left) and his wife and Rev. Duane Lindsey (right) and his wife at the reception in the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., following their ordination into the Christian ministry. (Photo by Don Bohnet).

of our Sunday School Unit. On Oct. 27, 1957, dedication services were held. To date our membership is 163. We average 225 at our morning worship services. We pray God's blessing upon the Walths as they begin their ministry at the Salt Creek Church at Dallas, Oregon.

Mrs. Robert Patton, Reporter

### Ordination Services at Magnolia Church, Anaheim, Calif.

It is not often that a church has the privilege of ordaining two young men into the Lord's work. This was the privilege of the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., on June 5, 1960, when Duane Lindsey and Loren Fischer were ordained. The pre-ordination council was held on June 3 with the following churches sending delegates: Bethel of Anaheim, Harbor Trinity of Upper Bay, First Church of Lodi, Inglewood Knolls of Los Angeles, Swain Oaks of Stockton, Temple of Lodi, Upper Bay of Santa Ana Heights, Willow Rancho of Sacramento and Magnolia of Anaheim.

Duane Lindsey graduated from Biola College in 1956 with a degree of Bachelor of Arts in Bible. In 1959 he received his Bachelor of Divinity degree, and on June 12, 1960, his Master of Theology Degree, with a major in Biblical languages, from the Talbot Theological Seminary, which is affiliated with the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. He and his wife, Barbara, are awaiting the Lord's leading in their lives, with tentative plans for teaching ministry in a Bible college or seminary.

Loren Fischer has been assistant pastor at the Magnolia Baptist Church for the past year. His brother, Rev. Kenneth Fischer, is the pastor. He graduated from Biola College in 1956. He attended Western Conservative Baptist Seminary in Portland, Oregon, for one semester, and the Dallas Theological Seminary in Dallas, Texas, for two years. He will return to this seminary for further study in

Sept., 1960.

The ordination services were held on Sunday evening, June 6, at the Magnolia Church. Rev. Kenneth Fischer gave the charge to the ordained. Dr. Charles Feinberg preached the inspiring ordination message, which was followed by the laying on of hands and the ordination prayer by Deacon Marvin Hartmann. A reception for the newly ordained ministers and their wives followed.

Ellen Frosbie, Church Clerk

## Northern District

### Manitoba Association at Third German Church, Winnipeg

The theme of the Manitoba Association sessions, held at the Third German Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man., was "Our Liberty in Christ" based on Paul's letter to the Galatians. Various pastors and the guest speakers, Dr. A. S. Felberg and Rev. W. Sturhahn, brought vital messages related to this theme. All felt that the Galatian letter took on new meaning and importance as it spoke right to our needs in Manitoba today. The fellowship together also united all churches and people present into a more wholesome relationship. The fine hospitality of the host church was also greatly appreciated.

Most all of the church reports were encouraging because the work of the Lord is progressing. We rejoice especially in the progress of our Church Extension project in Winnipeg as well as a new mission project that is being started in Lac du Bonnet, 30 miles north of Whitemouth. The Canadian Government recently established a nuclear research plant here which is causing the rapid increase of population in this town. Werner Waitkus, a student of C.T.I., has been appointed there as student worker for the summer months. During the coming year Rev. H. J. Waltereit will serve as

moderator; Rev. H. Schatz as vice-moderator; and Mr. R. J. Stober as secretary-treasurer of the Manitoba Association. John Binder, Reporter

### Ordination of Rev. Paul Siewert, Minitonas, Man.

At the invitation of the First Baptist Church, Minitonas, Man., on Wednesday afternoon, June 8, a council with 25 delegates from 9 churches of the Manitoba and Saskatchewan Association convened to consider the advisability of ordaining Mr. Paul Siewert into the Gospel Ministry. Rev. H. J. Waltereit of Winnipeg served as moderator and Rev. J. Binder of Morris as clerk of the council.

The candidate was presented to the council by the pastor of his home church, Rev. H. Schatz. Then the candidate gave a clear and very convincing statement of his conversion, call into the ministry, and theological beliefs. After cross-examination, the council went into private session, and after brief deliberation declared itself well satisfied with the statements of the candidate and with much joy recommended that the church proceed with the ordination service.

The ordination service was held that same evening in the First Baptist Church with Mr. Schatz presiding. It was a very enriching service with music from the local church choir and quartet, Rev. H. J. Waltereit delivering the ordination sermon, Rev. H. Schatz offering the dedication prayer, Rev. Leslie Zilkie welcoming the candidate into the ministry, Rev. John Wollenberg giving the charge to the candidate, Rev. Wm. Laser giving the charge to the church and Mr. Waltereit presenting the certificate of ordination to the candidate. The Minitonas church also gave the candidate a gift to purchase a Bible. The service was closed with a response and benediction being pronounced by the newly ordained minister, Rev. Paul Siewert. John Binder, Clerk

### Reception for New Pastor, First Church, Leduc

The First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta., was filled to capacity on Friday, June 17, as members and friends of the congregation gathered to welcome our new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Siewert. They were ushered to the platform by one of the deacons, Mr. E. Kern and his wife.

Mr. Cornie Wiebe, the student assistant at Clover Lawn Church, was master of ceremonies for the program, consisting of a choir selection, welcome and special numbers from the Clover Lawn Church. Rev. Raymond Harsch of the Temple Church of Leduc brought words of welcome. Ivan Grabia spoke in behalf of the Sunday School, after which Maxine Jabs read a suitable poem. The C.B.Y.F. was represented by Raymond Hammer. The Sewing Circle's president, Mrs. F. Sonnenberg, extended a welcome. The choir was represented by Mrs. Oscar Jabs. The Women's Missionary Society was represented by Mrs. E. Kern, followed by a ladies' duet number. The Junior C.B.Y. was represented by Raymond Ohlmann. After a wonderful response by Mr. and Mrs. Siewert, we all gathered in the lower auditorium for a time of fellowship.

Mrs. D. Hammer, Reporter

**BAPTIST HERALD**

# Obituary

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

### MRS. MARY STURTZ of Shattuck, Oklahoma

Mrs. Mary Sturtz, nee Hefley, of Shattuck, Okla., was born May 27, 1882, in Russia and passed away at the Newman Memorial Hospital on March 30, 1960. She came to America in her youth. She was united in marriage to George Sturtz. She and her husband were converted and became members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of which she remained a faithful member until her death. She leaves to mourn her passing, one daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Pshigoda of Perryton, Texas; and one son, William of Shattuck, Oklahoma; as well as five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Her husband and two sons preceded her in death.

Ebenezer Baptist Church  
Shattuck, Oklahoma

LEROY SCHAUER, Pastor

### MRS. WILLIAM HARMS of Emery, South Dakota

Mrs. William Harms of Emery, S. Dak., was born in Emery Nov. 6, 1887, and passed away on May 29, 1960 following a brief period of hospitalization. She found her Lord in Feb. 1904 under the ministry of Rev. H. Schwendener and was baptized in April of that year by her father, Rev. Ottie Olthoff, who was then the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Emery. She had been a member of this church for 56 years, having taught in the Sunday School for many years.

She and Mr. Harms were married in 1910. This marriage of fifty years has been broken, leaving the husband and the foster daughter, Phyllis Olthoff, especially to miss her presence. The funeral services were conducted from the First Baptist Church of Emery on June 1, 1960. May God's sustaining grace uphold the bereaved family!

First Baptist Church  
Emery, South Dakota

LELAND H. FRIESEN, Pastor

### MR. JACOB FAUTH of Emery, South Dakota

Mr. Jacob Fauth of Emery, S. Dak., was born on Oct. 17, 1892, and passed away on May 28, 1960 following several months of failing health. He placed his trust in the Lord as a young man and was baptized on June 9, 1929 by Rev. Bruno Luebeck, then pastor of the Plum Creek Baptist Church. He was a member of the First Baptist Church when he joined the First Baptist Church of Emery after having moved to Emery. Surviving are his wife of 40 years and a son, Marvin, of Culver City, Calif. Two children preceded him in death: Lillian who died in infancy and Vernon who died in 1945 while Fauth was a deacon of the church and while at Plum Creek was the Household Treasurer for 16 years. He served in the Army overseas during the First World War and took part in civic matters. The military funeral service was conducted from the First Baptist Church of Emery on May 31, 1960. May God's comforting love be a source of strength to the bereaved family!

First Baptist Church  
Emery, South Dakota

LELAND H. FRIESEN, Pastor

### MRS. KATHRINA SCHOENHALS of Shattuck, Oklahoma

Mrs. Kathrina Schoenhals, nee Meier, of Shattuck, Okla., was born on May 17, 1874, in Dreispitz, Russia. Her death came at her home near Shattuck, on Dec. 14, 1959. She came to America in 1892. She was united in marriage to Fritz Schoenhals on May 1, 1898. They established a homestead south-west of Shattuck where the family farmed throughout these years. She found Christ in her youth and was baptized and became a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in the year of 1910. She remained a faithful member of the church.

She was one of the original members beginning the Woman's Missionary Union in the local society. Her husband and two sons preceded her in death. Those who mourn her passing are: Leah and Ophelia of the home near Shattuck; Mrs. Emma Follett, Shattuck; Mrs. Selma Kelln of Booker, Texas; Mrs. Mary Meier of Booker, Texas;

### THANK YOU

Mr. Erich Walter and the Emma Leuschner family of Anaheim, Calif., wish to take this opportunity to thank their many friends and community groups for their kind sharing of Christian sympathy at the time of the home-going of their beloved wife, daughter, and sister, Mrs. Esther Leuschner Walter. Deep appreciation is hereby expressed for the beautiful floral arrangements, the gifts of several memorials, the cards of sympathy, and the many other expressions of love and interest.

Victor of Lipscomb, Texas; and William of Gage, Okla.; also a brother, R. G. Klein of Shattuck. She is also survived by 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Ebenezer Baptist Church  
Shattuck, Oklahoma

LEROY SCHAUER, Pastor

### MR. AND MRS. EMANUEL FUCHS of Hettinger, North Dakota

Mr. Emanuel Fredrick Fuchs of Hettinger, N. Dak., was born Feb. 22, 1921 at Plevna, Montana. During the mid-thirties he accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized by Rev. Albert Stelter and became a member of the First Baptist Church of Plevna, Montana. Upon moving to Hettinger, N. Dak., with his mother and brothers, he transferred his church membership to the Grace Church of Hettinger. Here he remained a faithful member until he was suddenly called home to be with his Lord on June 11, 1960 in a train-car accident near Rugby, N. Dak. He was 39 years, 3 months, and 19 days old.

Mrs. Lydia Rebecca Fuchs, nee Buchmann, was born Jan. 6, 1926 at Hazen, N. Dak. During the winter of 1946 she accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized the following spring by Rev. R. G. Kaiser and thus became a member of the Grace Church of Hettinger, N. Dak. She, like her husband, remained a faithful member until she too was suddenly called home to be with her Lord on June 11, 1960 in the same train-car accident near Rugby, N. Dak. She was 34 years, 5 months and 5 days old.

Emanuel Fredrick Fuchs and Lydia Rebecca Buchmann were united in marriage on June 2, 1946. The Lord blessed their union with two children. As they walked life's short pathway together, so they now walk Heaven's eternal pathway—together. They leave to mourn their children: LeRoy, 12 and Valeria, 9. The father leaves to mourn, his mother: Mrs. Magdalena Fuchs of Hettinger, N. Dak.; a sister, Mrs. Martin Zimmerman of Hettinger; 4 brothers: Daniel of Oak Park, Ill.; William of Plevna, Mont.; Emil of Hettinger, and Fred of LaSalle, Colo. The mother leaves to mourn, her parents: Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Buchmann of New Salem, N. Dak.; a sister: Bertha, Mrs. C. Baumiller of Baldwin, N. Dak.; and a brother, Julius Buchmann of New Salem. Grace Baptist Church  
Hettinger, North Dakota

IVER WALKER, Pastor

### MRS. ELIZABETH QUENZER of Eureka, South Dakota

Mrs. Elizabeth Quenzer of Eureka, S. Dak., met a tragic death June 7, 1960 while she and her husband were on their way home from the primary elections. Through the impact of the car collision, both were thrown out of the car and on the rebound their own car killed her while her husband sustained head and chest fractures.

## NEXT NUMBER of the "Baptist Herald" August 18, 1960

**CHURCH EXTENSION—Story of a New church at Bolsa, Calif., Holiday Park, Pennsylvania. Pictures and report from Wichita and Junction City, Kansas.**

**JAPAN—Testimonies of Missionary appointees, Lucille Wipf and Joyce Batek.**

**CAMERAOONS—Thrilling story by Rev. Elmer C. Strauss.**

**CHAPLAIN'S WITNESS—Articles and pictures by Chaplain Albus from Korea and Japan.**

tures. She was a life-long resident of Campbell County. She was born April 19, 1911 and was married January 3, 1936. Two daughters were born into this family. Under Rev. A. Krombein's ministry, she was converted and baptized in 1953 and had been a very faithful member of our church, being active in Sunday School, the Ladies' Mission Society and wherever her help was needed.

She is being mourned by her beloved husband; two daughters: Helene (Mrs. Harold Bauer); Dona Mae, at home; two grandchildren: three half-sisters; one brother; three half-brothers; and many friends. Rev. E. S. Fenske assisted the undersigned during the funeral services. May the Lord comfort and console the bereaved!

Eureka, South Dakota  
A. E. REEH, Minister

### MR. HENRY SCHAFFNER of Anamoose, North Dakota

Mr. Henry Schaffner of Anamoose, N. Dak., was born on April 3, 1889 in South Berlin, Russia. He passed away to be with the Lord on June 4, 1960 at the age of 71 years and 2 months. In 1902 he came to this country and homesteaded 12 miles south of Anamoose. He was united in marriage to Justina Jans in 1912. In 1924 his wife died and later he was married to Mrs. Pauline Bitz, who also preceded him in death in 1954. In 1936 Mr. Schaffner came to a saving faith in the Lord.

Surviving to mourn his passing are four children: Alma (Mrs. Albert Feisel), Martin, N. Dak.; Freda (Mrs. Roland Bainer) Valparaiso, Ind.; Emma (Mrs. Robert Minch) San Bernardino, Calif.; Otto of Tule Lake, Calif.; 2 stepsons, Reuben Bitz, Salt Lake City, Utah; Herbert Bitz, Seattle, Wash.; 2 sisters, Mrs. Rose Schlag and Mrs. Elizabeth Henne of Salem, Oregon; and 13 grandchildren. Interment was in the Anamoose Baptist Cemetery.

Anamoose, North Dakota  
MILTON H. VIETZ, Pastor

### MRS. MARTHA SCHLEEN of Killaloe, Ontario

Mrs. Martha Wieland Schleen of Hagerty Township, Ontario was born May 10, 1876 in Sebastopol, Ontario and departed this life in her home in Hagerty Township on June 14, 1960 at the age of 84 years, one month and four days. In 1894 she accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior. That same year she was baptized into the fellowship of the Sebastopol Baptist Church. Later she transferred her membership to the First Baptist Church of Hagerty Township, Killaloe, where she remained a member until her death. On October 10, 1896 she was united in marriage to William Schleen in Sebastopol. She was preceded in death by both her parents, her husband, William, and three sisters: Emma, Louise, and Mary.

She leaves behind 3 sons: Henry, Alex and Gordon of Killaloe; 2 daughters: Mrs. Ernest Hartwick (Annie) of Old Killaloe, and Mrs. John Kuehl (Ethel) of Kitchener; one brother: 5 sisters; 28 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren, and many relatives, friends and neighbors. Funeral services were conducted on June 17 in the home and at the First Baptist Church. Interment was in the Immanuel Baptist Cemetery.

First Baptist Church  
Killaloe, Ontario

NORMAN BERKAN, Pastor

### MR. WILLIAM KANEWISCHER of Medicine Hat, Alberta

Mr. William Kanewischer of Medicine Hat, Alta., was born Nov. 17, 1884 in Bessarabia, Russia and died after a short illness at the age of 75 years. He was raised and educated in Russia. In 1905 he married Louise Tiets, which marriage the Lord blessed with 11 children. In 1911 the family immigrated to Medicine Hat. Later the family settled on a homestead in the Hilda District, farming there until 1944 when Mr. and Mrs. Kanewischer retired to Medicine Hat. He was converted at the age of 30 and baptized in 1939 by Rev. Phil Daum and added to the congregation of the Hilda Baptist Church. He was a faithful member of the Grace Baptist Church until his death. For 14 years he had served as deacon and for a number of years as Sunday School teacher of the Adult Class.

He leaves to mourn his passing: his beloved wife; 3 sons: Rudolph of Medicine Hat; John of Lethbridge, Alta.; Arthur of Delia, Alta.; 4 daughters: Tillie (Mrs. E. Raugust) Craigmyle, Alta.; Edna (Mrs. A. Raugust) Delia, Alta.; Helen (Mrs. J. Boettcher) Schuler, Alta.; Ella (Mrs. J. Eisenbarth) Lethbridge, Alta.; 2 brothers; 3 sisters; 22 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

Grace Baptist Church  
Medicine Hat, Alberta  
P. T. HUNSICKER, Pastor



## LEOLA, SOUTH DAKOTA

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be saved through his precious blood. Thus our prayer is that the Lord may build his Church among us, so that his will might be done on earth as it is in heaven.

In closing, a word of appreciation and recognition is in order: to the Building Committee that planned and labored under the leadership of the deacon, Mr. Walter Rueb; to the secretary of the Loan Fund Committee, Dr. Frank H. Woyke, for his interest and help in the project; and to Rev. Daniel Fuchs, director of Church Extension and Evangelism for coming to us and bringing the fine, challenging messages at the time of the dedication.

A special word of recognition must be brought for all those who have labored and given of their time and energy through the years so that the work was finally completed. It should be emphasized that most of the work was done voluntarily by the men of the church and even by the women. May the Lord bless each one richly and abundantly, according to his riches in glory!

## THE CAMEROONS CHALLENGE

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with the West Africans to the west, the Sudanese in the north and the great mass of Bantu people in the east and south. What a responsibility and a challenge God has given to them!

How great and weighty is the responsibility of the mission schools and of all the other Christian institutions! How gigantic is our God-given responsibility as a missionary society, as missionaries, as pastors and teachers! And how constantly and intelligently we as churches in the homeland should uphold our Baptist brethren in Africa because it is our responsibility and our privilege to guide them in their spiritual and cultural growth.

### "BURDEN FOR SOULS"

When finally bidding farewell to our missionaries and our Cameroonian staff, the Master's injunction continued to ring in my heart: "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." Again I realized the great and urgent need for well-trained, highly qualified, specialist missionary workers for the Cameroons, missionaries who, as experts in their fields of service, will joyfully forsake all and cast their lot with the people to whom God has called them, missionaries who not only labor under the compulsion of a "burden for souls", but who will give their lives in partnership with the African Christian because the honor and glory of the Lord Jesus Christ is at stake on the continent of Africa.

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## THE LONG SEARCH

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ject such a mechanical means of prayer. He wondered if she ever prayed for him. The thought startled him for he remembered what she had told him long ago after Faith's funeral. She had told him that she would pray that God would keep him from doing whatever it was that had brought him to the city. It was a terrifying thought that she could be talking to God about him. And, so far, that prayer had been answered. What if God had somehow showed her what was in his heart, what that thing was that had brought him here? The thought turned him cold with fear. But that was foolish, he argued, trying to banish the fear. God didn't show a person what another had in his heart. At least he hoped that God didn't.

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## CONFERENCES AND YOUTH CAMPS

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August 8-12 SOUTH DAKOTA SENIOR CAMP, Camp Lakodia, Madison, S. Dak. Mr. Flavius Martin, Rev. Raymond Castro and Miss Geraldine Glasenapp.

August 8-13 CENTRAL CONFERENCE C. B. Y. CAMY, Camp Crossley, North Webster, Indiana. Dr. George A. Dunger and Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern.

August 13-20 OREGON INTERMEDIATE CAMP, Camp Tapawingo, Oregon. Miss Eleanor Schulert.

August 15-19 SOUTH DAKOTA JUNIOR CAMP, Camp Lakodia, Madison, S. Dak. Miss Ruth Bathauer and Prof. Martha Leyboldt.

August 15-28 MINNESOTA & LA-CROSSE, WIS. YOUTH CAMPS, Stoney Point Bible Camp, Lake Crystal, Minn. Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer, Prof. Hugo Lueck and Rev. George W. Lang.

August 17-21 SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE at Bethany Baptist Church, Vesper, Kansas. Rev. J. C. Gunst, Rev. George W. Lang and Dr. M. L. Leuschner.

August 20-27 ATLANTIC CONFERENCE JUNIOR & SENIOR CAMP at Freehold, N. Y. Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern.

August 20-27 OREGON JUNIOR CAMP at Camp Tapawingo, Oregon. Miss Eleanor Schulert.

## BAPTIST BRIEFS

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rounded out 50 years in the ministry May 29. In his long pastorate with the First Church he has seen Tucson transformed. Likewise the church has been developed from a membership of 200 to 2,500. In his half century of ministerial activity, Dr. Beal has baptized more than 5,000 people. Under his ministry about 200 young people have been inspired to enter Christian work and most of them today are serving as foreign missionaries, teachers in Christian schools, or in pulpits throughout the country.

● **Gifts to Relief.** The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has given a total of \$306,683.44 to world relief during the past five years, Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, reported. Of the amount \$68,458.32 went to Korea, \$52,064.22 to Hong Kong, \$39,748.91 to Hungary, \$47,900 to Germany, \$30,300 to meet needs through the Baptist World Alliance, and the remainder in smaller amounts to many places of need around the world. "We are grateful that Southern Baptists have continued to provide relief funds and that much human suffering has been relieved through these gifts," Dr. Cauthen said.