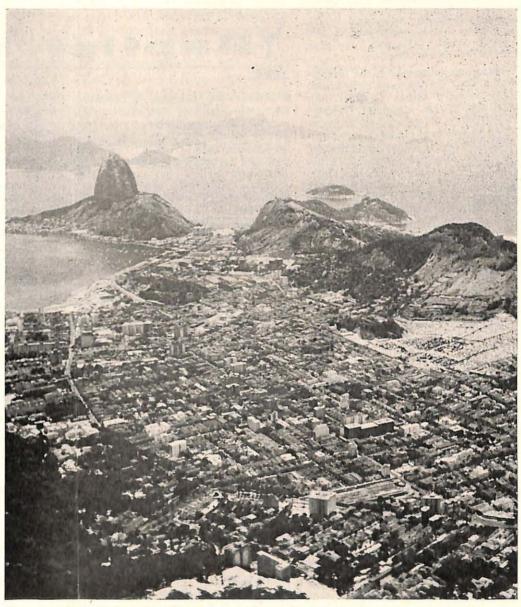
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March of Events

- Rev. Fred G. Ferris, International Secretary for the World Evangelical Fellowship, is in the midst of a three-month tour of the Orient. He expects to meet with evangelical leaders in every country of Asia to gather data relative to evangelical activity and to lay ground for an Asian Evangelical Conference to be convened in Hong Kong September 14-18 of this year.
- Mennonite Broadcasts, Inc., Harrisonburg, Va., has begun producing a 15-minute weekly Russian-language program which is beamed to Russia and Europe from shortwave station HCJB, Quito, Ecuador. Dr. Ivan Magal, physician and Mennonite minister, conducts the program. Mennonite Broadcasts, Inc., also produces programs in English, Spanish, Navaho, Japanese, Italian, French and German.
- The recent formation of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia, brings together four Negro Seminaries-Gammon Theological Seminary (Methodist), Morehouse School of Religion (American Baptist) Phillips School of Theology (Christian Methodist Episcopal), and Turner Theological Seminary (African Methodist Episcopal). This undertaking has been greatly aided by grants from the Sealantic and General Education Board funds. Harry V. Richardson, former president of Gammon, heads the new institution, largest of its kind in the country.
- During National Salvation Army Week May 22-29 the "army of the helping hand" celebrated the 80th anniversary of the beginning of its work in the United States. In addition to conducting some 900,000 religious services annually, finding jobs for about 115,000 people and serving 8.5 million meals to homeless and transient men and women, the army operates an extensive network of social service institutions: 37 maternity homes and hospitals, 394 youth clubs and community recreation centers, 54 children's camps and 186 mobile canteens ready for dispatch to disaster areas.—The Christian Century
- The Municipal Council of Vaudreuil, Quebec, which is entirely Roman Catholic, has slapped a \$765 tax bill on the independent Protestant "Christian Homes for Children" and advertised that it would be sold at public auction if the bill is not paid. According to Dr. Harold G. Martin, this is the only Protestant organization holding property in the entire country and he asserts that the tax was levied because of Catholic opposition to the summer youth ministry carried on by the organization. Last summer 135 were converted in summer camps, sixty of whom were Roman Catholics.

- The Christian Century observes that, in the Christian era, 400,000 hymns have been written. Collectively, the hymnals of the world have been outsold only by the Bible. From 1861 to 1912, the famous English compilation, "Hymns Ancient and Modern," sold 60 million copies; no best-seller in America has come near that figure. Somewhat over a century ago, Tubingen in Germany became the first university to give hymnody real status in its curriculum.
- In Tokyo, Japan, more than 3,000 persons, including many dignitaries

from the church, government, politics, labor and other areas of Japanese life, gathered to honor in death Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, famed Christian social evangelist, who succumbed to a heart attack at the age of 71. Crowds attending the funeral overflowed specially erected tents for the early afternoon ceremony. Eulogies were delivered by representatives of the National Christian Council of Japan, the United Church of Christ, and Protestant missions, as well as the Socialist Party and the Japanese Cooperative Federation.

Baptist Briefs

- Evangelistic Crusade in Jamaica. Forty-five Southern Baptist ministers and five laymen led a week-long evangelistic crusade in Jamaica sponsored by Jamaica Baptist Union. The ministers and laymen also conferred with Jamaican leaders on stewardship, church administration and promotional methods. An autonomous body, the Jamaica Baptist Union formerly had connections with both the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland.
- After Ten Years—A Building! After ten years in Thailand, Southern Baptist missionaries have finally been permitted to buy land for a church building at Bangkok. This first to be erected will permit the 60-member, Thaispeaking Immanuel Baptist Church, organized in 1953, to move from the rented bungalow where former bedrooms are Sunday School rooms and the living room is auditorium, classroom, and recreation hall. The ground-breaking service was led by Missionary Pastor S. Judson Lennon.
- Baptist Group Hits Race Segregation. Opposition to "racial segregation in all forms and in all places" was expressed in a resolution by the executive committee of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies' board of managers in New York. Scoring "denials of justice to Negroes in matters of voting, housing, and the use of libraries and lunch counters," the resolution declared that "wherever segregation appears, wherever in the North or South or the East or West, in a church or at a lunch counter, there is a denial of Christian love and justice and of democratic rights of citizens."
- \$1,000,000 for Baptist College. More than \$1,000,000 has been raised or pledged for the establishment of a

- Southern Baptist college in the Charleston area, it was reported at a fund victory dinner. In 1956, the South Carolina Baptist Convention said it would look with favor on a new college if that area of the state in which it would be located first raised \$1,000,000 to support the school. Southern Baptists in South Carolina now operate Furman University at Greenville, and other institutions, including a hospital in Columbia.
- Spanish Seminary Begins Its 40th Year. Spanish American Baptist Seminary, Los Angeles, Calif., has started its 40th year of service to the Spanishspeaking American Baptists of the United States, Mexico and Central America. The seminary was started in 1920 by the Home Mission Societies and is the only seminary in this country training workers with Spanishspeaking people. Dr. Benjamin R. Morales, who is the president, was a product of Aiken Institute, long a Christian Center on Chicago's west side. He and his brother, Rev. Adam Morales, secretary of the Spanish department of the ABHMS, attended Aiken as boys and were converted
- Baptists in Holland. Baptist membership in 65 churches in Holland has increased from 7,933 in 1959 to a present 8,274, an increase of almost four per cent during the year. A total of 357 persons were baptized during the year. The Baptist denomination in Holland has grown from 45 churches in 1955 to the present 65, and membership has increased from 6,450 to 8,274, a gain of about 30 per cent in the ten years. The 65 churches are now working in 81 places in Holland, with 45 full-time pastors, two chaplains, two teachers in the seminary and a nation-

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Editorial. [...

Baptist Hopes at Rio

Guest Editorial by Rev. C. E. Bryant, Editor of "The Baptist World."

Many things may make the 10th Baptist World Congress different from the nine other world gatherings that have preceded it. It is the first Congress ever held in the Southern hemisphere. It is the first Congress ever held in mission territory. And it is the first Congress ever held in a nominally Catholic nation.

The historical Christ is not new to these people of Rio and the rest of Latin America. He is represented to them by the large ornate church structures and jewel-bedecked altars that decorate their cities. He is depicted in stone in a gigantic statue atop Corcovado, Rio's highest mountain. But he is not generally known in Latin America as the living personal Savior who can fill the emptiness of men's hearts.

The officers of the Baptist World Alliance who have planned the program want this to be an evangelistic congress. They have stretched the program over eight days, including two Sundays, so that the farmer and the day laborer and the businessman could be invited to participate. In addition, each week-night program will include a brief evangelistic message in Portuguese for the heart-probing of visiting Brazilians.

The first Sunday's program will be a flag-bedecked demonstration of the world-wide scope of our Baptist faith. It doubtless will be illuminating to many who have thought of Romanism as the universal church. On the closing Sunday, a crowd of possibly 150,000 will fill Rio's gigantic football stadium for songs of praise and dedication and a message by Evangelist Billy Graham. Thousands of these people, coming out of curiosity or looking for excitement, will hear the evangelical Gospel for the first time.

Too, this Congress will be a missionary congress. The Alliance Commission on World Missions will bring reports on the scope of our progress fufilling the Great Commission in our day. They will project our hopes for the future. Even greater, however, is the fact that the some 5,000 Baptists who will be there from North America and Europe will be observing mission need and mission activity for the first time.

Significantly, this Congress also can be a tremendous witness for religious liberty. The Congress theme, "Jesus Christ is Lord" (Philippians 2:11), is a new concept to much of the world. A distinctive of our Baptist faith, it elevates Christ above both the totalitarian state and the hierarchial church. It pinpoints the very heart of religious liberty—the place of Christ in individual human hearts as supreme Guide in faith and actions.

Finally, it is our hope that this Congress will have its world-wide influence for peace on earth, good will toward men. Its delegates or messengers will come from almost a hundred countries. They will speak many languages, their faces will be of many shades of color, and their earthly citizenship will have many political hues. They find their oneness, however, in Christ—a unity of which Paul spoke in Ephesians 4:5, "One Lord, one faith, one baptism." In such unity the love of God will surely guide us from all prejudices and pride into a common dedication to make Christ known to all men everywhere.

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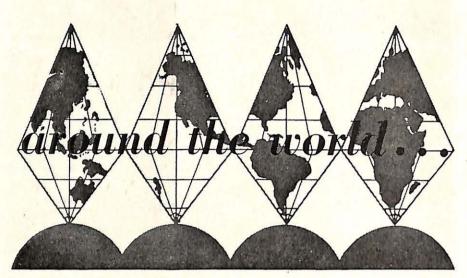
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BAPTISTS TOGETHER



Baptists Together Around the World

Cyril E. Bryant

Ephesians 4:5-6

AR BACK in the Lushai Hills of Assam, India, there are 160 Baptist churches with 18,886 members. This Baptist membership is more than half the total population of the Lushai tribe.

In the highlands of New Guinea, people once savage have been won to the Christian way of life and are accepting baptism as a result of an airborne mission by Baptists from Australia.

22 MILLION BAPTISTS

Behind the Iron Curtain of Communist Russia, an estimated 5,400 Baptist churches are filled to overflowing several times a week as peasants hungry for the gospel meet to worship.

And in America, Baptists affiliated in 29 different conventions and associations constitute the fastest growing major denomination in world Christiandom

Altogether, says the world headquarters office of the Baptist World Alliance, there are official records of 22,708,937 members of Baptist congregations in more than 100 countries of the world.

How they got there is one of the most amazing stories of modern history-evidence that God has worked in many mysterious and miraculous ways to plant Baptist churches across the face of the globe. Though they speak a thousand different dialects and though the color of their skin is of many hues, these millions of Baptists profess one Lord, one faith, one baptism. Their earthly link, one with another, is the Baptist World Alli-

A dream that all the Baptists of the world should come together in a meeting of world fellowship was voiced as early as 1790 by a London editor, John ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE WEAK Rippon. Not until a century later, however, did certain Americans, notably A. T. Robertson and J. N. Prestridge of Kentucky and R. H. Pitt of Virginia, stir enthusiasm sufficiently to prompt a world Baptist congress in London in

Three thousand Baptist leaders, representing six million Baptists in 21 countries (only a fourth as many Baptists in a fifth as many countries as now), attended that London meeting. In the thrill of new-found fellowship, they voted that:

"Whereas in the providence of



Dr. Theodore F. Adams of Richmond, Virginia, president of the Baptist World Alliance, will preside at the Congress sessions in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

God, the time has come when it seems fitting more fully to manifest the essential oneness in the Lord Jesus Christ, as their God and Saviour, of the churches of the Baptist order and faith throughout the world, and to promote the spirit of fellowship, service and co-operation among them, while recognizing the independence of each particular church and not assuming the functions of any existing organization, it is agreed to form a Baptist World Alliance, extending over every part of the world."

World Baptists have met eight times since that London congress. The next meeting, the 10th congress, will be held at Rio de Janeiro, June 26 through July 3, 1960.

The Baptist World Alliance, with its offices in Washington and London, is in no sense a hierarchy or vatican for Baptists. It has no power to dictate to churches, or to associations and conventions of churches, regarding doctrine, activity, procedures, or anything else. It lives solely for the three aims stated in the London resolution: fellowship, service, co-opera-

It is difficult for Americans to realize that Baptists are a minority people in many parts of the world. But a glance at the figures showing more than 20 million Baptists in the United States reveals also that there are only 95 Baptists in Israel, 6 in Ethiopia, and 80 among the Moslem multitudes of Egypt. England, where the Baptist witness has been planted so long, has 203,000; and Brazil 165,000.

In many of these countries where Baptists live and work, the Baptist minorities do not even have a missionary to encourage them. Their devotion to New Testament principles rests in their faith in God, their love for the scriptures, and the knowledge that other Baptists in the world are praying for them. The fellowship of the Baptist World Alliance stands like a light on the hill to give them courage and determination.

Baptists in faraway places learn of other Baptists through The Baptist World, a monthly news magazine published by the Alliance office in Washington, D. C. These scattered Baptists also have frequent letters from Alliance officials, including a vice president of each of the continents, helping them in their own peculiar problems. President Theodore F. Adams of Richmond, Virginia, and Alliance secretaries, Arnold T. Ohrn, Robert S. Denny and Erik Ruden visit many international Baptist outposts each year.

Foremost of all in the fellowship realm are the Alliance-sponsored international meetings. Sessions of the Baptist World Congress meet every five years when possible. Young people also get together every five years, their 1958 conference in Toronto being attended by 8,000 representatives from 67 countries. Fifteen thousand Euro-

BIG RIO STADIUM AVAILABLE

When it was first announced that Billy Graham would preach at the closing meeting of the tenth Congress of the Baptist World Alliance, Rio Baptists were doubtful that the huge Maracana Stadium could be secured for Sunday afternoon. The reason: the first Sunday in July is usually opening day for the international soccer tournaments, and to the average Brazilian nothing comes ahead of "futebol."

Prayers were asked that this mountain be removed. Evangelical political leaders were contacted. An appeal was made to the Brazilian Sports Federation. Fingers were kept crossed.

The stadium officials have now given definite word that Baptists will be able to use the huge arena on Sunday afternoon as requested.

Maracana Stadium will take 155,000. and Brazilian Baptists hope to fill it to capacity, making this the biggest single evangelistic meeting in history.

pean Baptists from both sides of the Iron Curtain met in Berlin in 1958. And the B. W. A. Women's Department has organized continental Baptist Women's Unions on every continent.

SERVICE TO NEEDY

Despite a small staff and a meager financial budget, the Washington and London offices of the Baptist World Alliance are always alert to the needs of Baptists in many countries.

There have been times when the organization's strong witness for religious liberty has won freedom for Baptists and other free-church people who were being persecuted at the hand of state religion. Even now the Alliance seeks freedom of religion for its members in Spain and Colombia.

There have been times, also, when the cooperative ministry of Baptists in more fortunate countries has rushed life-saving relief to fellow believers oppressed by war, famine, and political upheaval. Thousands of Christians in



RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

A magnificent view of the city of Rio de Janeiro, its picturesque harbor and the uniquely towering Sugar Loaf Mountain (right) can be enjoyed from the top of the Corcovado, a half mile high over the city.

India. Korea and Russia owe their lives cold type. But it is very real. Small to Baptist gifts in past years.

RELIEF MINISTRY

Baptists were among the first relief agencies in Vienna in October, 1956, when Hungarian refugees fled across the Austrian border during the Hungarian revolt. These Baptists from Hungary were given food, clothing and shelter; then they found homes and new jobs. Refugees in Communist China are being relocated in Baptist homes in Australia in the most recent B. W. A. relief project.

An Alliance-sponsored medical mission team visited 27 countries in Asia and Africa during 1958, performing medical services where needed, and talking with local doctors and mission personnel in a survey of world medical needs. The plan is to assemble resources to meet those needs.

The service of encouragement is almost intangible, hard to picture in groups facing great odds in unsympathetic lands feel the strength of the larger Baptist body in meeting the difficulties of their witness.

CO-OPERATION, A KEY

The key to the Alliance's effective fellowship and service is the co-operation of Baptist groups with one another. The service of relief would be impossible without the full-hearted cooperation of those who are more fortunate. Mission work and evangelism are aided mightily as leaders from many Baptist conventions counsel together.

Six commissions have been organized within the framework of the Alliance for co-operative study of problems facing world Baptists, A group of 125 denominational leaders and scholars met together at Rochester, New York, last August for diligent thought on these matters of common interest. A year earlier they had met for similar talks at Ruschlikon-Zurich. Switzerland.

With what are these commissions concerned?

BWA COMMISSIONS

The Commission on Religious Liberty is studying the biblical basis for freedom of religious expression and seeking to bring freedom to those spots of the world, including our own America, where it is denied.

The Commission on Evangelism and the Commission on Bible Study and Membership Training are seeking to find, and make available to all, the most effective methods for winning people to the Savior and using them in the churches.

The Commission on World Missions is studying the problems of missions in the modern world and seeking

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THE BEAUTIFUL CITY OF RIO

Monuments, office buildings and stately parks in downtown Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, the site of the 10th Baptist World Congress, June 26—July 3, 1960.

Greater Things Through Christ

Report of the General Council Sessions by Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary

THE GENERAL Council at its annual sessions stretches the faith of our denomination. Boldly it makes plans and sets objectives for our churches for the coming year. It lifts the spiritual sights of our people upon the Kingdom tasks still to be done and upon the fields that still need to be cultivated and worked for Christ. Every year the General Council wrestles with this spiritual challenge as well as with administrative responsi-

The 1960 sessions, held on May 20 and 21 at the Forest Park Baptist Church, were an earnest attempt at "expecting great things from God," in the words of William Carey. The 50 members of the General Council for the first time heard of the theme that has been chosen for the 1961 General Conference, GREATER THINGS THROUGH CHRIST, and they launched out on new undertakings in the service of Christ.

BUDGET OF \$800,000

The sessions were ably led and the business matters expedited with precision by Dr. John Wobig, moderator, assisted by Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, vice-moderator. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, reported that contributions for NAB Missions had reached a new high with \$771,807,19 contributed by our churches during the past year or a per capita giving of \$15.30. "God has given us the opportunity and ability to serve—to him be glory in the church.'

Dr. Woyke sounded the note of "Greater Things Through Christ" in his challenge to the General Council. He stated: "The year that we have just begun presents a tremendous challenge." This was evident in the adoption of the 1960-1961 denominational budget of \$800,000, the highest budget in the history of North American Baptists with a faith that expects great things to happen in our churches through Christ. This budget includes an enlarged missionary program, the appointment of new missionaries, \$50,-000 for Church Extension, the work of "God's Volunteers," special projects on various mission fields and the anticipated Denominational Advance Building Fund contributions. The \$800,000 budget stands as a challenge of faith to every North American Baptist that even greater things are ahead of us through Christ!

Twelve new missionaries were approved by the General Council for the appointment that had already been made by the Board of Missions. This is a tremendous step forward, raising the total number of missionaries under appointment to about 80. Two young women will be sailing for the Japan

mission field before the close of the summer. They are Misses Lucille Wipf of Madison, South Dakota and Miss Joyce Batek of Benton Harbor, Michigan, both of whom have been students at the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

NEW CAMEROONS MISSIONARIES

Six of the new missionary appointees will be going to the Southern Cameroons, Africa. They are Miss Marlene Durscher of Elgin, Iowa, who will become the secretary to the Supervisor of Schools and also will be placed in charge as manager of the coastal schools in the Cameroons. Miss Betty Mantay of Springside, Saskatchewan, has been appointed as missionary nurse to replace the former Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer. For the present she will enroll in the midwifery course at Hyden, Kentucky.

Dr. and Mrs. Jerome Fluth of Minneapolis, Minnesota, members of the Faith Baptist Church, have been appointed for a medical ministry in the Cameroons. God has answered prayers mightily for Christian doctors to serve on our mission field. Rev. Gilbert Gordon of Portland, Oregon, member of the Trinity Baptist Church, has been appointed to the staff of the Teachers Training Center at Soppo. Miss Alma Zimmerman of Minneapolis, Minnesota, received an appointment as a "short term missionary," serving for one year without salary except expenses as the teacher for our missionary children during the furlough year (1961) of the present teacher, Miss Esther Schultz.

In addition, a new missionary couple for the Spanish American mission field was approved as well as a new missionary family for one of our Indian Reserves in Canada. Their names will be revealed later after their acceptance of the appointment has been confirmed. But God is speaking mightily to our churches in this enlarging staff of dedicated workers on our various mission fields.

The blessings of God on the ministry of the four District Secretaries have been innumerable. It was frequently stressed that this plan for District Secretaries, enacted by the 1958 General Confernece in Edmonton, Alberta, was most providential. From the individual reports and from observations of their accomplishments, the members of the General Council

SUMMER LETTERS

A 16 page brochure is being distributed this summer at all conferences and camps about the work of our denomination. Be sure to get your were firmly convinced of "greater things" that are being done for and through Christ in our denominational enterprise.

The General Council was overjoyed to hear the encouraging reports about our Church Extension projects and fields. Forty-eight of these have received the assistance and guidance of the Church Extension Committee. The Council approved the launching of a plan to be known as "Church Extension Builders" at the 1961 General Conference sessions. This will call for participation in the work of Church Extension by many thousands of our people as they give and pray for this ministry. Greater things in this outreach for Christ have just begun!

The General Council also learned that \$100,000 have been made available to the Church Extension Committee for loans to new projects so that this work might go forward. The Council heard repeatedly of the need of new recruits for our church pulpits and mission fields. This challenge to full time Christian service and to enlistment in our educational institutions is to be presented forcibly to our churches in the days ahead.

A recommendation by "Baptist Men" was adopted, calling for a more challenging program at our prayer meetings and mid week services in which all of our people will be enlisted in attendance and in a prayer ministry. Important constitutional changes will be considered prior to the 1961 General Conference sessions to be voted on at the next Conference that will further streamline our denominational organizations.

MISSIONARY RALLY

This spirit of "Greater Things Through Christ" was also voiced at the inspiring public rally held on Friday evening, May 20, at the Forest Park Baptist Church. The chorus of General Council members sang the new theme song for the 1961 General Conference, "Are Ye Able, Said the Master." The world crisis and the missionary challenge were depicted by the three speakers: Dr. George A. Dunger of the Seminary faculty; Mr. Flavius Martin, Christian national of the Cameroons; and Rev. George W. Lang, Cameroons missionary. Miss Lydia Mihm also enhanced this memorable service with a fitting selection. Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, chairman, stated that God had opened many doors of opportunity to us as never before in our history. The large audience and the General Council members agreed that God's guiding Presence was showing us the way to greater things in the year ahead.

Church Gifts Soar to New Heights

Encouraging Facts from the Report of Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Secretary, to the General Council

executive secretary, reported to the General Council at its recent annual sessions that we as North American Baptists have set another record in missionary giving during the fiscal year ending March 31, 1960. The total for 1959-1960 was \$771,807.19, exceeding those of the previous year's contributions by \$86,458.02. This was especially noteworthy, as Dr. Woyke reported, in view of the fact that the year 1958-1959 had also established a record, exceeding the previous year by \$91,596.35.

ADVANCE BUILDING FUND

These totals for the past year include contributions toward the Denominational Advance Building Fund in the amount of \$93,072.70. Certainly, the campaign for this Fund definitely aided in lifting the total contributions.

The contributions for the past year by our regional conferences are given

Atlantic	\$ 48,595.94
Central	171,103.44
Dakota	118,445.03
Eastern	36,454.93
Northern	106,516.16
Northwestern	90,998.60
Pacific	122,723.81
Southern	14,761.86
Southwestern	61,434.16

It was emphasized in the General Council sessions that the Central and Pacific Conferences with their flourishing urban churches stand first and second in the list. The Dakota Conference, not so many years ago, was probably our strongest conference in missionary gifts. But there has been a strong trend to the urban churches in American life and in our conference fellowship as well. But especially noteworthy was the fact that the Northern Conference with \$106,516.16 in contributions has risen high to the fourth place of importance. Our Canadian churches are flourishing with God's manifold blessings in increased memberships and larger gifts towards God's Kingdom enterprise.

MORE CAN BE DONE!

Dr. Woyke likewise challenged the General Council with this word of exhortation. "From a denominational point of view, the only discouraging fact is that gifts of our churches to other than NAB Missions also increased by \$22,874.61, reaching a total for the year of \$275,772.21. What an advance program we would be able to undertake if these funds could be brought into NAB channels."

The attention of our churches needs to be called to the proposed United Mission for Christ budget of the Baptist General Conference for the year for the Baptist General Conference is preparing plans for the Seminary

R. FRANK H. WOYKE, 1960-1961. Our Swedish Baptist friends lay so that, as Dr. Woyke reported, have set a goal of \$1.768.045 for them- we must now look for completion some selves or \$25.26 per capita. Our per time this summer. The dedication servcapita giving during the past year ice is being planned tentatively for a was \$15.30. The table of budget figures date early in October. The architect

Baptist General Conference Proposed Budgets 1960-1961

Board	Budget	Percentage of Total Budget	PerCapita for 70,000 Members
Home Missions\$ Foreign Missions Bible School and Youth Women's Work Men's Work Headquarters Building Publications Education (Bethel)\$	357.500 713,000 64,825 26,500 7,000 50,000 50,220 499,000	20.2 40.3 3.7 1.5 .4 2.8 2.9 28.2 100.0	\$ 5.11 10.19 .92 .38 .10 .71 .72 7.13

is shown on this page as a challenge library building with construction to all North American Baptists.

Last fall we appealed to our churches for contributions toward the Denominational Advance Building Fund in the amount of \$250,000, this sum to be divided equally between the new building in Forest Park and a Seminary library building. Dr. Woyke reported that "as of April 30, 1960, the results were as follows: Total needed _____ \$250,000.00

Total cash and pledges received _____ 173,382.27

Total cash received ____ 97,136.04 Total cash and pledges needed _____ 76,617.73 Total cash still needed ___ 152,863.96

The building in Forest Park is under construction with considerable progress now being made. The steel strike of last year caused a long de-

tentatively scheduled to begin in the Spring of 1961.

1960 LETTERS

In view of the fact that we are still far short of the goal of \$250,000, it was felt that a further appeal for the Building Fund should be made under the direction of the Finance Commitmittee and the promotional department. The suggestion approved by the General Council is that this appeal be made through our periodicals and by mail early in 1961.

Copies of the 1960 LETTERS will be distributed at our summer conferences and camps and in our churches during the next few months. This 16 page brochure deserves to be read and studied by every church member.

APRIL CONTRIBUTIONS—N.A.B. GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences A	pril,1960	April, 1959	April, 1958
Atlantic\$	2.513.67	\$ 3.831.05	\$ 2,879.64
Central	15,479.46	36,676.63	18,692.39
Dakota	8,066.75	12,266.60	10,151.25
Eastern	3,462.74	5,440.24	4,770.20
Northern	4,978.25	9,076.87	9,088.32
Northwestern	9,986.92	7,165.85	12,173.53
Pacific	11,373.14	16,766.06	15,917.50
Southern	887.42	1,648.16	792.47
Southwestern	6,595.41	8,461.12	6,117.21
Inter-Conference			153.55
Total Contributions\$	63,343.76	\$101,332.58	\$ 80,736.06

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	Budget	Other	Denominational	Total
	Contributions	Contributions	Bldg, Advance	Contributions
For the month of Apr., 1960 For the month of Apr., 1959 For the month of Apr., 1958	94,433.30	\$ 4,289.51 6,899.28 5,964.91		\$ 63,343.76 101,332.58 80,736.06

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

Same as for the month of April

To the Glory of God!

The story of our Central District, covering 13 states and 138 churches and presenting a great home mission challenge, by Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District Secretary

"That together you may with united hearts and one voice, praise and glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 15:6, Amplified New Testament).

How large is the Central District? How many churches are there in the Central District? How much are you away from home? These and numerous other questions are often asked of the district secretary. We are delighted when people inquire about the ongoing of the Lord's work.

But come! Acquaint yourself with the Central District, composed of a shall not be able to elaborate on these nor deal with the Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood activities. Youth rallies, missionary conferences and rallies are common throughout the year. Many of our churches have shared in the BWA and the BJA programs in recent years.

The dominant note of the local church program is an emphasis on our program of evangelism carried out annually in most of our churches. Next in line are the Harvest Mission Festivals emphasized in the Dakota Conference. the Northwestern and Southwestern has nevertheless taken an effective hold and progresses with gratifying results. New churches like Grace Church. West Fargo; Crestview, Minot, North Dakota; Brookpark Church, Minneapolis; Minn., Janesville, Wisconsin; Junction City and Wichita, Kansas are making encouraging progress. Our newest Church Extension project will be Columbus, Nebraska where a work is to be started August 1, 1960. Other areas in the district are being surveyed where we find great opportunities for new churches. Many other areas where a Christian witness should be established will have to be left untouched.

SPANISH AMERICAN MISSION

We are pleased that the First Baptist Church of Jamestown, North Dakota and the First Baptist Church of Minot, North Dakota have joined our fellowship for mutual inspiration, for encouragement in the faith and for a stronger Christian witness in the missionary outreach.

God has placed into the Central District a far-reaching and important challenge for all of our churches in the larger fellowship. Here is an open effectual door to a needy home mission field. Reference here is to our established work among the thousands of Spanish American people in Rio Grande City, Texas, and in the San Luis Valley in Colorado. Miss Helen Lohse, our faithful missionary at Del Norte, began one of her reports saying: "We have prayed, worked, and taught that our people might become 'effective witnessing' Christians and we are beginning to see results."

Our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. David Keiry, at Monte Vista, Colo., and Miss Helen Lohse at Del Norte, Colo., are rendering commendable service on the three fields in the San Luis Valley. Center, Colorado, is the third station they serve. The need to bring the Gospel to the people in the valley is great. Hundreds of Spanish American homes remain unreached for Christ. Through the preaching and teaching of the Good News, which has priority with our missionaries, many are reached for Christ.

Our two chapels with two additional meeting places serve well for this ministry. Personal witnessing through pastoral calling receives equally as much attention. Our missionaries are well received and highly spoken of as well as deeply appreciated by all the people in the valley. Because the need for workers and additional effective leadership is so great, another couple should be placed on the field. We all need to pray that the Lord will provide such a couple, also that our people will be willing to support these missionaries.



SPANISH AMERICAN MISSIONARY IN ACTION

Miss Helen Lohse, missionary to the Spanish Americans in the San Luis Valley, Colorado, shows the young people of Del Norte how to make belts in their Vacation Bible School class.

vast geographical area with boundaries Conferences, which serve as a great the Rocky Mountains on the west, on the south to the Mexican border; from thence to the east to Alabama, moving through western Illinois and on through all of Wisconsin along Lake for the lack of the necessary funds, Michigan.

PROGRAM OF EVANGELISM

The district area includes 13 states. There are 138 churches with an approximate membership of 19,000. Traveling distances in this expanded area are great and often inconvenient, in spite of highly modernized transporta-

Within the Central District we have four local conferences, ten associations, nine summer youth camps and four pastors' conferences or fellowships. Each year a number of Christian leaders' conferences are conducted. We

extending from Manitoba and Sa- opportunity for vital Christian stewskatchewan, Canada in the north, to ardship and important missionary education. Our people are giving wholehearted prayer support to our larger missionary program.

Church Extension, although limited

HEADQUARTERS' POSITION AVAILABLE

An important position at the denominational headquarters in Forest Park, Ill., is open, calling for a varitypist. This is an opportunity for Christian service. Information about salary, etc., will be given the applicant by writing to Dr. Frank H. Woyke, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois.

At Del Norte you will find the only organized church on our Spanish American mission fields. Although the church is small in size with only fourteen members, the attendance is considerable higher in numbers on Sunday. The new members are active. Three of the Spanish Americans are Sunday School teachers. A high school girl is assisting with the Junior Choir. She is also taking music lessons to be of greater service in the future. Other new members are doing well as church officers.

RIO GRANDE CITY

The Raymond Castros on the Rio Grande City field in Texas have an equally challenging work. Here the community is predominantly Spanish American. The beautiful chapel, kept in excellent condition, is most inviting to the people. Recently additional land has been purchased near the chapel. In the near future, the missionaries will have a new home or parsonage built on this property. The members of our Southern Conference churches in Texas will donate the labor in the constructing of the home.

On all of these mission fields, regular preaching and worship services are conducted twice a Sunday. A Sunday School, a CBYF program, mid-week service and regular women's missionary activities are carried on in each field. On each field the missionary has special training classes for new converts to establish these young Christians in the faith and to prepare them for Christian service.

Furthermore, there is an adult training program which becomes, at times, a person to person endeavor dealing with the parents in the home. Visitation is a must for the missionary



REV. RAYMOND CASTRO, MISSIONARY

Rev. Raymond Castro is a fervent messenger of the Gospel as he stands behind the pulpit of the Garcias Ranch Baptist Church in Rio Grande City, Texas, and proclaims God's Word to the Spanish American people.

There are definite signs of progress. On each field there is a Daily Vacation Bible School each summer. Additional workers, through the Student Service Plan, are made available for this min-

To carry out a systematic continuous Christian Education program, much planning, many patient, long hours. and extremely hard work are required. God has called the right missionaries to do this important work. Let us pray daily for these servants of the Lord. The opposition to their witness and labor is overwhelming, yet these dedicat-

which requires much time and energy. ed men and women are faithful in their duties.

> In the parable of the sheep and goats our Lord says: "I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ve gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:35-40). Even the smallest kindness, which we can do to one of our brethren, is a service rendered to him.

HOME MISSION CHURCHES

Beyond the home mission fields, we need to call attention to our home mission churches. Many of these are small in size and thus limited in service. Our pastors and church officers face the problems these days of losing more families in our rural churches. This should give us all real concern. We need to be much in prayer, seeking wisdom from God as this transplanting takes place. None of our church members should become lost to the Church of Christ in the move from one place to the next.

Contact with our people in the churches, conferences, as well as in other planned activities is always an enriching experience. Our pastors and their families are a great host of God's chosen vessels dedicated to serving their Lord and his people with unflinching devotion. It is a joy to be a co-laborer with these faithful Kingdom-builders who are untiring in their efforts.

To all the faithful Christians we leave the words of the Apostle Paul: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ve steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (I Cor. 15:58).



MISS HELEN LOHSE, MISSIONARY

The missionary to the Spanish Americans of Colorado, Miss Helen Lohse, points to the church's bulletin board in Del Norte and the pictures of Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Castro, Spanish American missionaries in Texas.

How to Deal With the Summer Slump

Your Sunday School should enjoy a summer surge leading to new attendance records. By Rev. David J. Draewell of Parma, Ohio

ONE OF THE greatest destroyers of a Sunday School superintendent's morale is the annual summer slump. During the summer months, the Sunday School program seems to hit rock bottom. Enthusiasm disappears. Otherwise faithful teachers become undependable. Scholars are indifferent. Each week the superintendent's face grows longer. The statistical secretary mumbles something about record lows in attendance. The treasurer gets nervous because giving drops off. The pastor looks forward hopefully to fall. The summer slump has conquered again!

THE SUMMER'S OPPORTUNITIES

Is this a picture of your Sunday School? Unless your school ministers primarily to rural people, the above description is probably too accurate for comfort. If it is, what are you going to do about it? Just because the summer slump has whipped you for many years does not mean that you cannot fight back.

Basically there are two things that can be done to lick the summer slump. The first is not to prepare for a slump! Strange as it may seem, generally we have a summer slump because we have taken definite steps to insure its presence. We encourage the drop in Sunday School interest by cutting back in our program. Many churches have no Board of Christian Education meetings during July and August. Others schedule no Sunday School staff meetings during the summer months. Some call a halt to their efforts in visitation and pupil contact. There is one large Baptist church in Michigan that cancels its Sunday School hour during the vacation period. No wonder we slump in the summer. We make such efficient preparation for it.

We also prepare for a slump by conditioning our people to expect it. At our May Teachers' and Officers' Meetings, we reveal the grimness of a mortician as we tell our Sunday School staff to expect the worst in the months ahead. We make them so slump conscious, that they become confused and frustrated if we have a good attendance some Sunday in July or August. Instead of being overwhelmed by vacation problems, we must open our eyes to summer opportunities.

The second way to beat the slump is to accelerate your Sunday School program during the summer months. If this seems impossible to do, it may be because you haven't tried it. Experience shows it can be done with great effectiveness.

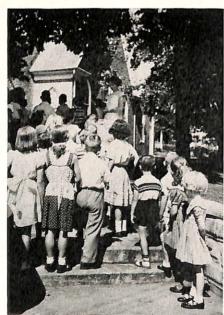
Last spring the Sunday School staff of the First Baptist Church of Auburn, Michigan, was sobered as its superinSUNDAY SCHOOL CAMPAIGN
"Search for the Unchurched"
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tendent pointed out a statistical analysis of the previous year's summer slump. The record was indeed alarming. The superintendent then divided the staff into several small groups and asked each group to do some "brain storming" and come up with as many ideas as possible to increase summer Sunday School attendance.

After twenty minutes, the groups came together and shared their suggestions. Over fifty different ideas were noted. A committee was then chosen to screen the ideas and recommend those which would work best. In subsequent weeks, three suggestions were put into action to augment the Sunday School program during the summer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STAMPS

The first idea capitalized on the current interest in saving trading stamps. Sunday School stamp cards were secured for every member of the school. Each Sunday stamps were given to those in attendance. The adults received Bible verse stamps for their cards. The children were given stamps and cards geared to their interest levels. At the end of the 13 week stamp period, those whose cards had 13 stamps redeemed their cards for awards.



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Accelerate your Sunday School program during the summer months with all kinds of special activities and exciting programs!

The second idea was a special attendance board which showed the weekly attendance record of each class in the school. A small light socket was placed in front of each class name. Green, yellow, or red Christmas tree light bulbs were placed in these sockets reflecting the degree of accomplishment for each class in reaching its attendance goal. The goal used was the average attendance for each class during the months of March, April and May. These were normally the best attendance months for the year.

The third idea put into action was having a Sunday afternoon rally to conclude the attendance effort. The rally took the place of the normally scheduled evening service. A potluck picnic supper followed, and the rest of the evening was spent in informal fellowship.

The results were amazing. More than 90 scholars received awards for having full stamp cards. The average summer attendance jumped from 125 in 1958 to 175 in 1959, or an increase of 40%. The summer slump was destroyed!

NEW PUPILS ENLISTED

While the First Baptist Church of Auburn conquered the summer slump primarily by encouraging enrolled scholars in regular attendance, the Parma Heights Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, is attempting a different approach this year. It is seeking to expand its summer program through the enlistment of new pupils.

This program is being implemented in four ways:

- 1. Four thousand homes are being contacted during the month of May in a Community Canvass. The first night's canvass effort with 110 workers participating revealed no less than 48 families without a regular church home.
- 2. A Transportation Committee was organized to provide rides for any in the community who do not have a regular way to Sunday School and church.
- 3. A seminary student working under the denomination's Student Service Plan is being added to the church staff this summer to do prospect visitation.
- 4. A visitation organization called the "70 Club" was formed. This organivation will be specially trained for visiting prospects.

The summer slump is a non-essential part of yearly Sunday School experience. Why not replace it in your school with a summer surge leading to new attendance records?

Forward With Christ at C.T.I.

Report of the historic 19th commencement of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, by Rev. Arnold Rapske

HE MOTTO, "Forward With Christ," chosen by the graduating class, was indeed fitting for this historic 19th commencement of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, from April 10 to 12. The two decades of the school's existence have been marked by forward movement, and the recent forward steps have come at a rapid rate. Faculty, students, and Board members feel the forceful drive and determination of the leader of the Institute, Dr. A. S. Felberg. The present forward movement is more than the dream of a man. It is, we feel, the hand of God at work preparing our school for an expanded min-

GUEST SPEAKERS

The guest speakers chosen for this commencement were significant in their relationships to C.T.I. Rev. Richard Schilke was vitally interested in the beginnings of the Bible School department. Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, the commencement speaker, stands also at a beginning of a new venture in the life of the school. Both speakers presented messages that spoke in a particular way to the graduates, but did not leave other listeners unmoved.

The latest edition of Encyclopedia Brittannica was officially presented to the school during the chapel hour on Monday morning. This gift, made possible by a Canadian Philanthropist, was presented by Rev. A. Lamprecht on behalf of the board to Dr. Felberg, representing the school. In presenting the gift, the donor requested that it be given in honor of Rev. E. P. Wahl, former president of the Institute. The presentation ceremony was one of the events that added to the interest of commencement days.

On Sunday afternoon, April 10, former students had the opportunity to relive their days at C.T.I. The alumni had their annual business meeting and luncheon. Rev. F. Pahl was elected president. Dr. B. Schalm was elected editor of the alumni news letter. Concrete interest in their alma mater was expressed as members voted a \$750 project to be raised in the coming year.

SCHOOL BANQUET

Monday evening was "a night to remember" for the members of the graduating class. Dressed in their formal best, they entered the gaily decorated banquet hall. There was a note of pain as they glanced at the pennants reading, "Auf Wiedersehen" and "Goodbye Grads." They would not be leaving as they had come. They had become part of C.T.I., and C.T.I. had become a part of them.

Ernie Rogalski, first year theological



Peter Schroeder, the first graduate of the Theological Department of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta.

student, and the patient, fatherly superintendent of buildings, served as the witty and congenial master of ceremonies. The banquet speaker, Rev. H. Waltereit of Winnipeg, Manitoba, challenged all to dedication to Christ that would supersede the devotion of a Communist to his party.

Tuesday evening climaxed the closing exercises. Twenty-three students, representing the three departments, entered the auditorium of the Central Baptist Church to mark another milestone. For some, it was indeed a tri-

NEW LEAFLETS

New informational leaflets about the Christian Training Institute and the North American Baptist Seminary are now available. Ask your paster for copies.

pastor for copies.

The STEWARDSHIP leaflet with our 1961 program in the Baptist Jubilee Advance has just been distributed.

The PRAYER REMINDER leaflet for July-August 1960 has been sent to all churches.

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umph. For Peter Schroeder it was a day that had long been anticipated. For the Christian Training Institute it was a prominent milestone of great historical significance. Of all the graduates, approximately one-third were anticipating some form of full-time Christian service. Rev. Harold W. Gieseke entitled his message to the graduates, "Bread and a Sword" based on I Samuel 26. (This was published in the last issue of the "Baptist Herald.")

AWARDS AND PRIZES

With bated breath, students awaited the announcement of awards. The surprise registered on the prizewinning High School student's face seemed to say, "Who ME?" It was humorous and yet touching, for these students had certainly earned their respective awards.

With the twentieth year behind, the school takes up the motto of its latest graduating class to go "Forward With Christ."



CHRISTIAN TRAINING INSTITUTE BANQUET

Banquet scene during the C.T.I. graduation days, Edmonton, Alberta, with Rev. H. J. Waltereit, banquet speaker at left (back to the wall), and Rev. E. P. Wahl, former president, (foreground, facing the camera) and his wife.

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Inspirational Poems

Contributions by Readers of the "Baptist Herald"

IN MORNING HOUR

By Miss Helen Lohse of Del Norte, Colorado Spanish American Missionary

In morning hour, on bended knee, God hears, and Satan trembles; For words soft spoken reach to heaven Where our Lord's praying for us.

The Spirit also helps us pray And bend soul's breathing upward, Where God on high, tho' e'er so nigh, Gives joy for that day's labor.

NIGHT SOLILOQUY

By Phyllis Bourziel

of Muskegon, Michigan
The afternoon sun dims,
And earth sighs in relief
That the heat of day is done.

The approaching twilight Suddenly, silently, is shattered By the vivid hues which Splash across the sky.

Tall pines quietly whisper
As they point a solitary finger
To the brilliant heavens,
And are themselves
In silhouette.

The symphony of crickets Serenades the hushed world With singleness of purpose.

Be still . . . and know.

MY LORD, MY CROWN

By Gottlieb Kessler of Anamoose, North Dakota

I do not serve my Lord because
Of what it pays,
Perhaps to gain renown, great fame,
Or length of days;
I serve my Lord because his love,
His Word, his truth are strong,
Because his Name will triumph
Over every wrong.

I do not serve my Lord, perchance, To seek a price,
Perhaps a name, a seat to sit
Among the wise;
I serve my Lord because Jerusalem
Is coming down;
And in her midst I see the Lamb,
My Lord, my crown!

"A VERY PRESENT HELP"

Psalm 46:1

By Grace L. Voll of North Freedom, Wisconsin

God's Words are spoken fresh, to each and every soul: They are no dying echoes versioned years ago Upon the musty surface of a parchment scroll;
But they are living jewels, vital truth, that glow
With purity, as pearly folds of a trousseau,
And brilliant as the golden sun's bright aureole;
These present scripture truths need no embellishment:
They lend to all our human lack, accomplishment.

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THE LORD

By Dale Hawley, 15 year old lad, Startup, Wash.

The Lord is my Father; Jesus my Brother;
In my life there could be no other; When I am in doubt and shame All I have to do is say his holy Name; I never really truly doubt,
For in my life the devil he has cast

Whether it be rain or shine, I really know that he is mine.

WAY OF LIFE

By Mrs. Jan Briand, Startup, Wash. There was a time when God foretold Wonders to come, in days of old, But now, in this day's busy strife, We have no time for future life; We hurry here and flutter there And hardly find the time for prayer; We think tomorrow's soon enough, God will forgive, he won't be gruff.

Oh, Father, let me listen to Those precious thoughts sent down from you

That I may find the way to go; Perhaps to others, I may show That life, led by your generous love, Can calm the lion, please the dove; And, when our time on earth is done We'll know that life has just begun.

THE UNIVERSE IS GOD'S

By Ruth M. Mellen, Anaheim, California

This weary world in turbulence, In wars and deep unrest, Moans on and on as man attempts God's universe to test; As humans gaze with bated breath And growing fears possess.

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Time seems to pause as rockets pierce Space . . . and its awesomeness.

Fear not, O soldiers of the faith,
Man will go just so far . . .
Perhaps onto the moon . . . who
knows? . . .
Or to some distant star.
Fear not for Cod is property.

Or to some distant star.
Fear not, for God is over all,
And should man's venture prod
Where God forbids . . . man's efforts
will cease . . .

For the universe is God's.

SONNET TO MY SON

By Ethel Rennison Schantz of Saguache, Colorado

A tiny baby first he came to me, But soon he grew into a chubby boy, With laughter reaching out for each new tov.

While in my arms I held him tenderly.
Each day some new advancement I
would see

Like cutting teeth or learning how to talk,

Beginning first to creep and then to walk—

Oh, what achievements great these seemed to be!

And now my son is busy every day
With school and music, basketball and

I often lean upon his helping hand, I love to hear him read God's Word and pray:

And though I sometimes miss my baby boy,

I praise the Lord for this, my greater joy!

THE FAITHFUL FEW

By Chester E. Schuler
In every church, in every clime,
When there's some work to do,
It very likely will be done
By just the faithful few.

While many folks will help to sing, And some of them will talk, When it comes down to doing things, A lot of them will balk:

"We can't do this, we can't do that, Excuse us, please, this time— We'd be so glad to help you out, But it's not in our line."

So when the leader casts about To find someone who'll "do," Although he's done it oft before, He asks the Faithful Few.

Of course, they're very busy, too. And always hard at work, But well he knows they'll not refuse, Nor any duty shirk.

They never stop to make excuse, But promptly try to do
The very, very best they can
To smooth the way for you.

God bless, I pray, the faithful few, And may their tribe increase—
They must be very precious to The blessed Prince of Peace.

PARABLE OF THE VACATIONIST Contributed by Rev. Henry Schumacher Medicine Hat, Alberta

Now it came to pass, as the summer drew nigh, that Mr. Church Member lifted up his eyes unto the hills and said, "Lo, the hot days cometh and even now are at hand. Come let us go unto the heights, where cool breezes refresh us and glorious scenes await."

"Thou speakest wisely," quoth Mrs. Church Member. "Yet, three, yea, four things, must we do before we go."

"Three things I can think of, but not four," responded Mr. Church Member. "We must arrange for the flowers to be weeded, the chickens fed, and the mail forwarded, but the fourth eludes my mind."

"The fourth is like unto the first three, yet more important than all. Thou shalt dig down into thy purse and pay thy Church Pledge that the good name of the Church be preserved, and that it may be well with thee, for verily I say unto thee, thou hast more money now than thou wilt have when thou dost return."

And it came to pass that Mr. Church Member paid his pledge for the summer, and the treasurer rejoiced greatly, saying, "Of a truth, there are those who care for the Lord's work."

And it was so!

BAPTISTS TOGETHER

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means whereby various convention groups can cover the world field most effectively.

Two commissions are theological, studying the doctrine of the church and the doctrine of baptism. A seventh commission has been appointed to give attention to the Christian witness for world peace.

FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST

The Baptist World Alliance thus serves as a fellowship through which the weak and the strong, united in common faith, share their strength and dedication with each other. In so doing, it plays a vital part in fulfillment of the vast program outlined by Christ in the Great Commission.

BAPTIST BRIEFS

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al secretary, Rev. P. Jansma.

• England Returns to Religion. English college students definitely are returning to evangelical religion, Rev. C. Donald Goulding, minister of the Haven Green Church at Ealing, reported at a Southern Baptist Sunday School convention in the USA. Mr. Ealing reported that a survey at Cambridge University revealed 60 per cent of the students there participate in either Sunday School or church services, compared with a figure of only 10 per cent for the total English population.

From the Professor's Desk

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

The Book of Revelation is a mystery to me. Could you state in simple language what this book is all about?

If the Book of Revelation is an enigma to you, some comfort can be taken in the fact that it has proved to be a riddle to Christians in every age. Luther said, "My spirit cannot acquiesce in this book" and Zwingli declared, "It is not a book of the Bible."

The very nature of the book makes it difficult to understand. It belongs to a type of literature (apocalyptic) which is foreign to our minds, employs a weird symbolism, and is to most Christians simply unintelligible. Difficult as the Book of Revelation admittedly is, it is, nevertheless, not a completely incomprehensible riddle.

To begin to understand the Apocalypse, one must always remember that it was originally written to the Christians of the churches of the province of Asia (present-day Turkey) who were undergoing terrible persecution. The cult of Caesar-worship had become very popular in Asia Minor. This made the situation of the Christians there particularly perilous, because the province of Asia was especially proud of her membership in the Roman Empire and seized upon every opportunity to demonstrate it.

The conflict between Rome and Christianity, between Caesar and Christ was coming to a climax when John wrote to his Christian friends in

Asia. He wrote to strengthen, to encourage, and to comfort them in the face of persecution, ostracism and even death for Christ's sake. This he did by assuring them of the ultimate triumph of Christ over the forces of evil and destruction in the world. John's message to them apparently accomplished its purpose, for the next glimpse we get of these same churches is in the Epistles of Ignatius, and there they appear as strong and thriving churches.

Being preoccupied in attempting to identify the various symbols and personages in Revelation is a pitfall to be avoided in its study. Often so much time is spent seeking to discover who the four horsemen of the Apocalypse are that the more crucial matters are over-looked. It is far more important to discover the great spiritual truths which Revelation teaches than to identify all the symbols, etc.

Some of those truths are: God is in control of history; there is a real struggle between God and Satan, good and evil, in the world; this struggle will continue until the end of history, when God himself will intervene to triumph over all anti-God forces; a true understanding of the character and acts of God in history can be found in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

These great truths make the Book of Revelation meaningful and relevant for our age.

Catholic Schools and Public Funds

A revealing challenge to all Protestants by Mr. W. Barry Garrett, editor of the Baptist Press Association, Washington, D. C.

W ASHINGTON—(BPA)—A Roman Catholic organization to secure public funds for parochial schools has been launched on a national scale. It is called Citizens for Educational Freedom, The purpose of Citizens for Educational Freedom is to combat what the Roman Catholics consider "inequitable distribution" of public funds for educational purposes and to secure such funds for their schools.

The objectives of Citizens for Educational Freedom reportedly are to combat strong pressure groups that insist on public funds for public schools alone, to create a public opinion that will make it possible for parochial schools to secure public financial aid, to engage in legal action in the courts, and to secure legislative relief. This growing organization is in part the Roman Catholic answer to numerous denominational and other non-denominational efforts to maintain religious liberty and separation of church and state in America.

Founded in St. Louis, Citizens for Educational Freedom already operates in 47 states and is currently in a campaign to increase its membership and to establish local chapters in cities throughout the nation.

In making its appeal to the nation, Citizens for Educational Freedom has adopted the slogan, "A Fair Share For Every Child," and is appealing for non-Catholics to join in their cause. The effort will be made to have it appear as a citizen's organization rather than a Catholic organization. In order to eliminate the appearance of ecclesiastical control and in order for it to be a grass roots movement all the officers are lay people.

Three main arguments are being used by the Roman Catholics in their campaign for public support for their religious parochial schools:

(1) The service rendered to the nation by these schools should be paid for by the nation, the Catholics con-

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By MRS. ALBERT REDDIG President of the Woman's Missionary Union

INTRODUCTION

When the Board of Missions met for its annual meeting in April, our German Editor, Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler, sat in as a representative of our Woman's Missionary Union. The report of her impressions of these important sessions will be a blessing to all our readers.

BOARD OF MISSIONS

By Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler of Sumner, Iowa

Ever since the women at the empty tomb were told to "go quickly and tell," women have been interested in missions. So it was with the greatest interest that I attended the annual session of the Board of Missions. How thrilling it was to get first hand information about every phase of our mission work! Missions is the greatest business in the world. It is the supreme business of the church.

All of our missionaries on all our fields, at home and abroad have done magnificent work. Our work in Japan is comparatively new. It began in 1951. At present we have four mission stations in Japan. Our missionaries' reports are encouraging. The Lord has blessed our Cameroons Mission Field in a special way. Nowhere in all the world will a dollar invested bring more dividends than on our Cameroons Mission Field. The growth on this field has been phenomenal. It has grown so rapidly that now our Cameroons churches outnumber ours at home and so do the baptisms. Dr. Paul Gebauer reports that the number of baptisms has again increased. A total of 3006 were baptized last year. The life of the churches shows an increased maturity.

The statistical report concerning our medical work shows: 5399 in-patients, 17,890 out-patients and 1365 deliveries. In addition, there are 1617 leprosy patients. There is a request for more nurses. Banso Hospital is overcrowded and as far as the need is concerned an expansion is planned.

Our Woman's Missionary Societies at home continue their prayerful interest in our medical work in the Cameroons and continue to send their White Cross supplies. Another shipment of 34 units left the office April 25. There is a large supply on hand to be shipped as soon as time and help permit.

The climax of the session was the appointment of several new missionaries to the Cameroons, Japan, and our home mission fields.

The Lord has entrusted to us North American Baptists vast mission fields.

Laymen in the Church

A Challenge to All "Baptist Men" by Mr. Carl Lang of Edmonton,

OT TOO many years ago, our way of life was such that people had less leisure time than they do today. Working hours and means of travel also were quite different. Consequently, church life and activities were confined mostly to Sunday morning, and the pastor was quite able to look after these.

Demands for various activities in the church, of necessity, have increased tremendously. This need not be looked upon as an evil. None of us will deny the great importance of fellowship with fellow-Christians, when we see the many things around us that are offered to tempt people. Children, young people, and elderly people alike need fellowship, not only with people in their own age group, but also with people of similar views and faith. If this is not offered through the church, it will be sought elsewhere, and many who are weak in character and faith will fall.

WORK FOR THE LAYMEN

It is obvious that the pastor cannot lcok after all this, and this is where the layman comes in. Prosperity in recent years has given men more time for themselves. Because of this they have been able to acquire a greater knowledge of trades, professions and leadership, and thus are better qualified to take part in various activities. However, too often when it comes to the church, we have the attitude that 'the pastor is willing to do it; let him do it."

There are many things that laymen can do in the church. Besides the regular church offices that must be filled, we can assist the pastor in planning the church program. Through discussions in Brotherhood and by community visitation, we can familiarize ourselves with the affairs of the community as related to the church, and thus help to bring more of the community into the church and the church into the community. We can give guidance and leadership to boys' organizations. We can make plans for future expansion, both for the local church and its organizations. Much heartache and ill feeling could probably have been avoided many times if there had been more earnest, Christian foresight and planning.

just a few missionaries while we sit back and relax and let the enemy reap the harvest? Or are we all going to do cur part in witnessing, in intercessory prayer and in giving sacrificially of our means?

"The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the lord of the harvest, that he would Are we leaving this colossal task to send forth laborers into his harvest."

What are some of the prerequisites that must be met before this can work harmoniously? All of us will agree that faith and love are definitely a "must." A salesman cannot be successful unless he has full confidence and trust in his product and in his work. Neither can we accomplish our Christian purpose unless we believe: first of all, that Christ died because of our sins; secondly, that in him our sins are forgiven; and, thirdly, that the product we offer is real, genuine, "THE BEST" and that the warranty is an unconditional eternal one.

FOR CHRIST'S SAKE

Equal to faith is love-love for God and our fellow-man. This is very essential, because without it we will be hurt the first time a brother is opposed to an idea of ours. Jealousy will creep in because of something that another person can do better, and envy will find its place because of a brother's superior possessions.

Therefore, if the layman is to find his place in the church and make his usefulness known, it would seem that all selfish puposes must be put aside. Our goal must definitely be to love God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength, and our neighbor as ourselves. Then, and only then, can we plan, suggest, advise, and work in the church with boldness, yet not as dictators, but in love for the sake of Christ.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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tend. They raise the question as to what the public schools would do if they closed all their parochial schools and turned their children into the public schools. They are seeking to establish the thesis that Catholic education is in fact public education.

(2) The responsibility, they continue, for the education of the children is upon the parents, and is not a primary responsibility of the State. Therefore, public aid is not aid to a church or to a religious school, but is aid to the child and to his parents for their educational expenses.

(3) It is not fair, the Catholics assert, to suffer double taxation, to be forced to pay taxes for the public schools and then to have to pay for their own parochial schools. They seem to forget that their schools are of their own choosing and that the public schools are open to all.

These are the lines of reasoning, no doubt, that Citizens for Educational Freedom will follow and will seek to sell to the American people.

What's Happening

- Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Schmuland of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., have announced the birth of a daughter on March 16 who has been named Laura Lois. Mr. Schmuland is a 1960 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary and the pastor-elect of the Baptist Church at Creston, Nebraska, effective July 1.
- The Baptist Church of Springside, Sask., has extended a call to Rev. F. W. Pahl of Edmonton, Alta., pastor of the Lauderdale Baptist Church since 1958. He has responded favorably and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Springside Baptist Church on July 1, 1960. He will succeed Rev. Bert Milner, now of Fort George, British Columbia.
- The Baptist Church of Southey, Sask., has called Mr. Peter Schroeder, the first graduate of the theological department of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta. He has given the church a favorable response and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Southey church on August 1, succeeding Rev. E. L. Thiessen, now Church Extension pastor in Saskatoon, Sask.
- The Baptist Church of Jansen, Sask., has extended a call to Rev. John Kuehn of Prince Rupert, British Columbia, to which he has given a favorable response. He has resigned as pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Prince Rupert which he has served since 1958. He is bringing his work there to a close in June and will begin his ministry in the Jansen church on July 1.
- The Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., held a Christian Life Conference from May 15 to 18, with inspirational meetings every evening. Rev. Roger Schmidt of Philadelphia, Pa., brought the messages and rendered musical selections. A Youth Banquet was held on May 14 for more than 80 young people with Mr. Schmidt as the guest speaker. Rev. Raymond P. Yahn is pastor of the Temple Church of Pittsburgh.
- The North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., has recently announced that Miss Joyce Ringering of Bison, Kansas, has been appointed librarian of the school, effective Sept. 1, 1960. She has served as the assistant librarian during the past few years. Rev. Frank Veninga, president, has also announced that the 10,-000th book has just been catalogued in the Seminary's library. The architect's sketch for the new Seminary library building has been approved.
- The First German Baptist Church of Ashley, N. Dak., recently voted to

proceed with the construction of its new church building. The seating capacity of the new edifice will be 324 with an overflow of 60 additional seats. The old church is to be moved from its present location and the new building erected on the same corner site. The construction cost will be approximately \$75,000. The building project has already begun, as reported by the pastor, Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer.

- The First Baptist Church of Auburn, Michigan, has called Rev. Manuel Wolff of East Detroit, Michigan as its pastor to which he has responded favorably. He will begin his ministry in the Auburn First Baptist Church July 17, succeeding Rev. David J. Draewell, now pastor of the Parma Baptist Church, Parma Heights (Cleveland), Ohio. Mr. Wolff has been assistant pastor of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan since 1958.
- Mrs. Susanne Majeske who has been a member of the Auburn First Baptist Church of Auburn, Mich., (formerly Beaver Baptist Church), for 50 years celebrated her 90th birthday on May 2nd. She was honored by a surprise birthday party by her Sunday School Class and also a family dinner held at the Auburn First Baptist Church. The Lord has blessed her with good health, and she still remains faithful in her church attendance, as reported by Mrs. Joseph E. Franko.
- The General Council at its annual sessions May 20 and 21 appointed Dr. M. Vanderbeck of Chicago, Ill., as a denominational interim and supply pastor. He has accepted the appointment and resigned as superintendent of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged in Chicago which he has served since 1956. The effective date of his new ministry will be announced in a forthcoming issue. Rev. Frank Friesen is the other denominational interim and supply pastor serving under the appointment of the General Council.
- From May 2 to 8 services were held at the First Baptist Church, Chancellor, S. Dak., of which Rev. Herman L. Effa is pastor. Rev. George Robinson of Jamestown, N. Dak., served as the evangelist. He showed colored slides each evening of different countries which he had visited on a world

PAUL EILERT FEHR

The infant son of Dr. and Mrs. Peter Fehr of Banso, Southern Cameroons, born to them on March 24. 1960, died at 6:00 A.M. on Sunday, April 24, at one month of age. Rev. Elmer C. Strauss, missionary officiated that same day at a brief memorial service.

tour while serving as evangelist with "Youth For Christ." Although no visible results were evident, the Lord's presence could be felt and Christians were strengthened "in the faith," as reported by Mrs. Herman Effa.

- The First Baptist Church of Bellwood, Ill., has extended a call to Mr. Gerhard Schroeder, Youth Director for the past three years of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill. He has responded favorably and announced that he would begin his ministry in Bellwood, Ill., on August 15, succeeding Rev. Connie Salios, Mr. Schroeder received his B. D. degree from the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill., on May 23. He plans to be ordained in Edmonton, Alta, at the McKernan Baptist Church, his home church, during the summer.
- Mr. Ben Wiese of Corona, S. Dak., has been appointed by the secretarial staff to serve at the denominational headquarters office, Forest Park, Ill. in the printing and shipping department, assisting Rev. Bruno Schreiber until the new building is completed. At that time, Mr. Wiese will take complete charge of this department. Mr. and Mrs. Wiese served for five years at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as superintendent of buildings and matron, respectively. Mr. Wiese began his ministry at the Forest Park headquarters building on April 25.
- The denomination's Church Extension Committee has appointed Rev. Dale Chaddock of Arnold, Pa., as the pastor of the new Church Extension project in the Holiday Park Area of Pittsburgh, Pa. Mr. Chaddock has accepted the appointment, effective Sept. 1 and presented his resignation to the Union Baptist Church of Arnold, Pa. which he has served since 1951. The Holiday Park Area has great promise for a building boom in the future. Contacts with the new neighborhood have been made by means of a church bus on the part of the Union Baptist Church in recent months.
- A report appears elsewhere in this issue of a church council convening at Edmonton, Alta. on March 28 which recognized two new North American Baptist churches in that city. They are the Capilano Baptist Church with Rev. E. P. Wahl as pastor and with 74 members, and the German-speaking Salem Baptist Church of which Rev. A. Frank is the pastor and which has 80 members. Both of these churches will be received into the North American Baptist General Conference fellowship at the sessions of the Northern Conference in July. There are now seven NAB churches in the city of Edmonton, Alta.
- On Easter Sunday evening the Bethel Church choir of Anaheim, Calif., presented the cantata, "The Easter Triumph" under the direction of Mr. Herman Zachay. Youth Recognition Sunday was observed on April

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The Long Search

By Sallie Lee Bell

A Prize-winning Christian Novel Laid in Texas.

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SYNOPSIS

James Thornton was an embittered young man. His father had been sent to prison by the false testimony and accusation of a business partner, Thomas Martin, and had died there. He went to New Orleans, where he hoped to have his revenge on Thomas Martin. A young woman boarded the bus and sat next to him. Her mother had died and she was on her way to New Orleans to live with an aunt. Here in this city, Faith was puzzled by the strange things that happened to her. And her acquaintance with James Thornton had become infinitely more than friendship to her. At the store, where she worked, she was accused of stealing jewelry. Circumstantial evidence was against her, and she was sentenced to Angola, the state prison, for 18 months. After the real culprit had been found, Faith was released but during her prison term she had contracted tuberculosis. It was decided to take her to a hospital for tests and treatments. In the hospital a visitor, Linda Martinez, led Faith to a saving knowledge of Christ and In the hospital a visitor, Linda Martinez, led Faith to a saving knowledge of Christ and also directed James Thornton to his need of the Savior. But Faith's condition grew worse and finally she followed the heavenly summons. James Thornton railed against God to Linda Martinez. "I've got a job to do," he said, "and God has no place in it." But he was eager to see Linda again, and finally arranged for a visit with him.

CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

INDA seemed even more lovely than James had remembered her when she met him at the door. She had on a simple dress of navy with a white collar that suited her dark beauty to perfection. He had never seen her in anything but the white uniform she wore when she was at the hospital, except at the funeral home and he wasn't even aware then of what she wore. He had been lost in his sorrow.

Her smile brought a quicker beating to his heart and his lips answered her smile and the light in her eyes.

"It's good to see you again after all these ages," he said as she led the way into the living room. "You can't imagine how I've missed you and how I've longed to have the opportunity to see you again.'

"I'm sorry that I made you feel that I didn't want to see you again,"

she apologized as they sat down together on the couch. "But let's forget it. I've been wondering how you were getting along. I know how lonely you must be and I do want to help you if I can."

"You can help me by just letting me come to see you when you have time to talk to me. I've tried to pass away the lonely hours after dinner until bed time but it's been terrible. Nothing seems to hold my interest. What joy can you have in life? What do you do to have a good time?" he asked.

She spoke slowly, choosing her words carefully. It was sheer joy to him to watch her. He had forgotten Faith completely for the moment and, for the first time since her death. he was not burdened with his sorrow. While Linda talked, he admired her beauty which was enhanced by the color that rose in her clear skin and the mellow light in her dark eyes when she talked about her belief in God. "I have a wonderful time trying to serve the Lord. Since I gave up many things when I became a Chrisitan, the Lord has supplied me with other things that are much better and which give me much more lasting happiness. I teach a Sunday School class and it takes time to prepare the lessons. While I'm studying my Bible. I see things in it that I never saw before and I get a blessing from what I find. That gives me joy, much joy."

He shook his head and remarked, "I can't see any joy in that."

"That's because you don't have the love of God in your heart. If you did. you would love His word and every time you found something new in it, you would feel that you had made a wonderful discovery."

"Don't you ever look at television?" he asked.

"Sometimes, when I have time," she answered with a smile. "Then

there is my hospital work. It has brought me my greatest joy, for there is nothing more wonderful to a Christian than to lead someone to Christ. That takes up a great deal of my time and I often come home worn out, but I wouldn't give it up for anything in the world. Too many on the brink of eternity have gone out to be with the Lord because He gave me the privilege of leading them to Him before it was too late.'

Mention of the hospital brought back memory of Faith. She saw the pain in his eyes and she understood.

"I know what you're thinking," she said in tones of sympathy, "but just think of how happy your little Faith was because she found the peace and joy in her heart that came when she found the Lord."

"It's all too deep for me," he said. The light had vanished from his eyes and the joy from his heart. He was once more plunged in gloom.

"I also have my music," she said, trying to help him to be cheerful again. "I love to play the piano. I don't play too well, but I enjoy it. I sing in the choir and that takes up some of my time. Many of the young people in the choir are my close friends and we enjoy being together at choir practice as well as at other times. So you see, my life is full and I'm quite happy, far more so than I was when I was living my own life and not in the center of the will of the

"I've always loved music. Would you play something for me?" he asked.

"I'd be glad to." She got up and closed the door leading upstairs. "Dad might be resting and I don't want to disturb him," she explained. "He hasn't been at all well and Mother and I are concerned about him.'

He expressed his sympathy as she went to the piano and began to play a number that seemed difficult to him.

While she played he had a chance to look about the room. It was attractively, though not lavishly, furnished. There was nothing stiffly ornamental in the furnishings, but the room gave the impression that it was meant to be lived in and enjoyed. The house itself was large enough to speak of comfort and moderate wealth. It was in one of the newer sections of the city near the lake front. He wondered as he listened to her playing and watched the rapid flitting of her slender fingers over the keyboard, what business Mr. Martinez was engaged in.

As she continued to play he sat watching her face. She seemed absorbed in what she was playing, for she did not look at him, but, with head slightly raised, she seemed to be looking at something in the far distance, something which his eyes could not behold. He did not know what she was playing, but the number was her own variation of "I Love to Tell the Story." There was a rapt look on her face and he realized that, for the moment, she was unaware of him. Her thoughts were in some faraway place. He wished that he might go with her to that place where her thoughts were leading her, for there was a new light upon her face and a brighter glow in her eyes.

She stopped suddenly and turned to catch his absorbed, admiring gaze fixed upon her and her heart began a wild beating. She had never seen that look in his eyes before. It was more than a warm friendly gleam. It was something that wakened a faint hope in her heart, but which brought the disturbing knowledge that she should not rejoice over it. This man was not a Christian and she must not let her love for him grow. But how could she prevent it when she met that look in his eyes? She gave him a smile.

"You did a dangerous thing when you asked me to play. When I sit at the piano and begin playing those beautiful old hymns, I usually forget everything else and I'm liable to go on and on unless someone stops me.'

"I don't want to stop you. I wish you would go on," he said eagerly. "What is the name of that piece? It is beautiful."

"It's just my own version of an old favorite, 'I Love to Tell the Story.' I often find myself humming it when I'm working about the house. I sang it once as a solo when I was just a tiny girl."

"Please sing something for me," he urged.

"If you can sit through it, I warn you that I'm no Jenny Lind."

She sang another of her favorites, an old song, "The End of a Perfect Day." When she came to the beginning of the last verse, "When I come to the end of a perfect day and the end of a journey too," she closed her eyes and raised her face while her voice poured forth in muted melody that thrilled him and wakened something within him that startled him.

He had a sudden desire to take her

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in his arms and kiss her. This shocked him, for he felt that he was being disloyal to Faith's memory by harboring such a desire. He could not help it, however, for she was beautiful and desirable with that rapt look on her face. The very fact that it seemed to set her apart from him wakened a longing within him to bridge that separation and get closer to her secret thoughts, to be nearer to her heart.

She finished the song and turned to him with a smile but when she saw the look in his eyes, the smile vanished and she drew her breath in quickly with a surprised gasp.

"I think that's one of the most beautiful and touching songs I've ever heard, though it is so old," she said. trying to cover up her embarrassment over that startled gasp. She hoped that he did not notice it, for he might be embarrassed to know that she had discovered what he had not intended for her to see.

"It is beautiful," he replied, though he had scarcely heard the song. "You're voice is beautiful," he added truthfully, for he was aware of that, even in the disturbing confusion of his desires. "Please sing something else."

"Suppose you join me. I'm sure you can sing," she suggested.

"I haven't tried to sing for a long time. I sang a little when I was in high school, in choruses, but that doesn't mean I can sing.'

"Let's try anyway."

He came and stood by her at the piano while she played the introduction to a simple melody that she was sure he must know. It was a song that was popular just then and he nodded when she asked him if he were familiar with it.

"This is the kind of song that Dad likes," she explained. "I used to sing it for him. Lately he has been so nervous and so ill that he doesn't even want to hear me play.'

There was a touch of sadness in her voice, but she gave him a smile as she began to sing and nodded for him to join her.

"Why, you have a good voice," she told him when they had finished. She gave him a speculative look. "I could use that voice if you would be will-

"Use my voice!" he echoed in surprise. "How?"

"We need more male voices in our young people's choir," she told him. "I would love to have you sing with us if you would."

"Oh! I don't think I could do that." he exclaimed. "I would love to do anything that would repay you even in a small way for all you have done for Faith and for me, but I'm afraid I

couldn't sing in a church choir. I don't think they would want me, if they knew how I feel about spiritual matters.'

That was not what he was thinking. What would they think of him if they knew what he was doing every day, that he was searching for a man in order to kill him? What would the congregation think if it ever became known that one of their choir members was a murderer? What would Linda think of him if she ever knew? The thought brought a spasm of pain. She would turn from him in horror. He had had that same fear about Faith when she was living. But she had told him that it didn't matter what he was or what he had done. It would be different with Linda, And, he suddenly realized, it would have been different with Faith after she had had this change which Linda called conversion. She also would have turned from him in horror. He felt like an outcast and suddenly the joy he had had in his heart all evening forsook him.

Linda was looking at him with serious eves.

"Those young people know what it is to serve the Lord." she informed him gravely, "and they know what it is to have compassion and understanding for one who has not yet found that joy. I think they would be glad to have you join them. They might help you to bear your loneliness and you would surely be helping us by using your voice. Think it over."

She was thinking that this might be another opportunity to win him for the Lord.

He saw that it was getting late and he felt that he should be going. He wanted to go, yet he hated to leave her. He seemed to have entered a different world since he had been in her presence and he hated to leave it and go back into his own dark world of hate and the plan for murder.

"May I see you again soon?" he asked when he finally said that he must be going. "It's been heavenly being here with you and it was good of you to let me come."

"Call me when you feel too lonesome," she said. "I'll be glad to have vou come, if I have no other engagement. In the meantime think about the choir. You would be helping me a lot you would consent to join us."

He promised to think about it, but he felt that he could never do what she asked. On his way home, however. his determination not to grant her request weakened. It would give him the opportunity to be with her much more often than he could hope for otherwise. That thought outweighed his conviction that he had no right to join the choir.

When he reached his room and tried to sleep, the conflict between desire and better judgment battled within him for a long time before sleep and oblivion finally came.

(To Be Continued)

Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: July 3, 1960

Theme: MEN WHO SPOKE FOR GOD

Scripture: Amos 7:7-15

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: One of the best ways of knowing what God says is to listen to someone who knows God.

INTRODUCTION: During the next three months, we shall study some of the outstanding prophets in Hebrew history. Like all men who proclaim the truth of God by often pointing at sin and sinners, the prophets were unpopular with people who did not want to hear of the consequences of their sinful lives. These men of God were frequently opposed and sometimes cruelly persecuted. As long as they prophesied smoothly and favorably, proclaiming a happy and prosperous future, they were honored. But more often, they had to rebuke the lawlessness and sinfulness of their time and to warn the people of a day of judgment. It was this type of prophesying which led people to hate them.

Amos was the first of the "literary" or "writing" prophets. Such men as Elijah, Elisha and Nathan were great prophets and preachers and performed great services to their generation, but they left no written records.

Since we live in an age in which we are often reminded of the social implication of the Gospel as well as the personal aspect, Amos is becoming increasingly important in the area of Christian social justice. We see more clearly that God in Christ has come to invade all areas of human life-personal, family, community and nation.

I. THE VISION OF THE PROPHET. Amos 7:1-8.

The vision of the plumbline is one of a series of visions which the prophet had concerning the national scene. In the same chapter, Amos also related the vision of the locusts and the vision of fire. The plumbline is also used by other prophets (Isa. 28:8, Zech. 4:10) as a symbol of Israel's condition. The vertical wall, supposed to be built in true perpendicular by the aid of a plumbline, is now tested and found to be out of plumb. God will not pass by the crooked and sinful state of Israel in an easy forgiveness. The crooked wall of sin will fall upon them and create a total desolation.

II. THE MESSAGE OF THE PROPH-ET. Amos 7:9.

It was certainly a very unwelcome message which the prophet had to deliver to Israel. No one would feel pleasant after hearing such bad news. Amos was not a prophet of compassion or of "sweetness and light." His words were words of condemnation, punishment

and doom. The compassion of God had come to an end, and only judgment awaited Israel

III. THE ENEMY OF THE PROPH-ET. Amos 7:10-13.

It is strange that the man who supposedly is the highest representative of God should be the most outspoken opponent of the prophet of God. In the New Testament, Jesus pronounces a strong indictment on those who say, Lord, Lord, but do not obey him (Matt. 7:21, 22). Amaziah's statements about Amos tells us more about Amaziah than about Amos. He reveals his own nature. In the king's court, the king's chapel was where the word of the Lord was most needed because it was never uttered by Amaziah who should have been God's spokesman.

IV. THE CALL OF THE PROPHET. Amos 7:14-15.

Amos was not ashamed of his lowly origin and of his lowly ministerial preparation. His only qualification for the ministry was his desire to obey God and do his will.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: July 10, 1960

Theme: AMOS DEMANDS SOCIAL JUSTICE

Scripture: Amos 5:10-15, 21-24.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: It is not enough to hate the evil in our own lives; we must do something about the evil all around us.

INTRODUCTION: Amos had no formal training to help him prepare himself for the role of a prophet. According to his own words (Amos 7:14), he did not even think of himself as a prophet. He could not claim any distinction for his ancestors. There seemed to be no outstanding individual in his family who could pass the prophet's mantle on to him. If there was a school that offered courses in ethics and social sciences, Amos was not aware of it. But there was one area in which Amos was an authority-he knew the difference between righteousness and unrighteousness. And what was just as important, he had the courage to proclaim the difference. His was an unpleasant task of telling a nation which was living in ease, pleasure and prosperity that it must stop and go in a different direction. It was difficult to

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convince people that there was trouble in the future when they lived in an untroubled present. Their greatest calamity was the possession of an untroubled conscience while they lived in unrighteousness.

I. THE HATED PROPHET. Amos

There is a great desire in recent years on the part of many preachers, teachers and authors to be popular. A great man is often thought of as one who has no enemies. Yet, looking back upon history, we see that God has often accomplished more through men who were hated than through men who were loved. No one had more enemies and was more intensely hated than Jesus. Yet he became the Savior of the world. Amos was a prophet who was hated by man but loved by God.

II. UNRIGHTEOUSNESS AND ITS PUNISHMENT. Amos 5:11-13

Amos was telling the Israelites that they can't get away with it. The oppression of the poor, the exorbitant rent they extracted from the farmers, the affliction of the just are enormous sins and will never be overlooked by God. The gain which they expected to reap from their crimes will never be realized. Amos, an uncouth and uneducated farmer, was nevertheless well versed in the Scriptures, for the words of verse 11 are quoted from Deuteronomy 28:30.

III. RIGHTEOUSNESS AND ITS RE-WARD. Amos 5:14-15.

The greatest blessing of righteousness is the blessing of life and the presence of God in your life. It allows you to live at peace with yourself, with your fellowmen and with God. At night, with your soul resting in God, you sleep well, even though you have no beds of ivory.

Not only are we to hate evil negatively; we must love good positively. In true repentance and faith we not only turn away from unrighteousness but we walk in the way of righteousness through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose righteousness was bestowed upon us.

IV. HYPOCRITICAL WORSHIP AND ITS REJECTION. Amos 5:21-24

The land of make-believe can never be brought into the House of God. The Lord has no use for make-believe Christians. They are worse than no Christians at all.

True worship has action and power like an ever-flowing mighty stream that cannot be stopped. It must be harnessed and converted into useful pur-

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Western District

35 Persons Baptized, First Church, Lodi, Calif.

On Sunday evening, May 1, the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., Rev. Aaron Buhler, gave an appropriate message from the baptistry on "The Believer's Baptism," after which he baptized 35 persons. These and 12 others, who came by testi-mony or letter, then received the hand of fellowship into our church. Most of them had made their decisions during pre-Easter evangelistic meetings conducted by the pastor with Einar Waermo, noted Swedish tenor, rendering special music.

Rev. Aaron Buhler is now instructing a second class of new converts. The assistant pastor, Rev. Arthur Brust, recently concluded a six weeks' "New Life" training class for boys and girls, and he will soon begin a second

Mavis Goehring, Reporter

Eastern District

Anniversary Celebration At Ridgewood Church, Brooklyn

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Ridgewood Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., under the able leadership of Mrs. Gus Beck, held its 92nd anniversary meeting on May 4. Mrs. Rubin Kern, vice-president, read Scripture and offered prayer. A banner was displayed which the group had won at the recent Atlantic Conference for the largest percentage of members attending. Sensitive interpretations of classical piano selections by Miss Harriet Kern were much enjoyed.

The recent homegoing of a faithful worker and leader of the organization, Mrs. John Schlinger, was recalled and her favorite hymn was sung. Rev. John S. Deedrick, who has often supplied our pulpit, brought an encouraging message entitled: "Are You Afraid of What Is Happening in the Church Today?" The choir anthem in conclusion echoed the past, heralded the fu-ture, and so the 93rd year of service was begun.

Marion von Ahnen, Reporter

Banquet and Canvassing Program, Parma Heights Church

The Taylor University Men's Chorus, under the Leadership of Professor Marvin Dean, presented a concert of sacred music on Sunday evening, May 15th, at the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio. The splendid program presented by this 30 voice chorus was a rich spiritual blessing to all who attended. A Mother's and Daughter's banquet was held on May 13th. The King's Daughters Society honored the Woman's Missionary Society with a pot luck supper. The old-



Rev. and Mrs. Oliver K. Ringering of Bison, Kansas, at the wedding reception held for them at the Orchard Park Baptist Church, Hutchinson, Kansas

est and youngest mother, as well as various other mothers, were honored. The guest speaker was Mrs. Alan Lewis

In May, each Monday was set aside for canvassing the community. A well organized and splendid program was introduced by our pastor, Rev. David J. Draewell. An enthusiastic crowd of 110 people turned out the 1st Monday, 85 the 2nd Monday and 101 the third Monday. We are happy to report that one young couple who was contacted and who visited our church stepped forward on an invitation from our pastor. Our prayers are that many unchurched people will still be reached. Mrs. Walter Miller, Reporter

Central District

Baptism at First Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak.

On Sunday evening, May 1, Rev. Leland H. Friesen, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., baptized four young girls on confession

of their faith in Christ. They are: Kaye Tschetter, Carolyn Roskens, Marcia Klock, and Janelle Roskens. Following the baptismal service the hand of fellowship was extended to them. One of these girls was led to a saving experience in Christ at a C. B. Y. camp, one at special meetings in the church, and two girls in their homes. The evening hour came to a close with the observance of the

Lord's Supper.

On April 24 we had the privilege to have Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern and Timothy in our midst. They spoke to us in the Sunday School hour telling us of their work as missionaries in Japan and Mr. Kern brought the message in the morning worship service. Mrs. Bert Terveen, Reporter

Marriage of Baptist Pastor at Bison, Kansas

Miss Elizabeth Ann Thiessen of Hutchinson, Kansas, and Rev. Oliver K. Ringering of Bison, Kansas, were united in marriage at the Orchard Park Church, Hutchinson, Kansas, on May 12. The single ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Edwin F. Walter, pastor of the Mount Zion Baptist Church of Junction City, Kansas. Miss Joyce E. Ringering, assistant librarian of the North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and daughter of the groom played the wedding march and also accompanied Mrs. Eli Walter who sang "O Perfect Love" and "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee." The bride and groom were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Sturtz of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., daughter and son-in-law of the groom.

The bride has served her Lord in full time Child Evangelism, camp work, Bible classes in homes and churches of Hutchinson, Kansas, for 14 years. The groom has served North American Baptist churches in North Dakota, Oklahoma, and at present is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Bison, Kansas, The reception following the ceremony was held in the social room where many useful wedding gifts were received. They will be at home in the parsonage at Bison.

Edwin F. Walter, Reporter



Forty-seven new members received into the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., on Sunday, May 1st, with Rev. Aaron Buhler, pastor (right) and Rev. Arthur Brust. assistant pastor, at left (rear).



Rev. Jacob Ehman (right), pastor of the First Baptist Church, Sidney, Montana, and 10 new members whom he received into the church on May 1st by baptism and letter.

50th Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Mattia Zurbriggen

On Sunday, April 10th, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Mattia Zurbriggen of

Sumner, Iowa, honored their parents in

celebrating their 50th Wedding Anni-

versary. The children and grandchil-

dren, with the exception of one daugh-

ter and her family, attended the morn-

ing service of the First Baptist Church

in Sumner. Mr. and Mrs. Zurbriggen

received special recognition as the pas-

tor, Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, preceding his

Palm Sunday message, spoke in behalf of the church and wished them God's richest blessings. On the previous day

a beautiful bouquet was presented to

In their earlier days both Mr. and

Mrs. Zurbriggen were active in the Salvation Army in London, England,

where they were also married. Mrs.

Zurbriggen was a correspondence secre-

tary and her husband served as the

band master. In 1913 they migrated to the U.S.A. and settled near West Union,

Ia., where they farmed until 1926 when

they moved to Elgin, Ia. operating a

bakery. Here they joined the Baptist

Church. In 1944 they moved to Sumner,

Ia. where they continued in the bakery business and also became charter mem-

bers of the First Baptist Church. Mr.

Zurbriggen is now a Sunday School teacher, deacon and choir director in

them in behalf of the church.

Baptismal Service & Missionary's Visit, Sidney, Mont.

On Easter Sunday, April 17, we of the First Baptist Church of Sidney, Montana had the joy of seeing six persons following the Lord in baptism. Four of these are of Junior age, including one of the pastor's daughters (Debbie) and a man and his wife. It was a real joy to hear each one of these testify to the meaning of Christ to them since they received him as their Savior. On May 1st these six who were baptized and four others. who came by confession of faith and letter, were given the hand of fellowship by the pastor, Rev. Jacob Ehman, before the Communion Service, thus joining hands with the church to strengthen the Christian testimony in the community for Christ .

On May 11th the church also had the privilege to hear Laura E. Reddig, Cameroons missionary, and to see some of her interesting pictures of the Cameroon mission field. She was a real inspiration to the church, and a good response was seen when the mission offering was received to help with this great work.

Jacob Ehman, Pastor

Easter Music by Turtle Lake Church, N. Dak.

Friends and neighbors of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., and surrounding towns filled the Baptist Church on Good Friday evening to hear an all musical Easter program of choir favorites, vocal and instrumental numbers. We are grateful to our pastor, Rev. Harold Weiss, who directed the 32 voice choir and to Mrs. Weiss who accompanied on the piano.

Solos included "The Holy City" by Mrs. Leona Klein; and "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" by Mrs. Vernon Wolitarsky. The male quartet, ladies' trio and duet by Mr. Weiss and Walter Franke witnessed to the risen Lord in song. Sharon Schlafmann presented the story of "How Great Thou Art." The choir then brought this message in song. Several high school boys participated in the instrumental offertory. This offering will be used in part for choir material and the remainder has been designated toward the support of our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Zimbelman, in Africa.

Mrs. Reuben Bauer, Reporter

our church, Mrs. Zurbriggen is a capable writer, having contributed quite frequently to our denominational periodicals. The Zurbriggen have 4 children and 12 grandchildren.

J. C. Kraenzler, Pastor



Mr. and Mrs. Mattia Zurbriggen of Sumner, Iowa, at their golden wedding anniversary celebration.

Blessings for Baptist Churches, Wessington Springs, S. Dak.

The month of April was busy and blessed for the Ebenezer and Imman-uel Churches of Wessington Spring. S. Dak. On Thursday and Friday evenings, April 14 and 15, we were brought a little closer to our work in Japan by Mrs. Edwin Kern as she showed articles of interest brought from Japan and spoke to us on the land, the people, and their religions as compared to our living Savior. A baptismal service was held at the Immanuel Church Sunday evening, April 10. Following their testimonies and confessions of faith, Rev. Elton Kirstein, pastor, immersed the following young people: Nyla Holzworth, Paul Kirstein, Brian Liedtke, Carol and Gene Fastnacht.

On Sunday evening, April 17, a can-



TURTLE LAKE CHURCH CHOIR, NORTH DAKOTA

The 32 voice choir of the Baptist Church, Turtle Lake, N. Dak., at a special Good Friday service with Rev. Harold Weiss, director, at the right (2nd row from front) and Mrs. Weiss, the accompanist, next to him.

dle light service commemorating the Lord's Supper was held at the Ebenezer Church at which time Nyla Holzworth, Brian Liedtke and Paul Kirstein were welcomed into the fellowship of the church. Carol and Gene Fastnacht attend another church but because of convictions chose to be immersed. The Gospel Jubilaires Quartet of our Seminary had charge of the midweek service on Thursday evening, April 28.

Mrs. Myron Winter, Reporter

God's Volunteers and New Pastor, Grand Forks

The "God's Volunteers" team spent two weeks at the Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, N. Dak., with Rev. Walter Hoffman coming the second week to hold evangelistic services. This was a blessed experience for all who participated in the visitation and special meetings, which were well attended. Six teams went out each day tended. Six teams went out each day for calling besides canvassing almost the entire area where Grace Church will eventually build. On April 3 a new Sunday School was started at the Viking School of the same area with about 30 people in attendance. Many Air Base men have been reached during the Volunteers' visit, and we pray that under the leadership of our pastor. under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. Willis Potratz, we shall soon be building a new church edifice.

A reception and pantry shower were

held Sunday, April 10, at the Grace Church for Rev. Willis Potratz, his wife and family of three children. Ministers of the local Evangelical Ministers of t Ministers of the local Evangelical Ministers' Association were invited. Out of town guests were Rev. Bernard Fritzke of West Fargo, N. Dak., and Rev. Walter Hoffman with "God's Volunteers." Mr. and Mrs. Potratz have moved into the newly purchased church parsonage at 806 Campbell Drive

Mrs. Chester Faul, Reporter

Spring Rally of Minnesota Woman's Missionary Union

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Minnesota Association held its spring rally on April 24 at the Bethany Baptist Church of Hutchinson. Presiding over the rally was our union president, Mrs. Donald Ganstrom. Our theme was "The Call of Japan" with Miss Lucille Wipf, the former interim pastor's daughter and a newly appointed missionary to the Japan field, as our guest speaker. Miss Joyce Batak of St. Joseph, Michigan, her roommate at our seminary in Sioux Falls, was also with us and gave her testi-

Musical numbers were rendered by Mrs. Vernon Heckman of St. Paul, Mrs. Ben Lautt of Appleton, and a duet by Mrs. Milton Eckstrom and Mrs. Nathan Lufi of Randolph. Devotions were led by Miss Ruth Schoenfeld of LaCrosse, Wis. Our goal for the year was \$600 which was met. We are giving \$300 to the Laura Reddig Scholarship Fund and \$300 to the Brookpark Extension work in Brooklyn Center, Minn. We received an offering of \$123.52. Our officers are: president, Mrs. Donald Ganstrom, St. Paul; vice-president, Miss Ruth Schoenfeld, LaCrosse, Wis.; secretarytreasurer, Mrs. Myron Ziemer, Hutch-

Mrs. Myron Ziemer, Reporter



New Sunday School group in Grand Forks, N. Dak., with "God's Volunteers" team following the first meeting held in the Viking School building adjacent to property on which the Grace Baptist Church plans to build eventually.

Baptismal Service at Shell Creek Church, Nebraska

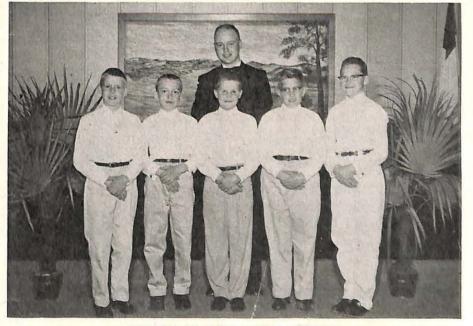
We of the Shell Creek Baptist Church near Columbus, Nebraska rejoiced on Sunday evening, April 17, as we witnessed five of our Junior boys enter into the baptismal waters. The evening was enriched with our pastor, Rev. Lyle Wacker, speaking from Romans 6:1-14 on the subject, "Baptism, Its Meaning and Purpose." Having accepted Jesus as their Savior, they enrolled in the instruction class taught by Mr. Wacker. Upon completion of the course, they testified to the church of their faith and their reasons for desiring baptism.

To complete the Easter season, on the following Sunday evening, April 24, the C. B. Y. Fellowship invited the Creston Baptist Church and presented their annual program with Miss Laura Reddig as the guest speaker. The boys were extended the hand of fellowship on Sunday, May 15.

Mrs. Milton Menke, Reporter

Election of Officers, Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kansas

On Thursday evening, April 7th, the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kansas, held its annual election and business meeting. G. F. Koch was re-elected clerk; John Dannebohm as deacon; Devon Dewey and Ken Scheuf-ler as trustees; Mrs. R. E. Marchand, pianist; Mrs. Paul Scheufler as asst. pianist; church ushers: Virgil Byers, Robert Dannebohm, Elmer Koch and Robert Kasselman. Mrs. Sam Hildebrand, Mrs. Stanley Ringering, and Mrs. Clifford Scheufler, flower committee; Emil Scheufler, Mrs. R. E. Marchand and Mrs. Paul Scheufler, the



BAPTISM AT SHELL CREEK CHURCH

These young Christians were baptized at the Shell Creek Church near Columbus. Neb., by Rev. Lyle Walker: left to right: Myron Behlen, Douglas Mohrmann, Dale Treinies, Richard Lange and James Mohrmann.



NEW PARSONAGE, TEMPLE CHURCH, MEDICINE HAT

Guest speakers, visiting pastors and leaders of the Temple Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta, at the dedication of the new parsonage. Rev. Henry Schumacher, pastor, is at left (back row).

music committee. Sunday School officers are as follows: Superintendent, Lenord Kasselman; Primary Superintendent, Mrs. Jack DeWerff; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Raymond Eggers; Nancee Byers, pianist; Donna Scheufler, assistant pianist; assistant secretaries, Everett Wilkerson, Lee Widener, Virgil Salem and Barbara Koch.

The Senior C. B. Y. F. sponsored the Sunrise Easter Service with Richard Meyer, president, presiding. Rev. Frank Armbruster of Hoisington, Kansas, was guest speaker. Special musical selections were given by Ellinwood's High School 6 bass ensemble under the direction of John Banman, Approximately 80 were served breakfast prepared by the C. B. Y. and sponsors, Mrs. Ken Scheufler and Mrs. Devon Dewey. On April 28, the Men's Brotherhood elected Everett Wilkerson as president, Sam Hildebrand as vicepresident, and Stanley Ringering as secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Derril Widener, Reporter

NORTHERN CONFERENCE, CALGARY, ALTA., July 6-10

The host churches of Calgary, Alberta—the Temple Baptist, the German Baptist, and the Bridgeland Baptist Churches—extend a hearty invitation to all delegates and visitors to the Northern Conference to be held in "the foothills city" of Calgary, Alberta, July 6-10.

W. Ertis, Correspondent

Northern District

Parsonage Dedication, Temple Church, Medicine Hat, Alta.

On Sunday, March 27th, the Temple Baptist Church of Medicine Hat, Alberta, celebrated its 5th anniversary with Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton as guest speaker. In honor of the occasion, a supper was served the evening before by the ladies of the church. Pledges were taken for our annual

church budget. On the afternoon of our anniversary Sunday, the beautiful new parsonage was dedicated with Rev. E. P. Wahl offering the prayer of dedication. Rev. Henry Schumacher, pastor, was in charge. To climax the day, the choir held its annual concert under the able direction of Mr. Gus Schatz. We thank the Lord for his enabling and faithfulness.

Mrs. Henry Schumacher, Reporter

Blessings at Rabbit Hill Church, South Edmonton

The Rabbit Hill Baptist Church of South Edmonton, Alta., experienced three events recently that brought us joy and blessing. On Jan. 24 we bap-

tized nine candidates on confession of faith, most of whom came to know the Lord as Savior during Vacation Bible School exercises last summer. The service was held in the McKernan Baptist Church of Edmonton since we

have no baptistry of our own.
On Feb. 6, the Rabbit Hill Church officially undertook to guide and support the work at our Telfordville Mission Station, Brother Ben Breitkreuz, who is a pre-theological student at the University of Alberta, continues to labor as Mission worker.

On April 3rd, ten new members were received into the fellowship of the church by baptism, letter and testimony. Seven of these are attending services at the Mission Station where approximately 30 people assemble regularly each Sunday. The Rabbit Hill Church is located just south of the city of Edmonton.

Wesley Kuhn, Reporter

Activities at Central Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba

We of the Central Baptist Church. Winnipeg, Manitoba, have felt the Lord's leading in giving us a new location for our services. The doors of the Winnipeg Bible Institute chapel have been opened to us. We have approximately 60 people in attendance. The Lord has provided us with dedicated and enthusiastic Christian workers. Already we have had the joy of reaching boys and girls who have never heard of the Name of Jesus. The results of our weekly visitation program have been most encouraging.

One of our social activities included a youth banquet with 30 young people present. At this time approximately one-half of the group showed their interest in organizing as a CBYF on May 1. A special program on "Serving God in Our Vocation" was presented

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CHRISTIAN NURSES, CENTRAL CHURCH, WINNIPEG

Christian nurses of the Central Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man., who took part in the program," Serving God in Our Vocation.'

BAPTIST HERALD



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

MISS IDA GLEWWE of St. Paul, Minnesota

of St. Paul, Minnesota

Miss Ida Glewwe of West St. Paul, Minn., passed away on May 3, 1960 at her home of a heart condition. She was born Jan. 13, 1893 in Gladstone, Minnesota, of Christian parents and was one of a family of 14 children. She was converted and baptized under the ministry of Rev. J. Herman and joined the fellowship of the Riverview Baptist Church on June 3, 1906, where she rendered a long and faithful service for her Lord. She is survived by 7 sisters; Mrs. Harold Stassen, Mrs. Kenneth Hammerstrom, Mrs. Wm. R. Stassen, Mrs. Reynolds Knospe, Mrs. Frank Kloss, Mrs. Arnold Erlekson, Mrs. Frank Kloss, Mrs. Arnold Erlekson, Reuben and Wesley Glewwe, May the Lord comfort, strengthen and bless the loved ones and the many friends who miss her happy

conflort, strengthen and bless the loved ones and the many friends who miss her happy Christian fellowship.
Riverview Baptist Church St. Paul, Minnesota S. D. GANSTROM, Pastor

MR. CHARLES H. GUENTHER of Cleveland Ohio

of Cleveland, Ohio
Mr. Charles H. Guenther, age 82, of 102
East Schaaf Road, Cleveland, Ohio, died
April 2, 1960 at the home of his daughter
after a short illness. His wife, Mathilda F.
(Rubel), preceded him in death in 1956, He
was born Sept. 1, 1877 in Pittsburgh, Penn.
He moved to Néw Kensington, Penn., in
October 1916 at which time they transferred their church membership from the Temple Baptist Church in Pittsburgh to the Union Baptist Church in Arnold, Penn.
Since the death of his wife, he has made his home with his daughter and had transferred his membership to the Brookside

Conferences and Youth Camps

and General Workers and Missionaries as Guest Speakers

June 29-July 6 DAKOTA YOUNG PEOPLE'S CAMP, Crystal Springs, N. Dak, Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern. Rev. E. B. Link, and Prof. Roy

June 30-July 3 ONTARIO ASSOCIATION at Killaloe, Ontario. Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer and Dr. Walter W. Wessel.

June 30-July 3 ALBERTA YOUTH CAMP at Sylvan Lake, Alberta. Rev. Harold W. Gieseke and Mr. Flavius Martin.

July 1-3 NORTHERN MANITOBA TRI-UNION CAMP at Wellman Lake, Minitonas, Man. Rev. George W. Lang and Rev. William Stur-

July 6-10 NORTHERN CONFER-ENCE at Calgary, Alberta. Rev. W. J. Luebeck, Prof. Hugo Lueck, Rev. George W. Lang, Mr. Flavius Martin, Mrs. Harm Sherman and Rev. William Sturhahn.

July 6-13 DAKOTA JUNIOR HIGH CAMP at Crystal Springs, N. Dak Miss Geraldine Glasenapp, Prof. A. Rapske and Miss Barbara Weisser. Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Theis of Cleveland, Ohio; one grandchild; and two brothers: George of Pittsburgh and Peter F. of Broadway, Ohio. Cleveland, Ohio CARL THEIS, Correspondeent

MR. BEN HILDENBRAND of Lansing, Michigan

of Lansing, Michigan

Mr. Ben Hildenbrand of Lansing, Mich.,
was born March 15, 1902, in Lehr, North
Dakota, and died in Lansing, April 18, 1960,
having reached the age of 58 years. 1 month,
and 3 days. He lived in Lehr, N. Dak., until
1937 when he moved to Lansing. In North
Dakota he was engaged in farming. In
Lansing he worked at the Fisher automobile
body, factory, On August 10, 1924, he was

Lansing he worked at the Fisher automobile body factory. On August 10, 1924, he was married to Maggie Miller in Lehr. To this union five children were born. One son and a daughter preceded him in death.

He leaves to mourn his departure his wife Maggie; three sons: Calvin of Lansing, Elmer of East Lansing, and Vernon of the Armed Forces; and 5 grandchildren, besides a host of relatives and friends. He was saved in 1925 in Beulah, N. Dak., and remained faithful to his Lord until God called him home. May the bereaved look to Jesus Christ and find his grace all sufficient for their every need. their every need.
Colonial Village Baptist Church

Lansing, Michigan ROBERT F. PENNER, Pastor

MR. ROBERT KUEHL of Killaloe, Ontario

of Killaloe, Ontario
Mr. Robert Kuehl of Killaloe, Ontario was
born Dec. 5, 1882 in Lyndock, Ontario and
departed this life May 1, 1960 in Renfrew,
Ontario at the age of 77 years, 4 months and
26 days. In 1896, at the age of 14 years, he
accepted Jesus as his Savior. He was baptized that same year into the fellowship of
the Lyndock Baptist Church by Rev. H.
Theil. Later he transferred his membership
to the Calvary Baptist Church of Killaloe,
Ontario where he remained a member until Ontario where he remained a member until

Ontario where he remained a member until his death.

On Nov. 6, 1904 he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Kargus. This union was blessed with two sons and one daughter. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Elizabeth of the home; one son, Edgar of Killaloe; one daughter, Mrs. M. I. Kuehl of Killaloe; Sgrandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and many other relatives. Funeral services were held in the Zummach Funeral Home and in the Calvary Baptist Church on May 4. Interment was in the Immanuel Baptist Cemetery. Calvary Baptist Church Killaloe, Ontario

NORMAN BERKAN, Pastor

MRS. BARBARA WEIGUM

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of Trochu, Alberta

Mrs. Barbara Weigum, nee Diede, was born Oct. 4, 1880, and went to her heavenly home on May 1, 1960, reaching the age of 79 years, 5 months and 27 days. She came with her parents from Johannestal, Russia, in 1887 to the United States, living for 18 years in South Dakota and Kansas. In 1898 she was united in marriage to Mr. John Weigum. In 1913 they moved to Acme, Alta., and in 1915 to Trochu, Alta., where she had been a resident since that time. Though ill for some time before her death, she was always active. She found Christ as Savior in 1889 and was baptized the same year.

Her husband, John, and two children preceded her in death. To remember her there remain: 5 daughters—Mrs. John Ohnhouser, Carbon, Alta.; Mrs. Ed. Schell, Calgary, Alta.; Mrs. John Schmierer, Trochu, Alta.; Mrs. Ernestine Schimke, Trochu, Alta.; Mrs. Ernestine Schimke, Trochu, Alta.; Eugene of Calgary, Alta.; 30 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

R. HOFFMAN, Pastor

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MRS. FRIEDA HOFMANN of Kyle, Texas

Mrs. Frieda Hofmann of Kyle, Texas was born in Oldenburg, Germany Feb. 7, 1879. At the age of five years, she came with her parents to this country and settled in Texas. She was converted and baptized and united with the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle

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in 1904 under the ministry of Rev. F. Sievers. In 1956 the deceased with her late husband, Mr. William Hofmann, observed their golden wedding anniversary. She passed away at the age of 81 years on May 4 in an Austin hospital where she had undergone

Austin hospital where she had undergone major surgery 10 days before.
Survivors are her ten children: Lena (Mrs. W. F. Benton) Dallas; Katie (Mrs. Walter A. Hill) and Tonie (Mrs. W. E. Wiegand) of Kyle; Dorothy (Mrs. A. W. Hill) La-Porte; Elisabeth (Mrs. H. K. Porter) Edinburg; Helen (Mrs. W. F. Garrison) Corpus Christi; Louis Hofmann, Elgin; William F. and Otto J., and Fred Hofmann, San Marcos; 22 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren. The funeral service was held at Immanuel Baptist Church, the undersigned bringing consoling words from Psalm 17:15. Her favorite hymns, "O Blessed Home" and "It is Well with my Soul," were sung by the congregation.

Kyle, Texas

HENRY HIRSCH, Paster

MR. ADOLF SCHRAMM of Lodi, California

of Lodi, California

Mr. Adolf Schramm of Lodi, Calif., was born Feb. 19, 1882 in Russia. He came to the United States in 1908 and made his home for 40 years at Cathay, N. Dak. In 1948 he moved to Lodi, Calif., where he was a member of the First Baptist Church until the time of his death on May 5.

He was married to Elizabeth Oster in 1903. She died in 1920. In Dec. 1920 he married Elizabeth Kandt. This union was blessed with six children, of whom one preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife. Elizabeth: three daughters and two sons: Regina Pepple, Rudolph and Melvin Schramm, all of Cathay, N. Dak.; Mrs. Stella Bennett of Seattle, Wash., and Miss Vella Schramm of Lodi. Also surviving are a brother, John Schramm, of Trochu, Alberta and eight grandchildren. Services were conducted on May 7 with the pastor, Rev. Aaron Buhler, officiating, assisted by the assistant pastor, Rev. Arthur Brust, and Rev. G. G. Rauser of Lincoln Village. The body was sent to North Dakota for committal services in the Lakeview Cemetery at Cathay.

First Baptist Church Lodi, California

AARON BUHLER, Pastor

MRS. TOM WIEBE of Corn, Oklahoma

of Corn, Oklahoma

Mrs. Lena Wiebe of Corn, Okla., was born at Corn on Jan. 29, 1897 and passed away on April 7, 1960 at the age of 63 years, 2 months and 9 days. On July 21, 1918 she was united in marriage to Thomas Wiebe. She was a member of the Mennonite Brethren Church of Gotebo, Okla., where the family lived for many years. Her husband preceded her in death not many months ago. In 1952 they moved to Corn, Okla., where they lived until May 1959 at which time it became necessary because of their failing health to move to Oklahoma City to be near their children. While living at Corn, they became members of the Calvary Baptist Church.

She leaves behind a son, Johnny Wiebe and his wife Jean of Perry, Oklahoma; 2 daughters, Velma Kelso and her husband George; Sadie and her husband Otho, both of Oklahoma City: 9 grandchildren; 2 sisters; one brother; two half-brothers; and many other near relatives and friends.

Corn, Oklahoma

JACK BLOCK, Pastor

MRS. LENA MEYER of Cherokee, Oklahoma

of Cherokee, Oklahoma

Mrs. Lena Meyer, nee Haas, of Cherokee, Okla., was born June 8, 1898, in Ingersoll. Okla., and departed this life April 26, 1960 at the age of 61 years, 10 months and 18 days. At an early age she accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized and received into the Bethel Baptist Church, then located in Ingersoll. On May 19, 1921 she was united in marriage with Rev. Herbert Meyer, then pastor at St. Louis Park Baptist Church, St. Louis. Mo. To this union were born two sons and one daughter. She also reared as her own children her two nephews, Robert and William Meyer.

In 1931 she came back to the Ingersoll community with her husband and family settling on a farm in this area. Late in 1958 she with her husband moved to their present home in Cherokee. Those who know her best know that the hands that are folded in rest were always busy helping those around her. She leaves to mourn her husband, Herbert; 2 sons: Roger of Derby, Kansas, and Roland of Alva, Oklahoma; one daughter: Mrs. Phil Nelson of Los Angeles, Calif.; one brother; 3 sisters, and 6 grandchildren.

Cherokee, Oklahoma

Cherokee, Oklahoma KENNETH E. UNRUH, Pastor

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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24 with Rev. H. John Vanderbeck, pastor, preaching on the topic "Let's Get Going." In the evening service a Youth Talent Program was presented. The anniversary program of the Woman's Missionary Society was held on Sunday evening, May 1, with the president, Mrs. Hulda Schneider, bringing the welcome. The address on "The Founder of the Church" was given by Dr. A. J. Harms of Garden Grove, Calif.

- The Ebenezer and Immanuel Baptist Woman's Missionary Society of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., counted it a rare privilege to have Flavius Martin of the Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as guest speaker for their annual program on Sunday afternoon. May 1. Mrs. Mabel Pritzkau, president, led the program with music furnished by a ladies' quartet of the Ebenezer Church and a ladies' sextet of the Immanuel Church, Mrs. Wm. Weber read I Cor. 13 and Mrs. Herbert Kludt led in prayer. Mr. Martin gave an enlightening and inspiring talk on the changes that have taken place in missions in the Cameroons. Rev. Elton Kirstein is pastor of the churches.
- Rev. Franjo Klem of Rijeka, Yugoslavia, Baptist pastor and church leader, spent Tuesday, May 12, at the Forest Park headquarters office visiting with our conference secretaries. He is on a tour of United States churches for two months prior to his official attendance at the Baptist World Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from June 26 to July 3. Rev. Franjo Klem is a Baptist pastor in Rijeko, a teacher at the Baptist Seminary in Novi Sad (with 80 students in attendance), the youth secretary of the Yugoslavian Baptist Union and the editor of the bi-monthly Baptist paper, "Glasnik" which means "Messenger." He will be one of two delegates from his country at the 10th Baptist World Congress sessions.
- During the week of April 28 to May 1, the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa experienced blessings from God in a most wonderful way. Evangelist Willard Wyatt of Atlanta, Georgia served as special speaker for the week. The church experienced a real spiritual awakening in that souls were saved and Christians were revived. On Mother's Sunday, May 8, which was also the 9th anniversary of Rev. John Reimer's ministry as pastor of the church, 19 candidates were baptized on their confession of faith in Christ. This brings the total of baptisms during Mr. Reimer's ministry to 74. The church is looking forward to another baptismal service in the near future, as reported by Mr. Kriene Schneidermann, church clerk.
- The Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., is busily engaged in a mission project called O. T. F.—"Outfitting the Fluths." The Board of Mis-

80th CENTRAL CONFERENCE

July 20-24, 1960

First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mich.

THEME: "New Light for You."

Bible Teacher: Dr. Howard P. Colson, Editor-in-chief of Sunday School Lessons, Southern Baptist S. S. Board.

Missionaries: Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern, Japan.

Denominational Representatives: Dr. Ralph E. Powell and Rev. E. Wolff.

sions with the approval of the General Council has appointed Dr. and Mrs. Jerome Fluth for the mission field in the Cameroons, Africa. It is hoped that the Fluths with their daughter Kathy can leave for the mission field some time in 1960. Mrs. John Adam has reported that "envelopes with the Fluths' pictures printed on them have been given out to church members. A large poster, showing a thermometer to register the church's giving, has been placed in the foyer. It has been encouraging to see the red ribbon climbing, revealing how our people are sharing in the purchase of the needed missionaries' supplies.'

 "The Baptist World," the monthly publication of the Baptist World Alliance, has recently published the contributions given to the BWA by Baptist Unions and conferences through-out the world. The North American Baptist General Conference with its contribution of \$1,200 stands highest in per capita giving, amounting to .024 per member. Next in order were the Swiss Baptist Federation (.021) and the Baptist Union of Denmark (.020). But our conference also stands highest in the list of contributions given, following the Southern Baptist, American Baptist and National Baptist Conventions of America with their millions of members in each Convention. We rejoice over this active part of our conference in the world wide ministry of the Baptist World Alliance!

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by the Christian nurses of the church. We were happy to have had recent fellowship with our sister churches from Morris, Minitonas, and Whitemouth. On May 22, the choir from the Faith Church of Regina was with us for two services. A sacred concert was presented in the afternoon at the McDermot Ave Baptist Church.

Shirley Guderian, Reporter

3rd Women's Missionary Conf. of Alberta Association

The 3rd Women's Missionary Evangelism Conference of Alberta was held

Send All Reports Promptly to the Editor! at the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., May 4-6. This unique venture of having an all-women's conference is proving most successful and a wonderful source of inspiration and blessing to the women of the Alberta Association. It was our privilege to have Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern of Japan as our guest missionary speakers. With their enlightening messages on different aspects of the Japanese mission field, and showing the field through films and slides, the conference theme, "That We May Learn" was certainly brought to fulfillment.

Throughout the morning and afternoon sessions, the program presented devotional and song periods, testimonies, a bird's-eye view of all our mission fields by Mrs. H. Hiller, an up-to-date report on the CTI by Rev. E. Link, panel discussions, prayer periods, an introduction to the Women's Program Packet, a missionary play "The Wall is Down" by the Camrose Society, a flannelgraph workshop and a handwork period, and a film and message, "Our Alberta Indians" by Mr. J. Hufnagel.

The new members of the executive are: president, Mrs. E. Kern; vice-president, Mrs. A. Lamprecht; secretary, Mrs. R. Harsch; assistant secretary, Mrs. O. Fritzke; treasurer, Mrs. A. Buyer; organist, Mrs. C. Schroeder; pianist, Mrs. B. Schalm. There were 120 official registrations, but the attendance in all was considerably more.

I. Lamprecht and V. Pahl, Reporters

Recognition for Capilano and Salem Churches, Edmonton

On March 28, a council consisting of delegates from eight churches in Edmonton, Alta., and surrounding district, and Rev. W. Sturhahn and Dr. A. S. Felberg met at the Central Baptist Church to consider the recognition of two newly organized churches, Capilano Baptist and Salem Baptist, both of Edmonton. Rev. A. Lamprecht and Rev. R. Harsch were elected moderator and clerk, respectively.

Mr. John Benke represented the Capilano Church, giving a statement of its organization, church covenant, officers, and desire to affiliate with North American Baptists. They have 74 members with Rev. E. P. Wahl as pastor. Mr. Beurwald represented the Salem Church, giving its statement of organization, officers, and desire to affiliate with North American Baptists. They have 80 members with Rev. A. Frank as pastor. Later the council voted to recognize the Capilano Church and the Salem Church as duly organized Baptist churches and recommended their acceptance into the North American Baptist General Conference.

The recognition service for the Capilano Baptist Church was held that same evening. Rev. F. Pahl presided and Rev. H. Hiller read the scripture passage. Dr. A. Felberg led in prayer. The Capilano Male Chorus sang under the direction of Mr. R. Neske. The recognition message was brought by Rev. R. Harsch on "The Unity of the Church," and Rev. A. Lamprecht gave the charge to the church. Rev. E. P. Wahl led in closing prayer. The Salem church is holding its service at a later date.

R. Harsch, Clerk