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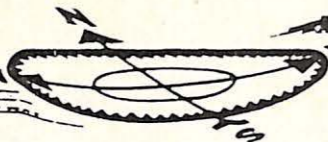
An Important Seminary Conference

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● During the first part of this year the General Conference Mennonite Church Board of Missions together with other Mennonite groups working in Africa will send a deputation to the Belgian Congo to start a leadership program aimed at bringing Congolese Christians into responsible positions in the church there. Growing political unrest in the Belgian Congo threatens the Mennonites' 50-year-old work in the area.

● This year much rejoicing, much reminiscing and much forecasting will mark preparations for the 50th anniversary of the Edinburgh world missionary conference which sparked the modern ecumenical movement. A jubilee service is planned for June 21 in Westminster Abbey, another for Aug. 14 at St. Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh, to be followed by the World Council of Churches' Central Committee meeting at St. Andrews Aug. 15-25.

● One of the largest overseas relief and rehabilitation projects ever undertaken by Protestant churches in this country was approved by the Board of Managers of the Church World Service with headquarters in New York City. The project will spend \$1,000,000 over a five-year period to improve the welfare of more than 3,000,000 Hindu refugees in West Bengal and Calcutta. The refugees streamed into India from East Pakistan after the independence and partition of India in 1947.

● A petition signed by over 14,000 Colombian Protestants has been presented by the House of Representatives in Colombia. The petition called on the government to make operative the religious liberty guarantees in the country's constitution. Some of these guarantees have been disregarded because of a concordat with the Vatican which gives the Roman Catholic Church a monopoly of religious education in "mission territories." The petition was presented by a Protestant attorney, Dr. Gabriel Munoz Uribe, a member of the Inter-American Church of Bogota.

—The Watchman-Examiner

● Evangelist Billy Graham deplores the "changed attitude" on some campuses where, he said, a spiritual revival was evident in recent years. He made this observation in calling for "a new sense of dedication among church people" to offset what he termed the "moral vacuum" in many areas of the nation's life. Dr. Graham addressed 500 Protestant ministers and laymen at a "briefing" session for his second Washington crusade, to be held in Griffith Stadium June 19-26, 1960. He conducted a two-week Washington campaign in January, 1952.

● Schweitzer's 85th Birthday. Congratulations from religious and other organizations around the world poured into Lambarene, French Equatorial Africa on Dr. Albert Schweitzer, Nobel Peace Prize winner and famed medical missionary, as he celebrated his 85th birthday. Meanwhile it was announced that Prince Rainier of Monaco had awarded the highest grade of the Order of Cultural Merit to Dr. Schweitzer on his anniversary. The Alsatian-born humanitarian-philosopher spent his birthday quietly doing his work in the jungle hospital where for over 40 years he has devoted

himself to the sick and distressed.
—The Watchman-Examiner

● Methodism's Decade of Prayer. A midnight vigil followed by a day-long school of prayer launched Methodism's international "Decade of Prayer" on January 1, in Knoxville, Tenn. The 10-year prayer emphasis is part of the "Decade of Dynamic Discipleship" which the Methodist General Board of Evangelism is promoting during the 1960's. Unveiled during the service was a huge 10-year prayer calendar with the name of a different country on

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Baptist Briefs

● Hymns by Baptists. To stimulate creative hymn writing among Southern Baptists, the denomination's Church Music Department is sponsoring a six-month contest beginning April 1. First and second prizes of \$200 and \$100 will be awarded to the writers of the hymns which are "most expressive of spiritual purpose on the deepest level and in terms of a desire to know Christ or to serve him in the power of his Spirit," said W. Hines Sims, the department's secretary. Eight honorable mention awards of \$25 each also will be given.

● Southern Baptists in Seattle. The Southern Baptist Convention has voted to spend \$100,000 in Seattle during the coming year, making this the fourth major city in its "big-cities program." The others are Chicago, San Francisco and New York. The money will be used to expand Southern Baptist activities in Seattle, perhaps doubling the number of churches, now 17. Most of the Southern Baptist churches in the city have been built in the past 10 years. The program is part of the denomination's campaign to establish

30,000 new churches and missions by 1964.
—Christian Century

● Baptist Workers in Planes. New Mexico Southern Baptist mission workers have taken to the air. Mission workers travel across the state in a plane owned by the Baptist Convention of New Mexico, which is believed to be the first state convention in Southern Baptist history to own a plane for its own mission use. "Before we entered this venture, we estimated that the time saved by flying over the use of a car would equal an additional year in five for our mission work," Dr. Harry P. Stagg of Albuquerque, executive secretary of the New Mexico convention, stated.

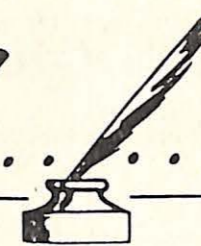
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● Giving of American Baptists. American Baptist Convention church members gave a record \$9,966,784 for world missions last year, an increase of \$384,893 over the previous year. Rev. Newton E. Woodbury of New York, field counseling director of the convention's Council on Missionary Cooperation, said the 1959 amount was within \$34,000 of last year's Unified Budget (world mission) goal. The goal for 1960 is \$10,500,000, he said. Approximately 22 per cent of the 1960 contributions will go for overseas missions, 11 per cent for home missions, 31 per cent for state and city mission work, 9 per cent for Christian education and publications.

● Recommendation for B. J. A. Secretary. Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, president of the Baptist Theological Seminary at Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, is expected to be the next general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, who will retire next summer from the top post, announced that the BWA Executive

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Editorial



A Theology for Such A Time As This!

Guest Editorial by Dr. Ralph E. Powell, Seminary Professor

No generation has faced such decisive spiritual and moral issues as ours. On nearly every hand it is recognized by sober thinkers that the only sure hope for today's world is theological. Humanity's very survival is dependent upon the truths embodied in the Christian faith and dynamically practiced in the believer's life.

Ours is a world threatened, not only with total annihilation by means of nuclear warfare, but also with spiritual decay and chaos by a devastating materialistic naturalism, which is accompanied by a tragic loss of moral concern and effort.

Only vital Christian convictions which produce energetic, practical godliness can withstand contemporary agnosticism and moral revolt. One of the remarkable and startling phenomena of our day is the conspicuously rising interest in religion coupled with an unprecedented increase in delinquency, crime and social deterioration. Decline of personal moral conviction is simultaneous with swelling church membership and attendance. Something is wrong somewhere!

In view of our intensely critical world situation and the prevalent ethical decadence at a time when it is popular to be religious, it would seem imperative that we examine our faith to see of what sort of stuff it is made. Particularly is this so if it is true that our very survival—that of civilization and that of the individual—is at stake.

It is always necessary in every generation for Christians to rethink and to restate their doctrinal beliefs with particular application to their own day. Good it is for us to know what we believe and why we believe it, and how to make our faith relevant to the times in which we live. A true, living orthodoxy must never become static.

If we are to remain loyal to the faith of our fathers, we dare not simply repeat their answers to opponents of a generation or more ago. Thought must be oriented toward the battle lines as they are drawn today. Our theological task, therefore, is not solely the defense of an inherited system of doctrine. It is the forging of a contemporary, evangelical world-view under the authority of the Word of God.

True theology must never degenerate into "dead orthodoxy," but must be in reality evangelical, which means that it should be constantly interpenetrated with evangelistic passion. "Evangelical" comes from a Greek word which means "glad tidings"—good news to be communicated with zeal.

Our students in the Seminary are thinking through their doctrinal convictions under the guidance of the inspired Scriptures and the Holy Spirit. They are being thus led to a personal and biblical formulation of Christian theology which, it is hoped, will sanctify their own lives and thrust them into the world with a consuming passion to be "the salt of the earth," "the light of the world," "ambassadors for Christ," whose Christian faith and life will be dynamically felt.

What a spiritual revolution would be precipitated in the world if everyone in our denomination would do likewise!

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At the Threshold of a New Age

The Inaugural Address by Rev. Frank Veninga, President of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

FROM THE familiarity of the pastorate to the office of District Secretary to that of the presidency of the North American Baptist Seminary denotes change, tremendous change. But greater than the acclimation to change is the endless implication of challenge. Sensing the direction of God and conscious of his guidance, this immense challenge was prayerfully accepted.

Repeatedly there comes to my mind a vital and assuring message which seemed to leap from the pages of Holy

mensions, expanding in its promises. To meet the challenge, man plods and plans and prepares. Outer space fascinates and captivates the most fertile minds of our day saying, "Come and see, explore, investigate." Scores of our most capable young men have volunteered to be thrust to the moon. Because man is challenged and because he is curious, he ventures into the unknown. He leaps into the dark to find light, into the unknown to realize the known, into uncertainty to ascertain certainty.



INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT VENINGA

The processional at the inaugural of Rev. Frank Veninga as Seminary President on Dec. 11, 1959 in the First Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak. President Veninga is followed by Dr. Charles W. Koller, president of Chicago's Northern Baptist Seminary. —Photo by Argus-Leader.

Scripture as I struggled with the decision to enter upon this phase of Christian service. "There went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched" (1 Samuel 10:26). This task, or for that matter, any task in Christian service is difficult, perhaps, nigh impossible were it not for the promise of God's guidance and the cooperation of understanding co-workers and friends. We are yoke-fellows engaged in a common task. This task is evident. The challenge beckons a deep dedication of our noblest best.

THRESHOLD OF SPACE AGE

Today man stands upon the threshold of a new age, the space age; fantastic in its brilliance, vast in its di-

But what of the challenge of earth where man fights man, where sin alienates and frustration separates? Is there no challenge? Is there no call to serve God and man? Are there no spiritual astronauts to venture out with God and for God? How frequently God's people think little thoughts and do little things and undertake little programs when God challenges us to be big people and undertake great things for him.

Did not Christ, the greatest of men who came from outer space, say, "Greater things than these shall ye do"? Man is challenged to undertake big things, to think noble thoughts, to live a selfless life. Man, particularly redeemed man, is to be a co-worker, a fellow-laborer with God. It seems

to me that in no area is the challenge greater than in the theological seminary which seeks to prepare men to serve a needy world and a blighted society, a society where men need a moral bath in the waters of decency and integrity.

The theological seminary, this seminary, has a vital mission in this space age. This seminary is sound in program, with a program carefully and prayerfully planned. It is rich in history having served for 110 years. It is contemporary in its curriculum, a curriculum under constant review. It is blessed in its selection of faculty, a faculty well-trained and dedicated to its task. This seminary is prepared to discharge its primary obligation of training young men for one of the "most exacting and exciting of all the professions." In order to meet its God-given mission and the denominational commission, the Seminary must embrace a four-fold relationship.

RELATED TO THE MASTER TEACHER

To see its vision clearly and to fulfill its mission sincerely, the seminary must be closely related to the Master Teacher, Jesus Christ, who said, "Learn of me" (Matthew 11:29). His spirit must rule and reign in the lives of pupils, professors, and president. His message must be clearly understood and must be brought with freshness of meaning to the frustrated and forlorn of our day. His Gospel must be intelligently proclaimed as the only Gospel to redeem men and to bring unto them the possibilities of the new and abundant life.

This seminary, through the wise guidance of the Board of Trustees, the dedicated and effective ministry of the faculty, and the cooperation of denominational leaders will seek to be closely related to our Lord and Master. We are challenged by a former theologian who said, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5).

RELATED TO THE STUDENTS

The seminary is by necessity and by choice closely related to the students who have come under its teaching ministry. There is placed before the Seminary the challenge to produce, not parrots, but the best of pastors and the greatest of preachers, men whose message will have a spark and glow, what John Keats called, "that sort of fire in it that will take hold of people some way." This is our challenge: to impart eternal truth and instill the mind and spirit of Jesus Christ, enabling today's students and tomorrow's ministers to present with

warmth and depth God's eternal message.

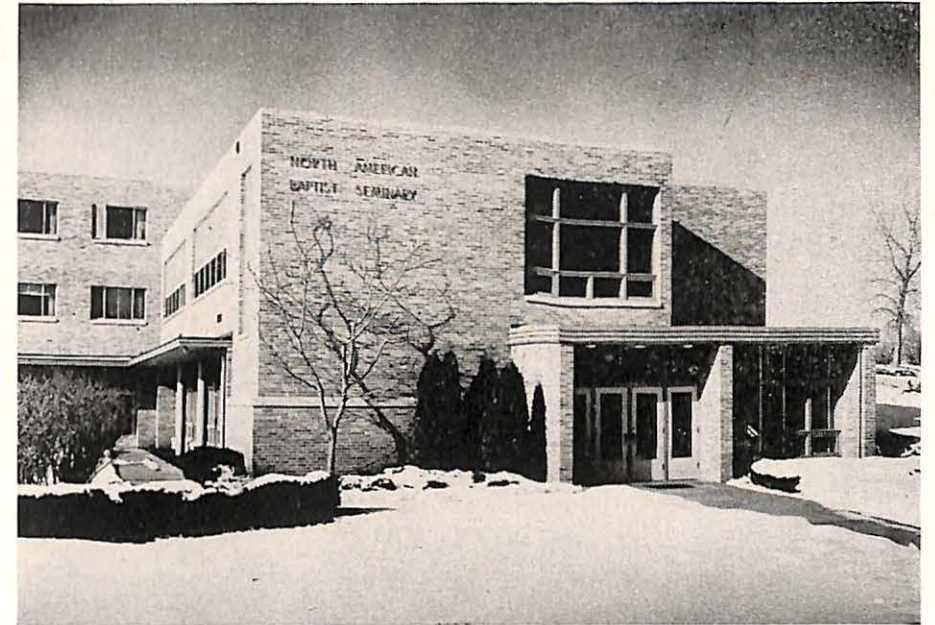
It is the desire and obligation of this seminary to produce good ministers of Jesus Christ. Godly men who are skillfully trained, academically and spiritually, are needed in our churches. Such men will understand the Book of books and will intelligently interpret its timely and timeless message.

To meet the challenge and the crisis of our age, the seminary must capture our ablest young people and the best minds and educate them adequately for effective spiritual leadership. Such young people will quickly discover that the opportunities for Christian service are as wide as the portals of heaven.

RELATED TO THE DENOMINATION

The North American Baptist Seminary was founded in 1850 in response to the need for trained ministers. Much of the progress and unity of the North American Baptist General Conference is directly traceable to the "School of the Prophets." For well over one hundred years it has prepared men, hundreds of them, to preach the Gospel of redemption through faith in Jesus Christ and to serve as spiritual leaders in our churches all over the United States and Canada. Others have gone into larger fields of service, teaching, missionary specialization, denominational leadership, and the chaplaincy.

Over the decades of time, we have sought to follow the Biblical pattern for Christian teaching. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word



NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY

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of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). Thus the seminary serves the needs of its own churches and, in the cooperative spirit of Jesus Christ, the needs of other denominations. It continues to do so in an ever greater measure in these days of national unrest and international conflict.

This institution of higher learning stands steadfast in its adherence to the historic Christian faith and, in particular, to the doctrine of the Bap-

tist faith. For the perpetuation of the convictions we share and the faith we treasure, our Seminary is an urgent necessity.

Because the school is denominationally related, it will continue to work in close harmony and unity with the denomination and, in turn, urges the whole-hearted support and prayer of our entire constituency. May God help us to pray for our school's spirituality and may our splendid young people be directed to this seminary for their training and preparation for Christian service!

While we rejoice in that which we have achieved and while we are grateful for the advances made, we must ever be challenged toward new horizons. The idea of enlargement and expansion has caught the imagination of our people. This is the time of great expectancy among us. Our people prayerfully anticipate great revivals, enlargement campaigns, offerings, and missions. High among the list of expectations and anticipations must be the spiritual and academic advance of this, our beloved seminary.

RELATED TO THE WORLD

The real genius of a theological seminary lies in the fact that it produces leaders who are spiritually healthy, morally alert, intellectually honest, and thoroughly competent to take their place in a society which desperately needs the leavening power of the Christian Gospel. Such leaders will help lift a sagging civilization. May God help us to meet the challenge of this hour!

The effective and efficient seminary is challenged to relate itself directly to the world in which it exists. Woodrow Wilson said, "Our civilization can-

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PROF. LUECK REVIEWS HIS EUROPEAN TOUR

On a map of Europe Prof. Hugo Lueck shows Seminary students the places in Europe to be visited during his sabbatical year and the Baptist seminaries where addresses are to be given.

Seminary Students Ready for God's Work

The Personal Story of the Members of the Seminary's Senior Class by Prof. Roy Seibel, Director of Public Relations.

THE SENIOR CLASS of 1960 will soon leave behind the text book and lecture room of the seminary to don cap and gown to take their place in history! Many will step into pulpits to minister to the people. Others will look to the masses on distant shores, while some will serve through the outreach of Christian education.

The class of 1960 was gathered from a geographic area that spans our continent. Two came from Canada, while one came from the rice fields of Louisiana. Another traveled from the Pacific coast; his fellow-classmate came from the eastern seaboard.



THE SEMINARY SENIOR CLASS OF 1960

Left to right (front row): Curtis Haas, Barbara Weisser, Lucille Wipf and Paul Siewert. Middle row: Alvin Auch, Milton Zeeb and Kenneth Schmuland. Back row: Karl Bieber, Richard Christeleit and Willis Potratz.

Although their geographic backgrounds are scattered and their interests vary, each has the common conviction of a call from God and a deep desire to serve him. Their training in the seminary has been personalized so as to prepare each for his distinctive area of service. It is with pleasure that we present the eleven members of the class of 1960.

KENNETH SCHMULAND

Kenneth Schmuland from Fenwood, Saskatchewan, is the only member of the class who plans to graduate with the Bachelor of Theology degree. Mr. Schmuland concentrated his study in the area of the Old Testament.

He has had opportunity to combine the practical field work training with

the class room academic discipline by serving as a student supply pastor for the past two months in a Covenant Church near Sioux Falls.

Realizing that activities within the seminary family life make a valuable contribution to the well-rounded person, Mr. Schmuland has participated in the Bender Fellowship, serving as treasurer and later as president. He holds the office of vice-president of the senior class.

Though he did not have opportunity to complete college work before coming to the seminary, it is his plan to continue his studies at a later date.

ALVIN AUCH

Seven seniors are pursuing a course of study leading to the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. Mr. Alvin Auch, from Mott, North Dakota, selected the Old Testament as his major area of study. Mr. Auch has had opportunity to find practical experience while studying at the seminary.

In the summer of 1957 he served as a student worker in Gackle, North Dakota. He served as an assistant to the pastor in the First Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ontario, in Canada. He ministered to the Spring Valley Baptist Church near Canistota, South Dakota, for a five-month period. Mr. Auch was employed this past summer as a state Child Welfare worker in North Dakota. He has now submitted

his future place of service into the hands of the Lord.

KARL BIBER

While studying engineering in the deep south, Karl Bieber from Branch, Louisiana, became increasingly burdened with a conviction that God had called him to the Gospel ministry. To meet seminary entrance requirements, it was necessary for him to do some additional university work.

Upon enrolling in the seminary, Mr. Bieber found a challenge in New Testament study. In addition to his academic pursuits, he found time to participate in the activities of school life. He held the office of student body treasurer in his middler year and president of the student body in his senior year.

Serving as a summer student worker in the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Illinois, not only provided him valuable practical experience, but it also served to give him a vision of the great potential offered in Sunday School and youth work. He was so challenged by this avenue of Christian service that he plans to return to the seminary for an additional year of study in the field of Christian Education.

RICHARD CRISTELEIT

Richard Christeleit came to the seminary from Jersey City, New Jersey, with the hope that he might some day serve on the mission field. However, circumstances prevented him from considering this field of service, so he prepared himself for the pastorate in the homeland. He continues to have a warm love for missions, for he considers this to be one of the most important aspects of the life and ministry of the local church. He served as vice-president of the Bender Fellowship in 1958-1959 and as president in 1959-1960.

Mr. Christeleit served the Faith Baptist Church of Selby, North Dakota, in the summer of 1958 when that Church Extension project was received into the fellowship of the Dakota Conference. He has been active in the work of the Northside Baptist Church in Sioux Falls where he served as deacon this past year.

WILLIAM DUAY

Rev. William Duay, a transfer student from California Baptist Theological Seminary, commuted to Sioux Falls from Newell, Iowa, to complete his seminary training. He chose Church History as his field of concentration and wrote a thesis on the subject, "A History of the Town and Country Work in the American Baptist Convention." Mr. Duay plans to continue his ministry in the American Baptist Convention.

CURTIS HAAS

Curtis Haas, a son of the rolling prairies of the Dakotas, came from Venturia, North Dakota. While in the seminary, he selected the New Testament field as his special area of study. To broaden his experiences he spent the summer of 1958 in the sunny southland among the churches in Texas where he participated in a broad variety of activities. He served in the youth camp at Latham Springs, near Waco, Texas.

He taught in Bible Schools, did visitation work, and preached in many pulpits. For the past several months Mr. Haas has served as interim student pastor for a Mennonite Church near Marion, South Dakota. He feels a challenge in the work of the pastorate and has committed his life to this ministry. It is his plan to secure additional training when the opportunity presents itself.

PAUL SIEWERT

Paul Siewert, the second member of the class from Canada, comes from Minitonas, Manitoba. While pursuing his studies in the seminary, he concentrated his work in the New Testament field. In recognition of his academic achievement as well as his general contribution to seminary life, he received the Baptist Life Scholarship in 1959.

Field work activities offered him many perspectives of the Christian ministry. While traveling with the



MISSIONARY CANDIDATES AT THE SEMINARY

Joyce Batek of St. Joseph, Mich., (left to right), Lucille Wipf of Madison, South Dakota, and Barbara Kieper of Fessenden, North Dakota, are studying at our Seminary and preparing themselves more effectively for the mission field.

seminary quartet in 1956, and again in 1958, he visited a large number of our churches in the eastern states, Canada, and the Pacific coast area. For the past three years he has served as student pastor of the Valley Springs Congregational Church near Sioux Falls.

In addition to these activities Mr.

Siewert found time to take part in seminary student life. He served as president of the Junior Class, a member of the board of directors of the book store, and as vice-president of the student body.

MILTON ZEEB

Milton Zeeb left his home in Portland, Oregon, to study in the seminary with the single objective of preparing himself for the Gospel ministry. His concentration of study has been in the field of the New Testament.

Mr. Zeeb found opportunity for service and practical training by serving one year as student pastor of a Presbyterian church at Kimball and White Lake, South Dakota. This past year the Trinity Baptist Church of Sioux Falls called him to serve as student pastor.

His seminary student activities included serving as student body secretary in 1958-1959 and as president of the senior class for this year.

MISS LUCILLE WIPF

The room had suddenly grown quiet, very quiet, for the children were on their way home from school. Miss Lucille Wipf, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. D. S. Wipf of Madison, South Dakota, sat at her teacher's desk and mused, "What am I doing here?" For many months she had been struggling to discover her place in life, and at last she was convinced that it was on the mission field.

She enrolled in the seminary in 1958 and began work on the Master of Religious Education level of study since this would be of value to her work



LEADERS OF THE SEMINARY STUDENT RECEPTION

At the Student Reception held at the Seminary on Monday evening, Feb. 1st, these young people participated and headed committees: Mr. Henry Lippert, president of Dakota Conference CBYF; Miss Barbara Weisser in charge of arrangements; Mrs. Alvin Harsch in charge of refreshments; and Mr. Arthur Patzia, president of the denominational CBY Fellowship and chairman of the reception program.

in Japan. She took opportunity in field work to broaden her experience in Christian Education by playing the piano, singing in musical groups, serving as leader of the Junior C. B. Y. F. in the Trinity Baptist Church in Sioux Falls, and working in the All Saints Episcopal Grade School in the city. She is now serving as an assistant to the Director of Christian Education in the First Congregational Church in Sioux Falls.

REV. WILLIS POTRATZ

Rev. Willis Potratz graduated from the seminary with a B. D. degree in 1954 and accepted the call to become the pastor of the Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, South Dakota.

cation level of study is Miss Barbara Weisser, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Weisser of Herreid, S. Dak.

Miss Weisser has succeeded not only in establishing an excellent scholastic record, but she has also participated in a wide field of services to broaden her perspective of Christian Education. She served as superintendent of the children's division of the Sunday School in the Trinity Baptist Church in Sioux Falls, and worked one semester under the direction of the Minister of Education in the First Baptist Church in Sioux Falls. She was vice-president of the middler class last year and publicity of the student council for the past two years.

In addition to the local church where

THEOLOGICAL TRAINING

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al purposes. They are: Reference and Reading Room, Stack Area, Periodical Area, Circulation Area, Denominational and Conference Room, Librarian's Office and Work Room, Typing Room and Microfilm Room. There will be sufficient room for individual study areas and for a number of carrels for the students. The new building will be connected with the administration building and the south portion will be designed to provide for future expansion.

This new library will hold about 35,000 volumes and make study and research far more effective. It will bring into more purposeful and productive relationship the three essential factors of a seminary: the professor, the student and the library resources. At the same time, it will make available the rooms and floor space of the present library for long-standing needs.

The Seminary Study Center has purposes which lie beyond the immediate present and the usual training objectives, as urgent and primary as they are for the growth of our churches and the work of our denomination. I am now thinking of enlarged seminary objectives which would include "Refresher Courses" and "Education Continuation Programs" for our pastors. Perhaps every semester, six of our pastors could come to the seminary for a period of two weeks. The seminary administration and the pastors would work out a program which would satisfy their individual needs and prepare them for the future.

A SPIRITUAL POWER HOUSE

Individual research work would be done by these pastors in the morning. There would be consultations with the professors in the early afternoon and a general session in the late afternoon every day. How these men would rejoice in submerging themselves into recent literature, associating with faculty and students, discussing vital issues and problems concerning our and their churches and have the deep-going fellowship of prayer. These pastors would return to their churches with new spiritual vigor and intellectual acumen, ready to shoulder afresh the burdens of their ministry.

The dream and the vision of a "Seminary Study Center" is not ended. There is something even larger, more beautiful and challenging than seeing students hovering over books. It is the vision of our Seminary standing as a spiritual power house in the center of our denomination, to which students, pastors, guests and visitors come for training and studies, inward growth and renewal and from which they would leave with a gleam in their eyes, their lives yielded to Christ, ready to sow the Gospel seed and to move into the harvest field with a song on their lips!

"A First in Our Seminary History"

The intriguing and inspiring testimony of the first Southern Cameroons national studying at the North American Baptist Seminary, Mr. Flavius K. Martin of Victoria, Cameroons.

THE HUGE Pan-American airship touched the flood-lit tarmac of New York airport. We shuffled uncertainly into the huge airport building. It was 3:00 a. m. that Monday morning, five months ago. Fortunately we were met and directed by a voluntary student advisor from New York University. For the rest of the morning we were accommodated in a hotel, five of us together: one Ghanaian, three Nigerians, and myself from the Cameroons. We were as good as lost!

The next day I parted company with my good friends and continued alone to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. To meet me at the airport that Tuesday night were President Veninga, Dr. George Dunger, and Rev. Richard Schilke, secretary of our General Missionary Society. That night I was "christened" with a hot shower; and so began my seminary life.

BATTERY OF QUESTIONS

On Wednesday morning I faced a paternal student body. They told me how to hold my fork and spoon; what to eat and what not to eat. There was much concern coupled with intense curiosity. A battery of questions faced me at every possible opportunity: "Why is your hair black? Why is the inside of your palm different from the rest of your skin?" Several questions were asked about the Cameroons. Among them was an unforgettable one: "Do African cows give milk?"

After the long hours of registration, I finally decided on Church History, Old Testament Survey, Basic Homiletics and Christian Education. In addition, I signed up for an introductory course in Philosophy in Sioux Falls College. My early adjustments to studies were made with considerable difficulty. But I was greatly helped by the private instructions I received from my professors, eager to start me on the right foot.

As the last semester drew to a close, I had the rather unhappy experience of writing term papers for the first time. Apparently, my strained efforts were accepted for want of something better.

Chapel hours were a real joy and blessing. Dr. George A. Dunger presented an inspiring series of talks on Ghana and the Cameroons. Among our guest speakers were Cameroons missionaries, Rev. Ben Lawrence and Rev. George Lang, all of whom were greatly appreciated.

The climax of the semester was my Christmas vacation tour with Rev. Edwin Michelson. We visited several outstanding Baptist churches and lived

GOD'S GREATNESS

God is great, and therefore he will be sought; he is good, and therefore he will be found.

with many American families. It was enjoyable, but exacting. Everywhere we went, our Cameroons churches were brought close to the hearts of the people. Several questions were

that our Cameroons mission schools can produce English-speaking graduates. On some occasions I have been bluntly asked whether American education as I find it is higher than African educational standards, patterned on the British system.

I have found term papers laborious, top quizzes intriguing, and "digging" in the ever expanding library exacting. I find that the longer I remain here the more difficult and involved my



A YOUNG WOMAN'S DIAMOND RING!

Miss Barbara Weisser proudly shows her diamond ring to Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, to other Forest Park secretaries, and to Seminary students and announces her engagement to Rev. John Binder of Morris, Manitoba, a 1959 graduate of our Seminary.

After six years of practical experience he became increasingly aware of the great potential offered by Sunday School and young people's work. He determined that in addition to his pastoral responsibilities, he would return to the seminary and do further study in the field of Christian Education.

Mr. Potratz has found opportunities for a broader outreach through associational and conference service. He is a member of the Dakota Conference Mission Committee, and the moderator of the South Dakota Association. He also is the director of the youth camps of the South Dakota Association. As pastor-elect of the Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, North Dakota, he plans to take up his new responsibilities in early spring.

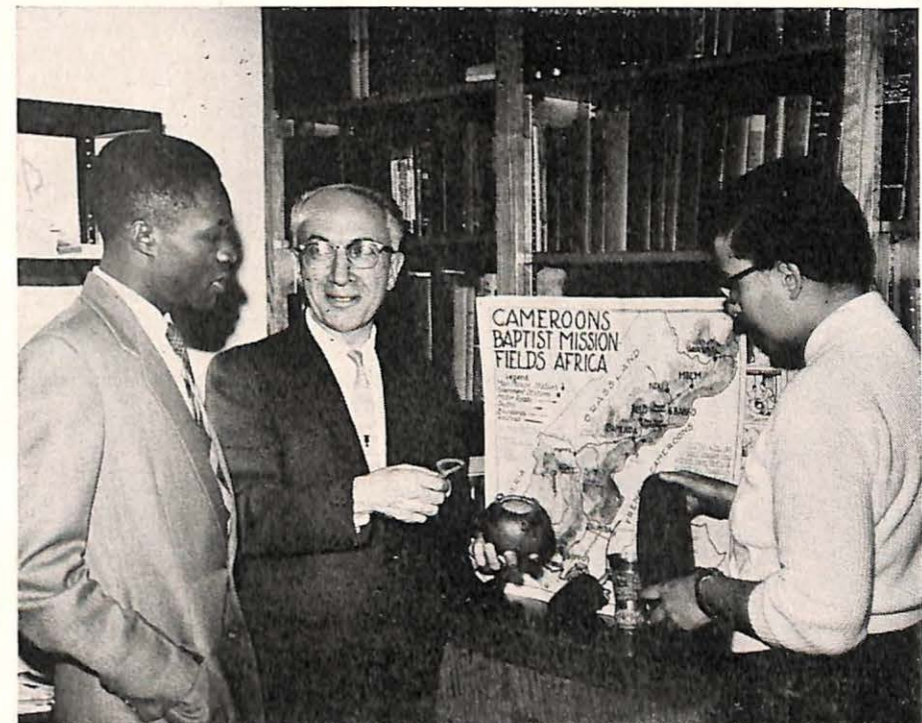
MISS BARBARA WEISSER

The third member of the class working on the Master of Religious Edu-

she will serve, Miss Weisser hopes to participate in a larger area of activity through camp work and leadership training programs among our churches. She is a member of the Executive Committee of the C. B. Y. F. of our denomination and has made frequent contributions to the "Youth Compass," "Young Adult Compass," and the "Baptist Herald."

The prayers and support of our entire denomination accompanies each member of the class of 1960 as he takes up his appointed place of service. As God-empowered men and women who have submitted themselves to the maturing academic discipline and spiritual exercise of seminary life, they will go far in his service.

God grant that many more commissioned youth who are ready to submit themselves to academic study and discipline necessary for training in the Lord's work will step forth to meet the pressing need of the hour.



A CAMEROONS MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

Dr. George A. Dunger, Seminary professor of missions, (center), shows some of his African curios to Flavius Martin, student from the Southern Cameroons, and to Barbara Kieper, missionary appointee for Africa.

asked which revealed a deep interest in missions.

COMPARING STANDARDS

In almost all the churches where I have spoken, I have been asked three questions among many. "How long have you been in America? Where did you learn to speak English so well? How much education have you got?" Apparently there is general surprise

THE CHRISTIAN RULE

THE RULE that governs my life is this: anything that dims my vision of Christ, or takes away my taste for Bible study, or cramps my prayer life, or makes Christian work difficult is wrong for me, and I must as a Christian turn away from it.—J. Wilbur Chapman

studies become. It would be nearly impossible if not assuming to attempt an evaluation of a class of graduate students! I came to learn and to listen.

REALIZATION OF THE CALL

I am studying in this seminary in answer to my call to serve our Cameroons churches in a changing Africa. The need for a stronger corps of indigenous leaders in our churches today cannot be over-emphasized. The need for a mutual partnership between the mother churches and the new churches is also apparent.

What was once a dream has now become a reality. The doors of your seminary have been opened to us. I have often been referred to as "a first in our seminary history." I trust that I shall be one and only one of others to come.

Theological Training and the Seminary Library

By Dr. George A. Dunger, Professor of Missions at the North American Baptist Seminary

MANY PEOPLE say that the second half of the twentieth century will be far more significant than the first half. The age of nuclear power will shift into high gear. Electronic computers and "thinking" machines will take over most of today's chores. Man, propelled by fantastic forces, will leave his planet and navigate Deep Space. In the world of the living infinitesimal, the biologist will unclasp the magic chain of cell function and reveal the secret of life.

MAN'S SEARCH FOR GOD

These are startling predictions. Of course, they are made by man. They may come true and they may fail. The more startling fact is that man, though his thought and work have profoundly influenced the world, does not seem too much concerned with his eternal destiny. Or is his search for truth and reality in Deep Space, inside the living cell and the structured molecule, an expression of his desire to know God, his need to find God? Where will his search lead him? To self-glorification? To the penitent prayer: "God, be merciful to me, a sinner"?

Then there are the great problems of social evils: alcoholism, gambling, narcotics, vice, immorality, disrespect for authority. Localities are affected by them. Nations are beset by them. They have assumed international proportions. Further, the tentacles of political ideologies, militant non-Christian religions, racism, cultism, economic pressure groups and a host of attendant evils seem to reach into man's heart. Beside these attention-demanding issues are more personal matters: employment, income, security, illness, misfortunes and tragedies, anxieties and fears.

What does theological training have to do with science, social conditions, a world in the throes of revolutionary change and personal concerns? And how does the Seminary Library enter into the picture? Isn't it enough to have a library and to have the library filled with books? Why not stay with the Bible and the "Old Time Religion" and forget about the rest?

THE BIBLE IN LIFE

The pivotal fact in man's life and condition, precisely, is the Bible and the "Old Time Religion." It is God's plan of salvation and his revelation in the Lord Jesus Christ. And it is this great and wonderful fact which has to be brought to the attention of modern man, which has to be related to our world of science and technology, our world of revolutionary change and the person subject to new ideas, forces, pressures and dangers. The horse and

buggy, though useful in certain given circumstances, are no longer efficient methods of conveyance in modern times and places. The automobile has taken over.

Likewise, the days of empire building and colonialism of the last century are things of the past and so are, by and large, the conditions under which a William Carey and a David Livingstone labored in the mission fields. The contemporary pastor very often faces highly educated people and thoroughly alert congregations, businessmen and professional men and women who are making their mark in life and a youth who think in terms of nuclear reactors, jet propulsion, cybernetics, social psychology, mathematical logic and careers undreamed of by their forefathers—and fathers

Again, in modern times many and very significant aspects of the Bible in the areas of archaeology, literature and interpretation have come to light. In the field of theology much thought and effort has gone—and is still going—into the re-formulation of old concepts, and serious work is being done in understanding and clarifying them in the light of new and deeper insights into the universe and human nature.

Similarly, new approaches to the history of the church, society and culture have shed new light on contemporary times. Due to the inevitable bearing of the Christian message and the life of the church on society, practical theology and missionary studies include the psychological and anthropological approaches. And through the use of sound educational principles and methods, Christian Education finally comes into its own.

PROFESSOR-STUDENT RELATIONSHIPS

These are the fields in which the contemporary seminary professor moves. These are the areas with which the present-day seminary student must familiarize himself. These are the domains of knowledge of which the library must contain and make available source materials for both reference work and research activity. Of course, this makes the library a place quite different from that of 25 or 50 years ago. It is no longer primarily a depository of books, but it becomes the study center of the seminary.

Quite understandably, changes have taken place also in teaching methods and in the professor-student relationships. The student comes to the seminary as a college graduate. The professor is an academically qualified person with many years of experience in his particular field. Lecturing and text book work, though used when indi-

cated, are augmented and often superseded by seminars, discussion groups, research projects and individual research work, field work, supervised and guided activities.

Obviously, the old type of library can no longer satisfy the needs of the present generation with its objectives. Obviously, the modern library with its great diversity of materials and services must be managed by an adequately trained and competent librarian. This librarian, aware of instructional needs, the demands of the classroom, the directions of the professor and the resources available, is the link between the classroom, the professor and the treasurehouse of knowledge and in this way functions to realize the training objectives of the seminary.

LIBRARY OF 10,000 VOLUMES

Approximately ten years ago, the Seminary Library had a total of about 2,500 volumes, and an effort was made to index them. Then the library began to acquire and process badly needed books. Bookstack after bookstack was purchased to hold new acquisitions. The library grew from 2,500 volumes to 10,000 volumes. This seems like an impressive number! However, this number divided by fifty—the number of students and faculty using these books day in and day out—provides only two hundred books per person.

Now, this number should be divided by the fields of study. These are: Bible, Theology, Philosophy, History, Missions, Practical Theology (including Homiletics, Evangelism, Church Administration and Christian Education), Music and, not last and least by any means, reference books. This provides only about 25 volumes for each field! Any alert pastor has more than five and six times that number of books. No wonder, the accrediting agency says: If you want to be a full-fledged graduate school, you must have at least three times as many books as you have now and you must have much better facilities.

A STUDY CENTER

Very fine plans for the new Seminary Library have been drawn up. Soon the architects will have the blueprints ready, and the contractors will begin digging and building. What is the new Library going to be like? One thing is certain. It will be a much better library, and there is the good promise of the new library becoming more and more the "Study Center of the Seminary."

Here is a "preview" of this Study Center: First of all, there will be clearly defined areas, serving function-

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Baptist Seminaries in Europe

The Story of a Year's Visit to Five Baptist Seminaries in Switzerland, England and Germany by Prof. Hugo Lueck, Professor of Church History at the North American Baptist Seminary

MOST OF THE YEARS of my active ministry have been teaching in Baptist theological schools. I feel most at home among theological books, class rooms and young men preparing for the ministry. So it was natural for me during my sabbatical year, which I spent in Europe, to visit religious training centers and especially Baptist seminaries, whenever a favorable opportunity presented itself.

I had the privilege of visiting or staying in five such institutions in Switzerland, England and Germany. First of all, I paid a flying visit to Rueschlikon in Switzerland. It was at the time of the summer vacation. But a summer study course was being held, attended by 64 Baptist ministers of 12 nationalities. Most of the Rueschlikon faculty members were present and some teachers from England and Denmark. It was good to meet some American leaders of the Southern and American Baptist Conventions.

RUESCHLIKON SEMINARY

Rueschlikon is doing a good work for the European Baptist movement. In former years individual young men, especially from Eastern Europe, were trained in England or America. A twofold purpose was accomplished by this plan. Men from Estonia, Latvia, Czechoslovakia, and other countries were given a better theological training than they could ever have obtained in their homeland. At the same time, they acquired a good mastery of English and could serve as connecting links between their own country and the English-speaking Baptist World Alliance.

But now Rueschlikon, an English-speaking Baptist Seminary accom-

plishes both of these objectives right at the heart of Europe. This also brings future Baptists leaders of all parts of Europe together and promotes mutual understanding among Baptists of different lands and nationalities.

In Great Britain, there are eight

1804. They are all comparatively small with 20 to 30 students each.

As an American, one would think that in a country, not much larger than South Dakota, these eight schools could be amalgamated into one large school and thus save resources in teaching staff and libraries. But this



At Rawdon (Leeds) College, a Baptist Seminary in England, Prof. Lueck lectured to the entire student body for one month. Here he had been a student 30 years ago!

Baptist seminaries, called "Colleges," with about 250 students. Five are in England: in London, Bristol, Oxford, Leeds and Manchester. Two are in Wales: in Cardiff and Bangor; and one is in Scotland, in Glasgow. Most of these schools are ancient establishments and affiliated with a university. Bristol, as the oldest Baptist school in the world, dates back to 1689. Rawdon (Leeds) is the second oldest Baptist seminary in Britain and goes back to

is not the English way of thinking. And there is more than just the English love for tradition for the days, when poor travelling conditions necessitated many smaller schools. Each school has its own "spirit" and traditions which are considered just as important as any training. Personal tutoring, community life, worship and prayer, closer touch with the denomination and individual churches are thus better achieved than in large schools.

RAWDON COLLEGE

I considered it a great privilege, after 30 years, to live again at Rawdon College and to lecture to the entire student body for one month. The "Rawdon spirit," which everybody absorbs who studies there, is still as strong as it was in my student days. America, as a comparatively young country, full of zeal to grow and develop, can learn something from the older countries in appreciating traditions which make for stability. The English seminaries seem to know what they want and need. There is a steadiness and assurance that must be admired.

I also visited Regent's Park College in Oxford, which was transferred to that city in 1927 after having existed for over a century in London. For over 200 years Baptists with all non-conformists were excluded from the

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Bristol College is the oldest Baptist school in the world, dating back to 1689. Here Prof. Lueck spent an entire week, speaking to the student body and dining with the students and faculty.

March 17, 1960

Another Thrilling Ministers' Conference

Announcement about the 1960 Ministers' Conference to be held from August 3 to 7 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota by Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom, Vice-president of the Ministers' Fellowship

THE NORTH AMERICAN Baptist Ministers' Fellowship has held four conferences during the past twelve years. It is again time to be thinking and planning for our fifth conference. The date has been set for August 3-7, 1960, and we will again meet at Sioux Falls, South Dakota in the very adequate facilities of our Seminary.

STIMULATING PROGRAM

A program committee has been working hard since last September to prepare a program that will offer the best in preaching, intensive Bible study, stimulating discussion sessions, and fun and fellowship with wonderful people and in pleasant surroundings.

Such a conference is vital to every pastor and congregation. It is only regrettable that we are unable to meet each year, but we are much encouraged to report that seven out of nine of the Conferences now have Ministers' Fellowships and are meeting once a year for such inspiration and fellowship.

Genuine, God-inspired fellowship, combined with study and relaxation will cause every pastor who attends to come away with new life, and better equipped to lead his church as together they face the rigorous tasks of another fall program.

"COMMUNICATING THE GOSPEL"

The theme of this conference is "Communicating the Gospel." More often than we care to admit, preaching is a barrier rather than a highway through which God comes to man and man to God. The preacher tries to bring about a personal encounter between God and the souls of his hearers. As ministers, we should lead every man to a place where he must meet God face to face and can find no way of evasion or escape. Communicating the Gospel is a very important task for the pastor has been called of God to present the "Good News" as a "dying man to dying men." Our program this year is stressing this important phase of the pastor's and church's work.

No pastor will want to miss this opportunity to enter into the many experiences and relationships with God and his fellow pastors. No church will want to keep its pastor from this vital spiritual impact and time of refreshment which will enable him in the communication of the Gospel to become an even greater channel of blessing to the church.

Our Seminary in Sioux Falls has again been chosen as the meeting place for several reasons. It has very ade-

quate facilities for housing and care of all who come. Sioux Falls is more centrally located, and with the very moderate rates charged for room and board, we are able to keep all costs to a minimum.

COST OF CONFERENCE

The General Council has again graciously allocated funds from the denomination to assist with the financial burden. Every pastor attending all sessions will receive aid to the amount of seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) towards board and room and one and one half cents (1½c) per mile toward travelling expenses. Each local church is urged to send its pastor and to assist him with an equal sum for room, board and mileage. Under such arrangements each pastor should find it possible to attend.

The daily rates for housing and board will be \$3.50 per single person in dormitories; \$4.00 per day per person in private homes for married couples (no children). Individuals or families finding lodging in hotels or motels will be served meals at the Seminary dining hall for \$2.75 per day with children under ten years at half price. All reservations will be on a first come, first served, basis.

Further information as to registration and reservations will be forthcoming in the mails during March. We trust no pastor or church will allow distance or other circumstances to hinder the pastor from attending this conference when the ministers of our Conference will spend precious time in worship, prayer, study, and fellowship together.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM OF PASTOR'S CONFERENCE

PLACE: North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
DATE: August 3-7, 1960

DAILY SCHEDULE

7:30- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
8:00- 8:30 a.m. Free
8:30- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Session
9:00- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
9:45- 9:50 a.m. Special Numbers
9:50-10:30 a.m. Workshops (Counseling)
10:30-10:50 a.m. Recess
10:50-11:00 a.m. Song Service
11:00-11:05 a.m. Announcements
11:05-11:45 a.m. Lectures on Preaching
12:00 Dinner
1:00- 2:00 p.m. Buzz Sessions
2:00 p.m. Recreation
6:00 p.m. Evening meal
7:30- 8:30 p.m. Evening service
8:30- 9:00 p.m. Varied program

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

7:30 p.m. Leader—S. Don Ganstrom
Speaker—Rev. Frank Veninga
8:30 p.m. Fellowship
Bible Study Speaker—Dr. Walter W. Wessel
Conference Announcer—Rev. Leland H. Friesen

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

Prayer Session Leader—Rev. David Zimmerman
Workshops—Rehabilitation: Rev. M. Wessman, Sioux Falls
Youth Counseling: Dr. Roger Fredrickson, Sioux Falls
Lecture—"The Place of Preaching as Revealed in Church History"—Prof. Hugo Lueck
Evening Service—Leader—Rev. S. Don Ganstrom
Speaker—Rev. Robert S. Hess
Varied Program—In charge of Denominational Secretary on denominational program.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

Prayer Session Leader—Rev. J. C. Kraenzler
Workshops—Pastor as a Counselor: Dr. George Lang
The Pastor and World Affairs: Dr. George Dunger
Lecture—"How to Preach Theology"—Dr. Ralph E. Powell
Evening Service—Leader—Rev. Willis Potratz
Speaker—Rev. Herbert Hiller
Varied Program—Rev. George W. Lang, Missionary speaker

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

Prayer Session Leader—Rev. John Ziegler
Workshops—"The Pastor Faces Integration in Church Membership"—Dr. Frank Woyke
"Higher Education and Religious Liberty"—Rev. Harold Gieseke
Lecture—"Preaching that Meets the Twentieth Century Need"—Rev. W. Roy Seibel
Evening Service—Leader—Rev. Bert Milner
Speaker—Dr. John Wobig
Varied Program—In charge of Denominational Secretaries or Baptist Jubilee Advance

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

(Morning services in local North American churches)
2:00 p.m. Missionary Rally
Leader—Rev. Wilmer Quiring
Speaker—Missionary George Lang

COMMITTEES

Housing, registration, meals—Rev.

Frank Veninga, Chairman; Rev. Robert Krueger.
Recreation—Rev. Peter Wiens, Chairman; Rev. Bruce Rich, Rev. John Reimer.
Finance—Dr. Frank Woyke, Chairman; and officers of Pastors' Fellowship.
Music—Rev. Ed Link, Chairman; Rubin Hermann; Harold Weiss, Fred Sonnenberg.
Exhibit—Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, Chairman.
Book Display—Rev. W. J. Luebeck.
Pulpit Supply—Rev. Jothan Benke, Chairman; Miss Martha Leypoldt, James Brygger.
Publicity—Rev. Bert Milner.

AT THE THRESHOLD

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not be saved temporarily unless it is redeemed spiritually." The theological seminary fulfills its obligation to the world through trained Christian youth who affirmatively and persuasively bring God's redemption lovingly and graciously. To achieve this high and lofty goal, this seminary has established and maintained a standard of academic thoroughness recognized as being in conformity with the best practices of higher educational circles.

A leading insurance company stated recently, "Our service is now more extensive." This, I believe, is true of the North American Baptist Seminary as it views its important role in a contemporary setting. As we stand at the threshold of a new age, the latest techniques in theological training and the best human resources will be employed for the expansion of the seminary, the advancement of the denomination and the salvation of the world.

SEMINARIES IN EUROPE

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universities of Oxford and Cambridge. These ancient universities re-opened their doors to all without distinction of creed in 1871. In recent years Oxford has gone still further and has given statutory recognition to certain Theological Colleges by making them "Permanent Private Halls" of the university. Regent's Park is one of the latest to be granted this new status in 1957.

What this means, only Britishers can fully understand. It means that the freedom of the university has been offered to Baptists and that they are determined to make the best possible use of it. The entire Oxford University consists of individual colleges, formerly called "Halls," and Regent's Park is now one of these colleges and part of the university. It is also being built in a rectangle, as is the tradition in Oxford.

BRISTOL COLLEGE

I also spent a week in Bristol and had ample opportunity to visit the Baptist Seminary, to speak to the whole student body and to dine with

From the Professor's Desk

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

Would you explain the meaning of the parable found in Luke 18:2-8?

This is parable of the Unjust Judge. There is abundant evidence that such judges as this parable describes were present in Palestine in Jesus' day. In all probability they were not Jewish judges but magistrates appointed by the Roman government. Their practices were so unscrupulous that people even punned on their title: *Dayyaneth Gezereth*, "judges of prohibitions" was changed to *Dayaneh Gezeloth*, "robber judges"! It was practically impossible to get their services without paying side money. This meant that the poor were out of luck if they were wronged and needed vindication. The services of these judges were simply not available for them.

The woman in the parable was poor and therefore could not pay the bribe. Although she had no money, a powerful weapon was available to her—her persistence! She kept pestering the judge until he was forced to act. Phillips' translation of the words of the judge in verses 4, 5 is particularly striking: "Although I don't fear God and have no respect for men, yet this woman is such a nuisance that I shall give judgment in her favour, or else her continual visits will be the death of me!"

Like the parable of the Importunate Friend, this parable does not liken God to the unjust judge but contrasts

him. Verse 7 reveals this: "Do you suppose God, patient as he is, will not see justice done for his chosen who appeal to him day and night? I assure you he will not delay in seeing justice done" (Phillips). Thus the parable does not teach, as some have supposed, that God is not anxious to answer prayer but can be worried into it!

William Barclay clearly summarizes its meaning as follows: "If in the end, an unjust and rapacious judge can be wearied into giving a widow woman justice, how much more will God, who is a loving Father, give his children what they need?" (*The Gospel of Luke*, p. 231).

There is also an eschatological element in the parable. The last verse (8) asks the question: "When the Son of man comes, will he find faith on the earth?" The concern about faith is suggested by the mention of the adversaries of the woman in the parable. The question does not imply that, when Jesus comes, no true Christians will exist, but is a warning that the enemies of Christ and the Church are formidable and persecution and opposition will take their toll. When Christ comes, only relatively few will be counted among the faithful. So the question does not express or imply doubt as to the coming of the Son of man, but only as to what he will find when he comes.

the students and faculty. Bristol College is situated right on the university campus. It has good and well preserved buildings, beautiful halls with many oil paintings of former principals and tutors, as is customary in all English seminaries, class rooms and a fine library with 30,000 volumes. It also has a very valuable museum with some ancient manuscripts and articles of earliest Baptist history. One of the most valuable possessions is the only copy in the world of Tyndale's first edition of the New Testament. This is the first printed New Testa-

ment in the English language.

The last month of my sabbatical was spent in Hamburg, Germany, where the only German Baptist Seminary serves all Germany and other lands in central Europe. The Hamburg Seminary is about 80 years old and is still growing. It is just completing a new building program. This autumn 28 new students were received. There are always more applicants than can be accepted. There are over one hundred students at the Seminary and the Jugend Seminar, a Bible school, housed on the same campus.

SPIRIT AT HAMBURG

Typical of Germany, theology ranks high at the seminary, but so also does Biblical exegesis. The entire training program at the seminary as well as at the Bible school is geared to the missionary needs of the Baptist churches of Germany. A fine Christian spirit and evangelistic fervor prevail.

Enriched by these and many other experiences, I returned to my duties at our own Seminary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, with new zeal and love, grateful for the privileges of sharing in the greatest concern in the world: the building of Christ's Kingdom on earth.

JOBS NEAR VICTOR, IOWA

There are opportunities for young married persons seeking good employment in the vicinity of a spiritual Baptist church of our fellowship at Victor, Iowa. The Amana Refrigeration Corporation of Amana, Iowa needs men with mechanical interests for its expanding facilities. Union wages are paid. This plant is within easy commuting distance of Victor, Iowa. There are several small houses for rent at reasonable rates. For further information write to Rev. Fred Schmidt, Box 544, Victor, Iowa.

We the Women

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

A TEACHER'S THOUGHT ON EDUCATION

SOME TIME AGO a popular magazine pictured on its cover the new hero of our college campuses. It was not the football or basketball star, but the studious, bespectacled book-worm type—probably majoring in science or mathematics.

Ever since Russia put her first Sputnik into orbit, our American educational system has come under sharp criticism and minute scrutiny. We began immediately to blame our schools for allowing Russia to win this victory in the race for domination of the outer space. The controversy is still raging. No one really knows whether or not the Russians have surpassed us in vital scientific achievements that may give them dominance of the unexplored outer space.

However, from this national argument have come many good results. We have been thoroughly aroused to the strength and weaknesses of our educational systems. In characteristically American fashion we are doing something about it. More emphasis is being placed on academic essentials; frills and easy elective courses are being weeded out. Whatever the shortcomings of our schools, we Americans can be justly proud of our educational institutions, nevertheless. They are the bulwarks of democracy and freedom.

It is heartening to see, too, that we are doing more about religious education. There has been a tremendous increase in the number of educational units being added to church buildings recently. We are becoming increasingly aware of the importance of "Boards of Education" in our church programs. We are putting more emphasis on leadership training among our young people. We must continue to stress the importance of religious education in the lives of our children. The weakness of our nation is not its lack of scientific, technical or mechanical skills. It is our moral fiber that portends disaster. We are in danger of overlooking the supreme importance of moral and spiritual values in our mad efforts to win the space race.

Basically, moral and spiritual education begins at home, but it must also be continued in our schools to have lasting importance. We women have a tremendous responsibility in teaching our children from earliest childhood the value of high moral standards. It is likewise our God-given duty to extend our Christian influence to the community beyond our homes to whatever organizations to which we belong.

The CBY Fellowship Plans Ahead!

Report of the CBYF Executive Committee sessions by Rev. Lawrence Bienert, general secretary.

THE CBY FELLOWSHIP Executive Committee—your representatives in our denominational youth program—met on February 5 and 6, 1960, in Forest Park, Ill., to outline a program of work which we trust will lead all of our young people to a closer walk with God. Members of our executive committee are: Arthur Patzia, president; Jack Wobig, vice-president; Barbara Weisser, Marion Stahl and Richard Rabenhorst, committee members; and Rev. L. G. Bienert, general secretary. Miss Ruth Bathauer also participates actively in the meetings. Our meetings began each morning with a devotional period led by Jack Wobig and Barbara Weisser.

Since the Baptist Jubilee Advance theme for the next year centers around stewardship and enlistment, we have chosen as our 1960-61 theme the simple, yet highly meaningful, words: FOUND FAITHFUL. Faithfulness is the one requirement of a steward set down for us in the Scriptures. "It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" (I Cor. 4:2). It is a goal toward which we want all young people to strive.

THEME: "FOUND FAITHFUL"

Our theme for the coming year will be divided into four specific areas of emphasis: Found Faithful in our use of our (1) time (September-November 1960); (2) talent (December-February 1961); (3) treasure (March-May 1961); and in our enlistment (June-August 1961). Suggestions for programs and activities for all commissions have been prepared for each of these areas and will be mailed to the CBY Fellowship presidents later this summer.

Along with the theme, we want our young people to become familiar with the theme song, "Now In the Days of Youth" (North American Hymnal), and the key verse, I Peter 4:10—"As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

Considerable attention was given to the Christian Leaders' Conference program for August 8-12, 1960, at our North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Special emphasis was given to the Junior Camp program which is being prepared by the

Moreover, we have an obligation toward our own denominational institutions of higher learning. Our Seminary, one of the finest of its kind, will gain tremendous prestige and advantage from the addition of the new library that is being undertaken. Let us give our wholehearted support to

Christian Education Department of the Seminary for this conference. We want to encourage at least two people from each area who are interested in junior camping to attend the week of training at Sioux Falls and then, if possible, stay for the one-week pilot project which will be conducted at the South Dakota Junior Camp from August 15-19. This camp will provide an opportunity to put instruction into actual practice immediately.

We are looking for a large number of young people and Sunday School workers at this Christian Leaders' Conference. The date again is August 8-12, 1960. Reservations should be made early to assure you the proper accommodations. Room and board at the Seminary will be only \$3.50 per day per person. You can't afford not to attend!

HELPFUL LITERATURE

Literature will continue to be geared to give the necessary help to our youth leaders. Some new members have been added to the Youth Compass Editorial Committee which plans the "Youth Compass" programs used by our young people. Miss Barbara Weisser will prepare the next few issues of the "Young Adult Compass," the supplement to the "Young Adult Handbook." Additional articles on various aspects of youth work will continue to appear in the "Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote." The CBY Standard will be reviewed and revised by a committee within the next year. "The CBY Guide for Leaders" has been so popular that we are completely sold out. Miss Martha Leyboldt, author of this excellent handbook, has agreed to prepare the necessary revisions for the new printing.

We also encourage our conference and regional presidents to give a summary of the executive committee minutes at the time of rallies and conferences. Presidents should also display the CBY Fellowship materials which are made available through our office. Additional materials may be secured from our office for this purpose.

The Lord has richly blessed the youth of our denomination and given to all the fulness of his love. We now want to respond in grateful acknowledgement by being good stewards of his manifold grace.

this vital project. More than that, let us encourage our talented young men to heed God's call into the Gospel ministry. The world needs Christian leadership as never before. Only Christian education will produce Christian leaders!

What's Happening

● The Bible Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., has extended a call to Rev. Cleo Foley to become its pastor. He accepted the call and began his ministry in the Detroit church in January 1960, succeeding Rev. Purl Atkinson, now retired. A farewell service was recently held for Brother Atkinson of the Bible Church which will be reported in the next issue of the "Baptist Herald." The address of Rev. Cleo Foley is given elsewhere in this issue.

● The guest speaker at the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., on Wednesday evening, Feb. 10, was Rev. Samuel C. Hsiao of the Home of Onesiphorus, a Christian ministry to homeless children in the Orient. Mr. Hsiao held important positions with the government in pre-Communist China and speaks both English and Chinese fluently. He spoke about a recent trip of his to Formosa and Hong Kong and was well received by a large congregation. Rev. Robert Schreiber is pastor of the church.

● Rev. E. L. Thiessen began his ministry as Church Extension pastor in Saskatoon, Sask., in January 1960. He began to conduct services of worship on Sunday, Feb. 14, in the Hudson Bay Park area in the northwest section of the city. The group is known as the Hudson Bay Baptist Church. Services are being held in the main auditorium of the Henry Kelsey School, located across the street from the proposed site of the new church. An article about this new Church Extension project has been promised for a later issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● The Baptist Church of Venturia, N. Dak., held a Youth Rally on Sunday evening, Jan. 24, with the young people from the churches at Ashley, Eureka, Wishek, Lehr and Fredonia also attending. Rev. L. Bienert, general secretary of the C. B. Y. Fellowship, brought the message. He also conducted a study course at the Venturia Church from Jan. 25 to 27 using as the textbook, "Jesus, the Teacher." Sixty-two persons attended the course with 48 having perfect attendance. Rev. Orville Meth is pastor of the church.

● On Sunday evening, Jan. 31, the Daytons Bluff Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., brought its Youth Week program to a close with a youth panel on "Young People and Their Parents." Joanne and Roger Heckman, Linda Luck and Leo Reck, Jr., spoke for the young people and Mr. Vernon Heckman, Mrs. Elsie Jeschke, Mr. Leo Reck and Mrs. Esther Stanke represented the parents. The pastor of the church, Rev. William H. Jeschke,

opened the Youth Week on the preceding Sunday evening with a message on the question, "Are Our Young People Safe?" based on 2 Samuel 18:29.

● On Sunday afternoon, Feb. 21, Mr. and Mrs. Heye Schoonhoven of Baileyville, Ill., observed their golden wedding anniversary by holding "Open House" for their friends and members of the Baileyville Baptist Church. Eight new members were received into the church's fellowship in January 1960 by the pastor, Rev. A. E. Van Kley. A Teachers' Training Class is being conducted by Mr. Van Kley using as the textbook, "Teaching Techniques," published by the Evangelical Teachers' Training Association. Nineteen people were in attendance at the first sessions of the course.

● On Jan. 12 Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, secretary of the Education and Publication Society, spoke at the Graduate School Chapel at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., to a very attentive audience of students. On Sunday evening, Feb. 7, he was the guest speaker at the Grace Baptist Church, Kenosha, Wis. and on Sunday, Feb. 21, in the First Baptist Church of Auburn, Mich. On Feb. 5, Mr. Gieseke was the guest speaker at the student reception held at the Mounds Midway School of Nursing, St. Paul, Minn., for the North American Baptist students in the Twin City area.

● The Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, has extended a call to Rev. Howard Johnson of Cedar Falls, Iowa, pastor of the First Baptist Church in this university city. He has responded favorably and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Burlington Church on June 1st, succeeding Rev. Emanuel Wolff, now the Eastern District secretary. Mr. Johnson formerly served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock, Iowa and is well known in North American Baptist circles. "Baptist Herald" readers will echo the refrain: "Welcome back to the NAB fellowship, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson!"

● On Sunday, February 21, the Bethel Baptist Church, formerly of Detroit, Mich., held its first services in its new building at 24600 Little Mack Ave., St. Clair Shores, Mich. This is the first of three units to be built by the

CHRISTIAN FAITH

Faith is the eye that sees HIM, the hand that clings to HIM, the receiving power that appropriates HIM—Woodbridge

church at a total cost of approximately \$750,000. Bus facilities are provided for the Sunday School children. Plans are being made for the formal dedication of this church building in June of this year. For the pastor, Rev. H. H. Riffel, and for the congregation, this was the realization of many hopes and dreams for several years as they used the new building facilities for the first time. A more detailed report appears elsewhere in this issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● Evangelistic services were held at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., from Jan. 24 to 31. Rev. Billy Walker, a young Detroit evangelist who is increasingly being used in evangelism, was the speaker. The attendance each night in the week was consistently good with the lower part of the auditorium filled and often the overflow being used. Open decisions for Christ were in evidence at every service with the exception of one. There were some fifty or more persons who publicly answered the invitation to accept Christ as their Savior. The week of evangelistic services was preceded by a Week of Prayer on the part of the church, with Rev. E. Arthur McAsh, pastor, in charge.

● The Washburn Baptist Church, Washburn, N. Dak., has extended a call to Rev. Reuben Stading of the Baptist Church, Creston, Nebraska, where he has served since 1953. With the Lord's leading, he has accepted the call and will begin his ministry in Washburn on April 3. From Dec. 1 and continuing for several months, the Underwood Baptist Church shared its pastor, Rev. R. Grenz, with the church. He supplied the pulpit on Sunday mornings at an earlier hour and also for mid-week prayer services. The men of the church met on Jan. 25 and organized a Baptist Men's group. They studied a constitution which they planned to adopt in its rewritten form and also to select a name for their organization at the February meeting. Orin Reiser is president of the group.

● On Sunday, Jan. 24, about 200 people from the Eureka and the Leola Baptist churches, S. Dak., met to honor their pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Reeh on their 25th wedding anniversary. Narola, the oldest daughter, a student at Sioux Falls College, had made all the plans with the church for this festive occasion. Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer of Ashley, N. Dak., served as chairman. The Eureka Ministerial Association, of which Mr. Reeh is the president, had also responded to the invitation and many members were present. After a sermonette by Mr. Bibelheimer, greetings were extended by the churches through its officers and the secretary of the Ministerial Association. The male quartet and the ladies' group of the churches sang special songs. A love gift anniversary offering was taken in recognition of the honored couple.



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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 a false testimony and accusation of a business partner, Thomas Martin. In prison his father had died some time later and his mother had passed away from a broken heart. Now James Thornton was in a bus riding across Texas, bound for 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. But in New Orleans Faith Ransom learned that her aunt, Mrs. Hamilton, had died quite suddenly without leaving any word for her. James Thornton helped her to find a room in the Garden District and also to get a job in an antique store. Faith's mother had always prayed for her daughter's conversion. Here in New Orleans, Faith was puzzled by the strange things that had 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. But James Thornton promised to do everything possible to seek out the real culprit and secure her release. Everything looked most discouraging!

CHAPTER ELEVEN

THE injustice of this whole affair bit into his soul and added to the bitterness he had carried in his heart for years. He hastened to say something that would drive away the cloud that had spread over her face at his thoughtless words.

"Mrs. Thomas says that she will give us her very best room when we are married," he said. "And at no extra cost. But we won't be staying there too long. We'll get away somewhere far from here, where you'll forget everything that ever happened here."

She shook her head slowly. "I shall never forget it. I shall feel the shame of this the rest of my life. Nothing will ever be the same."

They sat talking until he was forced to leave in order to catch the bus for his return trip.

"I'll come back just as soon as I

can," he told her as he held her in his arms. "When I come back, I'm sure that I shall have good news, perhaps an acquittal and some compensation for a false arrest and conviction."

"That would be too good to be true," she said as he kissed her.

She tried to smile as he waved to her when the guard opened the gate to let him out, but she tried in vain. The smile just would not come. She looked at him as if she were seeing him for the last time and swift pain pierced his heart as he turned away and started down the long dusty road that led to the gate. Hope was dim within him as he finally boarded the bus. He realized as he had never done before how his mother must have felt each time she went to see his father, how desolate and hopeless she must have felt, for she did not have the possibility that one day he might be free. Only the long years of a life imprisonment stretched before them. And it had finally killed them both.

Now he was experiencing the same terrible suffering even though there was hope, however faint, that one day soon Faith would be free.

Weeks passed and he heard nothing from Sutton except that he was pursuing the case and that he had hopes of success. Mr. Sutton knew that it was best for James to know nothing about what he was doing, for he did not want any possibility of a slip that would ruin his plan. He realized that if his suspicions were correct, he was dealing with a cunning criminal, one who would be out of his reach if he suspected that anyone was on his trail. As long as he felt that he was not under suspicion, he might betray himself and it was proof that Sutton wanted, not just suspicion.

As time passed and James waited impatiently for some development in

the case, he felt so helpless and nervous and impatient that he found it difficult to concentrate upon his work. He knew that it would be disastrous if he should lose his job because of inefficiency. He had been under heavy expense and he had not yet paid all the bills. Mr. Sutton had taken nothing but the contingency fee and he had made it possible for James to pay the detective agency on the installment plan. It would take him a long time to get out of debt and there would likely be more bills for further detective work. Mr. Sutton had told him that much.

The hate which he had held in his heart for Martin all these years now had an added object. It was the one who had stolen the jewelry. He felt that he could kill the one who had made Faith suffer for his crime. Bitterness and hate raged through him day and night in a maelstrom of emotions. He raged at the injustice of the law, at the inability of the law to detect truth when it was so evident to him, at the heartlessness with which the prosecution bore down upon an innocent victim. He did not stop to think that the law was subject to human weakness and failures, that it was not perfect and that it was the duty of the prosecution to do all in its power to bring a criminal to justice, even though that justice might be mistaken justice. The only thought he had was that he had been one of the victims of mistaken justice and that he had been made to suffer a second time from those mistakes.

Faith wrote to him occasionally as she had promised to do and he wrote to her regularly, but their letters were unsatisfactory for they knew that they were censored, so they could say little about the thing that was uppermost in their thoughts. He could only tell her not to give up hope, that ev-

erything would be all right soon. She wrote only a few lines to let him know that she was well and that she was trying to be brave and that she longed to see him again.

He wondered if she told the truth about being well, for she had looked really ill the last time he had seen her and he was worried about her. That little cough she had, had not left her since her cold and, though she did not seem to notice it, it worried him. He remembered his mother, how she had gone down so imperceptibly that he had not realized she was ill until she had a hemorrhage and had to be taken to the hospital.

Spring came after the Mardi Gras season, with its crowds of visitors and the colorful parades and the day of masking. Then the long season of Lent came when the churches were filled with those who believed that a season of penance would atone for the gay and careless lives they had led for many months. They either forgot or they did not know that penance would not atone for their sins, but that the blood of Jesus that was shed on Calvary was the only means of atonement, that faith in Him and acceptance of the gift of salvation through confession to Him that they needed forgiveness and cleansing, was the only means of salvation.

Easter week dawned bright and warm and cloudless. The stores were thronged once more with shoppers buying new outfits and presents for children who would be eagerly searching on the weekend for bright-hued eggs in hidden places.

James was down in the depths. He had not heard from Faith in several days and he was worried about her. He had not heard from Sutton either. He had dogged his footsteps so often that he had decided not to bother him any more, but to try to wait when waiting was agony.

He had planned to go to see Faith over the weekend, for many business offices would be closed on Good Friday, but he was told that there would be no holiday for his company and that they would work on Saturday also. Business had picked up so that the office was behind with the work. He thought at first that he would go anyway, that he would just not arrive at work, but he decided that this would be too risky, for he might lose his job if he did that. Then he really would be in trouble. He looked forward to a dimly unhappy weekend.

On Monday morning Sutton phoned him and he rushed to the lawyer's office at his lunch hour, too excited to think of eating.

"I think I've found our man," he told James. "I can't be positive; that is, I don't have proof yet, but I think I will have soon. I just want to give you something to hope for because I know what a strain this must have been to you."

"You don't know the half," James

said with a sigh. "Who is the man? That bookkeeper?"

"Don't ask any questions," Sutton advised. "I'm hoping to come up with something in just a few days. In the meantime just keep mum and don't act any different from the way you've been acting. You may be watched and if our man gets suspicious, he may skip out and leave us without any proof of his guilt. Then all our work would be for nothing."

"I'll do my best," James promised, "but I don't see how I can live through the days until you do nab him."

He went away from Sutton's office feeling that he had suddenly been released from the torture chamber, but wondering how he could live until he knew for sure that Sutton had his man and his proof.

Mr. Sutton had had to proceed cautiously with his investigation, for he knew that if the man he suspected once became frightened he would skip out and all would end in failure.

He felt convinced that the bookkeeper was not the guilty one. He and James knew that that ring in Faith's coat was a plant, but they had no proof that it was and the court did not recognize his argument as proof. He was sure that the thief would feel certain that he was safe and as time passed and he saw no indications that he was suspected, he would feel free to carry out any plan he might have had for disposing of the stolen goods and might show his hand and betray himself.

Sutton began to suspect the real culprit when business went on as usual at the shop. Rogers had told James that if he had to pay the owner for the loss, he would be ruined, yet seemingly he had not been affected by the loss. After waiting a reasonable time, Sutton began his search for the insurance company which had insured Rogers. He had no idea which insurance company Rogers had used. He only had the man's statement that his policy had expired.

He proceeded with caution, even in investigating the insurance companies, for fear that his investigation would leak out and Rogers would be warned. After visiting several firms, he at last found the one for which he was searching. They had insured Rogers for a high figure against burglary. The premium was high, but it had been paid regularly each year until this last when Rogers had asked for a deferred payment plan which they had granted. The last payment had been made a short time before the robbery. After the trial they had paid the amount which his inventory showed as the price he had put on the jewelry when he had received it.

Sutton left much encouraged. Rogers had lied about the policy having lapsed. He had a conference with the local head of the insurance company and they agreed to put a special investigator on the case to work with

him. Sutton next went to see the owner of the jewelry. Her son met him and told him that his mother had died a short time before the robbery.

"I have just returned from Europe to settle my mother's estate," he told Sutton. "I was ill when she died and couldn't get here until now."

When Sutton told him of the transaction regarding the jewelry, he was amazed and angry.

"My mother sold him that jewelry. He didn't take it on consignment. I came across the receipt for it just yesterday. She must have been out of her mind to have let that fellow have it. I don't know what kind of persuasion he used, but he surely tricked her if she let him have it for that amount. She should have taken those pieces to a reputable jeweler and not to that shop. They were antiques that were really worth a fortune. I shall look into this as soon as I can."

"Please don't do anything yet," Sutton advised. "I have an investigator on the case and if we succeed in our plans, we shall nab the criminal and get the jewelry back. If you do anything now, you may frighten him and we will lose our man and you will lose your jewelry."

Rogers had evidently forged papers covering the transaction after the owner had died, increasing the amount he had actually paid. Her death had given him the chance to steal the jewelry and collect the insurance. He had had to show the papers covering the transaction to the insurance company before they would pay for the loss. Their one mistake was in not contacting the owner of the jewelry before they paid for the loss. However, Sutton explained to them that it would not have helped since the owner was dead.

All of this information still did not give enough proof that he had stolen the jewelry and collected on the insurance. They would have to get further proof before he could be arrested.

Investigation of Rogers' checking account revealed nothing. He was too astute for that. Evidently he had the money hidden somewhere and, at the proper time, when he was sure that no suspicion rested upon him, he would skip out with the money and the jewelry.

This was just what he tried to do. He proceeded in a cautious, legal, orderly way. He offered his business for sale. When he was approached by a prospective buyer, who was the insurance investigator, and this person asked him why he was selling out, he told the man with apparent frankness, that a recent robbery had put him so deeply in the red that he was giving up in disgust. He said that the business had been and was still good, but that he was in bad health and did not have the strength to carry on while trying to pay for the lost jewelry.

The buyer still appeared interested and asked if he might have an inven-

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Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: March 27, 1960

Theme: A WITNESS IN CHAINS

Scripture: Acts 28:16-14, 30-31

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Paul was not concerned about the chains on his body as long as he was free to preach the salvation which frees men of the chains of sin.

INTRODUCTION: Anyone going through a terrifying experience of storm and shipwreck such as Paul experienced would have something to talk about for the rest of his life. To the apostle, however, the storm and shipwreck were only incidental in fulfilling God's plan for his life and service. He was in God's hand; that was definite and sure. And when a man realizes that God stands by him, he is able for all things. A prisoner is continually conscious that his captors are watching over him. Paul was only conscious that God was watching over him. His body was in chains, but his soul was free. Here, more than anywhere else, Paul showed himself "more than conqueror through him who loved us."

I. THE FREE PRISONER. Acts 28:16.

For a prisoner, Paul certainly received a wonderful welcome. His friends and loyal supporters came many miles on foot to meet him on the Appian Way. Christian brethren cherished his fellowship so much that they invited him to stay with them for seven days. When he finally arrived in Rome, instead of being laden down with heavy chains in a common prison, he was free to have his private living quarters with a soldier who was more of a companion than a guard. Since the Gospel spread throughout the Pretorian Guard and even reached Caesar's household, we can well imagine that Paul's close association with the Roman soldier was a means of witnessing for Christ.

II. A PRISONER FOR HIS NATION. Acts 28:17-22.

Paul's Christian spirit was evident in his relationship with his fellow-Jews. He had no vengeful nature. With tact and respect concerning his nation, he informed the Roman Jews frankly of his trouble and difficulty, and told them the reason for his appeal to Caesar. He had nothing to hide and he denied any wrongdoing on his part. Even though it was because of the opposition and enmity of the Jews that he was imprisoned, he still felt that it was "for the hope of Israel that I am bound with this chain."

III. THE PREACHING PRISONER. Acts 28:23-24.

In spite of Paul's decision to forsake the Jews and turn to the Gentiles with the Gospel, the apostle never fully kept to his decision. Here in Rome, the Gospel is again preached "to the Jew first and also the Greek." It was not a half-hearted attempt but a thorough preaching and teaching "from morning till evening."

IV. THE CHURCH IN THE PRISONER'S HOME. Acts 28:30-31.

We have what is referred to as "open house" occasionally in order to invite our friends for food and fellowship. But Paul had "open house" for the two years he lived in Rome, receiving all who came to him. It must have been the meeting place for all those who found Christ as their Savior through Paul's witnessing and preaching. Seekers also continually came and heard the Word. In verse 31 it sounds as if Paul spent the happiest two years of his life as a prisoner in Rome, happy and confident in doing the will of the Lord.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: April 3, 1960

Theme: JESUS, THE MASTER

TEACHER

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-2, 17-20; 9:14-17

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Jesus is the Master Teacher because he led a masterful life.

INTRODUCTION: We leave the Acts of the Apostles and go back to the One, without whom the Acts would never have been written, namely, the Lord Jesus Christ. It was because of his life, death, resurrection and the gift of the Holy Spirit that we have the wonderful and miraculous Book of Acts.

The second quarter will be given over to the study of the Sermon on the Mount and to the parables of Jesus. The Sermon on the Mount is primarily given to Christian believers for instruction in righteousness, whereas the Ten Commandments and the law of Moses were given as directives for external obedience. The Sermon on the Mount describes obedience as centering in the believer's heart and will. It is the divine law inscribed on the heart rather than on the tablet.

In order to make the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount more clear, a comparable parable is included in

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each lesson, giving a true to life experience of what Jesus is trying to teach.

I. THE MASTER TEACHER. Matthew 5:1-2.

No one ever deserved the name "Teacher" more than the Lord Jesus Christ. He needed no special "techniques" to aid him in his teaching, no additional attractions to keep the attention of his hearers. What he said when he taught was so full of power that his listeners hung on every word. "Never man spake as this man." Even his enemies and those who disagreed with him listened to what was said. He taught as one having authority for he was the authority.

II. THE MASTER OF THE LAW. Matthew 5:17-19.

The scribes and the Pharisees and Sadducees were supposedly the greatest masters and interpreters of the law. But Jesus went above and beyond them. The slavish, mechanical keeping of the law was not pleasing to God. It merely cultivated a self-righteous spirit. The law itself was good and noble and Jesus had no intention of doing away with it. But it was the attitude toward the God of the law that needed changing. Where there is genuine love to God, there need not be a hard rigid keeping of the law. The spirit of the law has then taken the place of the letter of the law.

III. THE MASTER OF RIGHTEOUSNESS. Matthew 5:20.

What Jesus is saying here is that all the years of hard discipline and all the effort put forth to obey the law will not give a person a righteousness that will give him entrance to the Kingdom of heaven. He is still unacceptable to God! In other words, no one can make himself good enough for God; God has to make one good.

This probably was the greatest insult ever given to the scribes and Pharisees. They could not believe that all their efforts in becoming righteous must be poured down the drain.

IV. THE MASTER OF PARABLE. Matthew 9:14-17.

Jesus seldom taught by logic and philosophy. He tried to make things clear by giving illustrations of true-to-life experiences. Whenever possible, Jesus put a picture in the mind rather than a word.

The parable in today's lesson makes it clear that Jesus is not a "kill-joy." There is a time for sorrow and a time for joy. Since Jesus is now with his disciples he is like a bridegroom, and that is always a time for rejoicing. When he will be taken from them there will be time enough for sorrow. No doubt he was referring to Calvary.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is not a patch, but a new garment, the garment of salvation. Since the Gospel is also new, it cannot be poured into old molds and forms. All things are made new.

Our Denomination in ACTION

Western District

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Buchholz' 50th Wedding Anniversary

December 22, 1959 was the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Buchholz, members of the Terrace Heights Baptist Church, Spokane, Washington. On Sunday, Dec. 20th, special recognition along with a gift from the church members was given to them following the morning worship service. In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Buchholz were honored with an Open House reception by their children, Mr. Arthur Buchholz, Mrs. Inez Jorgenson, Mrs. Elma Roth, and Mrs. Helen Roth.

Following the evening worship service on Dec. 27th, the members of the Terrace Heights Church honored Mr. and Mrs. Buchholz with a reception in the church basement. Mr. Buchholz is a charter member of the Terrace Heights Baptist Church (then known as the Arthur Street Baptist Church), having joined in 1905. Both Mr. and Mrs. Buchholz are very active church members and known for their ability to accomplish any task which the church might call upon them to do. Mr. and Mrs. Buchholz were married on Dec. 22, 1909, and have continued to reside at E1021 13th Ave., in the house Mr. Buchholz built before they were married. They have six grandchildren.

Kenneth Howe, Pastor

Victory Crusade at Temple Church, Lodi, Calif.

January 3rd was a red letter day for the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif. At the evening service many of the members and friends gathered to welcome our Director of Christian Education and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Dearmin. This was the answer to much prayer, since the church had been considering this step for over a year. We rejoice that God has sent us such a dedicated and conscientious young man. He has already won the confidence of those with whom he works in the task of Christian education. We expect great things to happen in the future work of our church.

Dr. Harry McCormick Lintz conducted a Victory Crusade in our church, January 10-17. Associated with him was Ray Robles whose singing added much to the effectiveness of the Crusade. As a result of these meetings, there were 20 first time decisions as well as a goodly number of decisions for baptism and church membership. Many Christians came to experience a deepening and strengthening of their faith. We praise God for the ministry of these godly men.

Robert Schreiber, Pastor

Memorable Events at First Church, Lodi, Calif.

The First Baptist Church of Lodi, California, was privileged to have a Bible Conference during the first week

in January, conducted by Dr. Walter W. Wessel from our Seminary. At the annual business meeting, a budget of \$76,480 was adopted for the year 1960, of which \$21,300 is for Missions, \$28,180 for the Current Expenses fund, and \$27,000 for our Building Fund. Our pastor, Rev. Aaron Buhler, is teaching a class of instruction for new members and converts.

We now have five different youth groups, according to age, in our church, meeting on Sunday evenings with very good attendance. Youth Week was observed, with young people taking part in all phases of church activity. Our assistant pastor, Rev. Arthur Brust, brought the Sunday morning message. The Men's Brotherhood recently began sponsoring a 6:30 A.M. prayer breakfast on Saturdays, to which there has been a good response.

Since the new Sunday School year began last September, up to the present time, our Sunday School average attendance is 562, which is about 80 more per Sunday than that of a year ago. Our prayer meeting attendance has climbed to an average of 275, with the young people and children meeting separately for prayer.

Mavis Goehring, Reporter

Watchnight Service and Organ Dedication, Kitimat, B. C.

The Watchnight Service of the German Baptist Church, Kitimat, B. C., was a most blessed experience for the large congregation that attended. One of the brethren, leaving the church, said: "Having experienced this tonight, one cannot but help be convinced that all will go well with the church in 1960!"

Recently as pastor, I spoke on the 12 wells of water by which the children of Israel, wandering through the wilderness, were refreshed at the oasis of Elim. We have had similar refresh-



Mr. and Mrs. Philip Buchholz of Spokane, Wash., members of the Terrace Heights Baptist Church since 1905, at their golden wedding anniversary celebration.

ing experiences in our church. Two series of evangelistic meetings were held, one by Rev. G. P. Gebauer of Vancouver, B. C., and the other by the local pastor. At a recent baptismal service, two young men and a couple stood before a large congregation and gave their heart-touching testimonies before their baptism.

This past summer young men of our church under expert guidance have cleared away building rubbish, wheeling in top soil, mixing cement and literally changing "the wilderness" around our manse-chapel into an oasis. Soon afterwards, the commissioner of our city made "special honorable mention of the German Baptist Church, Wohler Street, for the best landscape grounds in Kitimat." Then came the day of dedication for our church organ. Some of our younger brethren along with the choir director, Hans Diesing, had built an electronic organ by overcoming almost incredible difficulties.

Arthur R. Pohl, Pastor

Central District

Ministry of "Volunteer Choir," Eureka, South Dakota

The Volunteer Choir of the First Baptist Church, Eureka, S. Dak., presented a musical program at the Watchnight Service. The program was opened with Scripture and prayer by Alvin Bertsch. It featured a group of anthems and a short dramatization, "New Light For You." After the program, refreshments were served in the basement. The evening was closed with a testimonial service.

On Jan. 6th the Volunteer Choir held its annual election of officers with the following results: president, Carl Knepple; vice-president, Walter Dohn; treasurer, Bonnie Bertsch; secretary, Donna Quenzer; and pianist, Judy Heupel.

Donna Quenzer, Secretary

Youth Week Program at Martin Church, N. Dak.

Youth Week was observed in the Martin Baptist Church Martin, N. Dak., with young people taking part in the mid-week prayer service, Sunday School, and worship service. A film on China was shown at the Wednesday evening service and an offering taken for this cause. The CBY program on Sunday evening of Youth Week included reports by those who attended the Youth for Christ convention in Washington, D. C., and the group's annual election. Prior to Youth Week the Junior and Senior CBY Fellowship had an ice skating party and social evening.

While we are without a pastor, pastors from neighboring churches are filling the pulpit for the Sunday morning worship service and the other meetings are in charge of various laymen of the church.

Mrs. Gilbert Kessler, Reporter

Youth Retreat and God's Volunteers, Mowata Church, La.

On Dec. 29 and 30 the Mowata Baptist Church, Branch, Louisiana, was host to the Youth Retreat for the Southern Conference. Classes began at 9:30 A.M. On Dec. 29 the church was host to visitors and friends to view the film, "Martin Luther." On Dec. 30, the young people went sightseeing to St. Martinville. In the evening they returned to church for the banquet.

On Dec. 30, "God's Volunteers" arrived at Mowata to put a finishing touch to the Youth Retreat banquet. Rev. Walter Hoffman arrived on Jan. 2. The services started Jan. 3 with "God's Volunteers" and with Mr. Hoffman conducting services. Each night one of the Volunteers gave his or her personal testimony. On Sunday the Volunteers had charge of the morning and evening services. Each day the Volunteers, along with members of the church, met for prayer and then went out in a visitation program to different homes in the community. We are thankful for the services which "God's Volunteers" and Mr. Hoffman have brought to us and pray that God will continue to bless them in their ministry. As a result of the services, three of our young people accepted Christ.

Mrs. Henry L. Bieber, Reporter

Youth Week Observed at Madison, South Dakota

Emphasis on "Youth" and opportunities for the young people to participate in regular church service were given during Youth Week, January 24-31, at the West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, South Dakota. On Sunday, Jan. 24, members of the Senior CBYF participated in morning and evening services by leading in Scripture read-



Rev. Iver Walker (right), pastor of the Grace Church, Hettinger, N. Dak., and 13 new members received into the church by baptism and by letter.

ing and prayers. Mr. Ray Rushing, executive secretary of the United Temperance League, spoke at the evening service, with the Junior CBYF choir singing a special anthem. On Sunday, Jan. 31, a Junior member led in the responsive reading.

We concluded the Youth Week observance by having a Fellowship Supper with Flavius Martin, Camerons student at the Seminary, and Dr. George A. Dunger as guest speakers. A newly formed quartet composed of

GERMAN MOTTO

"Those who live in the Lord never see each other for the last time."
—Selected.



LEADERS AT THE NORTHWESTERN MINISTERS' INSTITUTE

Left to right: Dr. C. H. Seecamp, pastor of the Bible Baptist Church, La Crosse, Wis., where the institute was held; Rev. H. Palfenier, denominational evangelist; Dr. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary; Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, Education and Publication secretary; and Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District secretary.—Photo by the La Crosse Tribune.

young men from the Senior CBYF furnished special music. Slides taken by Dr. Dunger on his recent trip to the Camerons were shown. On Sunday, Feb. 7, the Senior CBYF sponsored the showing of the film, "Teenage Rock."

Mrs. Marm Frerichs, Reporter

Evidences of Growth at Grace Church Hettinger, N. D.

We of the Grace Baptist Church, Hettinger, N. Dak., have had the privilege of enlarging the facilities of our church with an addition consisting of two classrooms, a baptistry, and a garage. Other remodeling and redecorating were also done. The sanctuary was painted and a new exit was built. Almost all of the work was done voluntarily by the members and friends of the church. Dedication services were held Dec. 27th with Rev. E. J. Faul of Hebron, N. Dak. as guest speaker.

The newly dedicated baptistry was used for the first time at our Watchnight Service on New Year's Eve, when 9 candidates obediently followed the Lord through the waters of baptism. After the candlelight baptismal service, the hand of fellowship was extended to them as they joined in the observance of the Lord's Supper. We were happy to share our baptistry with the First Baptist Church of McIntosh, S. Dak., who joined us in our Watchnight Service. Rev. Walter Klempel of McIntosh brought the devotional message.

Iver Walker, Pastor

Northwestern Conf., Ministers' Fellowship at La Crosse

Pastors of the Northwestern Conference in Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin met at the Bible Baptist Church, La Crosse, Wisc., Feb. 26-28 for a three-day Pastors' Conference. All sessions centered around the theme, "Shepherd of the Church, Take Heed," based on Acts 20:27-32.

Four denominational guest speakers were present. Dr. M. L. Leuschner's topics were, "The Pastor's Care of the Church," and "God's Care of the Pastor." Rev. J. C. Gunst spoke of the Baptist Jubilee Advance. Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, Secretary of Education and Publication, led two sessions using the topic, "North American Baptists Face Their Educational Task," and was also the Wednesday night speaker. Rev. H. Palfenier, evangelist, led in the Wednesday morning devotions. Conference pastors, Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom, Rev. L. Prast, Rev. W. Quiring, Rev. Wm. J. Jeschke, Rev. Robert Zimbelman and Rev. Don Rich led in discussions, prayer periods or spoke on assigned topics. Rev. C. H. Seecamp, host pastor, served as chairman of the program committee along with Rev. Wm. Jeschke, Rev. S. D. Ganstrom and Rev. E. Schroeder.

The 18 pastors present at the business session voted unanimously to organize officially under the name, "Northwestern Conference Ministers' Fellowship," and to meet annually at a designated location. Next year's meeting will be held Feb. 14-16. The elected officers are as follows: president, Rev. Adam Huber, Minneapolis, Minn.; and secretary-treasurer, Rev. Eldon G. Schroeder, Elgin, Iowa.

—Eldon G. Schroeder, Secretary

Golden Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Fiedler

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fiedler, pioneers of the vicinity of Mott, N. Dak., and charter members of the First Baptist Church of Mott, were honored by their children and by about 80 friends on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary. Rev. E. Broeckel of Bismarck, N. Dak., a friend of the family and at present interim pastor of the church, was in charge of the program. He spoke briefly on I Samuel 7:12. Rev. A. Strohschein of New Leipzig, N. Dak., shared in the service. Mr. C. E. Schwartz, a deacon, spoke in behalf of the church and extended congratulations to them. Mrs. Alfred (Helen) Christman, a daughter, spoke in behalf of the children and expressed gratitude to God for their parents. Darrell, a grandson, sang "O For a Closer Walk With Thee." Jerry Auch, another grandson, brought a reading, "Half A Century You Have Walked Together."

Mr. and Mrs. Fiedler are the parents of 6 children: 3 daughters: Mrs. Alfred (Helen) Christman, Brady, Montana; Mrs. Alfred (Irene) Frieboes and Mrs. Walter (Salma) Auch of Mott, N. Dak.; 3 sons: Arthur of Burt, N. Dak.; Rudy of Mott, N. Dak.; and Walter of Ryder of N. Dak. Mr. Fiedler holds the honored office of judge in this area. Richard Fiedler and Christina Schmutz were united in marriage at the Plum Creek Baptist Church south of Emery, S. Dak. with Rev. Jacob Pfeifer officiating.

Emanuel Broeckel, Reporter

Northern District

Midnight Baptismal Service At East Olds, Alberta

The last minutes of the passing year 1959 at the East Olds Baptist Church, Olds, Alta., will be unforgettable in the lives of three baptismal candidates who were baptized at the midnight hour on confession of their faith by Rev. H. A. Pohl, pastor, as well as in the memory of the congregation of the East Olds Church which filled the sanctuary up to the last place to be prayerful witnesses of this very impressive service. The message was based on Luke 2:16: "And they found." On New Year's Day the right hand of fellowship was given to five members who are going to strengthen the ranks of the church in its readiness to proclaim the word of forgiveness and peace to its community.

At the Watchnight service, a play entitled, "The Prisoner With the Preacher's Eyes" was very capably presented under the direction of Mr. Walter Unger by the East Olds C.B.Y. Fellowship. This is now being taken to several of the Alberta Association churches in the interest of our denominational foreign mission enterprise.

Margret Pohl, Reporter

Pastor's Farewell Service, First Church, Leduc, Alta.

Members and friends of the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta., met on Sunday evening, Jan. 17, for a farewell service for Rev. and Mrs. F. Knalson and son Stephen. Mr. Knalson brought



The choir of the Bridgeland Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta, with Mr. Ernest Radke, director, in front row, right, and with Rev. Rubin Herrmann, pastor of the church, in back row, left.

his ministry to a close at our church on Jan. 17 and began his ministry in Mott, N. Dak., on Jan. 24.

The program was in charge of one of the deacons, Mr. Bernard Fillenberg. The organizations represented were the Woman's Society by Mrs. E. Kern; Sewing Circle by Mrs. F. Sonnenberg; Men's Brotherhood by Mr. E. Grunwald; Junior C.B.Y. by Raymond Ohlmann; Senior C.B.Y. by Mr. Raymond Hammer; the Sunday School by Mr. E. Kern; the choir by Mrs. O. Jabs; the church by Mr. F. Sonnenberg, who also presented the family with a chime clock. Mr. Don Dargatz represented the Clover Lawn Mission Station and presented the Knalsons with a "Lazy Susan." We were also happy to have the Clover Lawn orchestra with us, that rendered several musical selections. Rev. and Mrs. Fred Knalson and Stephen responded with words of appreciation and admonition.

Mrs. D. Hammer, Reporter

Answered Prayers at Calgary's Bridgeland Baptist Church

On Sunday, Dec. 13, the prayers and hopes of the members of the Bridgeland Baptist Church, Calgary, Alta. became a reality as Rev. Rubin Herrmann began his ministry as our pastor. The church was packed to capacity for the afternoon reception service at which Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, Northern District secretary, brought a challenging message. Greetings and welcomes were then brought from the various departments of the church as well as from six neighboring churches of our denomination. God's presence could be felt as praise and thanks were offered to him for his blessings. On Sunday evening, Dec. 20, a large congregation of the Bridgeland Church saw the Christmas program presented by the smaller children of the Sunday School. The cantata, "Love Transcending," presented by the choir, climaxed the evening program and bringing to all present the great message of God's love.

On Dec. 31 members and friends of the church gathered for an inspiring and Spirit-filled Watchnight Service. The closing hours of the year 1959 and the first hours of 1960 were spent together by us about the Lord's Table and in a season of praise and prayer. We look forward to this new year greatly encouraged. Under the leadership of our new pastor, Brother Herr-

mann, and guided by the Holy Spirit, we know that the many promises of God's Word will become a reality and that his church will grow and increase as we witness and testify for him.

E. Radke, Reporter

Baptismal Service, Calgary Baptist Church, Wetaskiwin

On Sunday evening, Jan. 17th, 14 people followed the Lord in the ordinance of Bible baptism at the Calgary Baptist Church, Wetaskiwin, Alberta. The hymns "Faith of Our Fathers" and "The Church's One Foundation" began the service after which the pastor, Rev. William W. Sibley, addressed the congregation from the baptistry on the meaning and importance of baptism. He also brought a message afterwards, on the subject, "Are You Born of God?" There were 4 people who responded to the invitation and gave their hearts to Christ.

On Friday evening, Jan. 22, a reception was held in the church for all new church members. Twenty new members were extended the hand of fellowship. There is a renewed interest in the work of the Lord here in Westaskiwin, and church attendance is continuing to increase. This is evident on prayer meeting night when nearly, and sometimes over, fifty people meet for prayer and Bible study.

On Sunday morning, Feb. 7, a dedication of infants and small children was held at the Calgary Church. While "Jesus Loves the Little Children" was played on the organ, the parents and children came forward to the front. Thirteen children were dedicated unto the Lord after which the dedicatory prayer was offered.

Marge Risto, Reporter

Eastern District

Candle Light Installation Service, Parma Heights, Ohio

On Friday evening, Jan. 29th, the Woman's Missionary and King's Daughter Societies of the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Parma Heights, Ohio, held their annual installation service for the officers of 1960. Rev. David J. Draewell gave the challenge to the new officers to follow in

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the path of service to which God has called them to serve in this coming year, and presented each with a footstep of service.

Each officer then placed her footstep on a mounted flannel board beneath a red cross. Mrs. David Draewell then beautifully sang "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked." After the singing of this song, the pastor asked each officer to light a candle symbolizing her acceptance of the task she had been elected to fill. Pastor Draewell then addressed the women in the group to also light candles symbolizing their acceptance to support their officers.

The service closed with all singing, "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us." All adjourned to the social hall for a time of refreshments and fellowship.

Mrs. Walter Miller, Reporter

Bethel Church, Detroit, Moves to St. Clair Shores

The Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., which broke ground March 15 of last year for its \$265,000 educational unit at 24600 Little Mack Avenue in St. Clair Shores, Michigan, began services there on Sunday, February 21st.

This is the fifth church home for the congregation, which was organized in 1864 as the First German Baptist Church of Detroit. The first building was dedicated in 1870 on the corner of Mullet and St. Aubin Streets. In 1888 the congregation dedicated its second building on Jos. Campau and Arndt Streets, and in 1894 the name was changed to "First German-American Baptist Church." In 1922 the name was changed to "Bethel Baptist Church" and another move was made to 3544 Iroquois at Mack Avenues where another new church was dedicated in 1927. According to Rev. Herman Riffel, pastor, the new building is the first of three units to be built at a total cost of approximately \$750,000.

Anita Richards, Asst. to the Pastor

Atlantic Conference Youth Week Banquet at Newark, N. J.

The Atlantic Conference C.B.Y.F. held its Youth Week Banquet on Saturday, Jan. 30, at the Walnut Street Baptist Church in Newark, N. J. This year's meeting was fast-paced and exciting, yet those attending were given an opportunity to examine their relationship with God.

Rev. Wesley Olson, Professor of Doctrine and Theology at Northeastern Bible Institute, was the principal speaker. His message, taken from Luke 9:57, emphasized the importance of giving oneself wholly to Christ, either in full time Christian service or as a Christian layman.

The young people always find fellowship and inspiration at their meetings. The congregational singing was enthusiastic. Miss Marion Stahl's solo along with duet by Diane Leeb and Beverlie Schuyler added to the enjoyment. The meeting would not have been as successful as it was without the help of all those members of the Walnut Street Church who prepared and served the meal and did the countless other small jobs.

Helen Cleary, Reporter

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BAPTIST BRIEFS

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Committee has voted unanimously to recommend Dr. Nordenhaug's name to the nominating committee when it meets during the tenth Baptist World Congress at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, next June 26-July 3. The new Secretary-designate was born in Norway in 1903, grew up in a Baptist home and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Oslo. After taking a degree in science at the University of Oslo, he arrived at a conviction he was called to the ministry and moved to the United States at the age of 25 to study theology. Dr. Nordenhaug earned both the master's and doctor's degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He held pastorates in Kentucky and Virginia, and later became editor of *The Commission*, the monthly magazine published by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He moved back to Europe in 1950, to become president of the international Baptist Theological Seminary in Switzerland. He has traveled widely in Europe and has command of several languages.

Youth Week at Erin Ave. Church, Cleveland

We of the Erin Ave. Church, Cleveland, Ohio, will long remember Youth Week and the days of the period from January 24-31. For the Sunday services several young people shared in reading the Scriptures and in extending greetings. Monday evening had been set aside as Work Night, and from 7:00 to nearly 11:00 that night a tremendous amount of work was accomplished. We scrubbed and waxed our entire main church auditorium. All hymn books had been carefully identified with a special "Youth Week Band" and many of the books came under repair first. For Tuesday evening the Diaconate had been invited to spend several hours in visitation. This, too, paid big dividends as was evidenced during prayer meeting the next night.

For Friday night the film, "The Unfinished Task," had been secured. Several indicated by the raising of hands that they desired to accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. For the final day of Youth Week it was our privilege to have our Youth Secretary, Rev. Lawrence Bienert, with us. His message, "Set To Conquer," brought great joy and blessing to all of us.

Henry Pfeifer, Pastor

THE LONG SEARCH

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tory of the stock and a look at the books. Without hesitation Rogers consented. He did not know that this man was a skilled accountant and could detect fraudulent accounts. The inventory and a seemingly careless auditing of the books revealed to the investigator that the business was on the verge of bankruptcy. Much of the stock was held on consignment and there were unpaid bills which the stock could not possibly cover. However, on the surface everything pointed to a profitable business. The investigator wondered how much the wizened bookkeeper knew about this, whether he was not in this as deep as his employer.

He finally said that he would buy the business, but that he would have to make arrangements for a loan and get a complete appraisal of the stock. He promised to be back in a day or so and sign the necessary papers. On the night before the buyer was to phone him that he would return to sign the final papers, Rogers was arrested on his way to the bus depot. In his suitcase was all the stolen jewelry as well as the money from the insurance company.

Sutton phoned James the next morning and he went to Sutton's office at once.

"We have our man," he told James. "It was Rogers. And he had everything in his possession. In no time at all our little girl will be given a full acquittal. I don't know what they will do to atone for this miscarriage of justice, perhaps nothing. The main thing is that she will be free and that your worries will be over."

"They ought to be made to pay for all the suffering they have caused her," James declared. "I'd like to beat that prosecuting lawyer to a pulp for the way he grilled her. He was such a brute."

"Don't do anything that will get you into more trouble," Sutton warned. "It is his duty to get a conviction for every prisoner brought before the court."

"It's the duty of the law to believe a person innocent until he's proved to be guilty, but what that court did was to prove her guilty and never give her a chance to prove her innocence."

"That's one of the tragedies we have to face in this business," Sutton told him. "No one is infallible and this only proves that the law is not, either."

"But I've gone through this a second time now," James remarked harshly. "I hate the whole rotten system. I don't believe they know what justice is."

"I'm sorry. I didn't know," Sutton replied sympathetically.

James regretted his thoughtless words. He had never mentioned his past experience to anyone before and he did not want anyone to know this for it might be dangerous to him in the future.

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