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• An intensive literature crusade for Southeast Asia will be launched early this fall in an effort to reach a substantial portion of its 650 million inhabitants with the gospel message in printed form. This effort will be led by Kevin Dyer, director of Emmaus Bible School's correspondence division, and a team of six missionaries who will seek to mobilize nationals in reaching their own people. Through this means it is planned that some 10 million gospel portions and tracts will be circulated. Correspondence courses will be used in follow-up work. After an initial six months in India the group will also work in East Pakistan, Burma, North Thailand and other areas in Asia.

• PHILADELPHIA, PA.—A new Protestant denomination was created on July 4. The constitution of the United Church of Christ, combining the Congregational Christian and the Evangelical and Reformed Churches, was declared to be in effect. Adoption of the constitution climaxed the new body's assembly at the Bellevue-Straford Hotel here. The document is the result of 20 years of negotiation, and welds two divergent traditions. Congregationalism emphasizes the autonomy of the local church, and the E and R tradition places authority in regional councils. The merger provides for a "presbyterian" pattern for church government, but safeguards the autonomy of local congregations.

—Sunday School Times

• BARCELONA, SPAIN.—The Bishop of Madrid-Alcala warned early this year that in spite of the ecumenical movement "we must deal without any human consideration against Protestants when these try to spread their errors and heresies, because after all, true ecumenism means only return to Rome." Protestants here are witnessing a new wave of repression. On June 9, the Plymouth Brethren meeting place in Zaragoza was closed by the authorities. Recently several leaders of Protestant work have been interrogated concerning their activities. Two official representatives of Ediciones Evangelicas Europeas have been arrested on a charge of printing "clandestine literature," and are awaiting trial.

• WASHINGTON (BPA)—Religious liberty will be one of the chief topics of discussion at the Second Vatican Council called by Pope John XXIII. Thomas F. Stransky, C. P. S., a native of Milwaukee and a staff member in Rome of the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, told the Baptist Press that the position of the Roman Catholic Church on religious liberty

was not yet final and that the approaching Council would most surely give it careful attention. Pope John announced his call for a Council in January, 1959. The date for the Council has not yet been set but it may meet late in 1962 but more probably in 1963. There have been 20 Councils in the Roman Church's history. This will be the second to meet at the Vatican.

• The famed People's Church in Toronto, Ontario, pastored for many years by Dr. Oswald J. Smith, has been sold for more than enough to pay for the construction of a completely new building located in the

heart of a residential area of that city. Their new church with a seating capacity of 2,000 and complete educational facilities will be ready for occupancy some time in 1962. Throughout its ministry the People's Church has emphasized missionary giving and as result has channeled more than four million dollars to missions. Little was spent for the upkeep of their old building apart from the expansion of educational facilities. Meanwhile the value of their original \$35,000 investment in the old building had increased so that it was almost enough to pay for the new building. Serving as pastor is Dr. Paul B. Smith, the son of the founder.



## Baptist Briefs

• **Baptist Students Support Desegregation.** Some 800 Southern Baptist students from 55 Texas colleges voiced their opposition to racial prejudice and pledged their support of desegregation of all educational institutions, at Waco, Texas. They said, "We express our gratitude for responsible Baptist leaders who are seeking to move in the direction of a distinctively Christian relationship between all races in every area of life." Bill Harrison of Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, was elected president of the 1962 Texas State BSU Executive Committee.

• **Tolbert Visits Nigeria.** William R. Tolbert, Jr., vice-president of Liberia, president of the Baptist Convention of Liberia, and vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance, visited Nigeria on the occasion of independence in that country and, later, for the inauguration of its first African Governor-General, Nnamdi Azikiwe. He used the occasions to visit also with Baptist leaders in Nigeria. Tolbert also has visited, since his election to the vice-presidency of BWA, Baptist brethren in Cameroun, where Paul Mbende is president of the Baptist Union. Samuel B. Stubbenfield, a Liberian Baptist leader, accompanied him to Cameroun.

• **Baptist Minister Is Peace Corps Associate.** A Baptist minister has been named an associate director for public affairs and secretary of the National Peace Corps Advisory Council, according to announcement by the White House, Washington, D. C. William D. Moyers, former special assistant for Senator L. B. Johnson and executive assistant for Johnson for Vice President during the 1960 election, has

more recently been serving as a liaison officer between the office of the Vice President and the White House. Moyers is a graduate of and a former public relations director for the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He is an ordained Baptist minister. As an associate of the Peace Corps, Moyers will work closely with the director, R. Sargent Shriver, in all matters pertaining to public policies, public groups, and congressional relations. In addition, he will be working with college student groups and other youth organizations.

• **Baptist Concern Over Angola.** The Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance has called on "responsible authorities at all levels to restore order and opportunity for reconciliation" in the troubled West African country of Angola. Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, said that copies of the resolution, adopted by the committee at its annual meeting at Wake Forest, N. C., have been sent to the Portuguese ambassador in Washington, to Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold of the United Nations, and to U. S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk. "We move out of a deep Christian concern rather than a concern based on political consideration," Nordenhaug said. The strongly worded resolution declared the committee "is shocked and grieved at the reliable and continuing reports of offenses against basic rights, dignity, property and life itself occurring in Angola." "Feeling a concern for the 10,000 Baptists, as well as all people in that nation," it continued, "we call upon authorities at all levels to restore order and opportunity for reconciliation."

# Editorial

## New Vistas for Our Sunday Schools

Guest Editorial by Rev. G. K. Zimmerman,  
General Secretary of the Sunday School Union

Man has succeeded in reaching the heights of hills and mountains and he has gone into space itself to view the areas of the earth's vastness. New plans are constantly being made to reach even more miles out into space. What man sees from these heights is primarily the material area of the earth. The spiritual needs of man, which are more hidden, cannot be explored from these great heights on earth or in space. They call for a keen analysis by those who have been commissioned to teach and preach the Word of hope and life through Christ.

The new vistas of spiritual needs in our respective communities are discovered through a factual study of our outreach. With one out of five families changing residence each year, we must continually strive through a religious census to know who is new in our community. It has been repeatedly stated that census statistics are out-dated after six months. Even in less densely populated areas, we do well to maintain more accurate information in our church and Sunday School records concerning those who are our responsibility.

The commission of Jesus expressed in the parable of the great supper is imperative in our day, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in that my house may be filled." Sunday School Week presents the opportunity for each of our churches to grasp anew the immensity of the task to "go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." The special articles in this issue of the "Baptist Herald" describe how the Lord has blessed the ministry of our churches which have had real concern to venture out into new areas for Christ. Our task to reach new people and to teach the Word of God remains an unfinished task. We hope that the opportunity to begin Branch Sunday Schools is one of the new vistas challenging many of our churches this coming year.

Our continuous emphasis on evangelism in the Sunday School will receive special attention this year through the Comprehensive Evangelism program sponsored by the Department of Evangelism. Every Sunday School will have a vital part in this program during the preparation period, October through December. Your Sunday School needs to expand its prospect list and to outline plans for adapting this program to the schedule of your school. The study courses planned in connection with this program of evangelism for the early part of 1962 are geared for the Sunday School hour. Details of the Comprehensive Evangelism program are being made available to each pastor.

In your Sunday School planning for the coming year, we want to urge you to enlist your church for special prayer that your staff of teachers and workers will advance with the zeal which characterized the compassion of Jesus for those who were "hungry and thirsty for righteousness." The fruits of our labors will become a blessing as we PRAY "without ceasing" for the "NEW VISTAS FOR OUR SUNDAY SCHOOLS."

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# Starting Branch Sunday Schools

Upon each individual Christian and upon every local church rests the responsibility to bring the Word of God to those it can reach. One of the best ways, if not the best of all ways, to do this is to start Branch Sunday Schools.

By Dr. C. B. Eavey of Wheaton, Illinois

**G**OD SAVES US, not merely that we might be saved, but also that others may be saved. The last command of our Lord was the twofold one to teach for the purpose of bringing men to God in salvation and to teach those thus brought to observe all things he commanded. Becoming members of his Church through his redeeming grace is but a beginning; for each individual it is the first step in an on-going process designed to be the means of reaching other individuals. When Christ makes us his followers, he is not done with us. He enlists us to train us for service to the end that others may also have the privilege of becoming his children.

It is God's plan to meet the need of men through the church, which is a body of people redeemed by him for his glory. Through the church, God is bringing to consummation his predetermined, eternal purpose for mankind. The church exists to do the work of God in the world. That work is to teach the Bible.

## IT IS CHRIST'S COMMAND

The Sunday School is the church's chief agency for teaching and its most effective means for reaching multitudes of men and women and boys and girls in need of salvation. To teach these who know not God is not something the church may or may not choose to do. It is something every Christian is commanded by his Lord to do. Upon each individual Christian and upon every local church rests the responsibility to bring the Word of God to those it can reach. One of the best ways, if not the best of all ways, to do this is to start Branch Sunday Schools.

Everywhere over this land, in every kind of area—rural, suburban, and urban—there are people who could and should be reached for Christ. The need is tremendous, urgent, and open. Almost any church in America could, if it would, start a Branch Sunday School and thereby reach some of the millions who have not heard the Gospel message. The basic necessity is that church members come to realization of the need. Awareness of the need must be accompanied by a sense of responsibility to God for meeting the need and a willingness to be used of God to meet it.

A church led of God is not in the least interested in the starting of a new Sunday School just for the sake of having a branch work. Such a church has members whose basic concern is that others come to know

Christ as their Savior. The first essential in starting a Sunday School is a Christian or a few Christians who are willing to pray and to spend and to be spent for God and for souls. The number of such Christians may be small in the beginning, but more will be accomplished by one or by a few who know how to pray and work and who are willing to sacrifice than by dozens who have no passion for God and others.

## BY GOD'S SPIRIT

Any work for God must be done in prayer and in complete dependence on the Holy Spirit. It is not by human might and human power but by the Spirit that God's work is carried on. Praying is the first and the most important thing the member of the church must know how to do if he is to be used of the Holy Spirit. One who prays in total dependence on God puts forth diligent effort that is not diminished when obstacles are met.

Hard work, persistent effort in the face of unfavorable conditions, keeping on when discouragements come, and patient continuance in presenting the truth of God are essential to success. And success is something to be sought in terms of God's standards and measurements, which are wholly different from man's ideas. Always, God blesses what is truly done in his Name and prospers the going forth

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of his Word.

Accompanying prayer and trustful, consecrated effort, there must be organization and planning. These have no value in themselves but are most necessary as a means to the teaching of the Word. Effectiveness in starting a Branch Sunday School, as in everything done for God, is dependent upon doing things in proper order.

## STEPS TO BE FOLLOWED

In every local church, there might well be a committee or a department charged with the responsibility for reaching the unsaved and active in bringing the Word to people outside the boundaries of the church. This group should be alert to the need for new Sunday Schools, concerned with organizing them, and diligent in sponsoring them until they are able to go for themselves. All new work of this kind should be carried on through this arm of the church, which must plan intelligently but in complete dependence on the Holy Spirit.

A first step in planning is the choice of a suitable location for a branch school. Once this is decided upon, the right kind of a place of meeting must be found. In respect both to location and building, not only the present, but also the future should be considered. Next, a census of the community must be taken to ascertain who are potential pupils and to invite them to attend. Rightly taken, with results carefully compiled, a census yields information of great value for both the present and the future.

The opening session of a new Sunday School should be marked by genuine enthusiasm. As people come, they should be greeted with sincere interest and made to feel most welcome. The opening service should be interesting. Teachers should be on hand and classes should be formed. All who come should be enrolled, and all should be encouraged to bring others the next Sunday.

## A STRONG SUNDAY SCHOOL

However good the beginning, it is only a beginning. Always, a Sunday School can be strengthened, enlarged, and made more effective in teaching the Bible. Never was there a Sunday School that reached every person who could be reached; never was teaching so well done that it could not have been done more effectively. Nothing is too good for a school that teaches the glorious truths of God's Word. Those in charge of a Sunday School should

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# The Church, the Arm of the Sunday School

The Sunday School is the promotional center of the church, as this article graphically describes. But the important thing is to see the unusual opportunities that we have in the scope of the Sunday School activities.

By Rev. Robert F. Penner, Pastor of the Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing, Michigan

**A**T FIRST GLANCE, the above title will appear to be unbaptistic. However, this is not the intent or purpose of the article. The Sunday School has long been known for its teaching ministry and its evangelistic endeavors. Yet it seems that its very nature affords another channel of blessing to the church.

Generally speaking, the Sunday School is the best organized and equipped of any department of the church and its personnel are the best trained. Why not take advantage of this and use the Sunday School as the center of the promotional activities of the church?

## REACHING THE COMMUNITY

The Sunday School record system is ideal as the basis for the calling program of the church. Parents of the children in Sunday School need to be contacted as well as the children and regular adult members. The Men's Fellowship can obtain a ready-made prospect list from the adult classes. It is also possible to organize the men into groups that correspond to the age and interest groups of Sunday School class members.

The same can be said of the women's work in our churches. Sometimes younger women desire that they have a group separate from the other women so that each group has those of mutual interest within them. To begin such a younger women's group, use the Cradle Roll and Nursery Department records. The mothers of these small children have an instantaneous conversational topic. The C. B. Y. is always looking for new prospects. Use the Sunday School records to secure names and addresses of those in the corresponding age level. The average church has many in Sunday School who do not take advantage of the youth program.

Some churches have the gracious practice of preparing and serving a meal to the bereaved family and loved ones upon the day of the funeral services. Sunday School classes can rotate this labor of love and no one therefore becomes burdened. This is a wonderful way to bring joy and comfort to the sorrowing, and it also makes a tremendous witness upon the non-church member.

The Daily Vacation Bible School is perhaps the highlight of the teaching program in the church. Workers can be readily found if the Sunday School has kept records of its workers and the abilities of scholars throughout the year. Those who take training courses can well begin their efforts

in the Vacation Bible School.

When the church conducts its special meetings, the Sunday School can offer much help by producing a calling list, providing musical talent, promoting an attendance contest, preparing posters and advertising, furnishing qualified, trained personal workers, using its scholars to canvass the neighborhood with dodgers, and in general make the meetings a real blessing from God.

Leadership is a basic need in every church. Here again the Sunday School affords an excellent opportunity to train for future church offices. Teacher and class officer training gives confidence and conviction to the individual so that he can serve the church in some office when called upon to do so. For example, a class usher is a fine way to begin training in order to become a church usher, since the duties are similar.

In recent years the church has become aware of the need to promote self-study among its members. The church library came into being to assist in this effort. Here again the Sunday School can promote and interest children and adults alike to take advantage of the church library. Teachers can promote missions and challenge individuals to read about mis-

sionary personalities and fields of service. Doctrines are continually discussed in class and can be studied for greater understanding. Teacher training books and teacher helps are beneficial and should also be available for those who have needs in this area.

## DEVELOPING TALENTS

The Sunday School can promote and enlist scholars for the Toddler, Beginner, Primary and Junior Church services. Children in these age levels receive training comparable with their age level and learn a great deal. The Sunday School can encourage parents to permit their children to attend these worship services and can also encourage the children themselves to be regular. Many parents who would otherwise leave after the Sunday School hour may be encouraged to attend the worship services.

Those with musical talent can be given an opportunity to develop and gain confidence in themselves through many aspects of Sunday School work. These, in turn, will later use their talent in the worship services.

Certainly, there are other ways in which the Sunday School becomes the promotional center of the church. However, the important thing is to

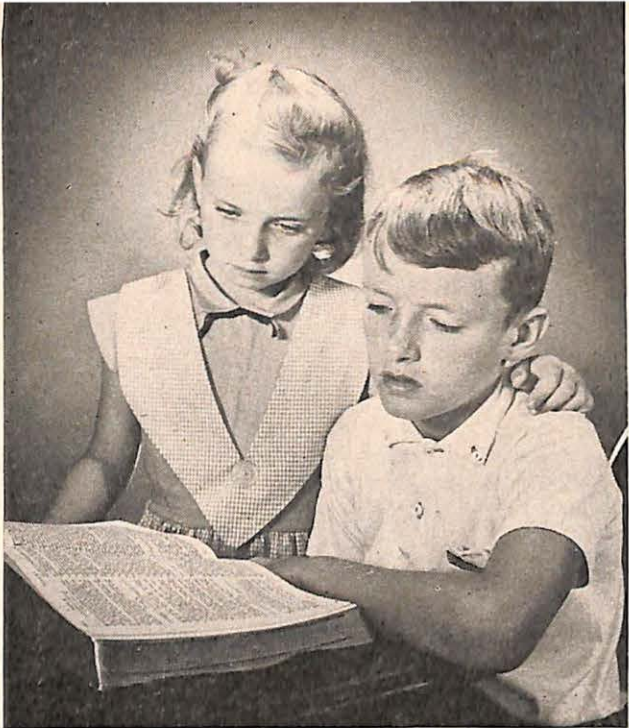
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SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS IN AN ATTENDANCE CONTEST

Left to right: Mr. Walter Kuhn, S. S. superintendent and Rev. Robert F. Penner, pastor of the Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich., Mr. Koppin, S. S. superintendent and Mr. Richter, S. S. secretary of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Michigan.





## Persecuted But Not Forsaken!

The story of the South Fort George Baptist Sunday School in rowdy South Fort George, British Columbia.

By Rev. Bert E. Milner, Pastor

"Our future lies largely in the Sunday School—children who love God's Word." This is the testimony of the South Fort George Baptist Church, South Fort George, B. C. (Luoma Photo).

WITH THESE words of the apostle Paul, "Persecuted but not forsaken," I commence the history of the South Fort George Baptist Sunday School in South Fort George, British Columbia. The churches which served this immediate area had moved out to Prince George, and the Christian witness, if any was left, went out too. And South Fort George became a synonym for the many sins known to it such as drunkenness, bootlegging, immorality.

It was in this environment that a Sunday School work was begun by the Christian Soldiers' and Airmen's Association through the influence of Rev. Cecil Carter in 1944. The following year, the Dregers, who are missionaries to Thailand, continued the work. The attendance was approximately 50, with a number of people from Prince George included. In 1946 Mr. and Mrs. Herb. Fichtner, from whom I collected most of this history, carried on the good work for the Lord.

### DIFFICULT BEGINNING

The years 1944 to 1955 saw the Sunday School meet in the old Fire Hall, where the walls let in daylight, and the only warmth in winter was obtained close to the old heater. Many a Sunday morning the teachers had to clear away the bottles and debris of the former Saturday night dances and revelry. But they could not clear the air of the heavy smell of liquor. Even the Gospel in the classes could not neutralize the odor.

So for the wood supplied to the Fire Hall, the Sunday School met during these years in the one room which was curtained off for classes. The work was discouraging at times. Even

the Christmas bags were stolen just outside the door, and the poor children were without their gifts on that first Christmas. And you can imagine how the teachers felt. But this was South Fort George!

Then there were the youngsters who received Jesus as their Savior. What a battle they had at home! Indeed, they were "persecuted, but not forsaken . . ." Some mothers sympathized, while the fathers ridiculed and made every effort to erase the little testimony. Here was a battle royal between Jesus and Satan, and the latter took control in many instances. The workers had to watch, and they prayed much and kept on with the Sunday School. And the school grew by the grace of the Lord Jesus. From a low of 25, to which it had dipped, it gradually gained.

By 1955 the leader, Mr. Herb. Fichtner moved with his crew and little passengers to a new ship, the old schoolhouse, up the hill from the Fire Hall. Until 1957 the schoolhouse was used for the rental fee of \$5.00 per Sunday. During this time the hand of God was graciously extended, opening a new door. A number of lots were purchased for a reasonable price, one block south of the school grounds, by Mr. Fichtner.

In 1957 the Sunday School was able to move into a building which it could call its own. This is now the South Fort George Baptist Chapel. The building accommodates eleven classes at the present time, and the attendance has averaged 130 during the past year. Mr. Reinhold Fichtner directs the work of the school as superintendent.

There are some trophies of God's grace, families of South Fort George,

as active members of the congregation: Mr. and Mrs. Jake Guenther, he is our church treasurer, she is Sunday School teacher; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pierrot, he is Sunday School treasurer, and she is church clerk. These two families with their children are a great asset to the work. The work has borne fruit as the Savior has redeemed and reclaimed lives through the Sunday School and the great work of the Ness Lake Bible Camp. Many of the children made their decisions for Christ at camp, since the seed had been sown in the Sunday School.

### TROPHIES OF GOD'S GRACE

A number of people used their cars to bring the children regularly to Sunday School. In one area all the children could no longer be put into the car, and the congregation decided to buy a used bus. So the children enjoy the pleasure of a dusty bus ride each Sunday, since the dust seeps through the corroded sections. These will be repaired by the time this article is being read.

There is still only one Sunday School and church in this area. However, a few children are transported by others to Prince George churches. We are then responsible for the spiritual life of this community, which borders the city of Prince George. Many of our families who are members live in the city. As a result, our witness is to the city of Prince George. But we are concentrating on South Fort George and the Peden Hill areas, the latter being a section of Prince George.

In the latter area, the Mennonite Brethren, who formerly worked and worshipped with us, are presently building a parsonage-chapel. This will

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GOING TO CHURCH BY BUS!

The Sunday School buses of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan, also bring the children to the Vacation Bible School. Without the buses, the school could not have approached the daily attendance of 500 or more.

## An Effective Bus Ministry

By Mr. Marvin Skubick, Adult Sunday School Superintendent, Ebenezer Baptist Church Detroit, Michigan

AN EFFECTIVE bus ministry will be a real benediction to any church. It will prove one of the finest mediums of church and Sunday School growth, when operated efficiently. Across the years, during which the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan, has operated its buses, the largest Sunday School and church growth has resulted. At a recent baptismal service, consisting of all young people, our pastor, Rev. E. A. McAsh, brought out that many of those being baptized were being brought regularly to the Ebenezer Church by our buses.

### MISSION OPPORTUNITY

An effective bus ministry has further blessing since it opens many homes when the children come by bus but the parents do not come at all. These homes must then be followed up by adult teachers and workers in an effort to win the entire family.

This is a unique ministry since it reaches folk who are not being reached, regardless of the number of churches in the area. Most of the people who ride our buses could not attend any church unless transportation was provided.

There is no question that an alive bus ministry will be an inspiration to the whole church. It provides a great home mission opportunity.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Church buses are not limited only to Sunday use. Our largest Daily Vacation Bible Schools have been when we have had and used our buses to pick up the children. Daily attendance of 500 during the two weeks of Bible School have not been uncommon. Without our buses we could not have approached such attendances.

Just prior to Vacation Bible School each year, we conduct a bus parade throughout our community announcing the school. By the time we arrive back at the church, our office re-

ports many telephone calls already received from parents who have seen our buses on parade and who want their children to be picked up for the Bible School.

We use our buses throughout the year for many occasions. Our young people use them regularly for socials and activities held away from the church. Adult classes use them for class socials. The Sunday School uses them each year for our Sunday School picnic. Our buses are a real blessing to the whole church.

### CHURCH-WIDE CALLING PROGRAM

At the center of a live bus ministry must be an active church-wide Calling Program. Without an effective weekly Calling Program, buses will be nearly empty on Sunday. The Bible commands us to visit, and God blesses churches that call regularly each week in a systematic way. When calling is the program of the whole church, and Sunday School teachers

are concerned about their pupils, the Sunday School will grow. Buses will be full, souls will be won and converted and baptized. The church will add to its membership.

### FOLLOW-UP PROGRAM

All a church need do to begin a bus ministry is to discover the possibilities in its community. Church-wide canvassing is the best method to determine what people are not attending any church services and need transportation. A diligent follow-up program is needed after discovering the possibilities to enlist all children possible for Sunday School. There is no easy way to build a Sunday School or to fill a bus; it takes hard work. God has commanded us to go, and he promises to give the increase.

"Gather the people together, the men, women, and children, and the stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and learn, and fear the Lord your God . . ." (Deuteronomy 31:12).



A fleet of Sunday School buses is lined up alongside the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., ready to convey hundreds of children to and from their homes.

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# Branch Sunday Schools Through the Nursery

By Miss Ruth Bathauer of Forest Park, Illinois, Denominational Children's Worker

**B**ABIES and children in the Nursery Department can be the KEY for real outreach in Branch Sunday Schools. If you have ever visited in a home where the parents were strangers to you, I am sure that you have found that many times the atmosphere is relaxed if you will admire the baby or comment on some of its accomplishments. This seems to be true, regardless of race.

## INTEREST IN CHILDREN

A number of years ago I visited our Indian Reservation in Alberta. As the Indians filed out of the church at the close of the service, I found that many of them were very shy. As I observed one mother coming to the door with her children, I almost completely ignored her until I had spoken to the baby in her arms. By the time I had spoken to the mother, she had a bright smile ready. Once again I saw that the way to the heart of parents is through their children! This is a fact which can be extremely helpful in Branch Sunday Schools.

The responsibility of our churches today is to serve all people, from the youngest to the oldest member of the family. One need only to walk through the grocery store on a weekday morning and observe mothers shopping with their young children, or to observe extensions being built by public schools to realize that the population of our land is on an increase. These babies and children are potential scholars for Branch Sunday Schools!

Many of the babies are born into non-Christian homes. Can you think of a better way to unite the home and the church? This is a real open door of opportunity in reaching the home through an evangelistic ministry. The birth of a baby is an occasion for rejoicing and the non-Christian home is open as never before at this time to the Gospel message. The fact that a church is interested in their infant is of real significance.

## WHAT IS A NURSERY DEPARTMENT?

The Nursery Department actually includes four groups. First, there are the babies, birth to 12 months; the toddlers, 12 months to 2 years; Twos, age 2; and Threes, age three. Most Branch Sunday Schools, undoubtedly, will not be able to have all four groups, so therefore some adjustments need to be made. Often the babies from birth to two years of age can be grouped together and they could make up the Nursery Roll or Cradle Roll. Then the two's and three's could form one group for the Sunday morning hour.

Because the ministry of the Nursery Roll is primarily to the parents in providing guidance in establishing a Christian home, very little space needs to be provided in the church building for this department. The ministry is carried on through visitation to the homes of the babies.

For example, when a baby is born, the visitor from the Nursery Roll should make a personal call, express an interest in the child, and deliver a gift booklet, with a Christian challenge, to the parents. Often the visitor will come into the home just at the time everything seems to be going wrong and it's nice for the young mother to have someone just to "listen to her troubles." Again, the visitor may discover families who are lonely and who have some spiritual needs, and she can then direct them to the pastor and the church. Many good potential leaders for the Sunday School have been discovered through the Nursery Roll, another item of importance for Branch Sunday Schools.

## HOW TO GET STARTED?

No Sunday School, whether large or small, should be without a Nursery Department because through it young parents and entire families may be reached for Christ and the church. A good place to begin a Nursery Department is through the Nursery Roll. In making plans for a Branch Sunday School, also make plans for this department. The only leader needed for the Nursery Roll is a superintendent. In a small church the superintendent might do all the calling and take care of the records. In a larger church it would be well to have a visi-



The coming of a new baby into a home is an occasion for rejoicing and the non-Christian home is open as never before at this time to the Gospel message. (Luoma Photo).

tor for every ten families with babies.

A file card should be made out for each baby contacted. On the card will be such information as the baby's birth date, parents' names and address, church affiliation, occupation of father, and a list of other members of the family. The number of calls made and information on the material left at the home should also be recorded.

You will find that publishers of most Sunday School materials also have packets which might be used for the Nursery Roll. When ordering supplies, sufficient packets should be ordered for each baby. There is enough material in a packet to be mailed or taken to the home until the baby is two years old and at the age where he might be enrolled in the two and three year Nursery group.

## WHERE TO FIND THE BABIES

A sincere concern for babies can help build your Branch Sunday School. Encourage the members of your church to be aware of what is going on within their own communities, such as birth announcements in newspapers, diapers on clothes lines, etc. Members of the young adult class might be of help in notifying the superintendent of new babies. Many babies may be discovered through hospital visitation.

## DEPARTMENT FOR TWOS AND THREES

When the child is two years old, he should be enrolled in the Sunday morning Sunday School department for two's and three's. In a Branch Sunday School this would, no doubt, be one department, while in a larger Sunday School there could very well be two departments. The program in the Sunday morning nursery group should be very informal. The room should provide for activities of which this age child is capable, such as play equipment including blocks, house-keeping center, etc.

Arrangements should be made for the child to visit the department room and to meet his teacher *before* he is actually enrolled. Parents and teachers will work together to make the child's first associations with the church happy ones. If the church is small, there may just be a small area which is screened or curtained off where the children might meet during the Sunday School hour and perhaps through the worship hour. In that case, it will be important to have a strong program within the home so that the parents will realize that the church is really interested in their child. The babies all around in your community are an important key to your Branch Sunday School.

BAPTIST HERALD

# Sunday School Lesson Preparation

By Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, General Secretary of the Sunday School Union About the Lesson Preparation by Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bischke of Herreid, South Dakota

**W**ORKSHOPS at Workers' Conferences or Sunday School Conventions very frequently include the topic, "Sunday School Lesson Preparation." We have been looking for a practical approach to this very important responsibility of a Sunday School teacher, and we know that the procedure described in this article by two of our faithful servants in Sunday School will be found most helpful.

Miss Martha Leypoldt, professor of Christian education at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bischke at Herreid, South Dakota, and discovered the method of lesson preparation which these two Sunday School teachers find most helpful. We interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Bischke by mail to share with us a report on their lesson preparation procedures. Their report reads as follows:

## HELPS FOR TEACHING

"As a general rule, we begin our study of the lesson on Monday evening. We familiarize ourselves with the lesson by reading the entire Scripture passage from the Bible. Our concordance and Bible dictionary are always beside us. We find that these two books are 'a must' for a Sunday School teacher. Mr. Bischke occupies one side of the davenport and Mrs. Bischke the other, with convenient access to books and materials necessary for our study. The materials we use for preparing the Sunday School lesson include commentaries, dictionaries, the 'Baptist Herald,' the 'Baptist Leader,' 'Sunday School Times,' the Southern Baptist teachers' material and the 'Lektions Blaetter' prepared by our denomination.

"Every evening we study and plan the lesson. Some evenings, when we are attending activities in church or visiting friends, we still arrange to study the lesson for about an hour before retiring. By Saturday evening our knowledge of the lesson is thorough enough to make an outline and write out questions for use in the class. One night of each week is set aside for studying and discussing the lesson with friends, which provides a wonderful evening of fellowship and experiencing the presence of God.

## EXCHANGE OF IDEAS

"We find that four people studying in such a manner, with an exchange of ideas and personal experiences, can be very beneficial spiritually. Our fellowship with other Christian friends has brought into our experience what the two disciples on the walk to Emmaus said, 'Did not our hearts burn within

us while he talked with us, and while he opened to us the Scriptures' (Luke 24:32). We thank God for Christian friends.

"Mr. Bischke teaches the unmarried young adults and married couples up to age thirty. Mrs. Bischke teaches the high school juniors and seniors. We find that our planning for teaching is similar in many respects, but we seek to keep in mind each individual pupil and his or her spiritual needs. We experience great joy in preparing these Sunday School lessons.

"As teachers, we become eager for the Sunday School hour to appear when we can have this spiritual fellowship with our students. We count it a privilege to be working in the vineyard of the Lord. It is a great joy to sow the Word, or water that

## SO. FORT GEORGE S. S.

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have some bearing on our work in that district. Both these areas are growing gradually. There are many young families and children throughout this entire country. Since our work is now established, we have new families coming to the church. As Prince George grows, so will the Sunday School grow.

## TWO SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONS

With a great group of young people in our work, who are willing to serve the Lord, we have been able to continue two Sunday Schools outside the city. One of these is 30 miles north at Summit Lake, and the second is 65 miles north at Kerry Lake. Both



Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bischke of Herreid, South Dakota, seated at opposite ends of their davenport, diligently prepare their Sunday School lesson with quarterlies, Bibles, commentaries and other materials near at hand.

which has been sown, knowing that only God gives the increase.

"We feel that all glory should go to God. He saved us while we were yet sinners and what we do or have is by the grace of God. (I Corinthians 4:7.) Sometimes Sunday School lessons are difficult to explain to the students, but we claim the promises of God, 'If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God that giveth to all men liberally' (James 1:5).

"We are indebted to our many devoted Sunday School teachers who faithfully prepare to teach the Word of God in such a manner that there may be glorious fruits from their labors. We pray for the Lord's special blessings upon our Sunday School teachers as they continue to 'rightly divide the word of truth.'"

these areas are settled to some extent. At Summit Lake we serve the children of the Forestry Station and the mills. Kerry Lake is a sawmill community. Including these two Sunday Schools, we have an enrollment of 240 under our spiritual care.

This is a tremendous mission field. Young people from mission fields and Bible Schools pass through here ceaselessly but, sad to say, we have very few of our students and workers coming through. We need "God's Volunteers" and an occasional missionary also. Let us buy up the opportunities in this land of the future NOW. Our future lies largely in the Sunday School. If the community is to change, only the Savior Jesus Christ can change it as he makes his claim on lives and redeems the lost.



# God's Work in the Eastern District

Report of Encouraging Progress by Rev. E. Wolff, Eastern District Secretary

WITHIN the Eastern District, comprising the Atlantic, Central and Eastern Conferences, we now have 77 churches with a membership of 16,281. The total contributions of the three conferences amounted to \$2,148,595 for the year 1960. Of this amount \$218,639 was designated for North American Baptist Missions. The latest statistics show a total of 13,859 Sunday School scholars with 1,534 officers and teachers. Two of the conferences, the Atlantic and the Central, have already met for their 1961 sessions. They show 508 baptisms, an increase of 193 over last year, and a net increase in membership of 362.

## NEW CHURCHES RECOGNIZED

Three new churches were received into the fellowship of the Central Conference. The Glenbard Baptist Church of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, is a result of our Church Extension work. The group, with an average morning attendance for the past three months of 59, and a Sunday School of 45 to 50, recently bought a Lutheran church building. They have a very fine parsonage in which the pastor, Rev. Connie Salios, and his family live. The work in this field is slow and therefore the growth has not been as rapid as in some other sections, but steady progress has been made during the past year.

A new work began in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan when several families, belonging to our Grosse Pointe Church in Detroit, moved into this area. They began meeting in one of the local schools and their attendance is now over the sixty mark. The Grosse Pointe Church, acting as parent church, assisted the new organization in the purchase of some property on Telegraph Road, a few miles south of Pontiac, Michigan. The construction of an educational unit and chapel is now being planned. Rev. Wallace Arthur Alcorn is the pastor.

A little more than a year ago, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel B. Granzow, formerly members of our Forest Park Church in Chicago, and three other families began meetings in a new housing project just outside of Dayton, Ohio. They requested and received help from our Church Extension work. A call was extended to Rev. John Ziegler, then assistant pastor in the Ridgmont Church in Detroit, and in September he and his family moved to Dayton to begin his work there as pastor in this new field. The services, which had been held in the homes, were now moved to one of the nearby schools. Attendance increased quickly so that now the average for the morning service is near the 60 mark. Suitable prop-

erty was purchased recently, and it is hoped that the building of the first church unit may begin in the not too distant future. The church is known as the Community Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio.

The West New York Baptist Church of New Jersey, which a number of years ago left our denomination to become an independent work, requested to be readmitted into our fellowship. The Atlantic Conference, meeting in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, April 6-9, voted to receive them into conference membership. The group does not have a regular pastor at the present time.

## ENCOURAGING GROWTH

Three churches are seeking membership in the Eastern Conference. The Salem Church in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada is the result of a division in the Central Church. The new group, between 45 and 50 in number, is now investigating the possibilities of buying a suitable building or property. A new pastor has been called. All of their services are held in the German language.

Another German speaking church has been organized in Buffalo, New York. Mostly German immigrants, these people had met for the past few years with a Hungarian Baptist group. A few months ago they organized into a German Baptist Church and called the Rev. Paul Galambos to be their pastor.

The Union Church at Arnold, Pennsylvania and its pastor, Rev. Dale Chaddock, began to hold meetings in a nearby housing project about two years ago. As the housing project developed, the number in attendance increased. Through the help of Church

Extension and the Arnold and Pittsburgh churches, five acres of land were purchased.

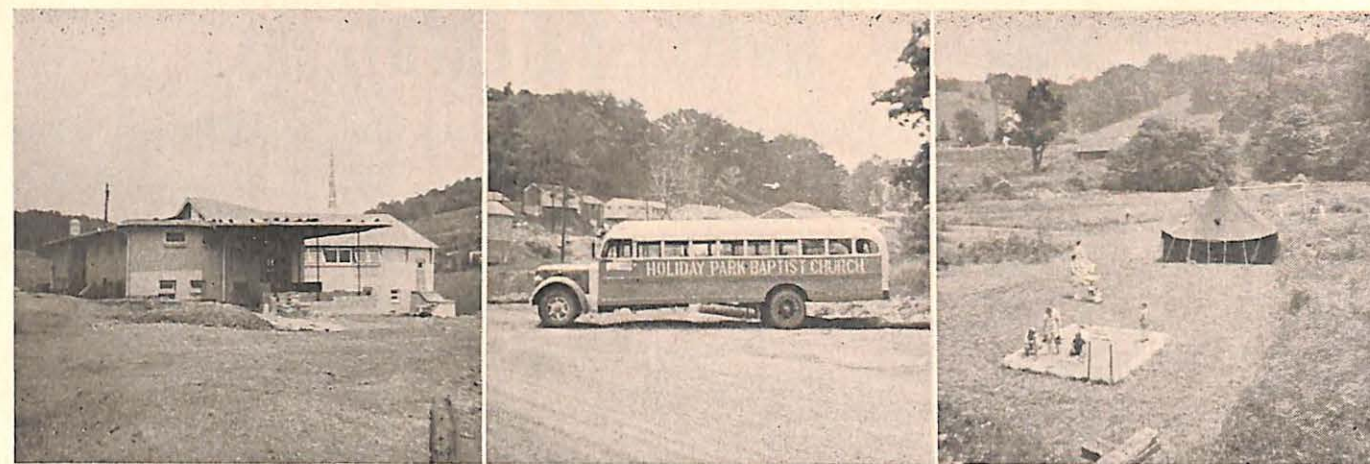
Last fall Brother Chaddock was called as full time pastor of the newly organized Holiday Park Baptist Church. Since then a combination church and parsonage, with excellent educational facilities, has been erected. Since moving into the new building just before Easter, the morning attendance has been near or over the hundred mark, and 60 and over have been present at the evening services.

The Snowview Baptist Church of Parma Heights, Ohio began as a mission project of the Parma Heights Church. A little over two years ago the new church was organized and received into our fellowship. Rev. Harold F. Lang, assistant at the Parma Heights Church, was called as full time pastor. Through assistance from Church Extension, a house and several lots were purchased. Growth has been steady with attendance at the morning worship services and the Sunday School well over one hundred. A loan was recently obtained and Brother Lang reports that they expect to begin building within the next two or three weeks.

## BUILDING PROJECTS

Twenty-six of our Eastern District churches have built new churches or new educational facilities, or have relocated entirely within the past two years. Several others are planning to build or relocate within the next year or so. Five new churches, South Hills (formerly Central) in Erie, Pa., Hillcrest, (formerly White Avenue) in Cleveland, Ohio, Immanuel in Kankakee, Ill., North Sheridan in Peoria, Ill., and First Church in Norridge, Ill. were dedicated within the last year. Central Church of Kitchener, Ontario is completing a beautiful new sanctuary over the basement in which the services were held so far. One of our churches, Immanuel of Kankakee, reports 100 net increase in membership in the past year.

The work of the District Secretary is strenuous but rewarding. He travels many weary miles and sits long hours in train stations and bus terminals. Sometimes he is called upon to be a trouble shooter. Sometimes he rejoices with the church that looks back over a period of rich blessings. Then again he is privileged to share as a new church is organized or a new building is dedicated. Amidst problems and obligations and joys there always rings the promise of our Lord and Savior: "I will build my church." You and I have a rich fellowship in the furtherance of the Gospel.



HOLIDAY PARK BAPTIST CHURCH, PITTSBURGH, PA.

The church and main entrance (left) are seen from the parking lot. There will be a circle drive under the car canopy. Several hundred children were brought to Bible School in the 60 passenger bus (center). The Vacation Bible School enrollment was 135. The playground (right) with its sandbox, handcraft tent and recreational facilities has become an important part of the church's outreach to the children of the community.

# The Holiday Park Baptist Church

Story of a Church Extension project in a new development near Pittsburgh, Pa. by Rev. R. Dale Chaddock, Pastor.

IN 1958 THE Lord laid a burden on the hearts of the members of the Union Baptist Church of Arnold, Pennsylvania, to seek a place to start a mission church. We prayed about it and went forth looking for a suitable place where we could start a work. There was one door that was opened to us. Another church had relocated, had built a new building and had left their old one vacant. We investigated it and sought the Lord's face. It was soon evident that this was not the place that the Lord had for us at which to start a new work.

## GOD'S GUIDANCE

Months went by and we continued to pray and to look. Late in March 1959, the local evening paper carried the story of a new development that was being started about 12 miles from Arnold on the outskirts of Pittsburgh, Pa. The Lord immediately spoke to our hearts that this was where he wanted us to go to start our new branch work. The very next day the pastor went out and found huge earth moving machinery at work in this hilly western Pennsylvania area, starting the development of this new community.

The Lord led wonderfully in the days ahead. An old country church was found, located on a back road near the new development, that had been closed for years. Permission was obtained to use the building. Teams of visitors from the Arnold Church went out into the already existing homes of this new area and made hundreds of calls. Four families from the Arnold church living much nearer to the new branch work soon became a

nucleus to help get the new work underway.

An afternoon Sunday School and church were begun in October of 1959. By this time, the Church Extension department of our North American Baptist General Conference had been informed of the project, and formal request was made for help in securing land and in establishing this new work. The Arnold church had given generously in meeting the cost, of starting a new work. They renovated the old building, bought a Sunday School bus and, in other ways, helped to get the new work underway. Sunday School teachers went out to teach, and the pastor went out to direct the work and to bring the messages.

## FIVE ACRE TRACT

At first, there were only six to ten persons who came, besides those who came out from Arnold. Finally, there were about 25 who came quite regularly. In February 1960, it was decided to go over to a morning work. Pastor Chaddock conducted the service at the branch work at 9:30 a. m. each Sunday morning, and then while the other workers conducted the Sunday School, he went in to Arnold, Pa. to conduct the 11:00 a. m. service there.

Later in the spring, the church negotiated with the developer of Holiday Park for a beautiful five acre tract with 600 foot frontage on the main highway and also frontage on another street. It was at this time that the new work became an official Church Extension project. The Church Extension Committee extended a call to Rev. Dale Chaddock to become the full time pastor of the Holiday Park Baptist Church in June 1960.

He accepted the call and began his pastorate in Holiday Park in October, after nine years pastoring the Union Baptist Church of Arnold.

## NEW BUILDING STARTED

The new church broke ground in September 1960 for its new building. There was a long delay waiting for materials. The people of the church contributed hundreds of hours of labor, saving the church considerable money. The church began using its new facilities in March of this year, even though there was still much completion work to do.

The church was incorporated and organized in June 1960 with 17 members. The church now has 30 members with 12 people having completed the Pastor's Classes and waiting the completion of the baptism for baptism and church membership. Two new Pastor's Classes have already been started.

The Sunday School now has 80 members enrolled, and the young people's groups include about 30 members.

The church has recently concluded its Daily Vacation Bible School with 135 children enrolled. The Lord has blessed in the salvation of souls, and a number of families have grown in the Lord through the ministry of the church.

The new building includes a sanctuary that seats 150 persons, Sunday School facilities that will handle a departmentalized Sunday School of 175, and a lovely parsonage area that has living room, dining room, study, kitchen, three bedrooms and bath.

The church recently voted to include in its budget the Every Mem-

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# Great Is God's Faithfulness

The story of an 18 day missionary odyssey from New York City to Victoria, Africa by Mrs. George W. Lang

WHEN A missionary leaves the field for furlough, it seems that there is an ocean of time—as well as water—ahead of him. He begins to think of the many things he will do with that time: read, write, study, visit friends, speak in churches.

Then little by little, day by day, drop by drop, as it were, the ocean of time runs out. It is again time for "Goodbyes."

So it was for us in February 1961. On Monday, Feb. 13th, we boarded a train Chicago-bound. Behind us in the station were loved ones who had come to see us off. There too were Rev. and Mrs. Howard Johnson of Burlington, Iowa, who had given up several hours of sleep to see us leave at 6 A. M.

Chicago-Cleveland-Middletown, Pa.—more "Goodbyes" to family and friends. In New York City we were welcomed by Rev. and Mrs. Donald Mostrom who had graciously told us we could stay in their home till sailing time. On Friday morning, Feb. 17th, the Mostroms drove us to the

the Lep Travel Agency and taken to a hotel. The next day Ramona and I did some shopping. We were impressed by the shopping district that had been built up since the great amount of bombing destruction during the war. The clerks of course asked for 3/6 (three shillings sixpence) or £1:10:- (one pound ten) instead of dollars, cents, or dimes. But once having used other currency, a person does not grow quite as rusty in the calculations as one might expect.

The next morning we checked out of the hotel and drove to the docks. We thought we would board the banana freighter, "S. S. *Changuinola*" at noon and sail at 1:00 P. M. However, some necessary repairs caused a delay of 24 hours. So on Feb. 25th we sailed out of Southampton on an 11 days' voyage that brought us into Victoria, Cameroons on March 7th.

During these days, we thought again about what we had read about Alfred Saker, missionary to the Cameroons 100 years ago. Our respect grew for that man of God who sailed a num-

put to bed, we missionaries had a Bible Study and prayer session together. We studied three chapters of Colossians. In this way we found our spiritual lives strengthened for the task ahead of us in the Cameroons.

One day at lunch when we were still several days away from the Cameroons, the captain announced, "I think you shall be getting off at Victoria in the mammy chair."

Victoria? Mammy chair? George and I exchanged glances. We both recalled the pleasant trip up Tiko Creek five years before. Many things about it had caught in the web of memory: the lush tropical growth along the stream, the picturesque fishing villages here and there along the shore, the canoes with small children waving and calling out to us.

Besides, the tales we had heard about those mammy chairs, told us by earlier missionaries! I had it pictured as a bumpy, hazardous undertaking that was very likely to land one in the ocean!

So it was almost in disbelief that we repeated, "Victoria? Mammy chair? We aren't going up Tiko Creek?"

Then the captain explained that it was a matter of the tide. Unless we arrived at the mouth of the stream in time to ascend it with the tide in the morning hours, we would have to wait till the next morning's tide. An unmarked channel at night made it dangerous to go in on the evening's tide.

## RIDING THE MAMMY CHAIR

So it was settled. About a mile from shore, we would go off the "S. S. *Changuinola*" onto a smaller launch that would take us ashore. The depth of Amba Bay is not sufficient to allow the bigger boats to come any closer than that.

At about 2:00 P. M. on March 7th we looked out over the water and saw the familiar pencil-grey shadow of the Small Cameroons Mountain. Small islands in the Bay came into view. Finally we anchored a mile from shore. The immigration officers came on board to examine our passports.

Then we watched with interest as our luggage and cargo were loaded onto a launch that came alongside. A group of Africans came aboard and helped in the process. First a large net was spread on the deck. Boxes and barrels were placed on it. The ends were brought up and caught in a great hook that was attached to a pulley. Time after time the pulley and net did their work, back and forth from boat to launch to boat again. When, at last, the final piece disappeared into the launch's hold, we knew it was time for our ride in the mammy



Cameroons Field Council at Bamenda, Africa

Left to right: Rev. Earl H. Ahrens, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer, Rev. Elmer C. Strauss, Dr. Eugene R. Stockdale, Rev. George W. Lang, Rev. G. Ben Lawrence and Mr. W. Norman Haupt.

ber of times between England and Africa. And he did so on smaller, probably less sea-worthy boats—without benefit of seasick pills!

## MEETING THE FLUTHS

At last on board, we walked through a maze of passageways and corridors until we found our cabin number—D 128. Around the corner and down another passageway, and we found Jerome and Ramona Fluth and their two children, Kathy and Karen. It was our first meeting with our new mission doctor and his family.

Arriving in Southampton, England, we were met by a representative of

## AT THE CAPTAIN'S TABLE

During our stay on the banana boat, both we and the Fluths ate at the captain's table. (The children were fed earlier). We missionaries were the only passengers. Sometimes during these meals, we found opportunity to speak of Christ and his work in the Cameroons. The captain and his officers were interested and asked questions that we were glad to answer.

Each evening after the children were

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chair.

The actual sight of it was a far cry from anything we had heard. It looked quite safe, even comfortable, with its two benches facing each other in a kind of enclosure. First in were Jerry and Ramona with Kathy and Karen. George was catching the descent nicely on Jerry's movie camera when suddenly the whirr of the camera stopped. "Wind it up quick," called Jerry, still descending. So George did, and caught the Fluth family on film as the mammy chair deposited them quite gently onto the launch's deck.

Then came our turn. We found it was a very pleasant ride. Danny, Gwen, and John seemed to enjoy it too.

Shortly thereafter, the launch's motor started its noisy chatter, and we were on our way toward shore, the *Changuinola* looking quite large and majestic anchored there. Above our heads, the captain and some of the crew members leaned against the rail, waving in farewell.

## WELCOME IN THE CAMEROONS

We turned our eyes toward shore and soon docked at Bota. There Ben and Margie Lawrence welcomed us all—after we had had another ride in the mammy chair that swung us onto dry land at last!

August 31, 1961

# "He That Keepeth Thee"

A Testimony of God's goodness and power by Mrs. Erika Borrmann of Forest Park, Illinois, a member of the denominational staff.

AN INNER VOICE urges me to write down what God has done for me during the past year and let others take part in my experiences. I will divide the story into two parts.

## BE PREPARED!

It was in June 1960, a few days after my birthday, that I became sick overnight, suddenly and without any previous warning. During the night, a sudden and severe hemorrhage occurred accompanied with terrible pains for which I had no explanation. The early morning hours found me at the hospital. Though heavily drugged, I was in pain and not able to think nor to pray.

Thirty-six hours later, I entered the operating room on a stretcher. I tried to rally for a prayer but all I managed to think were three words: "Lord, help me!" Later I learned that the bleeding had come from the right kidney, but there was no trace of stones, no infection, and so no explanation for the bleeding.

One experience was outstanding: that of the frailty of us human beings and how fast we can be thrown into utter helplessness. The Parable of the Ten Virgins came to my mind and how important it is to have our lamps filled with oil. I had experienced how it felt not being able to collect my thoughts for a simple prayer. I gave thanks to the Lord that he had led me to take the nourishment for my soul as it was offered in the worship services, Sunday School and prayer meetings.

## GOD WILL NOT SLUMBER

My doctor had recommended to having another x-ray in the fall of 1960. But—there was more than one reason which made me wish to avoid that x-ray, and that fact that I did not feel sick helped to drag out this matter. However, in spring of 1961 some minor disorder led me to see my general physician and, knowing that he would ask about the condition of my kidneys, I decided to see the specialist first. Even though he could not find

anything wrong while examining me, he insisted to have the x-ray taken. After consulting my physician I got the appointment for the 23rd of June.

Now things happened so fast that most of my friends could not grasp it! The picture showed the same swelling, and the specialist advised immediate operation with his next operating day on the 29th of June. I had just enough time to clean up the office work, and with the help of a few ladies from the Forest Park Church to complete a White Cross shipment for the Cameroons. I worked until two hours before entering the hospital, feeling fine and not sick at all. "He that keepeth thee will not slumber."

I know that many prayers went up before the Throne of God and I want to thank you all for this support. But it is to the Lord himself to whom I want to give thanks and the glory for giving me, first of all, a doctor who was on the alert, who inspired the obedience to follow the doctor's advice, who led the hand of the surgeon, who took care that no complication took place, who gave strength to endure the pain and, most of all, who performed a miracle during the time of my ignorance and negligence.

## A MARVEL AND MIRACLE

The doctor told me that I had a malignant tumor on the kidney but that it was in an envelope or capsule, and thus the dangerous growth could not spread. This envelope is something I marvel about and cannot stop praising the Lord for it. He allowed Satan to torture me with sickness and pain, but he provided the envelope, drawing a line for all the harm that could and should befall me. Truly, God does not slumber!

And he did even more for me. At a time when millions are trembling in fear to hear the words "malignant" and "cancer," God kept my soul calm and quiet, and not a ripple disturbs the peace he has given me. I could greet my visiting friends to their surprise with my old smile, for I know this matter is in his hand and I am sheltered under his everlasting wings.

All in all, it was a pleasant trip—and we are told that for boat traveling, one of the fastest from New York to the Cameroons. Eighteen days, 16 on water, 2 in England. That night as we went to sleep (or tried to in warm Victoria!) we were profoundly thankful to our wonderful Lord who had watched over and kept us safe during the voyage.

A week later, we were at Ndu, 300 miles upland from the coast, beginning the task of getting unpacked and settled in the house that would be our home for the next four years, the

Lord willing. The Fluths had reached Mbingo and were adjusting to life in a land new to them.

Truly, the Lord has been good to us in bringing us back again to work in the Baptist Bible Training Center here at Ndu. Day by day we are dependent on him and need his grace. Continue to pray for us and for all of your Cameroons missionaries. "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS" (Lamentations 3:22-23).



# My Family and Our Church

The young author is a member of the Startup Baptist Church, Startup, Washington. He has begun his college studies at Everett Junior College in preparation for his Seminary training at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

By Mr. Ronald L. McCullough of Monroe, Washington.

**A**REN'T people funny? I mean people like you and me. We have all faced very serious problems and choices, and we have probably solved many of them in an intelligent manner. But we underestimate some problems that are very important. It's my opinion that the choosing of a church home is a very important choice. And I've been surprised to see many friends and acquaintances underestimate the importance of this choice.

My family and I have considered this subject quite thoroughly about four years ago. We have been glad ever since that we recognized the need of making a wise, well planned approach to this problem. I'd like to share it with you.

## A CHURCH WITH A MESSAGE

The first and most important thing is to understand the necessity of having a church home. This first step is one that many families do not take. I know many people who treat church as a drug store. That is, they go there when something ails them, but when they are well, they forget about the place. When a family discovers the need for a church home, they have discovered an important truth. After the need has been discovered, then comes the time for actual church shopping.

Just like all kinds of shopping, we must know what we're shopping for. What is it I'm looking for in a church home? When we moved to Monroe, Washington, we were faced with the problem of choosing our church home. We had long ago discovered the need for one. But now our family was in a new land. The first thing we wanted in a church was (as we considered it) a *sound message*, that was in accord with our concepts of the Christian faith. We found many churches that seemed to fill this bill.

We also wanted a church that had a well balanced ministry for every member of our family. This narrowed the field considerably. One church had a very poor Sunday School. One church had a poorly organized youth group. This would never do, because we wanted our children in a well balanced and active Christian environment. Then there were several churches that had almost no couples in the age group of my wife and myself. We felt that we would be lonesome for friends and fellowship in these churches.

Third, we wanted a church close enough to home so that we could be active in its functions. There were

many churches in nearby towns or cities that had much to offer. But distance hindered our family's usefulness to the church.

## A CHURCH WITH A WELCOME

Fourth, we wanted a church in which our entire family felt at home. They must feel as though they belonged there, and that they were welcome, needed, and completely accepted by the people. In my opinion, *home* is a beautiful word. It is a word of quality. It also has meaning and character. Anything that rates the title of *home* has won high rating in my book. (Sometimes I feel *home* should be spelled in capital letters). In my family home I am surrounded by a warm sense of ease, happiness and contentment. We felt that the church home we were to select should extend the same warmth of welcome. I cannot imagine any family gaining spiritual understanding in a church riddled with stress and strife.

Fifth, we wanted a church with congregational government. Naturally, some people prefer other types of church government. But the government of a church is an important factor.

## DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP

Last, and least important of all, we felt that we should select a church that had a pastor to whom our family responded. A minister is probably the most important part of a church. Yet a person would not be entirely wise to choose a church mainly on the pastor's appeal. For pastors come and go, but the church remains. We weren't joining a pastor's club, but we were joining a church. The church was to be ours like our home. It is ours to stand by in times of plenty and in times of need. Our character becomes part of the characteristics of the church. After we become members of the church, it is ours to maintain quite similarly to that of our own family home.

It is not important if you, the reader, agree with my six point program. But there are two very important points that I wish every family would consider: 1) The need of a church home; and 2) the importance of choosing it wisely. Our family is very happy with our church home. We hope that our plan can be of help to you.

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see the great opportunity that we have in the scope of our Sunday School activities. The Sunday School affords personal expression of talents.

We should thank God for the work of our Sunday School. Our superintendents, teachers and workers are doing a magnificent job for our Lord. Let us continually rally behind them, pray for them, encourage them, and assist them in every way possible.

## HOLIDAY PARK CHURCH

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Subscription Plan of the "Baptist Herald." A Woman's Missionary Society has been organized.

An unusual feature of the church's outreach is through a community playground that the church conducts on its property. This helps to bring children and families to the church.

We as a church are thankful to our Church Extension program in making this new church possible. Our prayer is that, in the days ahead, we will be able to send forth much of our money to spread the Gospel through our mission fields, and that many of our young people will go forth to the fields of the world to spread the Gospel of Christ.

## BRANCH SUNDAY SCHOOLS

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provide for its officers and teachers thorough study of the requirements, purpose and values in a standard for Sunday Schools. Leaders must stimulate the interest, the enthusiasm, and the co-operation of the staff in working toward ever greater efficiency.

Even a new Sunday School, though it be only a small one, can measure up to a high standard. And with God-inspired purpose that never wavers in the face of obstacles, it can continually attain to higher and higher goals. In devotion to God, it can persistently keep on keeping on in spite of circumstances, moving sometimes slowly but always steadily forward and upward.

In time, the Branch Sunday School, if properly sponsored, will become sufficient unto itself and possibly grow into a church. As a Sunday School or as a church, it may well be a starter of other schools. This means the teaching of the Bible to more and more men and women, boys and girls, who need to be won for Christ and the fulfilling of the plan that God has for those who are his through redeeming grace.

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# What's Happening

● Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Huisinga of Newark, New Jersey have announced the birth of a son on May 18, 1961 who has been named Daniel Gordon. This is their first child. Mr. Huisinga is pastor of the Walnut Street Baptist Church in Newark.

● The First Baptist Church of McLaughlin, S. Dak., held special meetings during the first week in April with Rev. Elmo Tahrán of Minot, N. Dak., as guest speaker. Many blessings were received as good-sized congregations attended the services. The pastor, Rev. Daniel Heringer, extended the hand of fellowship to six new members soon after the special meetings, as reported by Lucy Slater.

● Mrs. Otto Roth of Portland, Oregon, was called to her heavenly home on August 4 at 74 years of age. She was the wife of Rev. Otto Roth, pastor of several North American Baptist churches and superintendent of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged in Chicago, Ill., before his retirement to Portland. Her husband and family mourn her homegoing. The obituary will appear in a forthcoming issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● Chaplain (1st Lt.) Clinton Grenz, a 1961 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, spent four weeks at Fort Slocum, New York from August 7 to Sept. 10, attending the Chaplains' Basic Orientation Course. He has been assigned to the First Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas. Chaplain Grenz received his Bachelor of Divinity degree at the Seminary's commencement exercises held at Minneapolis, Minn., on August 2nd.

● A baptismal service was held by the Temple Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., on Sunday evening, July 23. Rev. Robert Schreiber, pastor, baptized four converts. In the morning service he spoke on "Refresh Your Memory" based on II Corinthians 11:17-34. For the following four weeks the supply pastor was Rev. John C. Schweitzer of Lodi, Calif., a former denominational evangelist. Mr. and Mrs. Schweitzer are members of the Temple Church. The church has installed an air conditioning system for the comfort of its congregation.

● On Sunday, July 23, Rev. Edwin Michelson, pastor of the Memory Lane Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas, baptized seven persons on confession of their faith in Christ. This group of converts included an entire family of five in addition to two teen age girls. These and one other person were received into the church bringing the total membership to 37. The Sunday School has an enrollment of 60 at present. Plans are going forward with en-

couragement for the building of a new edifice for the Memory Lane Church in a promising section of the city.

● Mr. Erhard Krull, a 1961 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, and his wife and daughter will leave for Germany by plane on Sept. 16. They will visit his parents in Munich before Mr. Krull enrolls in the University of Tuebingen, Tuebingen, Germany on Nov. 2nd to continue his graduate studies in theology. Mr. and Mrs. Krull are members of the German Zion Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis. He will be available as pastor of a church next summer following his return in 1962 with his family from Germany.

● Miss Esther Pfeifer of Cleveland, Ohio, went by plane on August 26 to London, England, where she is teaching at a United States Air Force base just outside of London for the next year. She is teaching the children of Air Force dependents. Miss Pfeifer is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Henry Pfeifer of the Erin Avenue Church of Cleveland. Last summer Esther served under the Student Service Plan of the denomination, teaching in three Junior and Junior High camps at Echo Lake and Good Spirit Lake, Saskatchewan.

● The Oak Bank Baptist Church, Oak Bank, Man., held its Vacation Bible School from July 3 to 14. A total of 82 children were enrolled with an average attendance of 75, and 13 teachers and helpers daily expounded God's Word to eager hearts. Mr. M. W. Falkenberg, pastor, was in the charge of the Bible School. The school was climaxed with a program by the children on the evening of that last day at which a demonstration was given of what had been learned. After the program, the parents were asked to look at the display of articles which the children had made.

● The Riverview Baptist Church of West St. Paul, Minnesota, held its Vacation Bible School June 12 to 23.

## THE CHALLENGER CLUB

Rev. Elmer C. Strauss, at present a missionary in the Cameroons, Africa, was instrumental in founding "The Challenger Club," a plan for Bible reading that has been used by 10,000 children and young people. The club's story appeared over four pages in the ANNUAL. Reprints of this story are available free. A book with a more detailed story of the club is entitled "The Life Story of Humility" and is available for an offering of \$1.00 or more to the club. Write to Rev. J. R. Kruegel, Trenton, Illinois.

There was a record enrollment of 153 students and 27 teachers and assistants, with an average daily attendance of 123 pupils. The school was directed by Robert Ricker, assistant to the pastor, and the new church facilities were a great help toward a successful school. Many new families were reached in the area through the school and 12 students made decisions for Christ, as reported by Elva Miller, secretary. Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom is pastor of the church.

● The Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Union, New Jersey (formerly of Newark, N. J.), has extended a call to Rev. John D. Fissel of Philadelphia, Pa., pastor of the Chelton Avenue Baptist Church since 1953. He responded favorably to the call and began his ministry at the Clinton Hill Church on August 1st. He and his family have moved into the new parsonage at 895 Sheridan Street, Union, New Jersey. On Sunday, August 6, the church held its first worship service in the new Educational Building at 2815 Morris Avenue, Union, N. J. A more detailed report from the church appears elsewhere in this issue.

● Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, Alta., will be sailing from Montreal, Canada on Sept. 18 as the chaplain on the "S. S. Seven Seas," a ship of the Europe-Canada Line. This will be virtually "a round the world" tour lasting until April 1962. The trip will take the passengers and chaplain on this luxury cruise through the Suez Canal on the way to Australia and New Zealand, returning via the Panama Canal in February 1962 to Bremerhaven, Germany and back to Montreal, Canada. Mr. Wahl hopes to reach his home in Edmonton on April 15, 1962. He expects a busy and exciting time serving as chaplain on board this ship on this "round the world" cruise!

● The Baptist Home for the Aged in Portland, Oregon, has announced the appointment of Mr. and Mrs. Reinhold Schaub of Texas as Superintendent and Nursing Home Administrator of the Home. They began their ministry on July 20, 1961. Mr. Schaub has succeeded Rev. Henry R. Barnet, now pastor of the Stafford Baptist Church, Sherwood, Oregon, as superintendent. Mrs. Schaub is the former Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer, missionary-nurse to the Cameroons, Africa. Mrs. Laura C. Johnson, secretary of the Home's Board, wrote: "We are very happy to secure the services of such a wonderful couple and feel that they will add much to the welfare of our Home."

● The Spring Valley Baptist Church near Canistota, South Dakota, has announced that Mr. Raymond Hoffman of Ashley, N. Dak., a middler student at the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., has accepted its call to serve as student pastor of the church. He began his ministry there on July 9. He and his family

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# Sunday School Lessons

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 10, 1961

Theme: **AQUILA AND PRISCILLA, ABLE TEACHERS**

Scripture: Acts 18:1-3, 18-21, 24-28; Romans 16:3-5

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** Men and women who must do their daily work can also be used of God to be daily witnesses.

**INTRODUCTION:** In a few instances, these two names occur with that of Aquila first. Thereafter the order is reversed and they are always referred to as "Priscilla and Aquila." The natural inference is that Priscilla was a more active worker in the Christian church than her husband.

While some passages in Paul's epistles indicate his opposition to women holding offices in the church and restraining them from public prayer and prophesying, he used their services readily and freely in many ways. Further study of Paul's attitude about women points to the fact that they played an important role in the early church. Priscilla was clearly an outstanding example of dedicated and talented womanhood. Her spiritual insight and intelligence were not only appreciated by the church members but were held in high esteem by the ministers as well. From certain Roman inscriptions, some scholars conclude that she came from a very distinguished Roman family.

**I. A DEDICATED COUPLE.** Acts 18:1-3.

Aquila and Priscilla are outstanding examples of a dedicated Christian couple. We do not know how they came in contact with Christianity in Rome, but we know there were Christians there before Paul arrived as a prisoner. The Christian Gospel penetrated even to Caesar's household. (Phil. 4:22). Although their personal lives must have suffered some confusion and distress because they were persecuted in Rome, they left us no record of their complaint. Instead they opened their home and used it as a center for the Christian witness.

**II. A MISSIONARY COUPLE.** Acts 18:18-21.

Instead of settling down and establishing a new home, they joined Paul in his missionary work and travelled with him to Ephesus. Later we discover them again in Rome after the death of Claudius Caesar where they continued their missionary work. The apostle could go about his other duties because of the faithfulness and the ability of this man and wife team.

New churches were established and nurtured, new areas opened up, and many people won to Christ by dedicated people like Aquila and Priscilla who were neither church officers nor ordained missionaries.

**III. A TEACHING COUPLE.** Acts 18:24-28.

Here is a clear indication of their grace, knowledge and power. Although Apollos' intellect and eloquence were far above the average, he was not above being taught by Aquila and Priscilla. Their spiritual insight and mature Christian experience were very valuable to his further training. It is also an indication of the grace and humility of Apollos to accept their teaching.

**IV. A SACRIFICING COUPLE.** Romans 16:3-5a.

This is quite a sweeping statement for Paul to make. Their witnessing power must have been much greater than the New Testament record shows. All the Gentile churches seemed to have come under their influence at one time or another. In Paul's letter to the Romans, they head the entire list of his friends. Just how, where and when they were instrumental in saving Paul's life, we do not know. It must have been a dramatic experience for Paul to have mentioned it with so much feeling and gratefulness.

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 17, 1961

Theme: **TITUS, A COMPETENT PASTOR**

Scripture: **II Corinthians 8:6, 23a; Titus 1:1a, 4-11; 2:7-8**

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** Those who say they would rather see a sermon than hear one must also desire to be a sermon rather than preach one.

**INTRODUCTION:** One of the most difficult aspects of the Christian Gospel is to influence young men of talent and ability to choose the high and holy calling of the ministry. Many churches grow in number and influence but they have never had the experience of ordaining a minister or missionary for the service of Jesus Christ. It takes the power of God to transform a sinner into a saint, and it takes special power to call men out and dedicate their lives to the full time Gospel

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ministry.

Recruitment for the ministry must be one of the most important parts of the church's program. The home, the pastor, the church officers, educational leaders on the boards and in the colleges and seminaries should present the call to the ministry to young people in the various stages of their spiritual growth. No organization or business has as many unfilled positions as the Christian church. Many pulpits are empty because of the desperate need of ministers in the church of Jesus Christ.

**I. A YOUNG MAN OF REPUTATION.** II Corinthians 8:6, 23a.

Although Titus is not mentioned in the Book of Acts, he is frequently referred to by Paul in the epistles. Timothy had a Greek father and Jewish mother, but Titus came from a home in which both parents were Greek. He became the center of a controversy between the Jewish and Gentile Christians. Paul took Barnabas and Titus along to face the Judaizers. He was a Gentile convert who had not submitted to the rite of circumcision and whose reputation of true repentance and faith was well known in the Christian church. The church refused to compel him to be circumcised and insisted, with Paul, on the freedom of the Gentiles from the Mosaic law. (See Gal. 2:1-5).

**II. A YOUNG MAN OF RESPONSIBILITY.** Titus 1:1a, 4-11.

The many gifts of Paul included also the gift of seeing and choosing young men for the ministry. Titus was a trusted companion of Paul, and was sent on a number of difficult missions which he successfully accomplished. Anyone reading the letters to the Corinthians needs little persuasion that this was a church with serious trouble. Even the apostle himself had difficulty with the grave problem of establishing peace and harmony in this church. To send Titus into such a situation speaks well for his ability and sense of responsibility. Later he was sent, as Paul's deputy, to the island of Crete and into a wild region of Dalmatia. (See II Tim. 4:10).

From the advice that Paul gives to Titus, we conclude that he must have had much to do with the organization and governing policies of the church.

**III. A YOUNG MAN AS A MODEL.** Titus 2:7-8.

The letters to Timothy and Titus are often referred to as pastoral epistles because they have so much to say about the pastor, his life, his relationship to God and to man. No matter how good the pastor may be as an administrator, or how profound he may be in the pulpit, if he is not Christ-like in his character he will have little influence with people. They need a working model as well as a talking model!

# Our Denomination in ACTION

## Western District

### Baptism of Eight Converts at Vernon, B. C.

The Faith Baptist Church of Vernon, British Columbia, had the joy on Sunday, July 2nd, to witness a baptismal service. We met for an outdoor service at Kinsman Beach with beautiful picturesque surroundings. Rev. F. H. Ohlmann, our pastor, spoke on "The Baptism of Jesus."

The presence of God stirred our hearts as eight converts witnessed to the world that henceforth they want to live for Christ. The evening service was followed by the Lord's Supper when the hand of fellowship was extended to the newly baptized persons and welcomed into the church.

Mrs. Fred Ohlmann, Reporter

### Vacation School and Church Picnic, Elk Grove

The First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., completed five very successful days of Vacation Bible School, July 10-14. The enrollment was 155 pupils with an average attendance of 127. Staff members were 35. The offering of \$55.28 will go for the ministry of the Sukuts in Japan. The superintendents of the different departments were as follows: Kindergarten, Mrs. W. Berkan; Primary, Mrs. E. Adam; Junior, Mrs. R. Dolliver; Junior High, Mrs. E. Krammerer; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. R. L. Adam; director, Mrs. J. Wagemann; co-director, Mrs. E. Ehinsz; pastor, Rev. W. F. Berkan.

The students took part on the following Sunday, July 16, at our annual Sunday School picnic, which was held at Elk Grove Park. The Sunday School Hour and church service were held at the park and our general superintendent, Walter Viet, was in charge. Following this, Pastor Berkan gave an object sermon lesson. At 3:30 p. m. a short vesper service was held. Special musical numbers for the services were rendered by the Men's Chorus, Ladies' Trio, and Men's Quartet.

Mrs. Leonard Fandrich, Reporter

## Central District

### Community Vacation Bible School in Goodrich, N. Dak.

The Community Vacation Bible School in Goodrich, N. Dak., was held June 12-16 with an enrollment of 107. This included Baptists, 69; Church of God, 10; Evangelical United Brethren, 21; and Methodists, 7. The school was under the direction of Mrs. Arnold Unruh and Mrs. Walter Schmidt, assisted by 26 teachers and helpers. There were nine classes. Our theme was "Living For Jesus."

We were delighted over the results of the school, especially when 19 of



Rev. Fred Ohlmann, pastor of the Faith Baptist Church, Vernon, B. C., and eight young people whom he recently baptized in an out-of-door service.

the children made decisions for Christ. God's house was filled for the closing Friday evening program when the chil-



The Community Vacation Bible School, Goodrich, North Dakota, in which the Baptist Church participated.

dren portrayed what they had learned from God's Word. We of the First Baptist Church of Goodrich, N. Dak., are



Cradle Roll Lawn Party held by the Immanuel Baptist Sunday School, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

happy to have Rev. Jacob Ehman as our new pastor. We have received many blessings during this short time of his ministry with us.

Mrs. Albert Schmidt, Reporter

### Cradle Roll Lawn Party at Kenosha, Wisconsin

On Thursday afternoon, June 22nd, the mothers and babies of the Cradle Roll Department of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kenosha, Wis., assembled for a party on the church lawn. Games were played with the children and recognition was given to those who had special qualifications. A brief devotional was given by our pastor's wife, Mrs. Milton Zeeb, after which the children and mothers enjoyed refreshments prepared for them by the Cradle Roll superintendent, Mrs. Dan. Behr and Mrs. Andrew Stipanuk.

Mrs. Hertha Behr, Reporter

### Vacation School and Evangelistic Crusade, Hebron, N. Dak.

A Daily Vacation Bible School was held in the First Baptist Church of Hebron, N. Dak., with 68 pupils attending. The theme was "Living by God's Time." The children worked hard at their lessons and memory work. It was a joy to hear them sing their songs. For homework the Juniors and Intermediates had basket weaving. Our church was also blessed by a visit with Mr. Flavius Martin and the trio from our Seminary. We always appreciate these special guests from our denomination.

Several churches in our town and area took part in a "Missouri Slope Crusade for Christ," including our church. Rev. J. A. (Bud) Peterson of Omaha, Nebr., served as evangelist and Rev. Straton Shufelt of Wheaton, Ill., as song leader. These meetings served as a great blessing to many who came forward and made decisions for Christ. The meetings were held in the public school auditorium at Hebron. Both Sunday evening meetings had a record attendance of about 900 people.

Mrs. John Stading, Reporter

### Ordination of Rev. Clinton Grenz at Minot, N. Dak.

Delegates and representatives for the ordination of Mr. Clinton Grenz met at the First Baptist Church, Minot, N. Dak., on June 13. The host pastor, Rev. John Benham, introduced Mr. Grenz. A permanent moderator, Rev. Ed Oster, and clerk, Rev. M. H. Vietz, were duly elected. Mr. Sidney Lee gave a statement of recommendation concerning Mr. Grenz for the Christian ministry. Churches represented with delegates were Anamoose, Carrington, Fessenden, Germantown, Harvey, Martin, McClusky, Mercer, Rosenfeld, Turtle Lake, Underwood, and Washburn. The council heard Mr. Grenz' conversion experience, call to the ministry and doctrinal statements. The First Baptist Church of Minot



proceeded with the ordination service the same evening. Rev. Ed Oster, moderator, presided. The ordination sermon was given by Dr. Ralph Powell of the Seminary. The prayer was offered by Rev. B. W. Krentz of the Bismarck Baptist Home for the Aged. Rev. John Benham gave the charge to the candidate as a prospective United States Army Chaplain. Then followed a trumpet solo by the candidate's brother, Kermit Grenz. Rev. Ed Oster welcomed Mr. Grenz into the ranks of the Christian ministry. The Rev. Clinton Grenz expressed appreciation and closed the service with the benediction.

M. H. Vietz, Clerk



Rev. O. Meth, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Venturia, N. Dak., and five young people whom he baptized on Ascension Day.

#### Baptismal Service and Bible School, Venturia, N. Dak.

On Ascension Day, May 11, we of the First Baptist Church, Venturia, N. Dak., had the privilege to witness the baptism of five converts by our pastor, Rev. O. Meth. The baptismal ceremony was followed by an inspiring message by our pastor.

The week of June 13 to 17 was the scene of a joyful and busy week for the First Baptist Church of Ven-



Rev. J. G. Benke, pastor of the West Center Baptist Church, Madison, S. Dak., enjoys the beautiful new pastor's study which was made possible by Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Dirksen of the church as a memorial to Mr. Klaas Dirksen.

turia. Thirty-five girls and boys were enrolled in a successful Vacation Bible School. On Sunday evening, June 18, a closing program was held at which each class presented the story of what they had learned. On Sunday morning, July 9, we had Rev. Gideon Zimmerman of Forest Park, Illinois as our guest speaker.

Mrs. Donna Miller, Reporter

#### Celebrations at Baptist Church, Corona, South Dakota

An anniversary celebration was held June 25 in the Baptist Church, Corona, S. Dak., in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Settje on their 50th wedding anniversary. A dinner was served to the honored couple and 80 relatives in the church parlors. A short program in the afternoon was followed by a reception for over 200 guests. The couple have nine children, seven of whom were present.

A Vacation Bible School was held in the Baptist church from June 5 to 9. There was an enrollment of 38. The school was divided into four departments, with six classes. Our pastor, Rev. W. D. Dachtler, was superintendent. The final program was presented on Sunday evening, June 11, when the parents and friends witnessed some of the things the children had learned and saw a display of their completed handwork. During the week of June 25 to 30 we held our second annual Missionary Week. Our theme was "Tell the World" (Mark 16:15). During this week we were privileged to have Miss Ruby Salzman and Dr. R. Schilke with us.

Mrs. Elmer Harms, Reporter

#### Dedication Service for Teachers, Madison, South Dak.

A Dedication Service for nine Vacation Bible School teachers of the West Center Baptist Church, Madison, S. Dak., was held in connection with the morning worship service on Sunday, June 4. Rev. J. G. Benke, pastor, conducted the service. The Vacation Bible School was held from June 5 to 16 from 9:00 A. M. to 12:00 noon with



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Settje of Corona, S. Dak., who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on June 25, 1961.

67 pupils enrolled in five departments from Nursery to Young Teens. The closing school program was held on Friday evening, June 16, with each department participating. The handwork of the pupils was on display. Refreshments were served by the Men's Fellowship following the program.

On Sunday afternoon, May 28, the church held a dedication service and Open House for the new church office and library in the church building. These wonderful new facilities were made possible as a memorial to Mr. Klaas Dirksen, presented by Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Dirksen.

Mrs. Harm Frerichs, Reporter

#### Southern Conference Meets at Greenvine Church, Texas

The Southern Conference met at the Greenvine Baptist Church, Burton, Texas, from July 13-16, for its 78th annual meeting. This was also the occasion of the Greenvine Baptist Church's centennial anniversary. Friends, delegates and pastors who gathered from churches in Texas and Louisiana experienced the blessing of Christian fellowship as they met old friends and made new ones, and as they heard messages on the theme, "Ye Shall Be Witnesses," (Acts 1:8) which challenged their hearts.

Dr. M. L. Leuchner, guest speaker and editor of the "Baptist Herald," brought messages on the "Power for Witnessing," "Witnessing to the Local Community," and "Witnessing to the World Community." Miss Joyce Ringering, North American Baptist Seminary librarian, addressed the conference as the speaker for the Woman's Missionary Union program. This message was entitled "Women Can Witness." The message, "Laymen Can Witness," was delivered by the host pastor, Rev. Ray Bennett, as a challenge for the Brotherhood program.

Mr. Richard Mayforth, as speaker for the youth program, called the youth to action in his message, "Youth Can Witness." Rev. Raymond Castro, Spanish missionary in Rio Grande City, Texas, stirred the hearts of the conference, with his message "Witnessing in Neighboring Communities." The

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closing message of the conference, "An Ever-Expanding Witness," was delivered by Rev. L. B. Hinz, Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas.

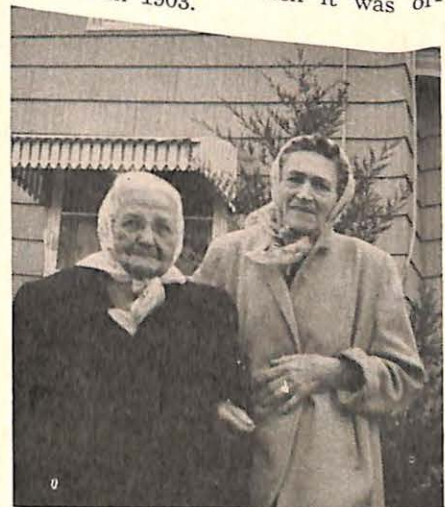
Rev. Alex Sootzmann, moderator from the Mowata Baptist Church, Branch, Louisiana, ably conducted the conference meetings. Morning devotions were delivered by Rev. Walter Weber, Crawford, Texas; and Rev. George Conway, Donna, Texas. The special songs by Mrs. Frank Armbrust, Mrs. J. J. Lippert, Mrs. Ray Benne, Mrs. Douglas Boyd, Rev. Clarence Auch and Mr. Mayforth were greatly enjoyed. These spiritual programs of songs, prayers and messages and the Christian fellowship greatly blessed the lives of those attending.

George Conway, Reporter

#### Three Baptist Women, Victor, Iowa, Are Honored

The ladies of the Victor Baptist Missionary Society of Victor, Iowa, would like to honor their three oldest members: Miss Katie Mueller, aged 93; Mrs. Augusta Bohstedt Mueller, aged 85; and Mrs. Edna Skersies Blome, aged 83. All three women were active when the society was known as the "Schwestern Verein."

Miss Katie Mueller was born near Fisherhude, Germany, on Feb. 21, 1868. She immigrated to America with her parents in 1870 and settled 5 miles south of Victor, Iowa. In 1905 she moved with her parents to a farm a mile west of the Victor Baptist Church where her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Langhein, also lived. Aunt Katie, as she is familiarly known, recalls being baptized at the age of 13 in a creek in the month of March. She was not one of the original people who formed the German Baptist Church in the 1870's, but she was a charter member when it was organized in 1903.



Miss Katie Mueller, aged 93, and Mrs. Edna Skersies Blome, aged 83, of Victor, Iowa, two of the three women honored by the Victor Baptist Missionary Society for their many years of faithful service.

Mrs. Augusta Bohstedt Mueller was born in Germany on January 11, 1876, and in the early 1890's she came by boat to the United States with her brother Bernard, settling at Victor. The headquarters were made in the home of her uncle, C. H. F. Bohstedt. She worked for families in Iowa City and Des Moines before she was married to Dietrich Mueller in 1895. She

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was secretary of the Schwestern Verein for quite a few years. Her home was always open for visiting ministers and others.

Mrs. Augusta Edna Skersies Blome was born in East Prussia on Sept. 25, 1877. At the age of 7, she immigrated to the United States with her folks, settling in Wisner, Nebraska, later moving to Woodlake, Nebraska. From there they moved to Oregon, making their home in the Salt Lake community near Dallas, Oregon. She was baptized at Salem, Oregon in 1895. On Aug. 29, 1906 she was united in marriage to John Blome of Victor, Iowa. She was received by letter into the Victor Baptist Church in 1907. She is still active in the Missionary Society, attending Sunday morning church services regularly.

Reporter

#### Vacation Bible School, Calvary Church, Billings, Mont.

A Vacation Bible School was held in the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Montana from June 12-16 with



Mrs. Augusta Mueller of Victor, Iowa, aged 85, who was recently honored by the Victor Baptist Missionary Society as one of its esteemed "senior" members.

an enrollment of 56 pupils, an average attendance of 51 and a perfect attendance for 42. The theme was "Around the World with Christ." Our pastor, Rev. Richard A. Grenz, served as director. The group was divided into five classes with the following serving as teachers: Beginner I, Mrs. T. Tesky, Mrs. E. Friebois and Miss Betty Sieler; Beginner II, Mrs. A. Junkert and Miss Sharon Junkert; Primary I, Misses Delores Fuchs and Janice Grenz; Primary II, Mrs. I. Albrecht and Mrs. A. Burkhardt; Juniors, Mrs. R. Koch and Mrs. E. Wolff. The mission offering received each morning was for the Southern Camerons, Africa.

On Sunday, June 18, the Vacation Bible School program was given during the Sunday School to a near capacity attendance. Following the worship service we gathered at one of the city parks for a picnic lunch and fellowship. This was closed with a vesper service led by the pastor.

Mrs. Emil Opp, Reporter

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Sunday Schools"



Vacation Bible School group of the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Montana, with Rev. Richard A. Grenz, pastor, at extreme right.

## Eastern District

#### Events at North Sheridan Church, Peoria, Illinois

The North Sheridan Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill., extended a call to Rev. Robert Hess of Tacoma, Wash., to which he has given a favorable reply. We are looking forward to his coming August 16th. We know the Lord will richly bless as we work together to do greater things for our Master.

There is joy as we welcome one and sorrow as we part from another. Rev. and Mrs. Frank Friesen left us in July to serve in other fields. We have learned to love them very dearly and wish them "God speed" wherever they serve. Five were baptized during his ministry with us as interim pastor and eight went forward professing the Lord as their Savior on June 25th. A farewell reception was held after the Sunday evening service on July 23. On July 24th they celebrate their 48th wedding anniversary. May the Lord bless them.

Bible School was held from June 12 to 21 with an attendance of 91 as high and an enrollment of 101. Eleven decisions were made for Christ and the closing program was given by the children on Wednesday night, June 21st.

Marcella Blackwell, Reporter

#### Baptist Vacation Church School at Neustadt, Ontario

From July 10-21 nine teachers and helpers led 24 pupils "Around the World with Christ," the theme for our Vacation Bible School at the Neustadt Baptist Church, Neustadt, Ontario. The school had provisions for teaching three age levels: Beginners, Primary and Junior. The average attendance was 18 pupils.

One of the laymen led the pupils each day in fifteen minutes of "sing time." Six other laymen also took time off from their daily work, each taking his turn to tell a special story or object lesson during the opening worship period. Every morning at recess time, a number of ladies from the Senior Mission Circle also took turns in providing and serving refreshments. A picnic lunch on the last Friday brought the school to an enjoyable

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conclusion. A closing program was held on Sunday evening, July 23rd. Handwork and crafts were on display afterwards.

Henry G. Ramus, Pastor

### White Cross Workers, Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Mich.

The White Cross department of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich., consists of eleven circles with about 200 active women. Seven circles meet from 10:00 A. M. to 3:00 P.M. and four circles meet in the evenings. Offerings are received to purchase the White Cross materials. Through the circles we are able to distribute news from our mission fields and to send cards as well as to visit the shut-ins.



White Cross packages from the Grosse Pointe Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, Michigan, are ready to be mailed to Forest Park, Illinois.

Left to right: Violet Cherry, Vera Munson, Billy Highdacheck, Olga Koenke, White Cross chairman; Ida Penner, and Olga Rossel, Central Conference White Cross chairman.

We filled our given quota in a short time. The women have put an added touch with handwork around the baby blankets and baby jackets. We are also filling a special request for 57 sheets, 315 baby jackets, 7 dozen diapers, and 40 hospital gowns, as well as 500 gauze pads which will soon be completed. Volunteers have met five times to pack 35 boxes with a total weight of 547 pounds for the year from April 1960 to March 1961. Postage to send

these boxes to Forest Park cost \$41.54 and additional money at 30 cents per pound was sent for the purpose of forwarding these boxes to the Cameroons, Africa, amounting to \$164.10. The total amount spent for White Cross materials by our church was \$588.74. The total spent in our White Cross department of our Woman's Missionary Society was \$794.38.

Olga Rossel, White Cross Chairman for 1960-1961

### Vacation School, First German Church, Benton Harbor

This year's Vacation Bible School conducted for one week in June by the First German Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., proved a worthwhile undertaking. We were able to attract nearly fifty children from the neighborhood to present to them the wonderful story of Christ. The school was conducted in the English language, using the current Scripture Press material. An average attendance of 71 was recorded.

The pastor, Rev. W. W. Knauf, was in charge of the school and was assisted by a very fine staff of workers, some of whom took off from work or used their vacation to assist in this undertaking. Their names are as follows: Pre-school Dept., Mrs. Frieda Bansen, Mrs. Lydia Brandt, Mrs. Elfrieda Krebs, and Miss Ruth Schreyer; Primary Dept., Mrs. Edith Selmann, Miss Waltraut Hildebrandt, Arnold Balk, and Mrs. Elisabeth Schults; Junior Dept., Alfred Grams, Mrs. Erna Brandt, and Miss Luise Wegner; Junior High Dept., Helmut Krebs, Mrs. Betty Knauf, and Miss Evangeline Knauf. Miss Vera Wolf served as registrar and pianist, and Mrs. Herta Bansen as chairman of refreshments.

W. W. Knauf, Pastor

### Streams of Blessings at Erin Avenue Church, Cleveland

We of the Erin Ave. Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, have prayed for "Showers of Blessings" and the Lord has graciously given these showers in an abundant measure. On Sunday, April 30, two young hearts followed the Lord in baptism and on Sunday evening, June 25, four others expressed obedience in the waters of baptism.

But the windows of heaven were open wider than ever before as we held our Vacation Bible School from



Rev. Henry Pfeifer (right), pastor of the Erin Ave. Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, and 6 young people whom he recently baptized on two Sundays.

June 19-30. Extensive preparations had been made for teachers and for enlisting scholars. Our total enrollment reached 239 and our average attendance was 202 with 25 teachers and workers. Miss Evelyn Rymer, serving the Hillcrest Baptist Church for the summer, served us in exchange for Miss Carol Jean Murra, our Director of Christian Education during Vacation Bible School time. Mrs. McCabe, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Luebeck served for the entire two weeks. Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Luebeck also served us so sacrificially together with Mrs. Martha Beach and Mrs. Joan Bell. For the final week Miss Esther E. Pfeifer assisted amongst the Juniors. Each day kept friendly "Marthas" busy for refreshments and the final evening, when the program was given. More than 350 shared not only in the splendid demonstration of the children's work, but also in the fellowship on the church lawn when again refreshments were served to all in attendance.

The Lord directed our endeavors and gave us 31 first time decisions among the boys and girls attending our school. This is the mighty working of God's Holy Spirit in our midst and the opening of the windows of heaven for the greatest showers of blessings yet experienced. Parents and friends who attended the final program expressed in various ways their impressions.

Henry Pfeifer, Pastor



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, CLEVELAND'S ERIN AVE. CHURCH

The Vacation Bible School crowd of the Erin Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, with an enrollment of 239 and a teaching staff of 25 workers.

### Many Activities at Baptist Church, Auburn, Michigan

On Sunday, June 11th, it was our joy at the First Baptist Church, Auburn, Michigan to witness the baptism of seven adults and 13 young people by our pastor, Rev. Manuel Wolff. Earlier in the year, eight young people also followed the Lord in baptism.

Some of the activities in which the church has been engaged recently have been: the writing and acceptance of a new church constitution; the adoption of a unified church budget; a Sunday School teachers' and officers' study course with "From Adam to Moses" as the text; a concert on Easter Sunday by our faithful choir; a series of meetings on Christian Living with Rev. Jack Fullard of Detroit as guest speaker; a Sunday School Contest in which we reached new families and also a new attendance record of 223; and Vacation Bible School with "Around The World With Christ" as the theme and an average daily attendance of 135 plus a staff of 31.

Mrs. Joseph Franko, Reporter

### New Pastor Welcomed, Clinton Hill Church, New Jersey

The Clinton Hill Baptist Church, Union, New Jersey, by a unanimous vote of the membership at a specially called meeting on Sunday, May 28, 1961, extended a call to Rev. John D. Fissel to become our pastor. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his pastorate on Sunday, August 6, 1961.

Mr. Fissel has served for the last eight years at the Chelton Avenue Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa. He has taught on the faculty of the Philadelphia College of the Bible's Evening School. He previously served the Goodwill Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia from 1943 to 1948 and the First Baptist Church, Philipsburg, Penna., from 1948 to 1953. Rev. and Mrs. John D. Fissel and their three children, Emily, 16; James, 14; and Robert, 6; moved August 1 into the newly erected parsonage of the Clinton Hill Church at 895 Sheridan Ave., Union, N. J.

As Brother Fissel takes over the pastorate, he will be officiating in the first Sunday Worship Service of the church in its new Educational Building at 2815 Morris Avenue, Union, N. J. Members of the congregation have put many hours in recent weeks in painting, laying tile and doing other work in finishing the interior of the new building.

Warren W. Hopkins, Church Clerk

### Northern District

#### Twelve New Members, Grace Church, Medicine Hat

Sunday, July 9, was a day of great rejoicing and thanksgiving for the Grace Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta. Rev. P. T. Hunsicker brought the message on Amos 4:12, "Prepare to Meet Thy God." How often we are drawn to events about us, signifying that our life is only a vapor that soon disappears and we must face the fact

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Rev. M. Wolff, (right, rear), pastor of the First Baptist Church, Auburn, Mich., and 20 persons whom he baptized on Sunday, June 11, 1961.

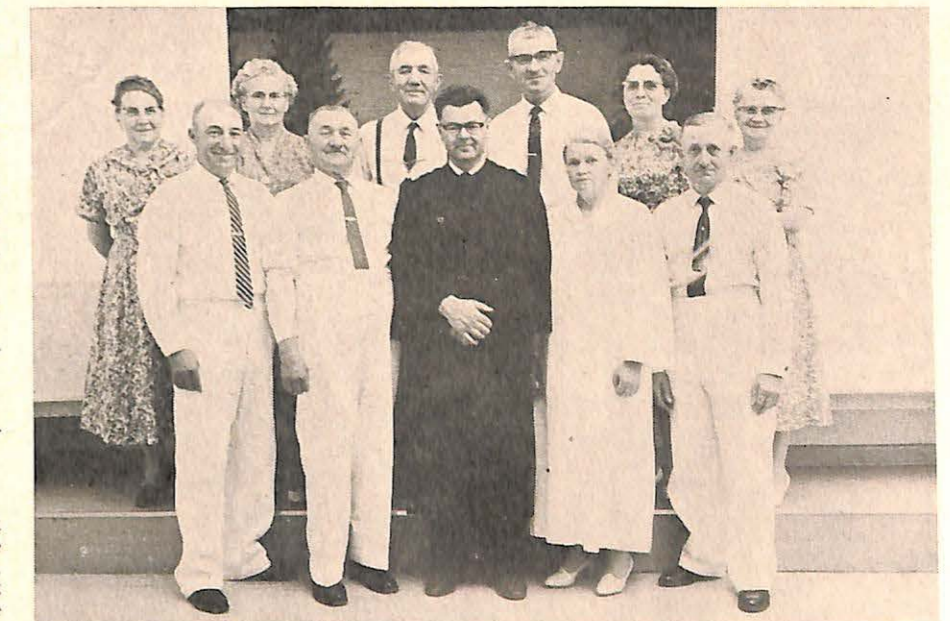
that after death—what then? How will God find us? Will we be ready to meet him?

Four candidates entered the baptismal waters with Mr. Hunsicker as they declared their testimony before the world. Eight other persons were accepted into the fellowship of our church by testimony and letters of transfer. We rejoice with them and trust that together we may build God's Temple, strong and steadfast.

Lilly Oster, Reporter

### Recognition of Hudson Bay Park Church, Saskatoon

On June 18, 1961 twenty-one delegates from six churches met in Council at the Henry Kelsey School in Saskatoon, Sask., for the recognition of the Hudson Bay Park Baptist Church of Saskatoon. Rev. W. Sturhahn was elected as moderator. Rev. E. L. Thieszen, pastor of the church, stressed the church's indebtedness and gratitude to our Church Extension Program for starting and supporting this work. The members of the church stood as an acknowledgment of their agreement



Rev. P. T. Hunsicker, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta, and 10 of the 12 new members whom he received into the church's membership on Sunday, July 9th.

with their pastor after he gave a concise and clear doctrinal statement of the church. The council was informed that the church has a charter membership list of 22 members.

The resolution of the council reads: "This council recognizes the Hudson Bay Park Baptist Church as a duly constituted Baptist church and recommends to the Northern Conference of the North American Baptist General Conference that this church be accepted into its fellowship." Rev. L. Potratz brought an appropriate message based on Acts 2:41, 42, emphasizing the necessity of the growth of a church through teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread and prayer. We praise God for this evangelical witness in our university city and pray for the Lord's guidance and blessing upon the growth of this church.

Edmond Hohn, Clerk of the Council

### 50th Anniversary Days, Baptist Church, Trochu, Alta.

On July 1 and 2, the Trochu Baptist Church, Trochu, Alberta, celebrated its 50th anniversary. Organized on July 2, 1911, this church has maintained a faithful witness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Organized with 28 members, the church now has a membership of 131, two of whom are charter members: Mrs. Adam Yost and Mrs. Dan Frohlich. On Saturday night, July 1, we had a fellowship supper for the members and friends of the church and concluded with a service with Rev. E. P. Wahl as speaker.

On Sunday morning, two Sunday School sessions were held. In the adult service Rev. E. Strauss of Hilda, Alta., and Rev. Wm. Effa of the German-town church, North Dakota, spoke to the congregation. The morning Worship Service was in charge of the pastor with Rev. D. Berg, pastor here during 1951-1956, as guest speaker.

The anniversary service in the afternoon was attended by many people from near and far. Congratulations were spoken by the mayor of Trochu, Mr. J. Stankievech; and the pastor or



appointed representative of the following churches: Carbon Baptist, Temple Baptist—Calgary, East Olds Baptist, Bridgland Baptist—Calgary, Zion Baptist—Drumheller, and German Baptist—Calgary. Rev. E. P. Wahl, pastor here during 1928-1933, brought the message "Forget Not the Day." We also recognize that this is but a milestone which marks our progress in the work of the church, and that there is still much to do!

R. Hoffman, Pastor

### Golden Jubilee of Serath Baptist Church, Sask.

In 1905 several families from the Serath Baptist Church in Austria emigrated to Canada and settled in an area some 20 miles north of Southey, Sask. They joined the German Baptist Church at Southey but found it difficult to attend the services there since travel was by means of horse and buggy. Accordingly on April 23, 1911, they organized as the Serath Baptist Church with 26 charter members. The Serath and Southey churches were served by one pastor (with a few exceptions) until 1960 when Serath together with the Raymore Baptist Mission became a separate field.

On Sunday, June 11, the 50th anniversary of the Serath Church was held with over 300 friends, former members and pastors gathering with us to praise the Lord for his guidance and blessing through the years. The Sunday School Hour under the chairmanship of the superintendent, Wm. Nicolson, opened with a pageant by the children entitled, "We Come to Praise



Rev. Paul Siewert, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta, and four young people whom he baptized on Sunday, June 25.

the Lord Today." Rev. E. L. Thiessen of Saskatoon, Sask., spoke on the value of the Sunday School.

Our pastor, Rev. A. Zeller, took charge of the morning worship service. Rev. E. H. Nikkel of Kelowna,

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B. C., was the guest speaker. Deacon Frank Huber presided over the anniversary service in the afternoon. We were happy to have six of the charter members of the church with us and to honor them. Greetings and congratulations were extended from sister churches and former pastors. It was also a great privilege to have our denominational evangelist, Rev. H. Palfenier, speak to us. He related how the Lord had called him from the Serath Church into full time service.

The evening service, led by Rev. E. Hohn of Nokomis, Sask., centered around the theme of family devotions. A film entitled "A Boy and his Bible" was followed by a message stressing the importance of God's Word for Christian growth.

Mrs. Bernice Grymaloski, Reporter

### Baptism at First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta.

Sunday evening, June 25, brought special blessings to the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta. It was on this evening that four young people were baptized upon their confession of faith in Christ. On the following Sunday they became members of our church at the communion service. We thank God for these young lives and submit them to his care.

The candidates and pastor are shown in the accompanying picture. They are (from left to right) Franc Cerin, Darrell Sonnenberg, Rev. Paul Siewert, Sharon Prier, and Jerry Sonnenberg.

Paul Siewert, Pastor

# Obituary

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

### MR. WILLIAM MATHEUZIK of Kelowna, British Columbia

Mr. William Matheuzik of Kelowna, B. C., was born in Jendryken, East Prussia, Germany on February 2, 1902. In 1929 he came to Kelowna, B. C. and moved to Vancouver, B. C. On February 12, 1937 he was united in marriage to Olga Friessen. In 1942 he again moved with his family to Kelowna. At the age of 16 he learned to know his Savior and was baptized. In Kelowna he joined the Grace Baptist Church and remained a faithful member until his death on June 10, 1961.

Our church was greatly blessed by his quiet and radiant Christian witness. He loved God's house and God's people. He leaves to mourn his beloved wife; one daughter; 3 sons: Werner in Quebec; Rudi in Chicago, Ill.; and Karl at home. The memorial service was held in the Grace Baptist Church.

Grace Baptist Church  
Kelowna, British Columbia  
E. H. NIKKEL, Pastor

### MR. KARL KEIERLEBER of Lodi, California

Mr. Karl Keierleber of Lodi, Calif., was born Oct. 25, 1887 in Odessa, South Russia and came to the United States in 1908. He was united in marriage with Natalie Jessor on Dec. 31, 1910, a marriage that was blessed with three children. The family lived in South Dakota, California, and Montana, the longest residence being in Montana where Mr. Keierleber was a farmer.

He was a sincere and devoted Christian, having received Christ as his personal Savior in 1909 at Tyndall, S. Dak. He was faithful in his attendance, generous in his contributions, and happy in the use of his talents in the service of the Lord. Several years ago he suffered a heart attack. Repeated attacks besides related complications weakened him until the exhausted body gave up the struggle and the victorious soul entered into the presence of the Lord on the morning of July 16, 1961.

Temple Baptist Church  
Lodi, California  
ROBERT SCHREIBER, Pastor

### DONALD ALBERT WITTIG of Medicine Hat, Alberta

The funeral service for Donald Albert Wittig of Medicine Hat, Alberta was held in the Temple Baptist church on July 10. Donald died suddenly of an electric shock received from a power drill while working in a home with his father-in-law. He was born on Jan. 24, 1937 at Burstall, Sask.

On Jan. 27, 1957, he took a definite stand for the Lord, was converted, and that same year was baptized and became a member of the Temple Baptist Church. Here he served faithfully in Sunday School, in choir and as president of the Homemakers. He was a school teacher by profession. In August, 1957 he was married to Marlene Biffert. Those sadly mourning his loss are his widow, Marlene; a son, Donnie Charles Wittig of Medicine Hat; a brother, John, of Rosemary, Alberta; a sister, Irene, Mrs. Edwin Dietcher, Burstall, Sask.; a brother, Henry, of Burstall, Sask.; and a sister, Florence, Mrs. Melvin Fauser, Medicine Hat, Alberta.

Medicine Hat, Alberta  
ANNE SCHUMACHER, Correspondent

### MRS. ANNA P. CASSEL of Colorado Springs, Colorado

Mrs. Anna P. Cassel of Colorado Springs, Colo., the oldest daughter of the late Rev. August Pistor, long time pastor of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., suffered a stroke on June 14 and died on June 15. On account of her father's health, her wedding to Rev. L. P. Cassel took place in the home but the reception was held in the church. Together Rev. and Mrs. L. P. Cassel served churches in Utica, Illinois; Rocky Ford, Colorado; and Grundy Center, Iowa. Their last and most fruitful ministry was in the Grace Baptist Church, Des Moines, Iowa, where many souls were saved and improvements made on the church building.

Mrs. Cassel leaves to mourn her husband; two sons: James of Hawaii and Warren of California; six grandchildren, many rela-

tives and a host of friends who loved her for the zeal she had for the Lord's work. The funeral was held in the Swan Drawing Room. The hymns she had requested were "Some Golden Daybreak" and "The Love of God." It was conducted by Rev. Philip Smith, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, assisted by Rev. Worz of the Emmanuel Bible Church.

Colorado Springs, Colorado  
REV. L. P. CASSEL

### MR. WILLIAM AHRENS of Trenton, Illinois

Mr. William Ahrens of Trenton, Ill., son of Henry and Marie Ahrens, was born on Sept. 7, 1895 in Triangel, Province of Hanover, Germany, and passed away on July 7, 1961 at the age of 65 years and 10 months. He came to America in 1905 and soon thereafter was baptized by Rev. Peter Brunner and united with the First Baptist Church of Trenton, Ill., in which he served faithfully for many years in the offices of treasurer and deacon.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1907 and by his mother in 1931. He is survived by his sisters and brothers: Mrs. Marie Welkum of Chicago, Ill.; Herman of Centralia, Ill.; Martha and Arthur of Trenton, Ill.; and many other relatives and friends.

First Baptist Church  
Trenton, Illinois  
J. R. KRUEGEL, Pastor

### MRS. FRED P. SATTLER of Avon, South Dakota

Mrs. Fred P. Sattler, nee Lydia Fathke, of Avon, S. Dak., was born in Springfield, S. Dak., on Sept. 3, 1878, and passed away in Yankton, S. Dak., on July 11, 1961, at the age of 82 years, 10 months, and 8 days. She was converted as a young girl and united with the Avon Evangelical Church in 1910, and in 1922 with the Avon Baptist Church. For a number of years she was active as a Sunday School teacher, and, in general, displayed an unusual faithfulness to her Lord and her church. She was the oldest member of the Missionary Society.

On June 30, 1901, she was united in marriage with Fred P. Sattler. The Lord granted them a long and happy life together. Plans for the celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary were halted by her final illness. She maintained her joyful Christian spirit, her happy disposition, and her patient yieldedness to the will of God until the very end.

Left to mourn her passing are: her husband, Fred P. Sattler; two daughters: Ella, (Mrs. John Van Gerpen) Tyndall, S. Dak.; Laura (Mrs. Chester Betz) Avon; one daughter having preceded her: one granddaughter, 4 grandsons, one great granddaughter, and one sister, Emma, Mrs. Herman Lorenz, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Avon, South Dakota  
PETER J. WIENS, Pastor

### MR. ARTHUR E. RIEB of Parkston, South Dakota

Mr. Arthur E. Rieb of Parkston, S. Dak., son of Fred Rieb and Lydia Magstadt Rieb, was born Sept. 4, 1907, and departed this life July 14, 1961 at the age of 53 years. He was a native of the Parkston community and lived on the home place in Milltown Township all of his earthly years, showing great love for his parents who passed away in the early 1950's and for his own family in the years since. His death, caused by a heart attack, was a severe shock to his family and a great loss to the community.

He received Jesus Christ as Savior and was baptized by Rev. H. P. Kayser on July 12, 1928 and received into the fellowship of the Dry Creek Station of the Parkston Baptist Church. Since then he served his Lord as a church officer in his quiet way in several positions, and at the time of his death he was a deacon. On Oct. 21, 1955, he was married to Bertha Fastnacht, and their union was blessed with two children: Cynthia Marie and Shirley Ann, both of whom with his wife survive him. Other surviving near relatives are: a brother Edwin of Parkston; two sisters: Emma (Mrs. Albert Radel) of Parkston, and Esther (Mrs. Harold Samson) of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Parkston, South Dakota  
ELMER BUENNING, Pastor

### MRS. EMIL FILLENBERG of Edmonton, Alberta

Mrs. Emil Fillenberg of Edmonton, Alberta, nee Bertha Falkenberg, was born on Dec. 25, 1890, in Volhynia, Russia. She accepted the Lord as her Savior and was baptized by Rev. F. W. Mueller on April 8, 1905 at the age of 15. In 1911 she was united in marriage to Mr. August Priebe, and God blessed this union with two chil-

dren, Myrtle and Alice. Her husband, August preceded her in death in 1918. In 1920 she was wed to Mr. Emil Fillenberg. This union was blessed with six children, one of whom, a boy, died in infancy.

In 1951 Mr. and Mrs. Emil Fillenberg moved to Edmonton and Mrs. Fillenberg became a charter member of the McKernan Baptist Church. She was a faithful supporter of the Women's Missionary Societies in Leduc as well as in Edmonton. Her home was always open to young people and to students. She was happiest when helping others, and dreaded the possibility of becoming helpless herself. Mrs. Fillenberg was called to her home in Heaven on July 21, 1961. She had reached the age of 70 years last Christmas Day, 1960.

She leaves to mourn her loving husband, and her children: Mrs. E. (Myrtle) Kern, Mrs. F. (Alice) Roth, Mr. Lyle Fillenberg, Mrs. R. (Dorothy) Kuhnert, Mr. Bernard Fillenberg, Miss Lillian Fillenberg, Mrs. F. (Lucille) Effa; 14 grandchildren, one great-grandchild; and one sister, Mrs. Fred Grapentine of Chilliwack, B. C.

McKernan Baptist Church  
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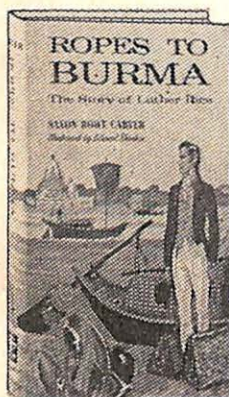
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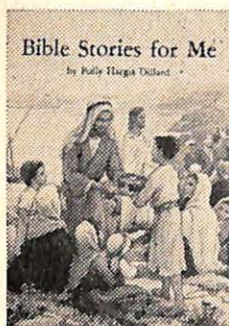
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stances. The church clerk, Mrs. Margaret Guthaus, wrote that "at a formal business meeting, it was agreed that the assets of the Eastside Baptist Church be given to the North American Baptist Missionary Society." The church owns approximately three and one-half acres of land in the northeast area of the city. The church was supported as a Church Extension project of the denomination but it was never formally recognized as a church of our fellowship.

● The Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle, Texas, has extended a call to Rev. Richard Mayforth of Benton Harbor, Mich., a 1961 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, who received his Bachelor of Divinity degree at the recent commencement exercises held in Minneapolis, Minn. He will begin his ministry at the Kyle church on Sept. 1st, following his ordination on August 19 at the First Baptist Church of Saint Joseph, Mich., where he and his wife are members at the present time. He and his brother, Ronald, who is also a North American Baptist Seminary student, were ordained with Dr. Donald G. Davis of Los Angeles, Calif., bringing the ordination sermon. Rev. Richard Mayforth has succeeded Rev. Henry Hirsch, now of Anaheim, Calif.

● On July 29th the South Hills Baptist Church, Erie, Pa., attended the wedding ceremony for two officers of the CBY Conference of the Eastern Conference when the vice president, Paul Eichler, was married to the secretary, Sharon Overbeck. High school sweethearts, Sharon and Paul have been very active in the local CBY, at present serving as secretary and president, respectively, of this group. Paul, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eichler, and twin brother of Faith Eichler who was a member of the "God's Volunteers" team of 1960-61, was also on the Board of Trustees and director of the youth choir at the time of his marriage. Paul and Sharon will make their home in Richmond, Virginia. Rev. E. K. Stroh is pastor of the South Hills Church.

● Rev. and Mrs. W. Helwig of Dallas, Texas, have reported about the unusual honors that have come to their youngest son, Elton. In 1954 Elton was critically ill with polio but God restored him to health except that he has lost the use of both arms. This year he graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School of Dallas as salutatorian in a class of 417 students. In the nation-wide Mathematical Contest he won the pin of National First Place Award. He received many scholarship offers from colleges throughout the United States and selected a \$1,500 scholarship from Southern Methodist University of Dallas. Rev. W. Helwig, formerly pastor of the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church of Dallas, is now engaged in business in the city. The family lives at 3027 Reynolds Avenue, Dallas 23, Texas.

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will continue to make their home in Sioux Falls. A reception for Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman and family was held on Sunday evening, July 23. A program of special numbers, readings and words of welcome was followed by a social hour and reception, as reported by Mrs. John G. Buseman, church clerk.

● Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Lutz of West-sington Springs, S. Dak., observed their 25th wedding anniversary recently with a surprise celebration arranged for them by the congregations of the Immanuel and Ebenezer Baptist

Churches which they serve. Their son, Thomas Lutz, Jr., was in charge of the program. Congratulatory talks were given by Carl Liedtke and Julius Winter, representing the Ebenezer and Immanuel Churches, and by Mr. Fred Fischer of the Calvary Church, Aberdeen, S. Dak., which was formerly served by Rev. Thomas Lutz. Several musical numbers were rendered. A reception afterwards with Karen Kludt in charge of the guest book.

● Recently official word has been received that the Eastside Baptist Church of Janesville, Wis., has found it advisable to dissolve as a church because of various reasons and circum-