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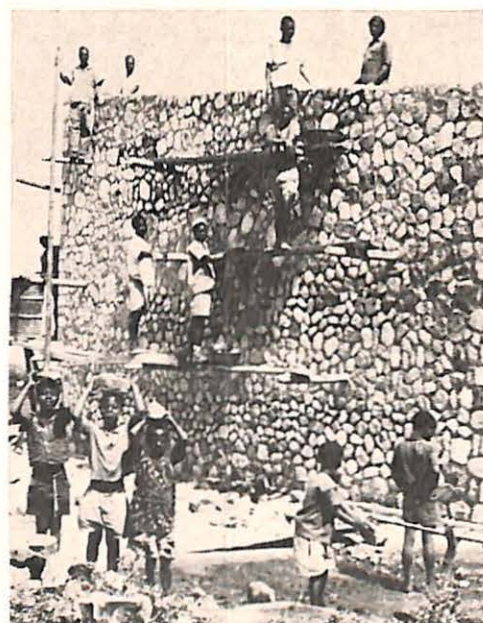
THE CHRISTMAS ISSUE



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Several young Japanese Christians, who have been trained by our missionaries are assuming positions of leadership in their churches and at schools. Become acquainted with them through this graphic article by Florence Miller and new pictures.

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Editorial

The 1962 Annual

At this Christmas season, love is again enthroned in the hearts of people. We reflect on God's gift of love to us in Christ. We are concerned about our loving devotion to our Savior. Our efforts are expended this month in the things we can do for one another in loving thoughtfulness. Such are the joys of Christmas!

The editor of the denominational ANNUAL firmly believes that this 68 page volume can make its unique contribution to your Christmas season. It provides many reading joys to its thousands of readers. It is widely distributed as Christmas gifts to others. A great deal of loving devotion has gone into its pages.

NEW BUILDINGS on our mission fields is its striking theme. You will become acquainted with the amazing new chapels and school buildings that have recently arisen in the Camerouns as a breathtaking symbol of "the new age" that has come to Africa. You have to see these pictures to believe this unique story.

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The Christmas Glory

Let us center our Christmas celebrating around CHRIST, who is our Wonderful Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

By Rev. Robert G. Krueger of the Northside Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

IN THESE DAYS of prolonged international crisis, the Christian is called upon to exercise his faith as never before. As the season approaches in which we sing of "peace on earth, good will toward men," we who know the Prince of Peace and who have experienced God's good will in a personal relationship must manifest and proclaim the true meaning of Christmas to a confused and skeptical world.

The real meaning of our most celebrated holiday will not be easily found if we let the world set the pattern for its observance. Mingling with crowds of gift shoppers who are frantic in the

mas passage" of Isaiah 9:1-7. Seven centuries before the birth of Christ, God spoke through this prophet so clearly concerning the comprehensive meaning of the Incarnation that we can interpret events, both past and future, even today!

Verse one introduces the passage with a promise of hope. "... she who was in anguish shall not continue in gloom" (Berkeley Version). Speaking to the situation of his day, Isaiah is giving prophetic promise of restoration following the captivity of Israel which would take place very soon. But even in these words which he speaks in

the world." Truly, we have come to see this great Light and to walk in it because God has caused it to shine. The darkness of sin is intense. As we sing about the light of the Star of Bethlehem, let us also remember that he said to his followers, "Ye are the light of the world" and "let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

JOY IN CHRIST

Verse three adds the second component of our glorious state in Christ—Joy. When Isaac Watts penned "Joy to the World, the Lord Is Come," he was writing of the joy we have experienced in our new life in Christ, and which floods the hearts of all who renew this joy each Christmas season when they marvel anew at the amazing truth of the Incarnation.

The two pictures which Isaiah describes to illustrate the intensity of the joy are vivid, and most of us know from experience how true the first of these is—"... according to the joy in harvest."

DELIVERANCE FROM SIN

Verse four is the picture of deliverance. It speaks dramatically of the broken yoke and the shattered rod and staff. The yoke is the picture of servitude as of the oxen when working, and the rod and staff the cruel weapons used in beating animals or slaves. The yoke of sin has no more power over us, and the staff of guilt with which Satan has been abusing us has been shattered by the great Captain of our salvation.

To illustrate that this deliverance is God's doing, Isaiah refers to the battle of Gideon, when God gave victory to a mere 300 men who faced the overwhelming odds of the Midianites. Praise God for our great deliverance from sin through the Lion of the tribe of Judah, our great Redeemer, Jesus Christ!

PEACE WITH GOD

The fourth factor helping to complete the picture of glory is peace. *Verse five* tells us that the tramping boots and garments of bloody warfare will be burned, serving no better purpose than fuel for fire. We see that this component of peace also is centered in Christ. Paul writes of this peace to the Romans, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (5:1).

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Are You Prepared for Survival?

December 7, 1961 marks the 20th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, "a day of infamy" in the world's history. It should also remind us that God alone can lead us victoriously through the dismal crises of today's world shaking events. Read the Scripture passage of II Peter 3:1-12.

By Rev. William W. Sibley, Calvary Baptist Church, Wetaskiwin, Alberta

"PLAN TODAY to survive tomorrow." "Start planning your emergency pack now!" "Tomorrow may be too late." These are some of the statements found in a series of pamphlets recently distributed by the Civil Defense authorities in Canada. These pamphlets were titled, ELEVEN STEPS TO SURVIVAL, SURVIVAL IN NUCLEAR WAR and YOUR EMERGENCY PACK.

A recent article in NEWSWEEK magazine displayed an advertisement for bomb shelters with this question in bold print, "Have You Prepared For Survival?" Considering the earth-shaking developments of recent days, these questions are a matter of supreme importance to everyone.

IMMINENT DESTRUCTION

The conclusions of some of our leading politicians and scientists lead us to believe that we are on the verge of world-wide disaster. A slight error in judgment could cause one side or the other to push the button that would plunge this world into nuclear war. It would be a war in which, as they tell us, there will be no survivors or victors, just victims. It is no longer the preacher who is forewarning doom; it is the man in this secular world.

The destruction of this age and God's judgment upon it are a foregone conclusion in the Scriptures. "And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment upon all and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him" (Jude 14, 15).

"But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men" (II Peter 3:7). "On that day the heavens will disappear with a great rushing sound, the elements will disintegrate in flames, and the earth with all that is in it will be laid bare . . . that day will set the heavens ablaze until they fall apart, and will melt the elements in flames" (New English Bible, II Peter 3:10, 12). These words in Second Peter sound very much like the description of an atomic blast.

God judged the world in Noah's day because of its wickedness by sending a flood judgment. At the rate this world is going, we can expect the judg-

ment of God and it will not be a flood judgment but a FIRE judgment.

The spirit that is prevailing in the world today is the same spirit that crucified the Lord of glory. This age is doomed. Christ died to save men out of this age, out of this sinful world that is heading for judgment, that we might survive the blasts of sin, death and hell. Are you prepared for survival?

AN AGE OF FULFILLMENT

The necessity for preparation is seen when we realize that prophecy is literally being fulfilled before our eyes. We dare not ignore what is going on, and we dare not procrastinate in exhorting people to watch and pray, for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. Take your Bible and read Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21. Note how that the words of the Lord Jesus, phrase by phrase, fit so well the events of our days.

"Distress of nations, with perplexity," a true picture indeed of the United Nations upon the death of Mr. Ham-



Rev. William Sibley of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church.

markskjold. "The sea and waves roaring," a statement that well portrays the destruction of Hurricane Carla, Donna, Esther, etc. Hurricanes and typhoons followed by severe rains and tornadoes seem to be on the increase. "Men's hearts failing them for fear." This is the age of the heart attack. The tensions and fears of today are more than modern man with his \$20,000 home and \$6,000 limousine can bear.

"Wars and rumors of wars." More than ever before! We face one war crisis after another in different parts of the globe. There is more racial trouble as brother rises up against brother and people against people. "And there shall be famines, and pestilences." There are millions with nothing to eat regardless of the billions spent for overseas relief. There are still plagues such as the cholera epidemic in Red China. It had been forecast by Surgeon General Luther I. Terry that there would be an upswing in influenza this year. No doubt if the atomic tests continue there will be a pestilence from fallout such as we have never experienced in our part of the world before. "And earthquakes, in divers places." The cries from Agadir and Chile can still be heard.

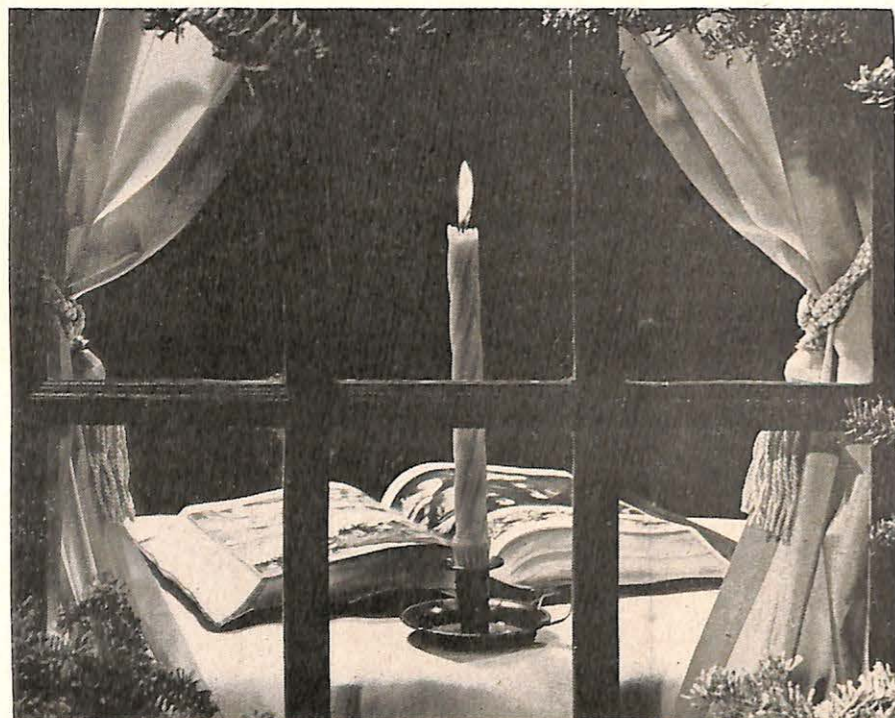
"And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." How true this is as we look about us! Iniquity abounds. There is sin without shame. And with this has come a cooling off among the saints. What a tragedy that so many have given up the struggle for holiness and have gone over to worldly and questionable practices. Some of the things that professing Christians are doing would have been branded as sin less than half a century ago. There is more desire for television, sports, the theater and undesirable habits than there is for the prayer meeting or the Sunday evening service of the church.

AGE OF APOSTACY

Are not the words of II Timothy 3:1-5 applicable to this age? Or the words of our Lord, "And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many"? Or as Paul said, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and the doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron" (I Timothy 4:1, 2).

This is an age of apostacy, regardless of increasing church memberships. The

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The lighted candle in the window is the joyous Christmas message of Christ, the light of the world, that "unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." (Luoma Photo).

desire to complete purchases for a long list of names produces only frustration. The tinsel and glitter which delight our small children (and often camouflages the real event of celebration) is a poor substitute for spiritual reality.

To find the true meaning of this season, which means so many different things to so many different people, we must turn to the Holy Record. Here, in the Word of God we will find revealed truth to replace tradition, fact to replace fiction, a Person to give present and future meaning to past historical events.

One of the most strikingly beautiful passages in all the Bible is the "Christ-

the day of King Ahaz, there is a meaning intended by God to reveal a far greater day in centuries to come!

Isaiah, speaking in the Holy Spirit, places himself beyond the events which will not yet take place for 700 years, and describes them as having already taken place. He speaks further in *verse one* of Galilee being made glorious. Then he proceeds to give four components of this glory, and we recognize all of them to be centered in our Lord Jesus Christ.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

In *verse two* the prophet tells of the great light that shone in intense darkness. Jesus said, "I am the Light of

The Gifts of the Wise Men

Be among the wise who put Jesus first. Worship and adore him! Give him the heart's best!

By Dr. Herbert Lockyer, Christian Evangelist and Author.

THE NATURE of the gifts offered to Jesus that first Christmas morn are symbolic of many deep spiritual truths. Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh can represent the Person and work of Christ, and also the best believers can offer their Lord.

GOLD

This foremost gift can represent Christ's royalty as King, seeing that gold is distinctly accepted as a sign of royalty. It was the metal extensively used in the Tabernacle and the Temple. Given to Christ it signified the recognition of his Deity. Gold can also be used as a type of noble character (Rev. 3:18).

Coming to ourselves it can stand for all that is precious in life. Does he have our gold? It is his by right: "The silver and the gold are his." Our golden joys, golden love, golden successes, are they his? Perhaps we have not much that is of a golden nature to give, yet meager offerings, if they but represent the best we can surrender, are counted precious in his sight.

The legend is told of a boy who had no offering to offer as he entered the sanctuary. In his pocket was a small apple his mother had given him to eat by the way. The lad, however, yielded it to the offertory plate, and lo, when the priest came to collect the alms he found an apple of gold.

We can also make the gold represent the *spirit* part of our nature, which is the most precious, the golden possession of our being. Mary likewise brought her gold. "My *spirit* hath rejoiced in God my Savior." And, truly, he is worthy of the dedication of the best we have in person and possession. Let us give him gold, pure gold, not alloy.

In the *Gold* we have Jesus as King. In the golden things we offer him we but recognize his claim as the Sovereign of our lives to the most valuable gifts they hold.

FRANKINCENSE

This fragrant resin, procured by the slitting of the bark, is not to be identified as the incense used in the Tabernacle of old, which was compounded of this and other aromatic gums. The incense the angel offers with the prayers of the saints (Rev. 3:8) should be translated "frankincense."

This further costly gift of the Magi speaks of the purity and fragrance of Christ's life as *PROPHET*. Truly, grace was poured into his lips. He was ever obedient to the word and will of God. The holy aroma of obedience was

his. Is this our gift to the King? Do we live in the mountain of spices? As his, is character fragrant with holiness, obedience, and likeness to himself?

Frankincense can stand for the *Soul*, that is, the central part of the nature, our real life, the inner shrine in which all our powers should act as censers, bearing incense continually before the Lord. But do we yield the offering of the heart? He comes claiming our affections, devotion, will, our mind, strength, all. Is he disappointed or does the sweet incense of love and prayer and surrender rise continually before him?

Mary brought this gift. "My soul," she sang, "doth magnify the Lord." Does all within our soul bless the Lord? Amid all other loves and joys is he the dearest and the best? Frankincense, we have seen, is taken from the split bark. The tree must be wounded ere it can produce its fragrance.

What a lesson! There would have been no fragrant Gospel had it not been for the five bleeding wounds of Jesus. What do we know about the slit bark? No pain, no perfume: no sacrifice, no Savior. Odor can only fill the house after the alabaster box of precious ointment is broken.

MYRRH

Having a somewhat balsamic colour, this gum carried a bitter taste. As an



THE WISE MEN

A woodcarver of Oberammergau, Germany, has beautifully depicted in wood the three Wise Men with their gifts for the Christ-child.

antiseptic it carried medicinal qualities, and is therefore a fit emblem of the healing powers of the Great Physician. It can also speak of Christ's suffering and sacrifice as the *Priest*. At the cross he was given this resin mingled with vinegar; and Nicodemus embalmed his body with the same bitter ingredient.

In the Myrrh, then, the Wise Men recognized in Jesus the *Priest*, the Lamb, the Scapegoat. It was a prophecy of his sacrifice. And what myrrh he gave!

*"None of the ransomed ever knew,
How deep were the waters crossed,
Nor how dark was the night the Lord
passed through,
Ere he found the sheep that was
lost."*

Applied to ourselves, the Myrrh symbolizes an aspect of giving we often neglect. Has the Myrrh been offered? What do we know of the death of self-ambition, self-pride, self-defence, self-glory? The Myrrh can mean the "laying in the dust of life's glory, dead." Myrrh can represent the *body*, the part in which we toil and suffer. And if trial and suffering are laid at his feet and borne for his dear sake, then every bitter cup is sweetened. If the Myrrh stands for sorrows, weaknesses, griefs, fears, tears, then in our helplessness let us take all to him who is the All-Sufficient Friend.

Herbert H. Hines combines these thoughts so beautifully in his Christmas Prayer:

"We open here our treasure and our gifts;

And some of it is gold,

And some is frankincense,

And some is myrrh;

For some has come from plenty,

Some from joy,

And some from deepest sorrow of the soul.

But thou, O God, dost know the gift in love,

Our pledge of peace, our promise of goodwill.

Accept the gift and all the life we bring."

Christ's offering of myrrh for you and me was a bruised and broken body and he offered it gladly. "This is My body broken for you." Mary offered her myrrh. Surrendering her *BODY* to the Holy Spirit she said: "Behold the handmaiden of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word." And at the Christmas season the Lord awaits our offerings of Myrrh. "Present your

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Baptists Behind the Iron Curtain

The concluding story of the author's visit to the Soviet Union, Poland and East Germany visiting with Baptist congregations and leaders behind the Iron Curtain.

By Rev. Albert W. Wardin, Jr., of Portland, Oregon

INTRODUCTION

The first article by Mr. Wardin (see Nov. 23, 1961 issue, pages 8 and 9) described his experiences in Czechoslovakia and with the people of Russia. In Kiev the Wardin family attended a deeply moving Baptist church service, which is very seldom visited by American tourists in Russia. This service concluded with the Lord's Supper. The deacons passed the bread and the cup to the American brethren as well. Then they went on to Moscow. EDITOR.

ONE WEEK later we attended the Moscow Baptist Church. From the outside one could not tell it was a church building. It was very plain, located on a narrow side street. The church was packed like in Kiev. There were over 2,000 people present. Every seat was taken on the main floor and in the balcony, which went around three sides of the large auditorium. Hundreds were standing in the center aisle, in the back of the church, in the balcony, and even in the doorway. Some younger people in their 20's and 30's were present, including even a few children. Again there were two sermons, and a fifty voiced choir sang a number of beautiful choir numbers. We observed some who wrote down notes while the ministers preached. A glass front window had the inscription in Russian, "God is love."

BAPTISTS OF MOSCOW

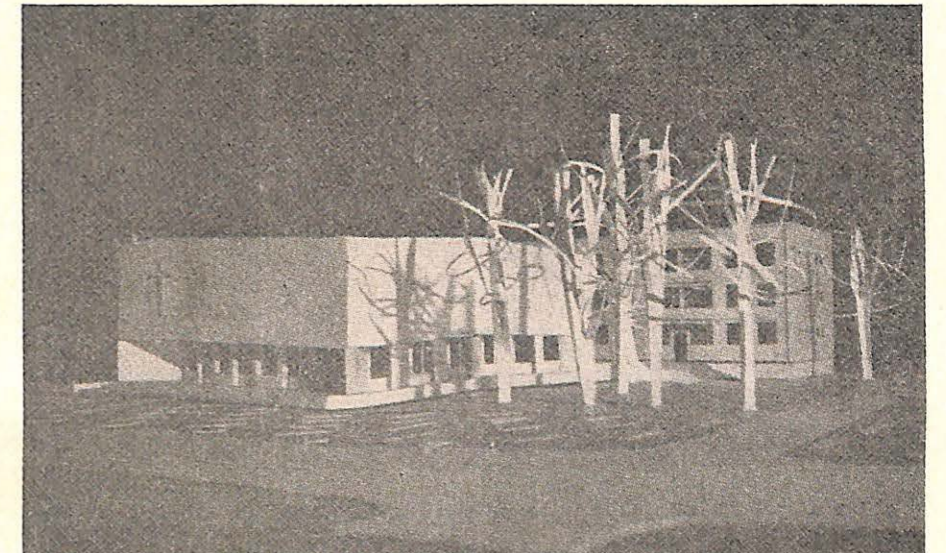
After the service I spoke to a man who appeared to be an official of the church, and who understood English. I asked him, "Why is there only one Baptist church in Moscow?" He said there was a housing shortage, but they hoped to get a second meetingplace sometime in the future. I also asked, "Why are not children and teenagers baptized? Is it the policy of the church?" He explained that the government does not allow the church to baptize anyone before he is eighteen. At eighteen he becomes a full citizen of the Soviet state, and then may join a church if he desires.

In further conversation he also said that there were over 5,000 Baptist churches in the Soviet Union. A church must register with the government, and in order to register as a church it must have at least twenty persons, a pastor, and a building. He also stated that the Baptists had Russian Bibles printed in 1926, and then none until 1957. At that time the American Bible Society made the plates available, and the Soviet press published them.

One could not help but notice the vital Christian testimony which the Baptists have in the Soviet Union today. In spite of the fact that the Communist regime does not allow any Sunday School or youth organizations in their churches, and their children must receive most of their religious instruction at home, the Baptists are growing in Russia. In 1955, there were over 512,000 members. Today there are 540,000 in over 5,000 churches. Very effective work is done by the personal witness of the individual members. In a comparatively recent article, printed in a Russian atheistic Communist

formed me that they sell 100,000 portions of Scripture a year, and sell more now than they did before World War II.

We attended services at the Warsaw Baptist Church, which met in a second story hall. The furnishings were simple, and the congregation not large. I brought greetings and a short testimony. Mr. Alfred Kurzawa, a Polish Baptist evangelist who had received theological training in the United States, interpreted for me. A young Dutch Baptist evangelist preached an excellent message in English, which was then interpreted into Polish by



A model of the new Baptist Church and Seminary at Warsaw, Poland, which was seen by the author still under construction. The dedication services for this Baptist building and center were held on Sept. 10-11, 1961. Accommodations for the offices of the Polish Baptist Union have also been incorporated.

magazine, the author describes the Russian Baptists, ministers and laymen alike, as constantly engaged in "catching souls." They are always trying to win someone to their faith.

LIFE IN POLAND

The air is freer in Poland. Life is more western than it is in its neighbor to the east. Although Poland has a Communist regime, collectivization of farm land was halted several years ago, and the land was turned back into private hands. People speak out more freely now than they dared to do immediately after the war. There is religious freedom, and atheism is not taught in the schools. The churches may have Sunday Schools and youth organizations. I was very surprised to see the fine store of the British and Foreign Bible Society on a main Warsaw street, even displaying the New English Bible. The store manager in-

a Polish theological student. The Dutch evangelist and his male companion were going into Russia to preach, if possible, and also to witness and distribute Bibles and tracts. He knew he was taking a chance, but was willing to suffer for Christ if necessary. He recently had visited Baptists in Bulgaria, and said that if there is persecution of Christians anywhere, it is there.

We visited the beautiful new Baptist apartment building, where, it is hoped, a seminary will meet soon. Next to this building is the lovely new brick Baptist church building under construction. The new house of worship is very modern in design, and will have a seating capacity of 400. Baptists in America, from both North and South, have contributed money to help finance both the apartment building and the new church structure. Mr. Kurzawa informed us that the Polish Bap-

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A Bridge Between Two Africas

Independence Day, celebrated on Oct. 1st in the Cameroons, brought together several million people of French and English expression into the Republique of Cameroun which promises to be a unique laboratory of an African Union.

By Miss Berneice V. Westerman, Missionary at Soppo, West Cameroons

GOD'S SAME verdant grass is beneath our feet and his canopy of sky still covers us, but on September 30, 1961 at the stroke of midnight the Deputy Commissioner of the British Government handed to President M. Ahmadou Ahidjo the sovereignty of the former Southern Cameroons and it legally became the West Cameroun of the Federal Cameroun Republic.

Weeks before, government officials began the process of turning over and giving the sovereignty into the hands of the native Cameroonians. There were conferences to adapt and to adopt a new Constitution, to revise the postal system and adjust air travel, to consider national protection and security, to balance budgets, to prepare personnel for new positions and to design a new flag.

THE BRITISH LEAVE!

September 30th was the first of the formal ceremonies during which the Commissioner of the Cameroons left the country. The Grenadier Guard Army and Band as well as the Republic Army and Band took part in the farewell. The guards were tall—most of them near six feet and some over that—but the leader of the Republic Army Band could look down on all of them from his height of almost seven feet. With pomp, ceremony and band music, the top official

of the British Empire, Commissioner J. O. Field, left the Cameroons.

When the sovereignty of the country was handed over to the President, a 21 gun salute was fired and the Buea church bells were rung. The British Army and other government officials left during the next few days. Great Britain had again given independence to 800,000 more people.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

On Independence Day, people gathered early in an open sport field to wait for the arrival of the new president. School children marched onto the field and stood in military rows, representing their individual schools. Almost as soon as they began marching onto the field, the rain began. It wasn't long before everyone, who wasn't under the shelter of the special grandstand, was wet to the skin. Even those under the shelter were dry from the top but were standing ankle-deep in water. The colourful capes of the Army were drenched and they must have been very heavy with water. Some colors were not fast, and so the reds turned the whites into a streaked pink!

The B. T. T. C. (Baptist Teacher Training Center) Band leader had red, blue and yellow in his costume and, when he removed the cape and jacket, his white shirt had some of each color

in it. We have nicknamed him "Joseph" with his coat of many colors. We knew that the students could not afford to buy new shirts, and so we set to work trying to help them get rid of the stains: bleach, soap, more bleach, more soap but the color seemed fast. Then Dot Zimbelman found some Rit color remover, and eventually we hope there will be a whiter and brighter set of white shirts than before the Day of Independence.

PRESIDENT AHIDJO'S MESSAGE

In the President's Maiden Speech, Ahidjo stated:

"Bringing together, today, people of French and English expression, the Cameroons promises to be a very laboratory for an African Union. It will constitute a bridge between these two Africas . . ."

Of those who are not law abiding he said, "If they persist in crime, in butchery, in pillage and violence, let them know that we in turn will be stern, let them know that we have a patrimony to defend . . . and that we will defend it.

"If, on the other hand, they renounce their errors, if they open their eyes to reality, their Fatherland, Cameroun, shall welcome them with open arms and shall make room for them; for today, as yesterday, the task before us is immense and demands the participation of everybody.

"Many are the foreigners who have put faith in us. Their presence is precious to us, not only for the development of our economy, but also for the strengthening of the friendship, which we intend to maintain between ourselves and other foreign countries. If their citizens find themselves with us tomorrow, we shall protect their rights and their property, and they shall live among us in complete liberty, in an atmosphere of understanding and cordiality. We ask them, in turn, as it is the rule in every independent state, to respect our sovereignty . . ."

A REUNITED COUNTRY

The independent nation consisting of two states, West Cameroon and East Cameroon, came into being in a peaceful atmosphere. Peace has been our blessing for the first weeks. We pray that their motto will be a reality; PEACE—LABOUR—FATHERLAND. Long may their flag wave!

In 1964 they will hold their first elections, and so this nation has been conquered, divided and now reunited.

OCTOBER 1, 1961 was Independence Day in the Southern Cameroons! Another territory in this vast African continent severed its ties with foreign powers and achieved its independence on this eventful day. This independence for the Southern Cameroons, where the North American Baptists have their oldest and largest mission field, means becoming a part of the Republique of Cameroun.

What was formerly the French Cameroun, achieved its independence on January 1, 1960, and now it is joined by what has been known as the British Cameroons. One territory before World War I, under the rule of Germany, it was divided after the war, and Great Britain and France became the trustees of this divided territory.

REPUBLIQUE OF CAMEROUN

Now, united again under one flag (a tri-color, green, red and yellow), the United Cameroun Republique has two stars on its flag, signifying the two territories: Eastern and Western Cameroons. What was formerly the Southern Cameroons is now the West Cameroons of the Republique of Cameroun.

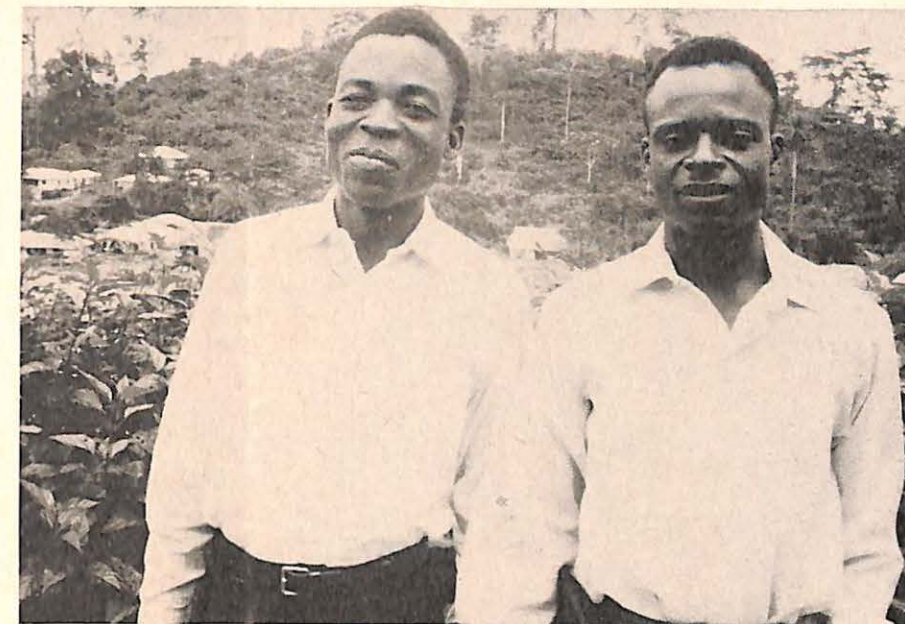
It was with mixed feeling that many Cameroonians met this day. Certainly, there was the thrilling realization that this is now a country on its own, free from foreign rule, and that the future of their country now lay in their own hands. Some said that even though things would not be perfect, they preferred making their own mistakes and learning thereby as they took up the responsibilities, formerly carried by foreign powers.

Change always bring uncertainties, but this too is a step forward. There will be two official languages, French and English, used by the united government. The pounds, shillings and pence of the British monetary system will be replaced by the much easier-to-figure francs. Stamps have already changed. Perhaps soon, motorists will keep to the right instead of the left, as in British territories.

CHURCH TEACHER'S SERMON

At the morning worship service on Independence Day at the Bamenda New Hope Settlement, our church-teacher brought an excellent sermon on "Independence or Freedom." Some of the pertinent statements were thought-provoking and definitely timely. The talk was punctuated with "DZIPENDA," the Cameroons Creole for independence.

"No one wants to be a servant when he can be a master. One is not satisfied in living in another man's house. Every man wants his own! Independence has different meanings to different people. To some it means they can do as they please, with no restraints. That is like the lorry (truck) that grew tired of the confines of the road and decided to be independent and to go where it pleased. It took a short-cut across the hills. This lorry was



BAPTISTS IN THE CAMEROONS LEGISLATURE
Pastor Nyanganji, Baptist pastor, (left), and John Nsame, church teacher, (right), two Baptists who are serving in the Cameroons House of Assembly (Photo by Laura E. Reddig).

Independence or Freedom?

This article, written on Oct. 13, describes the Christians' celebration on Independence Day over the new United Cameroun Republique and the church-teacher's sermon on "Independence or Freedom?" at the New Hope Settlement.

By Miss Laura E. Reddig, Missionary at Mbingo, West Cameroons

independent to do as it pleased, but it was not free to choose the results of his actions. This lorry's independence brought it destruction. To some people, independence means freedom from rules or confining laws. People are free to make their own money, take what belongs to another and do exactly as they please. They can make their own rules and laws of behavior which give them advantages and powers over others.

TRUE FREEDOM

"Now that the Cameroons are independent, this country will stand by itself and govern itself. We are now free from any country and any people but ourselves. If there is trouble, it is only because people do not know the true meaning of independence. No people can ever be really independent until they are free from the power of sin in their individual lives. Our country may be free from the rule of outsiders, but if we are slaves of sin, we have neither independence nor freedom.

"Man is a slave as long as he sins. Only in Jesus Christ can we all have power over sin. Sin pays its servants, and that payment is not freedom but death. People cry for self-government for their country, yet they have no self-control over their own lives. Any people bound by sin are not free, re-

gardless of their nation's independence. Sin wants to control us by making us do what we know is wrong. We cannot control self until that self is fully surrendered to Christ. Through him we have real forgiveness and freedom from sin, real self-control, real self-government.

"Now our Cameroons has its independence, but do we have this freedom—freedom from the power of sin and evil in this world? Are you still enslaved by sin? Do we want independence or real freedom? Real freedom in Christ brings the true independence which builds a strong nation."

CHRISTIANS CELEBRATE

Throughout the Cameroons, cocktail parties were held to celebrate Independence Day. At Mbingo, the missionaries spent the evening in a "song fest" with some of our Cameroonian staff. Popcorn was served, and Cool-Aid "cocktails" were served. The evening was closed with united prayers by all for this new nation, its leaders, its youth, Christ's church, and the advancement of his Kingdom throughout Africa. We were especially thankful for the countless prayers raised on behalf of this mission work, your missionaries, and to this new nation. We were thankful to be able to stay at

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CHRISTIAN CELEBRATION IN THE CAMEROONS

Pastor Nfomi brings the dedication message on the church steps at the dedication of Bamenda's new Baptist Church, African Christians also took part in similar festivities in the Independence Day programs.



Laura E. Reddig, MBE

It was a day to remember—Sept. 15, 1961—when Laura E. Reddig received the MBE medal (Member of the British Empire) on behalf of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, for her “many years of loyal and distinctive service . . . for God and Country.”

By Miss Berneice V. Westerman, Missionary

Laura E. Reddig, our Cameroons missionary, is one of six persons to receive medals of honor from the British Government for “distinctive service for God and Country.” Miss Reddig is wearing her MBE medal.

“ . . . FOR YOUR many years of loyal and distinctive service . . . for God and Country.”

It was September 15, 1961, 9:45 A.M. Laura Reddig, Ida Forsch and I, dressed in hat and gloves, and Mr. William Rentz, dressed in his best suit, were greeted at the spacious, sturdy and sumptuous residence of the Commissioner of the Cameroons at Buea. (It is also known as the “Schloss” (castle) since it was built during the time of the Germans.)

The large entrance was very adequate to accommodate the thirty guests. “When Commissioner Field arrives the ‘special’ guests will stand on this side of the room and their guest will stand opposite them,” we were informed. There were six “special” guests—four Africans and three expatriates. Each had two personal guests and one who represented their firm or mission.

THE CITATION

The Commissioner in white military uniform arrived. Excited silence reigned. Then—

- “for your 40 years of loyal service in the forestry department . . .”
- “for your 29 years as a nurse . . .”
- “for your distinctive services . . .”
- “Laura Edna Reddig, it gives me pleasure to present this medal on behalf of the Queen for your many years of loyal, distinctive service in the Cameroons.” The medal is inscribed with the words, “for God and Country.”

The silver Greek cross with its rose and gray ribbon was pinned onto each

guest in turn by the Commissioner and congratulations began.

Afterward Laura Reddig began wondering on which occasions she would be permitted to wear it, or must it remain in its lovely black box? After inquiring, she was told that it would be very proper to wear it on duty whenever some government official would come to visit her place of work. (Laura says, “I’ll keep it and show it to all my grandchildren.”)

Rarely such special days come along, and so we tried to make it one which Laura Reddig will always remember. It did not “die” with the presentation of the medal. On our way from the Commissioner’s Lodge, we stopped to sign the Official Visitor’s Book. It took some convincing to make Laura understand that now she must add “M. B. E.” to her name, especially in such a book.

VISIT IN BUEA

She had not been in the Buea Area for a real look around the town since she was stationed at Soppo a number of years ago. So we had a look at Buea’s recently built hotel and to have a car-view of all the new houses which have been built for government and business firm expatriate personnel. (There was the day when she knew every expatriate in the Cameroons; now that is impossible.)

The British Army Nurses had invited her to see the Army Hospital, and so we drove to the corrugated zinc village. While we were being shown the hospital, our host said, “In that room is the ‘heap’ that belongs to the Baptist Mission.” And so we were

shown a “heap” of medicines which were being offered to the Mission at a reduced price rate.

Lunch at the Mission included fresh fish. (This is a treat that Laura Reddig doesn’t get in the grasslands.)

“There’s our transport,” Laura said. And so it was. We were on our way to the Southern Cameroons’ House of Assembly. It was the first time for both of us. History was being made! They spoke of the new overprinted stamps, the arrangements being made for Air Travel, and Security Measures for October 1st, Independence Day.

HAPPY HOURS AT SOPPO

We ate our evening meal with Ida Forsch. The newest member of our Mission family, Mr. Don Witt, was with us. Hearing news from home and planning Laura’s future medals was enjoyable. Then we went up to the college auditorium of the Baptist Teacher Training Center to “salute” all the students. Some of those in training in Soppo are “Laura’s boys”—some as spiritual sons and some whom she helped into the world.

We also introduced Don Witt who would have liked to have stayed right here to start an all male voice choir after hearing the “boys” sing. A short visit was made to the staff houses of our African co-workers to introduce the newest missionary and to show them the medal and then to our houses to pack in preparation for the next day’s journey.

An all day, ten or more hours, journey to Bamenda over winding and rough roads needs a good night of rest. But it was A DAY TO REMEMBER!

BAPTIST HERALD

Going Forth in Christ’s Name

The first report of the 1961-1962 “God’s Volunteers” Team in action by Dwight Enockson, a member of “God’s Volunteers.”



1961-1962 TEAM OF GOD’S VOLUNTEERS

Left to right: Ruby Wolff, Barbara Hirsch, Lyle Grenz, Rev. Walter Hoffman, director; Dwight Enockson, Shirley Lamprecht and Arleen Mattis.

ON SEPTEMBER 5th the halls of the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., began to ring with many voices, and they continued ringing until September 29, 1961. “God’s Volunteers” were in training.

Indeed, we did train. As a rule, we started our classes at 8:00 a.m. (except when the boys overslept). We had class every day, Monday through Friday, until 3:00 p.m. At this time we started practicing our vocal numbers until supper time. From 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. we rehearsed our instrumental selections.

The team certainly enjoyed being at the Seminary. We feel greatly indebted to the Seminary personnel, particularly to President Veninga, members of the faculty, the Harley Radels, Mrs. Schauer and to the Seminary students. We thank them for their hospitality, fun and fellowship which they shared with us. We also commend them for enduring our practice sessions. The other day we were informed that one of the dormitory students couldn’t study anymore since “God’s Volunteers” had left because it was too quiet!

TEAM MEMBERS

Arleen Mattis is a member of the Bismarck Baptist Church of North Dakota where Rev. John Grygo is pastor. She is 22 years old and has been studying to be an x-ray technician at a Bismarck hospital where she plans to return next May to complete her training. She is our group leader and contributes much to the team. She plays the accordion and sings in the mixed quartet and the girls’ trio.

Ruby Wolff from Ellendale, N. Dak., is also 22. She attends the First Baptist Church in Ellendale where Rev. Robert Stein is pastor. In 1960, Ruby graduated from the Bible School department of our Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta. Be-

sides participating in the girls’ trio, Ruby plays the accordion. She is also our team treasurer and statistician and sees to it that the allotted funds and month end at the same time.

Shirley Lamprecht, our only Canadian on the team, is 20 years of age. Her home church is the Fellowship Baptist Church in Camrose, Alberta where Rev. Oscar Fritzsche is pastor. Before becoming a “Volunteer,” she worked as a secretary in Edmonton. Shirley’s main contributions to the team are playing the saxophone and piano. She also takes part in the vocal part of the program by singing soprano. She is the team secretary.

“IN CHRIST’S SERVICE”

Barbara Hirsch from Minneapolis, Minnesota is a ‘61’ high school graduate. She is 18 years old. Barbara has been very active in the Faith Baptist Church in Minneapolis where Rev. Robert Zimelman is pastor. “Barbs” is the group accompanist and program chairman. She also sings in the mixed quartet and girls’ trio.

Lyle Grenz is 19 years old. His home is in Billings, Montana where he has attended Rocky Mountain College for one year. He is our car custodian and takes good care of “Sheneedsmo” (our car). Lyle contributes much to our program with his cornet. He also sings tenor in the mixed quartet. Lyle attends the Calvary Baptist Church in Billings where his father, Rev. Richard Grenz, is pastor.

The youngest member on the team is Dwight Enockson who comes from Washburn, N. Dak. He is 18 years old and a 1961 high school graduate. He has spent the past summer farming with his father. Musically Dwight contributes with his bass voice and saxophone. He attends the Washburn Baptist Church where Rev. R. C. Stading is pastor. Dwight is our reporter to the “Baptist Herald.”

Our director, Rev. Walter Hoffman

better known to us as “Pops,” is also regarded as a team member. Pops comes from Minneapolis, Minn., and attends the Faith Baptist Church there when he is at home. His vitality, personality and spiritual witness have been a real inspiration to us as team members. “Pops’” electric guitar is also an asset in our group instrumental numbers.

SERVING WHILE TRAINING

Several opportunities for service were available while we were in training. Our first engagement was on Sunday morning, Sept. 17th, at the Sioux Valley Baptist Church at Dell Rapids, S. Dak., where Leroy Kiemele is student pastor. “Pops” was in Minneapolis at the time, so the team was on their own. On Sept. 20th, the team was in charge of the midweek service at Trinity Church in Sioux Falls. Rev. Iver Walker serves here. We had a little more faith and confidence in ourselves because our director was back with us again.

Sunday, Sept. 24th, was a busy day. At 8:00 a.m. the team presented a program at the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls. From there we went to the Spring Valley Baptist Church where Ray Hoffman is student pastor. The team was in charge of the Sunday School hour and Brother Hoffman brought the message in the worship service. After a delicious dinner was served by the ladies of the church, the team returned to Sioux Falls for a short break and preparation for the evening which found us in Rev. J. G. Benke’s church in Madison, S. Dak. It was a wonderful day and we returned to the Seminary weary but “happy in the service of the King.” Wednesday, Sept. 27th, found us at Rev. Robert Kruger’s church, Northside Baptist in Sioux Falls. This was our last service, since

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March



of Events

● Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. Fuller marked their 50th wedding anniversary in October 1961. Dr. Fuller has been the voice of the renowned "Old Fashioned Revival Hour" for nearly 37 years.

● The new Conwell School of Theology, located on the Temple University campus in Philadelphia, Pa., opened its classroom doors for the first time in September 1961. A successor to the Temple School of Theology, the new interdenominational seminary is named for the late Dr. Russell Conwell, a noted Baptist clergyman who founded the university. It is independently incorporated.

● NEW YORK, N. Y.—In ten years time leprosy will be on the increase in the Congo, predicted Dr. William Rule of Nashville, Tenn., former executive secretary in the Congo for the Congo Protestant Relief Agency. In an interview at American Leprosy Mission headquarters here, Dr. Rule, now on furlough, said that the breakdown in leprosy treatment facilities and scarcity of medicines will "undoubtedly cause an increase of the disease that will not be immediately apparent." He reported that many government leprosy camps have closed down entirely and that in those still open there has been a critical breakdown in services and supervision.

● A Greek court ruled unanimously last month that Protestant clergymen have the legal right to use the title of "Reverend" in Greece. The decision was handed down in the appeal of the Rev. Spiros Zodiates of New York, a Baptist minister who is general secretary of the American Mission to Greeks. A lower court had convicted Zodiates in a suit brought by Greek Orthodox Archimandrite Christopher Kalyvas, who maintained that only priests of the Greek Orthodox Church had a right to use the title. Zodiates has purchased space in Greek periodicals for evangelically-oriented messages over his name and that of his mission.—*Christianity Today*.

● Approximately 40 Hindu students at the University of Minnesota have organized a Hindu Association—"first formal religious organization of Hindus in the history of Hinduism," according to Ramineni Ayyanna, university graduate student and association financial secretary. The group was organized to promote unity, universal brotherhood and love through the study of Hinduism.

● Deep-rooted religious convictions keep Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt from ever embracing Communism. In a recent interview he said, "When I

was 18 I decided not to take just the word of those who believed. I studied the Koran and the Christian Bible. Then I found the answer right here (indicating his heart). I found there is a God. I believe in him. He exists. I believe most of our troubles come from people who call themselves Christians and Moslems, but don't live up to their religions."—*The Standard*.

● An embargo against the importation of Bibles in Indonesia will become effective December 23. In New York, Dr. Robert T. Taylor of the American Bible Society said his group hopes to supply 50,000 Bibles in the Toba Batak language and 30,000 in Javanese, and to assist the Netherlands Bible Society in sending 100,000 Bibles in the Indonesian tongue. The ban applies to all books published in locally-used languages and is not considered an act against the Scriptures specifically. The legislation was imposed by the Indo-



Baptist Briefs

● **Southern Baptist Missionary Injured.** Dr. Robert Lindsey, Southern Baptist missionary who was injured while trying to smuggle an Arab youth from Jordan into Israel, was returned by Jordan authorities for treatment in the New City of Jerusalem. Official Israeli circles indicated that no formal charges would be preferred against Lindsey, who underwent amputation of one foot after he stepped on a land mine in no man's land.

—*Christianity Today*.

● **Dr. Asquith Named Editor.** Dr. Glenn H. Asquith, executive secretary of the Philadelphia Baptist Association, has been named editor-in-chief of American Baptist Convention publications at the Convention's Board of Education and Publications. This position was left vacant by the resignation of Dr. Benjamin Browne, who has moved to the presidency of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago.

● **Ter-Jubilee Planned in Ceylon.** Baptists in Ceylon are planning a Ter-Jubilee celebration next April of the beginning of Baptist work in their

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The Christmas Offering to be received by our Sunday Schools and churches this month is to be designated for missionary work among the national children on our various mission fields. "For of such is the kingdom of heaven."

nesian government purportedly to strengthen that country's economy.

● **ASUNCION, PARAGUAY**—Mennonite missionaries are cooperating with the Paraguayan Ministry of Health in an effort to stamp out leprosy in this South American country, according to Dr. Arthur Klassen, medical director of the Mennonite Health Centre, Kilometre 81. At the request of the government Dr. Klassen and the medical staff are now conducting outpatient dermatology clinics in six towns in the district and plans are underway to open additional ones. Established in 1951 by the Mennonite Central Committee and American Leprosy Missions as a token of gratitude to the Paraguayan Republic for opening its doors to some 12,000 persecuted Russian Mennonites, the Kilometre 81 project has developed a home visitation service to 500 leprosy patients and 1,000 contacts.

country. The celebrations will commemorate the coming on April 16, 1812 of James Chater, first Baptist missionary to Ceylon. Special "missions to the churches" will be sessions of prayer, attempts to re-enlist members who have "slipped away from the local fellowship," and inspirational services. Denominational leaders also will write a history of the early pioneers, lead Bible studies in early church history and raise a Ter-Jubilee Fund.

● **First Student Conference Set.** The first conference of European Baptist students will take place January 4-8 at the Baptist seminary in Hamburg, Germany. It will seek to make the students aware of their growing strength and opportunities for service. Delegates will be invited from all Baptist Unions (Conventions) in Europe. Under direction of the European Baptist Federation Youth Committee, the meeting will be conducted in English. The committee also is planning a youth session at the proposed conference for Latin-speaking Baptists next summer in Barcelona, Spain.

● **Dr. Woyke Heads Evangelism Commission.** The Baptist World Alliance will promote a world-wide emphasis on evangelism in 1964. Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Alliance, said that all the world's 24 million Baptists in more than 100 countries will be urged to participate. Plans

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C.T.I. Fall Convocation at Edmonton

Opening festivities and school days at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, reported by Prof. Edward B. Link, faculty member.

THE ANNUAL Fall Convocation of the Christian Training Institute held at McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, on Oct. 19, officially opened the 1961-1962 term for all three of the school's departments. This year's occasion proved to be important to our denomination for several reasons.

Students in attendance gave evidence that our school is ministering to a wide area of its constituency. Over one-half of the student body of 76 students come from churches outside the province of Alberta, and of these 22 come from outside the borders of the Northern Conference. Five students from three different states have come from our United States' churches, and one student has come all the way from Trinidad in the West Indies.

At the convocation exercises, these students were introduced by departments. The High School matriculation group of 26 had arrived as early as Sept. 6th to commence their studies. One week later the 19 ministerial students of the theological department registered for their year's work. In mid-October the Leadership Training section, 31 in number, joined the other students to make the C. T. I. family for the new term complete.

HOPES AND FEARS

For students the beginning of the school year stirred feelings of mingled hopes and fears. It was definite now. They had signed up for a year of study. Cash and time were committed. What would be the result of their newly begun student year at the Christian Training Institute?

For the denomination, which makes Christian Training Institute available to our youth, the answer to this question is of prime importance. Certainly our churches are privileged in that they can share in this important business of training young people for Christian service and they are interested for the benefits that will be returned to them. When the training these young people have undertaken is complete, it will mean that the leadership of our churches will be strengthened by new pastors and missionaries, and by lay leaders within the realm of the local church.

Churches in and around Edmonton are privileged to anticipate this purpose of C. T. I. as these young people serve as student pastors or speakers, as Sunday School teachers, as helpers in various activities. Indeed, C. T. I. plays a vital role in our total denominational enterprise and needs the continued prayer support of its constituency. It was fitting that the C. T. I.'s Board of Trustees, elected by the de-



Prof. Wm. R. L. McLatchie of the Christian Training Institute faculty delivered the convocation address on "Learning and the Christian Witness."

nomination, was represented at the convocation by its executive committee, and that its chairman, Rev. A. Lamprecht, welcomed the students.

In a certain sense, the host church at this convocation represented the total denominational interest in the school. McKernan Church has almost 40 of its membership made up of men and women who at one time attended C. T. I. It provides a field for student activity and a spiritual home for worship. That its ladies provided the refreshments for the fellowship following the service was symbolic of the

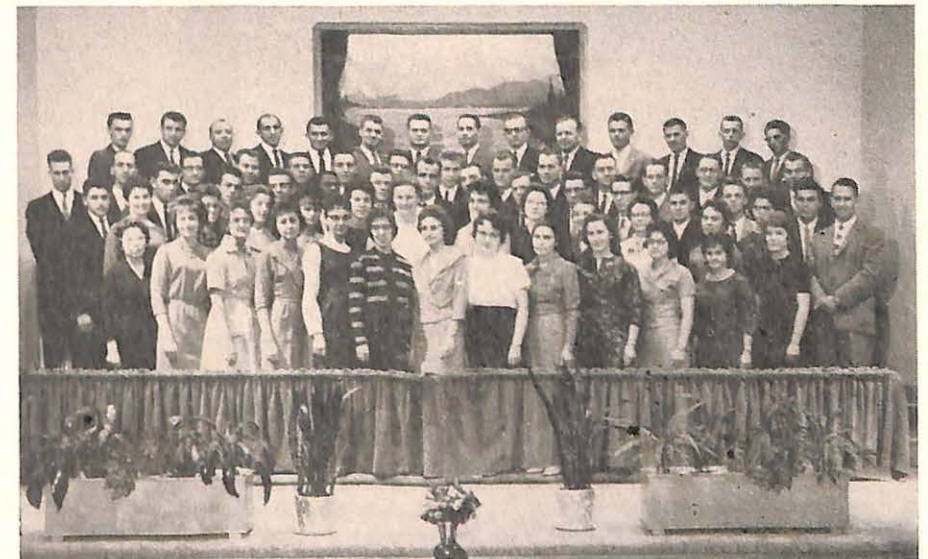
many services rendered to the Christian Training Institute by numerous churches of the denomination.

PROF. WM. R. L. McLATCHIE

The denominational family is happy that the faculty of the school has been strengthened with the addition of Prof. William R. L. McLatchie, who delivered the convocation address. Speaking on the theme, "Learning and the Christian Witness," the new professor stressed the important relationship between Christian learning and the ability of the Church of Jesus Christ to witness effectively.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, Prof. McLatchie received his early schooling there and in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he made his profession of faith and was baptized. He received the B.S. degree from the University of Wisconsin and taught in public schools for one year. The Faith Theological Seminary conferred on him the B.D. degree in 1953. Following this, Mr. McLatchie pursued advanced studies relating to the Old Testament at Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning, Philadelphia, Pa., where residence requirements for the Ph.D. degree have been met. Prof. McLatchie was ordained by the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, where he was a member for several years and where he also served as summer worker and supply pastor in 1956 and 1958. He has served in the teaching ministry and was on the faculty of the Temple Baptist Theological Seminary of Chatta-

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STUDENT BODY OF CHRISTIAN TRAINING INSTITUTE

Students at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, in the theological department, high school matriculation group and leadership training section.

Reviews of Books

All of these books can be ordered through the Roger Williams Press, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois.

MESSAGES FOR MEN by H. C. Brown, Jr. Zondervan Publishing House. \$2.50.

(Reviewed by President Frank Veninga).

Seventeen prominent and discerning men carefully view the layman's role in the church and the pulpit ministry of the pastor. The candid reflection of layman and minister, the non-professional and professional, indicates that it is imperative to be deeply committed to Christ and his cause in order to win the lost and to enlarge the kingdom.

The varied authors challenge the laymen to work in harmony and unity with their pastors in all Kingdom endeavors. They are frank and state that the efforts of devoted laymen "have complemented that of prophet, priest and preacher." With this we wholeheartedly concur as we reflect upon the competent and devoted laymen in our own denomination. We quite agree that the complex ministry of our modern churches demands the utilization of all available manpower.

The book is a challenge to men to become as well organized and as zealous in Christian service as are the women in their devotion and contribution to the entire Christian enterprise. Can the men do it? Read the book and you are made aware that perhaps never before in the history of Christianity have we seen as many men at work for Christ in and through their churches as we see today.

The busy pastor will re-evaluate his ministry, message, mannerisms and mission after reading the seventeen stimulating chapters. Here is excellent resource material for men's meetings and Laymen's Sunday observance. An ideal gift for the devoted laymen and discerning pastor. This book is a *must* for your library.

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW by Herschel H. Hobbs. Baker Book House—1961—134 pages—\$2.50.

THE GOSPEL OF MARK by Ralph Earle. Baker Book House—1961—119 pages—\$2.50.

THE BOOK OF ACTS by Ralph G. Turnbull. Baker Book House—1961—161 pages—\$2.75.

(Reviewed by Rev. B. C. Schreiber).

The above three books are the first editions of a series of fifteen volumes which will be printed under the title: "Proclaiming The New Testament." The entire project is going forward under the general editorship of Ralph G. Turnbull of the First Presbyterian Church of Seattle, Washington. His educational background, as well as his preaching and teaching experience, are excellent qualifications for such an extensive work. In addition to the above,

contributors will be such men as Andrew W. Blackwood, Jr., Harold J. Ockenga, Paul S. Rees and others.

The purpose of the series is to provide homiletical comments and ideas in order to give the busy minister thought breeders for sermons and Bible studies. He will also be encouraged to study an entire book of the Bible for preaching values. This gives depth as well as breadth for himself and for his congregation.

The outline pattern is the same throughout the series: I. Historical Setting; II. Expository Meaning; III. Doctrinal Value; IV. Practical Aim; and V. Homiletical Form.

The general editor, as well as the individual authors, stress the fact that the present homiletical work is not a commentary, a Bible study book, nor a book of sermon outlines. It simply provides a method of exegesis and exposition leading to the proclamation of the message—a message which is relevant for the present age and applicable to life.

In presenting the three books in this series, MARK, MATTHEW and ACTS, it should be stated that the homiletical material is based on what the authors believe to be the key texts. For those who like a more extensive treatment of the text, it may prove a little disappointing because of its incompleteness. Only a verse or two are treated in some chapters and in some instances only a few words are chosen. Its brevity, however, helps the pastor to preserve his individual and distinctive originality.

THE POSTMAN OF PATMOS by G. A. Hadjiantoniou, Ph.D., LL.B. Zondervan Publishing House—1961—149 pages—\$2.50.

(Reviewed by Rev. B. C. Schreiber).

As his title indicates, the author has a law degree and practiced in Athens, Greece, for nine years. His last case involved a group of evangelical believers who were being prosecuted for their faith. He defended them before a criminal court and won an acquittal. In the process he became so impressed with their steadfastness, humility and beautiful Christian spirit that he gave up his profession and entered the ministry of the Greek Evangelical Church.

The first paragraph of the book captures the immediate attention of the reader: "In the quiet of a night, probably in the year 95 or 96 A.D., a fishing boat weighed anchor off the

coast of the Island of Patmos and set sail for the opposite coast of Asia Minor. It was a memorable journey because that fishing boat was in a literal sense carrying the Royal Mail. Carefully hidden in its hold were seven letters which the Risen Lord dispatched to seven of His churches scattered in various parts of the large Roman province of Asia."

Many of the books written on Revelation are often confusing with their emphasis on numbers, symbols and prophetic theories. Dr. Hadjiantoniou gives a fresh and original study of the letters to the seven churches, making each church live again as a congregation of real people with real spiritual victories and defeats. His language is clear and concise, and the only word difficult to pronounce is the author's name. Because he was born in Smyrna, the city which received one of the letters, he is able to give some "on the spot" information and insight to the readers in the twentieth century.

THE BILLY SUNDAY STORY, by Lee Thomas. Zondervan Publishing House—1961—256 pages—\$3.95.

(Reviewed by Dr. M. L. Leuschner).

Billy Sunday was a fiery evangelist who preached to an estimated 100 million people in the days when the loudspeaker had not even been invented. Those who heard him in his mammoth tabernacles and who went down "the sawdust trail" to take his hand will never forget him. Nor will America, for his spiritual imprint is still on a great deal of our national life.

His career was phenomenal. It was a long, hard climb from a penniless orphan to a baseball hero for the Chicago White Stockings team—but Billy made it. In his day, he was one of baseball's best known players. Then Christ came into his heart in the Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago—and his whole life was changed. Approaching the middle years of life, Billy entered the field of evangelism. And that took hope, courage and faith! Then he went out to fight the devil and to win souls for Christ. And God blessed him marvelously!

Billy Sunday's uninhibited delivery, his striking style of dramatic oratory, his "diamond in the rough" exterior, his simplicity of words—all comes to life in this exciting authorized biography with its many pages of new, informative, illustrations. The author is a Baptist pastor of West Covena, Calif., who is a personal friend of Mrs. Billy "Ma" Sunday and who had access to private papers and previously unpublished pictures.

The year 1962 will mark the centennial of Billy Sunday's birth. A chapter

from this heart-warming book about his conversion will appear in the 1962 ANNUAL. The grave of both Billy Sunday and his wife is in a Forest Park cemetery, less than a mile from our headquarters building. In all the annals of mass evangelism, there was no more colorful character than Billy Sunday. In this outstanding book, you will see again the heart-beating, dynamic Billy Sunday, always fighting for God, but you will also marvel at the power of God as he transformed this rough hewn vessel into an honored trophy of his grace!

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS

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our training period was completed on Sept. 29th.

The next morning at 9:30 a.m., "Sheneedsmo" (she-needs-mo gas, oil, room and everything) was packed very full of luggage, instruments and seven people. After the final goodbyes had been said, "God's Volunteers" of 1961-62 started off on tour!

After a 400 mile drive, we arrived at McIntosh, S. Dak., our first field of service. Rev. W. Klempel is pastor of this church. Now we were in service and our final exam of the knowledge gained at the Seminary began. We had a blessed time with the Lord's people there, and God also saw fit to add to his Church and we praise his Name for it.

After the last service of the McIntosh campaign, Brother Hoffman left for Minneapolis to be with his wife and family. The next day the team left for Ashley, N. Dak., and a two-week campaign there.

Here is where we end our report to continue from here next month. So until then, God bless you, and please remember us in your prayers!

THE CHRISTMAS GLORY

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We cannot help but see that in this reference to peace, Isaiah is unknowingly prophesying, not only of the first coming of the Prince of Peace, but to his second coming as well. This thought is strengthened by the other references to that period, in *verses 6 and 7*. Part of *verse 6* reads, "... The government shall be upon his shoulder." *Verse 7* opens, "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end..."

How wonderful to know that true Christmas peace is a spiritual peace which will be a spiritual and physical verity in the day when war will be no more, for the Prince of Peace will have abolished it!

THE PERSON OF CHRIST

The best known verse of this beautiful passage is the climactic sixth, which speaks of the Person in whom are centered the glories of light, joy, deliverance and peace. "Unto us a

From the Professor's Desk

By Dr. Ralph E. Powell, Professor, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Is it really necessary to believe in the doctrine of the virgin birth today, and, if so, why?

In order to do full justice to all that the Scripture says, it would be necessary to believe in the doctrine of the virgin birth. This is especially so for all who hold the Bible to be divinely inspired and therefore our rule for faith and practice (as good Baptists have always confessed).

That the gospels testify to the virgin birth of Jesus, there can be no doubt. Who can read Matt. 1:18-25 and Luke 1:26-35 any other way? It is true that only Matthew and Luke record the virgin birth, but they are the only two gospels which record the details of his birth at all, and it is evident that their narratives are independent of each other. Mark and John do not record anything about the story of Jesus' birth (although John utters a sublime sentence regarding the incarnation of the Word—1:14), so objection cannot be raised on the grounds that they say nothing about the exact manner of his birth. Furthermore, how many times does a truth have to be recorded in Scripture for it to be a matter of faith? And the references in Matthew and Luke are not merely of the nature of fleeting, incidental remarks; they are developed, clear and detailed statements which form an integral part of the gospel narratives.

SCRIPTURAL AUTHORITY

One would virtually have to deny the full inspiration of the Bible and the authenticity and credibility of that which it reports to deny our Lord's virgin birth (unless one were somehow to demythologize the text or to regard it as having purely symbolic meaning). It is a rather unscholarly and prejudicial effort to question the integrity of the birth narratives and to amend the text or supply variant readings. The integrity of these passages is proved beyond dispute. No less a scholar than Karl Barth (who himself is quite a radical textual critic at times) asserts, "No one can dispute the existence of a biblical testimony to the Virgin Birth" (*Church Dogmatics*, I, pt. 2, p. 176). Thus, the denial of this miracle would seem to involve a direct and conscious rejection of Scriptural authority. Would not this indicate the necessity of believing this doc-

trine if one wishes to be a Bible-believing Christian? That Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary necessitates an act of God's initiative in the salvation of mankind. Barth particularly stresses the fact that by the exclusion of the male, it is made quite clear that what is to be done is something which man of himself cannot do; it must be supernaturally introduced by divine action and grace. In order that the birth of the Son of God may be free from the taint of original sin, his conception must be directly from God by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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TWO COORDINATE ASPECTS

There are actually two coordinate aspects of the virgin birth. First, the Spirit of God is the efficient cause of the human nature conceived in the womb of Mary to the exclusion of the activity of man as an efficient factor. Mary's role in the conception of the Son of God was essentially passive. Second, (this aspect is usually overlooked not made sufficiently explicit), the Spirit sanctified the human nature of Jesus in its very inception and kept it free from the corruption of sin throughout the whole prenatal period. In this way our Lord literally partakes of our humanity, but in such a way as not to be involved in our sinful nature. As such, he is the second Adam of the human race (I Cor. 15:45).

The doctrine of the virgin birth has been confessed in the Christian Church from the earliest times and faithfully maintained throughout the centuries. Its present denial is not due to any lack of biblical evidence to support the doctrine, but to the modern aversion to the supernatural. Writing on the topic, "Our Lord's Virgin Birth" in *Christianity Today* (Dec. 7, 1959), Carl F. H. Henry underscores the importance of holding firmly to this doctrine in his statement, "The Virgin Birth itself carries by implication the sum and substance of the Gospel."

Now the word "necessary" in the question above is somewhat ambiguous. Certainly, it is not necessary to believe this doctrine in order to become a Christian, but it would certainly seem to be necessary to believe it in order to do full justice to the revealed Word of God and to avoid dangerous errors in one's view of the person and work of Jesus Christ.

child is born." Perennial pageants depict the manger scene at Bethlehem. A human baby was born. A humble beginning. A helpless child. Our Friend, our Companion, our Brother in temptation and limitations. This was our Substitute! "Unto us a son is given." Whose Son is he? He was *Given!* This is the Son of the living God! God

who loved the world so much that he gave his only Son! While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. This Person is the focal point of Christmas. He is the pivotal point of all history. Let us center our Christmas celebration around him, who is our Wonderful Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace!

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Thou Shalt Teach Them Diligently

The interesting story of our Scripture Memory Program and the rich rewards of memorizing God's Word by thousands of Sunday School scholars.

By Miss Ruth Bathauer, Director of Children's Activities in the Department of Christian Education.

THE PICTURE presented in Deuteronomy 6 is a pattern of a Christian home and the challenge is to teach God's Word to boys and girls. "And thou shalt teach them (God's Words) diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." This is a challenge in which the home and the church may work together.

For more than fifteen years we, as North American Baptists, have sponsored the Scripture Memory program. Today the program is growing and boys and girls are being enriched spiritually as they have this means of studying God's Word. The Scripture Memory program is one which is most effective when the home and church work together. Boys and girls are enthusiastic and they want to learn, but they need to be encouraged and helped by their parents to hide God's Word in their hearts. It is in the home and in the church where the principles which they learn from God's Word can be practiced.

ITS HISTORY AND GROWTH

More than fifteen years ago Christian leaders in the Southwestern Conference saw a need for a comprehensive Bible study program for boys and girls. It was felt there should be another channel of Bible study to supplement the study in Sunday School and church. After prayer, study, and many hours of hard labor, the Scripture Memory program was born. It was designed to cover an eight-month period and was to be for boys and girls who were 6 to 14 years of age, in public school grades one through nine. This meant that if a child enrolled at the age of six, he could complete nine years of Scripture Memory work, for there were nine courses in the program.

It was first launched in the Southwestern Conference but it soon spread to all nine conferences. Today the largest number of boys and girls enrolled in the program are still found in the Southwestern and the Dakota Conferences. Some conferences have very few churches who are providing this means of Bible study for their boys and girls.

In its beginning there were only a few boys and girls who enrolled and completed the work. Slowly the work grew. Sunday Schools and homes alike saw the challenge of the work and by 1950 there were 547 memorizers who successfully completed the assignments. Ten years later, in 1960, that number had grown to 2,016 memoriz-



Boys and girls need to be encouraged and helped by their parents to hide God's Word in their hearts. (Photo by Harold M. Lambert).

ers. The current figure for memorizers who have completed the assignments is 2,055 for 1961.

The four churches, which had the largest number of boys and girls who have successfully completed their assignments for 1961, included Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C., with 121 memorizers, Miss Frieda Zilke, sponsor; First Baptist Church of Emery, South Dakota, with 74 memorizers, Mrs. Tony Doorn, sponsor; the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas, with 61 memorizers, Mrs. Delmar Kruse, sponsor; and the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with 53 memorizers, Mrs. Elmer Quiring, sponsor. Congratulations to the boys and girls, to sponsors, and parents!

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The Scripture Memory program is effective in the small church as well as in the large and we do have many small churches which have only a few children in the age span of 6-14, but all are enrolled in the Scripture Memory course! Congratulations, too, to the small churches that have an almost perfect percentage of children enrolled in the program!

It has been the custom for a memorizer to receive a special recognition known as the Grand Award after completing all nine courses of the Scripture Memory program. Since the program was begun, the Sunday School Union of our denomination has issued

the Grand Award which is, and has been, a beautiful framed painting of Sallman's HEAD OF CHRIST.

The first Grand Award was issued in 1946. The first young man to complete all nine courses and to be the recipient of the first Grand Award ever to be issued was Mr. William Keple. Many of our readers have had opportunity to learn to know Mr. Keple because he was a member of the 1959 Seminary quartet and visited many of our churches. He is now a senior at the North American Baptist Seminary, where he is preparing himself for service in the work of the Kingdom of God. There were 69 Grand Award winners in 1961.

ITS OBJECTIVES

Reference has often been made to the Word of God as a "lamp," a "guide," or a "road map" to the Christian. The Psalmist asks an all-important question and answers it as he says, "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word . . . Thy Word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against thee" Psalm 119:9, 11).

There are many ways to learn God's Word. Committing it to memory is one of the many ways to allow the Bible to become our guide. Boys and girls need a guided study so that the Word of God might become practical and helpful to them. The Scripture Memory program is unique in that it provides a comprehensive Bible study for children.

A number of objectives are included as boys and girls are enrolled in the program.

1. It is our objective to try to stimulate an interest in, and a love for the Bible.

2. We want to provide additional opportunities for God to speak to them through his Word so that early in their lives there might be a consciousness of God and a realization of a personal need for Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord.

3. The effective Christian is the growing Christian; therefore, we want to provide opportunity for him to acquire the needed Bible knowledge for spiritual growth.

4. As they study God's Word, it is our objective that it might be a tool to prepare our young people for effective use of the Bible in later years.

5. It will unite all of our churches in a great bond of fellowship through the study of the Word of God.

Is the Scripture Memory program a part of your church activities?

HOW TO ENROLL

If leaders in a local church are interested in launching the Scripture Memory program for the first time, all that needs to be done is to write to Miss Ruth Bathauer, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois, and indicate approximately how many children are expected to enroll. The necessary material will be mailed to the local church without charge. Enrollment cards should be distributed to the children for signatures by parents, which is an indication that parents will work with the child in learning the verses. Assignments may be issued by local leaders and boys and girls may begin their study.

The current course for the fall of 1961 is Course II for all three departments. Children who are in grades 1, 2, 3, ages 6, 7, 8, should be enrolled in Primary Course II; those who are in grades 4, 5, 6, ages 9, 10, 11, should be enrolled in Junior Course II; and those who are in grades 7, 8, 9, ages 12, 13, and 14 should be enrolled in Junior High Course II.

The program is designed to cover an eight-month period, beginning the first Sunday in October and concluding with the last Sunday in May. It is not too late to enroll the boys and girls of a local church now, however, because additional time may be granted in the spring.

In these days of unrest, the Christian can find security through God's Word. Let us open the Bible to our boys and girls so that they, too, might find this security.

"Thy Word is like a garden, Lord,
With flowers bright and fair:
And every one who seeks may pluck
A lovely cluster there.
Thy Word is like a deep, deep mine;
And jewels rich and rare
Are hidden in its mighty depths,
For every searcher there.

C.T.I. CONVOCATION

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nooga, Tenn., before becoming instructor in Old Testament and Biblical Theology, at the C. T. I.

In addition to the new full time professor, Mrs. Bernard Schalm was presented to the convocation gathering as the new part-time instructor in music. Also present for the evening was Dr. John Mostert, representative and inspector for the Association of Accredited Bible Colleges in the United States and Canada. The presence of Dr. Mostert is indicative of C. T. I.'s endeavor to be a school of both academic and spiritual quality as it aims to serve our denominational needs.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

A brief but important address was also given by Mr. Daunavane Buyer, president of the Christian Training In-

Grand Award Winners!

Names and addresses of 69 Sunday School scholars who completed all nine courses of the Scripture Memory Program.

WITH PRIDE we present to you the Grand Award winners for 1961! The following 69 names are those of young people who have successfully completed all nine courses of the Scripture Memory program. As these young people were busy completing this last course of the Scripture Memory program, they also were engaged in studies in their ninth year of public school, which for many was their first year in High School.

A beautiful framed picture of Sallman's HEAD OF CHRIST is the Grand Award and it has been presented to the winners by the Sunday School Union. Congratulations young people! May you continue to study God's Word.

1961 — 69 WINNERS

Allen, Leland, Stafford, Kansas.
Aman, Kay Ann, Herreid, S. D.
Benke, Joanne, Madison, S. D.
Bettenhausen, Bernice, Wishek, N. D.
Bieber, Charles, Branch, La.
Brinkman, Charlene, Stafford, Kansas.
Brodehl, Karen, Goodrich, N. D.
Brunken, Shirley, Shell Creek, Neb.
Buenning, Laura, Parkston, S. D.
Cagle, Elaine, Okeene, Okla.
Chiles, Philip, Lorraine, Kansas.
Cordes, Diane, Victor, Iowa.
Decker, Mary Ellen, Emery, S. D.
Edinger, Jane, Germantown, N. D.
Ehman, David, Sidney, Montana.
Eisner, Carolyn, Grand Forks, N. D.
Fick, Rylan, Elmo, Kansas.
Fluth, Barry, Emery, S. D.
Ginter, Irma, Vancouver, B. C.
Goehring, Lila, Herreid, S. D.
Harr, Karren, Fredonia, N. D.
Helmer, Donna, Marion, Kansas.
Hildebrand, Gretchen, Stafford, Kans.
Irion, Gary, Fredonia, N. D.

stitute Alumni Association. Brother Buyer, along with his executive, represents an important phase of C. T. I. The Alumni Association, although not organizationally active until the General Conference three years ago, has taken up projects in direct support of the school, and this year has instituted the Students' Lending Revolving Fund. This fund, gathered from alumni members, is purposed to help needy students in the High School and Theological Departments. Students who are helped financially during their student days will repay the loan made to them.

A further activity of the Association is the "Alumni Newsletter" sent to all former students of the school. Edited by Dr. B. Schalm, the Newsletter keeps the Alumni in intimate touch with school and alumni activities. This is another vital contact between C. T. I. and the churches of its constituency, since former students of the school are scattered throughout many of our

Janssen, Carol, Lorraine, Kansas.
Johnson, Jeffery, Parkston, S. D.
Klein, Charles, Turtle Lake, N. D.
Klippe, Karin, Medicine Hat, Alberta.
Klippe, Marlene, Medicine Hat, Alberta.
Klock, Linda, Emery, S. D.
Krause, Janet, Watertown, Wis.
Krebs, Richard, Watertown, Wis.
Krueger, Gene, Colfax, Wash.
Lang, Phyllis, Goodrich, N. D.
Laubach, Harold, Okeene, Okla.
Lenz, Patricia, Fessenden, N. D.
Minke, Joan, Springside, Sask.
Mueller, Patricia, Stafford, Kansas.
Olthoff, Ardis, Emery, S. D.
Paschke, Donald, Morris, Manitoba.
Pepple, Loretta, Cathay, N. D.
Pullman, Jerry, Springside, Sask.
Quiring, Leonard, Milwaukee, Wis.
Reck, Margaret, St. Paul, Minn.
Reddig, Lee, Cathay, N. D.
Reich, Sharon, Fredonia, N. D.
Remple, Judy, Morris, Manitoba.
Riffel, Norma Jean, Elmo, Kansas.
Rofls, Judy, Lorraine, Kansas.
Roskens, James, Emery, S. D.
Roskens, Valorie, Emery, S. D.
Rueb, Donald, Tyndall, S. D.
Scheufler, Donna, Ellinwood, Kansas.
Schimpf, Gene, Marion, Kansas.
Schmidt, Jane, Goodrich, N. D.
Schmuland, Rodney, Aberdeen, S. D.
Schoenhals, Earl, Shattuck, Okla.
Schoenhals, Glen, Shattuck, Okla.
Seibold, Jerome, Cathay, N. D.
Stoner, Linda, Appleton, Minn.
Terveen, Larry, Emery, S. D.
Tessman, Reuben, Goodrich, N. D.
Triebwasser, Joleen, Emery, S. D.
Unrath, Frances, Golden Prairie, Sask.
Westerman, Edward, Lorraine, Kansas.
Willoughby, Connie, Turtle Lake, N. D.
Witt, Shirley, Bison, Kansas.
Zespy, Karen, Grand Forks, N. D.
Zielke, Gary, Vancouver, B. C.

churches and are even to be found out on our mission fields.

CHALLENGE FOR C. T. I.

So it is that the students past and the students present interlace the interests of Christian Training Institute with our denomination. With an administration and faculty that have the objectives of our greater inter-church fellowship at heart, the C. T. I. will continue to take its place in the North American Baptist fold. In a recent "Alumni Newsletter," the editor dared the alumni to make a better school and a stronger denomination with the following challenge:

"JUST THINK! If every alumnus would encourage one young person to attend C. T. I., the enrollment would increase a thousand-fold; the present campus would be enlarged; our churches would benefit from trained leadership; our denomination would prosper! Impossible? TRY IT!"

We the Women

BY MRS. HARM SHERMAN
W. M. U. President

INTRODUCING OUR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

The office of Council Representative is a rather new one. It was created six years ago, and Mrs. Herbert Hiller of Edmonton, Alberta is our representative this triennium.

Mrs. Hiller grew up in Winnipeg, Manitoba, in a consecrated Christian home. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Streuber, have rendered valuable service to their church and denomination. When she was nine years of age, she gave her heart to the Lord and joined the fellowship of the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church. She attended college and was secretary to the first Social Credit Legislators in Provincial Assembly for three years.

She has been a faithful pastor's wife and has assisted her husband, Rev. Herbert Hiller, for 21 years in pastorates at Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Buffalo, New York; Madison, South Dakota; and at the Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Since 1956 they have served the Central Baptist Church in Edmonton, Alberta. Their son, Harry, is in his second year at the University of Alberta, and their daughter, Ruth, is in grade eleven. Both are active in the church.

While in Sioux Falls, she was treasurer and also president of the General Minister's Wives Fellowship. She has also held offices in the churches and conferences where they have served. She enjoys serving her Lord wherever there is an opportunity.

"I FOUND ME"

By Mrs. Herbert Hiller
of Edmonton, Alberta

Recently I read of a pastor who had been greeted rather excitedly at the door by one of his high school girls with "I Found Me!" "I Found Me!" She was referring to a convention group picture on which she had finally found herself.

This is a good question for all of us to ask. We might not be lost physically, but have we found ourselves spiritually, mentally, and socially? Perhaps we are content to live on from day to day doing the same chores, walking the same streets, cooking the same foods, looking out the same windows with the same thought.

Yes, these might all be necessary, but have we ever taken a more round-about road, delved into some exciting cooking by trying different spices, searched something new through that window—and found life much more interesting, perhaps a new challenge awaiting us? It is often very difficult for busy mothers to find time to im-



Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Hiller of the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, at a birthday party for them on the "M.S. Seven Seas" en route to Europe.

prove themselves mentally, but that half-hour that is spent in physical relaxation can be used to quicken the mind, to read of our missionaries, to be refreshed by God's Word, to plan new programs.

Have "I Found Me?" is the question. Just by saving and protecting ourselves, it cannot be done. It is true in every realm of life: use or lose! By not using muscles, their power is lost. By not using God-given talents and abilities, their purpose is lost. By not using our freedom properly, we become prisoners of society.

Christ said in Matthew 16:25: "... and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it." Paul declared the purpose of his living in Philippians 1:21: "For me to live is Christ." This is the way we women find it in our home and church life, and by losing ourselves in service for Christ and others, "I Found Me" radiantly happy and cheerfully useful.

GIFTS OF WISE MEN

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bodies a living sacrifice," so that within such the Holy Spirit might form Jesus more perfectly.

Florence Barclay, in *Following the Star*, causes David Rivers to say: "My offering of Myrrh to my King is a grave in a lonely African forest and I offer it gladly." Have you caught this vision? Let your grave be one in which all selfish desires and indulgences are buried. Be among the wise who put Jesus first; worship and adore him; give him the heart's best. He expects from you this Christmas the Gold of obedience, the Frankincense of worship, the Myrrh of sacrifice. And you would not disappoint him, would you?

—Reprinted from "The Evangelical Christian."

ARE YOU PREPARED?

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false cults are abounding on every hand, and they number adherents in the thousands who were once members of evangelical churches. Many have departed from *THE faith*. And this is happening while church leaders argue over whether it is possible or not.

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." This great impetus for foreign missions has spread the Gospel message from shore to shore. There is probably not a nation in the world today without at least a small group of believers. The message has gone around the world by radio as well as by men.

This is truly a day of expectancy for those who know the Lord Jesus Christ. He is coming again! Are you prepared to survive that day?

AN AGE OF OPPORTUNITY

With darkness pulling its sable curtain over the face of this globe, the saints of God have a golden opportunity to let their lights shine. Men need to see the way out, the way to survival and we have that *Way*. "Can we whose souls are lighted, with wisdom from on high, can we to men benighted the lamp of life deny?" Rather than rail against the darkness, shall we not light a torch that shall show the path of life? We must let this frightened world know what it is to be "safe in the arms of Jesus."

This is a day of opportunity for those who are lost. The door of mercy is still open and sinners can be saved. Christ still beckons; the blood still cleanses the vilest sinner. Jesus said, "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matt. 10:28). This world is filled with fear and the recent publication of survival materials has done nothing to allay it. This world is in trouble because it has overlooked the first elementary rule of education, "The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom." Not a slavish fear but awe, reverence and love!

When God promised to destroy the firstborn in every house in Egypt, there was no fear or terror to those who obeyed God. If they had the blood upon the lintel and the two side posts, then the avenging angel would pass them by. Even so now as we see the coming conflict which shall bring on the night of nights and lead us to the judgment of judgments, there is hope and security for God's children. You can survive by receiving Christ and trusting him as your Lord and Savior.

"Judgment is coming, all will be there, Each one receiving justly his due; Hid in the saving, sin-cleansing blood, And I will pass, will pass over you."

What's Happening

● Rev. Richard Lawrenz, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Racine, Wisconsin since 1959, recently presented his resignation to the church and announced that he had accepted the call of the First Baptist Church of Manchester, Iowa, effective Jan. 1, 1962. This is a church of the Conservative Baptist Convention.

● The Trochu Baptist Church, Trochu, Alberta, has called Rev. Oscar Fritzsche of Camrose, Alberta as its minister. He has given the call a favorable response and announced that his pastorate in Trochu would begin on December 3, 1961, succeeding Rev. Robert R. Hoffman, now pastor in Napoleon, N. Dak. Mr. Fritzsche has served as the minister of the Fellowship Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta since 1959.

● The Zion Baptist Church of Drumheller, Alberta, has extended a call to Rev. Fred H. Ohlmann of Vernon, British Columbia, as its pastor. He responded to the call and began his ministry in the Drumheller church on Dec. 1st. Mr. Ohlmann had served as pastor of the Faith Baptist Church of Vernon, B. C., since 1956. In the Drumheller church he has succeeded Rev. William Effa, now pastor of the Germantown Church near Cathay, N. Dak.

● The Baptist churches of Streeter and Medina, North Dakota have extended a call to Rev. A. J. Borchardt who has accepted the call and is already on the field. He and his family are residing in the parsonage at Streeter. He has succeeded Rev. Carl R. Weisser, now of Wishek, N. Dak. We hope to publish a biographical sketch of the new pastor at these churches in a forthcoming issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● The Portland Avenue Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., has extended a call to Rev. C. T. Remple of Missoula, Montana, to become its pastor. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Tacoma church on Jan. 15, 1962. He has served the Bethel Church as its minister since 1954. During this time the beautiful new church edifice was built. He will be succeeding Rev. Henry Smuland, now of Portland, Oregon, at Tacoma's Portland Ave. Church.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has extended a call to Rev. Wilhelm G. Wieschollek of Edmonton, Alberta, to serve as its pastor. He has responded favorably and announced that his pastorate in the Milwaukee church will begin on Jan. 1, 1962. He will succeed Rev. John Kroeker. Mr. Wieschollek has served as pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church

of Edmonton since 1959. Most of the services and activities of the Bethel Church are conducted in the German language.

● The Calvary Baptist Sunday School at Bethlehem, Pa., held its annual Harvest Home Program on Sunday, Oct. 29. Food offerings were taken to the New Life Boys Ranch at Harleysville, Pa. This organization is directed by Mr. Walter Hayman, a former Secret Service Guard who has served Presidents Harry S. Truman and Franklin D. Roosevelt. Several cars were used to deliver the food products to them. A tour of the facilities was conducted for the group, as reported by Mrs. Doris Paul. Rev. Robert W. Cook is pastor of the church.

● The Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., held a Missionary Conference from Nov. 5 to 8 with Dr. and Mrs. Eugene R. Stockdale and Miss Esther Schultz as guest speakers. Members of the Holiday Park Church of Pittsburgh and of the Union Church of Arnold, Pa., were present at the missionary banquet held on Wednesday evening, Nov. 8. On Sunday, Nov. 19, the distinguished guest speaker at the Temple Church was Dr. Oswald J. Smith, formerly pastor of the People's Church, Toronto, Ontario. Rev. Raymond J. Yahn is pastor of the Temple Church.

● The front cover of the Oct. 26, 1961 issue of "The Watchman-Examiner" featured a picture of Mr. Edwin H. Marklein of Hempstead, N. Y., the General Conference moderator and the treasurer of the "Watchman-Examiner Foundation." A biographical sketch of Mr. Marklein also appeared in this number. It was revealed that he has been a member of the Evergreen Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N.Y., for 40 years. Since the front pictures of this publication are usually reserved for ministers, it is a unique honor that has come to our General Conference moderator, Mr. Marklein. Congratulations!

● The Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, held a Cornerstone Laying Service for the first unit of its new church building program on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 22. The message was brought by Dr. A. Dale Ihrle of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church which is sponsoring this mission church and new Church Extension project. Rev. O. W. Stucky has been serving as the interim pastor of the new church. Rev. Harold W. Gieseke of Forest Park, Illinois is the pastor-elect. The new educational building will be completed by Christmas 1961. Brother Gieseke will begin his ministry in the church Jan. 7, 1962.

● The Cameroons missionaries, Miss Geraldine Glasenapp, nurse, and Mrs. Donald Witt, wife of Mr. Donald Witt, already at the Cameroons Protestant College at Bali, West Cameroons, sailed for the Africa mission field on Dec. 1st. Rev. Fred C. Folkerts, superintendent, recently wrote to Dr. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary: "The Cameroons Field Council asks you to send the missionaries, held in the United States for security reasons, to the Cameroons field immediately. The critical period is over. As you can understand, the families would like to be together for Christmas." This is Mrs. Witt's first term as missionary service.

● Rev. R. Neuman, missionary to the Indians on the Bull and Montana Reserves of Alberta, is publishing again a mimeographed, twelve-page paper called *THE LIGHT*. The first number appeared this fall, featuring sermonettes and testimonies, news about the church programs and activities on the Indian reserves, greetings from Chief John Gambler of the Muscowpetung Reserve of Saskatchewan, and many news items about the various Indian families attending the church services. The death of Fred Little Poplar, aged 81, on Oct. 6, 1961, was reported. He served frequently as the interpreter for guest speakers at the Baptist chapels on the Bull and Montana Reserves. Rev. P. Grabke and Mr. August Grymaloski, missionaries, are serving as reporters for this interesting Indian publication.

● The annual Harvest and Mission Festival of the First Baptist Church of Eureka, S. Dak., was held Sunday, October 8, with Dr. George A. Lang, Professor at our Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as guest speaker. The Church School presented its annual program in the morning under the leadership of the superintendent, Mrs. Carl Knoepfle, and the departmental class teachers, at which time the children recited their verses and a dialog was given by the Junior High Department class. At the morning and evening services the Volunteer Choir under the leadership of Rev. A. E. Reeh sang: "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord," and "Hail to the Brightness of Zion's Glad Morning." The afternoon service was held in the German language with about 125 present. In all four services of the day, a Harvest-Mission offering was received with a generous response by all present.

● A two day conference of Baptist Christian Education executives was held at our new headquarters building in Forest Park, Ill., on Nov. 2 and 3. Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, general secretary of the Department of Christian Education, served as the conference chairman. Discussions were held on the topic, "The Place of the Child in Baptist Churches." Among the 13 executives present were Dr. Kenneth

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Sunday School Lessons

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: December 17, 1961

Theme: GROWTH THROUGH ADORATION

Scripture: Luke 1:39-55

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Not only must we be concerned about making the world a better place in which to live; we must also be concerned about making our bodies better temples of the Holy Spirit.

INTRODUCTION: Our lessons during this quarter have been concerned about the various areas of growth—growth in knowledge, in fellowship, in service, in stewardship, in self-discipline and in witnessing. All of these avenues of growth are determined by some activity on our part. Throughout this growth, there is developed a spirit of love, good will, service and neighborliness. The danger may be that we become so active in all of these Christian virtues that we forget to "lift our eyes unto the hills from whence cometh our help." In doing holy deeds, we neglect to take time to be holy. Our lesson reminds us that there must be a growing adoration and reverence for God himself. Christians are often lax in developing a sense of their Christian walk. We learn to see God and to hear God by simply sitting in his presence and worshiping him in all his greatness and glory. Such worship makes us conscious of those things which we cannot feel with our senses, but which are more real than anything we are able to apprehend.

I. ADORATION WITH LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE. Luke 1:39-41.

Worship through adoration can be a personal experience. But it can become more meaningful if it is shared with others. It would not have meant as much to Mary if she had remained at home to enjoy the blessings of God's visitation. She was so overcome with joy that she had to run with haste in order to share her experience with someone else.

One of the most important functions of the church is the worship of God with people who are like-minded. Spiritual togetherness strengthens and heightens the spirit of adoration and praise. Our prayers, our songs, our thoughts and our meditations rise in harmony and unity to the throne of God.

II. THE HOLY MYSTERIES OF ADORATION. Luke 1:42-47.

Both of these women, Mary and Elizabeth, were enveloped in holy mysteries. They were things of a miraculous character which took place

when God chose to bring great things to pass in his plan for the redemption of the world. This spiritual power, this presence of God himself in the affairs of men, can come in the daily walks of our lives and lighten them with glory, fill them with power and enrich them with joy.

In worship it is not necessary to understand God. The significance of adoration can be a wonderful experience by simply marvelling at the mysteries of God and his great universe.

III. ADORATION AND HUMILITY. Luke 1:48-55.

Worship and adoration are most meaningful when we have placed all our capacities full and completely at the disposal of God. It is then that the words of John the Baptist come most clearly into focus: "He must increase; I must decrease."

Mary said: "My soul doth magnify the Lord." Pride magnifies the self; humility magnifies the Savior. One of the gravest errors of the Catholic church is the doctrine pertaining to the virgin Mary. They have magnified Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Mary held no exalted position in the church or in society. She holds no such position today. She served God in her humble way and was chosen by him to be the mother of the Lord Jesus Christ. For this reason we call her blessed, but do not worship her.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: December 24, 1961

Theme: "GOOD NEWS OF A GREAT JOY"

Scripture: Luke 2:1-16

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The birth of Christ is thought of as something seasonal. But the fact of Christ is that he abides with us forever.

INTRODUCTION: Our newspapers with their bold and glaring headlines, remind us daily that there is very seldom any good news. If there is good news to be reported, it is seldom given front page space. Crime, fear and disaster are the order of the day. There seems to be a strong neurotic desire on the part of many to read about the world's tragedies, its sufferings and failures. Too often the world is pre-

S. S. LESSON EDITOR

The editor of this page, "Sunday School Lessons," is Rev. B. C. Schreiber, who lives at the address: 1026 S. Harvey, Oak Park, Illinois.

pared for the worst but not for the best. It took God thousands of years to prepare the world for the "good news of great joy," and even then only a few were able to receive it. The political, as well as the religious world, rejected the good news. Much of the world today continues its rejection. But to those who will listen, whose hearts and minds are open to the voice of God, the good news is welcome and acceptable. It has brought great joy to people who were receptive two thousand years ago, and it continues to bring great joy to multitudes in the present.

I. CAESAR'S DECREE. Luke 2:1-5.

As a political and secular ruler, Caesar Augustus was a success. His reign of 44 years was characterized mainly by peace and prosperity. His organized and systematic form of government was even helpful in the spread of Christianity. His decree of taxation, however, must have been a blow to the Jewish people who believed in paying tribute only to God. The method was nevertheless in keeping with the tradition of the Hebrews. That is why each man returned to his tribal city or town for registration and taxing.

Our lesson shows us clearly how God uses all men to accomplish his sovereign will. The tax which was destined to increase the power of the Roman Empire helped to fulfill the prophetic birth of the Messiah, and his kingdom has outlasted the might of the Roman Empire.

II. GOD'S DECREE. Luke 1:6-10.

It is strange that God's decree, which was prophesied many years in advance, should have such little notice in the world and in the Jewish nation in particular. The benefits of this decree had far reaching effects but it was treated as a very insignificant event. All publicity was given to the decree of Caesar. Those who were ready, and whose hearts were receptive, saw and heard the heavenly announcement. While people fussed and complained about the taxes, they missed the joy and wonder of the greatest event in history.

III. TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY. Luke 1:11-16.

The day of hope finally arrived. "Fear not" were the most welcome words uttered since the foundation of the world. Mankind now has a redeemer, a King, a Lord, who now shares his life, his burdens, his sufferings. The whole history of the world began to change from degeneration and decay, sin and death, to a glorious regeneration and re-creation of all things in Christ Jesus.

That night the shepherds returned to the same flocks, the same cold night, the same lonely vigil, the same troublesome sleep, the same long hours in cold, rain and heat. But there was a great difference: "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself."

Church Dedication at Regina, Sask.

Report of the dedication of the new sanctuary of the Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Saskatchewan, by Dilys L. Browatzke.

THE DEDICATION of the new sanctuary of the Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Sask., to the glory of God on Sunday afternoon, October 15,

cluded "Now Thank We Our God" and "How Lovely are Thy Dwellings." Dr. A. S. Felberg, president of the Christian Training Institution, Edmonton,

D. Potratz, led the congregation in the consecration of themselves and the dedication of the building. Rev. R. Grabke closed the service with the dedication prayer.

Again and again during the entire conference, our increased responsibility was brought before us. As we enjoy the beauty, the space, and the facilities of the wonderful building God has provided, our prayer is that others may hear of him and learn to love him, both in this community and in the regions beyond.

BAPTIST BRIEFS

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for the 1964 program were discussed at a meeting of the Baptist World Alliance Administrative Committee, and the Baptist World Alliance Commission on Evangelism and Missions was assigned responsibility for its promotion and implementation. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Forest Park, Ill., is chairman of the Commission on Evangelism and Missions, and Dr. J. D. Grey, New Orleans, La., is co-chairman. The worldwide emphasis is timed to coincide with the climax of a five-year Baptist Jubilee Advance now underway in United States and Canadian churches. The date, 1964, is the 150th anniversary of the founding of the first national organization of Baptists in North America—an organization designed to sponsor the mission activity of the first American Baptist missionaries to Burma.



NEW SANCTUARY OF FAITH CHURCH, REGINA

The attractive new edifice of the Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Saskatchewan, of which Rev. L. D. Potratz is the pastor. (The picture was taken in August when the sign of the Vacation Bible School was on the church lawn).

marked the fulfillment of the prayers and hopes of the members of our church over a period of seven years.

Under the leadership of our first pastor, Rev. R. Grabke, the church was organized with a charter membership of 17 in January 1954. During the following year, Sunday School and worship services were held in rented facilities. On August 21, 1954 the ground breaking service was held in a large tent set up on the site of the present location of this church. Since January 1955, the basement has served as the sanctuary with accommodations for Sunday School. The present membership is 179.

The new sanctuary of brick construction, both inside and out, is square with the platform erected at one corner. The seats for the congregation are semicircular. Windows have been set high near the roof to give a floating effect. Arches are of laminated wood. The main portion of the sanctuary will seat 400 people, and there is a choir loft on the platform accommodating 40 singers.

The dedication service was placed as a gem in the setting of a missionary conference with the theme, "That They May Hear," which began on Friday evening. Guest speakers included Rev. G. Thomas, Miss Ardice Ziolkowski, Rev. H. Hildebrand and Rev. R. Grabke. Choir numbers for the service in-



TO THE GLORY OF GOD

The Choir of the Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Sask., directed by Mr. J. Neufeld as they sang at the dedication service. On the platform are (left to right, seated) Rev. R. Grabke, Dr. A. S. Felberg and Rev. L. D. Potratz.

Our Denomination in ACTION

Western District

Golden Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. F. Schifferer

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schifferer of Turner, Oregon celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary at the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, Oregon on Sept. 3, 1961. The couple engaged in farming near Turner until their retirement ten years ago. Mrs. Schifferer, nee Lydia Mader, was born in Silverton, Oregon. Fred Schifferer was born in Elgin, Illinois and pioneered with his family to Oregon in 1893. The Schifferer family and other German-speaking families were members of a preaching station of the Bethel Baptist Church.

For the last 37 years they have been members at Bethel Church, and each Sunday they drive from Turner for Sunday School and worship. Rev. Everett A. Barker, pastor, gave a brief message from Psalm 118:24 as a great many friends came to rejoice in the occasion. The hosts for the reception were their three daughters and husbands: Mr. and Mrs. Karl Heyden, Salem; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jensen, Turner, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Larson, Toledo, Oregon. There are also five grandchildren.

Everett A. Barker, Pastor

Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, Honors Scripture Memorizers

The Sunday School of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, B. C., witnessed a great sight on Sunday morning, August 27th. It was the privilege of our Scripture Memory Course sponsor, Mrs. Frieda Zilke, to present the award pins to 120 of our scholars. We were privileged to have Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., speak words of congratulations to the children. Two scholars, as seen on the picture, qualified for the National Award.

For the children who, in addition to learning the verses, attended Sunday School and church services regularly, etc., the Ebenezer Sunday School further granted the following: for 53 primary scholars a picnic outing; for 29 junior scholars their camp fee for a week at our Green Bay Camp at Westbank, B. C. was paid for by the Sunday School; as also was the case with 24 intermediate scholars. Fifty-four children also memorized the extra honor verses for which they received a luminous cross. The sponsor and Sunday School teachers are working together to make this year another successful one.

Mrs. Freda Ross, Secretary

70th Anniversary of Trinity Church, Portland, Oregon

The Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, celebrated its 70th anniversary from October 12-15. On Thursday evening we enjoyed an organ recital on our recently dedicated Moeller pipe organ. "Praise and Pray-



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schifferer of the Bethel Baptist Church, Salem, Oregon, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Sept. 3rd.

er" was the theme of the evening program. While pictures and movies were projected on the screen Friday evening, we reminisced about past happenings in our church and a number of members answered the question, "Do You Remember?" with interesting facts. Saturday evening we gathered around the banquet table for fellowship and enjoyment of musical numbers and readings. Dr. John Wobig spoke on "Blessings of the Past," and Rev. Bruce Rich on "Challenge of the Future." Rev. Joe Sonnenberg spoke at the Sunday morning service on "A Church that Enriches God." At our closing Sunday afternoon vesper service, Trinity Church received greetings from each of our sister churches in the Oregon Baptist League. Dr. Paul Gebauer, Cameroons missionary, inspired us with "Summons to Action." Refreshments were served in the Fellow-



Two Sunday School scholars: Gary Zielke (left) and Irma Ginter (right) of the Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, B. C., receive national Scripture Memory Course honors from Mrs. Frieda Zilke (center), the Scripture Memory sponsor.

ship Hall.

On Sunday, October 1st, we launched our Enlistment Campaign in which each member was invited to dedicate himself, his time and his talent for some useful service in the church. Rev. Bruce Rich, our Minister of Christian Education, reminded us that its success depended on each member's full cooperation. A response was given by representatives from each of the Children's, the Youth and the Adult Army. Dr. John Wobig emphasized the importance of our Enlistment Campaign in his sermon, "Call to Enlistment."

Mrs. Miriam Krueger, Reporter

Eastern District

Sunday School Contest by Five Extension Churches

Five Church Extension Projects are presently participating in an Inter-Church Sunday School Contest. They are the Brook Park Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota; the Community Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio; the Glenbard Baptist Church, Glen Ellyn, Illinois; the Holiday Park Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and the Snowview Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

The contest is being based on percentage increase in attendance over our average attendance during the school year of 1960. A pennant is presented to the Sunday School which has the highest increase in attendance on each Sunday. The grand prize will be a beautiful gift which will be useable by the winning Sunday School. Each church informs every other church of the past Sunday's attendance by postcard. The duration of the contest has been for six weeks—from October 1st to November 5th.

Each church has been blessed with a remarkable increase in attendance. Each Sunday School has enjoyed an increase of 138% and higher at this writing. The Holiday Park Church, which at present is leading in the contest, reached a 221% increase on the first Sunday. Each church will agree that this contest has been stimulating as we have been challenged to serve our Lord better in seeking the unchurched for Christ and his Kingdom.

John Ziegler, Reporter

God's Faithful Servants, New York's Second Church

"The days of our years are threescore years and ten: and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away" (Psalms 90:10). We of the Second German Baptist Church, New York, N. Y., have found this to be especially true in the case of Rev. and Mrs. Frank Orthner. As a happily married couple, they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on August 22. We thank our heavenly Father for

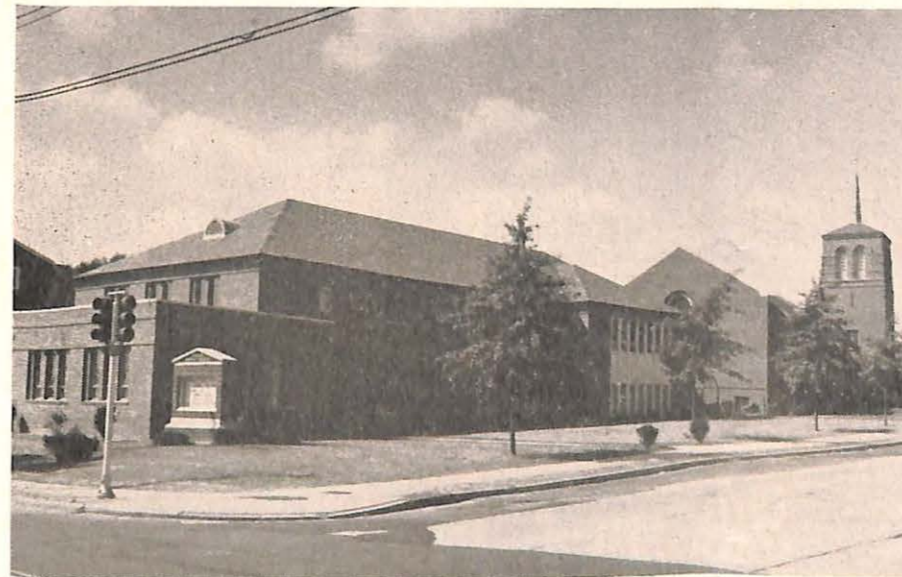
such a marriage as well as for the work done by his servant, Mr. Orthner, as he served our church. Our wish and prayer for our dear friends is: "May God reward you for it."

With great delight we can also report the arrival of Rev. and Mrs. Frank Friesen. We are thankful to the Lord for the blessings which we have received through his messages since their arrival. His encouragement through his Word at this time shows us the future through the eyes of the Bible. His experiences in the work for our Master show us a true soul winner for God's Kingdom. Rev. Frank Friesen is serving our church as interim pastor. Edeltraut Frank, Clerk

Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Dedicates Educational Unit

Sept. 30th through Oct. 2nd was a memorable week-end in the life of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., for it not only marked our 87th anniversary, but also the dedication of our new Educational Building, the culmination of years of prayer, planning and concerted effort. Festivities began Saturday evening with an Anniversary Dinner under the direction of the Service Guild and with a message from the president of the Philadelphia Area Sunday School Association, Mr. M. Welde.

At the Sunday afternoon dedication service, Rev. E. Wolff, Eastern District secretary, was guest speaker and his participation added much to the occasion. The keys to the building were officially presented to Mr. Otto Draeger, chairman of the Building Committee, who gave them to Mr. Jacob Gruhler, chairman of the Board of Trustees. Our pastor, Rev. Roger Schmidt, gave appropriate words of recognition to Mr. Draeger who has capably led us in the past few years through two major building programs. Mrs. Sophie Gaertner, one of the older saints of the church, cut the ribbon and thus opened the way for a tour of the new building. It is a two-story construction, has two nurseries, one large kindergarten, 16 class rooms, an air conditioned



EDUCATIONAL BUILDING, PILGRIM CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA

The \$200,000 Educational Building of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., adjoining the church sanctuary (right) was dedicated with impressive services, Sept. 30 to Oct. 2, with Rev. Roger Schmidt, pastor, in charge.

December 7, 1961

Central District

Special Meetings at Spring Valley Church, S. Dak.

Special meetings were held at the Spring Valley Baptist Church near Canistota, S. Dak., Oct. 8-15, with Rev. Keith Davey of Norfolk, Va., associate director of the Christian Servicemen's Centers, as evangelist. The weather was good and the meetings were well attended, so that many people experienced rich blessings.

On Sunday evening, Oct. 22, the people of the church were in charge of the services. They sponsored the showing of a Moody Science film entitled, "Time and Eternity." The offering taken was used toward the purchase of a projector. The men of the church spent several days painting and repairing the parsonage.

Mrs. John G. Buseman, Clerk

Evangelistic Services, German- town Church, Cathay, N. Dak.

During the week of Oct. 16 to 22 the Germantown Baptist Church near Cathay, N. Dak., held Deeper Life meetings. We were privileged to have Rev. Jacob Ehman of Goodrich, N. Dak., as evangelist. The children as well as the adults enjoyed the story time which Mr. Ehman presented at these meetings. Special musical numbers were given each evening by members of the local church. Rev. Jacob Ehman's challenging messages were an inspiration to all.

On Sunday, Oct. 8, we celebrated our Harvest and Mission Festival with a fellowship supper. Several numbers from the Sunday School and church were presented at the evening service. Rev. Henry Lang of Harvey, N. Dak., was our guest speaker.

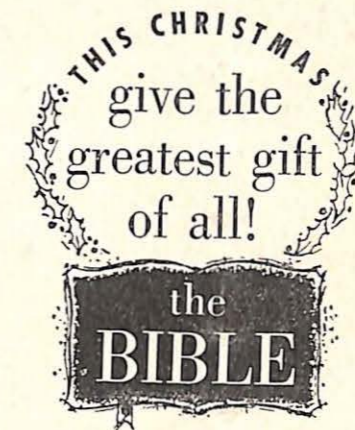
Mrs. Betty Seidel, Reporter

Many Recent Events Baptist Church, Rapid City

We at the South Canyon Baptist Church in Rapid City, S. Dak., have felt the power of a fall rally beginning with the last week in September when we observed Sunday School Week. Instruction class in visitation was under the leadership of Alvin Auch who has been most helpful in urging a follow-up program and a filing system on contacts. Sunday, Oct. 1st, was our Rally Day in the Sunday School as the youngsters experienced the thrill of being promoted into new classes.

Oct. 15th was Laymen's Sunday with Elden Odegarrd representing the Christian Men's group, Everett Crooks the trustees, and John Kwyzla, Jr., the deacons in the worship service. The Harvest Mission program was held during the evening service under the direction of Mrs. Dale Saunders. Recitations, special music, and a stirring play, "Treasures in Heaven," was presented. The offering of \$23.00 was received. On Oct. 22 and 23 we were pleased to have the Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, the general Sunday School secretary with us to help us with our many problems connected with our growing Sunday School and the need for more classrooms. Rev. Loren Weber is our pastor.

Mrs. John Kwyzla, Jr., Reporter



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Community Night on Monday evening gave members of neighboring churches opportunity to tour the building. At each service special music was furnished by our choirs under the direction of Mr. Fred Hofmaier. Likewise, at each service our theme song, "To God be the Glory," was sung for it truly expressed our feeling of gratitude for the great things God has done. We are now completely departmentalized and it is no longer necessary to use the church sanctuary for Sunday School classes. Presently we are launching a visitation program as we search for the unchurched. In order to utilize the facilities to the fullest extent, a Christian Day School will meet in this building beginning in the fall of 1962.

Katherine Yung, Church Clerk

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Revival and Baptism, Canaan Church, Crawford, Texas

From August 21 to 27 the Canaan Baptist Church of Crawford, Texas held a revival with Rev. L. B. Hinz of Waco, Texas serving as evangelist. Mr. Charles Gauer served as song leader and Miss Mary Lou Landfried as organist. During these inspiring meetings, five of our young people accepted the Lord as their Savior. On Sunday, September 24, these five were baptized during the evening service by our pastor, Rev. Walter L. Weber. On Sunday October 1, they were given the hand of fellowship and observance of the Lord's Supper followed.

Mrs. Clarence Engelbrecht,
Church Clerk



Rev. Walter L. Weber (left), pastor of the Canaan Baptist Church, Crawford, Texas, and the following baptismal candidates: (left to right), Stephen Randall Gauer, Karen Gwen Bekklund, Kathleen Ann Weber, Kathy Ann Bohne and Elizabeth Ann Weber.

Many Inspirational Events, Baptist Church, Durham, Kan.

The hand of Christian Fellowship was recently extended to six new members into the Durham Baptist Church, Durham, Kansas. They had been baptized at a union baptismal service at the Emmanuel Church in Marion. Two additional members were received by letter. The 50th anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Society was celebrated on Sept. 10 with members in charge of an enlightening program. On Oct. 1st, during the Sunday School Hour, the Junior Department was in charge of the Rally Day program.

The annual Harvest and Mission Festival was observed on Sunday, Oct. 15, with Dr. Eugene Stockdale as guest speaker for the day. The Strassburg and Emmanuel Churches of Marion fellowshiped with us. The colored slides shown in the evening took us to the beautiful Cameroons and to our mission among the leprosy patients. The offering, divided between Church Extension and Missions, amounted to \$1236.09.

We entertained the Kansas Association, comprised of 14 churches from Oct. 16-18. Inspirational messages by Rev. John Binder, Dr. Eugene Stockdale, and Rev. J. C. Gunst were highlights of the meetings. Our pastor, Rev. Wesley Gerber, assisted in helping this year's Association to be one that will long be remembered.

Mrs. Dorman C. Becker, Reporter

Dayton's Bluff Church, St. Paul, Emphasizes Family Living

A number of activities have taken place at the Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., recently that have sought to pay special respect to the family and also to foster a more adequate family fellowship. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stanke were honored by the church on the observance of their 50th wedding anniversary. They have been active through the years in various phases of church work. Mr. Stanke at present is serving as honorary deacon. The Stankes have two sons, who with their families are active in the church work. Elmer is at present the chairman of the board of trustees, and Harvey serves as church treasurer.

In conjunction with the summer athletic program, a number of evenings for family fellowship were planned. At one of these, several described verbally and pictorially some of their vacation experiences. It was emphasized that all these experiences had done much for "family togetherness." During Sunday School Week one evening was set aside to lead us to a better understanding of a family's worship experiences. The Vernon Heckman family gave a sample family devotional period. Mr. Leo Reck, Jr., moderated the meeting and gave a number of comments relating to the family altar. A film was also shown to tell of the family's needs to unite forces in order to hold high the things relating us to Christ.

Hans J. Wilcke, Pastor



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stanke of the Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church St. Paul, Minn., who recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary

several members of our church assisted in the morning and evening worship services. Our pastor, Rev. Curtis Haas, brought the morning message. At noon we had our annual fellowship dinner.

In the evening important dedication services were held. One of our members, Henry Matrisch, made the new church furniture, consisting of two pulpit chairs and pulpit, communion table and four communion chairs and two flower stands. All of this had been given as memorials. In connection with the dedication of the above mentioned pieces of furniture, we also dedicated our new organ which was also bought with memorial gifts and other donations. Miss Evelyn Rymer is church organist assisted by her brother, Arnold Rymer. We appreciate the services of these talented young people who are using their talents for God's glory.

Emily Matrisch, Reporter

Fall Rally of Wisconsin C.B.Y.F. at Racine

The 1961 Fall Rally of the Wisconsin C.B.Y.F. was held at the Grace Baptist Church, Racine, on Oct. 21-22. Theme of the rally was "commissioned" with Rev. and Mrs. Harold W. Gieseke, Forest Park, Illinois, as guest speakers. The mission project for the past year was the missionary home for the Kerns in Tsu, Japan, and \$1635.63 was raised. It was decided to keep the missionary home as next year's project and to set the goal at \$1000. The North Freedom C.B.Y.F. was presented with a vase, book and record from Japan for giving the most money per member and also the largest amount as a group.

At the closing service on Sunday afternoon, the Sheboygan C.B.Y.F. was awarded a trophy for having the highest percentage of their members present. Also, Rev. Fred Mashner of Sheboygan, dean for the past two years, installed the new officers for 1961-62: president, Allen Krause, Watertown; vice-president, Ronald Norman, Watertown; secretary, Kathryn Norman, Watertown; treasurer, Janet Schmidtman, Manitowoc; dean, Rev. Norman Miller, North Freedom; and assistant dean, Rev. Milton Zeeb, Kenosha. The 1962 spring rally will be held in Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Kathryn Norman, Secretary

Minnesota Association Sessions at Faith Church, Minneapolis

The Minnesota Association met at Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Sept. 22-24. They were days of orientation and spiritual blessings. The theme, "IF MY PEOPLE WILL—BE FOUND FAITHFUL—THERE WILL BE BLESSINGS," was dealt with efficiently under various topics. The Association meetings were well attended, and throughout the meetings one could sense a unity of spirit and an urgency to move forward in the local church, Church Extension and on the mission fields.

Dr. and Mrs. E. Stockdale were our missionary guests. They represented the cause of missions well, and charged us to uphold this cause by every possible means. On Saturday night there were three simultaneous meetings: one for the Woman's Missionary Union, one for the Baptist Men, and another for the C. B. Y. F. of the state.

Following officers were elected for the coming year: moderator, Rev. H. J. Wilcke; vice-moderator, Mr. Ray Westerman; treasurer, Mr. Milton Eckstrom; secretary, Rev. W. Blackburn; member on the Mission Committee, Mr. Milton Jahn. The next Association will meet at the La Crosse, Wis., church from Sept. 14-16, 1962.

Mrs. A. Huber, Reporter

Nebraska-Colorado Association Meets With Beatrice Church

The Nebraska-Colorado Association meetings were held at the West Side Baptist Church in Beatrice, Nebraska, Sept. 29 to Oct. 1. The moderator, Rev. LeRoy Schauer, presided at the business sessions. The congenial host pastor, Rev. George Neubert, made delegates and guests welcome and was in charge of all non-business meetings. Workshops were conducted by Rev. Lyle Wacker and Rev. LeRoy Schauer regarding the Church Extension Department and Nursery Department in the Sunday School, Professor Hugo Lueck from our Seminary was one of our guest speakers and brought an inspiring and enlightening study of II Timothy.

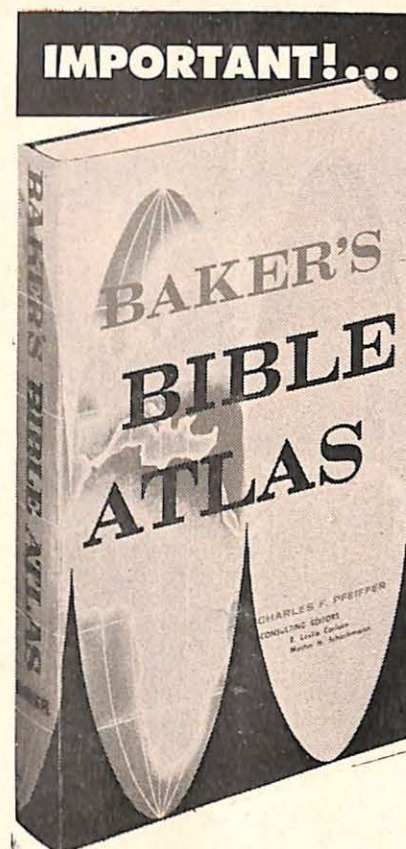
Our second Association guest was Dr. Paul Gebauer who brought us three wonderful messages on Sunday related to the African Mission Field. The mission offering totaled \$148.00 and was divided equally between Church Extension work in Columbus, Nebraska and the mission work in the San Luis Valley, Colorado.

The newly elected officers of the Association are: moderator, Rev. Kenneth Schmuland of Creston, Neb.; vice-moderator, Mr. Eugene Robb of LaSalle, Colorado; and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Floyd Williams of Beatrice, Neb. We sincerely thank the Beatrice members for providing fine lodging and delicious meals for all Association delegates and guests.

Mrs. Fred Fuchs, Secretary

Northern North Dakota Association Meets at Minot

The Northern North Dakota Association held its annual meeting at the First Baptist Church in Minot with Rev. John Benham as host pastor. We were fortunate in having as speakers Dr. Paul Gebauer, Tina Schmidt, Dr. R. Schilke, Rev. J. C. Gunst, Art Pat-



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zia, and Chief of Police of Minot, Fred Dobrovoly. Officers elected for the next year are Rev. Ed Oster of McClusky, moderator; Rev. Gordon Voegel of Underwood, vice-moderator; Rev. John Benham of Minot, secretary; and Jake Eckert of Martin, treasurer.

Resolutions for future discussion and planning were: a possible pulpit exchange Sunday between our association churches, that our churches make Church Extension a matter of real concern and prayer, that we increase our prayer and financial support of our mission fields in view of the critical world situation, that we encourage greater attendance and participation by our laymen at our association meetings. Approximately 410 persons attended the Sunday morning session. The association swelled the Sunday School attendance to 343. \$287 were given to missions in the morning service, and \$60 to missions in the afternoon service, making a total of \$347.

The statistics for our association as

nearly as they can be determined by churches reporting were: baptisms 102, saved 28, new members 151, transferred 158, deceased 12. As yet it has not been determined where our next association meeting will be held. This will be decided by invitation or by the executive committee.

John Benham, Reporter

Northern District

Women's Program of Edenwold and Davin, Sask.

The annual program of our combined Woman's Missionary Societies of Edenwold and Davin, Sask., was presented on Oct. 1st, in the Edenwold Church with a large crowd in attendance. This program featured the play, "The Law of the Seed." The Davin pastor, Mr. Arthur J. Browatzke, brought a challenging message. The special offering of about \$91 was designated for our Indian mission fields in Canada.

Our Davin Society consists of 25 members. During the past year we were fortunate to have our 12 regular meetings, which are held in the various homes of our members. One of our projects is giving partial support to Miss Betty Mantay, a sister to our capable president, Mrs. Vera Rosom, who recently sailed for the Cameroons as a missionary nurse. Through the year 172 sick visits were reported. Our competent and alert Sunshine Committee faithfully sends out Christian "Get Well" and sympathy cards to a wide circle of relatives and friends. They reported sending 69 cards. Another vitally important objective is the White Cross work. We are grateful for the Lord's continuing grace.

Mrs. Henry Paul, Secretary

Ordination of Rev. W. Kerber at Yorkton, Saskatchewan

The Central Baptist Church, Yorkton, Saskatchewan, invited 8 churches to send their pastors and delegates to form an ordination council on October 21st. The council heard a very clear and concise statement from Mr. W. Kerber as to his conversion, call to the ministry, preparation, and statement of faith. It was with much joy and satisfaction that the council recommended to the church that they proceed with the ordination service.

Rev. E. Hohn presided at the service, and the song service was led by Rev. Peter Schroeder. Scripture reading and prayer were by Mr. J. Lang and Rev. Peter Schroeder. The minutes of the church and of the council were read by Mr. Grunert and Rev. F. W. Pahl, respectively. Special music was rendered by Mrs. W. Kerber and close relatives who had travelled from distant points to be present at this beautiful occasion. The ordination message was given by Rev. H. Weiss of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., a brother-in-law to Mr. Kerber. Dr. A. S. Felberg offered the ordination prayer. The charge to the church and to the candidate were given by Rev. Wm. Sturhahn and by Rev. J. Wollenberg. Rev. Leslie Zilke welcomed Mr. Kerber into the fellowship of Gospel ministers, and Rev. W. Kerber then closed the service with the benediction.

F. W. Pahl, Reporter

BAPTISTS BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN

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tists are taking every opportunity open to them while there is religious freedom. They do not know when the situation may radically change. He said, "Every day is precious."

WEST BERLIN AND EAST GERMANY

On Sunday, July 23, we were in West Berlin, an island of freedom, and attended the Baptist Church on Bismarck Street. Three to four hundred people were present. A male chorus sang, and the Lord's Supper was observed. Again common cups were used. In the afternoon we went to the Olympic Stadium, which held the concluding rally of the Kirchentag, sponsored by the German Lutherans. In spite of threatening rain, the 100,000 seat stadium was full. It was a moving testimony of the faith and unity of Christian believers in the face of the Communist menace. The words of Christ, "I am with you," were used as the theme, and were effectively interwoven throughout the service. These were assuring words for a time of crisis.

In visiting our East German relatives in both Berlin and East Germany proper, the same pattern of Communist warfare against religion emerged. One of our East German cousins stated that church attendance is low in East Germany. Another said that only the older people now attend church. This one also said that when her oldest son was confirmed, there were were thirty in his class; now with her youngest son, there were only eight. Children who are not confirmed receive special privileges, such as excursions and trips. Teachers teach atheism in the schools, and tell the children, "What you cannot see, cannot be."

Such a trip cannot leave one unmoved. It makes one all the more conscious of the diabolical nature of Communism, and the ruthless foe we face. It forces one to examine America's religious life with certain questions in one's mind. Would America's churches withstand the onslaughts of atheistic Communism if Communism ruled our land? How many of our young people would stay true if the church was no longer allowed to sponsor special activities, socials and excursions, and such activities were then used for Communist ends? I am sure only those

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Obituary

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MR. ANTON H. BURGSTAHLER
of Lodi, California

Mr. Anton H. Burgstahler of Lodi, Calif., was born at Fessenden, North Dakota on May 7, 1891. At the age of 15, he came to Lodi with his parents, and here he remained until his death on April 26, 1961. He was united in marriage with Marie Rau on Dec. 13, 1923, a marriage that was filled with much love and happiness in each other and in God.

Mr. Burgstahler experienced the joy of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ when he was 17 years of age. In obedience to Christ's command, he was baptized and united in fellowship with the First Baptist Church of Lodi in 1908, and in 1948 he and his family became charter members of Temple Baptist Church. The Lord used him in many ways but especially in the ministry of music. Those who mourn his passing are his wife and his son, five brothers, three sisters, three grandchildren, and many friends.

Temple Baptist Church
Lodi, California
ROBERT SCHREIBER, Pastor

MR. ANTON BLOCK
of Corona, South Dakota

Mr. Anton Block of Corona, S. Dak., was born Jan. 24, 1880 in Germany and passed away on Sept. 25, 1961 reaching the age of 81 years, 8 months, one day. He came to America with his parents at the age of 4 and lived in various places in the state of Iowa on his brother Sinus farm for three years. Then he moved with his brother Enoch and family in 1909 to the present farm in the Corona vicinity. He lived here until they moved to Milbank in the fall of 1941, where he worked for six years at the McGowan Lumber Co. In Oct. 1949 he again moved in with his daughter and family who took care of him. Work seemed to be his pleasure.

He was converted and baptized in 1905 by Rev. Biekart and joined the Baptist Church in Iowa. On March 12, 1923 he was united in marriage to Emma Wormsbecker at Tripp, S. Dak. His daughter Gladys mourns his departure, his wife preceding him in death Aug. 1959. He also leaves his son-in-law and 3 grandchildren.

Corona, South Dakota
W. DACHTLER, Pastor

MR. FRED WOLFE
of Regina, Saskatchewan

Mr. Fred Wolfe of Regina, Sask., was born on Oct. 24, 1881 in Renfrow County, Ontario. He was converted to Christ at an early age and joined to the Baptist church at Lyndock, Ontario. In 1903 he moved to Saskatchewan and settled near Balgonie. Soon after that his church membership was transferred to the Edenwold Baptist Church. Forty-nine years later, Mr. Wolfe moved to Regina and became a member of the Faith Baptist Church.

In 1906 Mr. Wolfe was married to Miss Emma Schoenfeldt, but after 21 years of married life she passed away, leaving her husband with six living children. Four years later, on April 13, 1931, Fred Wolfe was married to Mrs. Emil Fedelick, who had been a widow for ten years before that. Mr. Wolfe passed away suddenly in his home on Oct. 17, 1961, just one week before his 80th birthday.

He is survived by his wife, Caroline; by his two sons: Wilfred of Balgonie, and Melvin of Regina; by his four daughters: Elizabeth, (Mrs. John Elsner); Amelia, (Mrs. David Gunther); and Agnes, all of Oakland, California, and Freda, (Mrs. Adolf Krause) of Edmonton, Alberta; by his 9 grandchildren; by one brother and two sisters; by his three foster-daughters; and his one foster son.

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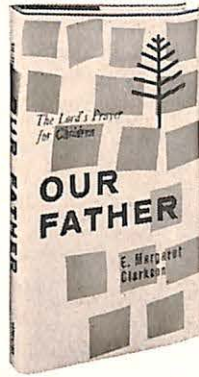
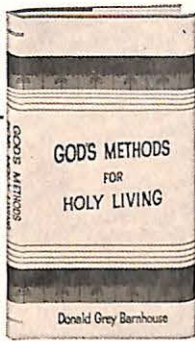
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• The annual meeting of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges (AA BC) was held at the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill., Oct. 25 to 27. Attending the sessions were Dr. A. S. Felberg, president of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, and Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, secretary of Education and Publication. Dr. S. A. Witmer, executive director of the AABC, was re-elected to his post for 1962. Meeting for its 15th session, the AABC registered 147 delegates from 49 schools of membership standing and 50 of non-member standing. AABC membership includes 36 accredited schools and 13 associated schools. Granted accreditation at this year's meeting was the Canadian Bible College of Regina, Saskatchewan. Those who addressed the association were: Dr. John Dale Russel, New York University; Dr. Merrill C. Tenney and Dr. Arthur H. Volle.

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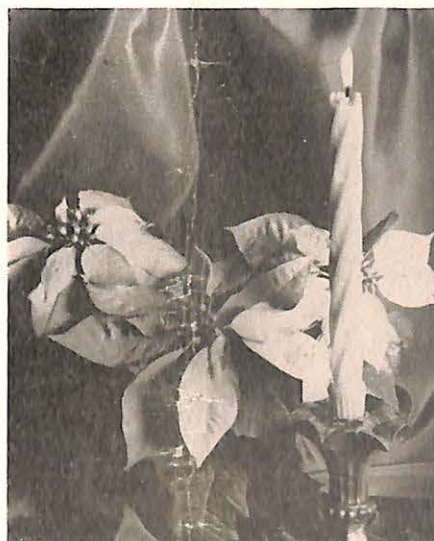
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