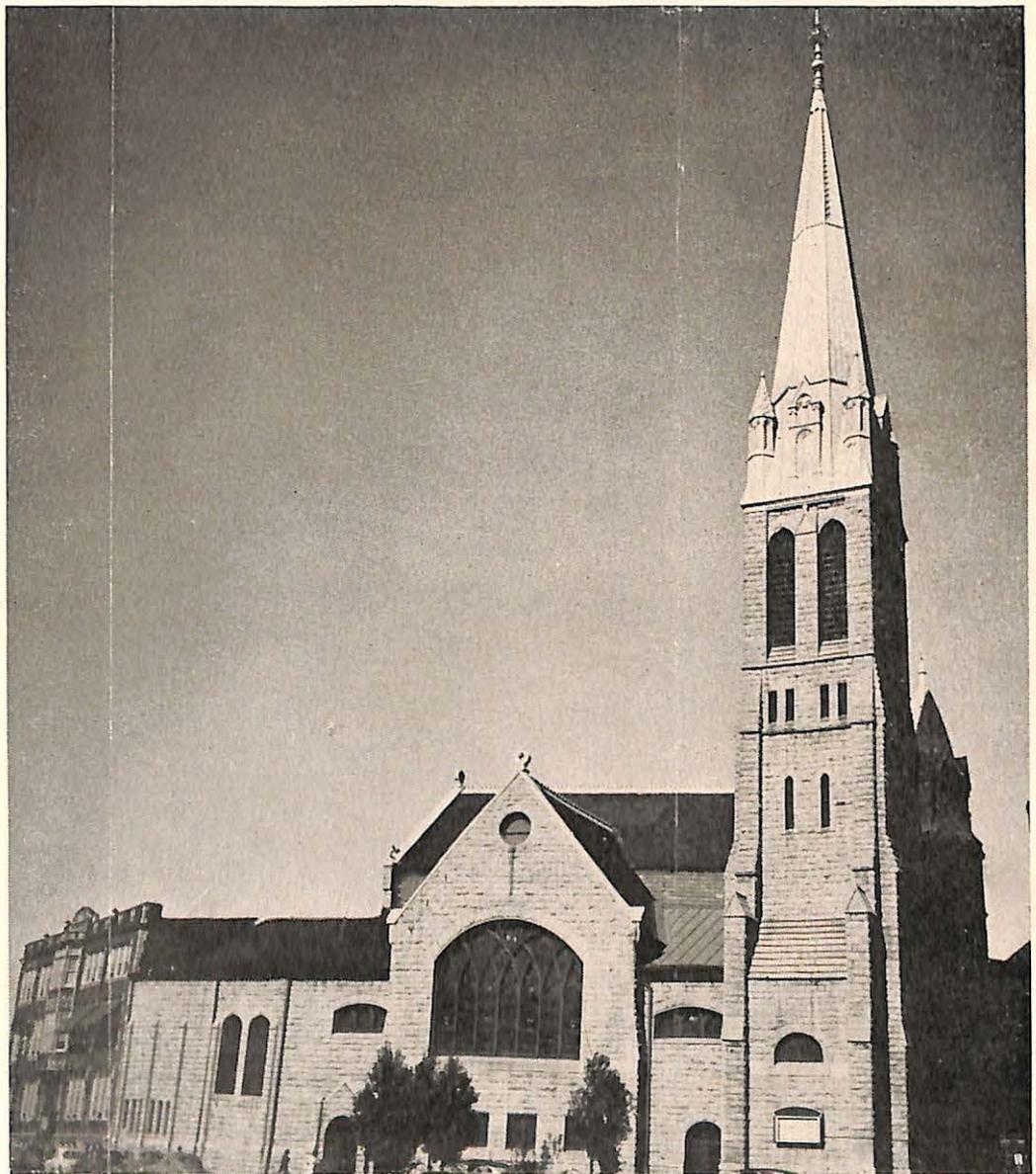


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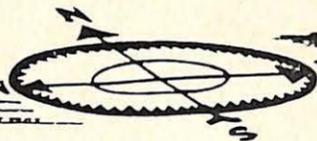
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• Two prominent United States churchmen were recently honored by the West German government. Prof. Reinhold Niebuhr of Union Theological Seminary was awarded the Grand Cross of the Order of Merit for his support of the American Association for a Democratic Germany, which in the last days of World War II advocated a humane approach to postwar Germany. Pres. Henry F. Schuh of the American Lutheran Church was decorated with the Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit for developing exchange programs between the U. S. and Germany and for promoting welfare work in behalf of Germany after the war.—*Christian Century*.

• The president of the University of Minnesota, Dr. Owen M. Wilson, is studying a proposal to establish a school of religion at the Minneapolis campus. A committee from the university's Council of Religious Advisers and a faculty committee of the College of Science, Literature and Arts are preparing a statement of definition and purpose for such a school. Mrs. Keith Heller, council president, has proposed that the university finance the administrative costs of a school of religion and that religious bodies endow chairs of learning.

• Church people in America's major Protestant churches have sent almost twenty million dollars' worth of aid to the needy in fifty countries since January, 1960. In addition to ongoing overseas relief programs, there were seventeen emergencies—two of disaster proportions—to which they responded through Church World Service, a central department of the National Council of Churches. From the earthquakes in Chile, where Church World Service was the first to respond to the cries for help last May, to an airlift of medical supplies for persons injured in the Korean riots, a total of 231,552,335 pounds of contributed and purchased relief supplies were shipped around the world. These supplies are valued at \$19,075,956.48.—*Missions Magazine*

• Several of the 2000-year-old Dead Sea Scrolls will be displayed in the United States, Great Britain, and other countries under terms of an agreement now being worked out with the government of Jordan. In the United States, the exhibit probably will be housed in the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D. C. The plan, according to a U. S. State Department spokesman, is to supply funds from private sources in the United States, Great Britain, and other nations to purchase scrolls still in the hands of Bedouins and to reimburse the American School of Oriental Research for scrolls already in hand.—*Christianity Today*.

• Roman Catholics are so concerned about "the image of the Church, the way the Catholic Church appears to the general public," that they are being advised to do something about it the next four years and beyond. In an article on "Lessons From The Election" in Our Sunday Visitor, National Catholic Action weekly, Donald J. Thorman said, "More than one American Catholic was jolted out of his complacency during the past few months. Somehow since 1928 many of us have gotten the idea that our non-Catholic neighbors all see the Church as we do—a spiritual organization

concerned with the salvation of souls and not a political power group seeking dominance over the government of the United States." One of the lessons from the campaign, bemoaned the article, is the fact that the Roman Catholic Church has "failed to project the true image of the Church to a large segment of our fellow Americans." A large part of the blame, according to Mr. Thorman, lies at the feet of Catholic laymen who have not interpreted their Church to their neighbors as they should and who have failed to understand what they have been told by the Pope and their bishops.—C. E. Bryant



Baptist Briefs

• **Book on Baptist History.** Baptists of United States and Canada will have a new book about their work and their history, according to an announcement made by David C. Wooley, executive secretary of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, to the Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee. Entitled *Baptist Advance*, the book will have some six hundred pages. Included in it will be articles by representatives of various aspects of the missionary, Christian education, and other work of the seven conventions and conferences that are in the Baptist Jubilee Advance. Dr. M. L. Leuschner will serve as the North American Baptist representative on this committee.

• **Southern Baptist Television Building.** Southern Baptists' Radio and Television Commission members from 21 states announced they had approved the purchase of land for the construction of a headquarters building. Purchase price of the land is expected to be \$118,000. The first 40,000 square feet of the building will be started in 1963. The headquarters will eventually contain 100,000 square feet and will house an underground television studio, two radio studios and offices and work areas for 175 persons. The radio-TV center is now located in Fort Worth. —*The Watchman-Examiner*.

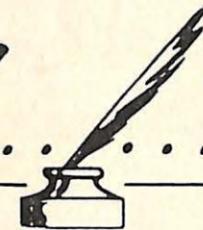
• **English-speaking Churches in Germany.** Upon invitations from the German Baptist Union and the Association of Baptists in Continental Europe, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has decided to place a missionary couple in Germany for the purpose of assisting the development of English-speaking churches. Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe and the Near East, states that "it is believed this couple can serve a

very useful purpose, not only in connection with the English-speaking churches, but also as fraternal representatives of the Foreign Mission Board among the German-speaking churches."

• **Southern Baptist Says Integration Must Come.** A Southern Baptist evangelism leader has said that the denomination should not oppose integration but should let it take its due course. C. E. Autrey, Dallas, Texas, director of the Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, expressed his views on racial integration before the Evangelistic Conference of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention and in an interview with Casper Nannes, staff writer for the "Evening Star," Washington, D. C. His remarks were given national publicity through the Associated Press. Autrey said that "the whole process of integration must come" in due time. He warned that the church is being tested and declared: "In this crucial hour, the church should stand up and be counted, otherwise it is failing its mission in the 20th century."

• **Student Choir To Tour Orient.** Baptist students in Texas will send a sixteen-voice choir on a two-month singing crusade and good will tour of the Far East next summer, reported *The Baptist Standard*, denominational magazine in Texas. The tour was approved by more than 2,200 students at the closing session of the annual Texas Baptist Student Union convention in October. A tentative itinerary includes sacred music concerts and evangelistic meetings in Indonesia, Thailand, Taiwan (Formosa), Hong Kong, Japan, and possibly Korea. In a standing "vote of commitment" the students pledged to help raise \$26,500 to finance the trip.

Editorial



Our Greatest Hour!

In many ways our 33rd General Conference to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, from July 31 to August 6, 1961, promises to be "our greatest hour." The enthusiasm for the conference is mounting among our people, and already a keen anticipation is being felt by pastors and leaders that this will be a really memorable week for North American Baptists in the Twin Cities of Minnesota. This issue of the "Baptist Herald" gives ample evidence of these rosy predictions in advance.

The setting for the General Conference is both thrilling and practical. The state of Minnesota, and especially the Twin Cities, offer unparalleled opportunities for an exciting family vacation, for scenic delights and for ideal weather conditions. We shall be meeting in the First Baptist Church of Minneapolis, an historic landmark, seating 2400 people. This church is located at the center of the business district of Minneapolis within easy walking distance of hotels, restaurants, department stores and parks.

We can confidently predict in advance that the singing of this General Conference congregation in the First Baptist Church to the majestic strains of the mighty church organ being played by the renowned organist, Mr. Theodore Bergman, will far surpass anything you have ever heard at any other General Conference sessions. You will have to be there to be an eye witness to this inspiring fact!

Our greatest hour as a denomination will be evident in the unusual program to be presented. You can study it for yourself in this issue. The 1961 ANNUAL has presented the highlights of the Conference program in a colorful account. For the first time in our history, the commencement exercises of the North American Baptist Seminary will be held during the General Conference sessions. We are expecting great things from God at the inspiring evangelistic service to convene in the famous Armory on Friday evening. A wonderful Conference picnic is planned for Saturday at the picturesque Minnehaha Park with its famous falls commemorated in the "Song of Hiawatha." The Saturday night banquet to be held in the Hall of States at the Leamington Hotel, seating 2000 people at the banquet tables, will be "our finest banquet" ever held. The sessions will close with memorable blessing with a communion service on Sunday evening.

What more can we say in this limited space about this great conference week? The program committee is bringing outstanding leaders of the denomination and inspiring personalities from the Christian world to the platform to "break the bread of life." Important and decisive decisions will again be made affecting the future ministry of our churches. Our mission fields will be dramatized vividly and colorfully. The fellowship "of kindred minds" will be heart-warming. Even several Vacation Package Tours have been planned for the days following the conference. Study the announcements about these tours in this issue and in the special leaflet that has been prepared.

Everything seems to point to Minneapolis as the setting for "our greatest hour." The days of July 31 to August 6 ought to be memorable for all North American Baptists. It ought to be a privilege to put yourself into this Conference Picture!

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A Great General Conference Program

Exciting highlights of the forthcoming 33rd General Conference to convene at the First Baptist Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota, from July 31 to August 6, 1961.

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary

DURING the days of July 31 to August 6, thousands of North American Baptists attending the 33rd General Conference sessions in Minneapolis, Minn., will soon be convinced that they are taking part in a great and exciting program. There will be a stirring challenge in every part of the program—stirring enough to kindle new “fires” in every person and church.

INSPIRING BIBLE STUDIES

One of the highlights of our recent General Conferences has been the daily half hour set aside for “Meditation and Bible Study.” The leader of this year’s meditations will be Dr. Carl J. Lundquist, the young, dynamic president of Bethel College and Seminary, St. Paul, Minn. He will also be the speaker at the Monday evening opening service bringing a keynote message on the Conference theme, “Greater Things Through Christ.” In the Twin Cities and throughout the Baptist General Conference, Dr. Lundquist is regarded as “tops” in Bible exposition. Every message of his at Minneapolis undoubtedly will be something wonderful to remember!

You will have many opportunities to meet and to hear Dr. Curtis B. Akenon, the able and deeply beloved pastor of the First Baptist Church in which we shall hold our Conference sessions. He will bring greetings at the opening service and will be the leader of the “Bible Study” hour on Saturday morning, August 5. He is a genial man who loves to meet people. You will probably see him a great deal in the church hallways and in our Conference sessions during this memorable week.

An unusual feature of the Conference week will be the Commencement Exercises of our Seminary on Wednesday evening, August 2nd. This will be something DIFFERENT for Conference visitors! The academic procession will show faculty members and students dressed in caps and gowns. The impressive exercises will also feature the commencement address by Dr. Josef Nordenhaug of Washington, D. C. the general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, elected to the office at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

DR. PAUL M. STEVENS

On Friday night at the Minneapolis Armory a thrilling evangelistic service will be held with special musical features, exciting program headlines and a great Gospel message by Dr. Paul M. Stevens of Fort Worth, Texas. He is the director of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission with



Dr. Paul M. Stevens of Ft. Worth, Texas, director of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, who will address the General Conference session on Friday evening, August 4th, in the Minneapolis Armory.

executive responsibilities over 1000 radio stations each week, representing the largest single religious broadcasting effort in the world with a listening audience of 20 million people a week.

Paul Stevens is a big, vigorous man in pursuit of a difficult goal—the presentation of the Christian Gospel with-in hearing range of every living human being. He has traveled to every part of the globe, always with eyes open to discover the best way to reach THE PEOPLE with THE MESSAGE. To this end his travels, his study, his preaching and his lecturing, all his energies are totally invested. The world is his life!

This Friday night service ought to find North American Baptists leaving no stone unturned to be present to hear this 6 foot, 2 inch Baptist leader, a former football player and Air Force

GENERAL CONFERENCE MUSIC

All who are musically gifted and who intend to be at the General Conference in Minneapolis, July 31 to Aug. 6, are invited to send their names and type of musical number or instrument to Dr. M. L. Leuschner, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois. These letters will be considered by the Program Committee and turned over to the Music Committee for action.

Chaplain, with a “down to earth” Gospel message. It will be a thrilling meeting!

EVENING HIGHLIGHTS

But every evening’s program will be memorable, indeed. The work of the Sunday School Union and of Christian Education will be highlighted on Tuesday evening, August 1, with a message by Rev. Roger Schmidt of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa. The exciting ministry of Church Extension will be dramatized on Thursday evening, August 3, to be highlighted by a message by Rev. Kenneth L. Fischer of the fast growing Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif. For Saturday evening, we shall move to the magnificent Hall of States for the Conference banquet. Here in this resplendent banquet hall a total of 2000 people can be seated at the tables. Rev. David Draewell of the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, will bring this program to a stirring climax with his message.

The Sunday afternoon Missionary Rally ought to be a colorful service. All missionaries home on furlough will be introduced and newly appointed missionaries will be commissioned. Flavius Martin, a Christian national from the Cameroons, Africa, will enthuse his listeners for Christian missions, and Rev. Gilbert Schneider, working among the lepers of the Cameroons, will review the blessings of God on the mission field. You will probably never forget the colorful and heart-warming features of this rally!

COMMUNION SERVICE

Something NEW has been added to the Conference program. Early on Sunday night a Communion Service will be held at the First Baptist Church. Such a meeting has not been held since 1940 in Burlington, Iowa. You will feel the blessed ties that bind us together in our Christian fellowship. You will thank God for the mountain-top experiences of the Conference, giving you a new vision of “heavenly things.” You will be deeply moved by the communion message to be brought by Dr. George A. Lang, former president of our Seminary.

But these are only the highlights of the evening services during the General Conference days. There is more—much MORE—to the Conference program as you will see from a study of these pages of the “Baptist Herald.” Come to Minneapolis for the days of July 31 to August 6 and make your expectations LARGE. You will not be disappointed!

Guiding Youth Into Christian Service

A great need in every Baptist church is a well trained and disciplined youth. Such preparation for life means strong effort and intensive application.

By Dr. John Wobig of Portland, Oregon, Moderator of the General Conference

A GREAT NEED in our Baptist churches of today is a well trained and disciplined youth. It should be the desire of every parent and pastor to create in the youth of our churches the ambition to develop their abilities, provide opportunities, and form good Christian characters. We must have trained leadership, and it is of utmost importance that such leadership be trained under Christian influences.

The choice of a life work for young people must be taken seriously. Too many of our youth of today see a vacancy somewhere and just hop into it without considering the future. Many a young person does not know exactly what he wants to do. Every vocation needs careful planning, the exercise of one’s best judgment, and hard labor to prove successful. Preparation for life means strong effort and intensive application. To this great and challenging task every pastor ought to consecrate his efforts and give guidance and counsel in preparing the minds and hearts of young people for Christian leadership and service.

TRAINING INVOLVES DEDICATION

Perhaps a pastor’s greatest opportunity is to train young people in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Training always involves dedication. This means that a pastor through daily prayer must dedicate to God those whom he desires to train. As pastor he should count it a privilege to explain the way of salvation to them and lead them to an acceptance of Jesus Christ as Savior. He is the Lord’s messenger to them. As such he must win their love and confidence so as to be able to speak to them the words of truth from God’s Word, teach them to pray, build up their faith, and help them to know the responsibilities of a true Christian.

The ultimate purpose of all spiritual training should be to develop Christian young people into active service for the Lord Jesus Christ. It is our solemn duty as stewards of God to nurture and train youth for God. Instruction classes, Sunday School classes, youth meetings, and personal interviews are all wonderful avenues of counseling with youth. Too often churches load their pastors with other responsibilities that rob them of precious time which they should spend with youth.

The pastor can give guidance in helping young people decide their life-work. The sort of work one does determines in a large measure one’s outlook on life. Too frequently, choices are made too early. An intelligent examination of a vocation is both

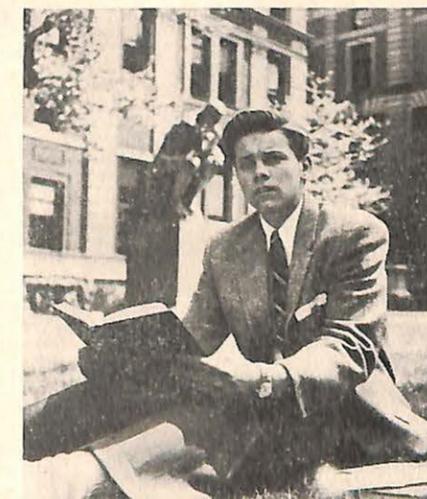
proper and right, but this should be done when a person has reached a fair degree of maturity. It is possible that this choice can be made during the latter part of high school rather than to wait until one has entered upon his college career.

Since various elements must be taken into consideration in making a choice for one’s lifework, a pastor can be of real assistance in discussing these with young people. It must be pointed out that all choices must be subject to future changes in circumstances. The question of financial needs and abilities or qualifications for any given career must be carefully considered. Parental insistence on some certain occupation needs to be frankly weighed and debated. At least the young person should be helped to make his choice of a calling at such a time that he can use his time best and most profitably in preparation.

CHOICE OF VOCATIONS

The value of a vocation may best be determined by the possibility it offers for creative effort and by the service he thus can render for his fellowmen. He must also weigh the connection between the work which he will be doing and the limitations it will impose upon him physically or upon the spiritual values of life. Some kinds of work so drain the resources and energies of an individual that he is good for nothing else, or his work is such a drain upon his time that he has no time for spiritual development and usefulness.

Several methods might be followed



Many a young person does not know exactly what he wants to do in life. Every vocation needs careful planning, the exercise of one’s best judgment, and hard labor to prove successful.—Photo by A. Devaney, N. Y.

in finding the kind of work one is best fitted for. The best of these is self-analysis. Young people must discover their interests and abilities and that to which they are called by some special fitness or sense of duty. When that has been established, they should talk it over with those engaged in similar vocations. It will also be profitable to study the world of occupations. Considerable help can be found in books and visual aids along these lines. Community personalities, such as counselors in public schools, personnel or employment directors of commercial or industrial firms, and denominational leaders can also give helpful guidance. Ideas of both the joys and troubles of any given work may be acquired through field trips to industries, colleges, seminaries, clinics of medicine and surgery, hospitals and printing establishments. Talk with men and women about the kind of work you feel called to pursue.

Above all, talk to God about it. Ask him to give you the open or closed door, to direct to the field of service that will afford you the most happiness, and to lead you to such individuals who can give you direction in possible tentative choices. Study what the Bible has to say about work in such great passages as Exodus 20:9-11; Proverbs 22:29; Matthew 25:14-30 and Romans 12:3-8.

ACCREDITED SCHOOLS

Youth also needs guidance in the proper matter of accreditation when preparing for any definite vocation or field of service. There are many schools and colleges that one can attend, but all do not meet the standards for accreditation that will be honored by other recognized institutions of learning. Accreditation means recognition by an accrediting association which demands certain standards in faculty rating, determined standards of admission on the part of students, stated standards in course offerings, financial backing and endowments, and library facilities. It is therefore essential that a student enroll at such recognized colleges and pursue such required courses that will give him full accreditation in the field of education or profession for which he is preparing himself.

If, however, a young person is simply seeking some training to become a more effective worker in the church, accreditation may not be quite so important, yet it is well for him to master such academic subjects of Bible study, history, psychology and the like that will make him competent as a true servant of the Lord Jesus Christ

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The 33rd General Conference Program

Tentative Program for the Sessions to be Held at the First Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., July 31 to August 6, 1961, as Announced by the Program Committee.

CONFERENCE TEXT

Text: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father" (John 14:12).

THEME SONG

"Are Ye Able," Said the Master.

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCER

Rev. Aaron Buhler, Lodi, California

CONFERENCE ORGANIST

Mr. Theodore Bergman, Organist of the First Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

MONDAY EVENING, JULY 31, 1961

7:45 P.M. OPENING SESSION

Theme: "A Call to Greater Fruitfulness."

Presiding: Dr. John Wobig, Portland, Oregon, Moderator.

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Song Leader: Mr. Arthur Thom, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

SCRIPTURE READING

Rev. Robert Zimbelman, Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

ANTHEM

(Choir group and number still to be announced).

PRAYER

Rev. Adam Huber, Brook Park Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. A. Buhler, Lodi, California.

ADDRESSES OF WELCOME

Chairman of the Local Committee on Arrangements—Rev. J. C. Gunst, Representative of the First Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

RESPONSE

Dr. John Wobig, Moderator

GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFERING

HYMN BY THE CONGREGATION

KEYNOTE MESSAGE
Dr. Carl H. Lundquist, President of Bethel College and Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota.

HYMN BY THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
Rev. S. D. Ganstrom, Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn.

TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 1, 1961

SONG LEADER FOR THE DAY

Rev. Bert A. Itterman, Hutchinson, Minn.

9:00—9:30 A.M. DEVOTIONAL SERVICE

Theme: "Peter—Greater Faith"

Scripture: Matthew 16:13-28.

Scripture and Prayer: Rev. Henry Schumacher, Medicine Hat, Alberta

Leader and Meditation: Rev. Herbert J. Freeman, Hamden, Connecticut

9:30—9:35 A.M. ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE

Presiding: Dr. John Wobig

9:35—9:45 A.M. PRESENTATION OF DISTRICT SECRETARIES

Dr. Frank H. Woyke in charge
Brief messages by Rev. Joe Sonnenberg and Rev. E. Wolff

9:45—10:35 A.M. THE GENERAL COUNCIL REPORTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Secretary, in charge

10:35—10:55 A.M. FRATERNAL GREETINGS

Mayor of the city of Minneapolis, Minnesota

Ministerial Associations of Minneapolis, Minnesota

10:55—11:00 A.M. MUSICAL INTERLUDE

11:00—11:30 A.M. CONFERENCE BUSINESS

11:30—12:00 A.M. MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

Dr. John Wobig, Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, General Conference Moderator.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 1, 1961

2:15—2:30 P.M. DEVOTIONAL SESSION

Leader: Rev. John Wood, Beulah, North Dakota

2:30—3:00 P.M. SESSION OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION

Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, General Secretary, in charge

3:00—3:05 P.M. MUSICAL INTERLUDE

3:05—3:20 P.M. BAPTIST JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Fraternal Greetings and Message by Representative.

2:20—4:15 P.M. CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDERS

Church Extension Committee in charge of special program.

Launching of the "Church Extension Builders."

Closing Prayer and Benediction.

TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 1, 1961

7:30 P.M. EVENING SERVICE

Theme: "A Plea for a Deeper Study of the Word"

Sunday School Union in charge of the service.

Presiding: Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, General Secretary of the Sunday School Union.

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Song Leader: Rev. Bert A. Itterman, Hutchinson, Minn.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mr. Arthur Smith, Millet, Alberta

ANTHEM

(Choir group and number still to be announced).

PRAYER

Mr. Vernon Heckman, St. Paul, Minn.

MISSIONARY TESTIMONY

Mr. William H. Rentz, Southern Cameroons, Africa

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CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Aaron Buhler, Lodi, California

ADDRESS

Rev. Roger Schmidt, Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

HYMN BY THE CONGREGATION

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Irvin H. Schmuland, Aberdeen, South Dakota

TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 1, 1961

FELLOWSHIP AND GET-ACQUAINTED HOUR

Time: After the Evening Service

Auspices of the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship and Local Churches

Place: Still to be Announced

WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 2, 1961

SONG LEADER FOR THE DAY

Rev. E. B. Link, Edmonton, Alberta

9:00—9:30 A.M. DEVOTIONAL SESSION

Theme: "John—Greater Love."

Scripture: I John 4:7-12; 3:18.

Scripture and Prayer: Rev. Peter Schroeder, Southey, Saskatchewan

Leader and Meditation: Rev. Rudolph Woyke, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

9:30—9:40 A.M. EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION SOCIETY

Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, General Secretary, in charge

9:40—9:55 A.M. ROGER WILLIAMS



THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

A magnificent view of Minneapolis showing the university campus in the foreground, the winding Mississippi River, and the skyscrapers of the business district (center). Here the 33rd General Conference sessions will be held, July 31 to August 6 (Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce Photo).

PRESS

Rev. Lawrence Bienert, Manager

9:55—10:00 A.M. MUSICAL INTERLUDE

10:00—10:15 A.M. NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY

Rev. Frank Veninga, President

10:15—10:30 A.M. CHRISTIAN TRAINING INSTITUTE

Dr. A. S. Felberg, President

10:30—11:25 A.M. CONFERENCE BUSINESS

11:25—11:30 A.M. MUSICAL INTERLUDE

11:30—12:00 A.M. THE CONFERENCE IN MEDITATION AND BIBLE STUDY

Dr. Carl H. Lundquist, President of Bethel College and Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota

WEDNESDAY NOON, AUGUST 2, 1961

12:30—2:00 P.M. WORKERS' CONFERENCE LUNCHEON

Sponsored by the Sunday School Union

Place and Program Still to Be Announced.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 2, 1961

2:30—2:45 P.M. DEVOTIONAL SERVICE

Rev. Adolph Reeh, Eureka, South Dakota

2:45—3:15 P.M. CONFERENCE BUSINESS

3:15—4:00 P.M. COMMISSIONED BAPTIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Program Still to Be Announced.

5:00—7:00 P.M. SEMINARY BANQUET

PLACE: Fellowship Hall, First Baptist Church. Tickets will be limited to 500.

MOTTO: "To Know Him and the Power of His Resurrection" (Philippians 3:10).

SPEAKER: Rev. Robert Schreiber, Temple Church, Lodi, Calif.



GENERAL CONFERENCE BIBLE TEACHER

Dr. Carl H. Lundquist, president of Bethel College and Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., who will address the opening session (Monday night) of the General Conference and will lead the "Meditation and Bible Studies" from Wednesday to Friday mornings.



HOTEL LEAMINGTON, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

A rear view of Hotel Leamington in Minneapolis showing the mammoth parking space and the large number of rooms. "The Hall of States" is the hotel's magnificent banquet room.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 2, 1961

7:30 P.M. SEMINARY COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM
Theme: "A Challenge to More Vital Dedication"
Opening exercises with singing, offering and announcements until 8:00 P.M.

**COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM
NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST
SEMINARY
8:00 P.M.**

ORGAN PRELUDE: Conference Organist
ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL
INVOCATION: Professor Hugo Lueck
HYMN: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"
SCRIPTURE READING: Professor Ralph E. Powell
PRAYER: Professor Roy W. Seibel
MUSIC: Clinton Grenz, Director
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS: Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, Washington, D. C., General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance.
CONFERRING OF DEGREES: President Frank Veninga
Assisted by Professor Martha M. Leyboldt, Registrar, and Mr. Herman L. Bleeker, Chairman of the Board of Trustees.
READING OF CITATION: Professor George A. Dunger
ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND HONORS
Professor George A. Lang
HYMN: "Mighty God, We Worship Thee"
BENEDICTION: Professor Walter W. Wessel
ACADEMIC RECESSIONAL

WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 2, 1961

FELLOWSHIP AND GET-ACQUAINTED HOUR
Time: After the Evening Service.
Auspices of the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship and Local Churches
Place: Still to Be Announced.

THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 3, 1961

6:30 A. M. SUNRISE SERVICE
Auspices of the C. B. Y. Fellowship
Out-of-door Worship Service to be worked out by Mrs. Barbara Binder.
Place to Be Announced

THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 3, 1961

SONG LEADER FOR THE DAY
Mr. Herman Zachay, Anaheim, California
9:00—9:30 A.M. DEVOTIONAL SESSION
Theme: "Andrew—A Greater Witness."
Scripture: John 1:35-42a; 12:20-25.
Scripture and Prayer: Rev. Richard Sparling, Arnold, Pennsylvania.
Leader and Meditation: Rev. H. H. Riffel, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan
9:30—9:55 A.M. THE GENERAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY REPORTS
Dr. R. Schilke, General Secretary, in charge
9:55—10:10 A.M. OUR MISSION IN AUSTRIA
Dr. W. J. Appel, Director of Austrian Mission

10:10—10:15 A.M. MUSICAL INTERLUDE

10:15—10:35 A.M. BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE

Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, General Secretary of the Alliance

10:35—11:25 A.M. CONFERENCE BUSINESS

11:25—11:30 A.M. MUSICAL INTERLUDE

11:30—12:00 A.M. THE CONFERENCE IN MEDITATION AND BIBLE STUDY

Dr. Carl H. Lundquist, President of Bethel College and Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 3, 1961

1:00 P.M. LUNCHEONS FOR BUSINESS MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION
Mrs. Albert Reddig, President, presiding

Adoption of Constitutional Changes
Adoption of Goal Chart
Secretary and Treasurer's Report
Introduction of Present Officers
Report of Auditing Committee
Report of Nominating Committee
Election of Officers

MUSICAL SELECTIONS:
Violin Solo: Mrs. Heartsill Wilson
Women's Trio: Miss Doris Patet, Mrs. Lloyd Campbell, and Mrs. Carolyn Venarcheck; accompanied by Miss Lillian Patet.

FIVE-MINUTE TALKS: Our Honored Guests—Missionaries Home on Furlough.

BAPTIST MEN
Mr. Raymond E. Engelbrecht, President

Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, Grosse Point, Mich., Speaker.

MINISTERS' FELLOWSHIP
Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom, Vice-president
(Places for luncheons and programs still to be announced)

THURSDAY EVENING, AUGUST 3, 1961

7:30 P.M. EVENING SERVICE
Theme: "A Demand for Greater Sacrifices"

Presiding: Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Director of Evangelism and Church Extension.

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING
Song Leader: Mr. Herman Zachay, Anaheim, California

SCRIPTURE READING
Rev. Richard Grabke, Winnipeg, Manitoba

ANTHEM
(Choir Group and Number Still to Be Announced)

PRAYER
Rev. Dale Chaddock, Holiday Park Area, Pittsburgh, Pa.

MISSIONARY TESTIMONY
MISSIONARY TESTIMONY
Miss Ardice Ziolkowski, Bango Baptist Hospital, Southern Cameroons, Africa

GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFERING

GENERAL CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Aaron Buhler, Lodi, California
CHURCH EXTENSION PAGEANT
HYMN BY THE CONGREGATION
ADDRESS

Rev. Kenneth Fischer, Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, California

HYMN BY THE CONGREGATION
CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Edwin Michelson, Wichita, Kansas

THURSDAY EVENING, AUGUST 3, 1961

FELLOWSHIP AND GET-ACQUAINTED HOUR
Time: After the Evening Service.

Auspices of the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship and Local Churches
Place: Still to Be Announced

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 4, 1961

SONG LEADER FOR THE DAY
Mr. Clinton Grenz, Minot, North Dakota

9:00—9:30 A.M. DEVOTIONAL SESSION
Theme: "Paul—Greater World Missions"

Scripture: Acts 26:12-18; 20:24.
Scripture and Prayer: Rev. Fred David, Santa Ana, California

Leader and Meditation: Rev. Edwin Michelson, Wichita, Kansas

9:30—9:50 A.M. MINISTRY OF OUR HOMES FOR THE AGED
Speaker: Rev. W. C. Damrau, Buffalo, New York

9:50—10:05 A.M. MEMORIAL SERVICE
Leader: Rev. Henry Hirsch, Kyle, Texas

10:05—11:20 A.M. CONFERENCE BUSINESS

11:20—11:30 A.M. MUSICAL INTERLUDE

11:30—12:00 A.M. THE CONFERENCE IN MEDITATION AND BIBLE STUDY

Dr. Carl H. Lundquist, President of Bethel College and Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 4, 1961

2:15—4:00 P.M. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION PROGRAM
PRESIDING—Mrs. Albert Reddig, President

HYMN—Congregation
DEVOTIONS—Mrs. Walter Grosser, Past-President, W. M. U.

GREETINGS—Mrs. Vernon C. Heckman, President, Northwest Conference W. M. U.

RESPONSE—Mrs. Reddig
PANEL DISCUSSION:
"LIVING ABUNDANTLY—IN THE CHURCH—IN OUR WORLD OUTREACH—IN OUR HOMES AND COMMUNITY"

A Great Program Awaits You!

Your Welcome to the 33rd General Conference to be Held in Minneapolis, Minn., July 31 — August 6, 1961, by Rev. Adolph Braun, Chairman of the Program Committee.

THE YEARS 1961-1962 are reported to be "years of decision" for the United States and the world. The trends that will be established in the social, political and religious fields will be determined by the people through elected executives. In all of this, the Christians have the most challenging opportunities. For they are God's agents, representing his government. They are God's vessels through which he directs the course of history. As in the past, so in the future, history will be made by their faith and works.

We, as Christians, sometimes feel powerless in the face of all the mounting evils of the day. But note the words of Jesus to believers, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father"

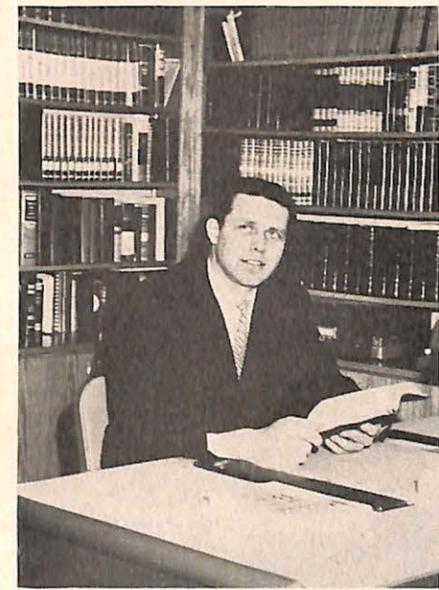
(John 14:12). Jesus said he came to "preach the gospel to the poor; to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." (Luke 4:18-19). John said that Jesus came to "destroy the works of the devil" (I John 3:8) and "to take away sins" (I John 3:5). Paul said Jesus came to "destroy him that hath the power of death, that is, the devil." (Heb. 2:14). Jesus said, "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth." (John 18:37, 38).

When we consider that all the powers of the Devil were opposing Jesus and, yet, that he performed marvelous supernatural works, we can take heart. Still further when we consider that he said that those who believe in him would be able to do even greater works, we wonder how! "Because I go unto by Father." He went to intercede for us and sent his Spirit to empower us. All the power of Heaven is at our disposal—to be used against evil and for God and his Kingdom.

We, too, as North American Baptists must gladly accept our opportunities to help by God's grace, to turn tragedy into triumph and challenge into opportunities of blessing for our God.

I certainly hope to see thousands of you at our General Conference at Minneapolis. Our committee, with the Lord's guidance, has prepared a good program with a tremendous theme—"Greater Things Through Christ." We have tried to confine business and promotion to day-time sessions and leave the evenings entirely for inspirational services. Your presence and participation will help make the Conference a blessing to all of our churches.

Come and sing with us:
"Lord, we are able, our spirits are thine. Remold them, make us, like thee divine. Thy guiding radiance above us shall be A beacon to God, to love and loyalty."



Rev. Adolph Braun of Center Line, Mich., pastor of the Redeemer Baptist Church, Warren, Mich., and chairman of the General Conference Program Committee.

Participants:
Mrs. Frank Veninga—"Living Abundantly in our Church"
Mrs. Gilbert Schneider—"Living Abundantly in our World Outreach"
Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge, Chairman, N. A. Baptist Women's Union—"Living Abundantly in our Homes and Community"
Moderator—Mrs. Fred L. Paul
MUSICAL SELECTIONS: Ministers' Wives Chorus—Arranged for and directed by Mrs. Herbert Hiller
OFFERING
CANDLELIGHT INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR NEW OFFICERS
4:00 P.M. MISSIONARY TEA

PLACE: "Hall of States," Leamington Hotel, Minneapolis.
FOR ALL CONFERENCE GUESTS
Receiving guests will be our missionaries and their wives or husbands, members of the Executive Committee, the new president of the Woman's Missionary Union, and Dr. and Mrs. Schilke.

FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 4, 1961
7:30 P.M. EVANGELISTIC SERVICE
Minneapolis Armory Auditorium
Theme: "A Burden to Reach More Unsaved"

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THE MINNEAPOLIS ARMORY FOR OUR WEEKEND SESSIONS
The General Conference sessions on Friday night and Sunday afternoon will be held in the Minneapolis Armory where crowds of more than 3,000 are expected to attend in spacious comfort.

Great Northern's Vacation Package Tours

Travel to and from Minneapolis, Minn., with other North American Baptists on Great Northern's luxurious trains.

LUXURIOUS transcontinental trains will bring hundreds of our North American Baptist people to the 33rd General Conference in Minneapolis, Minn., for the memorable days of July 31 to August 6. The GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY has two fine trains—"The Western Star" and "The Empire Builder"—with daily service from Seattle, Tacoma, Portland and Vancouver, and from all places en route to the Twin Cities. Railroad officials are eager to serve our North American Baptist people so that groups of our people can travel together or go on Vacation Package Tours together for wonderful Christian fellowship.

SECURE SPECIAL LEAFLET

A four page, fawn colored leaflet with all of the necessary information and with a reservation has been distributed in all of our churches. Ask your pastor for a copy or write to headquarters, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois.

Most of our North American Baptist people, who will travel on the GREAT NORTHERN, will use "The Western Star," leaving Seattle, Wash.; Portland, Oregon; or Vancouver, B. C. on Saturday, July 29. This train has all varieties of accommodations to fit every pocketbook and to satisfy the personal desires of passengers. The departure hours are given in the leaflet. Everything will be done to reserve a

place for you with other North American Baptists traveling on that train if you will send your reservation soon and state that you are going to the NAB General Conference in Minneapolis.

Use the reservation form on the back page of the leaflet and send it, after you have filled it out, to Mr. T. F. Taff, 640 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn. Or you can go to your local travel or railroad agent and make your reservation with him.

RAILROAD PRICES

The cost of round trip fares, including U. S. tax, from Seattle, Wash., and Vancouver, B. C. on "The Western Star" are shown below. The rates from Portland, Oregon vary slightly in the First Class accommodations. Ask your railroad agent for this detailed information.

From Seattle and Vancouver, B. C.

1. Coach Class
 - a) Single person—\$87.67
 - b) Husband and wife family plan—\$140.36
 - c) Clergymen—\$73.76
2. First Class
 - a) Single person—\$107.49
 - b) Husband and wife family plan with lower—\$236.50
 - c) Husband and wife family plan with bedroom—\$296.02
 - d) Clergymen with duplex roomette

—\$124.26

- e) Clergymen and wife with lower berth or bedroom—Same as items (b) and (c) above.

The GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY has planned for a thrilling post-convention tour into Glacier National Park for those passengers returning to the Pacific Coast who would like to see this grandeur of the Rockies with other fellow-Baptists. The details of this wonderful vacation trip are announced in the leaflet. The cost of the Glacier Park Optional Tour, in addition to the railroad and Pullman expenses, is \$33.40 for a single person and \$31.40 each with two persons to a room. This price includes lodging at Glacier Park Hotel, three meals, sightseeing and bus transportation within Glacier National Park. All North American Baptists on this tour will travel together for delightful fellowship.

VACATION PACKAGE TOUR NO. 1

Even more exciting will be the Vacation Package Tour No. 1 into Minnesota's scenic country and along Lake Superior's North Shore Drive that is being planned by the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY. The reservations for this tour, because of bus facilities and hotel accommodations, will have to be necessarily limited. We expect the maximum number of reservations for this Vacation Package Tour long before the conference sessions begin. So do not fail to send YOURS as soon as possible.

About 150 of our North American Baptist people will travel together on the GREAT NORTHERN streamliner's "The Badger" to Duluth, Minn., on Monday morning, August 7. For three exciting days, you will see Duluth and its famous harbor, several of Minnesota's beautiful parks, the iron ore mines, the picturesque shoreline of Lake Superior, and the well known Split Rock Lighthouse. You will spend the nights in one of Duluth's finest hotels and be served two meals in several "swank" places. The package tour price of \$28.75 includes train fare to and from Minneapolis, transfer, bus, boat ride, hotel, city sightseeing tour, and the two special meals.

Your reservations for this special tour should also be sent to Mr. T. F. Taff at the address shown on the back page of the leaflet. Your money for this trip will not have to be paid now. But your reservation MUST be made, since it will be "first come, first served."

If you would like to receive further information about GREAT NORTH-

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BAPTIST HERALD



GREAT NORTHERN STREAMLINER IN THE ROCKIES

In the Montana Rockies and bound for Minneapolis, Minn., is one of the Great Northern Railway streamliners. (All trains now have Vista Dome cars). The train is pictured near the Montana station of Blacktail, in the heart of the mountains.

Milwaukee Road's Vacation Package Tours

Announcement about special trains to Minneapolis and a Vacation Package Tour to Wisconsin Dells and Chicago.

TRAVELING TO and from the General Conference in Minneapolis, Minn., in fellowship with other North American Baptists can be more than half the fun! Christian fellowship looms large among the anticipated blessings at the General Conference, scheduled for the days of July 31 to August 6. Especially on train trips, enjoying comfortable accommodations, it is possible to rehearse the blessings of God with others and to recount the things that God has done for us.

CONFERENCE TRAIN FROM CHICAGO

The MILWAUKEE LINE is providing unusual opportunities for this delightful fellowship. Most of our people coming from the east, south and middle west will want to use MILWAUKEE'S morning "Hiawatha" on Monday, July 31, leaving Chicago's Union Station at 10:15 A.M., Daylight Saving Time, and arriving in Minneapolis at 6:35 P.M. (DST). Special coach cars or sections in coach cars will be provided our North American Baptist passengers on this trip. You will arrive in Minneapolis in time to take part in the opening service at the First Baptist Church that same evening.

There are also many other MILWAUKEE LINE trains that can be used from the Pacific Northwest, from Chicago and Milwaukee and all places en route. A four page, pink colored leaflet has been prepared giving full particulars about these trips and the Vacation Package Tour No. 2 that is being planned for many of our North American Baptist people. Your reservations for all of these railroad accommodations should be sent to Mr. W. M. Van Buren, Room 275, Union Station, 516 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago 6, Ill. Further information can also be secured from your local railroad agent.

VACATION PACKAGE TOUR NO. 2

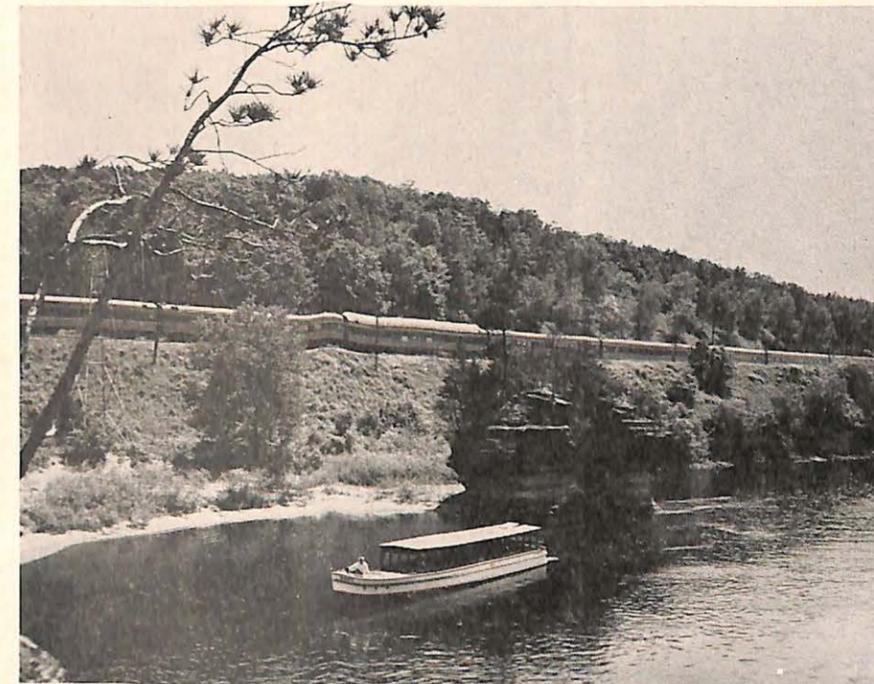
An interesting pleasure tour following the conference has been planned for many North American Baptists returning to Chicago. This entire exciting Vacation Package Tour can be yours for only \$29.50 each. (Single rooms at hotels will cost \$34.50 for the tour). This price does not include the railroad fare from Minneapolis to Chicago.

The tour group will leave Minneapolis on Monday noon at 12:30 P.M., Daylight Saving Time, on the streamliner train, "HIAWATHA." The first exciting stop will be the Wisconsin Dells where you will be transferred to one of the city's finest hotels. That evening you will attend the "Stand

Rock Indian Ceremonial." American Indians appear in the splendor of full regalia to demonstrate the exciting ceremonies that have figured so prominently in their colorful past. The setting is a natural rock amphitheater with wonderful acoustics. For an added thrill you will take the boat, "Clipper Winnebago," to the ceremonial program.

will then take you via the Congress Expressway to Oak Park for a luncheon.

Afterwards, the entire group will visit the North American Baptist Headquarters Building in Forest Park, Ill. You will be shown through the building, conference room and general secretaries' offices and become well acquainted with these fine new facilities.



MILWAUKEE'S HIAWATHA AT WISCONSIN DELLS

Passengers on Milwaukee's streamliner, the "Hiawatha," can look on the panoramic scenery of the Wisconsin Dells, with one of the cruise boats shown that take tourists to see the gigantic Arrowhead—a football of solid rock—The Baby Grand Piano—The Milk Bottle—Lone Rock—and many other points of interest.

The next day you will go on the Upper Dells Boat trip, a 15 mile round trip cruise. You will glide past a cliff pocketed with swallow nests, Chimney Rock, Blackhawk's Face, Romance Cliff and you will become acquainted with the history and legends of the river. In addition, you will explore the shores at Coldwater Canyon, Stand Rock and the Witches Gulch.

SIGHTSEEING IN CHICAGO

Then you will continue on the HIAWATHA train that afternoon to Chicago, where you will enjoy the accommodations at the Morrison Hotel in the heart of Chicago's Loop. On Wednesday morning a comfortable Gray Line Sightseeing bus will take you on a comprehensive tour of "the Windy City" with stops at the Elks National War Memorial, Museum of Science and Industry, and Lorado Taft's "Fountain of Time." The busses

Refreshments will be served in a delightful period of fellowship to bring this tour to its climax. You will be taken back to the hotel at 4:30 P.M. to complete the tour. In addition to the Vacation Package Tour rate of \$29.50, you will have to have your railroad ticket that must be routed from the Twin Cities to Chicago on the MILWAUKEE ROAD. Your reservation should be sent to Mr. Van Buren (see the leaflet) as soon as possible in order to assure you a definite place with the Vacation Tour group.

EXCITING FELLOWSHIP

The days ahead ought to be exciting for all North American Baptists. More than three thousand of our people are expected to attend the closing sessions of the General Conference to be held in the Armory in Minneapolis, Minn., during the week end of August 4 to 6,

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THE 33rd GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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Presiding: Mr. Heartsill Wilson,
Grosse Pointe, Michigan

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Song Leader: Mr. Clinton Grenz,
Minot, North Dakota

SCRIPTURE READING

Mr. Charles V. Lindberg, Chicago, Illinois

ANTHEM

(Choir Group and Number Still to Be Announced)

PRAYER

Mr. Raymond E. Engelbrecht, Waco, Texas

THE GOSPEL IN AFRICA

Dr. Paul Gebauer, Bamenda, Southern Cameroons, Africa, Field Superintendent of the Cameroons Baptist Mission.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFERING

GENERAL CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Aaron Buhler, Lodi, California
HYMN BY THE CONGREGATION
EVANGELISTIC MESSAGE

Dr. Paul Stevens, Fort Worth, Texas, Director of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

HYMN BY THE CONGREGATION CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

Mr. Herbert Stabbert, Anaheim, California

FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 4, 1961

FELLOWSHIP AND GET-ACQUAINTED HOUR

Time: After the Evening Service.
Auspices of the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship and Local

NEWS FLASH

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer of the Southern Cameroons, Africa, will be honored at the General Conference in Minneapolis. A service of recognition for Dr. Gebauer's thirty years of faithful missionary leadership and of Mrs. Gebauer's twenty-five years of missionary service will be held at the Sunday afternoon missionary rally on August 6. On Friday evening at the great evangelistic service in the Armory, Dr. Gebauer will speak briefly on "The Gospel in Africa." These two events should be exciting highlights of the Conference program!

Churches
Place: Still to Be Announced.

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 5, 1961

SONG LEADER FOR THE MORNING

Mr. Arthur Thom, Minneapolis, Minnesota

9:00—10:00 A.M. DEVOTIONAL AND INSPIRATIONAL SESSION

Leader: Rev. Donald Patet, Aplington, Iowa

TESTIMONIES

Topic: "GREATER CONSECRATION IN MY CHRISTIAN LIFE"

1. Rev. Herbert Vetter, Isabel, South Dakota
2. Rev. Ervin B. Strauss, Hilda, Alberta
3. Rev. Manuel Wolff, Auburn, Michigan
4. Rev. Thomas Lutz, Wessington

Springs, South Dakota
10:00—11:30 A.M. CONFERENCE BUSINESS

11:30—12:00 A.M. THE CONFERENCE IN MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Dr. Curtis B. Akenson, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., and President of Northwestern Bible College.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 5, 1961

RECREATION AND PICNIC

(All recreational arrangements are in charge of local Arrangements and Recreational Committees)

SATURDAY EVENING, AUGUST 5, 1961

GENERAL CONFERENCE BANQUET

Auspices of the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship

Theme: "An Appeal for Stronger Christian Convictions"

Place: Ball Room, Leamington Hotel

Program details to be announced by the C. B. Y. Fellowship

Speaker: Rev. David J. Draewell, Parma, Ohio

SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST 6, 1961

7:45 A.M. SPECIAL BREAKFAST

A complimentary breakfast for all NAB pastors who have served in the active ministry for 30 years or more and for all retired pastors and "veterans of the faith" and their wives. This "Honorary Breakfast" will be arranged by the Pension Fund Committee.

Presiding: Mr. Walter Grosser, La Grange Park, Illinois

Introductions and Recognitions: Program will be arranged by the Pension Fund Committee.

Place: Still to be announced.

SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST 6, 1961

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

General Conference guest speaker will be Rev. H. J. Waltreit, Pastor of the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba

NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES IN MINNEAPOLIS AND SAINT PAUL

Programs and Guest Speakers Will Be Announced.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 6, 1961

2:30 P.M. MISSIONARY RALLY

Theme: "Our Concern for Expanding World Missions."

Presiding: Dr. John Wobig, General Conference Moderator

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Rev. Elmo Tahran, Minot, North Dakota

SCRIPTURE READING

Rev. Walter Weber, Crawford, Texas

RESERVATION FORMS

Reservation forms for the 33rd General Conference in Minneapolis Minn., July 31-Aug. 6, have been sent to all churches as well as lists with detailed information about hotel, motel and dormitory accommodations and rates. The reservation forms must be filled out and sent with the registration fee of \$2.00 to Miss Ellen Lehr, 3846 Washburn ave., N. Minneapolis 12, Minn. This informative material about the General Conference will also be sent to individuals requesting it from our promotional office at 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois.

ANTHEM

(Choir Group and Number Still to Be Announced)

PRAYER

Rev. Leon Bill, Okeene, Oklahoma
INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

Rev. Adolph Braun, Center Line, Michigan, Chairman of the Program Committee.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFERING

GENERAL CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVICE OF RECOGNITION

Honoring Dr. Paul Gebauer on his 30th anniversary as our missionary to the Cameroons, Africa; and Mrs. Clara Gebauer on her 25th anniversary of missionary service.

Board of Missions in charge.

HYMN BY THE CONGREGATION

MISSIONARY ADDRESS

Mr. Flavius Martin, Southern Cameroons, Africa

PRESENTATION OF NEW MISSIONARIES

Dr. R. Schilke, General Missionary Secretary

COMMISSIONING ADDRESS

Rev. Gilbert Schneider, New Hope Settlement, Southern Cameroons, Africa

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

Rev. Robert S. Hess, Tacoma, Washington

HYMN BY THE CONGREGATION CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Secretary

SUNDAY EVENING, AUGUST 6, 1961

TIME: (Still to be determined).

PLACE: First Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

PRESIDING: Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, Hempstead, New York

SONG LEADER: Rev. Elmo Tahran, Minot, North Dakota

SCRIPTURE READING: Rev. E. Broeckel, Bismarck, North Dakota

ANTHEM

(Choir Group and Number Still to Be Announced)

PRAYER: Rev. H. R. Schroeder, Saint Paul, Minnesota

COMMUNION MESSAGE

Dr. George A. Lang, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

COMMUNION SERVICE

(Details to be worked out and invi-

From the Professor's Desk

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

Please explain the meaning of I Timothy 2:15: "Notwithstanding, she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety."

This perplexing verse is taken from a section in First Timothy in which Paul is giving instruction in matters that relate to public worship (2:1-15). The first half of the chapter is concerned with public prayers (vs. 1-8) and the last with women in the public worship of the church. His first suggestions in the latter area pertain to the dress of women: "Women should adorn themselves modestly and sensibly in seemly apparel, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly attire but by good deeds, as befits women who profess religion" (vs. 9, 10). Nothing must distract the worshippers from focusing attention on God in the worship service! Further, women's function in public worship is to be a silent one: "Let a woman learn in silence with all submissiveness. I permit no woman to teach or have authority over men; she is to keep silent" (vs. 11, 12). How strange this all sounds to us today!

Two specific reasons are given for this subordination of women: (1) The priority of man's creation ("Adam was formed first and then Eve" v. 13); (2) women, apparently, are more easily led astray (Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor" v. 14).

Now there follows immediately the verse in question which in the RSV reads: "Yet woman will be saved through bearing children, if she continues in faith and love and holiness, with modesty" (v. 15).

Many different interpretations have

been given to this verse:

(1) It is a promise of safety during childbirth. Thus Phillips translates, or better, interprets: "Nevertheless, I believe that women will come safely through childbirth if they maintain a life of faith . . ." The fact that godly women have died in childbirth would seem to refute conclusively this interpretation.

(2) The reference is to spiritual salvation. Although Chrysostom espoused this view, it is clear that a woman's salvation is in no way dependent upon her having a child or caring for children.

(3) Since the definite article is used before the word "childbearing" the reference is to a specific birth, namely, the birth of the Messiah. Thus woman's salvation is dependent upon the Savior's birth. If this is what Paul meant, he could not have found a more nebulous way of expressing it.

(4) Paul is talking about the preservation of the usefulness of women in the work of the church through her function as a mother in childbearing and rearing (Goodspeed translates "they shall be saved through motherhood"). This interpretation seems to fit the context well. Paul has just been emphasizing the subordinate place of women in the church—especially in its expressions of public worship. Now, lest she become overly discouraged or feel she has no function to perform in the Kingdom of God, Paul says she will be "preserved for a contribution to the Christian cause through her divinely appointed function as a child-bearer (and rearer), a function to be accompanied by a godly life" (*The Biblical Expositor*, Vol. III, p. 355).

tation to NAB churches to be extended by our churches of Minneapolis and Saint Paul).

GERMAN SERVICES

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday Evenings, August 1, 3 and 5, 1961

Place: Jackson Auditorium in the First Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., with a platform and seating capacity of 550.

Program Details: Still to be worked out.

TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 1, 1961

PRESIDING: Rev. Waldemar E. Ertis, Calgary, Alberta

SCRIPTURE READING:

PRAYER: Rev. Paul Galambos, Buffalo, New York

ANNOUNCER: Rev. William Sturhahn, Winnipeg, Manitoba

MESSAGE: Rev. Gerhard P. Gebauer, Vancouver, British Columbia

THURSDAY EVENING, AUGUST 3, 1961

PRESIDING: Rev. Herman A. Pohl, Olds, Alberta

SCRIPTURE READING: Rev. Alfred Frank, Edmonton, Alberta

PRAYER: Mr. George Koehle, Winnipeg, Manitoba

ANNOUNCER: Rev. William Sturhahn, Winnipeg, Manitoba

MESSAGE: Rev. Elvin Schuelke, Chicago, Illinois

SATURDAY EVENING, AUGUST 5, 1961

PRESIDING:

SCRIPTURE READING: Rev. Alexander Hart, St. Catharines, Ontario

PRAYER: Rev. Robert Kluttig, Edmonton, Alberta

ANNOUNCER: Rev. William Sturhahn, Winnipeg, Manitoba

MESSAGE: Rev. Wilhelm Wieschollek, Edmonton, Alberta



OUR GENERAL CONFERENCE BANQUET HALL

The magnificent Hall of States in the Leamington Hotel with banquet accommodations for 2,000 people. This will be the colorful hall for our General Conference banquet on Saturday evening, August 5, 1961.

We the Women

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

AN INVITATION TO OUR WOMEN

Those of us who attended the 1958 General Conference at Edmonton have not forgotten the warm hospitality of our Canadian friends, the beauty and comforts of the spacious auditorium in which our meetings were held, the wonderful meals provided at every luncheon and banquet, and, best of all, the bountiful spiritual blessings that we experienced at every meeting. The pageantry, the music and drama, all helped to make it the best Conference of its kind. We felt we had tasted a bit of heaven during those Conference days.

Now it is my pleasure to invite you, the Women, to the next General Conference. It is not too early to make plans to attend this Conference at Minneapolis, Minn., from July 31 to August 6, 1961. You may be sure the hospitality of our Minnesota friends will equal that of our northern friends, and that the plans that have been laid will make this one another "best Conference."

The women's activities will again include a special luncheon and our Friday afternoon program, to be followed by a tea for all Conference guests. The committees on arrangements have been hard at work for months to secure the finest possible facilities available for all these special events. Your executive committee made special efforts to curtail all business matters, in order to allow more time for our beloved missionaries to participate in our program.

The theme of our Friday afternoon program will be "Abundant Living." Featured in a panel discussion will be several outstanding women from our own fellowship, as well as a member of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, Mrs. Maurice Hodge. Another of the highlights of our afternoon program will be music furnished by a chorus of Ministers' Wives.

The Missionary Tea following the afternoon program will be held in one of the most beautiful halls in Minneapolis. There you will have an opportunity to meet our missionaries personally and to greet outstanding leaders of our women's work as well.

You will also enjoy the interesting displays that are being planned by every department of our denomination. We, the Women, will have our own special display which will interest you. Program booklets, the newest program packets, good reading material, our historian's scrap books, and White Cross displays will all portray in detail the phases of our work.

To attend the General Conference is to get perspective of the work of our beloved denomination. It will give you a spiritual lift and new pride in the

S. S. Highlights at 1961 Conference

By Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, General Secretary of the
Sunday School Union



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of the Sunday School Union.

THE LARGE number of delegates and friends who attended the very successful General Conference in Edmonton, Alberta, three years ago will remember the inspiration and information which were received from the various sessions. The conference sessions from July 31 to Aug. 6, 1961 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, have in store many additional blessings in which we want you to share.

We wish to outline briefly the plans for our Sunday School emphasis at the conference which will be of importance, not only to those who are workers and leaders of the Sunday School in your church, but we believe that everyone attending the conference will find these services most beneficial. The Program Committee of the conference has allocated additional opportunities to emphasize the very important role which the Sunday School has for our churches. Since the teaching ministry for Christ remains as a most vital part for successful churches, we want you to have a preview of Sunday School Union plans for the General Conference sessions.

achievements of the religious body to which you belong. It affords a rare opportunity to hear many excellent speakers and the finest music. In addition to the inspirational value derived, a Conference gives ample opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones. We are agreed, I am sure, that nothing on this earth quite equals the blessings of true Christian fellowship.

The Tuesday evening service (Aug. 1st) will be under the direction of the Sunday School Union with members of the General Sunday School Committee participating. The theme, "A PLEA FOR A DEEPER STUDY OF THE WORD," will include an address by Rev. Roger Schmidt, pastor of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and also one of the first members of the General Sunday School Committee. Brother Schmidt, who has had a very successful ministry in Christian education, is presently engaged in enlarging the building facilities and educational program of the Pilgrim Baptist Church.

CHRISTIAN WORKERS' LUNCHEON

A very popular feature of our General Conferences has been the luncheon for the many Christian workers who attend the conference. In addition to the opportunity for fellowship and sharing of experiences as workers in the Sunday School, there will be a planned program by the Sunday School Union. Reservations for the luncheon will be limited to 375. We would urge you to secure your reservations for the luncheon during the first day of the conference.

A REVIEW AND PRE-VIEW

Included in the report to the conference by the Sunday School Union will be a brief review of the Sunday School program of the past three years. The projected program for the coming three years will seek to challenge every delegate and visitor to enlist as a co-worker for a more successful ministry of teaching the Word of God to the millions in America who, at present, are not included in the Sunday School.

DISPLAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOKS

In cooperation with the Roger Williams Press, we are planning a display of leadership training and other resource books for Sunday School teachers and workers. New materials prepared by the Sunday School Union will also be on display.

We are requesting that you join us in praying for a successful General Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 31 through August 6. We would also like for you to plan now to attend the conference sessions and encourage those to attend who are workers in your Sunday School. Your next teachers' and officers' meeting is an excellent time to call attention to the plans at the conference for Sunday School workers.

What's Happening

● The First Baptist Church of Plevna, Montana, held its Week of Prayer services from Jan. 11 to 13 with Dr. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary as guest speaker. He spoke and showed mission pictures every evening. An encouraging attendance averaging 100 was present at these services. Dr. Schilke also spoke at the Sunday morning and afternoon services. Rev. R. H. Zepik is pastor of the church.

● The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., voted to adopt the Every Family Subscription Plan of the denomination. This has resulted in a total of 226 subscriptions to the "Baptist Herald" from this church. Of these, 147 are new subscriptions. The church treasury is paying for the subscriptions. Rev. E. Arthur McAsh is pastor of the church. He has promised to contribute an article for a forthcoming issue.

● Rev. E. B. Wesner, after nine years as pastor of the North Sheridan Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill., terminated his ministry on Jan. 31. He brought his closing sermons on Sunday, Jan. 29. A farewell service for the Wesner family was held that Sunday evening. Beginning with Feb. 1st, Rev. Frank Friesen, denominational Interim and Supply Pastor, has been serving as the interim pastor in the Peoria church.

● From Nov. 14 to 20 the Wiesenthal Baptist Church, Millet, Alta., held evangelistic services with Rev. R. Milbrandt of Calgary, Alta., pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, serving as evangelist. The meetings were well attended and Christians were led into a closer walk with God. Rev. Arthur Zeller, pastor, wrote: "We believe that God can do great things in the rural areas, and for this deep spiritual experience we are thankful."

● On Sunday, January 1st, Rev. Milton Falkenberg, pastor of the Baptist Church, Oak Bank, Manitoba, received four persons into the fellowship of the church at the communion service. These new members had been baptized by the pastor on confession of their faith in Christ. Mrs. Henry Lange, reporter, stated: "This increase of membership in our church has brought us great joy. We trust that the Lord will give us many more souls."

● The Immanuel Baptist Church, Wausau, Wis., has called Dr. M. Vanderbeck of La Crosse, Wis., as its interim pastor beginning Sunday, Jan. 8th. Rev. Wallace A. Olson, former pastor, has gone to a Baptist Church in Long Beach, Calif. Dr. Vanderbeck has served as pastor of our churches in La Crosse and Sheboygan, Wis.; the former Humboldt Park Church of

Chicago, Ill.; and as superintendent of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged in Chicago.

● A Watchnight service was held at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Westington Springs, S. Dak., with Rev. Thomas Lutz, pastor, in charge. On Saturday evening, Dec. 31, the worship service was held from 9:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M., followed by an hour of fellowship. The closing service of the old year was a communion service at which five new members were received into the church's fellowship: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. George Arnott and Mrs. Benny Weber.

● On Sunday evening, Dec. 18, the Riverview Baptist Church choir, St. Paul, Minn., presented the musical program, "This Is Christmas," directed by Mr. Robert Ricker. On Saturday evening, Dec. 24, the young people of the church presented a Candlelight Service with Mr. Flavius Martin, Seminary student from the Cameroons, West Africa, as the guest speaker. The Sunday School rendered its program, "The Characters of Christmas Meet Christ," on Christmas Day afternoon. Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom is pastor of the church.

● On Sunday morning, Dec. 25, Rev. Christian Peters, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Elsmere, Delaware, baptized three adults and three young people on confession of their faith in Christ. These along with the wife of one of these men were received into the church's fellowship on Sunday, Jan. 1st. The men of the church are rendering an unusual ministry in their program, "Searching for the Unchurched." More than 60 homes have been visited by them in recent weeks with encouraging results. Rev. Christian Peters is pastor of the church.

● The Grace Church of Gackle, N. Dak., held its Christmas program on Dec. 23 with a capacity audience inspired by the presentation of "The Gates of Christmas." A group of carolers from the church went to a number of homes after the program. Among these was Felix Wui, a student from Jamestown College whose home is Baden, Switzerland. Special meetings are now being held at the Gackle Church (Feb. 13 to 24) with Rev. Robert Krueger, pastor of the North Side Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as the special speaker. Rev. Bernard Edinger is pastor of the church.

● The Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas, Oregon, is publishing a weekly newsletter for its people called "The

Visitor." The church paper was named by Betty Jo Haas in a contest sponsored by the Board of Deacons. She was presented with a copy of the Amplified New Testament by Mr. Walter Schmitke, chairman of the board. The Sunday School held a U-2 Contest for a two week period from Jan. 22 to 29 with good attendance results. Evangelistic services are being planned for the days of March 26 to 31 with Prof. Roy Seibel of the Seminary faculty, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as the guest speaker. Rev. Clarence H. Walth is pastor of the church.

● The First Baptist Church of Torrington, Alta., closed its doors with the end of 1960. Organized in 1903 as the Knee Hill Creek Baptist Church, it was a church of first settlers in western Canada which radiated the love of God over the prairies and gave much of its spirit and strength to organize and strengthen new churches. The modern move to the cities, however, weakened the ranks of this church. At the annual meeting held on Dec. 12, 1960, the remaining members voted unanimously to join the fellowship of the East Olds Baptist Church of Olds, Alta., where the Rev. H. A. Pohl has been serving as pastor since 1956.

● The annual sessions of the General Sunday School Committee of the denomination were held at the new headquarters building in Forest Park, Ill., on Feb. 3 and 4. Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, general secretary, and Miss Ruth Bathauer, Children's Worker, reported to the committee. Mr. Vernon Heckman of St. Paul, Minn., Sunday School Union president, presided. From Feb. 10 to 11 the executive committee of the C.B.Y. Fellowship of the denomination held its annual sessions in Forest Park, Ill., with Mr. Arthur Patzia of Winnipeg, Man., who is at present a student at the NAB Seminary, presiding. Rev. John Binder, C.B.Y.F. secretary, presented his annual report to the committee. The decisions and recommendations of both committees will be reported at a later date in the "Baptist Herald."

● On Sunday, Jan. 8th, the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., was greatly challenged by the message of its guest speaker, Mr. John Noble, who spent 9½ years as a prisoner of the Soviet Union and who found Christ as Savior in a slave labor camp. He has written several books concerning his experiences with the Communists and is in wide demand as a speaker. Temple Church will also have the privilege on May 7th of having Dr. Ted Engstrom, president of Youth For Christ International, speak at the morning worship service. Mr. and Mrs. Adam Yung, faithful members of the church, are spending their second year in Europe, presently in Stockholm, Sweden, where Mr. Yung is on assignment by the Gulf Oil Company. Their many friends at Temple are looking forward to their return in mid-1961, as stated by Rev. Raymond P. Yahn, pastor.



A narrow street in a typical town of Paraguay, South America.

SYNOPSIS

Zorillo Lopez came back to his widowed mother, Dona Marta, after a year of military service in the Paraguayan army. He was now ready to continue his father's trade of making wooden saints in the workshop. He was also looking for a bride. His choice fell on Rosita. Soon after their marriage, Guadeloupe returned from military service and visited Zorillo and Rosita almost every day. Zorillo resented these visits because he was intensely jealous and regarded Guadeloupe as a "tricky friend." In fact, Guadeloupe broke up the marriage and Zorillo left his wife and went to Encarnacion. Four months later, a sad Dona Marta prepared for the Day of All Saints. She couldn't understand her friend Luisa, who was always happy but who had been "blinded" by the evangelicos with their Protestant Bible. She met these evangelicos at the cemetery and heard their singing and testimonies. Later they came and visited her in her home, promising to come again. Meanwhile, in Encarnacion the times were bad, and Zorillo was called back into the army. His mother, Dona Marta, received the news with sad heart.

CHAPTER SIX

DONA MARTA had expected this, even as she had expected him to remarry; still it was a blow, even as the other had been. The lonely woman still missed acutely the son who had meant much to her.

She thanked the messenger and conversed awhile with him, gleaning what news she could of the absent one, then entered the little shack to seek the saints' protection for her boy.

Her prayers that afternoon were more mechanical than they had ever been before, for the visit of Doña Luisa and Doña Helena had badly shaken her faith in the lifeless figures. And most surprising was the fact that the two believers had not attacked the saints, nor so much as mentioned them!

There were many questions in Doña Marta's heart demanding answers: questions regarding these very images to which she was now praying; regarding Mary; regarding purgatory; the

South American Romance

A Christian Novel by Mary McCombe Orr

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customs of the priests; but the greatest question of all, especially since the evangelicas had visited her, was, "What must I do to be saved?"

She had always been taught that the answer was to obey the priests implicitly and fulfill all the myriad demands of the holy church; even then salvation was not promised until the fires of purgatory had purified her soul.

Long before that dull April day in which Doña Marta's heart cried out in words unformed by the lips, "Oh, my God, show me Thy truth!" He had been seeking her. When she reached the point of bewilderment and despair, she was all but found.

Doña Marta did not return to her hoeing, for as she finished her prayers rain began to fall. It continued steadily all afternoon, greatly refreshing the thirsty ground.

Great was her surprise then, when on such a day as this, she heard someone clapping at her door! Her surprise was still greater when she saw who her visitors were: Doña Helena and her husband! Here was Don Jorge, the young man who had offered her the tract and to whom she had so "faithfully" lied, "Gracias, muchas gracias, but I have my own religion, and I have no need of any other."

Graciously she invited them in, took their dripping raincoats, seated them, and began to prepare *maté*.

With genuine interest in the poor woman, the visitors inquired concernedly about her affairs, and questioned her about her son, of whom they had previously heard. Glad to have someone ready to listen, she told them of her many disappointments in life and of the tormenting fear that nothing would ever be right again.

"Oh, señora," said Don Jorge, "there is One who can put everything right, One with whom there are no problems, One who is willing and anxious to be your Friend and Saviour."

There was silence for a little space while the *maté* continued to make its rounds. Then Doña Marta sighed deeply, and turning to Doña Helena, surprised and delighted her by asking, "Have you brought your little magic book?"

Doña Helena could not but laugh, but she did so with such frankness that old Doña Marta smiled, too, while the young woman explained, "Oh, my friend, there is nothing magic about my little booklet, it is just made of pretty paper, and the colors are chosen

to remind us of some important things. I know you realize how important they are! No, I did not bring it, but we have brought something better; something that I think you will appreciate!"

Don Jorge reached into his pocket and drew out a neat volume.

"Don't be afraid," he smiled, "this is not a Protestant Bible. My wife tells me that you would rather not listen to our Bible. I assure you that although this book has in it the same Gospel of salvation as ours, it is the official and accepted Bible of the Roman Catholic Church. Look! Here on this page you find the stamp of approval. See, this is the imprimatur of the Pope."

Doña Marta had never read a word in her life, but she examined the markings carefully, and felt satisfied that Don Jorge was telling the truth.

"Now, will you permit me to read the Truth of God to you from this Bible?"

"Como no?" was the ready response. "Why not?"

Prayerfully the missionary turned to John 14 and read the first six verses, while the eager listener leaned toward him on her stool, dumbfounded and open-mouthed.

"Oh, they are the same beautiful words you read in the cemetery," she exclaimed, when he had finished, "the same beautiful words that the priest said would deceive and delude us to perdition!"

Once again the Scriptures were opened. Going from passage to passage, the faithful Don Jorge exalted the Saviour and made plain the way of salvation through faith in His Name. As he read, Doña Helena lifted her heart in constant, earnest prayer that the Holy Spirit might apply the living Word to the needy soul.

And the needy soul? Doña Marta found herself reaching out hungrily for the great, good words, drinking in the truth, even as the long-parched ground outside was drinking in the welcome rain. Now and again she hitched her stool a little closer, in her concern not to lose a word.

What about all the questions that had confused her tired mind, while she prayed to the saints? Suddenly, miraculously, they had all been answered, or had vanished!

How her heart thrilled at the story of the publican who cried out to God, "Be merciful to me a sinner," and went down to his house "justified."

How her heart filled with wonder at the account of the dying thief and the Saviour's gracious "today thou shalt be with me." This was forgiveness superior to that meted out at confession; this was pardon indeed, salvation well worth knowing!

"Doña Marta, I think that I have talked enough and read enough for one day. Do you not realize now that what you need is a Living Saviour, who can cleanse you from all sin right here and now? Don't you want to receive Him, that He may do His work in your heart, give you eternal life, and dwell with you forever?"

"I do, I do!" replied Doña Marta eagerly. "Oh, this is what I have needed all my life!"

And so it was, that three people knelt that afternoon on the earth floor of the old *ranchito* and poured out their hearts in penitence, praise and petition for the days to come, as Doña Marta entered a new pathway.

Doña Marta's words were faltering, it is true, but her recognition of sin and need was genuine, and her faith implicit and childlike.

Helena and Jorge could scarcely find words to express their praise to the God of all grace, who had so wonderfully prepared this heart. Truly His Holy Spirit had been faithfully working, and the ripened fruit had fallen into their hands. The seed had been sown first of all on that mournful Day of the Dead. Unknown to Doña Marta, a little group of babes in Christ had untiringly watered it by prayer and by the visit of the two women. Now God Himself had given the increase.

At last they arose from their knees, with overflowing eyes, and with hearts near to bursting. The joy of leading a sinner to the Saviour was scarcely surpassed by the joy of first coming to know Him.

The young couple lingered yet a little while to briefly instruct Doña Marta in the Word, then hastened away to duties that had been forgotten.

"Hasta mañana, my new sister. God bless you!" said Doña Helena lovingly, as she took Doña Marta's hand in parting, and Doña Marta was loath to let the warm hand go as she gazed through blurred eyes on the faces of the truest friends she had yet known, and answered simply, but with choking voice, "The same to you, the same to you!"

THE MISSIONARIES had called at Doña Luisa's neat shack on their way to visit Doña Marta, and gladly she had taken up the burden of prayer throughout the afternoon. There was no time to stop on their return, but Doña Luisa heard the good news that evening in the prayer meeting and of course was overjoyed.

The rain continued to pour, and not all the believers were present, but a few, with hearts aflame with the love of God, would not be hindered. Only

one or two were fortunate enough to own thick woolen capes, of the kind seen more commonly among the cowboys of Argentina and Southern Brazil, and adopted to a small extent by others! Some tried to protect themselves with gunny sacks around their shoulders and over their heads. Still others held small parasols. All came barefooted through the slush and mud, for feet were much easier to wash and dry than sandals!

It would have done Doña Marta's heart good to see how all these simple Christians, some of whom did not even know her, rejoiced and exulted over her salvation, and prayed that she might be blessed and strengthened and upheld in the new life before her.

Early next morning, Doña Luisa, grasped tightly her treasured Bible, carefully wrapped in brown paper, hastened through the streets of Encarnación in the direction of her old friend's home. The sun was blazing already, and doing a splendid job of drying up the mud, although shining pools of water lay everywhere.

God had used Don Jorge and Doña Helena in Marta's turning to the Saviour, but it was Doña Luisa who had the greatest part in leading her on into a consistent Christian walk. She had come from the same background of bondage, superstition and despair, and knew the weaknesses, fears and doubts that would, or could, beset her friend. She had plainly marked in her Bible the answers and the promises that had meant much to her in the first days of her pilgrimage.

She read poorly, for she had learned only after being saved; but as Doña Luisa labored over the precious pages, pronouncing the words, syllable by syllable, she had a patient, eager listener. Doña Marta marveled at the riches of the Book as she sat gratefully at the feet of her understanding teacher. It did not matter to her now whether the Bible was Protestant or Catholic, for she knew in her innermost being that this was God's Word.

So life was completely changed. The saints and crucifixes disappeared from the old *ranchito*. Instead of treading the well-worn path to the great brick church on the hill, Doña Marta's feet often found their way across the city to the humble little hall still under construction, or to the home of some believer. There the believers would meet to sing, study the Word and pray, and when they succeeded in bringing any unconverted in, there would be the preaching of the Gospel of salvation.

No longer did the burdens of life weigh heavily upon Doña Marta. She learned to cast those burdens on the Lord. The careworn face could not become young again, but joy counteracted the effects of the old cares, and she began to hold her splendid figure with erectness and confidence again.

She and Doña Luisa became workers together in prayer, and daily they met to bring their petitions directly to the throne of God. A great confi-

dence was born in Doña Marta—a confidence in the power and willingness of the Heavenly Father to hear and answer. Now she could pray with assurance for protection for her son. She could pray with the same confidence for something greater and harder still—his salvation. Her friend had unsaved loved ones, too, and there were matters in the church and in the lives of individual believers that these two women brought to God in prayer. Thus they strengthened each other's hands and the hands of all the believers.

It was a grief to Doña Marta at first that most of the old friends of former days were her friends no more. There had been a real bond with some of them. Rosita's parents, for example, had remained true friends until they found that she had "changed" religion. Then they felt it was their religious duty to shun her, and only the coolest greeting passed their lips when they happened to meet her. For most of the old companions, just one visit to her home after her conversion had been enough. They were shocked beyond expression by the removal of the images from the walls. They were suspicious of the bright texts that had taken their places, although Doña Marta tried to tell them of the joy the Word of God had brought to her. They were grieved at her neglect of the church, and angered at the steadfastness with which she refused to return and confess her folly!

But new friends filled their places. Brothers and sisters in Christ sought out the hospitable *ranchito*, and many a happy hour was passed in conversation about the things that matter most, as the *maté* made its rounds.

One day as the two partners in prayer met as was their custom, it was clear that something special was on Doña Marta's mind.

"Doña Luisa," she said, "I know that God is going to bring my son to Himself one day. I have no doubt about it, although it may take much time. Now I am beginning to feel that we ought to be praying for Rosita, too. I do not know how their lives could ever become untangled, but I know that they both need Christ, and that nothing is too hard for Him. I saw poor little Rosita yesterday with my little grandson in her arms. She greeted me from a distance. She didn't want to talk. Poor girl, she looked tired and cheerless, and I longed to comfort her, but she is afraid of the Gospel. They have all turned against me! Will you pray with me for both Zorillo and her? Would it be asking too much . . . would we dare to ask that in some way . . . in some wonderful way, God might join them together once again?"

The older believer felt challenged. To pray for their salvation she was more than willing, but for such a seemingly impossible thing? Would she dare to pray for that? Could it be God's will?

(To Be Continued)

Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: February 26, 1961

Theme: JESUS FACES THE CROSS
Scripture: John 12:20-36a

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The cross was the call and direction of Jesus' life and ministry.

INTRODUCTION: The road to the cross is very difficult because there are so many convenient detours. To evade the cross is one of the easiest things in life. One detour which Jesus had to contend with was the detour of his disciples. "Lord, this will never happen to you" was not only the sentiment of Peter but of all the disciples (Matt. 16:23). Even our best friends are willing to lead us into convenient and pleasant sideroads in order to avoid facing the cross. To yield to such a temptation would be a betrayal.

There are many crosses in life that are forced upon us, not because we have the freedom of choice but because of necessity. The most meaningful cross, however, is the chosen cross. It has the power of an unquestionable "must" in back of it, (Mark 8:31), not the "must" imposed by others, but the "must" imposed from within. Jesus said, "I must suffer and die."

I. LIFE'S GREATEST DESIRE. John 12:20-22.

The appealing words, "Sir, we would see Jesus," are inscribed on many pulpits. It is a sincere desire on the part of the congregation and a prayerful hope on the part of the minister to make the words come true.

These Grecian Jews came to worship at the feast, but their greater desire was to see Jesus. Whether it was a matter of curiosity or a sincere wish, we do not know, but it should nevertheless be the genuine desire of every seeking soul.

II. LIFE'S FULFILLMENT. John 12:23-26.

No matter how sincere the desire to Jesus may be, the Lord pointed out quickly that there is no seeing him except on his own terms. "Seeing" is not merely a physical matter or an ecstatic experience. It is seeing Christ as Christ sees himself and seeing yourself as Christ sees you.

Jesus saw his life's fulfillment in the glorification of his atoning death and resurrection and by the coming of the Gentiles into the kingdom. He saw that a determined clinging to life in order to save life brings nothing but a fruitless existence. The greatest honor bestowed on man can come only to those who give up their lives to serve Christ.

III. LIFE'S MOST IMPORTANT HOUR. John 12:27-31.

The most important hour is the hour

for which you prepared yourself all your life. Jesus was approaching the hour of his atoning death, the hour for which he came into this world, the hour on which depended the salvation of the world. On this hour hung the hope and meaning of history, and Jesus could not and would not avoid it.

IV. LIFE'S GREATEST DRAWING POWER. John 12:32-36.

We can well imagine how the Greeks and Romans must have reacted to Jesus' description of his death. To be drawn to a man hanging on a cross would be the height of folly. It was a revolting thought to think of the Christ, who abideth forever, dying a most ignominious death.

Jesus gave the Greeks no definite answer. Instead he advised them to walk in the light and believe in the light that is presently available so that they would be prepared for the dark day of his death.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: March 5, 1961

Theme: A NEW COMMANDMENT

Scripture: John 13:1-5, 12-17, 34, 35

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The love which Jesus bestowed upon us should be shared with others, not so much because it is a commandment, but because it is a privilege.

INTRODUCTION: This chapter of John's Gospel is part of the Lord's ministry to his disciples at the Last Supper, and the foot-washing experience is his last ministry of love to them before the resurrection. The disciples took part in much of the ministry of Jesus. He gave them power so that they were able to take part in the real activities of the kingdom. But it seems that their activity and ministry were limited and temporary because they were hampered by their human weaknesses. They had only a foretaste of what they could do if they had the abiding love of Christ in their hearts.

On this last night, Jesus was concerned about his disciples' lack of love. It was this lack of love which kept them from loving each other and from loving service in the kingdom. No matter how active they would be in the work of the kingdom, it would have

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little value unless they had love for the kingdom. Such a love Christ tried to show them on the night before his death and then to go on to demonstrate his greatest love on the cross.

I. THE UNENDING LOVE OF CHRIST. John 13:1-2.

This sentence is an introduction to the entire teaching of Jesus in chapters 13-17. These words of Jesus are basic in understanding his love for his own. He loves us, not by taking us away from troubles, trials and temptations, but by preparing us for them in advance by giving us strength, knowledge and grace to meet them.

The words "to the end" describe Jesus' love as utterly, completely and perfectly.

II. THE MEEK AND LOWLY LOVE OF CHRIST. John 13:3-5.

An ordinary man, knowing that he is being betrayed, will prepare himself for battle. Jesus, however, prepared himself for service. Foot washing was part of the reception of guests and preceded a meal. Since no servants were present at that occasion, it should have been the responsibility of the disciples. Perhaps they felt it was beneath them, and it was for this reason that Peter was embarrassed. Jesus therefore prepared himself for this menial task.

III. THE EXAMPLE OF CHRIST'S LOVE. John 13:12-17.

In the beautiful example of Jesus, we see the necessity of daily fellowship and cleansing, and the importance of service, no matter how humble, in our own lives.

By calling Jesus "Master and Lord," the disciples were thereby calling themselves servants, but they failed in fulfilling their duty as servants. If Jesus, therefore, as the highest, can stoop to perform the lowest, and perform it in love, then the disciples ought at least to serve those on the same level with themselves. The knowledge which Jesus imparted can only bring happiness when it is followed by action. The words, "know" and "do," cannot be separated in the Christian life.

IV. THE LOVING COMMANDMENT OF CHRIST. John 13:34.

The old commandment of loving your neighbor as you love yourself does not always have a high standard. Some people do not love themselves very much. But to love another as Christ loved us brings us to a much higher level of love. The Christian can no longer measure love by looking at himself but by looking at Christ.

V. THE DISTINGUISHING MARK OF A CHRISTIAN. John 13:35.

The most meaningful example that Jesus gave to his disciples was the example of love. Obviously if the world is to be convinced of the love of God, the church must give a more genuine example of their love for each other.

Dedication of Swain Oaks Church, Calif.

Report of the dedication of the \$44,000 combination Church Chapel and Sunday School Unit at Stockton, Calif., by Mrs. Thelma Fischer.

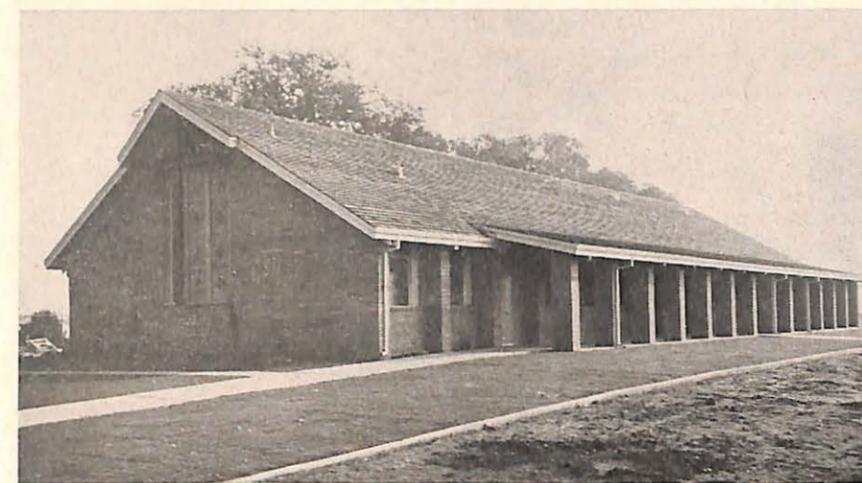
ON SUNDAY, Nov. 13th, members and friends of the Swain Oaks Baptist Church, Stockton, Calif., gathered to dedicate the \$44,000 combination church chapel and Sunday School unit. This was a day we had looked forward to as a fulfillment of our hopes and prayers. The ground for the church had been purchased by the North American Baptist Conference some years prior to the beginning of the church building. On November 1st, 1959, the ground breaking services were held at the present site of the church.

The dedication services began on Friday evening, Nov. 11th, with a Fellowship Supper attended by members of the church and their guests. Our guest speaker for the evening was Rev. D. Siemans of the neighboring Calvary Baptist Church, a member of the Conservative Baptist Conference.

REV. ROBERT HESS, SPEAKER

Our guest speaker for the dedication services was Rev. Robert Hess of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., who is also the secretary of the Mission Committee of the Pacific Conference. He thrilled our hearts as he spoke to us during our Sunday School hour, the morning worship service, the dedication services, and again in the evening.

At the formal dedication services in the afternoon, Rev. Robert Hess brought a challenging message to more than 350 people who were packed into an auditorium designed comfortably to seat approximately 225 people. Rev.



SWAIN OAKS BAPTIST CHURCH, STOCKTON

The \$44,000 combination Church Chapel and Sunday School Unit in Stockton, Calif., of which Rev. G. G. Rauser is the pastor.

Walter Berkan of the Elk Grove Baptist Church read the Scripture lesson which was followed by Mrs. Judi Koenig singing, "Bless This House." The invocation was given by our pastor, Rev. G. G. Rauser. Prior to the reading of "The Act of Dedication," Wilfred Rueb of the Willow Rancho Baptist Church of Sacramento thrilled our hearts as he sang, "Open the Gates of the Temple."

Rev. G. P. Schroeder, retired pastor who has been instrumental in beginning a number of Church Extension churches, led in the dedicatory prayer. Words of greeting were brought by Rev. Robert Schreiber of the Temple

Baptist Church of Lodi; Rev. Aaron Buhler, First Baptist Church of Lodi; Rev. Walter Berkan of Elk Grove; Rev. Eric Kuhn of the Willow Rancho Baptist Church of Sacramento; Rev. S. Parks of the First Baptist Church of Stockton; and Mr. Siemans of the Calvary Church of Stockton.

GIFTS OF MONEY AND SUPPLIES

We are thankful to God for the many gifts of money, donated labor and supplies furnished by the members and friends of the church. Our building blocks were purchased from members of the First Baptist Church of Lodi at cost, and after the bill was paid he and his wife forwarded a check of \$1,000 to the church. Another couple of the First Church of Lodi donated all of the labor for the electrical work required in the church, with the exception of approximately \$25, and he also arranged for the purchase of all of the electrical supplies and fixtures at cost. Another couple of that church installed the furnace and all of the duct work with donated labor. Another couple of the First Church laid the tile in the main sanctuary at no cost to the church, and they also donated a piano for the Sunday School department. Still another couple supplied much of the labor for sidewalks and the baptistry and paid for much of the materials required for the same.

Another couple paid for the leveling and graveling of the east parking lot. Another couple of the First Church furnished much of the labor on the church at the small cost of \$1.00 per hour. Many hours of donated labor were supplied by members of the First Church. Another couple paid for the pulpit. The mimeograph machine, so

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SANCTUARY OF THE SWAIN OAKS CHURCH

The worshipful sanctuary of the Swain Oaks Baptist Church, Stockton, Calif., with a seating capacity for 225 people. (Photos by L. Covello).

Our Denomination in ACTION

Western District

Pacific Northwest Sunday School Union, Tacoma, Wash.

The Sunday School Union of the Pacific Northwest Association met Nov. 6, 1960 at Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash. At the annual business meeting, the Sunday School Union adopted a \$1200 missionary project for 1960-'61. (\$500 for the Renton Church Extension project, \$500 for the Japan \$6000 land project and \$200 for the Seminary Library project). The Colfax Sunday School received the award for the Sunday School attendance contest held among the schools in our association. Mr. Norman Roth of Spokane was elected treasurer and Mrs. F. E. Klein of Colfax was re-elected leader of Scripture Memorization. Other officers are: Mr. Leo Kraemer, president, Missoula, Montana; and Miss Doris Wagner, secretary, Tacoma, Wash.

Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District Secretary, gave an inspiring message on "Stewardship of Truth" at the business meeting. In the evening the Sunday School Banquet was held in the Calvary Church in a setting of beautiful fall decorations. The program consisted of special numbers from the various Sunday Schools, and Rev. Harold Gieseke, Secretary of Education and Publication of the denomination, brought a searching message on "Forgotten Stewardship."

Doris L. Wagner, Secretary

Golden Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. E. Stabbert

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stabbert of Lodi, Calif., in celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary were hosts at a dinner for 80 relatives and friends on the afternoon of Dec. 11. During a program following the dinner, a solo was sung by their granddaughter, Elaine White. Their daughter, Mrs. Erna White, read an original poem written by Mrs. Stabbert's sister-in-law. A niece, Alice Schmierer, played a piano solo followed by a vocal solo by another granddaughter, Marilyn Stabbert. The pastor, Rev. Robert Schreiber, spoke briefly on the theme, "This Is The Day," and then presented a Bible to the couple as a gift from Temple Baptist Church.

They were married in North Dakota, but for 42 years they have lived in the Lodi area. Affiliated with the First Baptist Church of Lodi for many years, they then became charter members of Temple Baptist Church in 1948. Their three children: Mr. Gerhart Stabbert, Mrs. Esther Harr, and Mrs. Erna White, were present for the occasion as were seven of the eight grandchildren. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stabbert were born in Germany, Mr. Stabbert having come to this country in 1903 and Mrs. Stabbert having come with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Christ Blumhagen, in 1902.

Robert Schreiber, Pastor



Scene from the Christmas play at the Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif.

Left to right: Ronald Forsey, Judy Johnson, Earline Willis and David Willis, Jr. (Photo by Frank Dunn).

Christmas Programs at Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif.

The young people of the Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif., have had a busy holiday season of varied activities, which included the Sunday School Christmas program on Dec. 21 in the sanctuary. Following prayer by Robert Ash, S. S. superintendent, the nursery department, with Mrs. Adel Stabbert, superintendent, opened the program with Christmas songs. Mrs. Selma Jungkeit, kindergarten superintendent, brought a welcome to all.

A three-part program around the theme, "The Gates of Christmas," featured primary and kindergarten children, assisted by Mrs. Bernice Parque, primary superintendent, in "The Gates of Heaven." The Juniors, with Mrs. Alta Isbell, superintendent gave "The Gates of Earth." The third part, "The Gates of Life," was a play titled "The Key



Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stabbert of Lodi, Calif., celebrating their golden wedding anniversary at the Temple Baptist Church.

of Life" brought by the senior young people, directed by Mrs. Isbell. Mr. Ash was narrator and Don Melvin did the choral speaking. The Junior Hi's with Ehrhardt Hartmann, superintendent, gave a recitation.

Christmas Sunday evening service featured the senior young people in a one-act play, "Christmas in the Cobbler Shop" by Mrs. O. G. Herbrecht. The cobbler was played by Ed Reynolds. Other young people in the cast were Cheryl Jungkeit, John Trapp, Donna Lechner, Nancy Mabs, Ron Forsey, Shirley Mims, Barbara Martin and Ron Monk.

Mrs. Ruth Mellen, Reporter

Eastern District

Ridgewood Church, Brooklyn, Celebrates 106th Anniversary

Ephesians 6:10-24 was the basis for a stirring sermon by our esteemed pastor, Rev. Rubin Kern, at the 106th anniversary program of the Ridgewood Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., on Sunday January 8. As part of Baptist Jubilee Advance, our pastor has been emphasizing true stewardship. He pointed out that the church's duties increase in the face of difficulties, which should not deter, but challenge.

Protestant churches shy away from difficult tasks and work too much within confines of the immediate church fellowship, which weakens our position. Following fine fellowship at the dinner tables we rejoiced to hear the progress reports of our various groups and praised our Lord for his rich blessings.

Marion von Ahnen, Reporter

Golden Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Willeke

The members and friends of the First Baptist Church, Trenton, Ill., celebrated the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Willeke on Sunday, Dec. 18. They were married by Rev. Charles Zummach of Peoria, Ill., on Dec. 24, 1910 in the Trenton Church. They have resided in the same home near the church for these past 50 years. Mr. Willeke was a deacon in the church for many years and still ably supplies the pulpit in the absence of our pastor, Rev. J. R. Kruegel.

A brief religious observance was held in connection with the morning service with Rev. C. K. Hartman, A. B. C. Southern Area Representative, in charge. A beautiful Bible and a lovely floral piece were presented to them by the church members. An "Open House" was held in the Willeke's home from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. to receive their many friends. Approximately 200 people extended their congratulations to the honored couple. The Willekes' have five grandchildren and four children, namely: Marian Joyce of St. Louis, Mo.; Stanley of Mansfield, Ohio; Grace Neumann and Alyce Zilles of Trenton. Florence Ranz, Clerk



The Baptist Church of Hilda, Alberta which recently celebrated its 50th anniversary, and the children and teachers of the Vacation Bible School held last summer.



Christmas Festivities at Chicago's Central Baptist Home

The first of many wonderful special events of the Christmas season at the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Chicago, Ill., was held on Friday, Dec. 9, sponsored by the Woman's Guild of the Forest Park Baptist Church. The Argo Summit School Band of forty young people, under the direction of Mr. B. Purdom, Jr., played selected band arrangements, carols and much loved selections from Handel's Messiah. On Dec. 13, twenty Kindergarten children from the James Giles School sang songs that brought real joy to the grandmothers and granddads of our Home.

On Dec. 14, the adult choir of the Acacia Presbyterian Church presented a Christmas Cantata, "The Wondrous Story," plus several other Christmas numbers, including the numbers, "The Sugar Plum Tree" and "White Christmas." On Dec. 16, the Birth of Christ was presented in scripture and song by twenty-four teen-agers from the St. James Lutheran Church. On Dec. 18, twenty-five young people of the Forest Park Church, under the direction of Mr. Richard Schroeder, blended their voices in carols throughout our Home. Some of the other groups, who presented programs and caroled in our Home, were Girl Scout Troop 109 and

a group of High School students from the community as well as the C.B.Y. from the Foster Avenue Church.

On Saturday, Dec. 24th, at 2 P.M. we held our own Family Christmas Service in the flower bedecked chapel. "O Holy Night" and "Calm 'Neath the Sky" solos by teen-aged Gary Schroder, trombone solo, "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear," "O Du Froeliche" by Paul Meister, "Night of Nights" by Mrs. Edw. Meister with Mrs. Walter Pankratz serving as pianist. A message, "Our Wonderful Savior," was given by Rev. Daniel Fuchs. Then the guests, employees and friends present took places in the dining room. After a prayer of thanksgiving, we enjoyed a Christmas luncheon.

We thank our friends, who remembered us with gifts and so made all this possible. The spirit of love, that was revealed to man when God first gave his Son, permeated this occasion as it did the entire Christmas season in our Home. On Sunday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day at our regular Sunday morning worship service, our Superintendent used as his text, "God's Greatest Gift" based on the Christmas story as it is found in Luke, chapter 2. "The Birthday of a King" and "We Three Kings of Orient" sung by alto and tenor soloists, respectively, were part of a much appreciated service.

Edward Meister, Superintendent

Northern District

50th Anniversary of Baptist Church, Hilda, Alta.

The members of the Hilda Baptist Church Hilda, Alta., have certainly experienced the goodness of the Lord. In March 1960 we were privileged to hold a baptismal service in the Temple Baptist Church of Medicine Hat, where nine candidates were baptized by our pastor, Rev. Ervin Strauss. The Vacation Bible School, held in July, was also highly successful. Nearly 50 students attended the session and the church is thankful to the many young people and ladies who were willing to give of their time and talents to teach these young children the Word of God.

RESOLVE

I will pray more and worry less;
I will smile more in happiness;
I will praise more and complain less;
I will trust more thy faithfulness.

I will give more and withhold less;
I will help more those in distress;
I will love more and dislike less;
I will show more thy loveliness.

Edith Atkinson

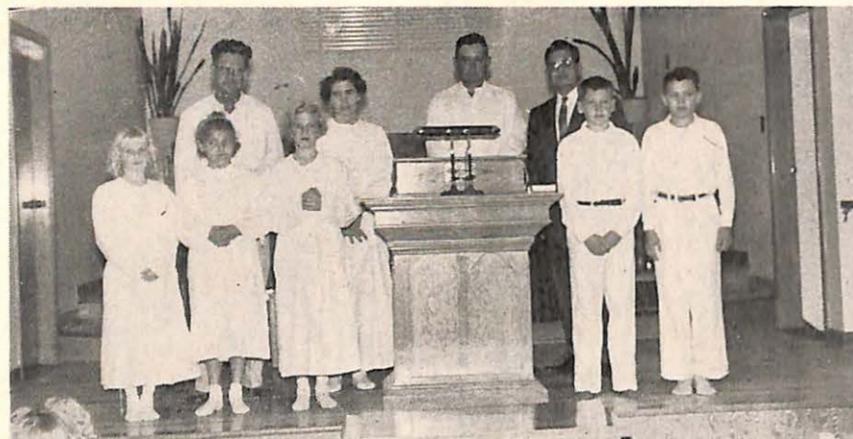
On Oct. 1 and 2, 1960 we celebrated our 50th anniversary. We were able to use the school auditorium to accommodate the many people for the banquet as well as the Sunday services. We were blessed and encouraged by the messages of our two guest speakers, Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton and Rev. Wm. Sturhahn of Winnipeg. Several of the ten spiritual sons of our church were able to be in attendance with us. It was a real blessing to see how enthusiastically everybody helped in organizing the meals, services, special numbers, printing of the anniversary booklet, and even in cleaning up at 6:00 A.M. on Monday morning so that the school sessions could go on uninterruptedly.

We are glad to report that all branches of our church have been active in their ministry during the past year.

Frank Friesen, Reporter



Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Willeke of Trenton, Ill., members of the First Baptist Church, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, Dec. 18.



Rev. R. Harsch, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta., and eight persons whom he baptized on Sunday, Nov. 13, 1960.

Holiday Services at Temple Church, Leduc, Alta.

On Sunday, Nov. 13, it was our joy at the Temple Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta., to witness three adults and five children baptized by our pastor, Rev. R. Harsch. Five of these were from one family. Both parents went into the water together, while the three children stood nearby and watched. May God richly bless these who have committed themselves to Christ and his service!

Christmas Eve was a blessing to all who came. Children of the Sunday School presented the program, "The Three Gifts of Christmas." God gave as his gift, the Lord Jesus; Jesus gave as his gift, himself on the Cross; we should give as our gift, our life!

The film, "Angry Jungles," was shown on New Year's Eve. Music, testimonies and prayer were a part of the sweet fellowship during the last hour of the old year. Just before the New Year came in, fellowship around the communion table was a blessing to all present.

Mrs. Bernice Harsch, Reporter

Central District

Christmas Season for Baptist Church, Martin, N. Dak.

The joyous Christmas season has again passed but its many blessings remain with us at the Baptist Church of Martin, N. Dak. The Christmas Eve Sunday School program was the highlight on the church's calendar. The story of Christ's birth was portrayed in verse, song and dialogue with the Senior Choir closing the program with its traditional rendition of the "Hallelujah Chorus." Other activities included the annual Junior CBY Christmas party, caroling to the older members of the church sponsored by the Mission Circle, two young people's to-bogganing parties, and a "This is Your Life" program for Rev. Fred Knalson of Mott, S. Dak. The play, "The Good Ship 1961," was dramatized by the young people at one of the best attended New Year's Eve Watchnight services that our church has had.

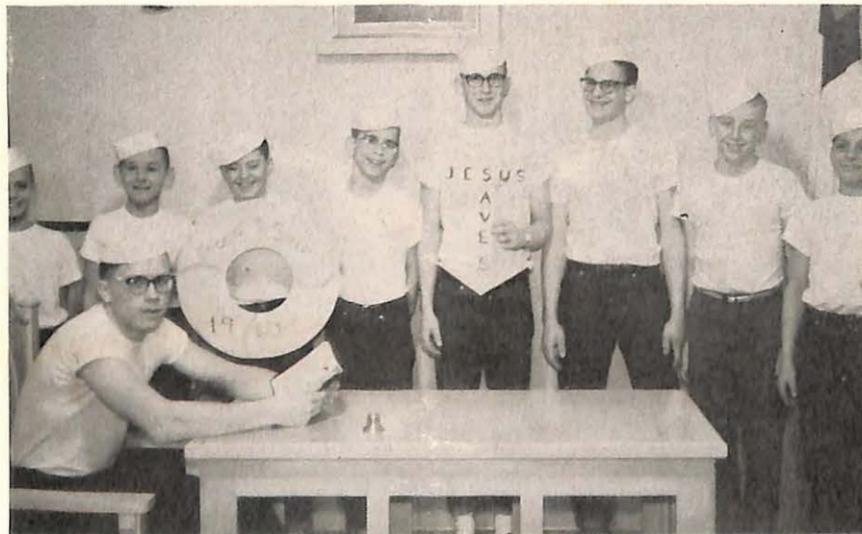
Also during the holidays, Rev. and Mrs. Richard Christeleit held "Open House" at the parsonage at which time

the church families could visit and fellowship with our pastor's family. Added to all these inspiring services, we were thrilled by the visits of a son and daughters of the church—Rev. and Mrs. Bob Krueger (Luverne Michelson) of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Keple from our Seminary; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Womble (Sharon Seibel) of Billings, Montana; and Mr. and Mrs. Deane Horne (Shirley Michelson) of Minot, N. Dak.

Mrs. Betty Kessler, Reporter

Woman's Society Program, Rosenfeld Church, N. Dak.

We as women of the Missionary Society of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church of rural Amamoose, N. Dak., are grateful to God for the many blessings we have received from him. Our Society consists of 14 members. We exchange pictures of our missionaries and that missionary is remembered in our daily prayers. Donations throughout the year were made to our North American \$60,000 project, Crystal Springs Youth Camp, Old People's Home at Bismarck, and the Bamenda New Hope Settlement. As our home mission project, we completely redecored the dining area and kitchen of our church basement and with the help of our



Young people of the Baptist Church, Martin, N. Dak., who presented the play, "The Good Ship 1960," presented at the Watchnight Service.

Sunday School purchased a new rug for our church platform.

On Oct. 9th we presented our annual program to a capacity crowd. Several songs by the entire group were rendered. Other special music and readings also were given. As our guest speaker we had the joy of having Mrs. M. Becker of Bismarck with us who showed us her slides and told about her trip to the Congo, Africa. Our new officers for the year are: advisor, Mrs. Arnold Friez; president, Mrs. Ben Martin; vice-president, Mrs. Alfred Martin; secretary, Mrs. Walter Ebel; and treasurer, Mrs. Albert Isaak.

Mrs. Walter Ebel, Secretary

Program Highlights at Bethel Church, Missoula, Mont.

Recently eight converts were baptized in a service held at the Bethel Baptist Church, Missoula, Montana. Two of these were a husband and wife who joyously followed the Lord Jesus Christ in baptism. It was also a happy occasion for us when members and friends of our church surprised Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Remple on their 20th wedding anniversary. It was also the 20th year of Brother Remple's service in Christian ministry and the 6th anniversary of his service with us. The highlight of this program was a biographical reading by Mrs. Rose Fehr concerning the Remples. A gift of money was given to them expressing the heartfelt appreciation of our church.

On Dec. 31 we gathered for our Watchnight Service. The song leader for this occasion was Mr. Gene Hochhalter, a student from our church who is attending the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Rev. C. T. Remple led the testimonial service. A communion service brought the old year to an impressive close. On Sunday, Jan. 1, the CBY Fellowship presented a candlelight program. The candle bearers were dressed in robes. As they marched down the aisle and placed the candles in their holders, they read Bible verses with the choir singing from the church balcony. The closing song was "The Lord's Prayer" sung beautifully by Mrs. Jane Schmutz.

Caroline Eder, Reporter

Bethel Church, Cherokee, Okla., Takes Forward Steps

The Bethel Baptist Church of Cherokee, Oklahoma, took another step in its relocation program. The parsonage has been moved from Ingersoll to 1118 S. Oklahoma Street, Cherokee. A new sanctuary was built and dedicated in Cherokee nearly a year ago. At present the men are finishing the foundation and redecorating the parsonage.

The church observed Prayer Week the first week of 1961 using the material received from the denominational headquarters in Forest Park. Various organizations took charge of the different services. The Sunday School is enjoying the use of new junior chairs and tables presented to them by the junior department of the Sunday School of the First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas. We are very grateful to them for this gift.

Kenneth E. Unruh, Pastor

Fall Activities, West Center Church, Madison, S. Dak.

On Sunday evening, Oct. 30th, a Fellowship Supper was held at the West Center Baptist Church, Madison, S. Dak., with our guest, Dr. Walter Wesel, bringing the message. Several musical numbers, both instrumental and vocal, were given by members of the Junior CBYF.

The Woman's Missionary Society held its annual program on Sunday evening, Nov. 6th. Mrs. Alden Jung led the meeting. Report of the year's work was given and there were several musical numbers. Mrs. Jothan Benke held a memorial service for Mrs. Amelia Harvey who went to be with her Lord this past year. Mrs. Thomas Lutz, president of the Woman's Missionary Union of the South Dakota Association, was our guest speaker. She gave an interesting study of some of the women of the Bible.

A week of Spiritual Advance Crusade meetings were held Nov. 13 to 20, with Prof. Roy Seibel of the Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., bringing us challenging messages. We were blessed with this week of spiritual uplift.

Mrs. Harm Frerichs, Reporter

Baptismal Services at Ebenezer Church Lehr, N. Dak.

Last November the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Lehr, N. Dak., held meetings with Rev. Ronald Dalzell from Minnesota, serving as evangelist. Mr. Dalzell proclaimed the Gospel of grace with power. As a result three souls were saved. His fine musical program, which he put on every evening, brought good crowds to the services. On Sunday evening, Jan. 1st, it was our joy to baptize four converts. At the communion service which followed, these four and another person through restoration were received into the fellowship of our church.

On Monday morning, Jan. 2nd, a young man, 18 years of age, came to the parsonage and told the pastor that the message and impressive baptismal service had convinced him that he too must be baptized. He was converted four years ago. A baptismal service was arranged for him on Sunday evening, Jan. 8th. After baptism, he too was received into our membership. On Christmas Eve our Sunday School gave

a play entitled, "CHRIST, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD." This was enjoyed by a large audience.

E. S. Fenske, Pastor

Important Events at Faith Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

In enumerating our many recent blessings, Faith Church of Minneapolis, Minn., does not boast, but gives God all praise and glory. During the last days of October, our Sunday School was host to a successful Minnesota "Leaders' Workshop" with the Rev. G. K. Zimmerman and Miss Ruth Bathauer as guest leaders. In connection with this, a fellowship "recognition" dinner was given to honor our faithful teachers and officers.

On Dec. 11th Rev. Robert Zimbelman had the joy of baptizing nine Sunday School scholars, one of whom was his daughter, Jane. On Dec. 18th, our hearts were thrilled with the cantata, "Love Transcending," rendered by the choir. The New Year's Eve Watchnight Service was impressive with Mr. Flavius Martin and Rev. J. C. Gunst as special speakers.

The first week of January we had the privilege of having "God's Volunteers" with the Rev. Walter Hoffman, director. The challenging messages in word and song, personal testimonies, house to house visitations were a blessing to us. In January Dr. and Mrs. Jerome Fluth were commissioned for service in the Southern Cameroons, Africa. Also Mr. and Mrs. David Osterhus prepared for Missionary Aviation Fellowship in South America.

Mrs. John Adam, Sr., Reporter

SWAIN OAKS CHURCH

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sorely needed by the church, was donated by the First Church of Lodi. We are also thankful to the First Church for placing the Swain Oaks Baptist Church on their 1960 missionary budget, giving us a total of \$2,000. The communion table and pulpit benches were paid for by a couple who regularly attend the services at Swain Oaks, but who are not members. Chairs for the Sunday School unit were purchased by a couple, members of the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove.

THE SPIRITUAL TEMPLE

On the day of the dedication the Temple Baptist of Lodi presented the church with a check for \$500. The Willow Rancho Baptist Church of Sacramento, another Church Extension project, presented the church with a check for \$150. There were many other gifts of money, materials and donated labor by members and friends of our church. The entire offering of the day totaled \$2,235, for which we are deeply grateful to our God.

The church building has now been completed, but the work of building the spiritual church must go on day by day. This work should never be finished, and must continue from generation to generation. It is our prayer that as we labor together in this field, which is white unto harvest, that God will bless the work and that souls may be won for eternity.

Obituary

MRS. GUST RADKE

of Wessington Springs, S. Dak.

Funeral services were held Dec. 14 at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Wessington Springs, S. Dak., for Mrs. Gust Radke, who died after a lingering illness. She would have been 80 years of age on Christmas Day. Rev. Thomas Lutz, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, in which she held her membership, officiated at the service. Mrs. Radke was preceded in death by her parents; her former husband, three brothers, six sisters and two children. Survivors include her husband, Gustav Radke; 5 daughters; 12 grandchildren; and 21 great grandchildren.

Immanuel Baptist Church
Wessington Springs, South Dakota
MRS. IVAN BENDER, Reporter

MR. ERNEST A. STOBBE
of Waco, Texas

Mr. Ernest August Stobbe of Waco, Texas, was born in Germany on Dec. 30, 1888 and passed away on Sept. 20, 1960, in a Waco hospital, having reached the age of 71 years, 8 months and 20 days. Mr. Stobbe was a baker by trade and spent most of his life in this occupation. Mr. Stobbe was a faithful member of the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas for many years.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Johanna Stobbe; one son, Herbert Stobbe of Waco, Texas; one daughter, Mrs. Roy Kippen of Waco, Texas; 3 brothers: Bernard of Waco, Texas; Ewalt E. Stobbe of East Germany; and Paul Stobbe of West Germany; 2 sisters: Mrs. Mathilda Holtz and Mrs. Theresa Skibitsky, both of West Germany.

Central Baptist Church
Waco, Texas

L. B. HINZ, Pastor

MRS. AUGUSTA VERCH
of Killaloe, Ontario

Mrs. Augusta Verch of Killaloe, Ont., was born July 24, 1864 in Germany and departed this life in Killaloe Jan. 7, 1961 at the age of 96 years, 5 months and 14 days. She came to Canada with her father at the age of four years. At the age of 17 years in 1881, she accepted Jesus as her Savior. That same year on July 4, she was baptized into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Hagarly Township of Killaloe. Later she transferred her membership to the Calvary Baptist Church of Killaloe. She was united in marriage to William Verch, July 9, 1885. This union was blessed with a son and four daughters.

She leaves behind three daughters: Martha (Mrs. Harry Zummach) and Edna (Mrs. John Zummach) of Killaloe; Helena (Mrs. William Zummach) of Newington; one daughter-in-law, Mrs. William Verch, of Kitchener; 12 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren, and 8 great great grandchildren. Funeral services were held on Jan. 9, 1961 in the Zummach Funeral Home and at the Calvary Baptist Church. Interment was in the Immanuel Baptist Cemetery.

Killaloe, Ontario
NORMAN BERKAN, Pastor

GREAT NORTHERN'S TOUR

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ERN RAILWAY service for you in going to or from the General Conference sessions, you can write to Mr. T. F. Taff at the Minneapolis office (see leaflet), go to your local railroad agent, or send your inquiry to our headquarters office in Forest Park, Ill. Traveling to and from the General Conference sessions with other North American Baptists will be more than "half the joy." You can also be assured that the General Conference days in Minneapolis from July 31 to August 6 will be heavenly days of feasting on God's Word, of coming to grips with the problems and needs of our day, and of heeding the summons of Christ, our Savior.

Denominational Advance Building Fund Final Appeal — \$100,000 for Seminary Library

- More money is needed for the Advance Building Fund to complete the building projects.
- Contract for the new Seminary Library has been awarded and work on the building will be started in the spring 1961.

- North American Baptist churches are planning special offerings to be received during the first months of 1961.
- In addition, gifts and pledges can still be sent to North American Baptists, Inc., 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois.

MILWAUKEE ROAD'S VACATION PACKAGE TOUR

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1961. The First Baptist Church of Minneapolis will be a thrilling setting for the conference sessions beginning with Monday evening, July 31st. The seating capacity there is 2,400. We shall return to the First Baptist Church for the communion service at the close of the eventful week on Sunday evening, August 6.

Several articles describing the highlights of the program appear in the 1961 ANNUAL. (Study it carefully). The tentative program is also published in this issue of the "Baptist

Herald." Descriptive articles and the latest Conference announcements will appear in these pages from time to time. The most important thing is to put yourself and your family into this colorful, exciting General Conference picture so that you can enjoy the bountiful spiritual blessings and the heart-warming Christian fellowship. Plan to be at the General Conference from July 31 to August 6, and then choose one of the several Vacation Package Tours to bring these days to a thrilling climax!

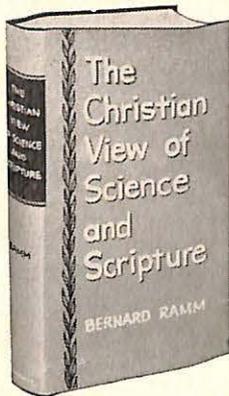
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in the ministry of the church. Many good Bible Schools and other institutions of learning can offer these courses, although they may not be fully accredited institutions. It will profit every young person to counsel with his pastor or with someone in the field of education concerning this vital factor of his education.

In every vocation there is the opportunity of using one's powers and talents, either for constructive or destructive purposes. A job can be taken merely to procure selfish gain, or to render a service to our fellowmen. A scientist may take certain chemicals and use them to produce a double yield of grain, or he may use them to concoct a poison to kill mankind wholesale in war. A Christian may use his profession only as a means to claim salvation, or he may use it as a constant testimony to the powers of a transformed life.

The pastor must therefore avail himself of every opportunity to give such direction for the lives of young people that will stimulate them to dedicate their lives for Christian service. He must help youth to aim to achieve, to create and accomplish something, to be willing to undertake the difficult and unpopular tasks, to search for the truth, to strive to serve mankind, and to select a vocation for which they are best suited.



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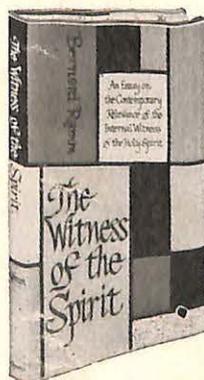
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