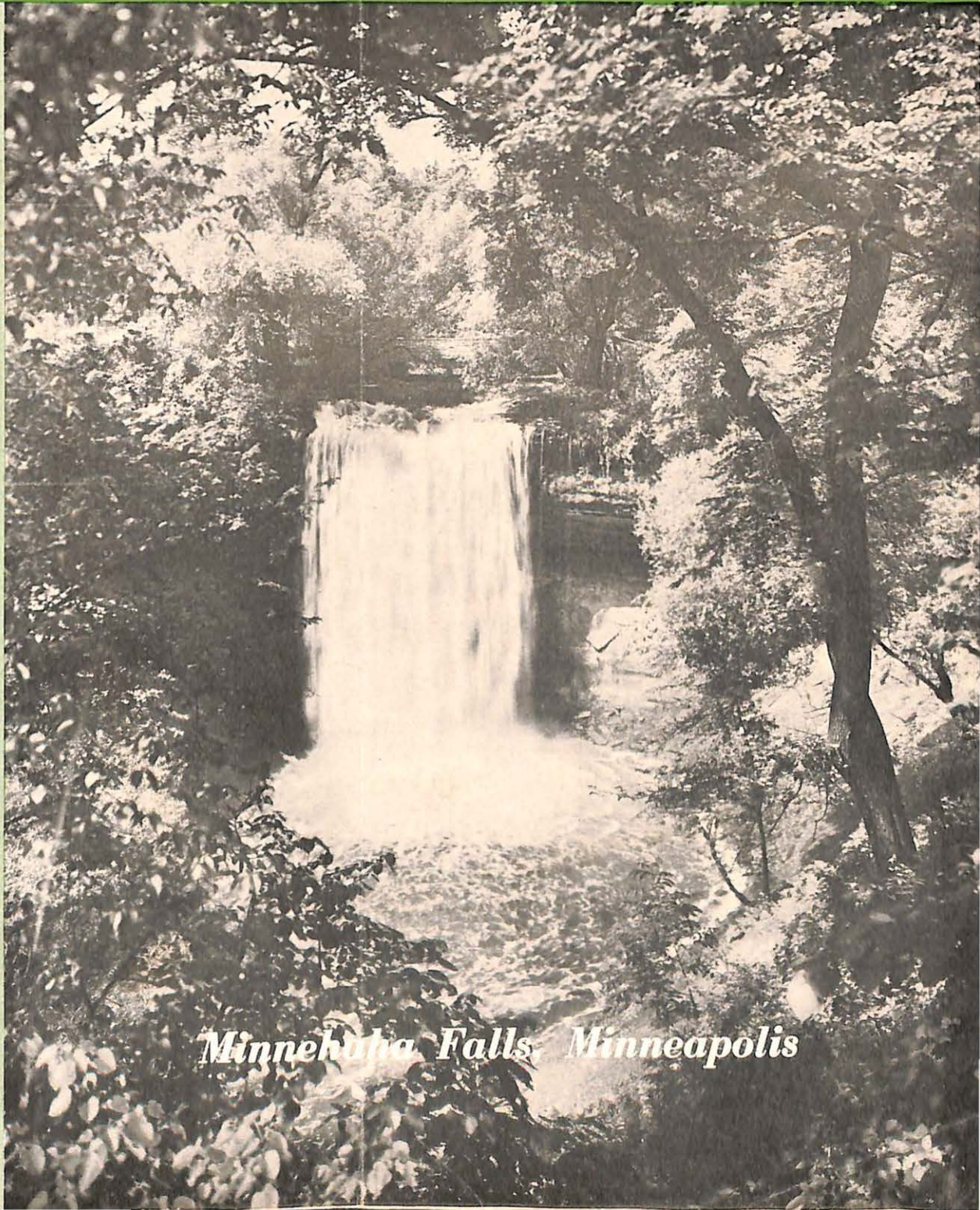


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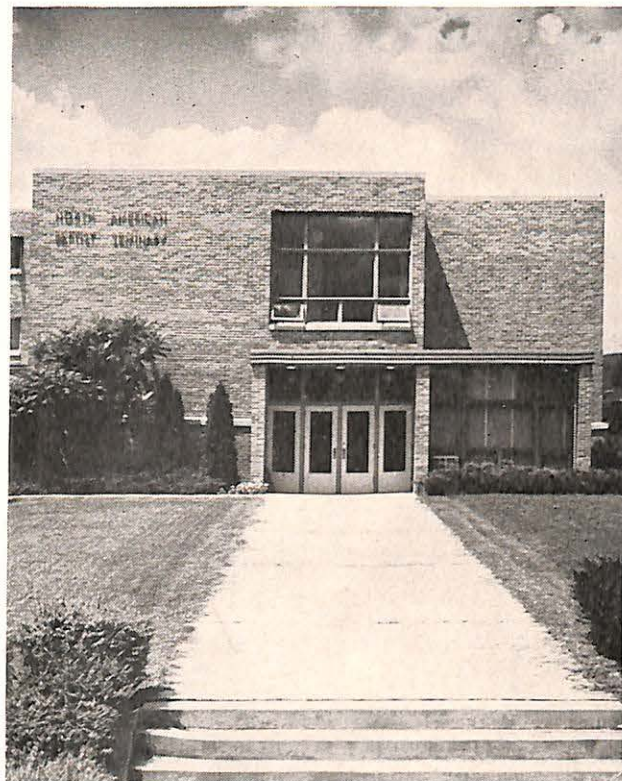
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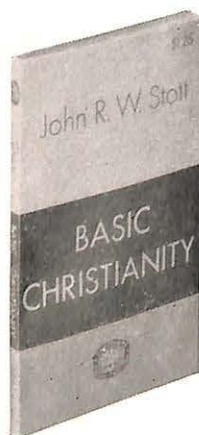
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Editorial

Our 33rd General Conference

All preparations have been made for the spiritual FEAST of our 33rd General Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota. An array of good things awaits you. The "red carpet" of welcome is ready to be unrolled. All that you need to do is to come and enjoy it.

The setting for the Conference is exciting. God's beauty in the state of Minnesota has largely been untouched or spoiled by human hands. The scenic attractions in the Twin Cities are innumerable. Even Loring Park, four blocks from our meeting place, is an idyllic, little paradise. The First Baptist Church of Minneapolis is both a historical landmark for evangelical Christians and a spiritual citadel at the heart of a big city.

What a roster of speakers is featured on the program! Their messages will burn like a flaming fire in your soul for months and years to come. Dr. Carl H. Lundquist, president of Bethel College and Seminary in St. Paul, as well as Dr. Curtis B. Akenson, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Minneapolis, will be among the spiritual giants on the Conference platform. Dr. Josef Nordenhaug is the general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. Dr. Paul Gebauer will climax his 30 year ministry in the Cameroons, Africa, with his stirring addresses. Three of our younger men will challenge and captivate your hearts—Rev. Roger Schmidt of Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. Kenneth Fischer of Anaheim, Calif.; and Rev. David Draewell of Parma, Ohio.

What an opportunity will be yours to become acquainted with our denominational work and outreach into all the world! The Exhibit Hall will colorfully present our mission fields with the latest, informative display of this work. Every denominational department will tell the story of its ministry in a manner that will make a lasting impression on you. The Roger Williams Press will have a large assortment of the latest Christian books for sale. The reports in printed form and as presented dramatically on the platform will show our entire denomination in action. Even the business sessions with their provocative discussions and important decisions will reveal our objectives in the triennium ahead of us.

What unique events will transpire at our Conference in Minneapolis! It will be thrilling to say for years afterwards, "I was there!", as you remember these memorable occasions. The Seminary's Commencement exercises, the Conference Banquet in the scintillating Hall of States at the Leamington Hotel, the launching of the "Church Extension Builders," "the great evangelistic service in the Minneapolis Armory, the commissioning of new missionaries at the Sunday afternoon rally, and the closing communion service, the first held since 1940—what enrapturing events these are bound to be!

What more can we say about our anticipations of this wonderful General Conference? The music of these days will be like "unto the heavenly spheres." The fellowship of the saints will be heart-warming. The bonds of prayer will hold us fast to God's Throne of grace. We shall leave the hallowed church halls and the places of sweet memory at the close of the 33rd General Conference convinced that God has met us there.

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Changing Times With Their Many Crises

The General Conference moderator and pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, views the changing times and recurring crises with a dauntless faith in Christ and in God's unfolding purposes.

By Dr. John Wobig of Portland, Oregon

AT TIMES, all of us must take inventory of the times in which we live. We live in an age when forces, never before known in history, are affecting the lives of men and working to destroy the moral framework of our world. Blatant materialism is weaning people away from belief in the existence of Almighty God. Crafty Communism is distorting the truth in every possible way in order to foster its own program of world conquest. On the basis of the way history is being unfolded before our very eyes, I want to make a few reflections concerning the changing times with their many crises. It is with deep concern that I have viewed these changes in the world at large as well as in the life of our churches and denomination.

GREAT CHANGES

One of the great changes has been in the field of education. Over a decade ago John Dewey, the father of modern education, introduced along with the supposedly advanced method of sight-reading the philosophy of self-expression. It was taught that a child must never be corrected but always permitted to express itself. Today we are reaping the results of this teaching. Many parents and teachers who failed to correct young children find them now expressing themselves in no uncertain terms through the various forms of delinquency that are so prevalent throughout the land. One sees this self-expression not only in modern art, on television, but in many other areas of life. Why have we disregarded the admonition of the Scriptures that say, "He that spareth his rod hateth his son; but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes." (Proverbs 13:24)?

Another change is that of immoral socialism that has captivated the minds of thousands of people in all walks of life. This is seen in the raids on the public treasury, the cheapening of our money, the legal privileges granted to pressure groups, and all the schemes that are being devised to take money from some and to give it to others. And there is every reason to believe that this process will continue unabated. The root of all this is the loss of our religious faith and respect for the moral law of God. When people lose faith in God, they turn to the government for succor. The times call for men who will tell us the truth with reference to our moral and fiscal condition today. Let us ponder the words of Jeremiah: "As a partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not; so he that getteth

riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool" (Jeremiah 17:11).

Still yet another noted change has been quite evident in the realm of freedom. We have been trying to free the bodies, minds and souls of the peoples of the world from bondage. We fought the first World War to make the world safe for democracy. Then we fought the second World War to make the world safe for peace. We rejoiced when despotic rulers were deposed and republics were established. Yet we have seen the freedom of individuals and of nations slowly taken from them.

It is becoming more and more evident that freedom is not achieved by what conferences, leagues of nations and legislative bodies can do but that it is in the realm of the Spirit. All our vaunted liberties are limited by selfish men who seek to control the lives of others and disregard the authority of God. Freedom is based upon spiritual qualities, and whenever and wherever the state has supplanted God as the keeper of man's conscience, it cannot be established. Once again we need to call to mind the Word of God that "where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty" (II Cor. 3:17).

RISE OF COMMUNISM

Without a question, the greatest change that we have experienced is the rise of the materialistic and godless philosophy of communism. Few people understand the true meaning of this evil system. It is more than a revolt of workers against tyranny or the common ownership of property by the community as a whole. In theory and practice it is atheistic, materialistic and evil in its very source. Its basic concept is that we are in a state of war, that world conquest is essential, and that peace is total victory. To it the individual becomes the tool of the economic forces of history who must be sacrificed if needs be to gain its ends. It seeks to set the social

MINNEHAHA FALLS FRONT COVER

Cascading from a height of 53 feet, Minnehaha (Laughing Water) Falls, immortalized in Longfellow's poem "Hiawatha," are among the many scenic attractions of Minneapolis. The Saturday afternoon General Conference picnic will be held in Minnehaha Park, Wapuna Area. General Conference visitors will have an opportunity to see the falls. EDITOR.

order right through material forces. Its guiding force is history itself.

Thus it denies God and Christ and all spiritual power in history. As such it has affected the thinking and actions of peoples and nations. Romans 3:11-18 gives a good description of this dangerous and evil philosophy.

Besides these changes one could speak of automation, means of travel, modern conveniences, and many other things, all of which reveal the fact that we are living in the most progressive yet solemn period of the world's history. These events should cause us to humble ourselves before God and seek to understand them in the light of God's Word.

In considering the changes in the life of our churches and denomination, I have witnessed some things that are very disturbing and others that are quite enheartening. One disturbing factor is the fading out of our evening and midweek services. In the early years of my ministry, it was quite common to have as large or even a larger service on Sunday evening than in the morning. Now one sees only the faithful few. Does our modern complex life really hinder people from attending evening services or do Christians just lack the consecration to attend?

DISTURBING CHANGES

Again, one cannot but help but note the change that has come upon Christians in their practical Christian living. Instead of lives truly transformed by the grace of God, there are many church members whose lives are more conformed to the world than to Jesus Christ. Statistics have been given that reveal that only about 35 per cent of church members are regular in their attendance. One-third do all the giving for missions and a large percentage give nothing at all to the Lord's work. Such examples of poor Christian living have had a telling influence upon the unsaved.

Another change that has been quite evident is the emphasis that has been placed upon organization and trust in machinery to carry forward the work of the Lord. In many instances, the machinery has gotten in our way and has stopped Christians from growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ or from doing the work of an evangelist. When I began my ministry, we had our Sunday and midweek services and possibly three or four other board and committee meetings in a month's time. Now we have several such meetings a week and often

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BAPTIST HERALD

Welcome, North American Baptists!

A warm welcome awaits you at the 33rd General Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 31-August 6, 1961

By Rev. J. C. Gunst, Chairman of the General Arrangements Committee for the General Conference

WELCOME, North American Baptists to the fascinating Twin Cities, St. Paul and Minneapolis, beautifully located on the banks of the mighty Mississippi River. A host of hospitable Twin Cities Baptists and their friends wish to say: A MOST HEARTY WELCOME, EVERYONE! May your days spent in the Twin Cities at the 33rd General Conference, July 31 to August 6, always be remembered as an outstanding experience.

In the words of the Apostle Paul, when writing to the Christians at Corinth, we greet you: "Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; that in everything ye are enriched by HIM, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you" (I Cor. 1:3-6).

GENUINE HOSPITALITY

Our people of the many committees and all the people of our Twin Cities churches trust that these words may express a warm glow of Christian welcome. We are sincerely concerned that you as our guests may feel comfortably at home with us in what we have to offer. You will find our cities lovely, livable and friendly. The people of our churches are congenial and most eager to serve you. All are determined to offer our visitors genuine Christian hospitality.

To be sure, the center of our activities will take place in Minneapolis, a unique, cozy, teeming downtown city area. Here the scene is set for what we believe will be the greatest and most inspiring General Conference our people have ever attended and enjoyed.

Our numerous hotels and the many ultra-modern motels, our endless first class restaurants and coffee shops offer the very best in genuine conference accommodations. Enjoy many of these while you have opportunity.

Our friends, the warmhearted gracious Baptists of the First Baptist Church have opened their church doors wide, and we believe their hearts as well. In typical Christian generosity, we have been offered the use of all the facilities of the spacious FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. The big-hearted, amiable pastor, Dr. Curtis B. Aken-son, with his full staff of church workers will be on hand to make us comfortably welcome in the church. These good people will share in the many

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thrilling events on the Conference program.

AT YOUR SERVICE!

Our many committees, well organized and functioning for over 18 months, have left no stone unturned in preparation for a smooth working and highly successful conference. Each of our four Twin Cities churches is well represented on these committees. All committee members have worked



Rev. J. C. Gunst of Minneapolis, Minn., Chairman of the Twin Cities General Conference Committee planning for the Conference sessions, July 31 to August 6.

hard and long, praying fervently as they prepared for the sole purpose to make every delegate and visitor to the General Conference as happily satisfied as is humanly possible.

The people of the Twin Cities, our many city church leaders, businessmen and professional people, especially the managers of our lodging places and eating establishments, have all been most cooperative in carrying out the arrangements. All of us are eager to make your stay a memorable experience.

We have no mental reservations as to the well planned spiritual program of the General Conference. All of us will experience spiritual blessings, enriching heart and soul and making your efforts, time and expense most worthwhile in coming to the Twin Cities.

MANY ATTRACTIONS

In your spare time, use your moments to good advantage to see some of the interesting places in our attractive cities. Visit our ultra-modern business places, such as the Southdale Shopping Center, the First National Bank of Minneapolis, and our new eight million dollar Public Library and Planetarium. Spend an hour or so at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, the Walker Art Center, or the American Swedish Art Institute. The large downtown department stores are only a few blocks from the church.

Many visitors will want to see the state capital in St. Paul. Do not miss it. Stop at lovely Como Park in St. Paul. Be sure to see the campus of the University of Minnesota situated on the banks of the Mississippi River. Make it a MUST to visit our four North American Baptist churches in the Twin Cities. With good planning and timing you can enjoy part of the "Open Air Concert" at the Lake Harriet Band Shell which may still be in progress after an evening conference session.

If you have not read about the many attractions in the Twin Cities by now, refer to some of your back copies of the BAPTIST HERALD and read up on what we have to offer. By all means accept our welcome and join the thousands who will enjoy one of the greatest General Conferences. Hundreds of Twin Cities Baptists will be on hand to greet you.

Our conference motto is: AT YOUR SERVICE—WITH A SMILE! Those who will be able to respond with a SMILE will experience a most enjoyable time at the 33rd General Conference. Meet us at Minneapolis and see!

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A Call for Ambassadors

A welcome still awaits those who go to Africa to teach. Providing education under the direction of the Christian faith has been a major contribution of missions in the Cameroons.

By Miss Ruby V. Salzman, Cameroons Missionary, Now at Home on Furlough

ONE HUNDRED years ago British education arrived in Victoria, Southern Cameroons, with the first missionary, our English Baptist pioneer, Alfred Saker. The church grew, and in 1874 an English School was established. As we follow the history of our own American missionaries in the years that followed, we find that the establishing of schools has gone hand in hand with the building of churches. Providing education under the direction of the Christian faith has been a major contribution of missions in the Cameroons, and from these schools have come most of the new leaders of the Cameroons.

FIRST EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS

For many years the Cameroons Baptist Mission could provide only Primary Education for our Baptist youth. Young men, graduating from the 8th grade, were accepted as probationary teachers for lower grades. As opportunity was available in the only

LAURA E. REDDIG IS HONORED BY QUEEN ELIZABETH

The Birthday Honor List of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, on June 10, 1961 (her official birthday in the United Kingdom) contained the name of Miss Laura E. Reddig as a

MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE (MBE) in recognition of her faithful services. This has been cleared with our State Department. Laura is here to enjoy this JOY fully! —Paul Gebauer, Cameroons Baptist Mission, Africa

tist School system were mushrooming, and the school managers and native teachers prayed continuously that somehow our training needs would be met. Our first efforts started with a preliminary one year course for the inexperienced teacher. The number taken in was small, for we had little financial assistance and few 8th grade

tians observed these young men who were trained in our Centre, we knew that these young men had caught the vision of Christ-like service in the classroom, in the local church and in the community.

But our training program was still incomplete. Our graduates were allowed to teach only the first six grades. Boys and girls ready for the 7th grade, in some areas, had to leave our Baptist schools and take their last two years of Primary Schooling in a non-Baptist school and environment. In the early years children were much older when entering school, and were, therefore, ready by the 4th or 5th grade to make their decision to accept Christ. In recent years the age range of our children has dropped considerably, and they need the daily encouragement and teaching of our schools to establish them in the Christian faith. Especially do they need the continued Christian nurture through the 7th and 8th grades.

RACE OF RELIGIOUS FAITHS

Secular publications in our country have made us very aware of the race of religious faiths in the continent of Africa. We are well aware that statistics show that Islam especially is on the march. For every African who turns from pagan gods to Christianity, an estimated ten become Moslems. In one of our villages where the Gospel was taken by our earliest Baptist evangelists, the Moslems now claim 80% of the population.

In this village is a Baptist school that this year has reached the 5th grade after nearly two decades of struggle. The chief, a professing Christian, and the local pastor had a very strong argument as they pled with the missionary for the addition of the 5th grade. "None of our village boys," insisted the chief, "who have had their Primary Education in our Baptist schools, have accepted the Moslem faith." What a challenge is this opportunity of holding these literate boys and girls for the cause of Christ and to help them take their place as leaders in the local government and economic life of the village!

A young man of this village has received his Elementary Training at our Centre and has returned to serve as headmaster of his home town school. He serves as well in the local Baptist church and Sunday School, and was chosen by the area Baptists to serve as chairman of their association of Baptist churches.

In the last ten years our Junior Primary Schools have doubled in

number. The total enrollment in Junior and Senior Schools has increased from 3,500 to 9,000. We now have over 25 schools with classes through the 5th and 6th grades. The communities, which years ago struggled to open a Junior School, are now putting forth even greater effort to obtain a Senior Section of 5th through 8th grades.

Each chief and each village feel that they are the ones who deserve the additional class. They find it most difficult to believe the local missionary when they are told that there just are no properly trained teachers with the required qualifications to staff an additional 7th or 8th grade class.

One local chief had co-operated very well with one of our Elementary trained teachers who was a native of his tribe. The town people (pagans) and the local Baptists had sacrificed more than any other community to erect zinc roofed school rooms. How could they believe that there was no teacher for the coveted 7th grade for 1961? Again it was a hard moment to face when the chief and four of his leaders travelled 100 miles to Bamenda to hear from the Assistant Supervisor that indeed there was no qualified teacher available.

NEED FOR MORE AMBASSADORS

With what joy these chiefs and their town people together with our Baptists received the news that the Education Department of the Cameroons Government had granted Cameroons Baptist Mission permission to open the first mission Higher Elementary Training Centre in Feb. 1961.

The American Peace Corps reports that every new nation has begged them for teachers. Our American college graduates have been attracted to this highly advertised adventure of bringing help to these eager young countries. The Cameroons Baptist pupil, in comparing his own Primary School with the few existing government schools, has learned that "education without Christ is like a lorry without brakes." Can our own North American Baptist youth offer to answer a like challenge of service and give a few years of their youth in teaching in our Training Centre or Secondary School?

Our country considers these volunteers as ambassadors and watches to see if they will be accepted. How much greater is the challenge to serve as one of Christ's ambassadors in our own God-given mission field where a welcome still awaits those who come to teach. "We are now Christ's ambassadors as though God were appealing direct to you through us. As his personal representative we say, 'Make your peace with God.'" II Cor. 5:20 (Phillip's translation.) Where better can this appeal be made than in a teacher training institution to those who will go forth to witness for Christ among thousands of school children? Are YOU ready to be an ambassador?

July 20, 1961

Changing Events in the Cameroons

Latest news concerning the results of the plebiscite held in the Southern Cameroons, Africa

EVENTS ARE moving rapidly in the little country of the Cameroons, West Africa, where our ten Baptist mission stations are carrying on an effective Gospel ministry. On June 1, 1961 the northern section of the Cameroons (where our Mambila mission station is located) became an integral part of the new Republic of Nigeria. On Oct. 1, 1961 the Southern Cameroons, with a population of 800,000, will be absorbed by the Cameroun Republic, which received its independence in 1960.

The dramatic and surprising events that preceded this new political alignment have been interpreted by Mr. Victor T. LeVine, research associate of the African Studies Center, University of California, Los Angeles, Calif., who is currently in the Cameroun on a Ford Foundation fellowship.

RESULTS OF PLEBISCITE

The February plebiscite, held under the auspices of the United Nations, consisted, in fact, of two separate plebiscites, one in the northern and one in the southern sections of the Trust Territory. The alternatives put before the electorate were identical—that is, a choice between joining the Cameroun Republic or Republic of Nigeria. It will be recalled that the Southern Cameroons opted for the Cameroun Republic by a vote of 233,571 to 97,741, while the Northern Cameroons chose to join the Northern Region of Nigeria by a vote of 146,296 to 97,659.

The results in both sections of the Trust Territory came as a shock to the Cameroun Government. On the one hand, it had expected that the Northern Cameroons would choose the Republic of Nigeria, and, on the other, it was astounded by the margin by which the pro-Cameroun vote won in

the south. The Cameroun Government's first reaction to the outcome of the Northern Cameroons plebiscite was that the results had been falsified.

The General Assembly of the United Nations, in one of its last meetings of the current session on April 21, 1961 rejected the Camerounian complaint and approved the recent plebiscite results. Twenty-three nations, spearheaded by the French-speaking nations of the Brazzaville Twelve and including also France, Israel, and some Latin countries, supported the Cameroun position. But the General Assembly voted nevertheless (64 yes—23 no—10 abstentions) to approve the absorption of the northern section by Nigeria on June 1, 1961 and the absorption of the southern section by the Cameroun Republic on Oct. 1, 1961.

PRAY FOR AFRICA

It will be interesting to follow the future course of events and the political influence of outstanding leaders in the little Cameroons country, formerly the British protectorate and a territory administered by the United Nations. The northern based governing party is headed by President Ahmadou Ahidjo. The prime minister of the Southern Cameroun is John Foncha. Mr. LeVine has pointed that Mr. Foncha commands an electorate of about 350,000, an influential voting bloc.

Mr. Foncha has said, following the plebiscite, that he seeks a Cameroons Federation in which the Southern Cameroons would remain much the same as it is now, with the powers presently held by the Administrating Authority to be vested in the central government of the Federation. As North American Baptists with our 52 missionaries stationed in the Cameroons of Africa, we need to pray earnestly for the people and the country of the Southern Cameroons.



Ruby Salzman (right) and Ida Forsch, Cameroons missionaries, at the Annual Missionary Conference in front of one of the Cameroons Protestant College buildings at Bali, Southern Cameroons.

Teacher Training Centre in the Cameroons operated by the government, we sent in a very limited number of these Baptist teachers for training. A few openings were given in mission training centres in Nigeria for which we were grateful. A decade ago a very few more of our men were accepted in the newly opened Basel-Presbyterian Training Centre.

Through all these years the number of schools and classes in our Bap-

classes from which to draw candidates.

In 1955 another answer to prayer was granted as we opened our Elementary Training Centre at Soppo. Baptist Christians, missionaries and fellow teachers watched with great interest as our first graduates went forth to serve, some to our central mission station schools, others to the little "bush" two teacher schools. As the missionary school manager trekked and visited and as our Chris-



The new building of the Baptist Preliminary Training Centre at Victoria, Southern Cameroons, illustrates the increased building program for educational purposes.

Started — 52 Church Extension Projects

The story of our Church Extension projects, including 16 projects now receiving support and under development by Dr. M. L. Leuschner.

CHURCH EXTENSION is the greatest challenge confronting Christian people today. The doors have opened wide to this evangelistic outreach with unlimited opportunities.

The "United Evangelical Action" magazine recently pointed out that "by this time next year 6,000 or more new evangelical churches will be needed just to meet the population increase of about 4,000,000 people." In addition, there are still about 67,000,000 people completely unchurched in this land. The conclusion of the author is dramatic: "If we are searching for a witness field—here it is! No aspect of Christian service demands greater and more detailed attention than Church Extension."

Christ calls us as North American Baptists to this mission field that is NOW "white unto harvest." Church Extension has already become an amazing story of miracles in our midst, even though many of our people still seem to be unconcerned about it. A total of 52 Church Extension projects have been started or have received support in some way or other since 1952. Some of these are now our most flourishing or promising churches. A new spiritual vitality flows through our denominational life, due in part to the inspiring contributions made by these new churches.

All of this has been made possible by our gifts that have never totalled more than \$50,000 a year. Think what could have been done if this sum might have been doubled or tripled annually! Our missionary outreach is limited by our faith and by the gifts which we are willing to lay on God's altar for Church Extension.

Now a new opportunity beckons to

you—to become a CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDER. It will only mean \$10.00 a year; less than \$1.00 a month. The BUILDER program will be launched at the General Conference sessions in Minneapolis. Read about it in the adjoining article of this issue. Then consider prayerfully how much you can do for Christ and for missions at home by these small gifts of yours!

16 CHURCHES UNDER DEVELOPMENT

At present, we are engaged actively in the work of 16 Church Extension projects, all of which are developing with great promise for the future. As you read briefly of each field or church, try to envision "the churches of tomorrow" that will be the result of God's blessings and of your gifts toward Church Extension.

BROOK PARK CHURCH. This church in Brooklyn Center on the outskirts of Minneapolis, Minn., is "blossoming like a rose." It has been organized under the leadership of Rev. Adam Huber. Its services in a school auditorium are well attended, especially by young couples and their families. Its new property at the center of a flourishing suburb has been bought. Plans for the new church building have been adopted. But money—considerable money—is needed to finish the job!

COLUMBUS, NEB. For many years we have dreamed of a church of our conference in this Nebraska city. It has had a humble beginning in a store building under the leadership of Rev. LeRoy Schauer. The congregation is growing. Difficulties have been set

aside. But a church building is still needed to make the greatest impact upon the community.

MINOT, N. DAK. This is a new church (Crestview Baptist) that meets in the house of the pastor, Rev. Elmo Tahran. If only all of our people could show the same devotion and enthusiasm for the Lord's work that this energetic Church Extension pastor is pouring into this project! Attendance at the services is growing steadily.

DAYTON, OHIO. The Community Baptist Church of Dayton has been received into our fellowship at the recent sessions of the Central Conference. It was started less than a year ago with Rev. John Ziegler as pastor, but it is keeping pace with its growing community as an evangelical church with much promise for the future.

GLEN ELLYN, ILL. The Glenbard Baptist Church of Glen Ellyn, Ill., with 25 members has faithfully tackled a big job of raising a budget of \$16,000 annually. They are being inspired by their pastor, Rev. Connie Salios, and blessed by the fine church building that they have bought.

CANADIAN PROJECTS. Three Church Extension projects in Canada are now receiving our support. Other fields are under consideration. The Grant Park Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Rev. Richard Grabke, pastor, is ready to construct its building. The Hudson Bay Park Church of Saskatoon, Sask., Rev. E. L. Thiessen, pastor, can report considerable progress. The new project at Seven Sister Falls, Man., is an outgrowth of the church at Whitemouth with Rev. Arthur Gellert, pastor.

HOLIDAY PARK, PA. A great deal could be written in glowing terms of the new Holiday Park Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., of its witnessing people and aggressive pastor, Rev. Dale Chad-dock; and of their sacrifices for the new building now under construction. This is the unfolding story of a new church for Christ and for a greater denomination for us as North American Baptists!

WICHITA, KANSAS. From the Cameroons mission field in Africa to the plains of the middle west—that is the story of Rev. Edwin H. Michelson's ministry, now Church Extension pastor of the Memory Lane Church of Wichita. They have the congregation (small as it is), the spirit to go forward and the property—but they need

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Rev. Ervin Gerlitz of Renton, Washington, the Church Extension pastor for this new project in the suburb of Seattle to be known as the Sierra Heights Baptist Church.

Wanted — Church Extension Builders!

Call for 10,000 "Builders" who will agree to give \$10.00 a year for new Church Extension projects by Rev. Daniel Fuchs

"BEFORE US lies the timber; let us build!" Those were the challenging words of our senior class motto when we graduated from high school. The Bible says: "Take heed now; for the Lord hath chosen thee to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong and do it" (I Chronicles 28:10).

Today our slogan is: "Wanted—10,000 volunteers to join our North American Baptist Church Extension Builders!" This is today's challenge to every friend of missions, to advance the cause of Christ in thousands of communities all across our North American continent.

WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES

As North American Baptists, we are united in establishing new churches for Christ and for the future of our denomination in areas where evangelical Christianity has not yet gone with a Gospel-preaching church. We are reaching new communities with the Gospel to the glory of God and the salvation of souls. In the last several years we were able to establish approximately 50 new churches in the United States and Canada. In all four districts of our Conference, we find these new churches that have recently been organized and received into our fellowship. Presently the Church Extension Committee has 16 Church Extension projects under its supervision with a Church Extension pastor on each field. All other projects have been transferred to the Board of Missions as mission-supported churches, of which an appreciable number have already become completely self-supporting.

This is a day of wonderful opportunity to establish new churches in new communities and to widen and strengthen our denominational home base by rendering some of the initial financial assistance necessary to help provide these new churches. New population centers develop in cities where many of our own young people and young couples have been moving. These areas constitute open doors for North American Baptist Church Extension here in the United States and in Canada.

Realizing that our entire denominational enterprise must of necessity be projected and supported from a strong home base, the Finance Committee and the General Council have already appropriated \$150,000 from denominational reserve funds for Capital Investment in Church Extension to strengthen the home base. An additional \$50,000 from Reserve Funds were made available for Church Extension operating purposes. Since 1960, Church Extension has been placed into the annual denominational budget for



—Photo by Luoma

"Before us lies the timber; let us build"—the challenge for Church Extension Builders.

\$50,000.

Because of great demands, the \$150,000 recently appropriated by the Finance Committee and General Council for Capital Investment in Church Extension, have been completely expended and our financial resources for Church Extension building purposes are for the time being completely exhausted. At the same time, we have presently at least a dozen Church Extension projects which we must help now to build a first unit in order that the work of the Gospel might continue to go forward.

10,000 BUILDERS

In the light of this situation and because the need is so great and urgent, the General Council has approved the launching of the Church Extension Builders to help provide capital funds for new churches. Members are to be enrolled who will agree to contribute \$10.00 a year toward assisting specific Church Extension projects. We have set our sights for an enrollment of 10,000 Church Extension Builders.

One of the first hurdles that a new church must surmount is the provision of a building for its Sunday School and its worship services. Raising the necessary initial funds for such a new building ordinarily represents quite a problem for a newly organized congregation. It is therefore very necessary and urgent that we as a denomination do all that we can to offer assistance to our young member churches. One way in which each one of us can help is by becoming a Church Extension Builder.

The Church Extension Builders will

officially be launched at the General Conference in Minneapolis on Tuesday afternoon, August 1, 1961. After a dramatic presentation by the Church Extension Committee of our urgent need for Church Extension building funds, opportunity will be given for delegates and visitors alike to enlist as Church Extension Builders. We trust that God will put it into the hearts of men and women as well as young people to accept this evangelistic challenge and to make this investment for God and for souls.

We are urging that immediately following the General Conference and through the months of August, September and October, special effort be made in all of our churches to enlist members in the Church Extension Builders. Special enlistment cards will be made available through the pastor as well as through a Church Extension Builders captain in each church. We are suggesting that each church appoint a Church Extension Builders captain whose special purpose it will be to promote the Church Extension Builders in the church throughout the year. An attractive billfold size membership card will be issued to each Church Extension Builder, showing membership in this great host of North American Baptists who are banded together in this wonderful home mission advance.

NEW CHURCH EVERY MONTH

Beginning with November 1961, appeals for funds will be issued each month by the Church Extension Committee from our Forest Park office in behalf of a new church selected for the month. Such appeals are not to exceed ten in number in any one calendar year. (One each month, except July and August.) Each appeal will be for building or purchasing a specific church or churches, and the money will be administered by the Church Extension Committee. With each appeal a letter will be mailed from our Forest Park office to each Church Extension Builder informing him about the new congregation, its history, its building needs and its possibilities.

Each Church Extension Builder is requested to contribute \$1.00 for each appeal in behalf of the new church selected for the month. If a member prefers, he may cover all the appeals for a calendar year by making one annual contribution of \$10.00 or two contributions of \$5.00 each. Receipts will be issued for individual contributions of \$5.00 or more.

Can we count on you to join us in this adventurous fellowship of the concerned? Your help is urgently

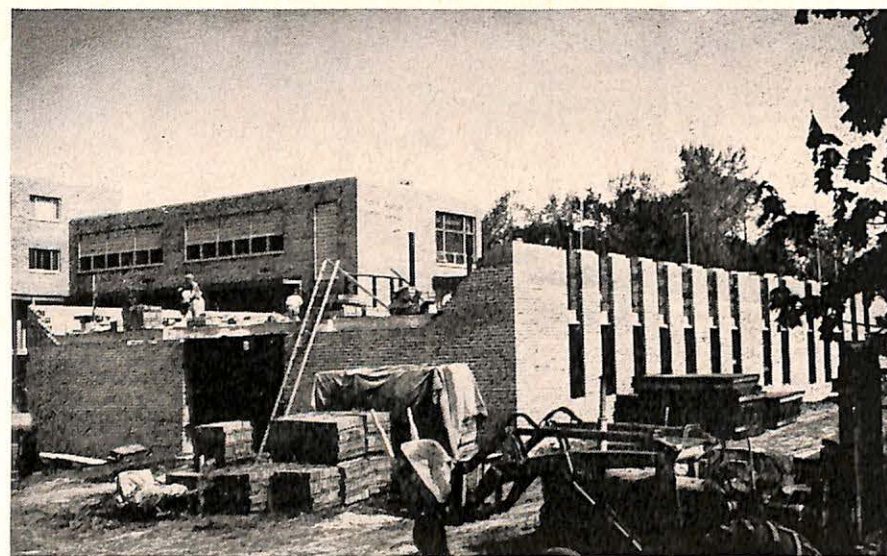
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The New Seminary Library Building

Work on the \$150,000 Seminary Library building in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., is progressing rapidly as reported by Miss Joyce Ringering, Librarian

A REPORT has previously been given in the "Baptist Herald" concerning the opening of bids and the signing of contracts for the new Seminary library building in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Much has happened since that day of January 20, 1961.

We at the Seminary were pleasantly surprised when on the morning of February 27th men began measuring, driving stakes, and moving equipment onto our front lawn. By Wednesday, March 1, a bulldozer was unloaded and began to break ground. This was ahead of the schedule that we had expected. Ground breaking had been scheduled for the Spring Convocation.



THE LIBRARY WALLS ARE GOING UP!

The new Library Building of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on May 23, 1961 showing the amazing progress in construction.

Instead the pastors, who attended the convocation, found the footings in place and forms being erected for the pouring of part of the basement walls.

BUILDING PROGRESS

Since that time, the building has continued to go up. The basement walls have been completed, the cement for the upper (main) floor poured and now the men are laying brick for the walls of this upper floor. As this article is being written, one can hear the hum of activity as a tractor brings the bricks into position and the bricklayers lay and tap them into place. Another tractor is busily filling in dirt around the building.

The men have been working almost every day. The weather has been conducive to building this spring. Only a few days have been lost because of

rain or unfavorable weather conditions.

The building project is progressing so swiftly that it is difficult to give an accurate report of progress. What is news today becomes history tomorrow. It is very probable that by the time this article is in your hands, the main shell of the building will be completed. The contractor has projected the probable completion date of the building as October 1, 1961.

Meanwhile the librarian and library committee are not sitting idly by. We are thinking ahead to the day when the building will be completed. The matter of furnishings and equipment has been thoroughly investigated. It

without crowding. There will be adequate and attractive space available for the storage and display of materials relating to our denominational heritage. The librarian will have space for the necessary technical angles of librarianship, such as typing and book repair. An office will be available where consultations with students, faculty members, and guests may be held in private.

Another area of progress and forward-looking planning is taking place in the library itself. The classification system, which has been in use, has long been considered inadequate for our theological collection. This spring it was decided to make a change. After considering our needs and looking at what other schools with similar needs have done, the decision was made to follow a classification system which was set up specifically for a theological collection. This system was set up by the Union Theological Seminary of New York for their use and has been adopted by many other seminaries.

The change-over to this system has been started and is making good progress. It will take some time to complete the change and library service may not always be at top efficiency because of it, but the end result will be better service than has ever been possible with the old system. The new system allows for a much better arrangement of books and will facilitate the work of all who use the library.

INCREASED BOOK BUDGET

Though it will take some time to complete this change, a continued effort is being made to expand the library holdings. Plans are being made to increase the amount of money in our budget that can be spent for books. The professors can usually supply a listing of more books than can be purchased with the money available. As reported earlier, the Accrediting Association, too, has noted the need for expansion in this area.

An increased book budget is not the only avenue to increasing our book holdings. We are thankful for the donations of God's people who have provided for the purchase of books. While we know that most expansion will have to come through the budget, these added gifts are a real blessing and encouragement.

We are thankful for these many signs of progress. We know that the end result of these labors is to be seen in better trained servants of Christ for our churches and the work of the ministry.

Visiting Seminary Professor Announced

Dr. A. J. Harms of Garden Grove, Calif., will be visiting professor in the area of Biblical Literature for the 1961-1962 school year at the North American Baptist Seminary

PRESIDENT Frank Veninga of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., has announced the appointment of Dr. A. J. Harms of Garden Grove, California as Visiting Professor in the area of Biblical Literature for the 1961-1962 school year. Dr. Harms comes to this position at the Seminary well qualified academically and professionally. He is a religious leader of national prominence.

Dr. Harms is a native of Hillsboro, Kansas where he attended elementary school and completed high school in Tabor Academy. In his pursuit of knowledge and drive for academic excellence, he continued his collegiate and theological training. The following degrees were conferred: B. A., McPherson College; B. D., Yale University; M. A., University of Chicago; Th. D., Central Baptist Seminary, Marga Cum Laude.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professional experience in the teaching area has been in the following schools: District School at Ebenfeld, Kansas; High School at Peabody, Kansas; Farragut High School, Chicago, Illinois; Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas; Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois; and California Baptist Theological Seminary, Covina, California.

The pastorates include Stratfield Baptist Church, Bridgeport, Conn.; First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas; Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa; First Baptist Church, Baileyville, Illinois; Albany Park Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois; First Baptist Church, Eugene, Oregon; First Baptist Church, Omaha, Nebraska; Burns Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan where he was also Radio Minister for C. K. L. W. on the popular "Echoes of Heaven" program; Woodlawn Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois; and First Baptist Church, Garden Grove, California where he received 1,145 members and promoted two building programs, one for the sanctuary and the other for Christian Education, in the past six and one half years.

Dr. Harms is much in demand as an outstanding preacher and stimulating teacher. He has deep-rooted interests in the area of Christian Education. He is a former member of the Board of Trustees of Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The Seminary's Visiting Professor is listed in Whose Who in America, Whose Who in the Clergy and Whose Who in Education.

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CHANGING TIMES AND CRISES

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two in one evening. Pastors are tied down by attending these meetings instead of giving their time to the study of the Word and visitation. I see in this the danger of neglecting the greater matters of the Gospel. Lack of time fully to indoctrinate converts in the great Christian doctrines, or indifference on the part of Christians to seek such training has caused people to fall for and to follow after all kinds of false doctrines and religions.

Too often we have pointed people to the magnificent temples we have erected rather than to the way in which worshippers should portray Christ in their personal lives to the community. Too often we have learned to know the content of the Bible rather than to personify its message to a lost world. These are disturbing factors that should give us real concern. On the other hand, I have experienced events that were most encouraging.

The pastors of our wonderful fellowship have remained faithful to the proclamation of the Gospel. By and large they have held to the fundamental truth that the Bible is God's inspired Book and that it alone has the message that can save men from sin. And the salvation which they have proclaimed is that the blood of Christ applied by the Holy Spirit for cleansing and renewing is the means of saving the lost from their sins.

The continued advance of our mission enterprise has been another heartening thing. Men and women not only have responded to the call of God for missionary service, but the number has been increasing and the mission fields growing. Most encouraging has been our Church Extension ministry. This is one of the greatest and most essential changes in the life of our denomination. May the Lord grant even greater visions to enter areas with a Sunday School or mission and make our people willing to give of their time and money to support them. Changes in our Seminary and Christian Training Institute as well as in the whole denominational structure have also proven to be a step forward.

All changes for the good must come from within ourselves. We ourselves must possess a discipleship with faith strong enough to believe that the will of God is going to triumph despite the frightening changes in the world about us. A cynical mood and a sense of life's futility are as contrary to the Christian faith as was the smug self-complacency of disbelief in the automatic progress of not too many years ago. I have faith to believe that the prophets of doom are wrong and that God will work out his own purpose in his time. I will take the changes as they come and pray that God will give me faith to work for his plan and purpose to come true.



COURSES TO BE TAUGHT

Books and manuscripts written by Dr. Harms include: Christian Fundamentals for Academy Students, Introduction to Religious Education, Background of Christian Education, Prayer Life of Martin Luther, and The Quest for Christ.

During the next academic year Dr. Harms will teach the following courses: The Epistle to the Romans, The Prophets and Their Messages, Inter-Testament Period, Johannine Literature, Survey of the New Testament, The Epistles to the Corinthians, The Book of Revelation, and Old Testament Introduction.

It is with genuine pleasure that the North American Baptist Seminary announces the appointment of Dr. A. J. Harms as Visiting Professor in the area of Biblical Literature, effective September 1, 1961.

CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDERS

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needed! The Lord has need of your gifts, and we have need of your prayers that God might bless the Church Extension Builders and the Gospel ministry they represent, so that men, women, and young people in many new areas of America may learn to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord.

For further information, see the back page of this issue of the "Baptist Herald." Be a Church Extension Builder and join hands with a host of other North American Baptists in this greatest home mission advance in our denomination. Have a share in the most vital work that is going on among us for Christ in America today.

General Conference Personalities

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary

CHRISTIAN fellowship is dramatized by shaking hands, singing together, eating around the same table and making new friends—all in the Name and Spirit of Christ. This will be amply demonstrated during the days of the 33rd General Conference for North American Baptist people in Minneapolis, Minn., from July 31 to August 6. Some of the richest rewards and most wonderful memories of this Conference will undoubtedly have their source in this warm experience of Christian fellowship.

Another Conference blessing, which is closely related to Christian fellowship, is that of becoming better acquainted with our pastors and with other servants of the Lord who come to the program as guest speakers. It is possible for many of us to remember the exciting conferences of years ago as we call to mind the faces and voices of the speakers whom we heard for the first time at those conference sessions. As they shared their heart's thoughts with us, we took them into our hearts and became life long friends. That kind of mutual sharing still goes on today—especially at General Conference sessions.

DR. JOSEF NORDENHAUG

One of the outstanding Baptist leaders today is Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, the newly elected general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. He has had a full and fruitful life of service for Christ in the South, in Europe, in churches, in seminaries, and now throughout the world. Read the article about him in The Conference Bulletin issue, and be prepared at Minneapolis to be thrilled by his messages and to be inspired by his radiant personality. He will certainly warm your heart!

Mr. Barry Garrett is the associate director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs with offices in Washington, D. C. He is responsible for the news releases of the Baptist Press. There are few men who are so intimately acquainted with the political developments in Washington, D. C., as they affect our Christian faith and principles. He will amaze you by his keen knowledge of world affairs. He loves people and delights to fellowship with his Baptist friends. You will have a good opportunity to make his acquaintance in Minneapolis at our Conference sessions.

Wherever the North American Baptist Seminary is the topic of conversation, you will soon hear the name of Dr. Ralph E. Powell. He has not only molded the thinking and insights of seminary students and future pastors of ours in theology and philosophy of religion, but he has also contributed richly to the Christian faith and con-



CONFERENCE ANNOUNCER

Rev. Aaron Buhler of Lodi, Calif., pastor of the First Baptist Church, will serve as the General Conference announcer in Minneapolis, Minn.

victions of many of our church people. He is frequently in attendance at youth camps, conferences and associational meetings and church programs.

GATHERING AT THE ARMORY

But Dr. Powell is at his best in a large gathering where the Gospel of Jesus Christ is winsomely presented as the invitation of the Savior to all who are lost and where the call of the Master demands a firm stand with Christ and his truth. On Friday night, August 4, at the Minneapolis Armory, Dr. Ralph E. Powell, one of our Seminary professors, will be one of several inspiring speakers at this "Service of Evangelism and Consecration." Dr. Paul Gebauer and Mr. Flavius Martin will lift up Africa as the continent

CONFERENCE ADDRESS

The First Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minnesota is located at Tenth Street and Harmon Place. All delegates and visitors to the 33rd General Conference sessions should use the Tenth Street entrance to the church auditorium. Registrations will be received throughout the day on July 31st at the church. Purchase your Conference tickets at the same time.

The Minneapolis Armory is located at Portland Avenue and Fifth Street South in Minneapolis. The sessions on Friday evening, August 4 (7:45 P.M.), and on Sunday afternoon, August 6 (2:30 P.M.), will be held at the Armory.

of the future with all eyes of the world, especially of Christian people, upon Africa's millions. What a trio of speakers to be listened to with rapt attention and to be remembered with warm fervor!

Another service, which will rival the Friday evening meeting in importance, will be the Sunday afternoon rally to be held again in the Armory. Dr. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer will be honored for their 30 and 25 years of missionary service, respectively. New missionaries will be commissioned and presented to the audience. Missionary Gilbert Schneider will speak out of his full storehouse of knowledge as a result of many years of service among the leprosy patients.

NAB PASTORS AND LEADERS

This is only the beginning of adventures in new friendships at the General Conference sessions. You will meet and probably hear for the first time such pastors of ours as Rev. Roger Schmidt of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa. (Wednesday evening, August 2); Rev. David J. Draewell of the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Cleveland, Parma, Ohio, (Conference Banquet on Saturday, August 5); and Rev. Kenneth Fischer of the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif. (Thursday evening, August 3). But having heard them at Minneapolis, you will be eager to hear them again and again in years to come. Come and walk with them in fellowship during the Conference days.

One of the most prominent people on the platform is usually the General Conference announcer. He has to make scores of announcements and speak clearly, loudly and slowly so that no one will miss the important words. This year Rev. Aaron Buhler, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., will serve as the Conference announcer. He is the minister of the largest church in our denomination, a fervent evangelist and a strong booster of our missionary work. You will enjoy his ministry as announcer and you will be eager to know more about his dedicated ministry in his Lodi church.

There's still time to make the all important decision to go to Minneapolis for the General Conference—for the entire week or for the exciting weekend. It could be one of the most memorable decisions you have ever made. In Minneapolis at the General Conference sessions you will be blessed by this ministry of God's servants and led into "green pastures" by these speakers. But, best of all, you will meet them personally and feel the bonds of fellowship that draw us closely to Jesus Christ, our Lord!

BAPTIST HERALD

Brook Park Church, Minneapolis

The story of the fourth and most recently organized NAB church in the Twin Cities which you will want to visit during the General Conference days (July 31 — August 6, 1961) in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

By Rev. A. Huber, Pastor of the Brook Park Baptist Church, Minneapolis Minn.

WE OF THE Brook Park Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, are so young that the coming General Conference will be a first experience for us. We were only organized last year and officially we were one year old on April 20, 1961.

Brook Park is a Church Extension development which was brought into being in April 1959 by the Minnesota



BANQUET SPEAKER

Rev. David J. Draewell of Parma, Ohio, pastor of the Parma Heights Baptist Church, will address the festive General Conference banquet crowd of 1000 persons in the Hall of States of the Leamington Hotel on Saturday evening, August 5th.

Association. The nucleus of our church is composed of the members of the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis who were living in the suburb of Brooklyn Center. This is one of the fastest growing suburbs of the Twin Cities and should prove to be a productive mission field. Our membership to date is 55 and our present potential is about 130 people.

During the time of our existence, it

WE'VE NEWS FOR YOUTH!

For July 31-August 6.

All young people are invited to come to our General Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

You will be thrilled by what is planned for you. You are also needed to make vital decisions about the future expansion of our CBYF work.

Special events for youth—

- Planned fellowships every evening for CBYF'ers.
- A dramatic presentation of our youth work on Wednesday.
- Sunrise inspirational worship service on Thursday.
- Youth banquet on Saturday.
- Times of sightseeing and getting acquainted.

has been a real joy to see souls saved and then to observe them grow in spiritual stature. Many of them are now completely submerged in church activity and have become a source of blessing. Many of them have learned to be regular in church attendance.

They are quickly becoming aware of the necessity of giving the Lord his tithe and their offerings, and already they have a deep sense of the spiritual need in our community. Of course, along with all the pleasant experiences, there are also discouragements, but we pray the Lord to give us patience and understanding. Always we have the example of our Lord before us to go the second mile.

Our Sunday School is active and growing. Mr. Richard Sorvig, our youthful superintendent, is at the helm giving good leadership. The school is well staffed with capable and dedicated teachers and officers. We are anticipating solid growth through our Sunday School.

TALENTED CHURCH MEMBERS

Our Woman's Mission Society is also very active. In its regular monthly meetings, they seek to promote our mission work on all fronts. Their aim is to train the women to be missionaries at home, constantly to keep before them the needs of the world and to help unite and integrate our people into a working unit for our Lord.

We have a very fine representation of "teens" in our church. If this is to be the future church, our prospects are good. We are consciously putting forth concerted efforts with this age group in a thorough training program. We are seeing fine results.

We are enjoying the musical ability

with which many of our people are endowed. By virtue of this musical talent, our services are enriched. We have visited some of our association churches and have rendered programs. On Sundays we always have had some arrangement of music for our services.

Our immediate need is for a church building. Plans have already been drawn up, bids have been accepted and now we trust the Lord to direct us towards its completion. We cannot promise you a complete building at the time of the Conference, but we invite you nevertheless to visit us for the Sunday morning service.

In our present public school facilities, we can seat over 200 people. We would like to have you come and meet us in this suburban area, to be inspired by the challenge that meets us, to pray with us and for us in this new endeavor and to experience a more complete vision of the "FIELDS WHITE UNTO HARVEST." WELCOME TO BROOK PARK CHURCH!



Dr. Ralph E. Powell of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Seminary professor, who will be one of the speakers at the inspirational General Conference on Friday evening, Aug. 4, to be held in the Minneapolis Armory.

Reviews of the Latest Books

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Editor of the "Baptist Herald," and by Others Shown at the Beginning of the Reviews

GOLDEN BOATS FROM BURMA by Gordon Langley Hall—Macrae Smith Company—255 pages—\$3.75.

DR. JOHN BRADBURY in "The Watchman-Examiner" has stated that "in all the annals of missionary enterprise there never was a more glorious record than that of these two New England people—Adoniram and Ann Judson—who went to Burma to give their lives to the winning of Burmese to Christ." This book by the journalist-author is an exciting, heart warming account of these Baptist missionaries in Burma who by their example and ministry aroused Baptists at home to launch out on a worldwide missionary program. The 150th anniversary of the founding of this Baptist Missionary Society, as a result of the personal inspiration of the Judsons, will be observed in 1964 in the Baptist Jubilee Advance celebration by 19 million Baptists in North America. The story in these pages of this book will stir you to laughter and tears, to a song of thanksgiving for such dedicated young people and a prayer for all missionaries today. You must read these books on Adoniram and Ann Judson concerning the years of adventure which lay ahead of them—tragic, amusing, stirring, and sometimes as fantastic as their youthful dreams—in the Land of the Golden Pagoda!

TO THE GOLDEN SHORE—THE LIFE OF ADONIRAM JUDSON by Courtney Anderson—Dolphin Book—Paperback, 520 pages—\$1.45.

By all means, secure your copy of this thrilling, amazing story of Adoniram and Ann Judson. It sold originally for \$6.00. It is now available *unabridged* in this paperback edition for the bargain price of \$1.45. This has been made possible by the cooperative effort of the Baptist Jubilee Advance publicity committee. Copies are available at the Roger Williams Book Store during the General Conference sessions in Minneapolis. The book can also be ordered from the Roger Williams Book Store in Forest Park, Ill. But *get your copy without fail!*

ADONIRAM JUDSON, MISSIONARY TO BURMA by Faith Coxe Bailey. Moody Press—Paperback, 128 pages—35 cents.

This introductory book to the life story of Adoniram and Ann Judson can also be warmly recommended. It is available at our Roger Williams Book Store in Forest Park, Ill. It is the fascinating, uplifting story of these dedicated missionaries.

TIME OUT—DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE by Al Bryant. Zondervan Publishing House—1961—\$1.95.

This fine book is a collection of 366 deeply devotional meditations that speak to the hearts of today's young people, not only confronting them with the claims of Christ but also encouraging them with the ever living promises of God's Word. They embody the radiant faith of the young author as well as the stirring testimonies of spiritual giants of our day. The meditations are for those who are striving for greater heights in their Christian lives, who are adventuring in their Christian walk. "Great faith—great blessing. Little faith—little blessing. Live this day faithfully, and well, in the realization that God is our Faith and wants to bless us abundantly."

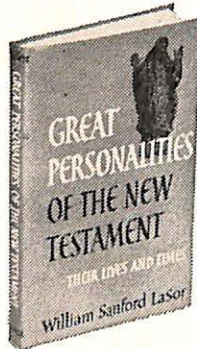
THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM by Charles L. Allen. Fleming H. Revell Company—62 pages—\$1.50.

This small volume is a beautifully bound, gift edition of one of the world's spiritual gems, the 23rd Psalm. It deserves an honored place in the library of many books that have been

GREAT PERSONALITIES OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

Their Lives and Times

William Sanford La Sor



A fascinating journey through the New Testament is provided in these fifteen portraits of key men and women of the early church. The origins and nature of Christian faith emerge here with vital clarity, through the experiences of John the Baptist, Paul, Andrew, Peter, Stephen, Timothy, Thomas, Luke and John the theologian. These pen sketches and those of Mary the mother of Jesus, Priscilla and Aquila, Simon, Barnabas and Lazarus form a dramatic panorama of the life of Christ and the early church. \$3.00

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written about this Psalm. The author, who is pastor of the First Methodist Church of Houston, Texas, points out the practical values of the "Shepherd Psalm" for the modern reader. One by one he lifts up its memorable phrases and shows how they can guide us through the valleys and bypaths of life into abiding peace and fulness of joy. The warm, colorful words of this interpretation will sing their way into your soul. The reader will gain a better understanding of sheep and their shepherd. Best of all, this volume reveals the Christ, who is our Good Shepherd, leading us ever to "green pastures" and "beside the still waters."

GREAT PERSONALITIES OF THE NEW TESTAMENT by William Sanford La Sor—Fleming H. Revell Company—1961—192 pages—\$3.00.

The reader of this book undertakes a fascinating journey through the New Testament, viewing the literary portraits of 15 key men and women of the early church. The author, who since 1949 has been professor of Old Testament at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif., describes the origins and nature of the Christian faith as seen in these lives. Colorfully, authentically and reverently recorded, these New Testament lives form a dramatic panorama of the life of Christ and the early Church. By the impact of their dauntless example, they inspire the reader to new heights of Christian faith for himself as well as to a better acquaintance with these personalities.

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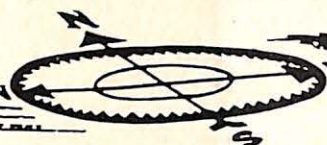
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• The Sunday School Times, published in Philadelphia, Pa., has appointed Rev. James W. Reapsome editor to succeed John W. Lane, Jr., who retired March 31 after 37 years with the publication. Mr. Reapsome, the 6th editor in 103 years of publication, was formerly national public relations director of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, Chicago, Ill.

• A letter written by Martin Luther in 1518, missing for more than 300 years, has been found in Boston, Mass. This priceless document has been acquired by Dr. H. Spencer Glidden, associate professor at Tufts University School of Medicine, who obtained it from a collector who, he said, had bought it from an old Boston family. It would be interesting to know where the letter was for more than three centuries. —*The Watchman Examiner*.

• Use of trading stamps in church building funds is condemned by the National Council of Churches' Department of Stewardship and Benevolence as a "tie-in with commercialism contrary to the principles of Christian stewardship." The Rev. T. K. Thompson, department director, cited findings of a recent consultation conducted by the NCC's Department of the Church and Economic Life.

—*Christianity Today*

• "Protestant sects have more students preparing for the ministry in Latin America than the Roman Catholic Church has studying for the diocesan priesthood," according to Father Hoffman of Notre Dame University, who has made a special study of missions. "The scarcity of priests is the most urgent spiritual problem: Latin America, with thirty-four per cent of the total number of Catholics of the world, has only nine and one-half per cent of the priests."

—*The Sunday School Times*

• An equestrian statue of John Wesley—the gift of a prominent Briton—was dedicated last month on the campus of Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D. C. The life-size bronze is the only copy of one in Bristol, England. Donated by Lord J. Arthur Rank, noted British film producer who is a prominent Methodist layman, the statue is thought to be the only one of Wesley in this country. The dedication took place on the 223rd anniversary of the famous "heart-warming experience" of Methodism's founder. —*Christianity Today*

• Choice of the term "Dominion of Canada" reflects the deeply biblical thinking of the nation's founders, says *The Pentecostal Testimony*, monthly publication of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. An editorial in the paper's Dominion Day (July 1) issue

cites a reference to Psalm 72:8 said to have been made by Sir Leonard Tilley of New Brunswick. "The Fathers of Confederation did something unique in the area of Church and State," the editorial says, "They neither repeated the European pattern of union of Church and State; nor did they follow the secularistic example of the United States and France."

—*Christianity Today*

• The International Society of Christian Endeavor has announced that Evangelist Billy Graham received its annual International Youth's Distinguished Service Citation. Presentation was made during the 46th annual International Christian Endeavor Convention at Chicago, July 5-8. Previous recipients included Admr. Richard E. Byrd, former President Herbert C. Hoover, former Vice President Richard M. Nixon, former Minnesota Gov. Harold E. Stassen, former Maryland

Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin, Rep. Walter H. Judd (R-Minn.) and Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union and editor of the *Christian Herald*.

• The Far East Broadcasting Company now has 15 broadcasting stations dedicated to beaming the gospel to the Far East. They are sending out programs for 36 different missionary denominations and groups, in 36 different languages and dialects. A recent acquisition is a 100,000 watt station on Okinawa. It was a \$750,000 installation which FEBC purchased for \$30,500, then dismantled its 12 180-foot towers and its twelve acres of antennae and transmitting equipment, and shipped to Okinawa. It was set up and began to send out messages in December 1960. Within a week responses began to come out of mainland China in appreciation of the message.

—*The Baptist World*



Baptist Briefs

• **Baptist Church Libraries.** One new church library every day has been the average maintained in the Southern Baptist Convention for the past seventeen years. This record has been surpassed in the first four months of 1961. A total of 231 new church libraries have been reported at the end of April to Church Library Service of the Baptist Sunday School Board. This number is just 9 libraries short of an average of two libraries a day.

• **Baptist Visitors to Russia.** Good relations between the Baptist Union of the U. S. S. R. and Baptist and other Christian denominations of other lands are becoming wider and wider. During 1960, 1,341 visitors /of religious leaders/ from other countries visited the Baptist Union of Russia. Three hundred of these visitors were Baptists. Among them was Van Cliburn, a young and gifted pianist. He made a generous contribution to the Moscow Baptist Church in memory of his great-grandfather, Dr. S. G. O'Bryan, who was a Baptist minister and also a professor of mathematics and co-founder and first President of Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

• **Evangelism in Indonesia.** The first city-wide evangelistic services to be held by Baptists in Djakarta, Indonesia, were held June 19-21, corresponding with the visit there of the 14-voice Texas Baptist Student Union choir. Baptists secured the city's largest auditorium—seating capacity 4,000—in response to the choir's "Project Understanding," which will carry

them through the Orient during the summer. In addition to singing at each of the night services, choir members gave brief testimonies.

• **Tent Evangelism in Germany.** German Baptists believe wholeheartedly in the effectiveness of tent evangelism. During 1960 the German Baptist Union's "Zeltmission" worked in 80 places, using a total of ten tents. While in former years mass meetings in large tents were considered best, the churches are now putting special emphasis on evangelistic campaigns in small tents. In addition to the three tents seating 1,000 persons each and two tents seating 500 each, five small tents each having a seating capacity of 200 have been put to use in places where no churches are in existence and new work is being started.

• **Southern Baptist Convention.** More than 12,000 people registered as messengers to the 104th annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in St. Louis, Mo. Largest attendance was chalked up during the Wednesday night session when both the Convention Hall and the Opera Hall were filled and some 1,000 people were turned away. Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, was elected as president. Messengers selected Roland Q. Leavell of Jackson, Miss., president emeritus of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, as first vice-president, and W. Herschel Ford, pastor of First Baptist Church, El Paso, Tex., as second vice-president.



What's Happening

• Rev. and Mrs. Paul Siewert of Leduc, Alta., have announced the birth of a son on May 31st who has been named Douglas Paul. Mr. Siewert is the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Leduc. Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Stading of Washburn, N. Dak., have announced the birth of a son on May 31st who has been named Mark Elliott. The Stading family now consists of three children: two boys and a girl.

• Rev. C. B. Nordland of Oak Park, Ill., led a discussion on missionary radio training at the 3rd World Conference on Missionary Radio held in Milwaukee, Wis., from June 12 to 15. Mr. Nordland is assistant to the president of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill., and a member of the Forest Park Baptist Church. The Milwaukee meetings were held at Concordia College.

• The newly organized Salem Baptist Church of Kitchener, Ontario, has extended a call to Rev. Waldemar Ertis of Calgary, Alta., the pastor of the German Baptist Church of Calgary since 1955. He has accepted the call and will begin his ministry in Kitchener on September 1st. The church will be received into the North American Baptist fellowship by the Eastern Conference at its 1961 summer sessions.

• The West Center Street Church, Madison, S. Dak., held a dedication service and Open House for the new church office and library and the study of its pastor, Rev. J. G. Benke, on Sunday afternoon, May 28. These new facilities were made possible as a memorial to Mr. Klaas Dirksen and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Dirksen. A dedication service for little children was held on Sunday morning, June 11, with the pastor, Rev. J. G. Benke, officiating.

• Members and friends of the Trochu Baptist Church, Trochu, Alta., met on Sunday afternoon, May 28, to observe the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Haller of the church. A program of readings, songs and a message of congratulations by Rev. D. Berg was rendered. The couple recalled God's special guidance in their home and lives, giving God the honor and thanks for all things, as reported by Rev. R. Hoffman, pastor.

• Five new members were received into the fellowship of the Baptist Church, Baileyville, Ill., on Sunday, May 7. Rev. A. E. Van Kley, pastor, is bringing a series of messages at the midweek services on "Separation According to the Word of God." In May 70 women attended the Mother-Daughter Luncheon sponsored by the King's Daughters Society. The program's theme was "Mother's Garden"

with Miss Burness Kampen, missionary, as guest speaker.

• During his visit at the Faith Church in Vernon, British Columbia in May, Mr. William H. Rentz, Cameroons missionary, spoke over the local radio station CIIB in an interview with a broadcaster. The interview occurred at 7:30 P. M. on Sunday evening, thus enabling the Faith Church congregation to listen to the entire broadcast. Rev. Fred H. Ohlmann, pastor, reported that the interview was so well liked by the local station that it was sent to the east to be broadcast over all of Canada.

• On June 16 Miss Connie Klingman and Mr. Jack Wobig of Portland, Oregon, were married at the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland. The former Miss Klingman has been the choir director of the church. Mr. Wobig is the son of Dr. and Mrs. John Wobig and the vice-president of the denomination's CBY Fellowship. In August he will receive his Bachelor of Science degree prior to his initial studies in Medical School. During the summer months Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wobig are in charge of one of the ranger stations in Oregon.

• A group of members of the Ridgmont Baptist Church of East Detroit, Mich., left the church recently to organize the Baptist Fellowship Chapel. It has been holding English services in a newly purchased school building. A call was extended to Rev. Walter Stein, the pastor of the Ridgmont Church, to which he has responded favorably. He has been serving the Baptist Fellowship Chapel as its pastor since July 9, 1961. The men of the church are busy repairing and remodeling the school building. It should be ready for formal dedication by August 1961.

• The East Side Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois, has extended a call to Mr. Carl Palfenier of Minneapolis,

Minn., a 1961 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, as its pastor. He has accepted the call and announced that he was beginning his ministry in the church on Sunday, July 16, succeeding Rev. William Shoemaker. Mr. Palfenier is a son of Rev. and Mrs. Herman Palfenier of Minneapolis. Rev. H. R. Schroeder of St. Paul, Minn., a former pastor, has been supplying the pulpit of the East Side Church in recent weeks.

• The First Baptist Church, Trenton, Ill., held its Vacation Bible School from June 5 to 16 in conjunction with the Methodist and St. John Churches of the community. On Mother's Day evening, May 14, Rev. Harold Thiesen, pastor of the Summerfield Menonite Church, spoke about India and its needs. He was born of missionary parents in India. On Sunday evening, May 28, Church Family Night was held. A panel discussion was conducted on "The Parents' Christian Responsibility in the Home, the Church and the Community." Rev. J. R. Kruegel is pastor of the church.

• Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Schneider, Cameroons missionaries stationed at the New Hope Settlement, and their family arrived in New York, New York, on the "S. S. Queen Mary" on May 26. They spent a day at the Forest Park headquarters building before going to their home in Dallas, Oregon. Miss Ardice Ziolkowski, missionary nurse at the Bansa Baptist Hospital in the Cameroons, arrived by plane in New York, New York, at the Idlewild Airport on July 7. She will be at her home in Yorkton, Sask., for the opening weeks of her furlough.

• The First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., held its Vacation Bible School from June 12 to 21. On Sunday, June 11, Rev. Richard C. Buhler, youngest brother of the pastor of the church, Rev. Aaron Buhler, was the guest preacher. He is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Alliance, Neb. On Sunday evening, June 18, the Seminary's "Musical Messengers" presented a musical program, and on Sunday evening, July 9th, the "Musical Betts" with "a truckload of musical instruments" brought a program. Their instruments included a marimba, mandolin, vibraharp, guitar, 500 sleigh bells, 32 cow bells and a musical saw.

• The annual program of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Bethel Baptist Church, Salem, Oregon, was held with members of the Southwood Baptist Church of Portland attending. The skit, "Simple Matter of Arithmetic," was enjoyed by all. Refreshments were served in the church parlors at which a "kitchen shower" was given for the church kitchen at the Southwood Park Church, as reported by Mrs. Joan Small. On March 26 the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Gaertner was held at the church. Rev. Everett Barker is

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MR. J. O. JOHNSON, PORTLAND, OREGON

Mr. J. O. Johnson of Portland, Oregon, died suddenly of a heart attack on Monday evening, June 19, 1961 at 64 years of age. He was a prominent member of the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland and served as a trustee of the North American Baptist Seminary and as an officer of "Baptist Men" of the denomination. He and his wife took a prominent part in several recent general Conference programs. The obituary by Dr. John Wobig, pastor, will appear in the next issue. We extend our sincerest sympathy to his widow and family. EDITOR.



A busy market place in a South American city.

South American Romance

A Christian Novel by Mary McCombe Orr

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SYNOPSIS

Zorillo Lopez married Rosita and worked at his father's trade of making wooden saints in his workshop. But the marriage was broken up by Guadeloupe. Later Rosita and Zorillo were reunited and moved to San Miguel, Argentina, where they settled down next door to the evangelical church. In the meantime, Guadeloupe had become a Christian in this chapel. He came to Zorillo and asked for forgiveness. But Zorillo's heart was filled with hatred and was stubborn. At their place of work, Severino, an elderly evangelical Christian, talked to Zorillo about forgiveness as taught in God's Word and led him to Christ. Rosita also became a seeker and found salvation in Christ. Then they realized that as Christians things had to be made right in their lives. Zorillo had married another girl, Tomasita, in Asuncion. Guadeloupe determined to help them and went back to Paraguay seeking information and God's guidance. Evangelical friends advised him to find the judge who had performed Zorillo's marriage to Tomasita.

CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

FIRST, GUADELOUPE passed by Zorillo's old *ranchito* to see how things were. The cousin who had taken over the place was still in possession, and since everything seemed to be in order, Guadeloupe went on after a few minutes of friendly conversation over the bamboo fence.

From there he walked over to his own old home and greatly surprised his father and stepmother. True to custom, however, they showed no outward evidence of emotion at his appearance, and matter-of-factly asked him in, as though he had been gone but a day.

He sat down on one of the old well-worn stools, and began to talk. Without any well-planned introduction, or over-measured tact, he told them that he had forsaken his old ways, repented toward God, and was now a believer in Christ Jesus!

This was a surprise with which his sudden home-coming could never compare; this indeed called for a show of emotion! Horror, disgust, fear and anger were all expressed in the torrent of words that followed the frank confession.

Guadeloupe remained silent during the tirade. When his father and stepmother had depleted their store of words, he continued.

"I know all this is a shock to you, but I must tell you, for I cannot keep it to myself. What God has done for me, I must share with you. You also need the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. When Christ came in, all my old sinful life went out, with all the vices and evil habits that I could never have conquered, had I wanted to. He can do the same for you. He took away all the old jealousy and hate, and gave me love, even for the man who had been my rival. He has made all things new. You may not believe me, but even Zorillo and I are friends, the very best of friends, for he, too, is a believer."

His parents' mouths dropped open in gaping surprise. This was something that they surely did not under-

stand! Nothing more was said, but Guadeloupe spent the remainder of the day lending a helping hand here and there, whistling and humming the hymns he had come to love, as he did so. In between times he romped with the little half brothers and half sisters with whom he had never gotten along before. By nightfall the family was inclined to believe that it was the truth, that for Guadeloupe all things indeed had been made new!

Next morning he set out early, for he had one more visit to make before taking the train for the North. This would be the most difficult of them all, and even the bold Guadeloupe felt timid. As he walked down the little narrow path through the lush grass that generously wet with dew the bottoms of his trousers, he prayed for grace and the opportunity to give a good clear testimony.

Arriving at the *chacara*, he gave a loud clap at Don Daniel's door. Rosita's father arose, *maté* in hand, and went to greet his visitor. He almost dropped the gourd when he recognized the man who stood there. Surprise, suspicion and disgust almost won the day, but the ingrained habits of a lifetime gained the upper hand, and after a few speechless moments, old Don Daniel gave the customary "*Buenos dias*," and the brief invitation, "*Entre*."

Guadeloupe went into the house. He had no idea what he was going to say nor how he was going to say it, but he had to begin. Then God gave grace.

"Don Daniel," he said, "I want to apologize for my actions of two years ago. I did Zorillo and your daughter a great deal of harm, and caused you, too, much misery. I have repented of my sin and ask your forgiveness."

Don Daniel was dumbfounded. Inwardly he thought, *Now what new trick is this deceiver up to?*

Guadeloupe saw the incredulity written on the older man's silent face, but he had gained courage and went on.

"I am now a believer in Jesus Christ. It is He who has made me hate my old sins and wicked ways. I not only ask your pardon, but I want you to know that I have asked Zorillo's and Rosita's, and they have granted it. We are the best of friends now. They, too, have received the Gospel and are happy. They sent *saludos* and wish me to tell you that they have a little daughter called Marta."

Doña Angelica stood silently listening. She resented Guadeloupe's presence, but at the mention of her daughter's name she began to listen eagerly. This was the first news she had had since the young couple had moved away. She did not know whether to believe the tidings from far, but Guadeloupe seemed sincere, although he was known to be a deceiver. And the news was of such a bewildering nature! Zorillo and Rosita could not possibly have become friends with the villain who had wronged them terribly!

"I cannot believe you!" she burst out at last. "Rosita and Zorillo could never be your friends after what you did, nor would my daughter ever turn away from the true religion—the religion of her fathers!"

"I do not blame you for not believing me," said Guadeloupe humbly, "for I was always a liar and a cheat until God brought me to repentance and changed my heart. And I would not blame Zorillo and Rosita if they refused to forgive me, but thanks be to God, they, too, have come to know Christ, and He has enabled them to forgive and to love me. They are praying that you also may come to know the peace and joy of free salvation that they have found."

"Daniel, I just don't understand what the man is raving about!" exclaimed Doña Angelica. "I think it is time one of us took a trip to Argentina to find out what is going on over there. Do these *evangelicos* think they can take over the whole country?"

"I am sure your daughter and Zorillo would be pleased with a visit from you," said Guadeloupe simply, as he rose to go. "I must be on my way, for I am going to Asunción."

The old couple bade him good day mechanically, still bewildered over their most unexpected visitor, and the incredible news he had brought.

The way to the station led past Zorillo's old *ranchito*. Guadeloupe noticed as he passed that there was someone there who had not been present the day before. Judging from her striking resemblance to Doña Marta, Guadeloupe concluded correctly that she must be Zorillo's aunt.

"Perhaps I will stop in again on my return," mused the traveler, "for these people, too, need to know more of the Gospel. That woman thought she won a victory when Doña Marta died. I want her to know that the living God in whom her sister trusted has answered many a prayer since then."

Guadeloupe bought his ticket, boarded the train, found a vacant space on one of the long benches, and began to wonder what his procedure was to be on reaching Asunción. It was just dawning on him that he had no certain plan! His heart sank, for suddenly his journey began to appear a fool's errand indeed. Just where was he to go and what was he to do on arriving at his destination? And what facts could he possibly learn that could be in any way of help to his friends? These and other questions began to bombard his mind until he was quite distressed. Troubled and perplexed, he bowed his head and prayed.

O God! his heart cried out silently, *I was so sure that Thou wert leading me, but now I know not what to do! Hast Thou indeed a purpose in this foolish trip? Then give me peace of heart about it once again, and lead me in all my steps!*

Then it was that he began to realize that probably the doubts and ques-

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tions tormenting his mind were from the enemy. Guadeloupe had had, not only plain teaching from God's Word concerning Satan, but many experiences in his few months as a believer that proved the existence of a fierce spiritual foe.

As he rode along, committing it all to God, he drew from his pocket his little New Testament with Psalms, and turned to the portion that he had read that morning. It was Psalm 121, and he read it again. As he read the third verse, "He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keepeth thee will not slumber," he was blessed and encouraged.

"O Lord," he prayed again, "I was trusting Thee to guide my feet, and I'm sure Thou hast led so far, for Thou art faithful to Thy promises. Continue to keep my feet from being moved out of Thy will."

He continued to read, until, on reaching verse 8, it seemed as though the words came straight from heaven, "The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore." He repeated the phrase, "thy going out, and thy coming in," and his heart sang for joy. Once again he knew it was God who was urging him on this journey. He still had no plan, but He praised the Giver of wisdom, and looked to Him for help.

As he looked to God, he remembered Don Jorge's thoughtful suggestion that he find the judge who had married his friends. Then he began to put together the little bits of information he had. They were not many, but as he prayed, a simple plan began to take shape. He would find Zorillo's old home, for he had the address, then inquire at Doña Marieta's for Don Marcos, a neighbor of whom he had heard Zorillo speak favorably. Perhaps the neighbor could direct him to the judge, for it would hardly do to make such inquiries of Doña Marieta. He committed this plan to God in prayer, and feeling peace of heart about it, settled down to enjoy from the window the pleasant scenery of his native land.

In the meantime, over in San Miguel, things were happening that would have chilled Guadeloupe's tranquil heart had he even imagined them! Zorillo's false friends had paid him another visit. So convincing did their words appear, as they accused the young believer of loving his family more than he did his Lord, that the turbulent heart gave in at last.

Rosita wept as Zorillo revealed to her his decision.

"But Rosita," he argued, "even our own elder, Don Domingo, preached

about Abraham and Isaac, don't you remember? And showed us that God, and obedience to Him, must come before our dearest on earth!"

"I know," sobbed the young woman, "but God gave Isaac back to Abraham again. He didn't let him be killed."

"Hush," remonstrated Zorillo, as soothingly as he could, "God wasn't obliged to give him back, nor is He obliged to show us any special favor. And then"—he tried to sound hopeful—"He may give us back to each other some day. He might even remove Tomasita from this world to clear the way for us to marry legally!"

To Rosita it was a vain hope, and somehow she felt that this was a great mistake. Surely God could not be pleased with the breaking up of the happy home that He had given. How could she alone raise these two little children that together they had dedicated to the Lord? They needed their father. She cried out to God for faith like Doña Marta's and remembered that her mother-in-law had not only prayed for their salvation but for the ordering of their lives.

Tearfully she listened as Zorillo outlined the only plan that he thought would bring them peace. He would go back to Encarnación and secure the old place from the cousin who was occupying it. He would get it ready for Rosita to live there with her two little ones. She would be near her parents. Perhaps a sister could live with her. The believers would all help to make her life pleasant. He would return to San Miguel until such time as God made possible a marriage according to law.

WHEN GUADELOUPE had descended from the train in Asunción, he lost no time in finding Zorillo's old shop, now occupied by a shoemaker. He concluded that the house next to it, large, old, made of brick, and having great, iron-barred windows, was Doña Marieta's. Here he clapped.

Doña Marieta came to the window. "*Perdone, Señora*," said Guadeloupe, "I am looking for a man named Marcos. I believe he lives in this neighborhood. Could you tell me which is his house?"

"Yes, señor!" answered the good lady readily, pointing down the street and across it to a small thatched building. "He lives over there in that house behind the palms. Can you see it?"

As she spoke, a younger woman came up behind her and confirmed the directions given, with a similar gesture.

This, thought Guadeloupe as he thanked them, is *Tomasita*.

The bold eyes peered from the face that would have been handsome but for its hardness, and scrutinized him carefully.

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Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: July 30, 1961

Theme: THOMAS, THE REALIST

Scripture: John 11:7-8, 16; 14:3-6;
20:24-29

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: It is better to express your honest doubts than to try to live with your weak faith.

INTRODUCTION: Simply because Thomas voiced his doubt does not necessarily mean that the rest of the disciples were strong men of faith. Some were even weaker than Thomas and were fearful of admitting what they truly felt. The doubting disciple should not be thought of as being far different than his fellow-brothers. He should rather be looked upon as a spokesman for many of the others who had the same kind of feeling and emotion. Because Thomas was brave enough to express his doubts, the faith of all the disciples was strengthened.

Doubt should not be looked upon as a sin or weakness more peculiar or worse than others. Peter's overconfidence and James' and John's temper were certainly not signs of a strong and mature faith. They too, had their lessons to learn. Jesus had to work through the weaknesses of each individual before they became strong.

I. LOYAL TO THE END. John 11:7, 8; 16.

A man who has something to live for also has something to die for. There is no doubt that Thomas wanted to live, and to live as long as possible. He had a love of life as well as a reverence for life. On the other hand, he was not blind to the dangers of life. He tried to avoid them if at all possible, and he also tried to keep others from danger, including Jesus. But life to Thomas meant life with Christ, and if there was a choice of living without him or dying with him, then without hesitation he would choose to die with Christ. This was not an easy choice nor a thoughtless choice, but a choice coming out of a conviction based on love and loyalty.

II. SURE OF THE WAY. John 14:3-6.

Notice that Thomas does not question the first part of Jesus' statement. He believes wholeheartedly that Christ will prepare a place and that he will come to receive him unto himself. This sounded so wonderful to Thomas that he wanted to make sure that he wouldn't miss it. The way that leads to such a place is all-important and he does not want to miss the highway. Thomas might be ignorant about many things, but he did not

want to be ignorant about this important journey. He would rather expose his ignorance than be lost on the way. There may be a time when it will be too late to ask questions.

III. SURE OF THE SAVIOR. John 20:24-27.

There is no doubt that Thomas missed an important meeting. If he had been there, he would have seen the Lord along with the other disciples. We do not know what business took him away, but there was no use in thinking about what might have been. Because he did not attend the gathering, he suffered a great loss and he felt the effects of it. The fact of Jesus' death was so real to him that the fact of his resurrection was difficult to accept. He wanted to be sure, and the only way he knew of being sure was the opportunity to see. He saw Jesus in death; now he felt he must see him in life.

IV. TRUE CONFESSION. John 24:28, 29.

Thomas was quick to express his doubt, but he was even quicker to confess his faith. He did not even wait for all the proof for which he asked. One look was sufficient. It is true that Thomas believed only after he saw, but this was true of the other disciples as well. The only difference was that they saw him first, and Thomas was not satisfied with hearsay—he wanted to see also.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: August 6, 1961

Theme: DORCAS, A WOMAN OF GOOD WORKS

Scripture: Acts 9:36-43

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Faith, sympathy and compassion may easily be expressed in words, but they become more meaningful when they are expressed in action.

INTRODUCTION: Included in the study of New Testament personalities is a little known woman by the name of Dorcas, or Tabitha, as her name was in Aramaic. Her name means "gazelle," an animal common in Bible lands and noted for its swiftness and grace. Dorcas certainly lived true

S. S. LESSON EDITOR

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to the meaning of her name. She was swift to do good works and performed them with such good grace that she was loved by all her friends and neighbors in the seaport town of Joppa.

Incidents related to other Biblical personalities were also associated with this city. It was here that Jonah went to take ship for Tarshish when he was fleeing from the call of God to serve the people of Nineveh. Simon the Tanner also lived here, and Peter had his visions of the sheets and animals while resting in his home.

Today the town is known as Joffa, and it is overshadowed by the large modern city of Tel Aviv which became a metropolitan area since the recent establishment of the Jewish nation.

I. A BUSY SAINT. Acts 9:36.

There must have been a small Christian church in the town of Joppa which could have been started by Philip, one of the deacons, or it may have been the result of the persecution following the martyrdom of Stephen when the Christians were scattered abroad. Women seemed to be prominent in the early church in many areas of service. As far as we know, Dorcas did not have any office in the church, although she is referred to as one of the "disciples." Her love to God was expressed in her love to the needy. Christlikeness was exemplified in sympathy, kindness and compassion. She was busy but not a "busybody."

II. DEATH OF A SAINT. Acts 9:37.

"Blessed in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his saints" (Ps. 116:15). But it does not always seem to be so in the eyes of friends and loved ones. Dorcas was taken at the time of her greatest usefulness. The coats and garments, which she made, meant so much more because they were made with love. The grief and sorrow which were so genuinely expressed were directed toward Dorcas as a friend rather than toward the gifts which she provided.

III. RESURRECTION OF A SAINT. Acts 9:38-41.

It was said of King Jehoram that "he departed without being desired" (II Chron. 21:20). There were no tears shed at his funeral. He probably created many burdens, but left no one the burden of sorrow. Nobody wished him a resurrection.

When Dorcas died, the Christian church decided to do something about it. The Apostle Peter and his faith were their only hope. They knew that Jesus performed such miracles, and they believed that Peter, one of Jesus' favorite disciples, also had the power of faith. His command to the disciples was to "heal the sick, raise the dead and cast out devils." Here was an opportunity to prove the Lord of life.

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Our Denomination in ACTION

Western District

New Sunday School Started by Salem, Ore., Church

The Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, Oregon recently purchased three acres of well situated ground for its Brush College Extension Sunday School for \$6,000. The Sunday School is presently small and meeting in a Grange Hall. Mr. William Wuorinen, a student at Western Baptist Seminary in Portland, Oregon, has been conducting a morning service and assisting in visitation. It is anticipated that the area around the location will one day develop with new homes. The Salem School District recently purchased 25 acres near our property for a future High School.

Rev. Everett Barker, pastor, and his wife and three daughters recently completed a motor trip to New Jersey visiting relatives, friends and former churches. They also enjoyed staying at the guest rooms of the new Forest Park Headquarters Building.

Erma Reischke, Reporter

Ground Is Broken for Educational Unit, Elk Grove

The First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., held a ground breaking service on its property on Locust St. and Batey Ave. The service was held on Sunday afternoon, May 28, to signalize the construction of a new educational unit. Some 165 members and guests were present for this formal act of dedication. Words of welcome by our pastor, Rev. W. Berkan, were followed by a song by the Men's Quartet—Ed Schuh, Jack Kammerer, Duane Rauser and Henry Rauser.

Others taking part in the program were: Mrs. Ed Schuh, president of the Ladies' Missionary Society; Klaus Tonn, president of the C.B.Y.; Sunday School superintendent and chairman of the Finance Committee, Walter Veit; chairman of the Building Committee, Edwin Schuh. A special solo was sung by Mrs. John Wagemann. Words of encouragement were given by neighboring pastors. The oldest member of the congregation, Mrs. Minnie Rauser, mother of Rev. G. G. Rauser, and the pastor, Rev. Walter Berkan, turned the first shovel of ground. Other church leaders also participated. "Give of Your Best to the Master" was then sung by the Girls' Trio—Geri Stabbert, Grace Rauser and Dianna Schuh. The closing prayer was offered by Duane Rauser, president of Men's Fellowship.

Mrs. Leonard Fandrich, Reporter

British Columbia Association Sessions at Prince George

The sessions of the British Columbia were held in Prince George, British Columbia from May 18 to 21 with the Bethel Baptist Church and the South Fort George Chapel serving as the two host churches. Truly, Christ was present in the sessions and we were in-

MRS. BARBARA SUKUT

Mrs. Barbara Sukut, missionary in Japan, who was seriously ill as reported in the June 8th issue of the "Baptist Herald," has improved a great deal in recent weeks. The kidney condition has cleared up somewhat and she was able to leave the Kyoto Hospital on May 23. But she is still in need of much rest and some medical treatment. Her husband has written in a letter, dated May 27: "There is no doubt in our minds that the many prayers that have gone to the Throne of grace on my wife's behalf have not gone unanswered. We are fully confident that we can entrust ourselves completely into the hands of our Heavenly Father." EDITOR

sides their own members. It was a thrill for us to be at the closing rally. Fred H. Ohlmann, Reporter

Anaheim, Calif., Church Members Visit Mission Fields

Having recently returned from a Florida trip, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Urbigke, members of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, California, reported that they visited our NAB Spanish mission on the Garcias ranch near Rio Grande City, Texas. Welcomed by the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Castro, they were shown the mission church where regular Sunday services are held. Mr. Castro's mother from Oklahoma, a fine Christian, came to help with the sessions. Mrs. Castro described their work as being "a foreign mission field right at home."

While touring Japan this May, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stanway, members of the Bethel Church of Anaheim, where Mr. Stanway teaches the Friendship Adult Class, were able to visit Rev. and Mrs. Fred Moore and family of our Japan mission field. Two young Christian students brought messages during the morning worship service. Later they met the following missionaries attending a conference and prayer session at Mr. Moore's home: Rev. and Mrs. Walker Sukut and family, Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern and family; the Misses Florence Miller, now teacher in the Mennonite Brethren School, Joyce Batek and Lucille Wipf.

Ruth Mellen, Reporter

Women's Program and Vacation School, Odessa, Wash.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Odessa Baptist Church, Odessa, Wash., reached another milestone on Sunday, May 7, and was able to celebrate 50 years of service for the Lord. Miss Tina Schmidt, missionary from the Cameroons, was with us for the entire day. She was also our speaker for the morning worship service. In the evening, the ladies were in charge of the program with our president, Mrs. Roger James, presiding. Various musical numbers by the ladies and the history of the society, "A Look Into the Past," were featured. Corsages were presented to six women who have served as presidents. Miss Schmidt showed slides of the Cameroons work.

We had one week of Vacation Bible School—June 5 to 9. Our faithful teachers and helpers were: Betty Weisser, Dorothy Range, Ruth Wiest, Addline Werner, Alethea James and Rev. and Mrs. Edward Kopf. The children learned much about the life of Christ as we used the course, "Christ and My Life." Our program by the children was on Sunday evening, May 11. During the past months a Youth Choir has been organized. The group meets each Wednesday for rehearsal in various homes. It has been a real blessing to listen to this choir at our Sunday services and to see our Junior Highs and High School folks giving of their talents in this way.

Mrs. Edward Kopf, Reporter



Rev. Walter Berkan, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif., and Mrs. Minnie Rauser, the church's oldest member, at the ground breaking service for the new Educational Unit.

Northern District

Fifteen Converts Baptized at Edenwold Baptist Church, Sask.

It was indeed a great day of rejoicing on Sunday, May 21, as the Baptist Church of Edenwold, Sask., and the Grace Church of Davin, Sask., joined in fellowship for baptism at the Edenwold Baptist Church. It was a challenging message by Mr. Victor Cicansky of Davin for the converts and our many friends and visitors. The Junior and Senior Choirs of the local church rendered special numbers. God's nearness was experienced. It was the joy of the local pastor, Rev. R. Neuman, to baptize the 15 converts. Two of these 15 candidates were the pastor's sons, Conrad and Timothy.

The baptism was followed by the observance of the Lord's Supper at which time they were received into the church. Mr. Chris Rumpel, deacon, gave the welcome to the new Edenwold members and Mr. Ernest Rosem for the Davin members. May we all work together for great things for the cause of Christ!

Mrs. Frank Brucker, Reporter

Women's Programs, Temple Church, Swan River, Man.

The Ladies' Aid of the Temple Baptist Church, Swan River, Manitoba presented its annual program on April 30 under the capable leadership of Mrs. J. Iseli. The program consisted of a song service, Scripture and prayer, three songs by our women, a double duet and a trio number, a solo and a reading. The highlight of the evening was the dialogue, "How Will It Be When Our Lord Comes?" The dialogue proved to be heart-stirring and a blessing to all present.

We invited the ladies of the neighboring Minitonas Church to present its annual program here in Swan River. They willingly accepted and rendered it



Fifteen young people who were baptized on May 21st and received into the Edenwold and Davin churches, Sask.

on May 28, and we in return were invited to present our program the following Sunday in Minitonas. Our membership at present is 25. We have adopted as our motto for the following year, "Bear ye one another's burden and so fulfill the law of Christ." May we endeavor to live accordingly.

Mrs. L. Zilkie, Reporter.

Alberta Baptist Association Sessions at Valleyview Church

The annual meeting of the Alberta Baptist Association took place in Valleyview, Alberta, June 1 to 4. Present were 63 delegates, 3 representatives of the Central Alberta-Saskatchewan Association, the German and English choirs of Edmonton's Central Baptist Church, and a host of visitors. For the local church of 54 members, this was quite an undertaking. Some folks even slept in tents, but considering the extremely warm weather, it was considered somewhat of a privilege to do so.

The Association meetings were of real significance both from the standpoint of the theme, "Prayer and You," and the business transacted. The Central Alberta-Saskatchewan Association

and the Alberta Association combined to form a new Association. It will be known as the Alberta Association, with two annual meetings, one German and the other English, the one being held in the first part of the year, and the other in fall. The motion also included that one of the meetings was to be held in the north section of the province and the other in the south section alternately each year, with Red Deer, Alberta, as the point of determination.

In order that the churches of the two former Associations might have proper representation at the election of the new officers, it was moved that a special Fall Rally be held in the Calgary area, October 12-13, at which time also a new constitution will be presented for consideration. The ministry of the two guest speakers, Rev. Wm. Sturhahn and Missionary Wm. Rentz, helped to make this a very significant meeting of the Association.

Ernest E. Hahn, Reporter.

Eastern District

Dedication of Children, Baptist Church, Norridge, Ill.

The Sunday morning worship service at the First Baptist Church of Norridge, Illinois on Mother's Day, May 14, was a doubly happy one. Not only did we pay tribute to our mothers but three mothers paid tribute to God by dedicating their babies during the service. There were five babies in total and all, surprisingly, were boys. The proud parents brought forward Walter James Schmidt (son to our pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Walter Schmidt); Scott Aaron and Terry Allen Wendt (great-grandchildren to Mr. Herman Siemund, our photographer); and last but not least, Jon Michelle and Gabriel Timothy Dobner, (brothers to Enoch Dobner, Junior, whose presence into the world helped him outnumber his two elder sisters.)

There were the ever familiar sounds of crying and restlessness to be heard, but everyone rejoiced with the pastor as he spoke words of guidance and blessing and with the choir as they sang the hymn, "This Child We Dedicate." An organ rendition of the ever-beloved Brahms "Lullaby" concluded the dedication service.

Ruth J. Hess, Reporter

Pastor's Farewell at New York City's Second Church

The Rev. Ernest A. Hoffmann, pastor of the Second German Baptist Church of New York, N. Y., and family were among us for the last time on Sunday, May 28. Looking back on the three and one-half years of laboring together, we see the wonderful way in which our Heavenly Father manifested his work through his servant. The farewell given after the evening service also pointed out the many highlights of our church life while Pastor Hoffmann was among us. It was a joy to have him work with the young people and those belonging to the Willing Workers group. Not to forget is Mrs. Hoffmann who worked as a fine Sunday school superintendent besides the many other duties performed by her

in church and as a mother.

We regret losing them but our prayers go with them as they continue to serve the Lord in the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa. Our thanks be to the Lord for he has not forgotten his people but has once again sent us his servant, our dear Brother Orthner, who is willing to serve our church temporarily.

Miss E. Frank, Clerk

Sunday School Contest, Union Church, Arnold, Penn.

On Sunday morning, March 5, we of Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Pa., began a three months' contest with the Temple Sunday School, Pittsburgh, Pa. There was much enthusiasm in both churches and several humorous events occurred during the three months. For instance, Rev. Raymond Yahn of Temple Church one night read a "so-called" telegram from Rev. Richard Sparling of Arnold, in his absence, stating we would have no Sunday School in our church the following Sunday, but all people would meet at Temple. A few weeks later Temple's members apparently found posters on their church doors on a Sunday morning inviting them to Union Church. When the contest began, we had an enrollment of 150 members. When it closed, we had 183. The six months previously our average was 96. Average during the contest was 145, with a high of 160. Not only did our Sunday School increase in numbers, but also all other services of our church. The Union Church won the contest and received an award from the Temple Sunday School.

On June 4 awards were also given in our Sunday School for a "Fishers of Men contest" during the three month period. The two highest in the entire Sunday School were Roxanne Conway and Mrs. Garrett Wiles. The two highest in the Adult Dept. were Mrs. J. E. Becker and Mrs. F. G. Pressick, Jr., and Senior High winners were Marlene Abraham and Sandra King; Primary and Junior Dept.—Richard Danvir, winner; and Carey Strate and Linda Guenther tied; Nursery Dept.—Carlene Benke and Cyndy Benke.

Mrs. Fred Pressick, Reporter

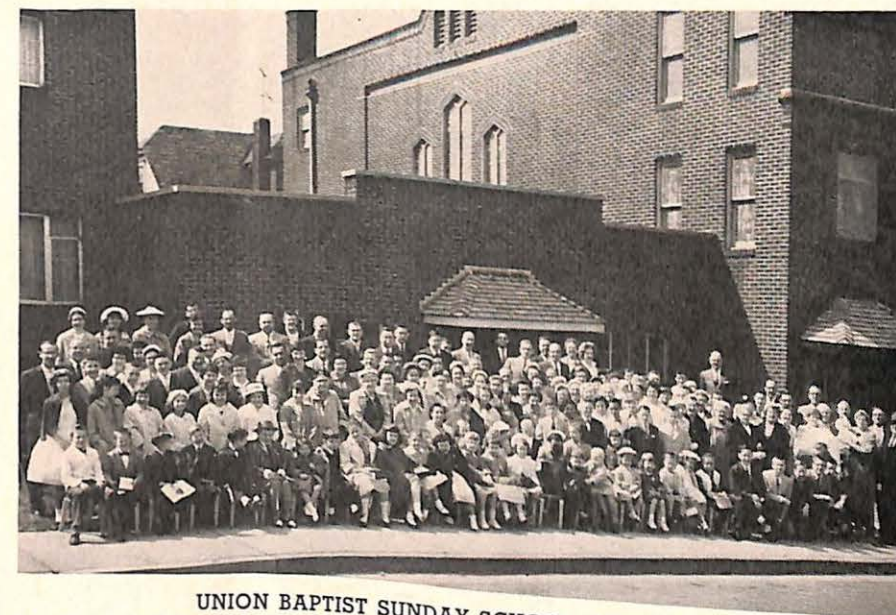
Baptismal Service, Austin Street Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

Sunday, May 28th, was a joyful day for our congregation. Four precious converts, two young men and two young women, were baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. They are the fruit of the evangelistic meetings conducted by the pastor of the church during the last Holy Week. On the following Sunday when the hand of fellowship was extended to them, each one was presented with a Bible, a memory verse and a baptismal certificate. SOLI DEO GLORIA!

Paul Galambos, Pastor

80th Anniversary of Evergreen Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Eighty-four years ago, at the inspiration of the now non-existent First Baptist Church of New York City, a committee established a mission work in the Williamsburg area of Brooklyn, N. Y. Four years later this venture ma-



UNION BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL, ARNOLD, PA. The Sunday School of the Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Pa., on April 30 during the spirited attendance contest with the Temple Sunday School, Pittsburgh, Pa. Rev. Richard Sparling, pastor, is at extreme left, 3rd row.

tured into the Second German Baptist Church of Brooklyn on May 23, 1881. Forty-six charter members wrote their names on the new roster. Eight pastors have served this congregation, known as the Evergreen Baptist Church since 1942.

On Saturday, June 3rd, over 115 members and former members enjoyed fine fellowship at a church dinner. Under the chairmanship of Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, the program included a message by Dr. Frank H. Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., musical selections by Grace Appel Hiller, and motion pictures of Evergreen activities over a ten year period by Mr. Ernst Steinhoff. On Sunday, June 4th, the church school under the superintendency of Miss Ruth Tipton carried through a program of reminiscences and appreciation.

Our guest speaker for the worship service was Rev. Emanuel Wolff, Eastern District secretary. The most fitting climax to Mr. Wolff's message, "Fellowship in the Gospel," was the communion service observed by the church.

Paul F. Zoschke, Pastor



Rev. Paul Galambos, pastor of the Austin Street Baptist Church, Buffalo, N.Y., and four young people whom he baptized.

Central District

Baptist Vacation Bible School at Lehr, N. Dak.

A Vacation Bible School was held in the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Lehr, N. Dak., from May 29 to June 2. Classes were held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily with 31 boys and girls attending. The course taught was "Around the World With Christ." Friday evening, June 2, a program was presented to a large audience, featuring memory work, demonstration of Bible verse visual aid and singing. The visual aid song, "How Great Thou Art," was beautifully sung by the children. Handwork was on display.

Teachers were as follows: Pre-school class, Mrs. Wilbert Quatier; Primary class, Mrs. James Ruff, teacher; Miss Karen Kessler, helper; Junior class, Mrs. E. S. Fenske; Linda Ketterling, helper; Rev. E. S. Fenske, devotion leader and Bible teacher. We thank God for a wonderful week. May the seed that was sown bear fruit for time and eternity.

Linda Ketterling, Reporter

Reception for Dr. and Mrs. Stockdale, Aplington, Iowa

Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Stockdale and children were honored at a reception on Sunday evening, June 4th, in the Aplington Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa. They arrived in New York May 16th, after having served their first term in the Cameroons, Africa. Representatives of the Sunday School, Benevolent Society, Homemakers, CBY, Juniors and Guild Girls extended greetings. Rev. Bernard Fritzke, pastor of our Church Extension work in Waterloo, Iowa, offered prayer. Rev. Donald Patet spoke briefly on behalf of the church.

A fellowship hour followed in the church dining room at which time an abundant variety of groceries were



Dedication of children and their parents at the First Baptist Church, Norridge, Illinois. Left to right: Rev. and Mrs. Walter Schmidt and Walter James; Mr. and Mrs. Jon Wendt and their twins, Scott Aaron and Terry Allen; Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Dobner and Jon Michelle and Gabriel Timothy (Photo by Herman Siemund).

presented to them and all could greet the family. The Aplington Baptist Church is providing housing for the Stockdales.

Mrs. Swanetta Oldenburger, Reporter

Beginnings of Church Extension Work, Waterloo, Iowa

Under the auspices of the Church Extension program of the North American Baptist General Conference, a new church is being organized in Waterloo, Iowa. We have been meeting at the YMCA since the first of this year with ministers from the Iowa Conference churches serving as guest speakers until the arrival of our pastor, Rev. Bernard R. Fritzke.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritzke and their two sons, Mark and Dean, came to Waterloo the third week in May from West Fargo, N. Dak., where Mr. Fritzke had been serving as a Church Extension minister for the past four years. A reception and grocery shower welcomed the Fritzkes into our midst on Friday evening, May 19. Rev. Raymond Dickau of Parkersburg, Iowa had charge of the program. Guests were present from Parkersburg, Aplington, Steamboat Rock and Sumner.

Worship services will continue to be held at the YMCA until a permanent location can be secured. Midweek prayer and Bible study meetings are held in the homes of the members, and plans are being made for the organization of a Sunday School in the near future. Our beginnings are small (only four families attend regularly), but the challenge is great. We covet the prayers of God's people for this venture!

Reporter

Ordination of Rev. Daniel Kolke at Shattuck, Okla.

On May 12, representatives of five N.A.B. churches met at the call of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Shattuck, Oklahoma, to consider ordaining its pastor, Mr. Daniel Kolke, to the Gospel ministry. Rev. Jack Block was elected moderator of the council and Rev. Kenneth Unruh clerk. The candi-



The Sunday morning congregation on May 28 at the Church Extension project in Waterloo, Iowa. Rev. Bernard Fritzke is directly behind the pulpit.

date, Mr. Kolke, was introduced by Mr. Roy Kretz and gave to the council a clear account of his conversion, his call to the ministry, and his doctrinal views, whereupon the council joyfully recommended him for ordination.

The impressive ordination service for Mr. Kolke was held that evening, with Dr. Walter Wessel of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., bringing the ordination sermon. Rev. Jack Block presided at the evening service, leading the congregation in the song service. Special music was presented by Mrs. Kolke. Rev. Martin DeBoer led in the ordination prayer. Rev. Kenneth Unruh gave the charge to the church. Rev. Leon Bill gave the charge to the candidate. Mr. Roy Kretz, chairman of the deacon board, presented Rev. Daniel Kolke with the ordination certificate. Mr. Block welcomed Mr. Kolke into the Oklahoma

A TRUTH TO LIVE BY

It is not the possession of extraordinary gifts that makes extraordinary usefulness, but the dedication of what we have to the service of God. *Frederick William Robertson*

MAY CONTRIBUTIONS—N.A.B. GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	May, 1961	May, 1960	May, 1959
Atlantic	\$ 2,157.91	\$ 4,218.00	\$ 2,022.52
Central	12,901.54	5,218.82	5,279.01
Dakota	7,318.02	6,399.64	5,327.91
Eastern	2,138.43	3,086.92	871.79
Northern	6,129.77	9,022.46	8,098.94
Northwestern	5,258.32	3,409.65	5,483.39
Pacific	6,552.49	15,094.48	4,689.97
Southern	242.00	910.02	83.98
Southwestern	5,591.24	1,909.62	1,570.66
Inter-Conference		20.00	
Total Contributions	\$48,289.72	\$49,289.61	\$33,428.17

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	Budget Contributions	Other Contributions	Denominational Bldg. Advance	Total Contributions
For the month of May, 1961	\$ 40,804.13	\$ 2,547.38	\$ 4,938.21	\$ 48,289.72
For the month of May, 1960	43,257.72	2,416.75	8,448.64	49,289.61
For the month of May, 1959	29,071.28	4,356.89		33,428.17

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1961 to May 31, 1961	\$101,367.67	\$ 4,321.34	\$ 14,574.34	\$120,263.35
April 1, 1960 to May 31, 1960	98,248.63	1,872.76	12,511.98	112,633.37
April 1, 1959 to May 31, 1959	123,504.58	11,256.17		134,760.75

Ministers' Association. Rev. Daniel Kolke gave the benediction. He has been pastor of the Ebenezer Church of Shattuck, Okla., since March 1, 1961. Kenneth E. Unruh, Clerk

Recent Events at Emmanuel Church, Marion, Kansas

On March 26 a joint baptismal service was held with the Baptist churches of Durham and Marion, Kansas, participating. Seven candidates were baptized. Rev. W. Gerber of the Durham Baptist Church brought the message, and special music was furnished by both churches. The King's Daughters Society of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion presented its annual program on April 30. The entire church family enjoyed a pot-luck dinner preceeding the program. Mrs. John Wiebe, a returned missionary from India, was guest speaker.

The annual Mother-Daughter banquet of the church was held at the Wheel Inn Cafe at Hillsboro. The centennial theme was carried throughout the evening. At the program Mrs. Elton Kirstein served as toastmistress. Mrs. John D. Hett led the group in singing. Mrs. Ted Longhofer gave the welcome and Mrs. W. G. Colgin made the response. Mrs. Martha Schafer led the devotions. A trio composed of Mrs. Charles Batt, Mrs. Jack Swain and Mrs. John D. Hett and accompanied by Mrs. Agnes Ehrlich delighted the group with their songs.

Mrs. Wesley Gerber of Durham was the guest speaker of the evening and was very well received as she spoke on the subject, "Behold Your Heritage." Approximately 60 ladies were present to enjoy the evening.

Mrs. Harry Koslowsky, Reporter

"German Supper" at Baptist Parsonage, Corn, Okla.

The Woman's Sunday School Class of the Calvary Baptist Church, Corn, Okla., entertained their husbands to a German Supper in the Baptist parsonage on Friday, May 19. The long tables were covered with red and blue checkered tablecloths and a beautiful centerpiece of red roses. The only lights used were the "ole fashioned kerosene lamps." The menu consisted of German foods. The entire evening was a contest to see who would remember to converse entirely in German. Mrs. W. J. Litke and Mrs. Esther Friesen had the highest score.

A short program consisted of a German poem written by Mrs. Alvin Schmidt and read by Mrs. Jack Block. Mrs. Will Engel gave a German reading after which Mr. Will Engel led the group in the singing of German hymns. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Will Engel, Mr. and Mrs. John Engel, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Reimer, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Reimer, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Leppke, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Litke, Mr. and Mrs. John Rempel, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Krewall, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kroeker, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Siemens, Rev. and Mrs. Jack Block, Miss Tena Regeir, Mrs. Alice Hiebert, Mrs. Ester Friesen, Mrs. J. H. Duerksen, Mrs. Geo. Kroeker, Mrs. Emma Leppke and Mr. Alvin Schmidt. A tray of food was brought to Mrs. Alvin Schmidt who was ill and unable to attend.

Mrs. Jack Block, Reporter

52 EXTENSION PROJECTS

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the funds for the new church. *They need our help!*

STOCKTON, CALIF. The Swain Oaks Church near Stockton is bursting at the seams. Their new building is already filled to capacity. Their pastor, Rev. G. G. Rauser, has a tremendous vitality. Their community prospects are unusual. This is another new California church that promises to join the ranks of "some of our best churches" in the future.

JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS. The Mount Zion Church of Kansas, a small struggling rural church, has caught a vision of a new Church Extension project in nearby Junction City. The congregation and its pastor, Rev. Edwin Walter, need our prayers and our assistance.

WATERLOO, IOWA. The soil is just now being ploughed and cultivated in this Iowa city for a new North American Baptist church. Its pastor, Rev. Bernard B. Fritzke, has had invaluable experience in this work. This is a pioneer ministry in which all of us should have a large, costly share.

SIERRA HEIGHTS CHURCH

SEATTLE, WASH. On the outskirts of this Pacific Northwest city—at Renton—we have begun another Church Extension project of ours. Many North American Baptists are living in Seattle and vicinity. Many fine prospects confront us there. Rev. Ervin Gerlitz has just begun his ministry in Renton.

WESTBROOK, CALIF. Near Anaheim, Calif., another new Church Extension project is rising to encourage heights. Their pastor, Rev. Donald V. Buell, and the growing congregation are proud of their new building dedicated in June 1961. Watch the wonderful progress of this new church!

WICHITA, OREGON. Near Portland, Oregon, the Wichita Baptist Church was organized a year ago. The field looks promising. A pastor has been called to this ministry. We need to believe that with God the doors will open wide.

Reviewing these 16 Church Extension fields, now being supported by us and which are under development, can't you see the beckoning mission fields at our front doorstep? So LITTLE is being asked of you—your church's offering toward Church Extension and your part as a Church Extension Builder! But so MUCH is being promised of God that he will build his Church and prosper it. Let us all have this mind to work!

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pastor of the church.

● "God's Time" was the Vacation Bible School theme for the Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, S. Dak., from June 5 to 9. There were 29 pupils in attendance with six teachers assisting Rev. Alvin Harsch, pastor. The offerings amounted to \$53.57 which were designated for Church Extension. On Wednesday, June 14, the annual Sunday School picnic was held. The Woman's Missionary Society held

its annual Tea on May 4 with each member bringing a guest. Mrs. L. Friesen of Emery, S. Dak., was the guest speaker, as reported by Mrs. Mable Decker.

● A program on Sunday evening, June 11, at the Aplington, Iowa school auditorium closed Aplington's 21st annual Community Bible School. All the churches took part, including the Aplington Baptist Church. There were 36 teachers and helpers and an enrollment of 304. The theme of this year's school was "LIVING BY GOD'S TIME." The Bible School missionary offerings of the students amounted to \$276.04. Since the beginning of the joint school, Mrs. Harm Sherman of the Baptist Church has served as superintendent. Fifteen other members of the Baptist church also helped including Rev. and Mrs. Donald Patet.

OVERFLOWING

Prayer of a young Christian . . . "Lord, fill me to overflowing. I cannot hold much. But I can overflow a great deal." —Selected

Obituary

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

MRS. EVA WEIGUM of Trochu, Alberta

Mrs. Eva Weigum, nee Steigemeier, of Trochu, Alta., was born on Dec. 28, 1885 in Bergdorf, South Russia, and came to the U.S.A. with her parents early in life. In 1906 she was united in marriage to Mr. Henry Weigum, and God blessed this union with six children. In 1914 they moved from South Dakota to Kneehill Valley, Alta., where they lived for about three years, before moving to Trochu which has been their home since that time. Her husband, Henry, preceded her in death in Jan. 1956. Mrs. Weigum was a member of the Trochu Baptist Church for 42 years and maintained her testimony faithfully. She went to be with the Lord on May 25, 1961 at the age of 75. She leaves to mourn her passing her children: Henry, Emma (Mrs. Jensen), Theodore, Bertha (Mrs. Dickau), Elmer, and Lloyd; as well as 14 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, five brothers, and two sisters. Many friends and loved ones will long remember her.

Trochu, Alberta

MRS. J. P. HERMAN of Alfred, North Dakota

Mrs. Jacob Herman of Alfred, N. Dak., aged 54, was born Katherine Schlenker on July 17, 1906 to Mr. and Mrs. David Schlenker of Gackle, N. Dak. While still a child, her family moved to the family homestead south of Alfred. She attended local schools in the community. In 1930 she was married to Martin Bossart of Jud, N. Dak. They farmed in that vicinity until 1948, when he passed away. In 1949, she married Jacob Herman of La Moure, and they made their home soon after at Alfred where she lived until her death.

Mrs. Herman accepted the Lord as her Savior and was baptized March 25, 1951 by Rev. G. W. Rutsch becoming a member at Alfred. When the services of the Alfred church were discontinued in 1960, she was among the first to express her desire to continue in active service in the Gackle church, although her constant illness limited her activities. She was a member of the Mission Society and served as its treasurer for some time. She passed away on June 3, with the service held on June 8 at the Alfred church. The pastor conducted the service speaking on "The Brevity of Time."

Gackle, North Dakota
Bernard Edinger, Pastor

MR. JACOB HAHN of Portland, Oregon

Mr. Jacob Hahn of Portland, Oregon, was born on August 19, 1880 at Josephburg, Austria and died at Portland on June 3, 1961 at the age of 80 years, 9 months and 14 days. As a youth he migrated to Canada, settling first in Winnipeg, Man. and later coming to reside in Oregon. At Winnipeg he was united in marriage to Anna Mueller in April, 1905. This union was blessed with three children who now mourn his passing. His wife preceded him in death. Later he married Mrs. Emma Kaese who also preceded him in death. Two sisters, 5 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, besides other relatives mourn his departure.

Our brother was converted to the Christian faith in 1912 and baptized by Reverend Ernst Wiese. He held membership in the St. Johns Baptist, Central Baptist, and Trinity Baptist Churches of Portland. He remained faithful and devoted to his Savior until his demise. May the bereaved look to God for comfort and consolation!

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Portland, Oregon

John Wobig, Pastor

MR. ROBERT LINK of Edmonton, Alberta

Mr. Robert Link of Edmonton, Alberta, was called home to be with the Lord on May 30, 1961. He was born in Wolynian, Russia on May 15, 1879, thus reaching the age of 82 years and 15 days.

As a lad of 9 years, he came with his parents to the United States. The family made its home first at Denver, Colorado, and then moved by covered wagon to Turner, Oregon. In Oregon he found his Lord and Saviour at the age of 17 years. In 1902 the deceased came to the Bittern Lake

Memorial Tribute to Mrs. E. Mittelstedt

Tribute to Mrs. Elisabeth Mittelstedt of Inglewood, Calif., wife of the Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt of the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church, by Mrs. Esther Johnston

Mrs. Elisabeth Mittelstedt, beloved wife of the Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt, pastor of the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church, Inglewood, California, passed on to her heavenly home on May 10, 1961 after a lingering illness. Sunday morning, May 14, was a sad Mother's Day for those who came to pay tribute to her memory at the Inglewood Knolls Church. The choir, of which she was a faithful member, sang two of her favorite anthems, "King of Love My Shepherd Is" by Shelley, and "Lead Us, O Father" by Spross. Touching tributes to Mrs. Mittelstedt were given by Mr. Henry Wetzler, vice moderator of the church, and Mr. John Wolff, chairman of the deacons. The memorial address, "The Rest That Remaineth for the People of God," (Hebrews 4:9), was given by the Rev. Liston D. Gott who is a member of our church.

THANK YOU!

Thank you, dear friends, for the many cards and letters of sympathy that you have sent since my beloved wife was called home to glory on May 10th. I never knew that we had so many friends throughout our denomination. May God bless you for these assurances of your prayers!

Edmund Mittelstedt
Inglewood, California

district of Alberta where he homesteaded and remained most of the years of his life. He was married to Otilie Rudolph in 1903 and God blessed the union with three children: Alice, (Mrs. Robert Neske); Martha, (Mrs. Jonathan Tobert); and Arpa, (Mrs. Albert Schell).

In 1959 Mr. and Mrs. Link moved to Edmonton and became charter members of the Capilano Baptist Church. Because of a severe accident, Brother Link had to endure much suffering for the last 12 years. He is survived by his loving wife, 3 daughters and 3 sons-in-law, 6 grandchildren, one great grandchild, one sister and two brothers. At the funeral the Reverends Oscar Fritzke, Walter Goltz and E. P. Wahl sought to be of service.

Capilano Baptist Church
Edmonton, Alberta

E. P. Wahl, Pastor

MR. CHARLES DICKAU of Westaskiwin, Alberta

Mr. Charles Dickau of Westaskiwin, Alberta was born April 2, 1897 and went to his heavenly home on February 16, 1961, passing away suddenly of a heart attack. He was converted in 1917 and was baptized by Rev. Charles F. Zummach, pastor, on profession of faith and was received into membership of the now named Calvary Baptist Church. Mr. Dickau died at the age of 63 years, 10 months and 14 days.

In March of 1922 he was united in marriage to Ada Falkenberg who survives and mourns his passing. Three sons were born to them: Wesley, Rodney and Arne. He is survived also by two sisters: Mrs. Frieda Hammer, Westaskiwin, Alta.; Mrs. Walter Pankratz, Chicago, Ill.; three brothers: Paul of Edmonton, Alta.; Ben of Vancouver, B.C.; and Laurence of Leduc, Alta. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." His passing has made heaven sweeter and earth poorer.

Calvary Baptist Church
Westaskiwin, Alberta

William W. Sibley, Pastor

Since her early youth Mrs. Mittelstedt had led an exemplary Christian life. She was born and reared in New York where she gave her heart to the Lord. She was baptized by the Rev. Frank Kaiser, becoming a member of the Second Baptist Church in New York City. She was a devoted wife and mother of one son, Walter. God granted our pastor and his dear wife 27 years of happy wedded life together. Eighteen of these years were spent in dedicated and faithful service to the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church. Sister Mittelstedt took an active part in the church activities long after she was ill and in severe pain. She sang in the choir until only a few months before her passing. Her consecrated life will be an inspiration to us who loved her dearly.

A private funeral service was held on Monday, May 15, at the Quirck Funeral Home of Cresskill, New Jersey. The Rev. W. S. George of the Demarest Baptist Church of Demarest, New Jersey, officiated at the service. Interment followed at George Washington Cemetery, Great Notch, New Jersey.

She leaves to mourn her passing, a devoted husband, Edmund Mittelstedt; a son, Walter; two sisters, Mrs. Pauline Weber and Mrs. Eva Cipoth; two grandchildren, Judy and Peter; also a host of friends.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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IV. THE INFLUENCE OF A SAINT. Acts 9:42-43.

There is no doubt that God honored the faith of the Christians in Joppa as well as that of Peter. Dorcas was restored to life! Her good works were needed by the poor women and widows in the church and community. But her witness was also needed. The miracle of her resurrection served as a means of leading others to Christ, for it was said: "many believed in the Lord." Her life was spent in doing good works for Christ and in leading lost souls to Christ.

KEYSTONE

At first I only gave God thanks
If I felt well that day,
And everything was tranquil
And going just my way;
But when I learned to thank our Lord
When not one thing went right—
I found his hand was leading me,
His presence my delight,
His keystone faith, not sight.

—Mildred Allen Jeffrey

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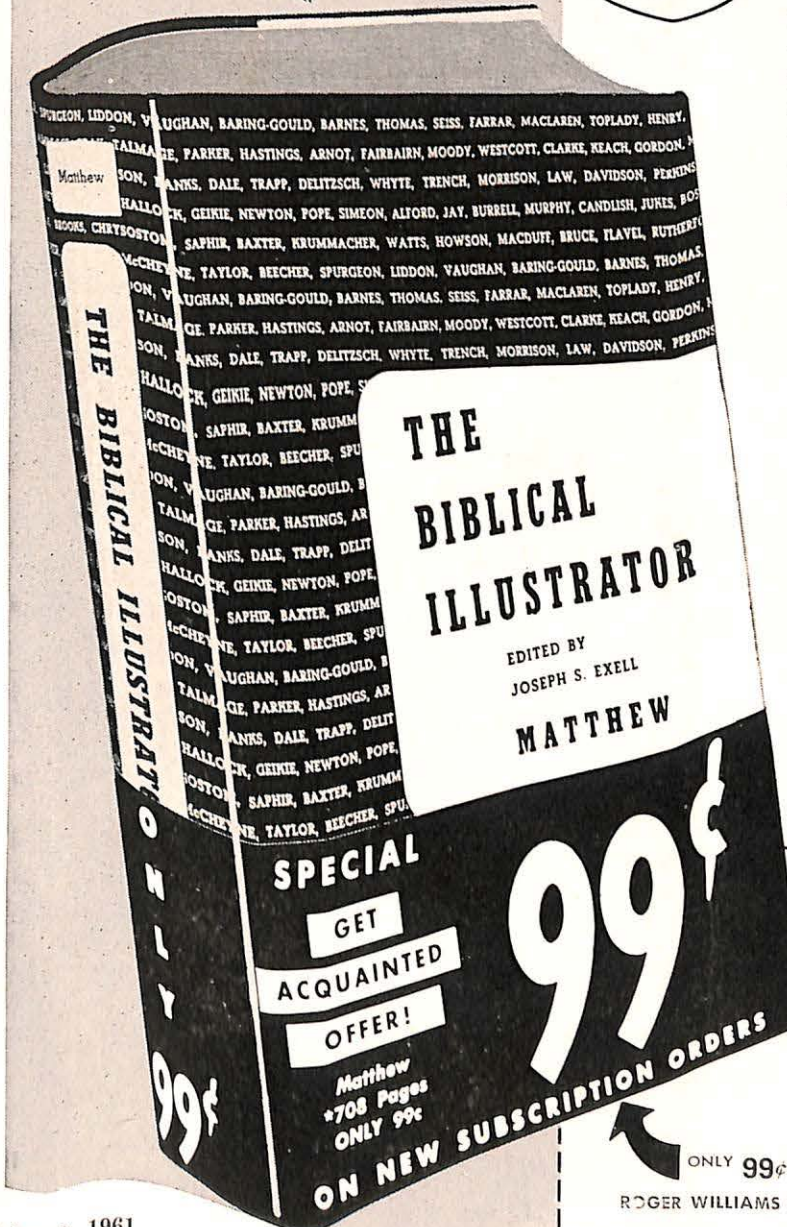
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