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• Far East Broadcasting Company's new 100,000-watt radio station KSBU has officially gone on the air, beaming the gospel message from its Okuma, Okinawa, location to the China mainland. "Chinese people, under the heel of Communism, can now receive the gospel on their millions of standard radio sets," said William J. Roberts, executive secretary of the organization.

• *Something to Die For*, a Christian film produced in Singapore using Asian actors, is making a striking impact upon youthful audiences throughout the Far East. Some forty prints of the film, many of them in the Chinese language, are being used by missionaries in various parts of free Asia. The history-making movie was produced by Gospel Films, Inc., of Muskegon, Michigan. Other "on-location" films are being planned for the future.—*The Beam*

• The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association launched its new monthly magazine, *Decision*, by putting half a million copies of the November issue into the mails. Beginning early in 1961, the magazine is being published in French, German, and Spanish, with other languages to be added later. Dr. Graham writes of "the value of literature in winning the minds of the uncommitted" and says, "We are being challenged as never before to set forth in print the cause of Jesus Christ."

• The Republic of Somalia, composed of the former Italian and British Somalilands, came into being on July 1. The combined area totals 218,000 square miles (a little smaller than Texas) with a population of nearly two millions. Only two Protestant mission boards—the Mennonite Board, and the Sudan Interior Mission—have been at work in the Italian-controlled section since 1954. There is no witness at all in the British sector.

—*The Christian Evangelical*

• Otto Dibelius, Bishop of Berlin-Brandenburg, told a group of American churchmen in Berlin, Germany, recently that "the whole structure of the Christian church in East Germany would collapse" if the Communists succeeded in isolating Berlin. "Once Berlin is isolated, sixteen million Protestants in East Germany would be left utterly to themselves . . ." he warned.

—*Sunday School Times*

• How little we know of some of the greatest movements and efforts for the Gospel being carried on quietly in different parts of the globe! A few weeks ago the Australian factory of Gospel Recordings, with headquarters in Los Angeles, Calif., shipped the largest consignment of Gospel records they have ever sent out. In the last two

years over a quarter million records have been sent for distribution to every island and language group of Indonesia. This particular shipment from Australia filled 43 cases, with a weight of 8 tons. Forty thousand records! Thirty thousand more are being prepared for southeast Asia.

Dr. Wilbur M. Smith

• The United Church of Canada's Board of Overseas Missions has announced a plan to recruit doctors for one year's service or more in the Congo. Such doctors would replace the

400 who left when that strife-torn land gained its independence. Rev. T. E. F. Honey, board secretary, said travel expenses and a living allowance of \$1,500 a year will be paid to each volunteer. Doctors whose families would suffer economic hardship will be given a maintenance grant. Before independence, the Congo had 700 doctors serving a population of 14,000,000. Now there are only 200, including missionaries and those attached to World Health Organization teams.

—*The Watchman-Examiner*



Baptist Briefs

• **Baptist Union Formed in Panama.** Baptists throughout the Republic of Panama and the Canal Zone have organized into the Panama Baptist Convention. They formerly worked in three separate groups. L. D. Wood, now secretary of Baptist work in Panama Baptist Convention lists 26 churches and some 40 missions. There is a theological institute for the training of ministers.

• **Student Center Opens in Tokyo.** "To lead students to Christ" is the primary purpose of a Baptist student center just opened in Tokyo. Shirano Hirano, head of the science department of International Christian University and assistant pastor of Mitaka Baptist Church, was speaker at the building dedication Nov. 23. The center was built by the Japan Baptist Convention with financial assistance from Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, USA. It is located on both subway and

streetcar lines, less than a minute from a subway station in the vicinity of four universities, and is accessible to students from all over the city. A schedule of Bible classes, recreation and fellowship is planned.

• **"Cranny" Leaves Washington.** Dr. Clarence W. Cranford, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., for the past 19 years, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the United Baptist Church, Lewiston, Maine. The resignation will be effective March 12. "Cranny," as he is popularly known, has been pastor in both the Southern and American Baptist Conventions, has served as president of the American Baptist Convention, and is now chairman of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, serving on the Committee as a member from the Southern Baptist Convention. A popular writer and speaker, Dr. Cranford has been in great demand throughout the nation.

• **Laessig To Join Carver Staff.** Dr. Robert O. Laessig, a former missionary in Africa, will join the faculty of Carver School of Missions and Social Work in Louisville, Kentucky, to launch an extensive program of linguistics and language analysis, beginning in the 1961 June summer session. He will offer help with problems in almost any language, particularly the African dialects, German, French, Spanish, and Portuguese, said Dr. Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., president of Carver. Dr. Laessig has directed the program of linguistics at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee for thirteen years. A specialist in African languages, he has a reading knowledge of more than forty languages and has written extensively on the subject of comparative linguistics. For years he served as a Baptist missionary in the British Cameroons, West Africa.

FRONT COVER

The actual signing of the building contract for the new North American Baptist Seminary is featured on the front cover of this issue. Left to right, they are: Mr. Arthur Schwerin, Finance Committee chairman; Mr. Herman Bleeker, chairman of the Seminary Board of Trustees; Dr. Frank H. Woyke (standing), executive secretary; and Rev. Frank Veninga, Seminary president.

The contract totalling \$128,715 was signed with the Leaders Construction Company of Sioux Falls. The two story brick edifice will be erected east of the administration building facing Euclid Avenue. Construction work will begin in early spring.

All of the Seminary pictures in this special SEMINARY ISSUE were taken by Professor Roy Seibel, director of public relations. EDITOR

Editorial

"Carry It Through!"

Guest Editorial by Rev. Harold W. Gieseke,
Secretary of Education and Publication

"Now carry it through, so that your readiness to take it up may be equalled by the way you carry it through—so far as your means allow" (2 Cor. 8:11, Moffatt).

The crucial test of a man's capacity is his ability to carry a project through to completion. Bright enthusiasm may launch a task, but only solid character can finish it! Paul was reminding his friends in the church at Corinth of this well-known fact. A year before they had been all elated about helping their needy brothers and sisters in Jerusalem. But now the main appeal was at hand. Paul says, in effect, "I'm counting on you. I'm even boasting about your generosity. Now is the time to make good on your promises, to dig down into your pockets, and to prove your sincerity." "Above the deep intent," they were to build the deed!

North American Baptists face a similar challenge this spring. The need, this time, is the strengthening of our North American Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Some ten years ago, we began a great program of progress at our "school of the prophets." All of our people were convinced that a strong seminary, training men to be good ministers of Jesus Christ, was indispensable to our fellowship. Together we faced and accomplished the Herculean task of moving from Rochester, New York (where we had been for a century) to Sioux Falls. With magnificent generosity, our church members poured out gifts that enabled us to dedicate our present beautiful campus and serviceable buildings debt-free. Under President Lang's administration, the student body grew, the faculty increased, and we achieved associate membership in the national accrediting body.

Some of us may have felt that the job was done. But it was only well begun! For a school is a living organism. As it grows, it faces new opportunities and develops new needs—just as a growing boy or girl. Ten years later, under the dedicated leadership of President Veninga, we must carry through our plan to make our Seminary, under God, the very best school of its kind. We must finish the job! What does this require now? An adequate library. An ever-growing student body. An enlarged faculty. Full accreditation by the American Association of Theological Schools. Of course, not all these goals can be reached immediately. But we can definitely say that the second phase of our program of progress is now under way.

The immediate need is your generous gift to the new library building. If your church has not reached its suggested quota of \$5.00-\$6.00 per member to our Advance Building Fund, will you not be a committee of one to spark real interest in this new venture?

Yes, we have begun well. Now let our already-proved readiness to take up the task be equalled by the way we carry it through! Our character, the glory of Christ, and the honor of his Church are at stake. For as Paul says solemnly to the Corinthians: "This service shows what you are, it makes men praise God for the way you have come under the gospel of Christ" (2 Cor. 9:13, Moffatt).

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"From my observation there is a lack of concern in thrusting forth laborers into fields that are white unto harvest."—President Frank Veninga.

Christian Concern in Church Crisis

It is difficult to get volunteers for the greatest cause in all the world, the cause of Jesus Christ. This crisis is a spiritual dilemma with which all of us must prayerfully grapple.

By President Frank Veninga, North American
Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

THERE IS a crisis in the church of which perhaps no one is more aware than the theological seminary. This crisis, affecting the seminary as well as the church, is a spiritual dilemma with which churches, pastors, denominational leaders, seminary personnel, yes, all of us must prayerfully grapple.

CRITICAL QUESTIONS

What is this crisis which gives such concern? Is it a lack of concern for the lost? Is it a shallow negative witness? Is it an ineffectual prayer life? Is it faithlessness in stewardship? Is it indifference toward missions? It may be one of these or a combination, but from my observation and from every indication there is a lack of concern in thrusting forth laborers into fields that are white unto harvest. We have failed to take seriously the words of Jesus: "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:37, 38).

Do you question this? Then ask yourself, honestly, how many young people from your church have been or are or will be in Christian service. Is provision made in the busy program of the church to counsel and direct capable young people into areas of service for the Lord? The need for competent, dedicated, Holy Spirit-filled, academically qualified ministers is great, greater than you think.

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few" is the lament of our Lord two thousand years ago. Fields white unto harvest but few reapers! After 1,960 years of preaching and teaching the Gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation, the laborers are still not in proportion to

the needs and demands of the hour. This accounts for the slowed progress of the Christian movement.

Scores of our capable young people have volunteered to be shot to the moon with all the odds against them. And yet, they dare venture into the unknown. It is difficult, however, to get volunteers for the greatest cause in all the world, the cause of Jesus Christ. We need to prepare men for righteous living here and for their ultimate destination, not the moon, but heaven!

SHORTAGE OF MINISTERS

Is there really a crisis? It is estimated that there is a shortage of 26,000 ministers in the United States alone. Reports from nearly every theological training center indicates a shortage of students, a decrease in enrollment. Theological educators are baffled that at a time when church membership is at an all time high and church attendance and activities are on the increase, volunteers for Christian service are few in number compared to the gigantic tasks faced by the church.

The January 16, 1961 issue of "Christianity Today" announces that "Seminary enrollment slips to five-year low." It stated further: "Churchmen are expressing new concern over the shortage of ministerial recruits. Unless a

recovery materializes, there may be a clamor for emergency measures, especially if church membership continues to climb."

A recent report from the American Association of Theological Schools, an accrediting association with which 122 institutions are affiliated, indicates 1,056 less students in theological training than that of a year ago. A president of a Baptist seminary told me that in his six years of service he has witnessed a constant decrease in enrollment, not a large decrease, but nevertheless a decrease.

A bulletin from an Episcopalian seminary states, "We are one thousand clergy short in the Episcopal church today." President Arthur R. McKay, McCormick Theological Seminary (Presbyterian), wrote in the October issue of the "McCormick Report": "Today we learned that the number of men and women preparing for church vocations in our eight theological seminaries this year is almost two hundred less than were enrolled a year ago."

A report of the decrease in enrollment in Southern Baptist Theological Seminaries was given by our Secretary of Education and Publication in the January 19, 1961 issue of the "Baptist Herald." The decrease in the number of ministerial and missionary candidates has given deep concern to presidents of the seven Southern Baptist Theological Seminaries and to leaders within the Southern Baptist Convention.

OTHER DENOMINATIONS

"Our Ministry," a publication of the Department of Theological Education, Board of Education and Publication of the American Baptist Convention, reports that 374 students entered their

ten seminaries and two training schools in the fall of 1960. This is twelve less than that of 1959. Of the 374 entering students, 219 are from churches of the American Baptist Convention. The reporter, Dr. Otto Nallinger, states: "We do need to enroll more students in our seminaries each year if we are to meet present and expanding needs."

The shortage of ministers is no respecter of denomination or polity. President James E. Wagner, writing in a recent Evangelical and Reformed Synod paper, reports that "the United Church of Canada has 645 fewer ordained ministers now than in 1925 while the number of persons under pastoral care has doubled; the Methodist Church needs at least 2,800 new ministers each year but its seminaries are graduating only 900 a year; the United Lutheran Church in America needs 429 pastors to fill vacant pulpits in its 32 synods toward which the past year's supply of 143 seminary graduates was termed most inadequate."

In our own denomination there is a constant need for at least twenty-five men to fill existing vacancies. Dr. Frank Woyke, executive secretary, stated, "For the next twenty years we need at least twenty-five men each year."

What accounts for a decrease in seminary enrollment? Dr. Sydnor L. Stealey, president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, North Carolina, analyzed the crisis as follows: (1) Fewer ministerial students in colleges, despite an increase in college enrollments; (2) Expiration of the G. I. Bill and a national recession; (3) The country's school system stimulated toward science and business; (4) Failure of homes and churches to stress full-time Christian service, since most vocational decisions are made before college; (5) Secularism of society with young people seeking material rewards.

GOD'S CALL

We have failed to impress upon our Christian youth the glorious opportunities of dedicated service which the ministry offers. We have failed to hold up the church vocations as one way of making obedient response to God's call to discipleship in Jesus Christ. I have known churches to celebrate their fiftieth, seventy-fifth, and one hundredth anniversaries with not a single representative in the ministry.

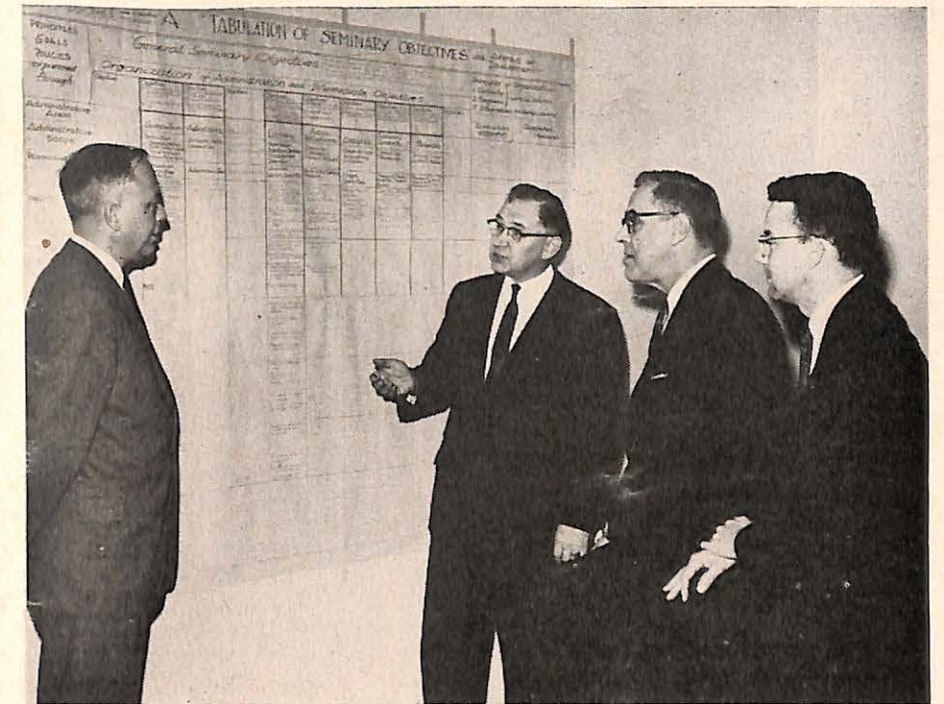
Decisions to serve God in full-time church vocations do not just happen. In the deepest sense, they are God's doing. But God's "call" is made known to the young man or woman through people like us—ministers, parents, teachers and concerned friends. All of us must unite in our common effort to recruit and train an adequate ministry for the next generation.

A recent appraisal of our Seminary by a Visiting Team from the AATS (American Association of Theological Schools) states, "The denominational

leadership and the churches need to be and must be made more fully aware of their responsibility for enlisting their most promising and most capable young people for the Christian ministry and for study and preparation in the Seminary."

The place of the minister remains

apparent in the reading of the AATS report relative to our institution. "We wish to comment upon the dedication, the conscientiousness and the professional competence of your faculty. The progress which the Seminary has been making and which it continues to make is impressive and remarkable. The ob-



CONFERENCE ON SEMINARY ACCREDITATION

Members of a visiting team from The American Association of Theological Schools, (President Riley B. Montgomery, second from right, and Dr. Warren F. Croff, right), confer with President Frank Veninga and Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, Education and Publication Secretary concerning our Seminary's program of expansion and improvement looking towards accreditation by the AATS.

an important one. This sinful world needs qualified Christian leaders with full dedication and competent training. Let us not stop to "call out the called." My prayer is that some, yes, a great number of pastors and churches, will have a deep concern in the present church crisis.

YOUR GROWING SEMINARY

Your Seminary offers theological training for the individual directed toward the fullest development of his God-given abilities. Although theological education is greatly concerned with professional subjects taught throughout the years—Bible studies, theology, church history, how to preach—there are newer emphases, too. "Pastoral Counseling" for troubled persons with varied problems includes the rich insights of modern psychology. "Religious Education," although comparatively new, has become a professional specialty for a great many religious leaders. And as a growing Seminary we recognize the need of the young minister to know more of the dynamics of our contemporary society, of sociology and social ethics. At the very center of our curriculum, however, stands the inspired Word of God.

God has richly blessed us with an excellent faculty. This is immediately

jectives of the administration and committees are forward-looking and important."

We are delighted to be able to report that contrary to a national decrease in seminary enrollment, ours is slightly above that of last year. To meet the urgent needs in the denomination, however, our Seminary enrollment must double.

"PRAY YE THEREFORE"

No matter how excellent the facilities, how well-planned the program, and competent the faculty, we cannot train those who are not sent. This responsibility is yours. It is my conviction that we are face to face with a spiritual problem to which the Church must give itself anew. As the churches become deeply concerned and give themselves to earnest prayer, youth will respond. The Seminary will do its utmost in the training and preparation of those who heed God's call to devote themselves to his service. As a result, the denomination is enriched and the cause of the Lord advanced. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

Oh, Lord, give us a concern in this hour of crisis!

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Tomorrow's Ministers Today!

Brief Life Sketches of the Members of the Seminary Class of 1961 by Prof. Roy W. Seibel of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

THE CLASS of 1961 of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., will soon be ready to step forth into the King's service! Yesterday was spent in formulating life's values, in concentrating on study, and in exhausting labors. These now are stepping stones to tomorrow's expanding areas of service and Christian influence. The spiritual and scholastic discipline deepened their understanding of God's Word, strengthened their convictions, and sharpened their insights into the complexities of the contemporary Christian ministry.

"To Know Him and the Power of His Resurrection" was selected as the class motto. This quotation from Philippians 3:10 expresses the soul-burden each member feels as he faces his task under God. "This verse," declared Mr. Walter Goltz, class president, "gives voice to our life's mission and message—to know Christ and to proclaim him."

The Class of 1961 will establish two new frontiers in the history of our Seminary. This is the first class in which every member is studying on the graduate level. Nine members are pursuing a Bachelor of Divinity program of study and two students the Master of Religious Education level of study. All completed their college training prior to entering the Seminary.

HIGHER LEVEL OF STUDY

The higher level of study reflects the rapid upward trend in the level of education, both in Canada and the United States. This year's class demon-

strates the fact that our young people are deeply enough committed to their calling to meet the greater demands placed upon the Christian worker serving in this new age.

This higher level of education in no way suggests that it offers an alternate to the spiritual vitality demanded of the Christian servant. The pressing need today is for men of spiritual stature who have encountered the enriching experience of academic and biblical discipline.

This class also will bear the distinction of being the first in the century-long history of our Seminary to have its commencement exercises held at the sessions of the General Conference. The delegates and guests attending the General Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota, next summer will have the opportunity to witness the impressive ceremonies which mark the climax of the seminary students' long years of study.

Participation in such a service will press home to all who attend the responsibility that is ours to provide our youth with the best possible training for Christian service. It will point up in a new way the fact that the Seminary at work is in reality our entire denominational fellowship at work.

WALTER GOLTZ

Of the nine students pursuing the Bachelor of Divinity level of study, four came to the Seminary from Canada and five from the United States. Mr. Walter Goltz from Minnetonka, Manitoba, selected the area of theology for his field of concentration. Mr.

Goltz found opportunity to combine the classroom discipline with the practical experience of field work by serving as pastor of the Spring Valley Baptist Church near Canistota, South Dakota, for the past two years.

During his Seminary years he was elected to serve as vice-president of the Middler Class, president of the Senior Class. He was awarded the Baptist Life Association Scholarship for 1960-61.

ALVIN HARSCH

Mr. Alvin Harsch from Carbon, Alberta, attended Sioux Falls College prior to coming to the Seminary. Mr. Harsch has combined Seminary study with the work of a pastor for the three years of his Seminary work. He served as pastor of the Harmony Presbyterian Church, Hurley, South Dakota, from March, 1958 to July, 1960. In August 1960, he became the pastor of the Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, South Dakota.

Mr. Harsch selected theology as his concentration of study. He was elected to serve as the Middler Class representative on the student council in 1959-60.

WALTER KERBER

Mr. Walter Kerber came to Sioux Falls from Calgary, Alberta. He attended the University of Alberta and Augustana College in Sioux Falls before coming to the Seminary. Mr. Kerber concentrated his studies in the field of the New Testament while in the Seminary.

He has had opportunity to gain a variety of practical experiences. He served as student pastor of the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta in the year of 1957. He toured with the Seminary Quartet in the summers of 1958 and 1960. He has served as pastor of the Sioux Valley Baptist Church of Dell Rapids, South Dakota since 1958.

DANIEL KOLKE

Mr. Daniel Kolke was a member of the German Baptist Church of Toronto, Ontario, when he felt the call of God for Christian service. While he attended the United College in Winnipeg, Manitoba, he united with the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church of Winnipeg. Mr. Kolke found his first love in Seminary study in the field of the Old Testament. He attended the summer sessions at Princeton Seminary last year to broaden his studies in his field of concentration.

Mr. Kolke found opportunity to gain practical insight into the ministry by serving student pastorates for two years. He served first at Moosehorn,

Manitoba and Sebastopol, Ontario. Later, he assisted in the Oakbank Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba.

RONALD DERMAN

Mr. Ronald Derman felt the call of God to the ministry while he was a member of the First Baptist Church of Anamoose, North Dakota. Prior to coming to the Seminary, he served in the United States Navy as a radio operator aboard a destroyer. Immediately after his discharge, he enrolled in the University of North Dakota in preparation for seminary studies.

In addition to supplying the pulpit in a number of churches, Mr. Derman served last summer as an assistant to the pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, North Dakota. Singing in the Seminary Quartet gave him opportunity to come into contact with many of our churches. Mr. Derman selected theology as the area for special study while in the Seminary.

CLINTON GRENZ

As a youth attending the Baptist Church in Napoleon, North Dakota, Clinton Grenz felt a growing conviction that God had called him to preach. Two years in the army deepened this conviction and gave him a concern for the spiritual needs of the men about him. This burden for the needs of the men in uniform led him to continue his participation in the army reserve training program. He attended chaplains' school in the summer of 1960 in order to better prepare himself to serve these men.

When Mr. Grenz turned to the Seminary for further training, he selected the area of Christian education for special study. His interest in music led him to seek a place of service in this field. He worked as a minister of music for four years which gave him opportunity to sing in a radio quartet, arrange music, and direct choirs.

ERHARD KNULL

Mr. Erhard Knull, a member of the German Zion Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, attended Marquette University, Milwaukee Bible College of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Sioux Falls College before coming to the Seminary. In his Seminary training he selected the field of New Testament as his area for special study.

Practical experience was gained through youth work, Sunday School teaching, and pulpit supply. Serving as manager of the Seminary Cooperative Book Store for the past two years developed his ability in business administration.

After Seminary graduation, Mr. Knull and his family will visit his parents in Munich, Germany. While in Europe he will attend the Eberhard-Karls University of Tuebingen, Germany.

CARL PALFENIER

Mr. Carl Palfenier left his home in Manitowoc, Wisconsin to attend

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SEMINARY SENIOR CLASS, 1960-1961

Front row, left to right: Carl Palfenier, Gideon K. Zimmerman, Clinton Grenz and Karl Bieber.

Center Row: Alvin Harsch, Erhard Knull, Dorothy Pritzkau, Walter Kerber and Ronald Derman.

Back Row: Walter Goltz and Daniel Kolke.

Wheaton College in preparation for Seminary training. After one year in Wheaton, he transferred to Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas. His concentration of study in the Seminary has been in the field of theology.

Desiring to find an avenue of service, he spent one summer as an assistant to the pastor in the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The summer's experiences deepened his love for the work and broadened his concept of the ministry. Mr. Palfenier has received many requests for pulpit supply from the churches in the Sioux Falls area. He is currently serving as president of the student body.

REV. GIDEON ZIMMERMAN

After serving as general secretary of the denominational Sunday School Union for a number of years, Rev. Gideon Zimmerman felt the need for the refreshing stimulus of further study. For the past two years, he has pursued a program of study under the supervision of the Seminary. His field of concentration has been in Christian education which is vitally related to his present work.

After completing his first program of study in our Seminary in 1943, Mr. Zimmerman served churches in Grand Forks, North Dakota and in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was elected general secretary of the Sunday School Union in 1955.

DOROTHY PRITZKAU

Two members of the Class of 1961 are studying on the Master of Religious Education level. Dorothy Pritzkau from Napoleon, North Dakota entered the Bismarck Junior College of Bismarck, North Dakota for her first year of college training and then transferred to Sioux Falls College to complete her college study.

After college graduation, she taught commercial subjects in high school for three years. During this time Miss Pritzkau experienced a growing conviction that God was calling her to another field of education—Christian Education.

Participation in youth camps, Sunday School work, and Vacation Church Schools helped to crystallize her decision to enter the Seminary to prepare for her chosen field of Christian education. Her work in the Trinity Baptist Church and the First Baptist Church of Sioux Falls have given her a wide variety of experiences in many fields of Christian education.

KARL BIEBER

Mr. Karl Bieber of the Mowata Baptist Church of Branch, Louisiana, graduated from the Seminary with a B. D. degree in 1960. After serving as the pastor's assistant in the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee, Illinois in the summer of 1959, he became increasingly aware of the great potential offered by Sunday School and youth work. He determined to continue his Seminary training for further study in the field of Christian education.

He broadened his experience in the field work by serving as Sunday School superintendent and as church clerk of the Trinity Baptist Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. For a number of months he was the interim pastor of the Presbyterian churches in Bridgewater and Canistota, South Dakota.

We commend these men and women of God to our churches with the confidence that they will render an able stewardship of the ministry entrusted to them. The future outreach and growth of our great work rests in the hands of such as these.



THE SEMINARY FAMILY AT CHRISTMAS TIME

Members of the North American Baptist Seminary faculty and their wives gather for an informal Christmas celebration.

The Research Center of the Seminary

By Miss Joyce Ringering, Librarian of the North American Baptist Seminary

WHEN PAUL was in prison, he wrote to Timothy saying, "When thou comest, bring with thee . . . the books, but especially the parchments" (II Tim. 4:13). Paul was anxious to have his "library" near him. Libraries, both personal and otherwise, have continued to be important to ministers down through the ages.

Martin Luther saw the value of libraries. He is quoted as saying, "Neither care nor money should be spared to establish good libraries, especially in large cities." He was not speaking specifically of theological libraries, because the clergy already had their libraries.

BOOKS OF A LIBRARY

The training of ministers in our own country was at first accomplished by an apprenticeship. Interested young men lived in the homes of older ministers and learned from them. As the training of ministers moved to theological schools, the need for specialized libraries arose. The theological library of Yale University was started when at a ministers' meeting each man present donated one of the valuable books from his personal library to the school. Such gifts and collections aided in the growth of many libraries, including our own seminary library.

More important than these gifts, however, is the steady acquisition of books from year to year. These must

be selected and purchased by the library itself so as to provide a well-balanced collection. The library must provide a wide range of materials—from the most ancient materials to the latest in books, films, and other media of communication; from the popular devotional literature to the most scholarly theological treatise.

Today the library is more important to the on-going work of a seminary than ever before. At times in the history of education, the library was a luxury to be added as funds permitted. The important part of the student's education was the classroom and the lecturer who taught there.

Today's professor, however, knows that in the time available to him he cannot hope to teach the student everything that this student will need to know. Therefore, he seeks to help the student lay the foundation for a life of study and independent research.

The student may take part in a discussion for which he has made preparation in the library. He may do research on a particular subject and then bring a report to the class. In other ways, the professor encourages the student to use the resources available to him in the library and to learn habits of study that will help him throughout his future ministry.

The library has become a member of the teaching staff. It is an integral part of the educational program. To express this thought, some authors have called the library "the study cen-

ter of the school," "the teammate of the classroom," or "the research center." Education as we know it today could not exist without the library.

The students have not stopped with the research required by the classroom. They have undertaken research projects which benefit the whole denominational program. Articles for the "Baptist Herald" and other denominational publications, programs for youth activities, camping plans, and other projects have found their basic ideas and outlines in the material provided by our seminary library. Thus all members of our denomination are affected either directly or indirectly by the quality of our seminary library.

LIBRARY NEEDS

The library is facing a great challenge right now. Present quarters are far too small for adequate service. The denomination is responding to our plea by providing a new building specifically designed to meet our needs. These new quarters will, among other things, provide adequate space for the following activities which now are impossible or, at best, greatly inadequate.

Periodicals will be available at all times. It will no longer be necessary to obtain a key from the librarian and then go upstairs to a room which is too crowded to properly organize the collection.

The denominational collection will be organized and expanded. The library seeks to keep all material relating to the history of our denomination, whether published by our publications office or by individual churches. At present this material is scattered and some is unavailable to the student.

FINANCES AND SPACE NEEDED

Not least in the new accommodations will be space to expand the library's collection of books and other materials. The Accrediting Association states that our library is now "seriously deficient" in materials needed for the best instruction of our students. To correct this will require finances as well as space, but the space is a big step in the right direction.

Beyond books, our library needs to expand its collection of audio-visual materials from records and filmstrips to microfilms and micro-cards. The new building will provide adequate facilities for the storage and use of these materials.

These are some of the areas in which our seminary library seeks to serve the students and, through them, the denomination as a whole. Progress is being made, but much more is still waiting to be done if our library is to be the "research center" of the school.

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Tensions and the Task of This Day

By Dr. George A. Lang of the North American Baptist Seminary Faculty

IN RECENT YEARS the strains and task of a minister have received considerable attention in magazine articles and books. Many ministers have suffered nervous breakdowns. Is this because they are overworked? Or are the strains placed upon them too great? Are the churches expecting of the minister results which are impossible? Can the responsibilities of the ministers be shared with their membership and church? These and many more questions are subjects of study and investigation. Several areas of tension will be considered in this article.

THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

The tension between the Biblical and the contemporary is the first area of consideration. Someone has described this as "the struggle involving the roots and the relevance" of the Christian faith. The minister is a student of the Word of God. He is desirous of preaching the fundamentals of the Christian faith. Yet he hears the criticism from his members that his messages do not reach to where the Christian lives today.

What do the Biblical teachings mean to a man who is always working with steel, or missiles, or the I. B. M. machine, or new farming methods? The minister is called upon to present the will of God as he has received it in his study from the Holy Spirit in terms which are understandable to his congregation. The latter may vary in age from ten to ninety years, and with comparable experiences. Surely not everyone in every congregation can expect the message in every sermon to be "tailor-fitted" for each individual. Yet each individual needs to apply the basic truths of the message to his specific life and experiences. In the process of time some messages will fit each individual listener as he seeks the will of God for himself.

ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS

A second area of tension is found in the minister's task of administration and of pastoral care. Every minister is concerned with the amount of time consumed in doing administrative tasks which limit his time for calling on needy people. It has been shown by study that many ministers spend sixty to eighty per cent of their time doing administrative details. Could not many of these responsibilities be placed on officers or members of the church?

Naturally there are some administrative tasks which the pastor must assume in order to keep the church functioning as it should. But could not more members be trained to carry on some of the operating details of the church so as to give the pastor more

time for doing the pastoral work? Likewise this pastoral task is not that of one man but actually it belongs to the whole church. Because of this tension and of the true nature of the church, it has been recommended that the minister be somewhat of a "pastoral director" who trains and uses his members in the pastoral function. In taking such a position the minister would still be called upon to do pastoral calling, especially in cases of greater need.

In our day, with the emphasis on individual attention to the needs of people and with the criticism directed against the expansion of the activities

rejected by the same people. Many a minister today has paid the price of losing his position because he had the courage of expressing his convictions in certain areas of Christian concern.

Should the minister be a prophetic voice for his day or should he only reflect the religious sentiments of his community? Surely he has been set aside by the church in his ordination to bring the will of God to the attention of the people. The least that the latter can do is to receive his message and evaluate it, as did the Bereans with Paul's message, in comparing it with the Word of God. Here-



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Left to right: Professors George A. Dunger, Martha M. Leypoldt, Walter W. Wessel, Joyce E. Ringering, George A. Lang, Ralph E. Powell, President Frank Veninga, Roy W. Seibel and Hugo Lueck.

of the psychiatrist, the church with its pastor needs to be so organized that it can meet the spiritual needs of its members and constituency better. As more qualified members of a church aid in meeting the administrative responsibilities, the more time the pastor will have to study thoroughly God's will for each life and serve each in pastoral counseling and guidance.

GOD'S SERVANT

The third area of tension is found in the concept of the minister as the servant of God and the servant of the people. In a large sense, he is both. Yet the pressures of this present world weigh heavily upon him when such is not in line with the will of God. He needs to express the will of God to his people even at the prospect of being

in prayer for the pastor will help much in sharing the responsibility. And the pastor needs likewise to give the right of conviction to the members.

There are many more areas of tension which could be mentioned. Space only permits a few further observations and conclusions.

SOME TENSIONS ARE A BLESSING

It needs to be said that tensions will always exist. Where there is a struggle between God and Satan, good and evil, godliness and ungodliness, tension will of necessity be present. Here the pastor needs to recognize the empowerment of the Holy Spirit in meeting these tensions. He needs to live with them and to welcome them, rather than to avoid and fear them in his

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THE NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY LIBRARY

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Let the Church Be the Church!

By Professor Hugo Lueck of the North American Baptist Seminary Faculty

THIS SLOGAN originated in 1937 at the Ecumenical Conference in Oxford, England, where Church, Community and State were being discussed. Similar statements have often been made since then in various Christian circles.

Without going into the vastness of this subject, it is easily noticeable that such expressions indicate that somewhere and sometimes the Church is not what it ought to be. A glance into the history of the Church will soon verify this. As Christianity conquered paganism and became the religion of the Roman Empire, the Church grew rich and powerful and

power as well. By the eleventh century Hildebrand, as Pope Gregory VII, with his cardinals said in "Dictatus Papae": "The Roman Church was founded by God alone; the Roman pope alone may use the imperial insignia; his feet only shall be kissed by all princes; he may depose the emperors; he himself may be judged by no one; the Roman Church has never erred, nor will it err in all eternity." Here we have an example of an exaggerated and wrong conception of the Church.

The Reformation did away with much of this. We can thank God that we live in better days in which the Word of God is accessible and known.

Church, without any efforts on the part of the disciples except the proclaiming of the Good News. Yet the apostles knew exactly what to do with the Church, when they were suddenly confronted with its actual existence. Christ must have instructed them beforehand.

SOME FREE CHURCH PEOPLE

This fact is misunderstood especially by some Free Church people. They look upon the Church as their own property. Their fathers or they themselves have established it. They sacrificed money and time for it and do with their church as they please. Sometimes a mistaken idea about religious liberty and independence is behind this attitude. Some go still further and treat the Church as a religious club which they may join or leave at pleasure. If offended, or when they cannot have their own way, or because they do not like the minister, they leave.

Then there are others who do not attend the regular worship services unless there is a special program. Some large city churches lose their people unless they promise them something new Sunday after Sunday. In some instances, the members do not come to the prayer meeting unless it is connected with a supper. The true meaning of the Church may also be lost by too many meetings, organizations and unspiritual activities or by a selfish zeal for aggrandizement.

The Church is far more than an organization of Christians. It is God's own gift to man and was included in his plan of salvation—created by the Father, founded by the Son and established and sustained by the Spirit. It consists of all those who are born anew and who are baptized into Christ, and so are members of Christ's Body on earth. What a wonderful gift and how the world needs it!

BROTHERS IN CHRIST

We live in a world, in which the forces that divide men threaten to destroy us. Nations are divided against nations; class consciousness divides groups within the nations; families and individuals are in conflict with one another. Where is there a force that will draw men together? The world has never found it and never will except in Christ and his Church.

Here all differences are drawn together. The first 3,000 converts at Pentecost were people who probably had nothing in common save this: they had become new creatures in Christ.

Our Baptist World Alliance is another example of that which Christ's Church can do. While in the political

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"God's Volunteers" in Full Swing

The graphic story of young people witnessing for Christ across the central prairies by Miss Faith Eichler, reporter for the team

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS are in "full swing" by this time as they continue in this program of personal, visitation and preaching evangelism.

Since our last "letter" to all of our "Baptist Herald" readers, we have been to many places and have met many more wonderful people. It is only fair that we try to share some of these experiences with you, you who have been supporting us with prayer.

In North Dakota we were privileged to work with Rev. Iver Walker, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church in Hettinger, and then on to Beulah at the Immanuel Baptist Church where Rev. John Wood is the pastor. Our Crusade for Christ in Montana was held in Sidney at the First Baptist Church just before Christmas vacation, working with Rev. Jacob Ehman.

MINNESOTA CHURCHES

On January 1st we began evangelistic services at the Faith Baptist Church in Minneapolis, Minn. The last service was the following Sunday morning, and we began another crusade that same evening at the Bethany Baptist Church in Hutchinson, Minn. During these two weeks, we were really put to work first with Rev. Robert Zimelman and then with Rev. Bert Itterman.

At these two places we were privileged to have Mrs. Walter Hoffman join us in some of the musical numbers. She is talented both in voice and with instruments such as the piano and vibra-harp. We thoroughly enjoyed working with her and getting to know and love her as one of the "family" on the God's Volunteers team, along with their two lively boys. Here we find a humble family that loves the Lord so much that they have willingly sacrificed many things to be able to serve him faithfully.

Our day normally starts at 10:30 in the morning, at which time we discuss prospects, prayer requests and become orientated. At 11 o'clock we're on our knees in prayer for the needs of the day, not only on our local field but also for our home churches, pastors, specific missionaries, denominational prayer requests and the like. In Hutchinson, however, we had the opportunity of being on the radio for the morning devotions each morning at 9:45 and on two of the days we had charge of Release-time Classes where the children from the local schools were released for religious training in the church of their choice from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. These then were full but rich days and, of course, we had to tape the morning devotions since we cannot be at two places at the same time.

Many young people came forward at Faith Baptist Church one evening to express their desire to follow the Lord in a more definite way and to "follow wherever he leads them." Since it was Wayne Bibelheimer's home church and also where Rev. Walter Hoffman has his membership, we felt as though we knew the people personally.

The young people especially were an inspiration to us as a team one evening at a song-fest at which time many jumped to their feet to testify for their Savior. Most of them, however, began it by confessing that they had not been witnessing as they should and were ashamed of the fact, but then resolved really to witness in 1961 in a more vibrant and radiant way. Others could not help but see Christ living in their lives. This should be the desire of every true Christian as we realize the tremendous need to tell others about this wonderful Jesus! Let's make it ours!

Moving farther west, we found ourselves stopping in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., where we were privileged to hold a chapel period and then to meet some of the students at our Seminary, (although we really didn't get to see too many of them since it was that dreaded of all weeks—exam week!).

After traveling through the Bad Lands of South Dakota, we found ourselves knocking on doors in Rapid City, not just for South Canyon Baptist Church's sake, but for Jesus' sake

also. One pair of callers might get a wonderful response when the knock on the door was answered and then spend quite a bit of time visiting in Christian fellowship. On the other hand, another pair no sooner finished introducing themselves when the resident interrupted exclaiming, "We've got enough Christianity in this country without you going around talking about it!" and "SLAM" went the door in their astonished faces. And so it's true, we never know what will be on the other side of the door.

RAPID CITY, S. DAK.

The sunrise was beautiful one Saturday morning as we made our way into the Black Hills and saw this great wonderland for ourselves. The first glimpse of the four faces gleaming white in the sun on the world-famous Mt. Rushmore made our hearts skip a beat. After a time of swimming, (for some of us it's called "attempting"), in the Hot Springs pool, we hurried back in time to render a few special musical numbers at the Rapid City Youth for Christ meeting.

The following Saturday we had the opportunity of having the entire service. It was both a blessing and a challenge to all those who attended. We have also begun our meetings here with Rev. Loren Weber and are looking forward to real spiritual progress and revival in many hearts as they

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SEMINARY

Seated, left to right: Mr. Reuben Glewwe, Mr. Herman L. Bleeker, President Frank Veninga and Dr. Frank H. Woyke.

Standing: Rev. Raymond F. Dickau, Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, Mr. Harry Johnson and Mr. Edward J. Dirksen.

was greatly transformed. The rulers of the Church developed into a professional group of priests and gained ever increasing power. They claimed to constitute the Church proper, while all the rest of the Christians, the "laymen," became mere bystanders in the Church.

A saying by Cyprian, a Church Father of the third century, stated: "There is no salvation outside the Church. It is not possible to have God for our Father, if we would not have the Church for our Mother." This was utilized to make all Christendom completely dependent upon the priests for salvation.

But these princes of the Church not only claimed all spiritual power, but eventually all earthly and political

Men can enquire for themselves as to the true nature of the Church. What then is the conception of the Church today 450 years after the Reformation? In stressing the one great truth—salvation in Christ—Protestant Christians sometimes neglect or underestimate the other great truth, namely, the Church of Christ. Christ came to redeem men, but he also founded the Church.

In reading the New Testament, we must come to the conclusion that the Church was not started by the apostles after Christ had gone to heaven, but that Christ himself founded it. On the Day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit suddenly came upon the waiting disciples, 3,000 men accepted their witness and there was the



GOD'S VOLUNTEERS IN HUTCHINSON, MINN.

Members of "God's Volunteers" bring their messages in song and with testimonies at the Bethany Baptist Church, Hutchinson, Minn. Rev. Walter Hoffman, the team's director, is standing behind the pulpit.

"And on Earth Peace!"

Report of Christmas Activities and Programs Among the Spanish-Americans of the San Luis Valley, Colorado by Miss Helen Lohse, Missionary

MANY HAVE written to us asking, "How do you celebrate Christmas?" In answer to this question, I would like to share with you the activities of "Christmas 1960" in our three towns: Center, Del Norte and Monte Vista, Colorado, serving the Spanish-American people.

Christmas began on the 13th of December for the boys and girls in Center. Alfred Aldaz and Phil Abachiche brought a truck-load of trees from surrounding hills for sale to all except the Baptist Mission. Alfred even made the stand for the tree. So all we had to do was trim it.

TRIMMING THE TREE

This proved to be more fun than the children had anticipated. They covered cardboard circles and egg carton bottoms with aluminum foil and strung cranberries. This created a problem for me, however, trying to keep the children from eating the cranberries which they were supposed to be stringing. When the job was completed, we stood back to survey the results, and we were very pleased. Never have I seen a nicer tree or a happier group of children. Even the older boys and girls had to admit that it was pretty.

The older ones, who meet every Tuesday evening, were equally excited in their planning for the following week's activities. After all had been planned, one of the girls went around the room tapping each one on the shoulder and in old-fashioned Spanish style greeting them with, "Mis creesmus . . ." This brought a good laugh from all.

Since I am in Center only one day a week, we celebrated the Lord's birth on December 20th. As usual two Bible classes were held in homes that afternoon. It didn't take the boys and girls long to reach the Mission once school had been dismissed for the day. They arrived clutching gifts which were to be exchanged and hoping that the gift they would get would be as nice as the one they were bringing.

CENTER'S FESTIVITIES

Since the youngsters come at different times, they played pick-up-sticks and looked at pictures in the Viewmaster until we were ready to begin. In all our Christmas activity, we wanted the first emphasis to be on the real reason for Christmas. So the children viewed a filmstrip called "God's Christmas Gift." Carols were sung in practice for the caroling party to come later. Then the cake, cookies and kool-aid which they had brought were consumed. For our youngsters the

food is the real "party."

After the "party," gifts were exchanged (some more than once before all were satisfied.) These younger ones were not allowed to go caroling last year, and so they were most anxious for this. They piled into the station wagon, and off we went to sing for almost every family with which we have ever had a contact. When my voice was nearly gone, they were still eager for more but I managed to get them all safely home.

Their enthusiasm made the older ones all the more anxious to get under way with the evening's activity. Again the filmstrip was viewed, carols were sung and the real meaning of Christmas stressed. Gifts were exchanged (with my camera flashing) and then came the "eats." We enjoyed Elsie's jello, Vera's cake, hot chocolate with the marshmallows that the Morales brought, and many other goodies. Another full day was ended, but down deep in many hearts was the peace of Christmas which comes only from knowing HIM.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Long before Christmas arrived the boys and girls of Bethel Baptist Church at Del Norte, were busy making invitations to the Christmas program and posters with Christmas tracts, stressing the true joy of this season. The tree had been purchased and decorated, and the young people had spent many hours in rehearsal for their shadow drama.



Miss Helen Lohse of Del Norte, Colorado, missionary to the Spanish-Americans of the San Luis Valley.

During my first years on the field, we as missionaries spent many hours before Christmas preparing gifts to be given to the families and sacking other goodies to be distributed. We knew, however, that many were coming to our services only to get what might be handed out, not to learn more of the Word. Some of the members of our church also knew this and, with the deepest concern for the spiritual welfare of their own people, they voted to stop Christmas giving. The result? Visibly there has been a let-down in attendance, but those who were faithful have become more active.

With this in mind, it meant that we wouldn't have the groups to work with that we have had, and this had to be kept in mind while planning the program. Christmas is a good time for illness of various kinds, also. Then, too, the church voted to hold this year's program on Christmas morning which would be a Sunday. That's fine, you say? Not here! Early (and I mean EARLY) Christmas morning, the Spanish youngsters go from house to house shouting "Mer-r-ry Creesmus," expecting treats. This is a Spanish custom from way back. Because of this, some of our "characters" came to the program late but they did choose to come rather than continuing their quest for treats.

EMPHASIS ON CHRIST

Christmas was the big day for our Christmas emphasis at Bethel Church. The boys and girls did their very best with songs and a recitation. The girls' choir had practiced many hours to provide special music for this and other Christmas services. The young people did an excellent piece of work in their presentation of the Christmas story in shadows. The same girls were both Wise Men and Shepherds but then, that's the nice thing about having a shadow drama—who knows? Mrs. Blea read the Christmas story in Spanish and Mandy Blea took care of the background music.

That night, at our regular Sunday evening service, Rev. David Keiry showed a film entitled "These Too Need Christ." It was a story presenting the need of the Gospel for these Spanish speaking people and how one family in particular found peace in Christ. Following the evening service, the intermediate girls went caroling. By 9:30 P.M. they had visited 10 homes and were trying to think of others they could visit. One couple gave the girls \$1.00 for caroling and they decided to put it into the church's paint fund. They also visited a little old lady who is almost bedridden. She was so happy because of the visit,

and the girls went away with a little more real Christmas joy in their hearts.

CHRISTMAS IN MONTE VISTA

For the Keirys the pre-Christmas season also meant many hours spent in program rehearsals, parties and several evenings of caroling. With three youngsters of their own to enjoy the Christmas season, they needed no outside stimulation to get their Christmas preparations under way.

Christmas morning also meant program time for them. Since I do not work in Monte Vista, I had only a vague idea of what they had done during this season. Therefore I had to ask Mr. and Mrs. Keiry for details. After Rev. David Keiry had written out the program he laughed and said, "You know, I just realized we had all plays for our program. NO recitations." Different, but interesting! "What do you remember?" was a family play. "Angelic chorus" brought in the real Christmas story. "The Best Gift" and "Give of Your Best" emphasized the need of giving our best to the Master.

Pray with us that by Christmas 1961 there will be many more Spanish-speaking Americans in this San Luis Valley who will be able truly to celebrate Christ's birthday.

TENSIONS OF TODAY

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service for God and his fellowmen. He and the church will have to add their sacrifice of ease and complacency to the divine sacrifice of God and his Son, Jesus Christ, in seeking to save sinners. "For the joy set before him, he endured the cross" will be true in the minister's life also.

In a sense, a certain tension is good to do our best work. Man for some reason or other needs some stimulation for doing his utmost. The prospect of an examination makes the student study more diligently and purposefully. The competition between nations calls forth the best in scientific advancement and human betterment. The limitation of time and life causes people to live more earnestly for advance in material and spiritual achievements.

Within limitations, therefore, tensions are necessary to motivate persons, churches, and nations for the best. Thus, man must not look for a time or place where all tensions are gone, but rather to use these as "tuned violin strings" to bring out the glorious harmonies of life and of heaven in our souls.

In bearing each other's burdens and in sharing the tensions of our pastor and our neighbors, we fulfill the law of Christ. The beauty and heavenly music of Christ and the Christian faith are then heralded to those in Christ and to those who seek to find the Christ, in whom we have the abundant life.

March 2, 1961

From the Professor's Desk

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

I understand that the title to the Gospel of Matthew was added at a later date. How, then, do we know that Matthew wrote the first Gospel?

Strictly speaking, all four Gospels are anonymous. There is nothing in any of them which specifically indicates authorship. However, other factors must be taken into consideration in attempting to arrive at a conclusion. The following are important relative to Matthew's Gospel.

(1) *The unanimous testimony of the Church.* From the early second century until the appearance of modern critical studies in the last century, the unbroken tradition of the Church was that Matthew, the tax collector and apostle of Christ, wrote the First Gospel. Such a unanimous testimony cannot be dismissed lightly.

(2) *The professional training of Matthew peculiarly fitted him to be the author of a Gospel.* Matthew was a tax collector and this occupation necessitated skill in writing and in keeping records. It is thought that our Lord specifically chose Matthew because he could act as the secretary of the apostles and keep a written record of his words and works. The prophets used as recorders (*cf.* Isaiah and Jeremiah); why not Christ?

(3) *There is an early Christian tradition that Matthew was the author of Gospel material of some sort.* Papias, an early Church Father, is quoted by the church historian Eusebius as follows: "Matthew composed the *Logia* [sayings] of the Lord on the Hebrew [*i. e.*, Aramaic] language, and everyone translated them as best he could." Now no one is quite sure what the

Logia were, but it is most likely that they were a collection of the sayings of our Lord used, perhaps, to instruct early Jewish converts. Some New Testament scholars think that this quotation means that Matthew actually wrote his Gospel first in Aramaic and then translated it later into Greek. This is unlikely because our present Greek Matthew does not generally show signs of being a translation from Aramaic. It is more probable that Matthew produced a completely new edition which entirely replaced the old Aramaic Gospel.

(4) *It was customary for a book to receive the name of the person who put it in its Greek dress, not of the one who was the author of one or more of its sources.* It is most significant that the Second Gospel, which certainly has Peter for its source, is called the Gospel of Peter, but the Gospel of Mark after the person who put it into its Greek form.

The Gospel of Matthew reveals that the author has used outside sources in writing his account of Christ's life. In particular, he seems to have depended heavily upon Mark's Gospel. Why an eye-witness to the events of Christ's life would depend upon another's account is not entirely clear. Perhaps Matthew was deliberately adding his apostolic authority to Peter's account in order to present a united testimony to the Gospel events. In any case, the Holy Spirit led him in his selection, and his Gospel became the favorite of the Four, as both its position in the canon, and its widespread quotation in the literature of early Christianity abundantly show.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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world both the League of Nations of former days and the United Nations of the present fail to unite and agree, in spite of all efforts and all the recognition of the necessity of unity, the Baptist World Alliance and its 23 million people in 110 different nations, without any human centralizing power, agree and are united. Any who have attended a Baptist World Congress know something of this marvel, which has no other explanation than Christ. Here the Russian agrees with the American, the German with the Frenchman and the Pole, because they all are brothers in Christ and members of one family, the Church of Christ. What an unredeemed world cannot and never will achieve, peace and unity among the nations, is a reality in Christ's Church.

Let us be on guard to keep the Church pure and in its right place. Social improvement, culture and education can be reached by the world, but the longing of the human soul goes

beyond all these earthly values and can only be satisfied by Christ and in his Church. So let the Church be the Church.

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS

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take part in the Lord's work and with the right motives.

We are truly thankful for this opportunity of witnessing for Christ not only in homes, but also we blend our voices together as a group, in duets, trios and quartets, and then using our instruments in the playing of Gospel music. This has become to be a precious part of our lives. We are grateful for talents which can be used to bring souls to know Christ as Savior.

Again we covet your prayers in support of this program as we go on to North Dakota and then move to the East in New Jersey, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio. However, do not forget the places where they have already had a Crusade for Christ. "May the Lord depend on you?"

We the Women

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

REWARDING READING

If I could encourage my pupils to become avid readers, I feel I would have bestowed upon them one of the most priceless gifts a teacher can give. Reading unlocks the doors to so many thrilling experiences of the mind and imagination!

Now, let me ask you, what have you read lately? Some of you could doubtless answer me with an impressive list of worthwhile reading. Others will answer my query with the simple statement, "I just haven't time to read." To which I would respond: "But you do have all the time there is, just like the rest of us." It isn't so much a matter of *having* time as it is of *taking* time or making better use of the time God gives us.

To sandwich reading into your busy schedule as a homemaker or job-holder, try using those moments when you are waiting for someone to read a few paragraphs, a short article, or a chapter. All of us have little waiting times. Filling them with worthwhile reading is so rewarding. Make it a practice never to go anywhere without carrying something with you to read. It's amazing how much reading can be done by using the spare moments we hardly knew we had.

It isn't necessary to tell you why reading is so important. Besides keeping abreast of the times by reading, we can also enrich our lives, refresh our spirits, and gain inspiration and encouragement from our reading. Our choices of reading materials will be determined by our needs and tastes, and they are practically unlimited. It's just a matter of availing ourselves of the best.

Now may I recommend some books which I am sure you would enjoy? If you have not already read books by Eugenia Price, let me urge you to do so. Her recent book called "WOMAN TO WOMAN" is especially helpful and practical. She speaks of the difference it makes when a woman's personality is Christ-controlled—the difference Christ makes in your disposition, reputation, work, married life, home, the lives of your children—to mention but a few of the chapter headings.

Another book I found of inestimable value is one called "PRAYER CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE" by Park and St. Johns Dare. It was written by a professor of Redlands University and proves beyond the slightest doubt that prayer does work as surely today as two thousand years ago.

If you are looking for a good missionary book for your society to read, you will find "DR. IDA" by Dorothy Clarke Wilson, an excellent choice. It

Golden Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brackman

Many friends attended the Golden Wedding anniversary reception on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 15, at the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., honoring Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brackman. Co-hosts in the receiving line with the Anaheim couple, residents for 41 years and Bethel church members since 1922, were their sons and daughters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Brackman of Pacoima and Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Brackman of Anaheim. Their daughters, Miss Joan Brackman and Miss Kathy Brackman, attended the guest book table and gift table.

Mrs. Albert Urbigkeit served as program chairman. Rev. Herman Wedel gave a brief history of the Brackmans' marriage in 1911 in the home of the bride's uncle, Gus Spingath, by Rev. August Rohde. Mr. Frank Stanway, Friendship Class teacher, brought congratulations from the class and mentioning Mrs. Brackman's faithful service of visitation. Mr. Harry Fox, church moderator, in presenting the gift from the church, commended Mr. and Mrs. Brackman on their 50th anniversary. Mrs. Clarence Schneider, Woman's Missionary Society president,



Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brackman of Anaheim, Calif., members of the Bethel Baptist Church since 1922, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 15, 1961.

is the inspiring story of Dr. Ida Scudder and of her fifty years of medical missionary work in India. It is so interestingly written that you won't want to put it down, once you begin reading it.

To conclude a busy day, there is nothing more healing than the reading of God's Word. Try a new translation to give added warmth and meaning to familiar passage. You will find Phillip's translation most refreshing. No matter what translation you choose—the important thing is reading God's Word faithfully above all else.

What have you read lately? "Blessed is he that readeth!" can be said of you, too!

Mrs. Lesley Kramer, Reporter



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beahm of Bison, Kansas, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary recently.

presented a gold inlaid cake plate from the group. Rev. H. John Vanderbeck, pastor, brought a message based on the words, "... the greatest of these is love." Both ladies' trios sang in unison the hymn, "O Blessed Home," taken from the North American Hymnal. Other musical numbers were also rendered. It was a most impressive and deeply moving service for all in attendance.

Mrs. Ruth Mellen, Reporter

50th Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beahm

On Jan. 1, 1961, it was the privilege of the congregation of our Baptist Church, Bison, Kansas, to help Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beahm celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. They requested no gifts, but those who wished were requested to contribute to an organ fund for the church. Their wishes were respected and a good sized contribution was added to this fund.

Mr. Beahm is a senior deacon and choir director in our church. Both have been active members for many years. We pray that God may keep them and provide as he has done so graciously in the past.

Clara L. Niedenthal, Reporter

Dedication of Greenvine Church's Educational Building, Texas

On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 11th, the Greenvine Baptist Church, Burton, Texas, dedicated its new Educational Building to the service of the Lord with Rev. Henry Hirsch of Kyle, Texas bringing the message based on "Christian Education." Churches of the community and churches of our denomination were represented. Dinner was served in the new building for those attending the morning worship service, and refreshments were served after the afternoon session.

The building was built to replace the old educational building which was destroyed by fire on May 29, 1960. The brick veneer building, 35 by 50 feet, consists of five classrooms, large modern kitchen, and rest rooms. Three of the classrooms are divided by folding doors, opening into a 20 by 50 foot Fellowship Hall.

Mrs. Lesley Kramer, Reporter

What's Happening

● Rev. and Mrs. LeRoy Schauer of Columbus, Nebraska, have announced the birth of a daughter on Dec. 20, 1960 who has been named Carlene Lynn. This is their third daughter. Mr. Schauer is pastor of our Church Extension project in the city of Columbus.

● On New Year's Eve the young people of the Grace Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta presented the play, "As a Thief in the Night," at the Watchnight Service. "This truth was a challenge to all of the church," Miss Lilly Oster reported. "Perhaps Christ can come again this year—as a thief in the night"—and will we be ready?" Rev. Paul Hunsicker is pastor of the Medicine Hat church.

● Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, Alberta, recently presented his resignation to the Capilano Baptist Church of the city, of which he has been the pastor since it was organized in 1960. The resignation is to become effective on June 15, 1961. Brother Wahl wants to rest for a while before making a decision as to his future ministry. He is a former president of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton.

● The former Bolsa Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., has been renamed the Westbrook Baptist Church. Ground breaking exercises were held at the new site of the church on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 22, with the Church Extension pastor, Rev. V. Donald Buell, in charge. The site is near the Westminster Avenue and Brookhurst Street intersection in the vicinity of Anaheim. Construction on the new church building has already been started.

● Miss Geraldine Glasenapp, Camerons missionary, has enrolled for a full academic year at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn. She has been granted a temporary leave-of-absence by the Board of Missions from Feb. 1, 1961 to Sept. 1, 1961. She has been given a Federal stipend towards her training by having received "the traineeship from the Federal Government sponsored by the Division of Nursing Resources of the United States Public Health Service."

● On Saturday evening, Dec. 31, the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church, Inglewood, Calif., held its annual "Church Family Night." The program featured "The Church in Review" with all presidents and chairmen of church organizations bringing their reports. Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt, pastor, is bringing a series of Sunday evening messages since the first of the year on "Great Historical Events in Genesis." An offering appeal for the Semi-

nary Library in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was made in January.

● On Sunday evening, Dec. 18, the Training Union groups of the Central Church, Waco, Texas, presented a living portrayal in music and Scripture of "The Son of the Living God." The Sunday School rendered its Christmas program on the following Wednesday night. On Christmas Sunday morning four persons were baptized by Rev. L. B. Hinz, pastor. These converts had given their hearts to Christ at a Youth Revival. They are Pattie Ochoa, Alkina Ekru, Jenia Mae McGlasson and James Michael Burns.

● Rev. Paul Galambos has announced that he has accepted a call extended to him by the Austin Street Baptist Church, formerly the First Hungarian Baptist Church, of Buffalo, N. Y. He began his ministry there on Feb. 1, 1961. This church intends to seek fellowship with the North American Baptist General Conference at next summer's annual sessions of the Eastern Conference. The church services are being held in the English, German and Hungarian languages. Mr. Galambos was formerly pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Yorkton, Sask.

● On Friday evening, Feb. 17, Miss Ilse Fuhrmann of Forest Park, Ill., the office secretary of Dr. Frank H. Woyke, and Mrs. Hans-Joachim Mollenhauer of Winnipeg, Manitoba, were married. The wedding ceremony was performed in the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., with Dr. Frank H. Woyke, the denomination's executive secretary, officiating. Mr. Mollenhauer has been a student at the University of Manitoba. Following their honeymoon trip, the couple will reside in the Forest Park area. Mrs. Ilse Mollenhauer is continuing as Dr. Woyke's office secretary.

● On Sunday evening, Jan. 1st, a baptismal service was held at the Mc-

SEMINARY CONVOCATION

The Spring Convocation of the North American Baptist Seminary will be held March 14 and 15, 1961 with Dr. Bernard Ramm, professor of the California Baptist Theological Seminary, Covina, Calif., bringing a series of addresses on "Rethinking Special Revelation." Dr. Ramm is the author of several books and an outstanding lecturer in Christian circles.

Pastors can still send their registrations to the Seminary, 1605 South Euclid Avenue, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. There will be a charge of \$3.50 for hospitality which includes 4 meals and lodging for one night.

Kernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta. Rev. A. Lamprecht, pastor, baptized nine converts on confession of their faith in Christ. Afterwards the Lord's Supper was observed at which these 9 persons were received besides eight others who were welcomed into the church's fellowship through transfer of membership. A vocal duet and trio sang several selections and Mrs. Walter Yeske served as soloist. The new officers of the church were installed on Sunday evening, Jan. 15, with Dr. A. S. Felberg, president of the Christian Training Institute, offering the dedication prayer.

● Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., was host on Jan. 6 to the 1961 installation breakfast of the Anaheim Council of Church Women, presided over by Mrs. Edward Anderson, president. Mrs. Clarence Schneider, the W. M. S. president of Bethel Church, brought a welcome to the 155 persons attending. There were representatives from the 18 membership churches in the Council. The Anaheim Council is very active and a splendid Christian fellowship prevails. Rev. H. John Vanderbeck, pastor, spoke on "Let Tomorrow Come." "As Christians," he said, "we should look forward to tomorrow; a glorious tomorrow, our faith tells us."

● The Bethel (Spanish-American) Baptist Church of Del Norte, Colorado held Week of Prayer services from Jan. 2 to 6 with an average attendance of 17. A message concerning prayer was brought each evening by Rev. David Keiry. The Friday evening's service was begun with their "first church supper," as reported by Miss Helen Lohse, missionary. The supper was arranged by Venerita Blea, Fedelina Lujan and Helen Lohse. It consisted of "tamales, sopaipillas (small tortillas fried in deep fat), frijoles (beans), Spanish rice, green beans, spaghetti with meat balls, red hot chili and green chili, spiced dill pickles, biscuits, fruit jello and two kinds of cake!"

● Mrs. Marilyn (nee Junker) Legler resigned as church missionary of the Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., as of Jan. 1, 1961. Mr. Robert Ricker, a second year student at Bethel Seminary of St. Paul, has been engaged by the church to become the new missionary. Mr. Ricker has been choir director at Riverview for the past three years and will also continue as minister of music along with his new duties in Christian Education and visitation. At the annual business meeting held Jan. 11, the church subscribed to its highest budget in the history of the church—a total of \$45,000. The finance committee reported that the per capita giving for 1960 was \$153.76 and had almost tripled in six years. The building program is progressing smoothly and completion is anticipated to be this summer. Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom is pastor.



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

SYNOPSIS

Zorillo Lopez came back to his widowed mother, Dona Marta, after a year of military service in the Paraguayan army. He was now ready to continue his father's trade of making wooden saints in the workshop. He was also looking for a bride. His choice fell on Rosita. Soon after their marriage, Guadeloupe returned from military service and visited Zorillo and Rosita almost every day. Zorillo resented these visits because he was intensely jealous and regarded Guadeloupe as a "tricky friend." In fact, Guadeloupe broke up the marriage and Zorillo left his wife and went to Asuncion. Four months later, a sad Dona Marta prepared for the Day of All Saints. She couldn't understand her friend Luisa, who was always happy but who had been "blinded" by the evangelicos with their Protestant Bible. She met these evangelicos at the cemetery and heard their singing and testimonies. Later they came and visited her in her home and led her to Christ as her Savior. The two women, Dona Marta and Dona Luisa, became workers together in prayer. Then Dona Marta became burdened with this request, "Would it be asking too much if God might join Zorillo and Rosita together again?" Dona Luisa felt challenged. Would she dare pray for that?

CHAPTER SEVEN

DONA MARTA hesitated to reply, for she knew not how. Finally she said, "Sister Marta, let us just pray today that God's will may be done!"

Dona Marta was disappointed, but she consented meekly and the two women went to their knees. There were so many things to ask of their Heavenly Father that for the moment Dona Marta forgot her disappointment. Earnestly then, the prayer warriors sought the Father's face, stood against the enemy, claimed the precious promises of the Word, and interceded for the needy.

But as Dona Luisa took her homeward way, she was uneasy. Had she allowed that little phrase "God's will be done," to become an excuse for not believing Him in a thing that seemed too difficult? Had she failed Dona

South American Romance

A Christian Novel by Mary McCombe Orr

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Marta . . . and God Himself?

As she prepared the simple supper for herself and family, her mind continued to revolve around the matter. The more she thought of it, the more convinced she became that she was guilty of unbelief. As soon as the opportunity was afforded, she threw herself on her knees once again and poured out her confession to God, a confession of unbelief and of ignorance of His will.

"O God," she cried, "grant that I may know Thy will! Show me if I may claim from Thee the untangling of these lives as well as their salvation, and give us faith to believe Thee for even this!"

Even as she prayed, she knew the answer; and even as she accepted the new prayer burden, her heart flooded with assurance that God would answer. Portions of Scripture, one after another, flowed into her memory, until her heart rejoiced with a strong confidence in her faithful God.

"Oh, sister Marta," she greeted her friend the next day, "forgive me for my unbelief of yesterday! God has shown me that we must trust Him, indeed, to first of all save your son and daughter-in-law, and then to work out their reconciliation and establish them as a Christian family with their child. I know not how such a thing can be; but I know it would be disobedience not to trust Him!"

Dona Marta's face lit up at the good words. Now she knew that it was the Lord Himself who had put the burden of prayer for this thing within her heart. The little faith she had dared to exercise, alone and unaccompanied by this dear sister, grew strong, even while the words were being uttered.

Then Dona Luisa opened her worn Bible, for it was her custom to read daily to the unlearned Marta. The portion to which she turned was one of the several that had filled her own mind the evening before. It was from the Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 18: "Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven."

It was the first time that Dona Marta had heard those words, and it was to her as though a voice had spoken directly from heaven. She asked her friend to read them again and yet again, until she could repeat them from memory.

With strengthened faith and glad as-

surance, they went once more into the very presence of Him who never wearies of His children's coming. The many other requests were not forgotten, but the one uppermost in their minds that day was the one concerning Zorillo and Rosita.

To the eye of human reasoning nothing could have seemed more impossible that day. While the women prayed, Zorillo was far away in the North, living the life of a soldier, fighting and fleeing, quarreling and grumbling, adopting little by little the vices that until then he had, strange to say, more or less avoided: gambling and drinking. Robberies were being committed in which his hands took part. It was easy to drift with the current, for his heart had no anchor. Worst of all, a great resentment against God was springing up within him like a noxious weed, a feeling that the Creator was to blame for all that was disagreeable in life.

Rosita was just as far from the Kingdom. Her attitude was that the adversities of life were for her purging, and would shorten and ameliorate the flames of purgatory. Even as her mother-in-law was agreeing in prayer with her friend, Rosita was climbing the rough hill to the church, with her baby in her arms, fulfilling her vows and wrapping herself in a cloak of penances, prayers and all the works of religion.

Days and weeks went by, and Dona Marta grew in grace. The Word of God was meat and drink indeed to her as it was faithfully taught by Don Jorge and the older believers. Many portions of it she memorized, as well as the hymns and choruses, with their respective references and numbers.

It was not long until she asked for baptism, for as soon as she had heard teaching on the matter her desire was to be obedient to the Lord. The church was satisfied that she was truly born again, so one happy day she found herself one of several new Christians to step into the waters of the mighty Paraná.

Not only were the believers congregated on the shore, singing and rejoicing, but many of the unsaved had gathered to witness the strange spectacle of an evangelical baptism. Dona Marta and the others had purposely advised old friends of the step they were about to take, and had invited them to witness the ordinance. Some came out of unconfessed interest and

many out of simple curiosity.

Dona Marta's heart leaped as she caught sight of a slight figure with a child in her arms, attempting to keep out of sight on the farther edge of the crowd. Faith is quick to seize upon the smallest of incidents and to recognize in them the workings of a faithful and almighty God.

Testimonies were given, some clear and strong and bold, some in faltering voices choked with emotion. Yet all agreed, in that they were confessions of having received the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour. These people had done with the old life of sin, and had entered into a new life through His death and resurrection.

Carefully and clearly then, in a voice that carried to the farthest listener, Don Jorge read from the Word of God, and explained to the observing crowd the meaning of the beautiful ordinance.

Believers and unbelievers alike stood silently, while one by one the young Christians stepped into the deeper waters, and in their submission to baptism testified to their identification with Christ.

The crowd scattered. Some went off laughing, ridiculing and mocking. A few tossed stones in the direction of the believers. Some moved away quietly and respectfully. One young woman was thoughtful as she crossed herself, hoisted her baby from one tired hip to another, and turned her footsteps homeward.

The happy band of Christians wended its way back to the meeting-place. Joyfully and reverently they then celebrated the table of the Lord, and the newly baptized members of the Body of Christ took their places gladly. It was a great day and a good one!

More witnesses than Dona Marta realized were observing her as she took these forward steps with God. They were watching her daily life, and although neither she nor her companions became perfect, her growth in grace impressed the old friends. More than one had to admit as they remembered the despair and sadness of former days: "Dona Marta is a new woman!"

There was another change, however, a subtle and not-so-welcome change, taking place in Dona Marta. She did not admit it, even to herself, but as she grew stronger daily in spirit, she began to weaken in body.

There were pains that she considered of too little significance to mention to anyone. There was a loss of energy that had come so gradually as to be hardly noticeable. There were nights when she slept but little, and the hours of darkness were passed by repeating the passages of Scripture that she had learned. At times she remembered Paul and Silas, and she too would sing praises to God in those hours of darkness. No angel was sent of the Father to deliver her from her pain, but the God of all comfort Himself warmed her heart with His presence.

Sometimes those hours were spent in prayer, and many times she cried, "Father, save my son! Save Rosita! Work in Thy wonderful ways that are past finding out, so that my precious grandson may have a Christian home!"

Suddenly Dona Marta became much worse. One day Dona Luisa found her on the poor rough *catre*, unable to arise. She tried to smile brightly at her friend.

"It is only a headache," she said, but the tired, sunken eyes told the tale of a bad night and of a lonely, helpless morning.

As Dona Luisa gazed in shocked surprise at the stricken woman, she suddenly wondered why she had not noticed before that her prayer partner had failed terribly.

"Oh, sister Marta," she exclaimed, "you are ill! You are ill! And I have been too blind to see it!"

She took one of the bony hands that had never been anything but thin, and realized that they were thinner than they had ever been before. She could scarcely contain her tears or hide her alarm.

"What can I do? What can I get for you? Let me make you some tea!"

Dona Luisa went out and plucked some fresh leaves from one of the varicous kinds of medicinal herbs that had been carefully transplanted from the forest. Stirring up the fire, she put the kettle on, then poured cold water into a wooden basin and helped the sick woman to wash herself.

After Dona Marta was washed, had rinsed her mouth, and taken some tea, she did indeed feel better.

"I'm all right now!" she said cheerfully.

But when she tried to rise, she found her strength was far from sufficient, and sank back again into her cot.

"I will rest a little longer, and then I will be all right."

But Dona Luisa knew that it was not so. She read the Word as usual, and they prayed together. She then made Dona Marta as comfortable as possible and hastened away.

She was not gone long, nor did she return alone. Dona Helena and her husband were with her.

They, at least, had noticed something of the subtle change in their friend, and had been concerned, although they had not realized the seriousness of it. They had known nothing of the pain she had been suffering, or of her sleepless nights. They had hesitated to interfere with Dona Marta's independence, for she had always minimized her ailments and taken the self-prescribed herbal remedies from her garden, and kept busy.

Now indeed they saw clearly that it was time to "interfere." Dona Helena stayed with the two women while Don Jorge went quickly for the doctor.

Dona Luisa and the young missionary chatted cheerfully with the stricken woman while they waited. With surprising meekness, Dona Marta seemed to have yielded to being helped.

It had dawned upon her that her independence was over; she needed her friends, and needed them badly. How thankful she was that they were friends indeed, and right on hand in this desperate hour.

The doctor came with Don Jorge. It did not take him long to make a diagnosis and write out a prescription. His grave fear warned the three on-lookers that matters were in truth serious.

Once outside the shack with Don Jorge, he shook his head still more gravely and shrugged his shoulders.

"We cannot do much now," he said. "If she can take these medicines consistently, and get a little of the right kind of food, we may be able to prolong her life a few months, but it's hard to say. People are hard to understand. Some will be whining after the doctor when there's nothing wrong with them. Others are so independent that they won't come near us. That woman has been suffering for years!"

He did not name the disease that was ravishing the suffering woman's body, but Don Jorge knew without a doubt that it was tuberculosis. He knew that a cure was hopeless, but all that was possible had to be done to give her relief and to prolong her days with them. He hurried off again, this time to the drugstore.

Dona Luisa gathered together a few articles of clothing to be washed. Away she went to the *arroyo*—the noisy little brook that was flowing so abundantly since the drought had broken. She was glad to get away alone, for from her tears were beginning to flow.

Dona Helena busied herself tidying the *ranchito* that she had learned to love since her first visit there with the wordless book. According to the custom, she went down to the end of the yard, cut some of the rough broom plant that grew profusely there, found Dona Marta's broomstick, and tied the coarse plant to it, though not as expertly as the thin old hands would have done. She swept the earthen floor while she chatted as cheerfully as she could with the prostrate woman.

"Don't be too exacting with me," she said. "My mother always told me I was none too good at getting in the corners!"

Poor Dona Marta had to smile. "Ah, *mi hija*," she protested, "my only complaint is that you do it *too* well. You put me to shame. Besides, you are spoiling me already. You will have me not wanting to get better!"

Dona Helena could not reply. She retreated outside and swept the neat yard as thoroughly as she had swept inside. Then lifting her heart to God for strength to master her emotions, she returned to Dona Marta's side. Unafraid of the dreadful disease that she knew was gnawing away at this dear friend's earthly life, she drew a stool up close to the bed and sat in

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A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: March 12, 1961

Theme: **THE PROMISE OF THE SPIRIT**

Scripture: John 14:1, 15-27

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Only through the indwelling of God's Holy Spirit can we pursue the outworking of God's holy will.

INTRODUCTION: The Biblical material for today's lesson covers three chapters in the Gospel of John. These passages of Scripture are among the most revered and widely read in the entire Bible. What an immeasurable loss the Christian world would suffer if it had no chapter 14! In the last few hours of his life, Jesus left us the greatest power and comfort ever expressed in thought and word. And throughout his discourse was the note of hope—hope in the coming of the Holy Spirit.

The Bible is a book of promises, most of them in tangible form: the promise of a nation to Abraham, the promise of a son, Isaac, the promise of deliverance from Egypt, the promise of the Promised Land, the promise of a Savior. All of these promises were fulfilled in marvelous ways. The promise of the Holy Spirit, however, is the most intangible promise ever made. It has no form or material substance; it cannot be seen by the human eye nor felt by the touch of the hand. Yet the power and influence of the Holy Spirit has left its mark on the world to a greater degree than anything that has preceded it. The world today, evil as it may seem, would be an impossible place in which to live were it not for the power of the Holy Spirit.

I. THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE TROUBLED HEART. John 14:1.

The troubled world has nothing to offer but a troubled heart. Only faith in Jesus Christ can help us to live in a troubled world with an untroubled heart. Jesus did not promise to take us out of a troubled world, but he did promise us an untroubled heart. In the coming of the Holy Spirit, faith in Christ will be followed by abiding in Christ. In this new relationship we are separated from a troubled world and united with the untroubled Christ.

II. THE HOLY SPIRIT AND TRUTH. John 14:15-20.

The Holy Spirit, as truth, can often be a troubling experience. Before truth can help and heal, it must often hurt and disturb. Falsehood never yields easily. It is sometimes easier to hold on to a comforting lie than to a disturbing truth. But there is no comfort like the comfort of truth once it is

established in your life. Again, it is the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit which brings truth in its most abiding form. When you live with falsehood, you must constantly seek to hide it, but once you live in truth you become strong in the conviction that you are free and have nothing to be ashamed of.

III. THE HOLY SPIRIT AND LOVE. John 14:21-25.

In these few verses, Jesus uses the word "love" no less than seven times, as though he is trying to impress upon the minds of the disciples the fact that love is the most important fruit of the Spirit. All other virtues come to natural fruition if love is present. The most sincere keeping of the commandment is based on love. Keeping the words of Jesus and the loving favor of God are associated with love. It is love which establishes a four-fold relationship of the Father, Son, Holy Spirit and the believer, and culminates in the abiding presence. The Holy Spirit comes as love and as a permanent guest.

IV. THE HOLY SPIRIT AS TEACHER. John 14:26-27.

This is one reason why the Holy Spirit can be given only to the humble in heart. A major function of the Holy Spirit is to teach, and he can teach only those who are teachable. He improves the intellect and sharpens the memory. Those who know it all need not apply.

The proof and the value of the promise of the Holy Spirit is the end result—peace! A peace that can not be found in the world nor described in dictionaries! A peace that passes all understanding and all misunderstanding.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: March 19, 1961

Theme: **JESUS PRAYS FOR HIS OWN**

Scriptures: John 17:13-26.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: With Jesus Christ praying for us, we need not fear a world which is preying on us.

INTRODUCTION: If we had to rely on our strength to make us the "master of our fate and the captain of our soul," we would soon break down. It is not so much a matter of how

SUNDAY SCHOOL EDITOR

The editor of these Sunday School Lessons is Rev. B. C. Schreiber of Oak Park, Illinois.

strong we are but of how much strength is in back of us. Charles Spurgeon claimed he had so much power in the pulpit because there was much power in the prayer room. There is an expression which seems to be disappearing from the Christian vocabulary—it is "prayer-support." Even the expression "intercessory prayer" is not heard too frequently. If strength and assurance are to be restored to the Christian life, then much of it must come through the medium of prayer-support. The power of intercessory prayer must again be elevated to one of the important tenets of the Christian faith.

We do not know what would have been the outcome in the life of the disciples if Jesus had not supported them through this wonderful and powerful high-priestly prayer. The prayer which we call "The Lord's Prayer," is really "The Disciples' Prayer." The prayer in our lesson today is more truly the Lord's Prayer. In this prayer Jesus was not teaching his disciples to pray; he was supporting them with prayer.

I. LIFE IN THE WORD. John 17:13-14.

Notice the joy and hate which the Word of God brings to the world. Jesus spoke these things in the world that they might have his joy fulfilled in themselves. But the world hated those to whom the word was given. Jesus said that his words are life. By his word creation began and by it creation is sustained. The most powerful element in the universe is God's Word, because in his Word is life—eternal life.

II. LIFE IN THE WORLD. John 17:15-19.

In spite of all the evidence of death in the world, we must remember that there is also great evidence of life. As long as we are sanctified through the truth, we are part of the life in the world, even in the midst of a world of death. God does not make it so easy for us that he takes us out of this world of trials and temptations, but he promises to give us the power to live a sanctified life in an un sanctified world.

III. LIFE IN THE FUTURE. John 17:20-21.

The life we have today is given to us because of what Jesus said and did almost 2,000 years ago. The glorious truth breaks in upon us when we realize that Christ was also thinking of us. We were, and are, in his plan.

He thought of the future when he was with his disciples and he is still thinking of the future: "Father, I will that they also whom thou hast given me be with me where I am and that they may behold my glory." It is a glorious future because we will behold his glory.

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Our Denomination in ACTION

Eastern District

Baptismal Service, First German Church, Benton Harbor

During the Watchnight Service on New Year's Eve, the members and friends of the First German Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., had the joy to witness the baptism of four believers, two young married women and two Sunday School pupils. These and two others, who came by letter and testimony, received the hand of fellowship on Sunday, Jan. 1. The membership of this young church now stands at 107.

We gratefully acknowledge the services of Rev. F. Sondheimer of Germany and of Rev. Henry Pfeifer, pastor of the Erin Ave. Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, each of whom helped us for one week in a series of evangelistic meetings. Some of the above converts took their stand for Christ in these meetings.

The annual meeting of this church marked another important event for this church. By unanimous vote of the members, it was decided to become self-supporting as of April 1, 1961, no longer asking for the partial support of our General Missionary Society. In addition to this, the church voted a substantial increase in the pastor's salary. We praise God for these steps of faith and courage. May God grant a continuance of progress as the spirit of unity and joyful witness prevail.

W. W. Knauf, Pastor

New Building Plans, Immanuel Church, New York

The Immanuel Baptist Church of New York, N. Y., has been blessed by the Lord with a goodly number of conversions and baptisms. By his grace, we have added 36 new members in 1960, 18 by baptism and another 18 by letter and experience. This was the 13th year of service of our pastor, Rev. Assaf Husmann, at our church. He excels in proclaiming the whole Gospel at meetings filled to capacity! Our seating accommodations thus have called for an extension!

But our Lord has led in this regard and we can report that we have completed our plans for our new church building which will soon become a reality and, by God's grace, we should be able to occupy it and to serve the community early this fall. It is located near the parsonage in Woodside, L. I., on 31st Avenue, between 68th and 69th Streets, off Northern Boulevard. Quite a few friends are already looking forward to joining our church there. Although we rejoiced heartily at our baptismal and Thanksgiving service on New Year's Eve, the very beginning of the new year brought sorrow to the congregation too. Two of our sisters, an elderly widow of 81 and a young wife and mother (age 42) of six daughters, were called to their heavenly reward.

R. F. Herzog, Reporter



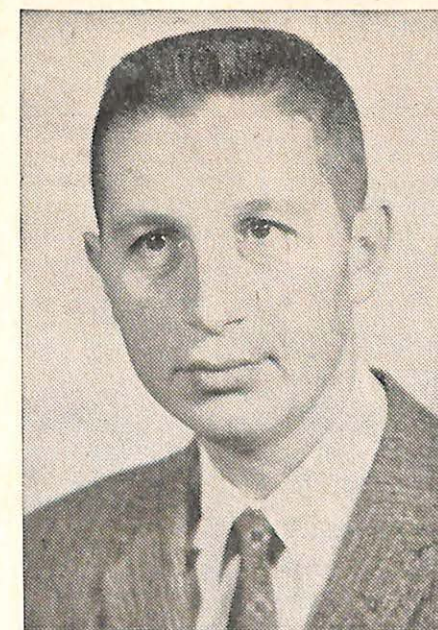
Rev. Assaf Husmann (left), pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, New York, N. Y., and 9 recent baptismal candidates.

Western District

Reception for Rev. George Breikreuz, Anaheim, Calif.

A large congregation witnessed the installation service and reception on Sunday evening, Jan. 8, at Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., honoring Rev. George Breikreuz, newly-appointed Minister of Christian Education. Throughout the day Mr. and Mrs. Breikreuz, with their gracious friendliness, won the hearts of Bethel members. We look forward toward working with this dedicated couple.

The service included the Scripture reading by Paul Jungkeit, vice-moderator; and prayer by Virgil Isbell, chairman of the Deacons' Board. Welcomes



Rev. George W. Breikreuz, Minister of Christian Education of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, California.

came from Mrs. Herbert Stabbert, Board of Christian Education; Robert Ash, S. S. superintendent; and Frank Dunn, faithful youth director for several months. Harry Fox, moderator, presented Mr. Breikreuz to the church staff followed by Rev. H. John Vanderbeck, pastor, giving the installation prayer.

Herman Zachay directed the sanctuary choir in three stirring anthems, with Janice Lamb, organist. Carl Mabs and Gary Lindstrom, accompanied by Nancy Mabs, played a trumpet duet; Donald Domries, an accordion solo; and Shirley and Sharon Mims sang a duet with Mary Quane, accompanist. Mr. Breikreuz gave the benediction. The reception followed in the lower auditorium.

Mrs. Ruth Mellen, Reporter

New Year's Day at Stockton's Swain Oaks Church

The Swain Oaks Baptist Church, Stockton, Calif., had a blessed New Year's Day. It being Sunday, the morning services were well attended, as well as the evening service. Then we gathered at the home of Mrs. Ormsby for our New Year's Fellowship gathering with 2 hours of singing, testimony and prayer. The presence of the Lord was keenly felt and it seemed the windows of heaven were opened and we had a glimpse into his Presence. How we praise the Lord for his blessed Holy Spirit, who took complete charge of the meeting. A fine fellowship followed at which time Mrs. Ormsby served a delicious lunch.

The church held its annual business meeting on Jan. 11. We can report the completion of the building, and installation of the organ, pulpit furniture and pews. Also we can praise the Lord for the blessings he gives on Wednesday evenings at our prayer meetings. This truly is the Hour of POWER! May God take charge in 1961 as he has done in 1960!

Emma J. Keller, Reporter

Women's Annual Program, Ebenezer Church, Vancouver

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C., received many blessings this past year. We had the pleasure of adding 4 new members to our society, and as a result we now have 75 members. We counted it a special blessing that the Pacific Conference was held in our midst, and we as sisters of our church were pleased to prepare the meals for all our visitors. In our meetings which are held the second Tuesday of each month we strengthen ourselves through mission programs, Bible studies, and testimonies.

In the fall we held our yearly program, at which time we had the pleasure of having Prof. Roy Seibel as our guest speaker. The offering for the evening of \$500 went for home and foreign missions. Our other offerings were received in our little blessing boxes through special efforts of

our ladies and also for preparing wedding meals. We received \$3,567.14 in all, which made it possible for us to build more cupboards in our kitchen, install a large gas stove and buy more dishes. Mrs. Louise Eggert is our president and Mrs. Gladys Patzia is our vice-president of our society.
Lydia Martin, Reporter



Cornerstone laying exercises for the Educational Building, First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif.

Henry Schneider, supervisor of construction (left) and Robert Krueger, chairman of building committee, at right.

Great Events at First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif.

A Teacher Training Course with almost 90 persons enrolled is in progress for 24 weeks at First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif. Rev. Arthur Brust, assistant pastor, taught the first study, "A Survey of Old Testament Law and History." The second course, "Poetry and Prophecy," was taught by Rev. Lewis Berndt, who recently joined our church. "A Survey of the New Testament" was taught by Rev. Aaron Buhler, pastor. Average attendance for the first 12 weeks was 72. The next 12 weeks will deal with "Teaching Techniques." Sunday School attendance for 1961 runs about 640.

A Missionary Conference was held Nov. 30 to Dec. 4. Speakers included: Tina Schmidt, Cameroons; Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern, Japan; and Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District Sec-



Baptist Church Choir of Nokomis, Sask., which presented the candlelight service, "The Great Light." Rev. and Mrs. E. Hohn are in back row, extreme right.

retary. From Jan. 1 to 6 we had our second annual Bible Conference with Dr. Ralph E. Powell of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., teaching Bible doctrine. There were two sessions daily at 10 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.

The new Educational Building with 12,000 square feet of floor space is to be completed by Easter Sunday. Dedication is planned for October. Cornerstone laying ceremonies were conducted by Pastor Buhler on New Year's Day. Ass't. Pastor Brust read the Scripture passage. Supervisor of Construction, Henry Schneider, and Building Chairman, Robert Krueger, set the stone into place, while Levi Reich morticed the joints. A large audience was in attendance.

Mavis Goehring, Reporter

Northern District

Baptism at Zion Baptist Church, Drumheller, Alta.

The Zion Baptist Church, Drumheller, Alberta, gathered for the Watchnight Service on Dec. 31. The film, "Does Christ Live in Your Home?" was a challenge to every family. After lunch, the service continued with short talks given by various members. These

talks were a blessing to us all. Then we closed the old year with prayer.

On New Year's Sunday evening we held a baptismal service in the Carbon Baptist Church led by Rev. W. Muller. The undersigned had the joy to baptize three candidates and to receive them into the fellowship of the Zion Baptist Church. Then both congregations partook of the Lord's Supper. This baptism and joint communion service will be a special remembrance for me, namely to have the opportunity of having baptism before terminating my ministry as pastor in Zion. It was a joy to minister in Zion Church!
William Effa, Pastor

Holiday Programs at Baptist Church, Nokomis, Sask.

We of the Nokomis Baptist Church, Nokomis, Sask., have been busy with various activities in our church. Spiritual blessings were experienced as special meetings were held Oct. 11-21 with Rev. L. Potratz of Regina, Sask., as evangelist. On Oct. 23rd, the Woman's Missionary Society presented the program, "Sacred Scenes With Our Savior." It was a program in word and song, depicting the life of our Savior.

The Christmas season was a blessed time as various programs were presented. Christmas Eve the Sunday



Rev. William Effa, pastor of the Zion Baptist Church, Drumheller, Alta., (until Jan. 1961), and three young people whom he baptized at the Carbon Baptist Church.

School presented the program, "The Three Gifts of Christmas." On Dec. 25th our choir rendered the candlelight service, "The Great Light." "One Day More" was the program given by the young people at our Watchnight Service. We were challenged to more devoted Christian service, realizing that we might have only one day more to live. The Lord has blessed us in the past year and we look to him for guidance and blessings in the coming year.
Mrs. E. Hohn, Reporter

Rejoicing at Christmas Time at Edenwold, Sask.

The countryside was wondrously clothed with a beautiful blanket of snow and a covering of sparkling hoarfrost, and everybody was happy because it was Christmas, a time for rejoicing, a time to celebrate Christ's birthday. At the Edenwold Baptist Church, Edenwold, Sask., the Sunday School held its Christmas program on Dec. 24, at which time two plays were

presented, one by the Primary and Beginners' Department and the Juniors and Intermediates presenting the play, "The Star Still Shines" by Pearl Nielson. This play shows how six young people of today are taken back to the first Christmas and how they see what the Star meant.

On Sunday morning, Dec. 25, we had a special Christmas service. After a brief Christmas message by our pastor, Rev. R. Neuman, we were privileged to hear our choir render the cantata, "Wonderful." Rev. R. Neuman ably conducted the choir. We rejoiced over the blessings received through such an impressive spiritual service.

Mrs. Frank Brucker, Reporter

Recent Highlights at Bridgeland Church, Calgary, Alta.

We, the members and friends of the Bridgeland Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta, were happy to welcome "God's Volunteers" into our midst from Oct. 18-30. The team did a splendid work of canvassing, along with the members of our church, in a new area in our city. Rev. Walter Hoffman, the director, arrived the second week and conducted the evangelistic service each evening. The church was lifted, inspired and challenged by the messages and the work of the team.

On Dec. 18th our choir presented the beautiful Christmas Cantata, "Night of Miracles" by John W. Peterson, under the able leadership of our director, Ernie Radke. This was a highlight of the Christmas celebrations. On Dec. 22nd our Sunday School presented its annual Christmas program, portraying the Christmas message through "The Gates of Christmas."

On Jan. 8th our pastor, Rev. R. Herrmann, was privileged to baptize a teenager on confession of his faith in Christ and receive five others who came to us by letter. With complete trust and confidence in our Lord, we go forward with renewed zeal in his service.

Ida Neher, Reporter

Central District

Reception for New Pastor's Family, Fessenden, N. Dak.

Members and friends of the First Baptist Church of Fessenden, N. Dak., were very happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Thomas and their three children into our midst on Nov. 20,



Choir of the Bridgeland Baptist Church, Calgary, Alta., with the choir director, E. Radke, at extreme left (front row) and Norma Bertsch, pianist at the right (front row).

March 2, 1961



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stradinger of McLaughlin, S. Dak., at their 61st wedding anniversary celebration arranged by the First Baptist Church of McLaughlin.

1960. Having been without a pastor since June 1960, we were thankful to the Lord for sending the Thomas family to us.

After the morning service a fellowship dinner was served to all those present, at which time a pantry shower was also given to our new pastor and his family. On Sunday evening, Dec. 11, we dedicated our new "North American Hymnals." At the present time we are making plans to build a new parsonage in the spring of 1961. May the Lord bless us in our undertakings!

Mrs. Arnold Knodel, Church Clerk

61st Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. H. Stradinger

On Jan. 2, the family, members and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stradinger gathered at the First Baptist Church, McLaughlin, S. Dak., to help the Stradingers celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary. The program in their honor included musical numbers and words of congratulation from the various departments of the church. Rev. Daniel Heringer, pastor, officiated at the program. A reception in the church dining room followed the program. Two of their favorite hymns in the German language were sung by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bertsch.

The Stradingers were married at Harvey, N. Dak., on Jan. 3, 1900 and lived at Anamoose and McClusky, N. Dak., before coming to McLaughlin. The Lord blessed them with 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Stradinger are members of the First Baptist Church of McLaughlin. For many years, Mrs.

Stradinger has done much to beautify the church by means of the many bouquets of flowers she has brought to the church.

Mrs. Leo Friez, Reporter

Golden Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. C. Fried

Mr. and Mrs. Christ Fried of Lemmon, South Dakota, recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. More than 150 friends gathered to honor this pioneer couple who have spent almost a half century of happily married life within the borders of South Dakota. Mr. Fried was born in South Russia April 16, 1886. There he received his education and grew to young manhood. He came to the United States in 1907. At Herreid he met Amelia Ackerman. Mr. Fried came to Perkins County in 1909, filed on a homestead, began its development and then returned to Herreid for his bride.



Mr. and Mrs. Christ Fried of Lemmon, S. Dak., members of the Bison Baptist Church, at their 50th wedding anniversary celebration.

A program honoring them was presented Sunday by Rev. Jerry Vilhauer, pastor of the Baptist Church at Bison, S. Dak., which they helped found and in which they have long been active members. A happy event of the afternoon was the ring ceremony in which Mr. and Mrs. Fried exchanged their first wedding rings. All but one of the 10 children born to them are living. They now have 35 grandchildren.

Jerry Vilhauer, Pastor

Evangelistic Services at Zion Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

Rev. Fredrich Sondheimer, evangelist from Germany, was with us at the German Zion Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 13-19. At well attended services, God blessed his Word and souls responded to the invitations. Then on Sunday morning Mr. Sondheimer baptized these converts.

In December our Woman's Missionary Society held its annual Christmas program to which they invited their husbands. The evening was divided in two parts: the first consisting of songs, recitations and a play written by one of its members, Mrs. Alma Henderson, Cameroons missionary, was a guest of honor. She told us of their work in the Cameroons. During the fellowship hour, Mr. Emil Brenner on behalf of the church, extended birthday greetings and gifts to our beloved

TEACHER TRAINING CLASS, FIRST CHURCH, LODI

Teacher Training Class of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., that is meeting for 24 weeks. Rev. A. Buhler, pastor, is at right, front, and Rev. Art Brust, assistant pastor, at extreme left.

pastor, Rev. John Goetze. He reviewed a year of fruitful ministry in which we had extended the hand of fellowship to 49 people, 30 of whom came to us by letter and 19 by baptism. Mrs. Bruno Ziegler, Reporter

Baptismal Service at First Church, Appleton, Minn.

Sunday, Nov. 20, was a day of special blessing for us at the First Baptist Church, Appleton, Minnesota. Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District secretary, was our guest speaker for the day. After the morning worship service, we enjoyed our annual Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner in the lower auditorium. Then we gathered in the church auditorium for another inspiring message by Mr. Gunst in connection with the observance of the Harvest and Mission Festival.

An Instruction Class of seven sessions was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Ben Lautt, for a number of baptismal candidates. On Sunday evening, Dec. 18, we had the joy of witnessing the baptism of four children and one adult. Among the children was the pastor's son, Paul. On Sunday, Jan. 1, these five were extended the hand of fellowship by the pastor before the communion service. We thank the Lord of the harvest for these precious souls and for all of his many blessings.

Ben J. Lautt, Pastor

"God's Volunteers" Minister Effectively in Hutchinson, Minn.

The Bethany Baptist Church, Hutchinson, Minn., can report a very successful week of special meetings with "God's Volunteers" from Jan. 8 to 13. Their ministry was accepted with new interest by the church. The visitation program was successful with decisions for Christ being made and with a far-reaching interest being shown by those of other faiths who were eager to hear the Gospel. This was shown by a steady increase in attendance and with a capacity congregation on the closing night. It was likewise evident in the eager participation of the visitors during the time for testimonies.

Rev. Walter Hoffman, the director, delivered the messages which left a powerful impact upon the people. The lives of the "God's Volunteers" team also proved to be a spiritual blessing to those with whom they came in contact. Only time can reveal the true worth of this type of ministry. We pray for God's richest blessings upon the members of the team. Rev. Bert Itterman is pastor of our church.

Mrs. Henry Schott, Reporter

Rev. Fred Knalson Honored at Martin, N. Dak.

"This is your life, Fred Knalson." These words spoken by Rev. Dick Christeleit opened the service recently in the Baptist Church, Martin, North Dakota for Rev. Fred Knalson of Mott, N. D. Mr. Knalson, a son of the church who in recent months has lost his eyesight, was present with his wife and son to hear the events of his life given by various members of the Martin Church. Before attending seminary and entering the ministry, he was active in all branches of the church, but he is remembered particularly for the years he served as CBY president.



Rev. Ben J. Lautt, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Appleton, Minn., and 5 persons whom he recently baptized.

He was ordained in his home church in 1945 and since then has served our churches in Sheboygan, Wis.; Underwood, N. Dak.; Marion, Kansas; Leduc, Alta.; and at present Mott, N. Dak.

Speakers on the program included Walter Weinholz, Albert Fiesel, Mrs. Knalson, Mrs. Walter Fiesel, Albert Seibel, and Wesley Michelson. Bill Keple, also a son of the church who is now attending our seminary, sang a solo, and Rev. and Mrs. Bob Krueger of Sioux Falls sang, "It Pays to Serve Jesus." Brother Knalson was presented with a tape recorder and tapes from the Martin church to aid him in his ministry. He spoke words of appreciation and challenged the church.

Mrs. Betty Kessler, Reporter

75th Anniversary, First Baptist Church, Bison, Kansas

More than 75 years ago, several German families settled near Bison, Kansas. They gathered in homes for religious fellowship. The Lord sent messengers such as Mr. Wm. Thielenhaus and Rev. George Burgdorf. As a result of their efforts, the Bison Baptist Church was organized in December 1885. The first church was dedicated in August 1886 at a cost of \$750. In November 1900 a new house of worship was constructed in Bison for \$1,950. This church was destroyed by a tornado and was replaced by a new church costing \$6,000. In April 1957 our church again met with a disastrous fire. Immediately plans were made to rebuild. This new church was dedicated in Nov. 1958, costing upwards of \$40,000, with church members donating approximately 10,000 hours of labor.

Many friends shared in the festivities of our anniversary which began with a banquet on Saturday evening, Dec. 3rd. The guest speaker for the occasion was Rev. Theo Dons of Sterling, Kansas. On Sunday three services were held. Rev. Oliver Ringering, our pastor, acknowledged the many letters and beautiful floral pieces sent by former pastors, friends and churches.

Clara L. Niedenthal, Reporter

Christmas Programs at Immanuel Church, Kenosha, Wis.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 18th under the direction of our pastor, Rev. Milton W. Zeeb, and his wife, a Christmas Musicales Candlelight Service was presented at the Immanuel Church, Kenosha, Wis. With Mr. Zeeb as narra-

tor, Kathy Divers as the angel and Madelyn Pietkewics as Mary, the service was interspersed with singing by various groups as well as a trombone solo by Andy Stipanuk. The Ladies' Chorus under the direction of Mrs. Ben Weiss entered the sanctuary with candles that were lighted and placed at the altar and a large star appeared in the distance as "Star of the East" was sung by Mrs. Milton Zeeb and Mrs. Ron Housaman.

On Saturday evening, Dec. 24th, our Sunday School under the direction of Andy Stipanuk presented its program and the children were overjoyed in doing their part to honor the Christ-child. A good program had been planned by Mrs. Richard Dart, Mrs. Don Kopf and Mrs. Logan Benson. On New Year's Eve we assembled in meditation and prayer, with the chairman of our Deaconate Board, Dean Ehlert, in charge. The highlight of the evening was a drawing done by Mrs. Joe White entitled, "Praying Hands" with Rev. M. Zeeb as narrator.

Mrs. Dan Behr, Reporter

Important Recent Events, Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kansas

A Junior Choir was recently organized at the First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kansas, with Mrs. Herbert Marchand as director. "Be a Five Star Scholar in October" was the slogan for our Sunday School contest in October. The attendance soared from 103 on the opening Sunday to 187 on the last Sunday in October. Over 100 persons attended the Woman's Missionary Society Family Supper for their annual meeting on Thursday evening, Nov. 10, with Dr. Kenneth Smith, dean of the Sterling College of Sterling, Kansas, as guest seaker. Mrs. August Krueger is president of the society. Our guest speaker for our special services from Nov. 27 to Dec. 7 was Rev. Harold W. Gieseke of Forest Park, Ill.

On Monday evening, Dec. 5, the members of the Men's Brotherhood entertained their wives at a dinner with Chester DeWerff as master of ceremonies and the guest speaker, Rev. Frank Friesen of Stafford, Kansas. There were 44 couples present. Everett Wikerson is president of the Brotherhood. The Sunday School Christmas program on Christmas Eve was directed by Mrs. Merle Brenner. The play, "Sharing Christmas," was given. The decorating committee chairman was Mrs. Austin Widener. The Senior C. B. Y., with Richard Meyer as president, sponsored the Watchnight Service featuring slides and pictures of the church's activities of the past year.

Mrs. Derril Widener, Reporter

Dedicated Leaders of Baptist Church, Rapid City

Members of the South Canyon Baptist Church, Rapid City, S. Dak., met on Jan. 12, to elect new officers and to approve a budget for 1961. Rev. Loren Weber will continue as acting moderator as appointed by the Home Mission Board of the North American Baptist General Conference. Officers elected for the new year are Walter Bangert, vice-moderator; Mrs. Ralph Conners, clerk; John Kwyzla, Jr., treasurer; Harold Rhodes, Sunday School superintendent; Victor Schlottman,

Asst. S. S. superintendent; Mrs. Victor Schlottman, S. S. secretary.

The church also approved a budget for \$5,148.10 with the addition to \$2,090 granted to the church by the Home Mission Board with headquarters at Forest Park towards the local pastor's salary. The church showed a net gain of 13 members this past year and the present membership stands at 49.

The Woman's Mission Circle of the South Canyon Baptist Church recently elected its new officers. They are Mrs. Elden Odegaard, president; Mrs. John Kwyzla, Jr. vice-president; Mrs. Helmut Wolff, secretary; Mrs. Victor Schlottman, treasurer; Mrs. Dale Saunders, Program chairman; Mrs. Freddie La Plante, White Cross chairman; Mrs. Harold Rhodes, Sunshine lady; Mrs. Helmut Wolff, reporter.

Mrs. John Kwyzla, Jr., Reporter

Activities of the Streeter and Medina Churches

"God is good!" His goodness abounded to the members and friends of the Streeter and Medina churches of North Dakota in a special way in the past months. The two weeks of special meetings in our Streeter and Medina churches brought times of refreshing to God's people. As the result of the Youth Camp work, Rev. David Littke as evangelist in Medina, and Rev. B. Fritzke in Streeter, a union baptismal service was held at the Crystal Springs camp. After the 11 candidates had been baptized, the hand of fellowship was extended to them and to another person who had followed the Lord in baptism at a union communion service.

It has been an honor to recognize two of the older couples of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Gottlob Betsch were pleasantly honored by a reception prepared by their children on their 50th wedding anniversary. Also the children of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Brenneise honored them on their 40th anniversary.

The New Year began with real blessings and challenges. On Sunday, Jan. 1, Rev. John Binder brought fitting messages at the dedication service at which time the new denominational hymn books were dedicated. The books were purchased from memorials in memory of Henry Brenneise, Jacob and Katherine Zimmerman, Fred Schultz and the remainder of the cost from the Sunday School. Also two imitation palm plants were dedicated in memory of Paul Gienger purchased by Mrs. Gienger and children. Both churches dedicated new bulletin boards at the Harvest Mission Sunday.

Carl R. Weisser, Pastor

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March 2, 1961

Obituaries

MRS. LAWRENCE E. HOEFFNER of Emery, South Dakota

After a period of intense suffering, Mrs. Lawrence E. Hoeffner of Emery S. Dak., passed away on Jan. 11, 1961. She was born to the John Munschkes at Denton, Texas, April 4, 1895. Her youth was spent in Denton where she attended the public schools and Denton Teacher's College. On August 3, 1915, the Hoeffners were married, also at Denton. With her husband, a minister of the Gospel in the North American Baptist General Conference, she moved from place to place with the attending joys, heartaches and sacrifices as a pastor's wife. She was converted as a young girl and later gave expression to her faith by submitting to the ordinance of baptism on Easter Sunday, April 4, 1907 as administered by the Rev. August Becker, pastor of her church.

Mrs. Hoeffner was a faithful servant of the Lord, always ready to give public testimony to her faith in the Lord and his preciousness. Especially mourning her departure is the John V. Terveen family: Mrs. Terveen, the only child, Mr. Terveen and Grant, Gloria and John Luke.

First Baptist Church
Emery, South Dakota
LELAND H. FRIESEN, Pastor

MRS. MINNIE A. FRIEDRICH of Appleton, Minnesota

Mrs. Minnie A. Friedrich, nee Rethwisch, of Appleton, Minn., was born July 3, 1891 in Frieberg, Germany, and was called home into the presence of her Lord on Jan. 15, 1961. She reached the age of 69 years, 6 months and 12 days. She came to this country together with her parents in 1894. Minnie Rethwisch and Frank Friedrich were united in holy matrimony Sept. 21, 1910. The Lord blessed this couple with 4 children: Herbert, Mohlon, and Ruby (Mrs. Pete Schnaser), all of rural Appleton. In 1915 an infant son passed away at birth.

Mrs. Friedrich leaves to mourn her husband: 3 children and 10 grandchildren: 3 sisters: Mrs. Roy King of Frazee, Minn.; Mrs. Frank Fischer of Walker, Minn.; and Mrs. Ann Murry of Missoula, Mont.; and 2 brothers: John and Robert Rethwisch of Frazee, Minn. She accepted her Lord as Savior, was baptized into the Holloway Baptist Church, now the First Church of Appleton, on June 19, 1932. She was an active member of the Ladies' Mission Circle.

Appleton, Minnesota
BEN LAUTT, Pastor

MR. T. H. BERNDT of Avon, South Dakota

Mr. T. H. Berndt of Avon, S. Dak., was born Dec. 28, 1892 and died suddenly Jan. 10, 1961 at the age of 68 years and 13 days. He was married Jan. 21, 1919 to Martha Radack. This union was blessed with 3 children: Elizabeth, Mrs. Harold Nehring of Minnesota Junction, Wis.; Rose, Mrs. Roy Nehring of Beaver Dam, Wis.; and Kenneth Berndt of Clear Lake, S. Dak. He was converted in March 1920 and baptized on Aug. 1, 1920 by Rev. A. W. Lang and

received into the membership of the Danzig Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Martha; 2 daughters and one son; one sister; 2 brothers and 7 grandchildren. For many years he was the janitor of his church and with the Psalmist he could say, "I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness" (Ps. 84:10b). The memorial service took place Jan. 13th at the Danzig Baptist Church and burial was in the Danzig Baptist Cemetery. Tyndall and Danzig Baptist Churches South Dakota

DAVID ZIMMERMAN, Pastor

MR. JACOB PRITZKAU of Avon, South Dakota

Mr. Jacob Pritzkau of Avon, S. Dak., was born Sept. 10, 1881 at Old Danzig, Russia and died Jan. 5, 1961 at the Old People's Home in Tyndall, S. Dak., at the age of 79 years, 3 months and 26 days. He came to the U. S. A. with his parents, John and Catharine Pritzkau, as a lad of 4 years. He was married Feb. 15, 1905 to Mathilda Buchholz by Rev. John Jaeger. This union was blessed with 7 children, 4 of whom preceded their father in death. His wife died Aug. 7, 1949.

He was converted when Evangelist Schwendener held evangelistic meetings here and was baptized May 14, 1905 and received into the Danzig Baptist Church where he remained a faithful member until his death. He had the singular distinction of serving his church for 27 years as a deacon. He also served as S. S. superintendent and teacher. He is mourned by one sister, Mrs. Rudolph Berndt of Avon; and 2 daughters and one son: Mrs. Martin Van Gerber and Mrs. Jean Hebrner of Avon and Elmer of Wessington Springs, S. D.; 3 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Tyndall and Danzig Baptist Churches South Dakota

DAVID ZIMMERMAN, Pastor

MRS. ELIZABETH KLEIN of Turtle Lake, North Dakota

Mrs. Elizabeth Klein, a resident of the Baptist Home for the Aged, Bismarck, N. Dak., died on Jan. 1, 1961 at the age of 90. She had been a happy resident of our HOME in Bismarck for 18 years.

Mrs. Klein was born near Odessa, Russia, Aug. 9, 1870. She married Ludwig Klein in Russia in 1896 and they came to the United States in 1908. Most of their years they farmed near Washburn, N. Dak.

In 1939 they retired and moved into Turtle Lake. Soon after Mr. Klein's passing, Mrs. Klein moved to the Baptist Home in Bismarck.

On March 25, 1893 Mrs. Klein received the Lord as her Savior and was baptized that same year in Odessa by Rev. Karl Fuellbrandt. Mrs. Klein kept her membership in the Turtle Lake Baptist Church until her home going. She was also an honorary member of the Woman's Missionary Society.

Mourning her passing are six daughters: Mrs. Rose Zottnick of Tampa, Fla.; Mrs. Jacob Keck of Monroe, Wash.; Mrs. Dan Bauer and Mrs. Edwin Wacker of Turtle Lake, N. Dak.; Mrs. Adolph Brokofsky of Gold Bar, Wash.; and Mrs. Louise Neuharth of Missoula, Montana; and 25 grandchildren.

Turtle Lake, North Dakota
HAROLD E. WEISS, Pastor

DECEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS—N.A.B. GENERAL CONFERENCE

Conferences	CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES		
	Dec., 1960	Dec. 1959	Dec., 1958
Atlantic	\$ 4,565.48	\$ 4,556.31	\$ 3,918.47
Central	25,727.52	32,708.83	22,574.59
Dakota	20,879.21	17,709.77	21,119.04
Eastern	1,983.76	5,980.86	4,775.28
Northern	21,874.82	22,107.24	16,761.39
Northwestern	11,332.17	12,744.55	15,744.44
Pacific	20,393.11	23,525.12	23,743.86
Southern	1,792.90	2,169.08	1,051.12
Southwestern	8,200.92	6,535.10	8,355.85
Total Contributions	\$116,749.89	\$128,036.86	\$118,044.04

	CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED		
	Budget Contributions	Other Contributions	Denominational Bldg. Advance
For the month of Dec. 1960	\$ 98,585.44	\$ 4,015.16	\$ 14,149.29
For the month of Dec. 1959	103,821.22	7,572.90	16,642.74
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Total	\$116,749.89	\$128,036.86	\$118,044.04

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1960 to Dec. 31, 1960	\$497,160.30	\$ 16,296.49	\$ 54,880.82	\$568,337.61
April 1, 1959 to Dec. 31, 1959	484,577.63	51,710.31	66,563.36	602,851.30
April 1, 1958 to Dec. 31, 1958	492,855.99	44,055.77		536,911.76

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silence. There seemed to be nothing to say.

It was the ill one who broke the silence.

"Tell me truthfully, dear, what did the doctor say?"

Doña Helena had expected this. She knew *what* to say, for she could not lie, but she knew not *how* to say it.

O Lord, put words in my mouth! was her silent prayer.

She put her hand on Doña Marta's—so rough, so dark, so thin, so *precious!*

"My friend and sister," her voice was scarcely above a whisper, "he says your body is very, very ill. You may be leaving us in a few short months!" She could not continue, and turned her face away.

There was again silence, and again the weary Marta was the first to break it.

"*Hermana*, I shall be glad to go. I am ready. I do not think I will be here that long. I wonder if God will answer my prayers before I go? Tell the church to keep on praying with me, and if He does not answer now, He will answer later!"

Don Jorge came with the medicines. Doña Luisa came from the *arroyo*. The four joined in earnest prayer. Even then, Doña Marta remembered the church, the work of evangelization, and

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the needs of others. They all prayed especially for Zorillo and Rosita, and of course committed Doña Marta's suffering body to the Good Physician's hands. In this case the words, "Thy will be done," expressed, not an excuse for unbelief, but humble submission to the loving Father's plan.

When they had finished, Doña Marta was tired and drowsy, for the medicines were taking effect. Quietly the young couple arose to go, leaving the faithful Luisa to stay with her friend.

Deliberately they took the long way home, around by Don Daniel's. He was working in the field as they came along, and they called brightly to him:

"*Buenas tardes*, Don Daniel!"

"*Buenas tardes!*" he replied.

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IV. LIFE IN UNION. John 17:22-26.

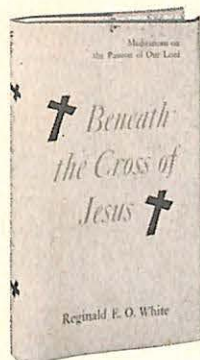
The two key words in Jesus' prayer are "love" and "union." There can be no meaningful union in a marriage without love. Much less can there be union with Christ without love. The "oneness" which he is here praying for is not to be thought of so much as a unified organizational church but a united spiritual church. Our union with each other depends on how true our union is with Christ.

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