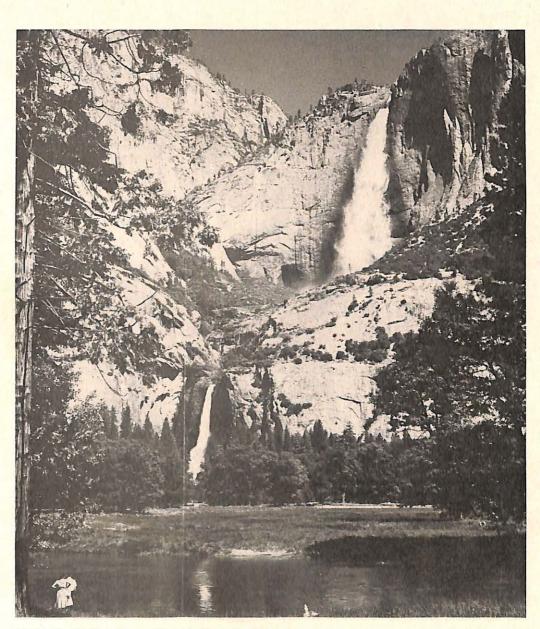


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• Fifty youth interested in service at home and abroad have been chosen by the American Friends Service Committee (Quakers) to take on-the-job training in social-service work. Twelve of this group will spend next summer on agricultural production programs in Tanganyika, and ten will go to India to teach and do social-service work. Others will be sent to Latin America, Europe, and parts of the U.S.A. -Missions.

• Methodist women in nine southeastern states are sending a message to President Kennedy expressing "deep regret" that Congress has authorized a 5-year Civil War centennial on the grounds that the observance might stimulate "divisive elements" in the country. "Our concern," the women declared, "and our hope are that you will use the influence of your office to emphasize the unity that was achieved, rather than the divisions of those tragic years."

• Telephone directories in Ontario's chief cities will soon contain a new listing—"Suicide." Despairing persons will be able to call this number at any hour of the day or night and reach the Salvation Army's brand-new anti-suicide bureau. Since there are ten times as many lives lost through suicide as through tuberculosis in Canada, the Salvation Army decided to open an anti-suicide bureau with telephone service in Toronto, Winnipeg, Montreal and Vancouver. The aid of doctors and psychiatrists will be enlisted, and magistrates will be urged to send to the bureau any person who they think may be a potential suicide.

• A missionary to Bolivia, according to a Missionary News Service release, has made successful contact with the fierce Moro Indian tribe in the Salinas de Santiago region of Bolivia. William Pencille, missionary for the Mennonite Brethren Church, recently made contact with the Indians and spent a month with them, according to a report released by the church's missionary board headquarters. Mennonites and other missionaries have been trying for years to establish contact with the Moros, who live in the jungle border area of Bolivia and Paraguay. Previously they have resisted all efforts at friendly contacts and have often made attacks on the colonists in the neighboring areas, killing and wounding them.

• An intensive four-month evangelistic effort sponsored by the Church of the Nazarene resulted in 10,792 new members on profession of faith. These new members were among some 92.831 persons who sought spiritual help during a period of intense personal and mass evangelism. This crusade called "Try Christ's' Way" started with a special church-wide prayer and witnessing campaign in which 1,800,000 persons-or six times the denomination's membership—were contacted with the Christian message and invited to church. The Nazarenes now have 318,500 members in 4,741 churches and another 50,000 members in churches on the foreign mission fields. -United Evangelical Action

• Six new converts in the landlocked mountain kingdom of Nepal who had been baptized and made a public con-

fession of their faith in Christ were jailed for it. This persecution of these young Christians took place late last year according to a report from the United Mission of Nepal. The prevailing religion in that country is Hinduism and the constitution forbids anyone to leave "his own religion handed down from ancient times." Meanwhile the three Christian couples were kept in jail awaiting sentencing. One of the women was expecting a baby and another had an infant son with her as well as an older child. Fellow Nepali Christians were helping them to buy necessities needed to live in prison.



• Church Dedication in Warsaw, Poland. Polish Baptists plan to open and dedicate their new church house in Warsaw in July. This date also will mark the opening of their seminary. Aleksander Kircun reported that six new mission stations were opened during 1960 and 80 new members have also been baptized. The Baptist Union of Poland also published a new hymnbook and has three other books in preparation for printing.

 Ruanda - Urundi Baptist Union Formed. USUMBURA, Ruanda-Urundi -First converts in a Danish Baptist mission field of Urundi were baptized in 1931 and the church at Musema was organized with 34 charter members. A total of 3,000 new converts have been baptized during the intervening 30 years. Four ordained native pastors, two hundred evangelists and teachers have joined Danish missionaries in the advance. There are currently 1,000 enrolled in classes for candidates for baptism. The New Testament and Psalms and most of the Old Testament have been translated.

• 1963 Baptist World Youth Conference in Lebanon. Beirut, Lebanon, was announced as meeting place for the Sixth Baptist Youth World Conference in 1963. Robert S. Denny, associate secretary and director of youth work for the Baptist World Alliance, said that the Near East city, in the Holy Land area, was an overwhelming favorite of the 34 members of the Alliance Youth Committee in a mail poll. Exact date of the meeting is still undetermined, but Denny said it will be summer of 1963. Previous world youth meetings have been held at Prague, Czechoslovakia, 1931; Zurich, Switzerland, 1937; Stockholm, Sweden, 1949; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 1953; and Toronto, Canada, 1958.

• Baptists Use Radio-TV in Nigeria. Two Baptist programs, "The Baptist Witness" and "The Answer," are being heard on radio and television respectively through the Eastern Nigeria Radio and Television Service. This is in addition to coverage extended on the western Nigeria network which has been in operation for several months. J. T. Ayorinde, pastor at Lagos, and a member of the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee, was preacher on the first services of the "Baptist Witness." "The Answer," a filmed television series produced by the Southern Baptist Convention in America, has been highly acclaimed by its Nigerian witnesses.

• Anniversary for Dr. Adams. Dr. Theodore F. Adams has celebrated his 25th anniversary as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va. In recognition of this anniversary, the Administrative Committee of the Baptist World Alliance voted in its February meeting to "felicitate the church and its pastor on this occasion." The resolution continued: "That the Baptist World Alliance express its deep appreciation for the devoted and wise leadership Dr. Adams has given as a member of the Executive Committee 1934-47, vice-president 1947-50, member of the Administrative Committee 1950-55, and president 1955-60.'

• Persecution is Often Blessing. True believers in Christ have always been persecuted, Gunnar Westin, professor of church history at Uppsala University in Sweden, told students and faculty at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. "Persecution started early and it is clear that many times it has been a blessing. The first great persecution was against the early church at Je-(Continued on page 24)



The Unfinished Struggle

The centennial of the Civil War or "War Between the States" is now being observed in this country with noisy fanfare and many festivities. Magazine articles, television programs and community celebrations are reviving the gruesome stories of the fighting between brother and brother and of the bloody battlefields of that war. But the fundamental issues in the minds of men that erupted in the fearsome Civil War have not been altogether resolved. Some of them are still with us today as the unfinished struggle in American life.

It has often been said that the United States represents a gigantic melting pot. Many national groups have been assimilated into the American way of life in this country, and conflicting views have often been fused into a national outlook that might be called "the American pattern." But again and again, as in Abraham Lincoln's day, our unity has been threatened by sinister forces with undemocratic views. The evil influences of Communism on life in the Americas, and especially in the United States, are like an octopus with its tentacles reaching into the minds of people. We need to be alerted to the dangers that threaten our unity and endanger the principles that were foundation stones in our country.

Remember that these are Christian principles in the heritage that has come down to us. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by the Creator with certain inalienable Rights" (Declaration of Independence). Slavery was viewed by a large segment of the people to be the negation of this "inalienable right," and the issues were fought out in the minds of men and on the battlefield.

But these "self-evident truths" and these rights of divine endowment are still not recognized by all to this very day. The constitution and the courts of the land have declared these to be "inalienable rights." Christian ministers from their pulpits have proclaimed these principles as the fruit of the Gospel. But the struggle for equal rights and equality of opportunity for the people of all races within our boundaries continues with great intensity.

Many schools are still segregated, even though sports activities welcome participants from all races. Housing problems are haunting our American cities and suburbs because of many doors that are closed to people of certain races. Demonstrations are being carried on everywhere, both in the North and the South, to dramatize these issues. Crucial issues are facing our churches in this struggle as to the stand that they will take and the testimony they will give to the world.

Baptists, who have always championed freedom for the individual and have fought for religious liberty for all, ought to be in the front ranks of today's struggle. We must understand the issues that confront us. We must demonstrate to others (and to all the world) that these fundamental principles are being practiced by us in our lives and churches. We must constantly be on guard for these "inalienable rights" by which we have been endowed by God. In this unfinished struggle facing our people, Baptists must ever stand upon God's Word and champion the things that are eternally right in God's sight!

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Ten Days in the Cameroons

The first of two reports about a recent trip to Africa and a tour of the Cameroons Baptist Mission fields by Dr. R. Schilke, General Missionary Secretary

the writer had the privilege of making his first trip to our mission field in the Cameroons of West Africa. Eight full weeks were spent in the Cameroons at that time, visiting every one of our ten main stations from Victoria to Warwar. The impressions and findings were then given the readers of the "Baptist Herald" in three articles which appeared in the Number 4, 5 and 6 issues of 1955.

A second visit to the Cameroons became a necessity this year. The area had to be covered in ten crowded days. It still appears like a dream out of which, upon awakening, one asks, "Was I really there?"

AN URGENT REQUEST

Paul wrote to the Corinthian church in his second letter concerning his intentions and said: "In this confidence I was minded to come unto you before, that ye might have a second benefit" (2 Cor. 1:15). That, I believe, must have been the desire of our missionaries when through their Field Committee early this year they urgently requested the Board of Missions to send me to the Cameroons for a second, even though brief, visit. I take the liberty of reversing the second half of the verse when I say concerning myself, "that I might have a second benefit."

There were a number of reasons which prompted our Cameroons Field Committee to make that urgent appeal for my visit. First, that I might see for myself the developments of the past six years and the visible blessings of God and report these to the Board of Missions and to our people in our churches.

Second, that by the grace of God I might help ease the tensions which were inevitably brought about in this past year by political uncertainties in this land of the Cameroons, which feels the throes and birthpangs of a nation to be born, such as many nations in Africa have experienced in these past two years. It was felt that a voice from home might make the Word of God more reassuring than any voice on the field could do. The Word of God itself does not change, but it is true that the voice which quotes it does make a difference.

Third, that through first hand experience I might be more readily guided by God's Holy Spirit to help map the future course of our mission in this land. To this Dr. Paul Gebauer had written: "There are matters of policy and strategy that defy correspondence. We, the Cameroons Field Council (C. F. C.), should sit down with you for conferences. The results

SIX and one half years ago of such meetings will be most,

in the April Board meetings. MODERN MEANS OF TRAVEL

Six years have brought about tre-Six years have brought about tre-mendous advances in travel. In plan-ning the trip, I learned that Chicago crowd the entire round trip, 17-day to Africa to Chicago, into a excursion at a much reduced rate over a regular round trip, accounty flight. a regular round trip economy in the It would give me fully ten days day in Cameroons and still afford a of our Austria to look into the work Austrian Mission

On March 15 in the early afternoon, left Chicago by Thready for New I left Chicago by TWA jet for New York and thence by Air France jet for Paris, France of Austria, for Paris, France, and Vienna, Austria, arriving at Vienna by noon the Appeling day. Dr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Appeling at Vienna's airport. The after-met me at Vienna's airport. The after-noon and late evening ware spent in noon and late evening were spent in meetings with bact meetings with brethren of o^{ur} execu-tive committee in tive committee in Austria in order to hear first hand reports and Austria. cuss the future of our work in Austria. Rev. Wm. Sturbely Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, who was just at many on a different mission meeting. that time, joined us in this prayer We both shared the evening Baptist meeting at the Mollardgasse a good Church in Vienna which had see the attendance. It was good to see the brethren

The following day took me back to

Paris. The next day, March 18, Air France jet took me from Paris to Douala, Africa, in a non-stop 61/2 hour flight, covering the distance across Africa's northern desert at a height of 35,000 feet and a speed of 525 miles an hour. At Douala, French Cameroun, Dr. Paul Gebauer and Rev. G. Ben Lawrence met me. For Dr. Gebauer the experience of seeing this jet monster land was apparently greater than it was for me and others who flew in. In our country one hardly realizes these modern advances in travel modes and one forgets that three years ago, when the Gebauers returned to Africa, jet travel for the tourist was still in the talking stage. We stayed at Akwa Palace Hotel

in Douala overnight and made the trip north to Bamenda the following day in our mission owned land rover. I had not been in French Cameroun on my previous trip, and so this was a new experience for me. Travel in French Cameroun in the past two years was dangerous on account of guerilla warfare, that was communist trained, in many places.

In many villages and towns along the highways we saw the ruins of ransacked and burnt out homes. Among these were some missions, mostly Catholic. We heard the tales of murder and massacre in several places. Concerted effort by the militia has rounded up many of the rebels and brought about a reasonable calm. The Lord was with us and we encountered no difficulty anywhere. By 5:00 P. M. we arrived safely at Bamenda where we were greeted by Mrs. Gebauer, Dr. and Mrs. Peter E. Fehr and Mrs. Lawrence who had preceded her husband the day before.

BAMENDA AFTER SIX YEARS

In ten days we visited all of our ten stations in the Cameroons beginning at Bamenda. Warwar field we saw in the distance, but time did not permit to trek down into Warwar proper. However, Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman came up to meet us at the end of the motor road at Nverip, 11/2 hours' trekking time, and we had less than two hours of fellowship together and left with prayer. What met my eyes after six years?

At Bamenda a lovely modern chapel greets you from a distance, replacing the old grass-roofed one. Its shining zinc roof was the first I observed as we came down Government Hill. Dr. Paul Gebauer fittingly wrote in his annual report which I read after my return from Africa: "At Bamenda Clara Gebauer built the church of her dreams, helped by Bamenda Baptists and the dollars of her cousin."

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This church is indeed a fitting memorial to the years of their service at Bamenda. The pillars in front are handcarved sculpture with meaningful designs expressing in native fashion joy, praise, prayer, and sacrifice. The Standard IV (Grade 6) Christian Day School of six years ago has developed into a Standard VI (Grade 8) and two additional wings to the former school building speak of progress. A home for Miss Ruby Salzman, assistant supervisor of schools for the past four years, was also built here at Bamenda, largely financed by her own personal funds.

Bamenda is also the headquarters of the Cameroons Baptist Convention. Here the executive secretary, Pastor Nfomi, resides. It was a joy to meet him and his family and to discuss with him and the other two members on the executive committee of the Convention, President Tayui and Treasurer Fomynyang, the work of the Lord in the Cameroons.

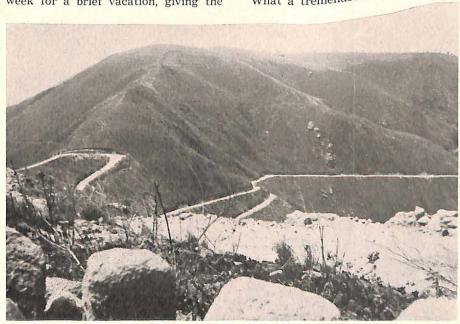


At Bamenda New Hope Settlement we could greet all missionaries stationed here, including Dr. and Mrs. Jerome C. Fluth who had arrived only a week ago. We were sorry to find Mrs. Eugene R. Stockdale confined to bed so that she could not join in our fellowship. Their homecoming plans were thus of necessity upset. Since then Mrs. Stockdale gave premature birth to a tiny baby on April 4 which died on April 5. Our sympathies go out to the family. But the sad experience made it possible for the Stockdale family to leave Africa for the United States, as was previously planned. They sailed from Tiko on April 25th.

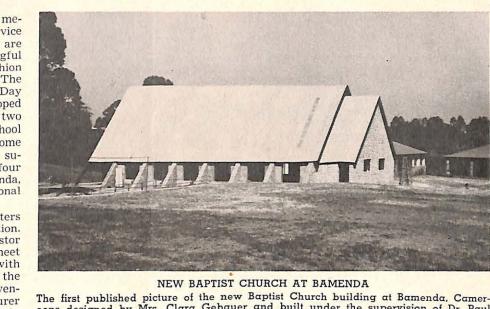
Here at Mbingo we also greeted the children of our missionaries in the American class. School ended that week for a brief vacation, giving the

children an opportunity to spend the next two weeks with their parents. Six years ago we dedicated Bamenda New Hope Settlement. The 30 bed hospital had just been completed. Dr. Kenneth W. Jones had just arrived a few weeks prior to this. We had 59 leprosy patients. Today, in addition to the Settlement, we have 17 outlying clinics with 14 leprosy inspectors. We have 1,833 leprosy patients under treatment. Over 500 leprosy patients have been discharged as healed in

Dr. Stockdale made the statement these intervening years. that in order adequately to treat leprosy throughout Bamenda province we should have 70 clinics with 40 inspectors. In addition, 281 non-leprosy patients were treated at the hospital and 2,487 non-leprosy patients were treated of the prosy patients bast treated at the dispensary this past What a tremendous witness this is! vear alone.



winding hairpin road over Rom Rill, over which Dr. R. Schilke and Dr. Paul Gebauer travelled to Mbem. This is a new road that was recently completed.





Dr. Paul Gebauer (left), field superintendent of the Cameroons Baptist Mis-sion, greets Dr. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, at the airport in Douala, West Africa, after his plane flight from Paris, France.

oons designed by Mrs. Clara Gebauer and built under the supervision of Dr. Paul Gebauer.

These lives are not only touched with physical healing but many of them have experienced spiritual healing as well, for all come under the influence of the power of the Gospel.

BELO CONGREGATION

At Belo the old grass-roofed chapel of six years ago can no longer be seen. The other line of grass-roof huts, including the old maternity center, have also disappeared. A new maternity center was built several years ago, and Miss Gertrude Schatz proudly showed me her domain. This past year saw 472 deliveries with not a single maternal death. In addition 2,151 outpatients were also treated. A new chapel, built by Brother Ernest Hildebrand, greets you as you enter the station.

For three hours the congregation of over 500 had waited for our arrival and now filled the chapel. Our time was so limited that we could only greet the people briefly. Messages prepared could not be given orally but were handed us in written form. Pastor Nching and Pastor Nteff are doing a noble work for the Lord in the Belo area. It was a special joy to greet Evangelist Robert Jam again who in spite of his age remained as young looking as he was six years ago.

We were already behind our time schedule that day. Darkness was soon falling and Dr. Gebauer and I still had to travel the distance around the ring road to Ndu. I still regret that we had to travel the ring road by night. This area I had not seen six years ago. We arrived at Ndu by midnight, got a few hours of sleep, had breakfast with Rev. George W. Lang and family, greeted Rev. Elmer C. Strauss briefly and left for Warwar and Mbem. On our return we were to stop at Ndu for a few hours of fellowship.

On our way to Warwar, we greeted Rev. Fred Holzimmer at Nguri, took (Continued on page 9)



The new building of the Bible School at Ndu, Southern Cameroons (left). The student body of the school is shown at the right. In the front row (seated) are: Rev. E. C. Strauss, John Musa, Thomes Kwenchi and Rev. George W. Lang.

Ndu's Bible School Building

Of the 45 Cameroonian students at the Ndu Bible School, about 10 will graduate annually and be ordained to go and preach the Gospel in 40 languages to the 1,000,000 inhabitants of the Southern Cameroons.

By Dr. Paul Gebauer, Field Superintendent of the Cameroons Baptist Mission

OW DO YOU like the simple, massive lines of the building pictured on this page? It is as massive as it appears. The columns are of blue basalt stone; the walls of like material. The woodwork is solid mahogany. It cost \$9,588. You as North American Baptists of America gave us the money, all of it, and we wish to thank vou.

BEAUTIFUL SCHOOL BUILDING

In its six classrooms, 20x24 feet each, swarm, sweat, study, and cram, dream, sleep and pray forty-five Cameroonian students. This is their Bible School and yours. It is their pride and joy; may it become yours, also, as you hear that year after year about ten will graduate in the top class and be ordained to go out among their own people. They will preach in about forty languages to the one million inhabitants in the Southern Cameroons.

How could we build so solidly and so cheaply? The foundation is stone, embedded in cement. The floors are cement. The walls are stone, smoothly plastered with cement and painted white to allow for maximum indoor light. The ceilings are of pressed board. The roof is corrugated zinc sheeting.

The students helped building. The nearby Tea Estate gave us advantageous transport. The design by Clara Gebauer cost nothing; the supervision by Paul Gebauer cost nothing; Contractor Elmer Strauss did his work as a sideline. The ones who really reduced cost to the acceptable level are three men from Kakaland. They are our secret.

MISSIONARY LITERATURE

- Cameroons Map of mission stations and pictures of missionaries in the Southern Cameroons, Africa (Free).
- Missionary Picture Packet with separate pictures to be placed on church bulletin boards. \$1.00 postpaid

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GOD'S FAITHFUL BUILDERS

Mason Solomon Ngong, father of seven children and more to come, hails from Bom in Kaka. He learned the three R's, the mysteries of inches and feet and blueprints under Clara Ge-



bauer in afternoon classes. Today he can follow simple plans, boss a gang of 30 to 40 laborers, and produce honest work in record time. He is paid \$33.80 per month. He has his own home near Bamenda Mission.

Carpenter Zakaria Vungang comes from Mbem in Kaka. Back in the thirties we had him in our first school. He was Clara's first garden boy. He completed class VI and for years apprenticed as carpenter. His wife Margaret, mother of five, is a model housewife and active in our women's work. The two have served the Baptist Mission through many years. Zakaria can follow simple blueprints, do roof construction, windows and doors, and under Missionary Ben Lawrence learned to make laminated arches. He too gets \$33.80 per month. His own home he built in the shadow of your Bamenda Mission Station.

Mason Samuel Nzangte, another one from Mbem in Kaka, and trained by us, also helped on this building. He is a quiet slave driver. He gets the most out of his men and they love him for it. He, too, lives near Bamenda Mission, has his own home, a good wife and seven children.

GOD GAVE THE INCREASE

These three did it. Ida Forsch helped them free of charge with daily criticism. Missionary Elmer Strauss undergirded these efforts with his penny-pinching acrobatics. Paul Gebauer supplied the push and drive. Right planning and timing together with the right materials and dependable transport helped along. And God gave the increase.

We thank them all-and you!

Youth in Christian Service

The story of 30 North American Baptist students working this summer in 40 churches and camps under the Student Service Plan by Rev. John Binder, General Secretary of the C.B.Y.F.

JOD is ever calling us and sending us forth into service for him. There are souls that need deliverance today, as they did in the past. God tells us to go to them and lead them into the light and blessing of his Gospel. He commissions us to teach and live his truth, to lift up the fallen, cheer the despondent, feed the hungry, comfort the sorrowing, and to save the sinning. God is calling youth to teach in Vacation Bible Schools, at camps, in Sunday Schools, to do visitation work, and even to preach.

GOD'S CALL AND PROMISE

God does not make mistakes in calling youth to do work for him. He knows their talents, even if at the time they are latent. He always calls youth who are ready and willing to do a task. Though we may feel unprepared and insufficient for the work, God is saying, "My grace is sufficient for thee." Therefore, youth may go and serve in faith and confidence.

Why service? Peter answers this question by saying, "Whatever gift each of you may have received, use it in service to one another, like good stewards dispensing the grace of God in its varied forms. Are you a speaker? Speak as if you uttered oracles of God. Do you give service? Give it as in the strength which God supplies. In all things so act that the glory may be God's through Jesus Christ: to him belong glory and power forever and ever," (I Peter 4:10-11-New English Bible). It is implied here that every Christian has received some ability from God, an ability which is to be held in trust for the benefit of others. Though the abilities may differ widely they are all God-given because of his goodness to us.

God equips us for service and this places a sacred responsibility upon us as his stewards. This is not given only to a privileged minority but to all. Every Christian may expect particular divine endowment for some form of service. It is then a thrilling experience to find that particular service for which you have the unique ability to perform. This gives much joy and purpose in living. He who cannot serve others or does not want to serve others is most miserable. "Serve the Lord with gladness" (Ps. 100:2).

STUDENT SERVICE PLAN

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That God in all things may be glorified is the intended goal of Christian service. God is glorified when our abilities are developed and exercised and when people admit that it is all due to God's enabling. When selfish praise and honor are sought after through service, then the witness to God's goodness is hindered.

DEDICATION OF HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

With construction of the new headquarters building in Forest Park completed, dedication services in connection with the General Council sessions are being planned. On Friday evening, May 26, members of the General Council, Chicago area pastors and the headquarters staff will gather for a dedication banquet in the basement dining room of the new building. The vicemoderator of our General Conference, Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, will serve as master of ceremonies. The dedication service is to be held in the conference room at 2:30 P.M. on Saturday, May 27. Dr. John Wobig, moderator, will preside. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, will bring the address.

The Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship, for several years, has encouraged young people to give their lives in service for Christ. It has not only encouraged this but has provided definite opportunities for service through the Student Service Plan. This is primarily for students of Bible schools, colleges and seminaries. Students who wish to serve make their application to our CBYF. Also, churches and camps make their requests known to the CBYF. Then in March the Student Placement Committee makes the assignments, according to requests and a very limited budget.

Each year there are more students making application than can be placed. There are also more church requests than can be filled. The reason is finances. We would like to encourage more students to serve. It is a great benefit to the student, as well as to the churches and camps served. When more churches and camps become willing to carry most of the finances, then only can we expand this work. The Student Service Plan is able only to assist and encourage this worthy work in a limited way.

This summer about 30 students from colleges, Bible schools and seminary will be serving in about 40 different churches and camps. These are young people who have experienced the reality and power of Jesus Christ. They have recognized him as their Lord and Master and therefore want to serve him with their abilities. They have heard the voice of God and are following his instructions. They are not satisfied with just working for money, but rather they have higher motives and goals in mind.

In fact, one young person has told me this year that she would be willing to serve where there is a need, even if it means no salary at all! This

means devotion and dedication to higher values in life. This speaks well for our young people. Many are not as irresponsible, as we are so often led to believe. We have many talented, sacrificial young people who are serving their Master well.

TYPES OF SERVICE

These young people will be serving in a variety of capacities. Some will be teaching at camps or in Vacation Bible Schools. They will be influencing other young lives to receive Christ and to live for him. Others will be counselors at camp and in churches. They will help those that have spiritual problems by directing them to the word of truth, the Scriptures. They will lead them to Christ, who is the answer for all basic problems.

Some will be directing recreational activities and thereby assisting in the development of teamwork. Others will be doing a great deal of visitation work. People who possibly have never been contacted will be reached and invited to hear about the truth. Others will be doing home mission work on our Spanish-American and Indian mission fields. Here the Gospel will be heard by some who have never heard. Others will be doing preaching and pastoral work and a variety of other tasks.

Through all of this service much latent, leadership talent will be drawn out and developed. The great potential in young people will come to practical use. Many others will be challenged to similar service, as they have observed these students in service. Also, the reality of Christianity is demonstrated to an unbelieving world. They must recognize that these young people have something that others are lacking. There is a concern manifested for the needs of people.

LABOR OF LOVE

Though the students go out with the intention of serving others, they have almost always reported that they had been very much enriched by this experience. It meant much more to them than they had expected. Thus the promise of God became a reality to them. "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister" (Hebrews 6:10). When we are faithful, God is faithful. When we have pure motives. God does not forget us but rather he honors these. The hand of God is felt in our lives, as we remain in his service.

We hope and pray that great things will again be accomplished this year through the Student Service Plan.



Stockholm, Sweden is a very beautiful and clean city. Mr. Yung wrote that "There are fiords everywhere." Some of the stately legislative buildings are shown at the right.

A Christian Businessman in Europe

By Mr. Adam P. Yung of Pittsburgh, Penn., a member of the Temple Baptist Church, who is stationed at present in Stockholm, Sweden, as an official of the Gulf Oil Company.

me to relate some of my impressions and experiences while here in Europe. I was most happy to do so, if for no other reason than to say "Hello" to my many friends in the U.S.A., especially my friends in the churches of the Atlantic Conference, whom I was privileged to serve as Young People's Union president many years ago. That was one of the highlights of my Christian experience, and I can't help but feel that it played a very vital role in preparing me for my business career. After all, the things we expect of any Christian, as for instance, a willingness to assume responsibility in church work, loyalty to Christ, or convictions about our beliefs, are equally expected in the conduct of our every day work.

POST-WAR EUROPE

What to write about concerning Europe that would be of general interest, that's the problem. Gone are the picturesque costumes which we still see so vividly described in many of our magazines, except in remote rural areas, or at festive occasions. A reminder of the colorful costumes, worn in days gone by, can now be gained mostly through the viewing of dolls on display in store windows, and which are made especially for tourists. For the most part people dress, live and act just like Americans.

My old concept of crudely constructed houses offering few conveniences, of dirt roads, ancient carts and wagons is completely erroneous. Modern industrial buildings and plants compare favorably with anything we have in the States. Because space is at a premium in most European countries. apartments are more prevalent, but suburban areas abound with homes that for sheer beauty and comfort compare favorably with our own. Streetcars and buses are as comfortable, if not more so, than our own.

W HEN THE EDITOR asked Traffic conditions are bad and getting worse constantly, but paved highways are to be found everywhere, plus automobiles of every description, including many American cars.

Post-war Europe has made tremendous economic strides. Full employment exists almost everywhere and in some countries, as for instance, in West Germany and Sweden, there is an acute shortage of labor. Certain types of skills are hardly obtainable or, at best, with great difficulty, and then only at premium rates. With jobs so plentiful, employees at times become indifferent and the quality of work suffers. Certainly most the workers do not have the ambition, the drive and the enthusiasm for their jobs as do Americans.

As one Danish executive told me very frankly: "Our major interests center in our families; we work only because we have to eat." They like their fishing and their picnics, and during summer months there is a regular exodus of people every weekend out of metropolitan areas to the forests, the lakes or the country.

COMPETITION FOR AMERICA

Full employment and the constantly increasing earnings of the average European are rapidly improving conditions until today the standard of living in some of the countries like Switzerland, West Germany and Sweden is close to our own. The financial aid we extended after the war, even to our former enemies, has enabled these countries to modernize their industrial plants to the point where they can out-produce us and, in many instances, particularly in the manufacture of machinery and precision instruments, produce a more efficient end product at a much lower cost.

The impact of the common market and of Russian competition are also very evident and very real. While it is already adversely affecting our

American economy, it is my conviction that the worst is still to come and that this competition will sorely test the foresight, ingenuity and resourcefulness of American industry as the years go by. Unless American management and labor leaders learn to cooperate, exercise forbearance and take a more realistic approach to the fundamental causes of idle plants, bankruptcies and unemployment situations, we may be in for a bad time, indeed, in our American economy.

WEST AND EAST BERLIN

A visit to West Berlin last Easter proved most enlightening. Mrs. Yung and I toured both the West and the East Sectors of Berlin. If anyone would ever want to compare two ways of life at close range, one need only visit Berlin. West Berlin is a beehive of industrial activity. Streets are jammed with pedestrians and traffic, restaurants and stores well stocked and crowded with people.

When one passes through the Brandenburg Gate into the East Sector, he must immediately submit to "brainwashing" by listening to a 30 minute lecture by a drab, poorly dressed and sober-faced woman on the wonders of Communism. The sad part is that what one has just listened to is very contrary to what one then sees, for the East Sector of Berlin reminds one of a ghost town. Few people are on the streets, once in a great while an auto. Stores have beautiful show windows but behind, the counters are all but empty; and the rubble from the last war is still in evidence everywhere.

In the one sector you have a government that permits freedom of choice for its people. In the other they must do as they are told. In the West Zone they believe in the Creator of the universe; in the East they preach the doctrine that the universe and the unchangeable laws of nature "just happened." The West recognizes the dignity of man; the East that he is a person to be used to best serve the needs of a ruthless dictatorship.

The results of these two completely opposed ideologies may be viewed at first hand in Berlin. No wonder the Russians would like us out of Berlin. It's poor advertising for the so-called utopian way of life that has been forced upon hundreds of millions of people, whether they want it or not, by a few ruthless leaders.

ISLAND OF BORNHOLM

We had a most delightful visit to the beautiful Danish island of Bornholm, a veritable Garden of Eden in the middle of the Baltic Sea, and inhabited by a most healthy and sturdy population of farmers and fisher folk. It is only a night's ride by a most comfortable boat from Copenhagen. The island was held by the Germans during the last war until the very end, when the Russians took over. Our company representative took me into a beautiful church cemetery and led me to a particular grave.

The tombstone read "John Ambrosini, Fresno, California, American Air Force." It gave me a queer feeling to stand at the grave of an American lad who gave his all, and so far from home. Then I was told the story. Their plane had been over Germany and was damaged on the return flight. The pilot spotted the island and ordered his crew to bail out. Four landed safely and with the aid of the underground finally made their way to Sweden, but John Ambrosini hit a telegraph pole in landing and his injury resulted in death.

IS AMERICA APPRECIATED?

A question quite frequently asked is how the Europeans react to America. What do they think of us? Is the aid we have extended really appreciated? Truthfully, I haven't found too much evidence of appreciation because I feel sure that the average person in Europe has no idea of just when and how the help America has extended benefitted him directly. The significance of capital investments abroad, an army of occupation, and the value of duty free purchases that a tourist can make while abroad have little meaning to the average person.

As to how Europeans regard us, it might be said that for the most part countries not under Russian domination think well of us, unless we were to make an exception of Italy. They do not always agree with our policies and that is understandable, too, for many of these countries, even though very loyal to the West, are highly socialized, as, for instance, Great Britain, Sweden and even Denmark, whose people are very favorably inclined towards Americans.

I dare not close without giving you a very brief resume of our Baptist work here in Europe and of the religious situation generally. The statistics I quote have been very kindly

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One of the bustling streets in downtown Stockholm, Sweden.

supplied by Rev. Joel Sörenson, who is the very able minister of Norrmalms Baptistförsamling.

The first baptism took place in Europe in 1848 and the first general Convention was held in 1857. There are 525 Baptist churches in Sweden alone with a total membership of 32,540. The Baptists in Europe are strongest in Russia where there are about 520,-000 members; England has some 204,-000 members; Germany about 100,000; Rumania about 80,000; Wales about 97,000. All in all, there are at present some 1,135,000 Baptists in Europe, East and West.

Church attendance throughout Europe is poor indeed. Our Swedish Baptist Church here has a membership of 740 and the average Sunday attendance for the entire year 1960 was 191. This is very good indeed and attendance in the average State Church (Lutheran here in Sweden) is far below this average, when related to membership. I attended a Lutheran church service in Denmark, not too long ago, held in one of their historic cathedrals. The church's seating capacity, so I judged, was about 3,000, but total in attendance was 50.

SWEDEN'S URGENT NEED

I asked Mr. Sörenson what he considered to be Sweden's most urgent need. His answer was that the nation needs a religious awakening, that the people have become spirtiually starved by thinking that religion belongs to a past stage in human development. What is true here in Sweden is quite generally true all over Europe. Religion has been relegated to the background. Churches are empty

TEN DAYS IN AFRICA

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him to Sabon Gari to see the Standard IV school which still has five or six grass-roofed huts and an enrollment of 160 children. Then on our way towards Warwar, we were greeted at Mbanga Manga by the native Christians. A zinc roof school building had replaced the old grass-roof hut at this place. Would that a new chapel could also be seen here!

On our return trip, we took Brother Holzimmer back from Sabon Gari to Nguri and here greeted the church teachers of the Mbem Association who had gathered together for a week of retreat for Bible study, prayer and fellowship. Mrs. Holzimmer joined her husband in this study retreat. Six years ago we had to trek over Rom hill into Mbem. Now we could drive in by land rover. Many hair pin curves have special thriller names. We enjoyed the trip. The Holzimmers were with us.

At Mbem main station, there is little change from six years ago except for the chapel. The old grass-roof chapel has become a relic of ancient times. Under the driving force of Miss Minnie Kuhn, the new chapel could be completed this past year. Its completion is her monument to the glory of God. A new maternity center is desperately needed at Mbem. A pile of stones already gathered cries out for this need. A special project of \$2,000.00 for its building was approved a year ago but only a tenth of this has been received to date. In inadequate facilities Miss Kuhn treated this past year 1,140 in-patients and had 113 deliveries.

Mbem was one of the early stations of Paul and Clara Gebauer in the middle thirties. Cannibalism was not at all extinct then. To see the transforming power of the Gospel of Christ in 25 years' time gives cause to thankfulness and praise. In that spirit we continue our service and pray for those who serve in this area!

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while people look for other ways to satisfy their longings. All the while crime, juvenile delinquency, divorce rates and mental illnesses are on the increase here as in our own country. As a matter of fact, these situations appear the most serious in the countries having the highest standards of living-a sorry commentary on our age.

Yes, Europe needs a religious awakening, as does also our own country. When people give first place in their lives to satisfying their own desires by seeking after "things" rather than to heed the admonitions of our Lord when he said, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and all other things will be added unto you," then we cannot expect to experience that peace which passeth all understanding.

The Twin Cities' Welcome for You!

The Welcome Carpet is ready to roll out for you for the 33rd General Conference sessions as reported by Mr. Vernon Heckman of the Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn.

HE TWIN CITIES of Min- banquet room walls. nesota are ready to roll out the welcome carpet for their guests and visitors. Both St. Paul and Minneapolis boast splendors that residents and visitors agree are superb in every way.

North America Baptists will be able to see, use, and enjoy the tremendous facilities that are available to conventioneers when they arrive for the 33rd General Conference convening in Minneapolis, July 31 through August 6th. Banquets, luncheons, reunions and group meetings of one kind and another will take guests into some of the finest eating places in the Northwest. Dayton's "Skyroom," Donaldson's "North Shore Grill" and the "Normandy Kitchen" are in close proximity to one another and to the conference church so that visitors will find it easy to get to these excellent eating places.

BANQUET HALL

Never before at a General Conference have we had a banquet hall of the size and beauty to match that available to us at the Leamington, the headquarters hotel. The mammoth "Hall of States" is the second largest hotel ballroom in America. Located just off the hotel's main lobby, this hall is unsurpassed in beauty and modern furnishings. It comfortably accommodates 2,000 people around its well set tables, lighted overhead by five imported chandeliers that sparkle and glisten like stars in the sky on a summer's night. Seven midwestern states are honored in dramatic style on the

Here will be held the General Conference Banquet. As you sit together with old and new friends and partake of wholesome food prepared to your liking, you will rejoice and thank God for your conference. The program will hold your interest from beginning to end as the young people of our fellowship lead it.

In this impressive room, the Missionary Reception and Tea will also be held on Friday afternoon. A looked for event on our conference program. the ladies of the Missionary Union will not disappoint you. Tea and cakes will be graciously served while conference guests visit with our missionaries and with others who will be in attendance. A warm spirit of fine fellowship is bound to prevail.

S. S. WORKERS' LUNCHEON

Central Lutheran Church came into existence in 1917 because a group of laymen decided they wanted "the faith of the fathers" in "the language of the children." For its first church home, the fledgling congregation rented the Central Baptist Church located at Fourth & Grant Streets. The building was available because the church had closed its doors when its membership had dissolved to join other neighborhood Baptist churches. By 1927, Central Lutheran had outgrown its building and began worshipping in a new impressive cathedral-like structure erected to house the growing congregation.

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In 1952, a Sunday School building

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Sunday School program. How fitting

then here to hold the Sunday School

Workers' Luncheon on Wednesday

noon, August 2nd. How thrilling it will

be to join with over 300 others who

teach and serve in the Sunday School

and who recognize the eternal value of

studying the Word of God and learning

Everybody likes a picnic-toddlers,

juniors, young people and adults. Min-

neapolis has 152 parks in which to hold

one. Many of these border on the 22

city lakes, 14 swimming beaches or 36

playground areas. St. Paul has an-

other 80 parks in which to hold a

picnic. Its Como Park has a popular

zoo and a beautiful flower conserva-

The park made famous by Longfel-

low in his narrative poem, "Song of

Hiawatha," will serve as the confer-

ence picnic grounds. With a warm sun

overhead, you will very likely hear

someone shout "play ball." Horseshoes

will let out their familiar ring as they

encircle the stake. Fun and laughter

will prevail as big balls are volleyed

over the net and back again. The falls,

the near-by Mississippi River, and the

friends moving about the grounds will

afford good opportunities to shoot film

to take back home as a "memo" of the

finest picnic of the summer. Peanuts,

pop, candy bars, races, prizes, games

and balloons are sure to make your

visit to Minnehaha Park a memorable

As the conference approaches the

week end, it is expected that large

groups of people from Minnesota, Iowa,

the Dakotas, and Manitoba who could

not leave home earlier will be making

their way to the Twin Cities to enjoy

the spiritual blessings of the sessions.

On Friday evening, they will gather

at the famous Minneapolis Armory

where Dr. Paul Gebauer and Flavius

Martin of the Cameroons, Africa, and

Dr. Ralph E. Powell of our Seminary

will bring the inspirational messages.

The Armory covers a city block and

seats 4,000 on the main floor and an

aditional 3,300 in the balcony for a

total of 7,300 seats. A special platform

will be provided for the hundred voice

choir that will sing. As voice joins

with voice in singing and making melo-

dy unto the Lord, a mighty organ will

one.

THE ARMORY

tory well worth visiting.

CONFERENCE PICNIC

its precepts early and late in life!

The General Conference Week End

Latest Program Announcement by Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary

week end at Minneapolis, Minn., August 4 to 6, will be both exciting and uplifting. Even though you cannot be there for the entire week, you MUST try to get there for the week end if you do not want to miss out on one of the greatest North American Baptist gatherings ever held. It will be worth traveling over a thousand miles and making every kind of special effort to share in these "wonderful times."

The thrilling service on Friday night and the missionary rally on Sunday afternoon will be held in the Minneapolis Armory. We expect a thousand or more of our people over the week end to swell the Conference crowd to an inspiring total of 3,000 to 4,000. An enlarged Conference Choir will render special music. Some recent changes in the program for Friday night, August 4, have had to be made. But they are bound to be welcomed by our people and ought to provide for an evening never to be forgotten!

DR. PAUL GEBAUER

The Friday night rally will be a great CONSECRATION AND EVAN-GELISTIC SERVICE. Dr. Paul Gebauer who has just completed 30 years of uninterrupted missionary service in the Cameroons, Africa, will bring his illustrious career to a climax as he addresses this Conference gathering. Out of the fulness of his exciting experiences and rich knowledge concerning Africa, he will speak on the general theme, "The Eyes of the World

The people of that continent, now more than ever, need the prayers and concern of Christians everywhere, and especially the dedicated services of young people to help them in the Spirit of Christ. We expect this to be one of the greatest messages on Africa ever brought by Dr. Gebauer. That ought to be a stirring experience for every one of us in attendance!

FLAVIUS MARTIN

Another highlight of this great service will be the personal testimony of the African national, Flavius Martin. Those who have heard him know that he is a brilliant speaker and a splendid example of young African manhood. He has been studying at our Seminary and at Sioux Falls College and is now a summer student at the University of Minnesota. He will give his personal story how he became a Christian and what America, especially Christians in America, can do to help them in this hour of crisis and destiny in Africa.

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HE General Conference He will also speak on Sunday afternoon at the Missionary Rally.

God's Word will be held high in this service and magnified in the hearts of the listeners. The promises of his Word, "Greater Things Through Christ," will be emphasized throughout the Conference. But at this evangelistic rally in the Armory, we shall also listen to God's invitation to those who are burdened with sin and with the cares of this world.

DR. RALPH E. POWELL

Dr. Ralph E. Powell, professor of theology and of philosophy of religion at our seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, has been widely known in our circles as a staunch champion of God's revealed truths and a zealous expositor of the Word as it speaks directly to the hearts of the people through the Holy Spirit. He will be God's messenger of the Evangel for this great hour. A call for consecration and the evangelistic invitation will be extended by Dr. Powell.

SATURDAY BANQUET

The Conference Banquet on Saturday evening will be held in the Hall of States at the Leamington Hotel. This decorative hall will seat more than two thousand persons at the banquet tables. In this colorful, scintillating setting an inspiring message will be brought by Rev. David J.

Conference Activities for Children

By Miss Alma Zimmerman, Chairman of the Children's Recreation and Services' Committee, Minneapolis, Minn.

dren's Recreation and Services' Committee for the General Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 31-August 6, we can make this announcement for the children in attendance.

The children ranging from ages 6 through 13 will be included in the conference sessions. During the morning hours of the conference sessions, the

FEE FOR CHILDREN'S RECREATION

The chairman of the Children's Recreation and Services' Committee for the General Conference hereby informs the parents that there will be a fee charged of ten cents per child per day, PLUS 35c bus fare on days bus service will be required for scheduled tours.

Are on Africa."

Draewell, the dynamic, young pastor of the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Undoubtedly, this will be the most thrilling Conference Banquet in our memorable General Conference history.

MISSIONARY RALLY

On Sunday afternoon, August 6, the thousands of North American Baptists will return to the Minneapolis Armory for the Missionary Rally. This is always one of the highlights of General Conference sessions-the introduction and commissioning of newly appointed missionaries, a review of our mission fields, the celebration of special anniversaries of missionary service by Dr. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer, a stirring address by Missionary Gilbert Schneider of the Cameroons, Africa, and thrilling musical numbers.

The entire General Conference week (July 31 to August 6) will be a precious time of receiving God's blessings for those who can attend. But if you cannot be there for all of the seven days, why not come to Minneapolis by car, train or plane for the week end? You will be there just in time to share in the thrilling climax of the days and in the marvelous fellowship with other Christian people. You will be THERE in Minneapolis for the showers of spiritual blessings that will long be remembered by you. Come and let us prove these Conference predictions for uou!

As CHAIRMAN of the Chil- children will engage in their own activities such as singing, story times, and learning more about Jesus through their own worship service.

During the afternoon hours, the children will engage in many games, sports and also will tour many interesting places of industries in the city area, such as a bakery, creamery, telephone company and many others. They will also enjoy the many parks and museums. These tours will be educational as well as provide us with many interesting things to do. Children would be encouraged to bring their sport clothes. A very nominal fee will be charged for these services. (See accompanying announcement).

Plans are to have a nurse with us while on tour and other activities. Please include the number and ages of the children you plan to bring to the conference so that adequate arrangements can be made.



A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: June 4, 1961 Theme: A SEARCH FOR LIFE'S MEANING

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 1:12-14: 3:1-9

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: To Jonathan Edwards the meaning of life was "to glorify God and to enjoy him forever'

INTRODUCTION: Ecclesiastes is a Greek word meaning, "one who sits and speaks in an assembly or church, a preacher." The name of this particular book in the Old Testament can just as readily be called "The Preacher." He declares himself to be "the son of David, King of Jerusalem." Since Solomon was noted for his great wisdom, the authorship of the book is ascribed to him.

The Book of Ecclesiastes often sounds cynical, full of frustration and quite pessimistic in part. However, by the time the reader comes to the end of the book, he finds a considerably strong conclusion.

To write a treatise on life is, after all, a major undertaking. Humanly speaking, it is impossible fully to explain it or understand it. Twentyfive hundred years later, we still find many mysteries which are far beyond us. The full meaning of life and the universe in which it exists is in the hands of God. Only those most completely surrendered to God and his will enjoy life and find its clearest meaning in love and service to him.

I. THE SEARCH FOR THE MEAN-ING OF LIFE THROUGH WISDOM. Ecclesiastes 1:12-14

It seems strange that a man who had everything should seek a meaning for life. But the fact that he had millions in gold and silver and hundreds of wives seems to indicate that his desires were insatiable. One truth seems to be clear-whether a person is a king or a pauper, both are in need of a meaning of life.

The author goes on to say that he gave his heart to seek and to search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven. If he relied merely on human wisdom, then he was limited in his understanding of the meaning of life. The fact that he described creation as "this sore travail which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised therewith" and that "all is vanity and vexation of spirit" indicates that he already presupposed a conclusion.

II. THE EXPLANATION OF LIFE THROUGH TIMES AND SEASONS. Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.

The preacher seemed to be impressed with the importance of balance and order. Everything was following a

prescribed program and schedule. God in his creation arranged everything in such a way that a series of events had to follow in orderly fashion. It is impossible to reverse the order because you cannot die before you are born; you cannot reap before you plant; you cannot break down before you build. Things which are right and desirable at one time are unbecoming and unfitting at another.

His argument and wisdom are weak because he simply tells us "when" but does not tell us "why."

III. THE FUTILITY OF LIFE. Ecclesiastes 1:9.

His wisdom did not seem to give him more light on life because his conclusion was pessimistic. He gathered a great many statistics, but the statistics overwhelmed him. He found no purpose in life because he measured it in terms of quantity rather than quality. He saw the things of life and missed the values of life.

IV. THE OVERCOMING LIFE. John 16:33.

The memory verse should be included in today's lesson because in it we find the key to life's meaning. Jesus saw the same things that the preacher saw but his attitude toward them was different. He did not deny them nor close his eyes to them, but he lived above them. Life's meaning is more than wisdom; it is faith, hope and love which are found on a higher level-the level of the Spirit.

A TEACHING GUIDE Date: June 11, 1961

Theme: TWO VIEWS OF LIFE

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 12:1-8; II Timothy 4:7-8

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Some people think of growing old and dying; others think of growing up and living.

INTRODUCTION: Every life has a past, present and future. There is little that can be done about the past, but the present cannot be truly enjoyed unless the future is secure. Of all people, the Christian should therefore be the one most likely to live a happy and carefree life. His life is sure because it is insured. With Paul he should be able to say: "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (II Tim. 1:12). The apostle had eternal as well as internal security. If

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he lived in the presence of Christ in this world, he was even more sure of living in Christ's presence in the next world. Life to him was not getting less and less, but more and more. His life was not shrinking, but constantly expanding. He left the backward look for the forward look, "forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13, 14).

I. TIME TO REMEMBER. Ecclesiastes 12:1.

The preacher begins on a very solemn note. For young people he recommends serious thinking and not frivolous living. Brief, shallow joy may easily rob youth of the strength and stability they will need later in life. There is danger that the worldly pleasures of the early years may lead to a lifetime of regret and remorse. Youth also belongs to God.

II. TIME FOR SAD AND SOLEMN REFLECTION. Ecclesiastes 12:2-6.

The author sees very little joy in life. Old age is a burden. However, it cannot be evaded and must therefore be accepted stoically. The evil days will come whether they are welcome or not. Springtime and summer are forever past. Life becomes dark and clouded, without the smallest light of the moon or stars. There seems to be no redeeming element, however small. The strong become weak, the craftsman loses his skill, sight and hearing become dim. The smallest thing is a burden, desire fails, spirits sag and falter, and the mourners are already gathering about the house. It is time to go!

III. TIME TO RETURN TO GOD. Ecclesiastes 12:7-8.

The preacher seems to have a little note of hope when he says that "the spirit returns to God who gave it." There ought to be a thought of joy in looking forward to such a return. But perhaps he is thinking of those whose spirits must face God, whom they have long neglected; those who failed to remember their Creator in the days of their youth and who were unable to recall him for the rest of their lives.

His closing statement is again cynical and futile. He was unable to see the bright side of life and death confirmed his conclusion.

IV. HOW TO HAVE THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE. II Timothy 4:7-8.

The contrast is glaringly evident: Solomon, writing in luxury from a palace, sees no joy in life-Paul, writing in poverty from a prison, sees nothing but a triumphant life. The preacher with a crown and a throne does not even mention them-Paul in chains sees the "crown of righteousness" already on his head. His glorious view of life is only surpassed by his glorious view of death. The years had no fears and death no terror.

"God's Volunteers" in the East

Last Report of the 1960-1961 Season by Miss Faith Eichler, Erie, Penn.

Lang is the pastor.

SUMMER PLANS

OMETIMES TIME seems to us at the Snow View Baptist Church go fast and at other times it may seem to go slowly. However, it is always the same period of duration. The activities, circumstances and company in which we happen to be determine whether the time goes fast or slowly.

For each member of the "God's Volunteers" team, the past eight months have really gone by rapidly when we consider the many churches we have visited, the wonderful sights we have seen, the fine people we have met, and the tremendous amount of territory over which we have traveled. How thankful we are for this precious opportunity of serving the Lord in a more active way than we had ever experienced before!

LAST ENGAGEMENTS

We would like to take you back just a little in "time" where we left you in our last report. From our two churches in Connecticut, we drove on to Boston, Mass., where we had just one service for the purpose of information about the program of "God's Volunteers." This was in the Rock Hill Baptist Church under the direction of Mr. Dale Rott.

Shneedsmo (the station wagon) made good "time" as she made her way westward. We arrived at our new destination, Rochester, N. Y., and Rev. Arthur Weisser's residence, to have a week and a half campaign with the Andrews Street Baptist Church of Rochester. Again we experienced the joy in seeing Christians rededicate themselves with the desire to have Christ the Lord of their lives.

The next two week campaign seemed really to go fast (at least for the writer) since it was in the new South Hills Baptist Church in Erie, Pa. It was a joy to invite the people to come and hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ presented under the ministry of Rev. Eugene Stroh. A revival broke out among the young people of this church, many making first-time decisions and others taking a definite stand as they yielded their lives to Christ. Many souls realized the truth in the words of that song that Rev. Walter Hoffman sings, "In Times Like These, We Need a Saviour." We also spent several days at the Open Bible Tabernacle.

We experienced a refreshing "time" in the brand new Holiday Park Baptist Church near Pittsburgh, Pa., as some of Rev. Dale Chaddock's enthusiasm was displayed. Many of these people are "new Christians" but they are growing wonderfully as they work together in the building program and outreach of the church.

Our last week of service as a team during the last week of April found

Immanuel Baptist Church, Kyle, Texas were recently privileged to celebrate the 75th anniversary of our church. Festivities were held throughout the day of February 26th with a fellowship dinner served by our ladies with approximately 200 people present. All of the churches of the Southern Conference were represented.

ANNIVERSARY FESTIVITIES

Rev. J. C. Gunst, district secretary, was the guest speaker. The sanctuary was filled at the Sunday morning service as Mr. Gunst spoke on "The Foundation and the Builders." For the afernoon service our neighboring churches were invited, and again the sanctuary was filled to overflowing. Mr. Gunst brought another challenging message, "Found Faithful. The historical sketch was read by



in Cleveland, Ohio, where Rev. Harold

The two young men of the team then returned to their homes for summer jobs. In the fall "Tiny" Weick will enter our Seminary in Sioux Falls. S. Dak., and Wayne Bibelheimer will enter Bethel College in St. Paul, Minn. Darlene Strobel will be packing her bags again for the summer and will be serving under the Student Service Plan and Traudy Spittka will be returning to her home in Midland, Michigan, Jeanine Martinitz and Faith Eichler are looking forward to a blessed time as they join our "denominational family" in the office at Forest Park and the Roger Williams Press.

Please continue to pray for us and also for the newly appointed team as they prepare themselves for the months ahead. Each one of us has received many blessings from this tour and has also appreciated your prayer support. We realize that we must be doing things now for Christ for it is later than we think.

Church's Diamond Jubilee, Kyle, Texas

Report of the 75th Anniversary of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kyle, Texas, by Mrs. Adolph Hill.

DY GOD'S GRACE, we of the Mrs. Walter Hill, and it was a great joy to hear the letters and telegrams of congratulations from our former pastors. Our anniversary services were beautified by the rendition of several inspiring anthems by the church choir. Beautiful floral arrangements were given in memory of those who have gone on before. The organ music, furnished by Mrs. Leroy Hill, was appreciated by the many visitors as well as members.

THE CHURCH'S HISTORY

The history of the Immanual Church is the history of the Lord's dealing with his people of this area for 75 years. The ministry of the Baptists in Kyle began in 1855 when three families united in service of worship. It was not long before they deemed it wise and vital to establish a church. (Continued on page 24)

The Immanuel Baptist Church, Kyle, Texas, which celebrated its 75th anniversary on Sunday, Feb. 26th. Rev. Henry Hirsch is the pastor.

We the Women

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

LEAVENING

One of my chief delights on my Saturdays at home is mixing up a big bowl of dough for yeast breads. Home baked rolls of all kinds are favorites with the men in my family, and I bake often to please them. Anyone who steps into a kitchen fragrant with fresh baked goods will agree.

There's nothing so wonderful, nothing so rare

As the aroma of fresh bread filling the air.

One summer, years ago, we had some boys from the deep south working for us. When I served freshlybaked bread for their first meal with us, one of them asked, "Do you all have a bakery that makes this kind of bread?" When I told him I made the bread myself, he replied, "My mother can cook cake, but she cain't cook bread." After that I made a small loaf especially for him each time I baked just to see his face light up with pleasure as he first sniffed it, and then devoured it. How he enjoyed it!

Jesus must have often watched his mother bake leavened bread when he was a boy because he frequently used the term, "leaven," in his teaching ministry. He warned against the leaven of the Pharisees, the Sadducees and of Herod. On another occasion he said. 'The Kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven" (Matt. 13:33). In his use of the term, "leaven," Jesus implied a subtle change brought about by the use of it. When leaven or yeast is added to a bowl of other baking ingredients, it immediately transforms the whole into an active mass of dough. In Jesus' words, "The whole was leavened," when the woman hid leaven in three measures of meal.

The Kingdom of heaven in the heart of a Christian brings about profound changes. It is the vital force that touches the very core of a personality. It made of Saul the persecutor, of a Paul the preacher and missionary. It transforms the very desire of the personality which embraces it from the carnal to the spiritual. The leavening which is the Kingdom of God within us becomes the driving force for good that has power to do the seemingly impossible.

Nor can this powerful leavening be confined to the person who has hidden it in his heart. Magically, it spills over into the lives of others. Inevitably, it grows and reaches out, transforming all it touches. There's wonder in even a little leavening.

Consider what the leavening of the Kingdom can do for your Missionary The theme to be emphasized by all CBYF groups during, June, July and August 1961

> By Jack Wobig of Portland, Oregon, vice-president of the denominational CBY Fellowship.

young people enlist themselves to serve their Master, the Lord Jesus Christ. There is a multitude of ways in which young people can enlist their services for Christ today. Let us start examining our own lives as Christians. With summer camps soon approaching with their deadlines, have you enlisted as a camp leader or helper? Dedicated leaders are needed to carry out a camping program that is to rekindle the fire in the Christians and to show the way of salvation to those who have as yet not found their Savior.

Teachers are not all that are needed to carry out the camping program. Recreational directors, handcraft leaders, music instructors, and countless other workers are needed to provide a wholesome Christian camping atmosphere. The challenge is present to enlist your services in this important phase of our denominational work.

The C. B. Y. F. needs to enlist your services and talents in planning its programs on the local level as well as on the denominational level. Be willing to use your talents to serve in the young people's work of your church. How many times have you been asked to serve and have refused? How many times have you volunteered your talents? Possibly the answer for many would be that of only limited service and only after being asked persistently to serve.

Young people, this is not enlisting your services and talents in your C. B. Y. F. group, because enlistment means to enter heartily into a cause. Enlist your abilities as a song leader, a speaker, a musician, and in services behind the scenes such as publicity and visitation work to build a more active. participating young people's group.

Do not forget to make an enlistment of your abilities available at your school and in the community. This is one of the easiest ways to present a Christian witness for the non-believers

Society. Let's call it enthusiasm! If only one or two members are enthusiastic for the work of the Lord, the whole group can be infected with it. How we need the electric charge of enthusiasm in all our Christian endeavors!

Unknowingly, perhaps, we are leavening according to the leaven within us. It is undeniably true that you cannot confine the delicate fragrance of a rose simply to the rose, nor the light of the sun to itself! Let the magic of God's leavening in your life reach out to others, warming them with the glow of his love.

T IS MOST important that with whom you are in contact every day. Be prepared to help those who are in need because of physical handicaps and especially those who are sick from sin. Let us remember that enlistment for some form of church work is not enough. Men have little to say about Christians when they are merely working in the church.

Guide the young people who are not fortunate enough to have Christian parents. Work on civic programs to clean up the slums and to close corrupt places that are trying to enslave youth. Young people who love their Lord and their fellow men are enlisting their services for the needs of the community and are always found busily engaged in some Christian service.

Just as the services you perform are important, so also must we enlist the services of others. Committees should be formed for the enlistment of campers. The committee should see that the campers have the financial funds necessary to go to camp as well as the transportation. The General Conference this summer in Minneapolis, Minn., would provide an excellent opportunity to enlist the young people in your area to participate in the wellplanned youth program to be presented there. It may even be possible that you can travel in a caravan to the Conference. Enlistment of others in Christian service is essential in the building of a strong youth program.

The thing we must not forget to do is to enlist those who have given their souls to Christ. Enlist their talents immediately in some of the youth activities. It is at this time that the new Christian has enthusiasm, fresh devotion, and new ideas. By careful guidance and encouragement at this time, you will make him a life-long, faithful worker in the Lord's vineyard. The failure to enlist these new talents would certainly be a tragedy, because many who are overlooked cease to attend services altogether. Be prepared to change the spark of the new Christian into a shining light so that he will be a real worker in the Church of Christ. Enter heartily into the work of the C. B. Y. F. so that the Gospel can be spread to all young people.

"I BESEECH you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:1-2).



• The Bethel Baptist Church of Har- residing in Waco, Texas, vey, N. Dak., has announced that its pastor, Rev. John Kastelein, has resigned, effective July 2, 1961. He has served the church as its minister since July 1955. The Bethel Church is prayerfully considering a successor. Mr. Kastelein has stated that he is awaiting the Lord's guidance in the opening of some field of service.

• The First Baptist Church of Wishek. N. Dak., has extended a call to Rev. Carl R. Weisser of Streeter, N. Dak., to become its pastor. He has responded favorably and has announced that he would begin his ministry in the Wishek church on June 4th, succeeding Rev. L. O. Wahl. Mr. Weisser has served as pastor of the Baptist Churches of Streeter and Medina, N. Dak., since 1958.

• From March 26 to April 1, Rev. Fred J. Knalson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Mott, North Dakota, was in charge of the morning devotions over radio station KMBC, Hettinger, North Dakota. He was assisted by Mr. Kurt Blickensderfer, the superintendent of the Mott Sunday School. Mr. Knalson brought a series of messages on the "Seven Last Words of Christ" during this pre-Easter period.

• The First Baptist Church, Streeter, N. Dak., held evangelistic services from March 13 to 24. Rev. Herbert Vetter of Gackle, N. Dak., served as evangelist. There were five decisions for Christ during the meetings and another person came forward for counselling. Rev. Carl R. Weisser, pastor of the Streeter and Medina churches, will be preaching his closing sermons on Sunday, May 28, before going to Wishek, N. Dak.

• Rev. Jacob Ehman, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Sidney, Montana, baptized four converts on Sunday, March 5. These included a father and his two sons and another adult. On Sunday, March 12, he extended the hand of fellowship to five new members of the church. Mr. Ehman will bring his ministry at the Sidney church to a close on May 31st and will begin his pastorate in the First Baptist Church, Goodrich, N. Dak., on June 1st.

• The Board of Missions, through its general secretary, Dr. R. Schilke, has announced that Miss Margaret Kittlitz has resigned as a missionary to the Cameroons, West Africa. Her resignation was accepted with regrets and with sincerest thanks to her "for the many years of services which she gave to the Cameroons Mission Field." Miss Kittlitz had received an extended leave of absence since Jan. 1, 1960 by the Board of Missions. At present, she is

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• On Easter Sunday evening, April 2,

the choir of the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, presented a special musical program consisting of 11 numbers. Rev. L. B. Hinz, pastor, conducted the communion service. On Sunday evening, April 9, the Family Altar Training Union presented an unusual program. Curt Kyser and Roy Kelley of WORD RECORD, INC., presented the informative program, "Bringing Religion Into the Home Through Music.'

• On Easter Sunday, April 2, the Immanuel Baptist Sunday School, Kankakee, Ill., had an all time record attendance of 493. At the Sunrise Service held at 6:00 A. M. the attendance reached the amazing high of 160, as reported by the pastor, Dr. Louis R. Johnson, in the church's "Newsletter." The pastor also emphasized at the launching of the church's financial drive this year that their need is for a \$100,000 budget-\$60,000 for operating expenses and \$40,000 for expansion.

• Dr. and Mrs. Eugene R. Stockdale of the Southern Cameroons, Africa, left Tiko, West Africa on the "S. S. Chicanoa" on April 25th bound for England and the United States on their furlough. They are probably in the United States by the time this issue of the "Baptist Herald" goes to press. Dr. Stockdale has been the medical missionary at the New Hope Settlement for leprous patients at Mbingo, Cameroons, since their arrival on the mission field toward the close of 1956.

• On Sunday morning, April 9th, Rev. R. Hoffman, pastor of the Trochu Baptist Church, Trochu, Alberta, baptized three persons on confession of

RESIGNATION OF **REV. HAROLD W. GIESEKE**

At the annual session of the Board of Education and Publication held at Forest Park, Illinois, April 21 and 22, Rev. Harold W. Gieseke presented his resignation as Education and Publication Secretary of the denomination. He stated that his decision had been made after much prayer and that he hoped to continue his studies or to follow the Lord's leading to return to the pastorate after his resignation becomes effective on December 31, 1961. The resignation was accepted regretfully by the Board. A tribute to Brother Gieseke's ministry during the past three years by Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, Board chairman, will appear in the next issue of the "Baptist Herald." EDITOR

their faith in Christ. They were received into the church at the communion services in addition to another person who came by experience. On that Sunday evening the Woman's Missionary Society presented a program centered around the theme, "The Cry For Water." The church will observe its 50th anniversary on Saturday and Sunday, July 1 and 2, 1961.

• From March 6 to 12 the Baptist Church, Randolph, Minn., held a series of special meetings with Rev. W. G. Gerthe of Buffalo Center, Iowa, serving as evangelist. Four persons accepted Christ as Savior and many Christians rededicated themselves to their Lord, as reported by Rev. Eleon Sandau, pastor. During the past winter months the leadership training course, "Teaching That Makes a Difference," was taught by Mrs. Eleon Sandau. The class met once each week for seven weeks.

• Mrs. Leslie M. Chaffee and the two younger children of the Chaffee family will be sailing from New York, N. Y., on June 30th for England and the Cameroons, West Africa, to join Dr. Chaffee, medical missionary, at the Banso Hospital. The members of the Chaffee family have been residing at Coupeville on Whidby Island, Washington. The two older children of the Chaffee family will be staying home for school purposes. Miss Betty Mantay, Cameroons missionary nurse, will also be sailing with the Chaffees for the mission field.

• From April 16 to 23 the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., held its Spring Revival with Rev. Joe Sonnenberg of Portland, Oregon, Western District secretary, as the evangelist. His soul-stirring messages dealt with the theme, "Examining Our Faith." On Easter Sunday, April 2, the record breaking attendance at the various services was as follows: Sunday School 525; morning worship services (early and 11:00 A. M. services) 703; and evening service 278. Rev. Kenneth Fischer is pastor of the church.

• Mr. Gerhard G. Panke of Buffalo, N. Y., has been appointed the representative of the North American Baptist General Conference to the Executive Committee, Men's Department of the Baptist World Alliance. Mr. Panke is also the president of the Eastern Conference Baptist Men and the editor of the Baptist Men's "News Letter" for the denominational men's organization. He is a member of the Bethel Baptist Church of Amherst, N. Y. A full column and illustrated news article about Mr. Panke and his appointment appeared in the April 1961 issue of "The Baptist World," publication of the Baptist World Alliance.

• On Sunday evening, March 19th, the First Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa, held a Union Baptismal Service with the Elgin Baptist Church. After

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A busy market place in a South American city.

South American Romance

A Christian Novel by Mary McCombe Orr

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CHAPTER THIRTEEN

LORILLO felt caught and remained silent for a while. He had never told the lie that his aunt had started, but by silence he had often consented to it. Now his frank and honest little wife, who never deceived him, was looking into his eyes, and seemed to even read his thoughts.

"Zorillo, tell me the truth," she pleaded.

Zorillo sighed, "It was all a lie, che, all a lie. My mother never repented, never called the priest, never confessed a thing. I got him when we saw that she was dying, but she was unconscious all the time that he was in the room. When he had gone, she brightened up, but all she said was the one word 'Joy!' before she passed away. There have been times now and then, I confess, when I have almost felt glad that she died that way. But now, now I would to God that lie were the truth. If this religion can take in a man like Guadeloupe, the priests are right in calling it the devil's religion!'

How blind could he be? Had Zorillo never seen the dozens of men like Guadeloupe, or worse, who were ardent followers of his own faith?

The day wore on. Rosita's head throbbed. Her heart ached, too, with the fear that the two men might meet, and come to something serious.

Zorillo's anger smoldered, but he was wiser than he had been on that dreadful day almost two years ago. No good had come of his rashness then, only untold suffering for himself and Rosita. He would try, he decided, to take her advice, but he feared his own temper should he ever come face to face with that villain. It was more than possible in a village like San Miguel. It was indeed most probable that they would come face to face shortly.

Neither Zorillo nor Rosita could have imagined that weary Sunday afternoon how soon the possibility of meeting Guadeloupe would become a reality.

Both finally dozed off in their hammocks during the hour of siesta, for the heat was oppressive, and drowsiness inevtiable. Once sleep had overcome them it held them fast. They did not awaken until the usual hour of siesta was past, and there was the sound of hands clapping at the door.

Zorillo sprang up startled, and pushing his feet into his sandals, went to the door. It would be impossible to describe the feelings that left him speechless and trembling while he stared, wondering if he were still dreaming, at the two men in the gateway. One was Guadeloupe. The other was Don Severino, one of Zorillo's companions of the day before.

Hmm! thought Zorillo, The coward has brought a second!

The two visitors were also at a loss for words, except for the Buenas tardes, that was automatic.

For what seemed like minutes, they all stood in uncomfortable silence. Zorillo wanted to burst into uncontrolled and scathing words, but a host has to be polite, even to his worst enemy. Besides, Rosita's warning and advice were still fresh, so instead he said curtly, "Come in!"

But the visitors stood still, knowing that they were not welcome.

Then Guadeloupe found speech. "Zorillo," he began, in a voice so different from what Zorillo expected that he was more amazed than ever. "Zorillo, I will not go in now, for I know you do not want me to. You and Doña Rosita cannot but hate me. I've only come to tell you that I recognize what a scoundrel I've been all my life. I don't know the extent of the harm I did to you and your wife, for I have never been back to Paraguay, but I want you to know that I have repented. Forgive me if you can! It was just this Friday night that I came to see my sinfulness, and that Christ alone could save me. Oh, Zorillo, He has done it, and has given me the desire to put right as many of the old wrongs as possible. My friend, Severino here, told me of your coming, and that you were living in this house. So I have come to tell you that I see how wickedly I have dealt with you and Doña Rosita, and I have repented more deeply than you can ever know. Oh, if I could only undo a little of all the misery and suffering I must have caused you!" His voice broke, and his head went down on his arms on the old fence. The one-time jealous, cruel Guadeloupe wept.

Zorillo was silent for a moment, almost touched by the brokenhearted confession. But anger, hate, pride and an unforgiving spirit were weeds with deep, deep roots in his depraved heart.

"It is well you came thus," he said harshly. "If we had met in any other way, it might have been too bad for

that night two years ago, you wouldn't be alive today. I promise I will not touch you as long as you stay out of my way, and there is no further provocation. But as for forgiveness, God may have forgiven you, but I cannot!" The two in the gateway turned sad-

ly away. They knew that further words were useless.

"Hasta mañana!" they said dejectedly.

Wtihout making any reply, Zorillo stamped back into the house.

There was Rosita, seated on the edge of her hammock, shaking with sobs. Josésito stood at her knee, hanging on to her skirt and looking up, wondering and bewildered, at his weeping mother.

"Come, Rosita, come, that is enough," remonstrated Zorillo. "Be thankful I didn't finish that coward off right there. Imagine! Speaking out of it that way! Repentance! Sorry is he? Let him keep out of my way, or I'll teach him yet what it really means to be sorry! I suppose you think I ought to have forgiven him!"

Rosita made no reply, but tried to compose herself. According to all she had ever known or been taught, Zorillo was perfectly right. It was impossible to forgive Guadeloupe. But in her heart she felt, more than she ever had before, a terrible need, an aching emptiness, a great and painful desire for that of which the believers sang, "Oh, the peace the Saviour gives!"

Zorillo found a certain amount of relief in having met Guadeloupe, and in having given vent to his feelings. It was as though a crisis had come and passed. In all probability it would insure Guadeloupe's staying out of his way for some time to come! Yes, he could derive a certain satisfaction out of the way he had handled the incident and sent his old enemy away miserable and humiliated.

They took maté in silence, and afterwards their supper, while Rosita wished with all her heart that they had never left their little home in Encarnación, where life had been good to them for the past six months or so.

After supper, when the singing started in the hall, Zorillo said irritably, "Are they going to keep this up every night? It will drive me crazy."

Rosita explained that the women had told her that the meetings of the past week were special. As a rule, there were only two evening meetings each week in the hall.

Grumbling, and berating the evangelicos, Zorillo retired. He had meant to do much that day. He had hoped to make a bed at least, for although a hammock was all right by day, a bed was much better by night. Even these plans had been spoiled, he felt, by the believers.

Rosita fed the little José, round and happy, and unaware at his fifteen months of all the troubles and trials in his parents' lives, and rocked him to sleep.

She then lay down in her own ham-

new hymn: "What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought, since Jesus came into my heart!" It struck her that a wonderful change had been wrought indeed in Guadeloupe. His features were the same, but otherwise, how could anyone have taken that broken, humbled man for the conceited, bold and cocksure rascal who had all but ruined their lives? So he was the wild young man from

Paraguay that her two visitors had told her about!

N THE meantime Guadeloupe and Severino had walked slowly away from Zorillo's house. Guadeloupe was dejected. As a new Christian he was hardly strong enough for the blow he had received. He did not wonder at Zorillo's inability to forgive him, for he could not forgive himself, but the harsh refusal was much more difficult to bear than he had anticipated.

He and his companion sought a place of privacy in the woods nearby, and there Guadeloupe began to learn his first lessons in the warfare of prayer. Old Severino was a believer of many years, and he had learned the value of believing prayer. He rejoiced in the privilege of teaching this younger brother, by precept and by example, to bring his burdens to the Lord and cast them upon Him. They rose from their knees with lighter hearts. The time had flown, so they went directly to the evening meeting. When they stood up with the rest of the congregation to sing "What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought," Guadeloupe could sing it with all his heart!

Severino was a quiet old believer, and wise. He said nothing to Zorillo on Monday about the events of Sunday afternoon, nor yet on Tuesday. He waited until Zorillo's gloomy reaction to the presence of Guadeloupe in the town had worn off a little. Then as they sat together with the other workers at noon on Wednesday, eating their lunches and resting, he asked quietly, but pointedly, "Zorillo, why couldn't you forgive your old enemy the other day?"

"Forgive him!" exclaimed Zorillo. "You didn't expect me to, did you? He's a fool to ever think I could, or would. A man doesn't forgive another for breaking up his family like that!" "Then I see you don't know your

prayers," said Severino. "What are you talking about? I

75th ANNIVERSARY, EDENWOLD, SASK.

The Baptist Church, Edenwold, Sask., will be celebrating its 75th anniversary on June 3 and 4, 1961 Rev. R. Neuman is the pastor. Books containing the history of the church with pictures will be available at \$1.00 per copy. Write to Mr. Ed Rumpel, Edenwold, Sask., Canada.

know my prayers as well as the priest

you! If I had laid my hands on you mock, as she caught the words of a himself!" was Zorillo's indignant reply

"Perhaps, as well as he, my friend," said the old man, "but you still don't know them very well. At least you do not know your Padre Nuestró! If I remember rightly, that's one of the first I ever learned."

Severino was accustomed to being frank. He was never afraid to say what he believed, or felt that he ought to say. He had never heard of tact, but he had a manner all his own, given of God, that made his frankness pleasant and acceptable, so mixed with good humor that people seldom took offense.

"I not know my 'Padre Nuestro'? exclaimed Zorillo. "I wish I had just one centavo for every time that I have said it, and correctly, too!"

"Then it must be different from the one I learned," said Severino with a twinkle, "for in the one I know it says, 'Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against

Zorillo was stunned. In all the thousands of times that he had repeated the prayer, he had not once considered intelligently an individual phrase of it, or thought of its meaning.

"Do you want God to forgive you the way you forgive Guadeloupe?"

Zorillo had no answer, so he made a pretense of taking it all as joke, and flashed out daringly with a mock laugh, "I will die unforgiven, if I have to forgive him first!"

He was rather perturbed because he had shown his ignorance of the "Padre Nuestro," and cast about in his mind for a way of paying old Severino back. At last he thought he had a good question for him.

"Severino," he said, somewhat loftily, "if you believers are the children of God, as you say you are, holy and so much better than the rest of us, how can you accept a sinner like Guadeloupe as one of your number? When I saw him in the midst of you the other day, I decided the believers must be a whole lot worse than I'd ever believed them to be!"

"Just a moment, just a moment," said Severino. "In the first place we do not claim to be holier, or one whit better than the rest of you. And that's just why we can accept a sinner like Guadeloupe. We're just a lot of sinners ourselves, but saved sinners, as he is now! Why, Christ came, not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. His enemies said of Him exactly what you say of us, 'He receiveth sinners!' If the Holy Son of God received the sinful, surely, surely we can."

Zorillo was answerless again.

Now Severino knew that these things could make Zorillo think plenty. He also knew that just "stumping" someone would never bring a soul to Christ, and might even be a hindrance. What Zorillo needed most of all was something positive from God's Word,

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WHAT'S HAPPENING NEWS

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the message brought by Rev. J. C. Kraenzler of Sumner, Rev. E. Schroeder of Elgin baptized two girls and Mr. Kraenzler baptized three Sunday School scholars. For several weeks the candidates had received instructions on baptism, the Lord's Supper and the privileges of church membership by Mr. Kraenzler, On Easter morning, in connection with the communion service, the new members received the hand of Christian felowship. Mr. Kraenzler is leading a group in a Teacher's Training Course on "You Can Teach."

• The Ashley Baptist Church, Ashley, N. Dak., experienced great blessings during the Passion Week. On Good Friday evening, March 31, three girls were baptized by the pastor, Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer. At the communion observance that followed, these and eight others were given the right hand of fellowship. A total of 173 people have been received into the membership of the church during the past seven years. The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Wm. Giedt, rendered the cantata, "The Living Saviour," in the Ashley church on Easter Sunday evening, April 2nd. This cantata was also rendered in the neighboring churches of Linton and Wishek, N. D.

• In March the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., held a series of evangelistic meetings with Rev. and Mrs. Harvey H. Springer serving as God's messengers. There were 30 public decisions for Christ, of whom 24 came forward to confess Christ as Savior. A new attendance record was set by the Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 2nd, with 843 persons present. A total of 1,006 attended the morning worship service of the church on Easter Sunday. Several choirs directed by Mrs. Emanuel Dorheim and Mr. Tony Fachner rendered an Easter musicale. Open House for the new Educational Unit was held on Sunday afternoon, April 9. Rev. Aaron Buhler is pastor of the church.

• "Hallelujah! What A Savior!" by John W. Peterson, a cantata of the

CENTRAL DAKOTA ASSOCIATION at Wishek, N. Dak. June 8-11, 1961

• A welcome to all churches of the Association to come to Wishek for these great days. Guest speakers will be Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, Rev. J. C. Gunst and Missionary Wm. H. Rentz.

• Rev. Carl R. Weisser, pastor of Wishek church.

victorious Savior was presented by the Calvary Baptist Singers, a chorus of 27 voices on Easter Sunday evening at the Calvary Baptist Church, Carrington, N. Dak. Mrs. Ervin Haedt was director, Sharon Kandt accompanist and Ervin A. Haedt, narrator. The solos, duets and trio were sung by Mesdames Howard Westlund, Wilfred Meyers, Arnold Leppke, Eldon Leitner, Norman Hanson, Walter Larson, Alvin Gedrose, Misses Penny Pepple, Carolyn Okert, Barbara Gedrose and Messrs. (Rev.) Howard Westlund, Fred Pepple, Ben Edinger and Eldon Leitner

• A new record attendance was set on Easter Sunday, April 2, by the Temple Baptist Sunday School, Lodi, Calif., with 569 present. A year ago on Easter Sunday the attendance was 506 and on the preceding Sunday 467. Both morning worship services were also well attended with more than 700 present, including the children's church services. On Easter Sunday evening, the church choir presented the cantata, "Day of Resurrection." Sunday, April 23, was set aside as Library Day, highlighting National Library Week. In the Sunday evening service the program centered around the theme, "Hear the Books that Talk," and various ways in which the members and friends could use the church library. Rev. Robert Schreiber is pastor of the Temple Church.

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Western District

Golden Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Gaertner

The members of the Bethel Baptist Church, Salem, Oregon, and relatives and friends celebrated the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Gaertner on Sunday, March 26th, in the church reception rooms. Mr. and Mrs. Gaertner were married March 28, 1911 in Hebron, North Dakota, where they lived for 12 years. Then they moved to Salem, Oregon, where they have resided since that time.

Gathering for the reception were many nieces, nephews, cousins, a sister and three brothers. Also, present was the only living uncle, Mr. Henry Fromm. As the guests and families first gathered, there was a short pro-gram suitable for the occasion. Rev. Everett Barker briefly gave highlights about the Gaertners and a meditation. Then Ronald Sheets, a great nephew, sang a number in German and "I Love Thee." He also sang for their 25th anniversary. He was accompanied by another nephew, Mr. William Fawk. At the reception members of the family assisted in serving the guests. Mrs. Dan Sheets, Reporter

Youth Group Organized at Stockton's Swain Oaks Church

On March 26, 1961, the young people of the Swain Oaks Baptist Church of Stockton, California, organized a youth group. The first meeting was very fit-tingly opened with prayer by Rev. Gustave G. Rauser. The group's sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Friedli, were introduced, and the officers for the remainder of the year were elected. They are president, Earnest Claypool; vice-president, Richard Locke; secretary, Janet Beck; and treasurer, Shar-on Hust. On March 28 an officers' meeting was held. Age limit, material, a future missionery protot and as a future missionary project, and activities were discussed.

It was the privilege of the young people to have charge of the preliminaries for the church's evening serv-ice on April 9. Later a singspiration was held at the home of the sponsors, Janice and Gary Friedli. The gathering was opened with prayer and followed by the singing of choruses. A solo by Kay Merkel and a duet by Janice Friedli and Judy Koenig were given. Testimonies and group prayer preceded a short business meeting. Let us all pray for this new organization that it may reach those young people in the community who do not know the Lord as their personal Savior. Janet Beck, Reporter

Baptism of 22 Converts, Vancouver's Ebenezer Church

We of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C., have recently felt the power of the Holy Spirit working in our midst. God richly blessed our

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Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Gaertner of Salem, Oregon, members of the Bethel Baptist Church, who observed their golden wed-ding anniversary on March 26, 1961.

two week revival campaign with Rev. Herman H. Mauch of Norfolk, Vir-ginia, as guest evangelist. Every age group was privileged to have Mr. Mauch speak to them—the children at Mauch speak to them—the children at Sunday School; the young people at their regular meeting; the ladies on their Day of Prayer; the men at a Prayer Breakfast, and the Sunday School teachers and officers at a supper meeting. Mr. Mauch also conduct-ed a series of Bible Studies and showed

ed a series of Bible Studies and showed slides of his world travels. Our pastor, Rev. Otto Patzia, has recently completed a training course for Sunday School teachers, which challenged those present to greater service and dedication to the tasks.

Our church choirs presented a sacred concert on Palm Sunday evening which depicted every phase of the Easter message. The young people gath-ered early on Easter Sunday for a Sunrise Service followed by breakfast at the church. In the evening, with an audience of 644, twenty-two persons stepped into the baptismal waters on confession of their faith.

(Mrs.) Eugen Lueck, Reporter



Central District

Memorable Events at Grace Church, Grand Forks, N. D.

The Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak., adopted a new consti-tution in March 1961. Three adults and ten Juniors were baptized and taken into the fellowship of the church after having attended instruction classes taught by the pastor, Rev. Willis Potratz.

The church choir, under the direction of Mrs. Fred Kranzler, presented a very impressive cantata, "We Have Seen the Lord," on Palm Sunday, March 26. The Men's Brotherhood served breakfast to 125 people on Easter Sunday after the young people had presented the play, "You Were There," directed by Mrs. Charles Balogh.

Mrs. Chester Faul, Reporter

Garcias Ranch Chapel, **Rio Grande City, Texas**

Easter Sunday started with a sunrise service at the Garcias Ranch Baptist Chapel, Rio Grande City, Texas. With songs of praise, honor and glory to the Risen Lord and a message from God's Word, we honored our RISEN LORD. For Sunday school and church, the chapel was made more beautiful with home made flower arrangements. The ladies had prepared for Easter Sunday services. The message for morning worship was: HAVE YOU MET THE RISEN LORD?

The evening service was even more heart warming and beautiful with three converts who went into the waters of baptism and partook of the communion for their very first time joining together with the others of the members. The message of the evening was: DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE RISEN LORD? The offering for this day was sent to Headquarters as our Easter Mission Offering.

Raymond Castro, Missionary

Rev. Otto Patzia (right) and Rev. Phil Daum (left), pastors of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C., and 22 converts who were baptized on confession of their faith in Christ on Easter Sunday.

Baptism and Leadership Training Course, Napoleon, N. Dak.

On Sunday evening, March 19, it was our privilege at the Napoleon Baptist Church, Napoleon, N. Dak., to conduct the first baptismal service in our new church. Three candidates followed the Lord into the waters of baptism upon their confession of faith in Christ. On the following Sunday morning, at a communion service, the hand of fellowship was extended to them by Rev. Henry Lang, pastor, and the deacons into the Napoleon Baptist Church.

During the week of March 21-24, a Leadership Training Course was taught by the pastor to the Sunday School teachers and officers. It was also open to anyone wishing to attend. Over twenty persons finished the course entitled, "Living Abundantly" by Frank E. Burkhalter.

Henry Lang, Pastor

McClusky, N. Dak., Young People Present Missionary Play

The young people of the McClusky Baptist Church, McClusky, North Da-kota experienced great blessing in presenting the play, "Challenge of the Cross," in four different churches with the help of the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Oster, and other members who took part in the singing. Their Sunday School teacher, LaVerne Axt, was director. The cast of the play consisted of the Evangel and six disciples. The churches visited were those at Goodrich, Rosenfeld and Turtle Lake, besides our own. It was truly a challenge to all. The young people were asked to present it at our own church for the Easter Sunrise Service. An offering was received at each church, amounting to \$89.46. The offering of the sunrise service was for Rev. Bud Peterson, our missionary speaker.

Dale H. Engel, President

Evangelistic and Missionary Services at Creston, Neb.

During the week of Feb. 19 to 24 the Creston Baptist Church, Creston, Nebraska, was privileged to have Rev. Jack Block of Corn, Okla., as evangeist. The children as well as the adults enjoyed the story time which Mr. Block and the local pastor, Rev. Kenneth Schmuland, presented at these meetings. Messages in music were giv-en by the near-by Shell Creek Baptist Church and by members of the local church. Mr. Block's challenging messages were an inspiration to all.

On March 9, Mrs. John Kennedy of Columbus, Nebraska, was guest speaker for the Dorcas Society. She presented slides taken during her stay in Japan. The Ladies' Circles of the Creston Presbyterian and Lutheran Churches were invited. All the women enjoyed the wonderful fellowship and were blessed by the inspiring program. Kenneth Prang, Reporter

Baptism of 19 Converts At Emery, S. Dak.

Sunday, March 5, was a day of blessing and rejoicing at the First Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak. Nineteen young people testified to new life in their hearts by following our Lord in baptism. The hand of fellowship was



Rev. Henry Lang, pastor of the Napoleon Baptist Church, Napoleon, N. Dak., and three young persons whom he baptized in the first baptismal service held in the new church building.

extended by our pastor, Rev. L. Friesen, to these and to three adults, who joined by letter, during the communion service which followed. Some of these children were saved during our evangelistic meetings, some in Sunday School, some at morning worship services, some at camp, some at home and one at a "Good News' Club.'

Easter Sunday was also a wonderful day beginning with the CBYF spon-soring an outdoor sunrise service, followed by breakfast in the church's dining room. Young people from our neighboring churches had also been invited. In the evening our choir, under the direction of Rev. Leland H. Friesen, presented the message in song and narration, "The Extraordinary Saviour.'

Mrs. Bert Terveen, Reporter

Ordination of Rev. Gordon Thomas, Fessenden, N. Dak.

An ordination council was called by the First Baptist Church, Fessenden, N. Dak., April 6, 1961, for the examination of Mr. Gordon Thomas, its pastor. The following Baptist churches were represented: First Baptist of Minot, Martin, Anamoose, McClusky, Carrington and Germantown. Rev. J. C. Gunst was also a

member of the council. Rev. Edward Oster was chosen as moderator and the undersigned as clerk. Mr. Gus. Fuhrman of the local church presented the candidate to the



Rev. Leland H. Friesen (right, back row), pastor of the First Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., and 18 of the 22 people whom he recently baptized and received into the church

council. The candidate gave his conversion experience, call to the ministry, doctrinal beliefs-well supported with Scripture and his willingness to cooperate-in clear statements which met the satisfaction of the council

The ordination service took place that evening with Rev. Ed. Oster presiding. Milton Breding read Scripture and Bert Fehr led in prayer. Mrs. Thomas and Rev. John Benham sang. Rev. J. C. Gunst brought the ordination message, Rev. R. Christeleit led in the dedicatory prayer. Rev. John Benham gave the charge to the church. Rev. H. Westlund gave the charge to the candidate, and Rev. M. Vietz extended the right hand of fellowship to Rev. Gordon Thomas, welcoming him into the ranks of the North American Baptist pastors. After the closing hymn, Rev. Gordon Thomas pronounced the benediction. William Effa, Council Clerk

Special Events at Eureka and Leola, S. Dak.

The two Baptist Churches at Eureka and Leola S. Dak., separated peacefully into two self-governing congregations which was officially approved and recognized in November 1960 by a church council. Plans are pending for the Leola church to apply for membership in the Central Dakota Association as well as in the Dakota Conference this coming summer. Youth Week was observed in Leola under the leadership of Mrs. Leslie Brackhage and Mrs. Elmer Feiock. A joint leadership training course was held in Eureka from Feb. 27 to March 3 with Rev. Orville H. Meth of Venturia, N. Dak. serving as instructor. The course, "When Do Teachers each" was studied. Teach"

Bible Day was observed here at Eureka in our Church School, March 12, and a special offering was sent to Forest Park for the distribution of Bibles and New Testaments. The Volunteer Choir and the young people on Easter Sunday evening, presented "The Shadow of the Cross." The same program was also presented at Leola on April 9th. An Easter offering was received in both churches amounting to about \$200 in support of our denominational mission projects. Rev. A. E. Reeh is our pastor. Alvin C. Bertsch, Clerk

Father and Son Banquet. Rapid City, S. Dak.

On Friday, March 17th, the Ladies' Mission Circle of the South Canyon Baptist Church, Rapid City, S. Dak., sponsored its second annual Father and Son Banquet at the church with 42 men and boys in attendance. The theme of the banquet was "Precious Treasures" and the tables were attractively decorated with treasure chests. Toastmaster for the occasion was Victor Schlottman. Singtime was was Victor Schlottman. Singtime was led by Alvin Auch. "What Is the Av-erage Man?", a poem, was given by Larry Odegarrd. "What Is the Aver-age Boy?" was recited by Harry Du-cella, and "Spent Youth" by Walter Bangert. A duet was given by Victor Schlottman and Alvin Auch; accordion solo by Kenneth Walker; guest solo solo by Kenneth Walker; guest solo by Paul Henry; accompaniment by guest, David Eggerbraten. Guest

speaker was Rev. W. C. Henry of the Four Square Church in Rapid City. Invocation and prayer and thanks were by Loren A. Weber, pastor.

The month before for a special in-stallation service and Valentine pro-gram the guest speaker was Mrs. Lawrence Zeller, former missionary to Korea prior to World War II and wife of a chaplain now stationed at nearby Ellsworth Air Force Base. She spoke on "Love With All Thy Heart." Mrs. John Kwyzla, Jr., Reporter

Easter Activities, First Baptist Church, Sidney, Montana

The Easter activities have been a time of inspiration in Sidney, Montana. Our church co-operated with four other evangelical churches in the city during Pre-Easter services. In these services, meetings are held in one of the churches each evening from Monday through Friday with an added ser-vice on Good Friday afternoon. The Tuesday evening and Friday afternoon services were held in Church with full capacity crowds. The pastors from these churches exchange pulpits to bring the messages.

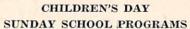
One of the special features during the Friday afternoon service as well as our own Sunday morning worship service on Easter Sunday was a group of six instrumental players from our church, directed by Mrs. Jacob Ehman, who accompanies them on the piano. The instruments are: two tromplayed by Gary and Robert bones Smith; three cornets played by David and Dorothy Ehman and Shirley Foltz; and one trumpet played by Debbie Ehman.

Easter Sunday became alive with a sunrise service, breakfast in the church basement, a full-house for the Sunday morning worship service, and a young people's program during the evening service in charge of Mrs. Earl Backhaus. The pastor's message for the worship service was entitled "A Living Christ." Rev. Jacob Ehman is pastor of the church.

Jacob Ehman, Pastor

Missionary Conference at Steamboat Rock, Iowa

"The Word of Life, in a World of Strife" was the theme of the Missionary Conference in March at the Baptist Church, Steamboat Rock, Iowa. The emphasis was placed upon



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the "Word" as it goes forth by means of Christian radio. Though many doors are being closed to physical man, God is not bound by doors. His Word can still enter places where man cannot

go. We here at Steamboat Rock have been blessed by the fellowship of Rev. and Mrs. Asaph Tobert and family, returned missionaries from Nigeria. They presented a phase of radio work in Africa, station ELWA, by means of the film, "A Mighty Voice." Rev. Dale Golding, representing the work of the Far East Broadcasting Co., very vivid-ly presented the work of radio there with a film of the work in the Philippines. Then too it was our privilege to have the retired Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Griffin with us who have been with China Inland Missions, They spoke of the outreach of CIM since the door to China proper has been closed to missionaries. Many other doors are still open to missionaries and the challenge to our hearts those days was, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest." Mrs. Verna Luiken, Reporter

South Texas-Louisiana Association Sessions at Kyle

The Immanuel Baptist Church. Kyle, Texas, was host to the 1961 South Texas and Louisiana Association, Feb. 23-26. The theme was "The Glorious Church." The opening service was under the direction of Rev. Henry Hirsch, pastor of the host church. Rev. Daniel Fuchs gave the keynote ad-dress. He also had charge of the Quiet Hour during the sessions. Rev. George Conway, Jr., pastor of the Central Valley Baptist Church, was elected moderator for the 1961 sessions. Rev. Henry Hirsch will be moderator for the coming year and John Adam Lengefeld



The new \$20,000, gir-conditioned Educational Unit of the Zion Baptist Church, Okeene, Okla., that was dedicated on Sunday, March 19.

of the Mowata Baptist Church was elected secretary-treasurer. The as-sociation will be held in the Greenvine Church, Burton, Texas, Feb. 1962.

Special attractions during the As-sociation were musical numbers. The Immanuel Choir served with very ap-preciative music. We were inspired by the address by Mrs. Clara Clousur, dean of women, San Marcos Baptist Academy, on Friday night.

Sunday was a very special day. The seventy-fifth jubilee anniversary of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle was held. Rev. J. C. Gunst was the guest speaker. Rev. Daniel Fuchs brought the closing message. Norman Lengefeld, Reporter

Dedication of New Educational Unit, Okene, Oklahoma

The dedication of the Educational Unit of the Zion Baptist Church, Okeene, Oklahoma, on March 19th brought joy and blessing to the hearts of many. It was the grand fulfillment of our dreams, the answer to our prayers. All the North American Baptist churches in Oklahoma, former pastors, and some former members and friends were invited. Written greetings were received from Rev. Leland Friesen and Rev. Henry Pfeifer, former pastors, the Calvary Church of Stafford, Kansas, and Bethel Church of Cherokee, Oklahoma.

At the formal dedication service in the afternoon, Rev. Daniel Fuchs, director of evangelism for our Conference, preached the sermon on the subject, "Open the Door for Christ." Rev. Leon Bill, pastor, gave the invo-cation. Rev. Martin DeBoer of Loyal, Okla., read the Scripture lesson. The ladies chorus sang "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings."

The expanded shale block building features a cedar decking roof which also serves as ceiling. The 21,000 also serves as ceiling. The 21,000 square feet of space provides five classrooms, a room for toddlers, a nursery, and a chapel with a seating capacity of about 55 people. The new unit is connected to the sanctuary by a covered walkway. A good deal of construction was done by some of the men of the congregation which enmen of the congregation which en-abled the erection of the air-condition-ed building at a cost of approximately \$20,000. The construction was super-vised by Carl Weigand of Alva.

Esther Weber, Reporter

Recent Events at Immanuel Church, Kenosha, Wis.

Under the able leadership of our pastor, Rev. Milton W. Zeeb, and Andy Stipanuk, Sunday School superintendent, changes have recently been put into effect in the Immanuel Baptist Sunday School, Kenosha, Wis. A mis-sion project of the Spanish American Mission of Colorado was adopted by the school. The Board of Christian Education has been reorganized with two elected Board members from the church to represent the youth, namely, Larry Weiss and Mrs. Jack Tracy, and the Primary Department superintendent, Mrs. Don Jensen, representing the children.

March 12th, we observed Bible Day in the Sunday School. The Primary children participated with songs and recitations. The film strip, "Saga of the Bible," was shown, depicting the history of the Bible to our own day. Cottage prayers meetings were held from March 20 to 24 in preparation for our evangelistic meetings with Rev. Herman Palfenier held from March 26 to 31. God truly revived his children and blessed the meetings, giving us two precious souls. Easter Sunday was climaxed in the evening service with slides shown of the crucifixion accompanied with recorded music. The Woman's Missionary Society purchased a Tape Recorder helping us to minister more effectively to the aged and shut-ins.

Events at Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Montana

Evangelistic meetings were held in the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Montana, March 1-12, with Rev. Bert Itterman of Hutchinson, Minn., as evangelist. The Holy Spirit was evident in our midst by drawing many closer to the Lord, by directing three persons to Christ as Savior and three in reconsecration. At each service Brother Itterman brought a heart-searching message and for the children he brought a magic lesson presenting the Gospel. Our pastor Rev. Richard A. Grenz, encouraged Bible reading each day and a tabulation was made at each service. A total of 1,643 chapters were read during the meetings. Two



Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wentz of Burstall, Sask., at their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 9, 1961.

weeks before the series of meetings, cottage prayer meetings were held in nine of the homes with a wonderful spirit of prayer prevailing.

On Easter Sunday evening a mixed choir of 30 voices presented the Cantata, "The Glory of the Cross" by Rosemary Hadler. This was directed by the pastor, Rev. Richard A. Grenz, with Mrs. R. Grenz serving as the piano accompanist. At a recent communion service a couple united with the church on confession of faith. We covet the prayers of the "Baptist Herald" readers for the work in Billings. We want to encourage our North American Baptists moving into Billings to attend our church.

Mrs. Emil Opp, Reporter

Baptist "Wedding Memories Party" at Fessenden, N. Dak.

Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Thomas of Fessenden, N. Dak., were hosts to a "Wedding Memories Party," Friday evening, March 17th, at the First Baptist Church parsonage. The guests were the couples who had been married in the parsonage and who attend the First Baptist Church. The present parsonage will be replaced by a new one this summer. Lunch was served including a double ring wedding cake. Each couple was presented a gold

memory booklet in which they obtained the autographs of the other guests

The couples honored were: Mr. and Mrs. Loren Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Driesner, Mr. and Mrs. Weston Rudel, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rudel, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Rudel, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Krebs, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Koenig, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Knodel, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Justus, Mr. and Mrs. Don Litke, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pepple and Mrs. Carlton Thygeson, Mr. Carlton Thy-geson and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Weiss were unable to attend. Many of the pastors reading this report will note with interest some of the couples whom they married. Mrs. Arnold Knodel, Clerk

Northern District

Evangelistic Meetings, Grace Church, Medicine Hat, Alta.

Rev. C. T. Rempel of Missoula, Mon-tana, led us at the Grace Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alta., in special evangelistic meetings from March 14 to 23. His messages, which were di-rected to the church, made us again realize how we are neglecting our responsibilities to God and his work. We were privileged to see one man turn to Christ for salvation for whom Christians had prayed for many years. Some spiritual seeds also fell into hungry hearts and on the Sunday after the meetings an elderly woman found her way back to the fold. With God all things are possible! Lilly Oster, Reporter

Golden Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wentz

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wentz of Burstall, Saskatchewan, observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary on February 9th, in their farm home with the chil-dren, grandchildren and friends in attendance. Mr. Wentz was born in South Russia and Mrs. Wentz in Herreid, South Dakota. Mr. Wentz came to America and settled at Herreid. They were married at Herreid, February 9, 1911 and in the same year migrated to Canada settling near Burstall where they have resided ever since.

The Lord blessed their marriage with four girls and three boys. Mr. and Mrs. Wentz were both saved in Herreid and have served the Lord in various ways in the rural Gnadenfeld Baptist Church since 1913 and now in Burstall.

Ervin Strauss, Pastor

Baptismal Services at Capilano Church, Edmonton, Alta.

There was great joy in the hearts of members of the Capilano Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, as our New Year was begun in a most blessed manner. On Sunday evening, January 1st. six candidates were baptized by our pastor, Rev. E. P. Wahl, upon confession of their faith. Again, on March 12, Mr. Wahl stepped into the baptismal waters with another gentleman.

It was with much regret that the resignation of Rev. E. P. Wahl was accepted earlier in the year. We are

now, however, preparing for our new pastor, Mr. Walter Goltz, a 1961 graduate of the Seminary, who will begin his ministry on June 1st.

Recently, the programs of the "Boys' Christian Brigade" and the "Girls' Missionary Cuild" "Boys' Christian Brigade" and the "Girls' Missionary Guild" were launched, and are progressing very well with very capable leadership. These clubs draw many unchurched children from our area. We covet your prayers as we continue to work for our Master. Mrs. Delrene Tobert, Reporter

We as members of the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta, can say with the Psalmist, "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." Easter Sunday evening was a

time that will long be remembered,

for it was a day our choir presented a

cantata, "The Conquering King," and

dedicated the new choir gowns. The

dedication of the choir gowns was in

the form of a responsive reading with

our pastor, the congregation and the

choir participating. This was followed

by the dedicatory prayer led by Rev.

has been very busy this year. They

have taken on projects for each month of the year. White Cross, the

purchasing and making of new baptist-

ry drapes, contribution towards dishes

for the Christian Training Institute

and a monetary contribution to the Indian Mission of our own province

are those which are already completed.

We are thankful that we still have

opportunities of working for our Lord

We of the Emmanuel Baptist

Church, Valleyview, Alberta, are glad

to report that the Lord has been good

to us. All departments of our work

indicate that the Lord is blessing our

church. We have been able to open a

Sunday School work at Snipe Lake.

We are very much encouraged by the

interest that is shown among the peo-

ple there. We will be going to this

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Extension Work by Baptist

Church, Valleyview, Alta.

Mrs. Richard Ziegler, Reporter

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MRS. HENRY SCHRENK of Salem, Oregon

of Salem, Oregon Mrs. Lydia Schrenk, nee Melhaff, of Salem, Oregon was born near Parkston, South Dakota on June 12, 1891. She was converted to Christ on March 2, 1905 and was baptized by the late Dr. John Olthoff. She was united in marriage to Henry Schrenk on June 1, 1916 and to this union were born two daughters: Viola May of Dallas, Oregon and Lois Rands of Salem. The family moved to Salem in 1932 and united with the Bethel Baptist Church where they have been active since that time. Mrs. Schrenk passed away on Good Friday, March 31, at the age of 69 after an illness of several months. A large group of rela-tives and friends gathered for the memorial service on April 4 with a message of com-fort given by Rev. Everett Barker. She leaves to cherish her memory her husband; two daughters; five sisters: Mrs. Carrie Schmierer, Theresa Schulz and Laura Christ-man of Lodi, Calif.; Inez Christman of Sacramento, Calif.; Bertha Jensen of How-ard, S. Dak.; as well as four grand-children. Bethel Baptist Church ildren. Bethel Baptist Church

Salem. Oregon EVERETT A. BARKER, Pastor

MR. ANTON E. JOHNSON

of Underwood, North Dakota

of Underwood, North Dakota Mr. Anton E. Johnson of Underwood, N. Dak., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Johnson, was born January 12, 1879 in Rome, Iowa. At the age of 5 years he moved with his parents to McLean County where they homesteaded eight miles east of Underwood. Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Christine Brenneise in 1925. He accepted the Lord as his Savior in the early years of his life and was a faithful member of the Baptist church for many years. His cheerful spirit was an inspiration to all who knew him.

spirit was an inspiration to all who knew him. Mr. Johnson went to be with the Lord on March 22 at the age of 82 years, 2 months, and 10 days. He was preceded in death by two sisters and one brother and leaves to mourn his passing his devoted wife, Christine; two daughters: Mrs. Albert (Irma) Robinson of Littleton, Colorado; and Mrs. Marvin (Luella) Snyder, Santa Maria, Calif.; two brothers: Brent and Chester, both of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., and three grandchildren. Underwood, North Dakota GORDON VOEGELE, Pastor

MR. GEORGE A. ANDERSON of Underwood, North Dakota

Mr. George A. Anderson of Underwood, N. D., was born July 6, 1888 in Coleharbor, N. Dak. Mr. Johnson died suddenly of a heart attack on March 24th at their winter home in Mesa, Arizona at the age of 72



Choir of the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta (left) with their new robes. Bill Peters, director, is 5th from the left (back row) and Mrs. Ruth Hammer, pianist, is 4th from the left (front row). The Woman's Missionary Society is shown at the right. Mrs. Ernest Kern, president, is 5th from the left (front row) and Rev. P. Siewert, pastor, is at the extreme right.



Rev. E. P. Wahl, pastor of the Capilano Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, and six young people whom he baptized on confession of their faith in Christ.



years, 8 months, and 18 days. Mr. Ander-son accepted the Lord as his Savior in the early years of his life, living an examplary life until his death. He was a faithful mem-ber of the Baptist church for many years. In 1914, Mr. Anderson was united in mar-riage to Bertha Graalum. His first wife pre-ceded him in death. He entered his second marriage with Emma Ebel in 1947, Mr. An-derson leaves to mourn his beloved wife, Emma; one son, George of Underwood; one sister, Mrs. A. M. Engebretson of Bismarck, N. Dak.; and 6 grandchildren besides a host of other relatives and friends. of other relatives and friends. Underwood, North Dakota GORDON VOEGELE, Pastor

MR. PETE SCHEUFLER

of Ellinwood, Kansas

of Elinwood, Kansas Mr. Pete Scheufler of Ellinwood, Kansas, son of Peter and Catherine Spiringer Scheuf-ler, was born at Ellinwood, Jan. 19, 1888, and passed away after on extended illness on March 14, 1961, He was baptized by Rev. Eckhart Umbach on Feb, 17, 1901 and united with the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood. On Nov. 23, 1910 he was married to Johanna Hinrichs who preceded him in death in 1943. To this union were born four children: Lorraine and Pete, Jr., both de-ceased; Arlene (Mrs. Milton Spece) of Great Bend, Kansas, and Kenneth of Ellinwood. There are six grandchildren. On May 25, 1945 he was married to Mrs. Lottie Keister Noller of Shattuc, Illinois who survives his passing. He also leaves two sisters: Mrs. Lena Hasse and Mrs. Gusta Blakely, both of St. Petersburg, Fla., and many other relatives and friends. Funeral services were held from the First Baptist Church, Ellin-wood, March 17, with Rev. Theo Dons and the undersigned officiating. Burial was in Ellinwood Lakin Cemetery. Ellinwood, Kansas MR. AUGUST BOSCHEE

MR. AUGUST BOSCHEE of Medicine Hat, Alberta

NR. AUGUST BOSCHEE of Medicine Hat, Alberta Mr. August Boschee of Medicine Hat, Alta, was born in Eureka, S. Dak. Sept. 8, 1885 and was raised and educated there. In 1902 he moved to Canada together with his parents, settling in the Josephburg district. Here he married Katherine Schneider in 1906 and, together with her, farmed until 1914 when they retired to Medicine Hat. His beloved wife died in 1959 after a lengthy ilness. It was only last year that he took for his second wife Mrs. Katherine Herrman who gave him wonderful companionship and evotion until the Lord called him suddenly to his heavenly rest. He had reached the age of and baptized. As a member of the Graes Baptist Church, he served faithfully in the offices of deacon and trustee. Brother Bos-chee's Christian witness was never wanting. He leaves to mourn his beloved and de-vided wife: 2 sons: Arthur of Medicine Hat and Wallace of Robinson, Alta.; 3 daugh-ters: Mrs. Lea Schacher of Medicine Hat and Mrs. Adelaine Herrman of Robinson, Alta.; 2 brothers; 5 sisters; 14 grandchildren; 12 reac Eaptist Church Mrs. Olinda Weilser Of Internet Hat Mrs. Adelaine Herrman of Robinson, Alta.; 2 manden Herrman of Robinson, Alta.; 3 medicine Hat Alberta P. T. HUNSICKER, Pastor

MRS. CHARLES F. BOHMERT

of Dallas, Texas

MRS. CHARLES F. BOHMERT of Dallas, Texas Mrs. C. F. Bohmert, nee Anna Margaret Streers, of Dallas, Texas, was born Nov. 1, Streers, of Dallas, Texas, Nov. 1, Streers, of Dallas, Texas, Streers, and Church in Kansas City, Missouri, Her father was baptized and received into the Baptist church in Kansas City, Missouri, Her father was bastor of churches in New Jersey, Kan-sa, City, Missouri, Waco & Kyle Texas, Anna Margaret Sievers and C. G. Bohmert were joined in holy matrimony in 1903. This inhon was blessed with three children charles F. Bohmert, Jr. of La Grange, High-lands, Illinois; Mrs. Norma McClory of Matoon, Illinois; Mrs. Norma McClory, of Matoon, Illinois; Ans. Norma McClory, of Matoon, Illinois; Ans. Norma McClory, of Matoon, Illinois; Mrs. Norma the Women's Farie the graduation from the Women's Faries Te Bohmert, Jr. of La Grange, High-lands, Strees, Six grandchildren and two outed the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church. After her faith and spirit during almost the bed was an Inspiration to all who came to be was an Inspiration to all who came to be was an Inspiration to all who came to be was an Inspiration to all who came to be her. She is survived by her husbad, C. F. Bohmert, one son, two daughters, there issuers, six grandchildren and two care.grandGaughters. CHENENCE AUCH, Pastor

Report From Valleyview

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field every Sunday afternoon. This work was formerly 50 miles from Val-leyview, but since the completion of a bridge across the Little Smoky River, this field is only 18 milse from us. We think it is a wonderful opportunity for us to do Extension work and would ask for your prayer support.

It is with great anticipation that we as a church are looking forward to having the Alberta Association con-vene here June 1 to 4. We hope that many of our people, who have never been to the Peace River Country, will come and visit us on this occasion. We offer you many hours of daylight time daily. At this time of the year we have approximately 18 hours of daylight time

D. Unrau, Pastor

Eastern District

Dedication Services at Hillcrest Church, Cleveland, Ohio

Dedication services for the new Hillcrest Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio were held on Sunday, April 9, exactly 56 years since our former church on White Avenue was dedicated. Months of planning, working and waiting came to a climax as our people gathered for this joyful occasion. At the morning service Dr. Angus Hull, the morning service Dr. Angus Hun, executive secretary of the Cleveland Baptist Association, spoke on "Jesus Came Teaching" and Dr. Frank H. Woyke, our North American Baptist executive secretary, brought the second message on "Dedicated Christians.

The formal dedication took place at 3 p.m. We rejoice that our sister churches, Erin Parma Avenue, Heights and Snowview, were so well represented. These, our friends, together with their pastors, brought us encouragement and challenged us in our new undertaking. The Erin Avenue Church Choir sang two beautiful

nue Church Choir sang two beautiful anthems. Dr. Woyke spoke on "The House of God." Rev. Henry Pfeifer offered the dedicatory prayer. On the Friday preceding the dedica-tion, we had a Homecoming Banquet when many of the former members of the White Avenue Bantier Church of the White Avenue Baptist Church were present. We were especially were present. We were especially privileged to have Mrs. O. E. Krueger, a former pastor's wife, with us. Edward Kary, Pastor

Easter Services at Redeemer

Church, Warren, Michigan The Redeemer Baptist Church, War-

ren, Michigan, held Good Friday services with seven local churches par-ticipating. On Good Friday night, the Redeemer Church Choir presented a beautifully inspiring Easter Cantata at the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church. at the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church. On Easter Sunday, we held Sunrise Services at the Van Dyke Baptist Church followed by a sunrise break-fast. At the Sunday School hour, the Lord blessed us with our largest Sun-day School attendance of 621, followed by an even larger church attendance.

On Sunday evening, the choir sang their cantata before a full sanctuary

REGISTERED NURSE NEEDED, BISMARCK HOME

The Bismarck Home for the Aged, Bismarck, N. Dak., needs a Regis-tered Nurse to take charge of the Nursing Care Section. Her husband Nursing Care Section. Her husband could be either an orderly, main-tenance man, or a night watchman. We shall pay them a suitable salary and offer a fine apartment with kitchenette and private facilities. Please contact Rev. B. W. Krentz, Baptist Home for the Aged, Bis-marck, North Dakota.

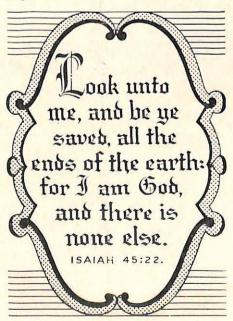
of members and visitors. All received a blessing from the clear message in song. The service closed with Rev. Adolph Braun, pastor, extending the right hand of fellowship to new members at the Communion Service. We thank the Lord for our "Easter Blessings" and pray that many who visit-ed our Easter services will come to know the Lord and serve him through prayer and our Monday night visitation program. It is becoming more evident each week of the importance of the ministry of visitation and the great opportunity God has given each one of us here in our community.

Betty G. Wurtz, Reporter

BAPTIST BRIEFS

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rusalem but the people were never stopped and went everywhere preaching the gospel in spite of the diffi-culty," he said. Westin, who also teaches church history at the Bethel Baptist Seminary in Sweden said, "Paul gave us the book of Romans while being persecuted. John wrote Revelation while under the persecution at Patmos. We would never have had Pilgrim's Progress if John Bunyan had not been persecuted and put into prison. These people who were persecuted had something to tell and they did. I see in this development the work of the hand of God in various ways."



JUBILEE, KYLE, TEXAS

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The brethren met in the home of George Wiegand on Feb. 16, 1886 when steps were taken toward the founding of the church which was to be known as First German Baptist Church, Kyle, Texas. Mr. J. A. Heidenreich opened the meeting with prayer asking the guidance of the Holy Spirit. All those attending presented letters from their former churches showing them to be members in good standing. Most of the immigrants came from the province of Hessen, Germany.

There were sixteen charter members. In 1939 the church adopted the new name of "Immanuel Baptist Church" and we can truly say that "God is with us."

During the history of the church we were privileged to see four young men leave our fellowship to prepare for the Gospel ministry. Thirty-two young men and one young woman answered the call to their country-two are at present serving in the armed forces.

Ten years ago the church felt the need to take the Gospel to the Latin-American people of Kyle and the surrounding community. Several members have helped to carry on the work as teachers, and the church contributes towards the salary of the mission pastor.

THIRTEEN PASTORS

Thirteen pastors have served the church. The highest membership was 112 in 1940. Our present membership is 55. Being a rural church we are not growing. When our young people go away to college, they enter other fields of service. We realize that the church is not large numerically, but we are truly grateful to God for his abundant blessings through the 75 years.

present pastor, Rev. Henry Our Hirsch, and wife have ably served our congregation since March, 1960. He has proved himself a faithful servant of the Lord, endearing himself to both young and old.

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