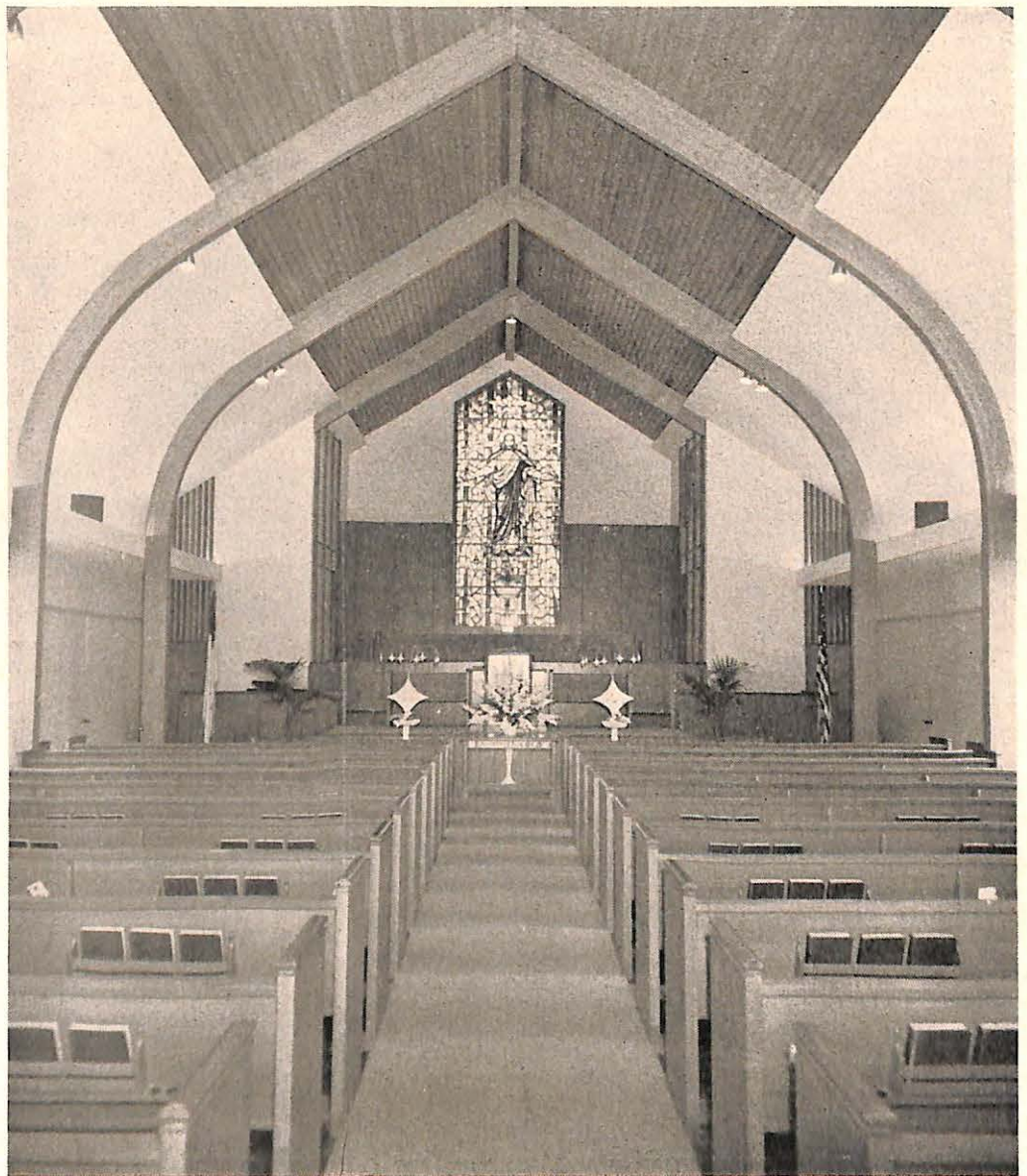


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• An important report on anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union has been received by the U. S. State Department. Since Khrushchev came to power, just one million Jews have disappeared without a trace, leaving in the entire Soviet State only 2.86 million alive. Not a purely anti-Semitic drive for extermination as in Hitler's Germany, the present campaign against surviving Jews appears to be because Khrushchev regards them as a potential danger to the security of his empire.

—*The Sunday School Times.*

• The Dead Sea Scrolls, reputed to be among the greatest Biblical discoveries of all times, are to be exhibited in museums throughout the world, it is reported. Dr. Awni Dajani, director of the Jordan Antiquities Department, announced in Amman, Jordan, his agreement to a proposal by Dr. Jon Alegro, professor of Semitic Languages at Manchester University in England, for exhibition of the scrolls.

• An inter-denominational All-India Prayer Fellowship has been formed by Protestant leaders in New Delhi, India, with members pledged to fast and pray on the first Friday of each month for a "spiritual revival in the Church." Fellowship members will also participate in an evangelistic effort by visiting homes to preach the Gospel and distribute literature. The project also includes Bible correspondence courses in several languages and publication of a monthly "prayer letter."

—*The Watchman-Examiner.*

• Dr. Bernard Ramm, professor of Systematic Theology and Christian Apologetics at California Seminary, delivered a series of addresses before approximately 1,000 Protestant pastors meeting September 25-29 near Cordoba, Argentina. Dr. Ramm was one of a team of speakers flying to Cordoba on invitation of the Federation of Churches of Argentina. Others on the team were Dr. Frederick Julius Huegel, long-time missionary in Mexico; Dr. Bob Pierce; and Dr. Paul Rees, of World Vision, Inc., the sponsoring organization.

• Moslem Pilgrims.—Last summer, 1,186,000 Moslems traveled to Hejaz to climb Mt. Arafat to sacrifice camels and sheep and to drink the holy water of the Zam-Zam well. This year 194 pilgrims lost their lives because of the heat. The annual toll of pilgrims swelled from 400,000 in 1951. In the year 632 the Prophet Mohammed made his farewell pilgrimage. Since then the Islamic religion has demanded that Moslems make the pilgrimage to Mecca at least once during their lives. Heat has become an increasing problem in

recent years because the required time for the trip now occurs in summer. The date is fixed each year in reference to the Gregorian calendar.

• URBANA, ILL. (CNS)—Latest reports on world missions and a chance to meet people from mission fields around the world will be in store for college and university students who attend the Sixth International Student Missionary Convention at the University of Illinois in Urbana, Ill., Dec. 27-31. This event is sponsored by the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship

and will be attended by an estimated 5,000 American young people from Christian and secular schools and 500 foreign students. Bringing the opening address will be Evangelist Billy Graham while two Christian leaders from overseas will speak on the two following evenings. They are Subodh Sahu, an evangelist from India, and Festo Kivengere, an African educator. Also participating in the sessions and workshops will be mission leaders and missionaries from over a hundred foreign mission societies.



## Baptist Briefs

• **New Southern Baptist Building.** The Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee approved an octagon-shaped 3-story structure as the denomination's new \$850,000 building for five agencies in Nashville, Tenn. Expected to be completed by Jan. 1, 1963, the center will house the committee, the Southern Baptist Foundation and 3 commissions located in the Baptist Sunday School Board building which will not move.

• **Dr. Moehlman Dies.** Dr. Conrad Henry Moehlman, who was for many years professor of church history at the Rochester Seminary, now Colgate Rochester Divinity School, died on September 19, 1961, in Avon Park, Fla., where he has lived for 17 years. He was 82 years old. After preaching for a year at the Central City (Neb.) church, Dr. Moehlman became assistant professor of history at the Rochester Seminary in 1906. He wrote a number of books that were well-known in theological circles. His most recent volume, *How Jesus Became God*, was published last year. He was a son of Rev. J. H. Moehlmann, an outstanding German Baptist pastor.

• **Russian Baptist Leader in Canada.** Dr. Jacob Zhidkov, president of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians (Baptists), and a vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance, was recently in Canada for a two-week visit as a guest of the Baptist Federation of Canada. Accompanying him were his son, Rev. Michael Zhidkov, who act-

ed as interpreter for his father; and Dr. Elia Ivanov, another Baptist pastor. Commenting on international affairs, Dr. Zhidkov said Russians fear a third and nuclear war just as much as the people of the West. Most of the Russians "fervently hope there won't be another war," he said.

—*The Watchman-Examiner.*

• **Nordenhaug Visiting Baptists Around World.** Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, is continuing his effort to get acquainted with all the Baptists of the world. He left October 25 on a seven-week round-the-world tour that will take him to Baptist centers in Japan, Formosa, Hong Kong, Malaya, Thailand, Burma, India, Lebanon, Jordan and Israel. He will return to Washington December 11. Nordenhaug has visited Latin America and Europe in other trips since his election to the Baptist World Alliance secretarial post in July 1960. He also has traveled widely in North America.

• **Successor to Dr. Woyke Is Elected.** Dr. J. H. Jackson of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., was named chairman of the Baptist Jubilee Advance at a joint committee meeting of the cooperating conventions in Washington, D. C. Dr. Jackson succeeds Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference. The Baptist Jubilee Advance is a cooperative undertaking of seven Baptist bodies in North America, climaxing in 1964 in a joint meeting at Atlantic City celebrating the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Triennial Convention. "For Liberty and Light," the overall theme for the five-year period, was selected as the theme for the 1964 celebration. A general article on the Baptists will appear in early 1962 in Feature Magazine.

### FRONT COVER

The Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church of Inglewood, Calif., celebrated its 75th anniversary on Sept. 15 and 17. See page 17 for the illustrated report and page 16 for the story of the church window, "The Christ."

# Editorial

## Windows on the World

We are living in an exciting age with many windows opening to us on the entire world. We can see the far away places and become acquainted with people in strange corners of the world through these open windows. Even this issue of the "Baptist Herald" gives you such picture windows with the fascinating vistas of places and people throughout the world.

Every testimony of thanksgiving is an open window toward God and others. Every expression of gratitude impels us to look away from ourselves and to center our attention on the Giver and Source of our blessings. Christian thanksgiving always involves compassion for those who are not so fortunate as we are and helping others in need. True thanksgiving opens our hearts to share what we have in Christ and his Gospel with those still living in spiritual darkness.

Our lives are greatly enriched by the delights of fellowship with others in Christ's Name. As we become acquainted with other Baptists and fellow-believers through the windows that open to us, we add immeasurably to our wonderful circle of friends, to our blessed prayer lists, and to the golden storehouse of our memories. Our own joys are multiplied as we share the joys of Christian witnessing and work with others.

Look into this issue of the "Baptist Herald"! Windows open to you with the graphic story of Baptist advance in Denmark, of evangelistic tent meetings conducted with great success by the Baptists of Germany, and of the Baptist faithfulness behind the Iron Curtain in Russia, Poland and Czechoslovakia. You can share in the spiritual adventures of Rev. E. P. Wahl as he begins his ministry as Protestant chaplain on a round the world luxury cruise liner.

Anyone who looks through such windows long enough will feel the compelling urge to "go to the ends of the earth." Open windows captivate us like that. We can and we must go in Christ's Name "into all the world," not by making the trip ourselves, but especially by our gifts, our prayers, our personal interest, and through others sent as our representatives. Read the fascinating account by Dr. Robert S. Denny, associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, about his 56,000 mile trip in 56 days, having lunch one day in Delhi, India and dinner that same day in Beirut, Lebanon, and reaching this conclusion: "Christianity is a missionary religion. Those who find the good news want to share it."

Look with discerning eyes and with a compassionate heart through the open windows out upon the world. Thank God for the boundless blessings that are yours in Christ. Then GIVE and SHARE what you have for the blessing of others. Face up to the many, challenging missionary tasks that confront every Christian in today's seething world. These doors are not closed altogether to us, not even in Russia and Poland. We have helped with the building of the Baptist Center in Warsaw, and our prayers can help our brethren even more. Let these open windows of acquaintance with others become the channel for you of communicating to others the blessed tidings of salvation and the new life in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

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# It Is a Good Thing!

A Thanksgiving Sermon by Rev. Walter Dingfield, Head of the Visitation Department, Church of the Open Door, Los Angeles, California.

"IT IS A good thing . . .!"

One might think, upon hearing these words, that they came right off the tongue of the TV announcer while a certain product was being displayed before the eyes of the viewer. Or the words might fall from the lips of a door-to-door salesman who is enthusiastically trying to convince the harried housewife that the gadget would lighten her endless tasks. Or the words might be spoken by the typical "know-it-all" bystander who reasons that perhaps a more severe judgment or consequence would have resulted had not the individual done exactly what he had done at that time.

It is true that these words are uttered in various ways in our everyday idiomatic conversation. However, these words penned by the Psalmist of old give us the basis for our Thanksgiving meditation. In Psalm 92:1, the writer says:

*"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High."*

With these words, "It is a good thing," now brought to our attention, let us ask four simple questions.

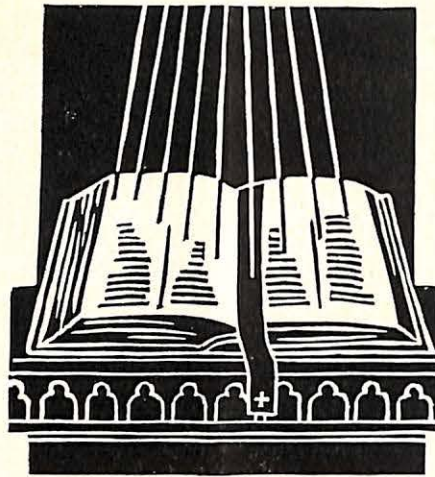
## 1. WHAT IS A GOOD THING?

Obviously, our thoughts at this time of the year turn again to the turkey and trimmings, to the family and friends, to the Pilgrims and public worship. We know that a national holiday is once again before us. But long before President Washington proclaimed this day back in 1789 as a national remembrance for the American people, the Word of God has declared with many exhortations and references to the fact that "it is a good thing" for mankind to give thanks to God. Throughout the pages of Scripture we can find over one hundred and forty references to the general subject of gratitude and praise, testifying to the fact that "it is a good thing." Let us examine a few of the individuals who believed this.

David, after encouraging his son Solomon to build the temple and after blessing the congregation, turned his eyes upward in this prayer, "Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name."

With the words "Blessed be the Lord," Solomon indicated in his great dedicatory prayer after the temple was constructed in Jerusalem that the giving of thanks by an individual is a good thing.

With thanksgivings and with singing, the multitudes of Jerusalem a the



The Word of God has declared with many exhortations that "It is a good thing" for mankind to give thanks to God.

dedication of their walls revealed hearts of praise.

Our wonderful Lord during his earthly sojourn gave thanks for the food and in a very special way revealed his thanks, when at the tomb of Lazarus in Bethany, he uttered these words to his Father, "I thank thee that thou hast heard me."

"Thanks be unto God" sums up briefly the Apostle Paul's encouragements and exhortations to the believers of the early church that the whole matter of giving thanks to God is a good thing.

## 2. WHY IS IT A GOOD THING?

Now, to answer this second question, we begin to search down into our hearts and minds to come up with several suggested reasons. These rest on our own personal experiences, on our knowledge of the Word of God and on the great promises of our God.

A great truth taught in his Word is that the transcendent God is also an immanent God. Or to put it this way—although our God is exalted above the universe and is apart from it, yet this same God is dwelling and remaining near the subjects which he has created. When we acknowledge this fact, "it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture," then we know how great he is.

This leads to a further thought. As needy individuals we realize that our Heavenly Father has promised to supply all our needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Our dependence is on our Lord. What he promises, he does. What we receive from him, for these things we should

give thanks. His storehouse is never empty.

Then, to state a reason negatively. If we fail to give thanks, we can expect the judgment of God in some way or another. Ingratitude, as the nation Israel had discovered, is a gross sin which displeased the Lord. As we look into the New Testament, it is significant to see the one leper falling down at the feet of the Lord and to find our Lord thinking of the ingratitude of the others when he asked the searching question, "Where are the nine?" One can avoid unpleasant consequences by thinking of his blessings and then thanking God for them.

As we think of his great plan of salvation, we acknowledge that it was by his grace and not by our works that we have been saved. No works or effort on our part could possibly merit forgiveness of our sins. This realization testifies that it is good for us to give thanks to our Redeemer.

## 3. WHEN IS IT A GOOD THING?

Back in 1956, the state of Texas observed two Thanksgiving Days since there were five Thursdays in November that year, so they took the last two Thursdays. Normally the one day proclaimed by presidential and gubernatorial proclamation causes us to pause and recount many personal, family and national blessings. This truly has its place in our national heritage, just as other holidays put special focus on certain phases of life. So, as Christians living in America, on this particular day we can count our blessings.

Ceaseless and constant praise is the order of every day. It should be on our daily agenda. In the verse following our text, the Psalmist proposes "to show forth thy loving kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night." Why daily? Does he not "daily load us with benefits"? It becomes an attitude of the heart and not just a special call to remembrance. In writing from his prison cell, Paul says to the Ephesians that he never ceased to give thanks for them.

Certain incidents and special occasions stimulate added praise. Mealtimes still afford the child of God to express thanks for the material blessings. A long or hazardous journey (or driving on the freeways) gives excellent occasion for a blissful moment of thanks. When a loved one has recovered from a serious illness or has been received by the Lord into his presence, the grateful heart can whisper to the Lord.

When the dream of Nebuchadnezzar

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# God Keeps the Door Open

Let us make this Thanksgiving Season a time of praise for God's answered prayers in keeping the missionary doors open in the Cameroons and in enriching our lives with his abounding grace.

By Dr. Richard Schilke, General Missionary Secretary

I HAVE JUST come away from the Northern North Dakota Association which convened with the First Baptist Church at Minot, N. Dak., from Oct. 12-15. In fact, I am writing these lines while travelling on the train west from Minot on my way to Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver, Canada, for missionary rallies and conferences. The theme of the Association proved to be a most blessed one to our hearts: "I Will Be Faithful." It is one thing to be faithful when all goes well. It is quite another thing to be faithful in the midst of trials and troubles.

While at Minot, our Church Extension pastor, Rev. Elmo Tahrán, requested the writer, together with Dr. Paul Gebauer and Rev. J. C. Gunst to participate in his radio program over KCJB by answering several pertinent questions. Dr. Gebauer was asked whether the Gospel of Christ will continue to experience open doors in the new nations of Africa. Unhesitatingly he answered that it was his firm conviction that the Holy Spirit will so direct God's people in their witness that Africa, if left unmolested by western and eastern powers, will continue as a fertile field for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Apostle Paul experienced many open doors as he travelled about from country to country and established churches in Asia Minor and Europe. Yet he did not find these open doors without also finding the enemy of the Cross of Christ who withstood him and would have shut every door if that were possible. To the Corinthians he wrote in his first letter (16:9): "A great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries." To learn what these adversaries were, one need only read the account in 2 Cor. 11:23-28.

## ADVERSARIES THREATENED

Of late, this truth has come to God's people more forcibly than it has in many a decade past. All over the world doors to mission fields are fast closing. Missionaries had to be evacuated and in many places they could not return. The recent events which took place in the Congo and in Angola are not yet erased from our minds. Will our own mission in the Cameroons experience a similar fate? That was the question which many an anxious heart asked, especially those who had loved ones among the mission personnel in the Cameroons. The question was asked no less among the rest

of us who are deeply concerned about the mission and the missionaries.

The missionaries themselves asked this question. The reports in July of this year indicated that a possible evacuation of at least mothers and children and possibly also single women missionaries was imminent. Danger signals were seen on the horizon as unification with the Republic of the Cameroun drew near with Oct. 1, 1961. The mounting tensions were not a result of fear of unification with the republic, or powers and authorities, but of possible terrorist activities which might result during the time of turnover of authority and the leaving of British protective forces before the new government could adequately deal with segments of unrest and possible revolt.

## GOD STRENGTHENS HEARTS

Paul wrote to the Roman Church and sought to strengthen its faith in the midst of many trials: "For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God." (Romans 13:1). This is so whether these be Roman, British, French or Cameroonian. Each is there to seek the welfare and protection of its people and therein God wants his people as well to take courage.

Officials in the State Department on African Affairs in Washington, D. C., and in the United Nations in New

York, N.Y., assured the writer in personal interviews during the first week in October that the turnover of authority in the Cameroons was most orderly and that further peace and protection were reasonably assured. It was indeed heartwarming to receive a cablegram on Oct. 4th from our Acting Field Superintendent, Rev. Fred C. Folkerts, in which he referred to Psalm 29:11. This reads: "The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace."

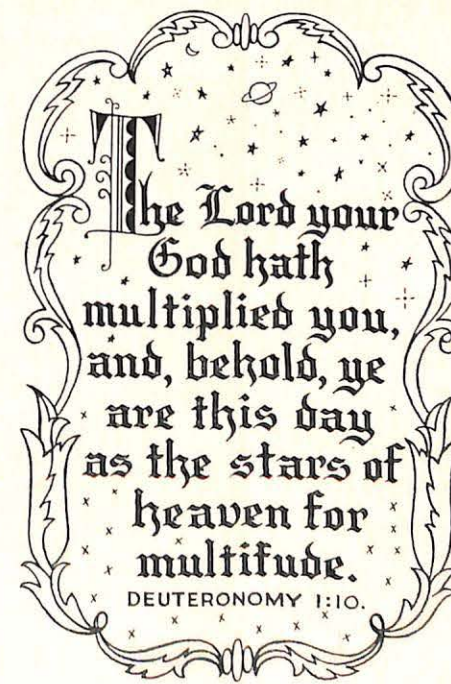
In a letter dated Sept. 22nd, Fred C. Folkerts wrote: "The local population has gracefully accepted the advance troops of the Cameroun Republic and are actively opposed to any terrorism. There has developed widespread optimism on the part of Africans and expatriates alike that general peace will prevail after October 1st." And again in the same letter, "There is a reserved excitement among our missionaries, but a healthy spirit of peace and calm prevails with faith that our God shall supply all our needs according to his riches and will."

## HIS WITNESS CONTINUES

These local developments and reassurances have consequently brought about revisions of plans and actions. The first idea of evacuation of mothers and children was deemed unnecessary. Concentration in several areas was also revised. Under the circumstances the decision was reached that all remain on their respective stations and continue their witness in the face of adversaries, even as Paul did. Alertness and vigilance continue and any change of circumstances will likewise bring changes of plans and actions.

Thus indications are that the doors to missionary witness in the Cameroons which have been so wide open will continue to remain open. We are again reminded of the words of our resurrected Christ to the church of Philadelphia: "I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it" (Rev. 3:8).

At this Thanksgiving Season we want to recognize God's goodness in a very special way. God's people were called on to hold a day of prayer for the Cameroons on Oct. 1st. God has heard those prayers. It has pleased him to keep the door open in the very face of many adversaries. His witness is to continue. His Gospel is to be proclaimed. His grace abounds. Let us make this Thanksgiving Season a time of praise for answered prayers.



# What Are Baptists Doing in Denmark?

A Look at the Baptist Work in Denmark by Dr. J. Norgaard, President of the Baptist Theological Seminary, Tollose, Denmark.

EVERY TOURIST knows that Denmark is the country of Hans Christian Andersen, Thorvaldsen, and Niels Bohr, and in Great Britain any citizen knows that Danish bacon, butter and cheese are wonderful to eat. But what about Danish religion? Has anyone heard about any valuable export of Christianity from the Danish Islands?

Yes, some people have been told about the gloomy Dane Soren Kierkegaard, and a few intelligent theologians are aware of the fact that the influence of Luther is more predominant in the Scandinavian countries than, for instance, in Germany, and that especially in Norway and in Denmark the Lutheran Church is still recognized as the privileged state church.

## CHURCH TAX

In Denmark this recognition has the practical effect that the total budget of the established church, except for missions and private benevolences, is levelled on the people as a whole through general taxation. If you withdraw from any church, however, or belong to one of the recognized Free Churches, you are exempted from the largest amount of your church tax, although more than half of the expenses to the stipends of the Lutheran ministers and other considerable financial items are retained in the general taxation.

The privileged church, likewise, has by far the predominant access to the public press, radio and television. In the public schools only teachers belonging to the Lutheran Church are allowed to teach religion, unless the school



THREE BAPTIST SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AT TOLLOSE, DENMARK

Left to right: Niels Anhoj, Folk High School; Henry Gjerrild, Academy or Secondary School; J. Norgaard, Theological Seminary.

director puts aside the laws in so far that he takes upon himself the legal risk of having a Free Church teacher teach religion. Although Denmark, politically speaking, is a democratic country of no small stability, this religious discrimination is considered to be quite respectable since the conscience is not primarily touched by small minorities.

In spite of such a religious uniform-

ity Baptists are not an article of importation in Denmark. In every century since the Reformation, there have been individuals or smaller groups of Christians who have fought for religious liberty in Denmark. Their struggle, however, was not successful until 1849 when the religious awakening joined its movement with political liberalism and became an impact of such a force that the absolutistic king gave a new democratic constitution to our people.

With the new constitution a century of great transitions came to our people. Spiritual and cultural forces were awakened which our people had never known before and a variety of new religious movements within or outside the state church came to life. Church leaders as Grundtvig and Wilhelm Bech received a considerable following within the state church, and after the Baptists in 1839 followed Irvingites 1854, Independent Lutherans 1855, Methodists 1858, Lutheran Mission Union 1869, Adventists 1876, Evangelical Lutheran Mission 1892, Salvation Army 1887, and Covenanters 1888.

Consequently the whole structure of the national church became an empty frame, unless it had adapted itself to the new day and spirit. This adaptation goes on even today with more and more effect. The exceedingly difficult and profound change of trail had been accomplished. The 20th century, up until now, has merely plowed deeper and broader in the same direction. In this change of trail Baptists have played the role of being among the very pioneers and they have also had the privilege of paying for their spiritual impact in every respect of life.

## MEMBERSHIP OF 7,200

At present we have 41 Baptist churches with a total membership of about 7200. Since our churches are gathered around strong centers especially in northern Jutland, in the middle part of Sjaelland, in Copenhagen, and the isle of Bornholm, the Baptist groups in other parts of the country are proportionately small, and the task of extending our mission work in all parts of our country is by far unattained as yet. We have built, on the average, about one to two church buildings every year during the latter 30 years so that we have at present 85 church buildings and 28 other regular meeting places besides 80 outstations where evangelical services are held.

In our country we have 40 pastors and on our mission field in Urundi-Ruanda, Belgian Congo, 20 missionaries and a native church of about 3000

members in three main churches. It is an average of almost one pastor or missionary for every hundred members in our Danish Baptist churches.

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS IN DENMARK

The most encouraging fact, however, is that our Baptist Sunday Schools are attended regularly by about 8000 children and in our Baptist Scout movement we gather about 2000 scouts. Our young people's organizations, therefore, also number 2300 youths. It is, indeed, a bright aspect of our work.

We have also founded a Folk High School in 1899 which gives courses for girls in the summer time and for boys in the winter time and special instruction for youth leaders. These courses last, according to the national pattern, five months. They have been an enormous asset to our churches in inspiration and in the attainment of Christian education for everybody.

In 1928 we moved this school from Jutland to Tollose together with an addition for secondary education called Praeliminaerskole. It is a boarding school for teens. Both departments have grown so well that we have had about 40 students twice in the year in the Folk High School and about 100 in the secondary school. Principal Niels Anhoj has charge of the Folk High School, and Principal H. Gjerrild takes care of the Secondary School.

## ADVANCE FOR CHRIST

In order to meet the pressing needs of our schools, we are now constructing a special building for the dining hall, kitchen, and staff rooms. The dining hall will be able to receive about 150 to 200 people at one time. Likewise we are renovating the main school building. The project will cost about 700,000 Kroner (about \$100,000) in all and it will add considerably to the present facilities.

Besides this school project in Tol-



THE CITY OF COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

A fascinating view of the rooftops of Copenhagen the capital of Denmark and of the beautiful, spacious H. C. Andersen Boulevard, named after Hans Christian Andersen.

lose, we also have two social units in Hjorring, the northern part of Jutland. The first one takes care of homeless infants and generally has between 30 and 40 children up to two years of age in the care of Miss Hylleborg Nielsen, a trained nurse who had her special education at the Barnardo Homes in London. This Baptist Institute is considered by the national authorities to be one of the very best in Denmark.

## BAPTISTS IN COPENHAGEN

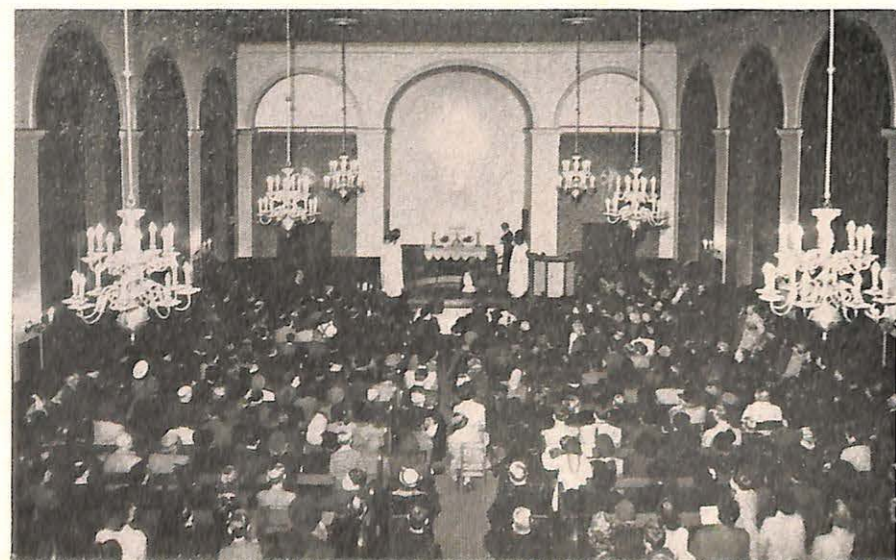
Since Copenhagen is growing rapidly and comprises more than one-fourth of the Danish population and by far more in its impact upon our people, we are contemplating to strengthen our work considerably in the capital. At present we have five churches there with a number of out-stations. We are

planning to build a Baptist Church House in the center of the town where we have a plot at our disposal for the purpose. The Church House there, besides being the center of our denominational work, should primarily make room for three special institutions: the Baptist Theological Seminary which at present is located in Tollose; a Youth Hostel, especially for students away from their homes; and an Evening Bible School for the training of youth leaders and Sunday School teachers. The need for the two latter institutions is quite evident in the capital.

The advantage of moving our Theological Seminary to Copenhagen is partly that its students might provide the necessary spiritual inspiration for the student fellowship in the whole setting and partly that Copenhagen has the best public libraries and the old Copenhagen University, from which we shall be situated at a walking distance of about 15 minutes. All this will add considerably to our advantages.

## BAPTIST CHURCH HOUSE

The preliminary draft of the Baptist Church House in Copenhagen contains an Assembly Hall seating about 200 people; class rooms for the Theological Seminary and an apartment for its president; 15 rooms for Seminary students and 30 rooms for young people living at the Youth Hostel. Since we are not ready to begin to build as yet in Copenhagen, it is difficult to estimate the building costs for the moment. We expect, however, that it will amount about \$150,000. Since none of the institutions, for which the house will provide facilities are business projects, we are aware of the fact that in some way or other we must provide the necessary amount. Through the grace of God, we all hope to rise to our opportunities!



The worshipful, crowded sanctuary of the First Baptist Church, Copenhagen, Denmark, of which Rev. Baungaard Thomsen is the pastor.



BAPTIST SCHOOL AT TOLLOSE, DENMARK

This Baptist school building at Tollose, Denmark houses the Folk High School, a Baptist Academy and a Theological Seminary for Baptist students.

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# Religion Behind the Iron Curtain

The revealing account of a recent visit to the Communist countries of Czechoslovakia, the Soviet Union, Poland and East Germany and of Baptist services and activities behind the Iron Curtain

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

MY PARENTS and I looked forward with keen anticipation to our trip to Europe in the summer of 1961, which included visiting four Communist countries. Before we left America, we had procured visas for Czechoslovakia, the Soviet Union, and Poland, without trouble. After we arrived in Berlin, we also secured visas for the German Democratic Republic (the East German Communist regime). We drove our own automobile, obtained in Germany, which enabled us to see much more of the life of these countries than the average American who usually goes by airplane.

On Thursday, June 22nd, we left our cousin's home in Mannheim, West Germany, drove through the beautiful Neckar River valley, stopped at the Nuremberg stadium, which had witnessed Hitler's huge rallies of a bygone era, and proceeded to the German-Czechoslovakian boundary. We must admit we were not completely at ease as we came closer and closer to the Iron Curtain. We knew we would be in a different world, separated from the West for over a month. Also, had not most of our friends in the United States expressed fears concerning our safety, and wondered why we wanted to go?

## CZECHOSLOVAKIA

We had no difficulties at the Czechoslovakian border. The formalities took an hour and a half. The border officials checked our papers, and looked superficially at our baggage. The representative of the Czech travel agency (Cedok) kindly gave us travel information and changed our currency. When we left the customs house, we indeed felt we were going through the Iron Curtain.

The Czechoslovakian government had stretched a double row of barbed wire through the underbrush along the border. A soldier in a high tower looked over the entire terrain, including the road on which we traveled. We passed a second barricade which opened before us, and then drove through the former Sudetenland area, into Pilsen, and arrived in Prague that evening.

The next day we took a conducted bus tour of the Czechoslovakian capital, and saw the historical and artistic monuments of the old city. We questioned our lady guide about religious life in Czechoslovakia. She informed us that now only the older people attend church. She said, "Young people, today as everywhere, like to dance and have a good time." But she did

not tell us the other more basic reasons why most Czech young people no longer attend religious services.

On Sunday we desired to attend a Baptist church in Hradec Kralove, but there was none in this town, although there are over 4,000 Baptists in Czechoslovakia. The man in charge at the hotel directed us to the National Czechoslovak church, which is Protestant, and whose antecedents stretch back to John Huss (died 1415), the Czechoslovakian reformer. We drove to this church. The congregation had built the building in 1926, on modern lines, with the front of the church in the shape of an ellipse. The service was more ritualistic than the average Baptist service with responses between pastor and congregation, and making the sign of the cross. The pastor preached, and also conducted the Lord's Supper in which he was the only one who partook of the bread and cup.

When we left Czechoslovakia the following Wednesday, after almost a week of travel there, we could say the churches were open, but the Communist pressure against religion was clearly seen. Its effects were already evident after only a little over a decade of Communist rule. What would we find in the Soviet Union, which has opposed religion for over forty years?

## SOVIET RUSSIA

After getting lost in Czechoslovakia for three and a half hours, trying to find the Russian point of entry, we finally reached the border of the Soviet Union. There was a small peace or friendship garden beside the highway, and again a watch tower. We stopped in front of the customs house, and my mother and I went inside but left my father outside for the auto inspection. The official checked everything very carefully. He had my father drive our car over a pit, went down the steps into the pit (my father went along), and looked under the car. He also lifted up the hood, and investigated each suitcase, feeling around the inside edges. He looked at our printed books and personal papers, including two books on Russia written in English, my Bible, and my sermon notes. He leafed through the Bible, and then looking at the notes, asked my father, "Do these notes pertain to the Bible?" He also asked, "Are they necessary for me to have?" My father affirmed they were, and the official passed them. The Intourist guide, a young woman in

her early twenties, was most pleasant. She drove with us to the Intourist hotel in the border city of Uzhgorod.

The streets in Uzhgorod were practically devoid of automobiles, but filled with people. Many looked at our automobile as we drove into the city and after we parked it. The hotel was closer to third class than the first class for which we had paid, but they gave us the best they had. The government is building a new tourist hotel in the city, and in other cities we found much better accommodations.

After checking into the hotel, we went to eat with our guide. The restaurant area was filled. It consisted of an open veranda and an open courtyard. From time to time couples danced to fast music which an instrument group was playing from one side. This was our introduction to the Soviet Union.

## ATHEISTIC COMMUNISM

During our sixteen days in Russia, we found, almost without exception, the people most friendly and accommodating. We saw everything we wished. There were very few restrictions in taking pictures. My father and I took around 285 colored pictures in Russia alone, besides my mother, who took a number of feet from a movie camera. Our Intourist guides were not there to spy on us. Because Intourist guides were in short supply, we had to make special request for a guide to go with us from town to town. They wished to send us on our way alone. Our guides were young people in their early or middle twenties, well educated, possessing a good command of the English language, and were generally very personable and friendly.

I asked one of our guides at the beginning of our trip in Russia if atheism was taught in the schools, and she readily admitted that materialism, as she termed it, was part of the school curriculum. In the Soviet Union children are indoctrinated in atheistic Communism at an early age. Practically every child becomes a member of the Young Pioneers organization. We saw many of these children with their red kerchiefs around their necks led in groups by their teachers. Older young people become members of the Komsomols, or Communist youth organizations. From these only a comparative few become members of the Communist party, but in the meantime all have been indoctrinated. In Smolensk we saw a sign on which was a picture of a drunken priest falling

out of his church with the people looking on. We asked our guide what the sign said, and she read, "Christ appearing to the people."

Economic pressure is also directed against the Christian believer. If one attends church too frequently, he cannot expect the best positions. The highest places are most available to Communist party members and, of course, such persons cannot be believers.

## SPIRITUAL IGNORANCE

One is readily able to observe the effects of this protracted opposition against religion, which the Communist regime has carried on over the last forty years, in the lives of the Intourist guides who were with us. They were practically ignorant of religious things. When we said grace before our meals, it meant nothing to them. Religion for them is simply a relic from the distant past, which plays no part in their everyday life.

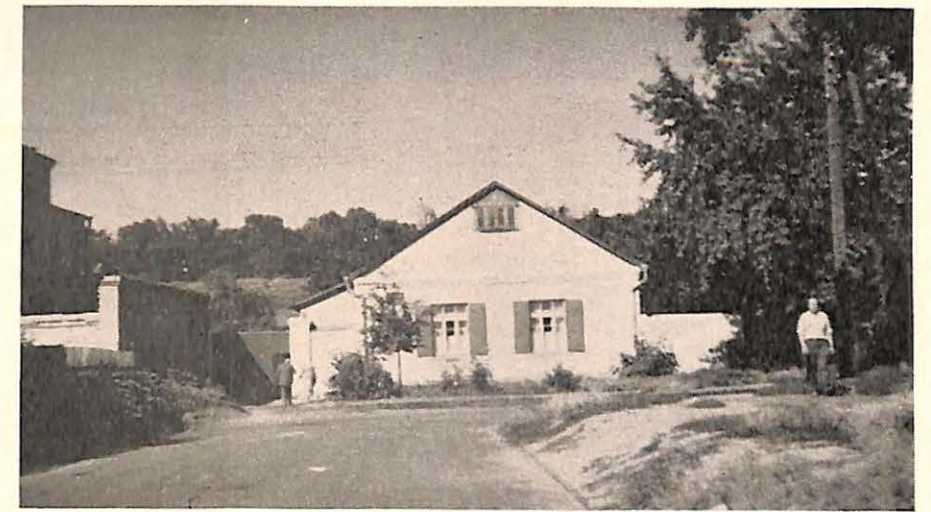
Our lovely guide in Moscow, when showing us pictures in the Tretyakov Gallery, some of which were religious, frankly admitted she knew nothing of religion. She said she did not know until recently that Christ was a Jew. She asked, "Do Baptists believe in Christ?"

Another lovely Intourist guide in Minsk also freely admitted her religious ignorance. She also helped to reveal the state of religious life in the Soviet Union when she said, "I really don't know of any young person who attends church. Several years ago when I saw a visiting Baptist minister from America, I was surprised to see how young and fine looking he was. I only thought old people were Christians." She asked me if many young people in America went to church, and I said that many did.

In spite of the atheistic indoctrination to which the Soviet regime has subjected these young people, the needs of the human heart are still present. We had one guide, a young lady, with us in our car for two weeks, and became rather well acquainted with her. One day when we were in our car, I said that the beautiful Russian Orthodox church music we had heard would make one feel as if one were transported to heaven. My mother took this as a cue, turned around in the front seat, looked straight at the guide and asked, "Where will you go when you die?" She hardly knew what to answer. She finally said in all seriousness, "I guess to the cemetery." She believed in no after life. Death was the end.

She continued, "Death is a terrible thing to think about. No one wishes to die." And then she made this remarkable confession, "It is so much easier for one to live if one does have faith in after life." We told her of our faith, that when we believe in Christ, we have a future life.

There are many less churches open in Russia today than before the Revolution in 1917. In areas which have



The Baptist Church of Kiev, Russia, located on a small street that was hard to find for Rev. Albert W. Wardin, Jr., and his parents. But about 500 Baptists and friends crowded the church that Sunday with many people standing for the 2 1/4 hour long service.

had Communist rule for four decades or more, one sees old churches falling in complete disrepair. It is hard to tell how many others have completely disappeared. The city of Minsk, the capital of Byelorussia with over 500,000 inhabitants, includes only seven congregations: five Russian Orthodox, one Baptist, and one Jewish synagogue. My home city, Portland, Oregon, with 125,000 less people, has around 450 churches.

## BAPTISTS OF KIEV

We visited several churches in Russia. The most moving experience was our attendance at the Baptist churches in Kiev and Moscow. We asked our Kiev guide to get the address of the Kiev Baptist Church. This she did, and drove with us to find the building. The church was located on a small street in a poor neighborhood. The building looked like a house, and one entered through a gate which opened on an inner court beside the house of worship. The guide read the sign on the building: "House of Prayer. Christian Baptists. Followers of the Seventh Day." After wondering if we were at the correct building, an old man informed us that the Baptists used the building on Sunday, and the Adventists on Saturday.

We had arrived at 8:45 A.M., believing the service began at 9:00, but we were in error since it did not start until 10:00. Even though we were so early, two-thirds of the seats were already taken. We were placed in chairs on the platform. Others came, stood a minute and prayed, and then sat down. By the time the service began, the church was not only full, but literally packed! Every seat was taken including seats on the platform. The one center aisle was filled with people standing three or four abreast. The back of the church was filled with standing men and women. Worshippers were sitting in the veranda looking through the windows into the main

auditorium. Others were out in the courtyard attempting to hear parts of the service.

Around 500 persons were present. Many stood during the whole two and a quarter hour service. The church had 1,200 members, and the other half of the congregation will come to the 6:00 o'clock service in the evening. The congregation consists mostly of middle aged and older people, but some young people were present; however, one saw no teenagers or children.

## DEEPLY MOVING SERVICE

The building was plain. Light fixtures hung from the ceiling, and linen curtains, held back with blue ribbons, were at the windows. A large pulpit was centered on the platform. In front of the pulpit was a communion table prepared for use.

In spite of the fact that it was a hot July morning and the building became very stuffy, there was rapt attention. I looked into the faces of these humble people, so simply dressed, and yet so full of faith. I knew the persecution which perhaps some of them or some of their families must have endured. I was cognizant of the atheistic regime under which they must live. With such thoughts in mind, seeing the crowded church, and hearing the strains of the opening hymn which the congregation sang so slowly and deliberately, I almost felt like breaking down.

While others prayed aloud singly, many in the congregation also prayed between a whisper and an undertone. People wrote prayer requests on slips of paper and passed them to the front and up to the pulpit. They passed baskets for the collection. Two ministers each preached a full length sermon with intense earnestness. The approximately thirty-five voiced choir sang several beautiful numbers. Since it was the first Sunday of the month, the Lord's Supper was observed.

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# Preaching Christ in the "New" Germany

An American pastor tells his story of interesting evangelistic encounters last summer in four great population centers of Germany.

By Rev. William Hoover of the Napier Parkview Baptist Church, Benton, Harbor, Michigan

A MACEDONIAN call, "Come over and help us," from the Baptists of Germany and co-operating Free Churches could prove to be a most exciting experience for any minister of the Gospel in our country. However, this excitement is greatly abated by the foreknowledge gained from former trips and the exacting responsibilities entailed. Four trips since World War II have taught the writer that there are many hard-to-make adjustments for a born American in order to render effectual service so that God might use his feeble efforts for his glory in the winning of souls.

## GERMAN WAY OF LIFE

The foremost of these adjustments for an American speaker is the language barrier, for one is always conscious that the German people are an intelligent audience and are proud of their language. This, however, is not without its rewards for it has a humbling effect in one's ministry which God can use to his glory.

The conveniences, that we take for granted and which have become a part of our American way of living, are often looked upon as luxuries in Christian circles in Europe. A visiting speaker, in order to render the most effectual service under God, must resign himself to the adage, "When you are in Rome, do as the Romans do." Thus, you eat their food, sleep in their beds, and follow their pattern of life.

After several months of prayer with the membership of the Napier Parkview Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., seeking God's definite will, it was felt that the request that I go to Germany should be answered in the affirmative. Continued months of prayer for this worthy mission were climaxed with a special public consecration service on Sunday, June 4th, when the deacons of the church gathered about their pastor and with the laying on of hands and special prayer coveted God's benediction and unfailing guidance for the success of this worthy mission.

Modern jet service took me from New York to Frankfurt, Germany, where I was met by Dr. Herbert Mascher and Dr. Rudolf Thaut, the latter the leader of our Baptist work in Germany. The surge of developments, that met the eye since my last visit in 1955, has transformed Germany into a very modern nation in architecture. Economically, Germany has made an unprecedented and incredible comeback in less than fifteen years. She has fought back from an almost total

devastation and destruction to the most modern nation in Europe.

The barren streets filled with rubble and debris and the distressing number of bombed-out places, that I witnessed in 1946, have almost all been replaced with modern apartment houses or office and business buildings. This building boom has necessitated the importing of one-half a million workers from Italy, France, Holland, and other countries, in addition to the many refugees coming from the Eastern Zone. One cannot help but marvel at the heroism of the German people that induces them to build for the future when that future is so fraught with constant fear, uncertainties and the threat of war.

A visit to Marienfelde Refugee Camp in West Berlin, through which the main stream of East Germans passed in their flight for freedom, was most informative. While I was in Berlin, 3,582 refugees crossed in a single day, and 103,159 had already crossed over in the first six months of 1961. They are all being cared for by the West German government. Over 50% of them are between the ages of 15 to 24.

Many amongst them are police from the Eastern Zone who deserted Communism, and the Commandant of the Lager informed me that they already



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had enough such police uniforms to regiment an army. Upon inquiry, I was assured by many that 98% of the Germans living in the Eastern Zone would come to the West, if they did not fear the repercussions for themselves or their relatives whom they would leave behind. All who leave the Eastern Zone must abandon everything and start life anew.

## EVANGELISTIC ENCOUNTERS

My evangelistic encounter in the following cities, Wuppertal-Elberfeld, Berlin, Essen and Muehlheim, was most revealing in comparison to 1955. The economic upsurge in Germany has resulted in a drastic decline in church attendance, attendance in evangelistic meetings, and their former reliance upon God. Prosperity is seldom known to enhance the spiritual program of a nation. The many cults, that have come to Germany since World War II, add much to the confusion of the church's program.

Alcoholism is gaining by leaps and bounds and fast becoming a national problem. The millions on the move from other countries leave their traces of sin behind, resulting in an unprecedented rise in immorality and divorce. One is frightened at the staggering reports of delinquency on the part of youth and the inability to cope with it.

Despite the many obstacles, testings, and apparent hindrances such as constant rain and chilly weather, God's faithful people banded together in Bible study daily from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m., in prayer from 9:30-10:00 a.m. to seek God's face for a revival. This was followed by counselling from 10:00 to 12:00 a.m. and another prayer meeting from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. The Bible studies would normally start out with 15 in attendance and by the end of the week increase to 75 or 95.

This became the spiritual "powerhouse" for our evangelistic endeavor. It proved again God's faithfulness to fervent prayer and that "the Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save, nor his ear heavy that it cannot hear," and therefore "all flesh will come unto him, for he answereth prayer."

In Berlin the youth of the Charlottenburg church gathered for prayer every night after the service. This was unprecedented in my experience and most commendable. One night they met with me, forty in number, until midnight while we sought God's face. Several all-night prayer meetings were also held during the campaigns.

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# A Chaplain on the High Seas

The first of a series of articles about a winter cruise to Europe, to the South Pacific via the Panama Canal, to New Zealand and Australia by the Protestant Chaplain on the "MS Seven Seas."

By Rev. E. P. Wahl, former President of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta.

EMBARKATION time is scheduled between 8:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. It is now 7:00 o'clock in the evening and already the would be passengers are forming a queue in shed 42 at the pier in Montreal, Canada. All are anxiously waiting for the embarkation office to open and then the press will begin.

The chaplain, too, takes his place in the line and makes observations. For here are his people to whom he will seek to minister in the coming days. The excitement of the younger adults and of the inexperienced sea travelers is fascinating to behold and to compare it with the calmness and serenity of the older people and of those accustomed with what is about to take place. Our sympathy is aroused for the mothers with the tired babies in their arms and probably a two year old or younger child hanging on to mother's skirt. The wiggling, inquisitive and loud juniors keep both father and mother busy holding them in line.

This "quick-silver-age" group can be very nerve testing for any adult. To witness of the peace and sweet rest which Jesus gives to this people shall be the privilege and duty of the chaplain. "Are ye able?"

## DAILY CHAPEL SERVICES

All are now on board. The bridge is being moved away. All passengers have been conducted to their respective cabins, and it is becoming quieter with every minute. Early in the morning the ship will start moving out of the harbor.

After breakfast, I first go to see the chief steward and we agree on the hours of the daily chapel services. We have many passengers who speak German only, and we have quite a number who do not understand the German language. So it seems well to me that we arrange for German and English services. The German meeting is to take place from 9:00 to 10:00 in the morning and the English meeting from 10:00 o'clock to 11:00. Meetings are to be held every day of the week.

The chief steward now proceeds to give an announcement over the public address system and posts a notice on the bulletin board about the "Protestant Services." This being all taken care of, I then sought permission to see the captain of the ship and pay him my respect as Protestant Chaplain on his boat. A brief visit was made in the early part of the afternoon, after which I retired to my cabin for meditation and fellowship with my Lord.

The burden of my task and the privilege to serve for my Lord in this spe-

cial way makes me seek earnestly for guidance and strength from above. What shall I say to this people so completely unknown to me? How can I present the Bread of Life that it might be accepted? God must be my wisdom. He must give me the message; I must let him speak through me. How comforting in such moments to know: "He knows it all." "I am weak, but he is strong." "He is near, so near." "I trust in him."

I start mingling among the pas-



THE MS SEVEN SEAS

This is the ocean liner on which Rev. E. P. Wahl is serving as Protestant Chaplain. This same boat has brought thousands of immigrants and refugees from Europe to Canada, and in 1955 it was used by a large party of North American Baptists to travel to England for the Baptist World Congress in London.

sengers and make the acquaintance of as many as possible. They are so interesting. Everyone is an individual with a special need—known or unknown. Come with me and meet just the first few. You do not have time to meet them all.

## FASCINATING PEOPLE

We come on deck and see a young woman, who the day before we saw in Montreal. While standing at a street corner and waiting for the lights to change, a young woman approached me with the request to direct her to the Greyhound Bus Depot. How surprised I was to see her on board the ship! She is Miss Yaffa Cohen.

She soon tells me that she is from Israel. A very intelligent lady, highly educated and a well trained nurse. She will soon return to her country, Israel. She is very glad to talk to me and tell me about her people and country. She asks me to tell her who I am and notices the C. T. I. pin on my lapel. "What does that pin stand for?" is her sincere question. Now she has various questions about the work of

the Christian Training Institute.

Her final question was: "Can others who are not members of the Baptist church or even non-Christians enroll at the Christian Training Institute?" How thrilling it is for me to tell this Jewish young woman that the doors of this school are open to all who wish to take up the studies offered and to tell her of the great ministry of C.T.I.

I notice an attractive young family (father and mother and two children). How shall I start a conversation with

them? What language do they speak? I speak to the little fellow who is about two years old. Then the door is opened to converse with the father and soon with the mother. Six years ago the father had come to Canada as a young man from Germany. He made the acquaintance of a young lady and, after a time of courtship, they were married.

The lady is an English girl, who came to Canada from England. She speaks no German. Now they are on their way to Essen, Germany, where her husband has been offered a good position. Of course, her heart is full of fear and she trembles when she thinks of the completely strange environment. Will she be able to adjust and make it her home? If her husband will be happy in his work, she wants to be content and will not murmur. Her devotedness to her spouse and children is beautiful. And we speak words of encouragement to her and wish her well.

Then there is a very interesting character whom we meet in the dining

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# Hope of World Rests in Christ

Dr. Robert S. Denny, Associate Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, reports on his recent tour of 56,000 miles, planning for the 1963 Baptist Youth World Conference to be held in Beirut, Lebanon.

I CANNOT AGREE with the prophets of doom. I am hopeful for the future of our world. This is a conviction that stands out first and foremost as I recount 56,000 miles of travel around the world.

Certainly, things look bad when you see overpopulation in Asia, when you consider the political differences that can set off an atomic war, when you observe the provincialism and ignorance that dominate many of the world's peoples.

## RANDOM OBSERVATIONS

But there is unmistakably the fact that God still lives and Christian people are at work in our world. And this makes a tremendous difference.

Let me give you a few random observations—those things that I remember most from a jet trip around the world.



Welcome to Ceylon: Rev. Willie Wickramasinghe (right) welcomed Dr. and Mrs. Robert S. Denny on their arrival at Colombo Airport.

One, it's a big, wide, beautiful, wonderful world—sunrises and sunsets, canyons, mountains, plains, waterfalls all begging description.

Two, it is a world small in distances. Jet planes enable a traveler to do 56,000 miles in 56 days and still not feel that he has been up in the air all the time. He can have lunch in Delhi and dinner in Beirut.

Three, the world is big with people. The world's 3 billion population grew 45 million last year, it will grow 55 million this year, and probably 65 million next year. In fact, by the year 2025 there may be so many people we will squeeze each other to death.

But from the air one senses there are still vast untapped resources on this earth. Preceding generations have matched their crises with ingenuity,

and there is no reason to believe that the present and future generations will not do likewise.

Ours is undeniably a hungry and sick world. It is a world of poor distribution, as evidenced by the fact that some parts of the world have too much to eat while others never have enough.

Despite modern transportation and communication, there is still an alarming amount of provincialism and ignorance. It is a day of poor reporting. One has trouble distinguishing propaganda from truth.

## SEARCH FOR SECURITY

The world is divided politically into two vast camps—the Communists and the Free World, sometimes called the Eastern and the Western Worlds. In between, there are nations which are called "neutral" or "uncommitted." For the most part these are nations

merely looking for survival. Most of them probably would throw in with either side if it appeared that one side was getting the better of the world's Cold War.

Some experts have predicted that Communism will take the world within at least 20 years—some say ten. I cannot agree. Why should we believe that the present generation will not rise to stand in the breach when all which it holds dear is at stake?

Men everywhere are seeking, consciously or unconsciously, for spiritual security. Men do not want to believe the atheist's claim that since the cosmonaut saw no heaven as he circled the earth, Christianity is dead. Men are inherently and intrinsically religious and basically afraid by themselves. In ancient Greece men attempt-

ed to clip the wings of the Goddess of Victory to insure her presence. Today countries like Burma "nationalize" a religion like Buddhism in an attempt to solidify a nation.

One cannot travel around the world without realizing anew that Christianity is an international religion for all men. There are Baptist believers in 110 countries. Christianity is a missionary religion. Those who find the good news want to share it. For example, Baptists in Australia sent missionaries into New Guinea ten years ago and today there are 3,000 believers who operate their own churches in a land which previously was unsafe for a visitor.

## CHRISTIANITY GIVES HOPE

Christianity is a religion which not only saves men's souls but changes men's lives. These same natives of New Guinea on becoming believers soon want clothes to cover their naked bodies. In another mission field where people have never had marriage ceremonies, they want, on becoming believers, to have their marriages dignified by a Christian ceremony.

Without Jesus Christ men are inherently sinful, greedy, and selfish. Threats of war are present not because Khrushchev is alive but because there are unregenerated men alive.

"The Christian religion has not made much headway," somebody observed recently. The retort was pointed, "Can you imagine what the world would be today if Christianity had not been introduced?"

## YOUTH ARE ALERT

There is hope for tomorrow because the youth of the world readily rise to any worthwhile challenge, whether thrown out by a government or a church. The Asia Youth Conference in Tokyo, July, 1961, attracted twice as many Asia youth and youth leaders as the one five years ago in spite of the tensions which supposedly divide men. "The tie which binds our hearts in Christian love" is just as strong as ever. Asia, which contains 56 per cent of the world's population, is the birthplace of the major religions of the world. Asia Baptist youth are even today keenly concerned for the conditions existing both on their continent and around the world.

There is a ground swell of compassion on the part of those who have to share with those who have not. We met many people with Christian motivation in places of responsibility in governments. The medical profession is seeking ways to minister to the

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# Reviews of Books

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

**THE REAL CHRISTMAS** by Pat Boone. Fleming H. Revell Company—1961—62 pages—\$1.50.

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

This is a radiant Christmas book with a heart-warming, evangelical testimony by one of America's popular television personalities. You will want to read it for yourself and to share it with others, even as Pat Boone "exuberantly shares the real Christmas in these pages." We recommend it as a Christmas gift to be given to your friends and family.

Pat Boone presents a reverent, convincing interpretation of Christmas—its deeper significance. "It takes two to make Christmas. Christ—and you. Christ—and me." What you think about Christ—receiving him into your heart—is all important. How that faith in Christ shows itself in action—in love—is the real glory of Christmas. This is the spirit of Christmas that must be at work throughout the year. Pat Boone believes this personally and passionately. You will be thrilled by his sensitive testimony, by the delightful Christmas anecdotes, by the inspiring poems and by the effective illustrations of the book. It's a little book which has a BIG message for everyone's Christmas!

**CHRISTMAS, An American Annual of Christmas Literature and Art, Volume 31.** Edited by Randolph E. Haugan. Augsburg Publishing House. 68 pages, 10 3/8 x 13 3/4". Gift edition, \$1.50; Library edition, \$3.50.

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

Your heart will jump with joy as the magnificent pages of this CHRISTMAS Annual reveal their delightful surprises to you. What amazing colors in the full page illustrations! What heart-warming articles for this festive season! This 31st volume is the best of the series. Make it your prized Christmas gift for yourself and your home by ordering it NOW from our Roger Williams Press. I assure you that it will be the most admired thing in your house this Christmas.

A seven page, illustrated article traces the history of "Our English Bible" from earliest manuscripts to the present day. The story of the King James Bible (1611) reveals many little known and dramatic facts. The full page "Chronology of the English Bible," is invaluable. You will read with "WONDER and DELIGHT" the story of the music boxes made first in Switzerland and Germany. Other features include "Christmas on the Mississippi," a fanciful story of a Christmas tree, the story of Christmas spirituals like "a folk song pearl," and Christmas poetry by Grace Noll Crowell and

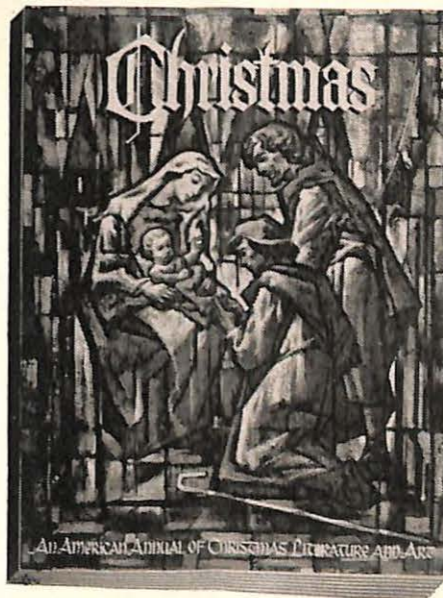
Melva Roren.

There are many other wonderful things in this 68 page volume, large size. Two art inserts, suitable for framing, are included. The volume opens with the Christmas narrative of St. Luke and St. Matthew, stunningly illustrated in Richard I. Heule's unique style. You will enjoy the eight pages of gay drawings by Paul Van Demark showing Christmas customs of other lands. This is a masterpiece in content, excellence of photography and elegance of art work and color printing.

**BELOVED WORLD (The Story of God and People)** by Eugenia Price—1961—Zondervan Publishing House—512 pages—\$4.95.

(Reviewed by Dr. M. L. Leuschner)

This is Miss Price's eighth book—and her most important work to date. The author presents the sweeping panorama of the entire Bible within these entire 512 exciting pages. The book begins with the story of Creation and ends with words from Revelation—a feat of skillful condensation. Still it is comprehensive and ever true to the Scriptures. This is the *story of the Bible*, told by Miss Price with her usual simple and effective vocabulary and vivid, flowing style, and with a rare combination of accuracy, colorful characterization and reverence for the original account. It will present the



A BEAUTIFUL FULL-COLOR PAINTING of the Nativity by Edmund M. Kopietz graces the cover of this year's CHRISTMAS, An American Annual of Christmas Literature and Art, Volume 31. The 68-page Annual is edited by Randolph E. Haugan and published by Augsburg Publishing House. (Gift Edition, \$1.50; Library Edition, \$3.50.)

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# We the Women

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

## INTRODUCING OUR TREASURER

Mrs. Henry Schmunk of Tacoma, Wash., holds the office of treasurer in our Woman's Missionary Union which carries with it a responsibility in a very material sense. Born into a Christian home, she was taken to church from early childhood. She was baptized by Rev. J. A. H. Wuttke, who was instrumental in her salvation. She is the mother of three children, two boys and a girl. The youngest boy, Jim, is a senior at college this year.

She has served in her church, the Calvary Baptist Church in Tacoma, in various capacities. Above all else, she cherishes the privilege to work for her Lord. The entire social life of the Schmunk family is centered in the church, and their dearest friends are their fellow-believers. Since the "welcome mat" is always out, there are many who have enjoyed the warm hospitality in this fine Christian home.

## "THE MASTER DESIGNER"

By Mrs. Henry Schmunk  
of Tacoma, Washington

God is a Master Designer. The ear is a masterpiece; the eye, a miracle of design; the hand, a functional masterpiece; the foot—a creation, unexcelled.

Design is written in every bud, leaf, branch, tree and flower. "Behold the lily of the field," and ". . . blossom as the rose." Even the despised dandelion has a special design all its own. Snowflakes come in hundreds of difference designs. It was fashioned by a divine architect. It is perfect in its simplicity of intricacy.

God gave beauty to the flower, grandeur to the mountain, majesty to the sea, power to the water, warmth to the sun, and light to the stars and moon. To man, however, God gave personality.

Hebrews 3:4 reads, ". . . but he that built all things is God." We know God had a plan when he created this world. So we, too, must have a plan in designing our lives for his service. As women, God has given us a special privilege, that of serving him. This, then, is the pattern for our lives. In his design, he gave us patience, love, understanding and gentleness. As wives and mothers, these traits have had many testings. For good measure, he gave us faith and a compassion for others. Were it not so, our missionary zeal and endeavor would starve and die.

"Living Abundantly" is the theme for this next triennium. The fulness of him is to be revealed in our everyday lives. We are his masterpiece. This is a treasure beyond price. Our task is to be useful in his service. May we strive to be filled with the fruits of the

## ON THE HIGH SEAS

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hall. He sits right across from me. He is a big man, six feet tall, weighing no less than 250 pounds. And, oh, can he eat! The steward soon learns he must bring double orders for this man. He tells us he is a "Beef-Farmer" from Ontario. This is the 24th time he is crossing the ocean by boat. His wife is employed as a school teacher in Germany. Every fall of the year he returns to Germany and comes back to Ontario in spring or late winter.

Having become somewhat acquainted, he shows me a photo of our Queen Elizabeth and her husband on the upper deck of the ship with which they came to Canada in 1959. This man is also on the picture standing on the further right hand side. "How did you get on this picture?" I ask. He informs me that he was a member of the secret service police force on that tour of the Queen through Canada. He is, indeed, a most interesting person and honors the chaplain with his presence at the daily chapel service. To him, too, I want to present Christ.

Come with me! I want you to meet the Stanley family—father, mother and five boys, the oldest seven years. The Stanley family is on its way to England to study phonetics for a while and then to go as foreign missionaries to Africa. I admire their Christian love, their courage and devotedness to the cause of Christ. How I have enjoyed kneeling with Brother Stanley and pouring out our hearts to the Lord.

Yes, people are interesting and so unique. To find that "uniqueness" of the individual and then apply oneself to the need is part of the chaplain's job. To minister to all directly or indirectly is our desire. As in the world generally, so on this boat, the greater number seem indifferent to spiritual things. They seek satisfaction outside of Christ.

## GOD'S PRESENCE

We shall now go to the room set aside for our daily services. It is known on boat as "The Ladies' Lounge" located on A-Deck. Can you sing? Your help is needed. There is a small hymn book for the German services and also a book with about 50 hymns for the English meetings. But both books are without notes. There is no instrument in the room to accompany the singing.

In our services we look for the Presence of the Lord. I only wish I could speak several other languages (Dutch, French, etc.) A Dutch lady attends the services; she is a Baptist. She tells me she enjoys the meetings although she speaks no English or German. Thus the work goes on and we humbly bow before the Lord at the close of the day. I am grateful to you who are praying for me. Please, continue to do so!

Spirit, and ready to live for Christ, with Christ and in Christ. God grant that "We, the Women" may find abundant living—"Living Abundantly."

## PREACHING IN GERMANY

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God honored these concerted efforts of his people so that in every campaign deep conviction and a mighty moving of the Holy Spirit were evidenced. Scores of backslidden Christians renewed their fellowship with Christ and rejoiced in their being reinstated. In Berlin alone, there were 300 registered reclamations and 128 first-time registered conversions. The convicting power of the Holy Spirit became so intense and revealing that sins committed years ago were voluntarily confessed and restitutions were made that became a marvel before our very eyes.

Among the people saved, the registration cards revealed that they were from all walks of life such as communists, many Catholics and State Church people. Three Catholic brothers in their early 20's accepted Christ in the same service. It was very encouraging to see many people in their 70's and 80's come to Christ.

The most inspiring sight which we witnessed in the six weeks was the last night of the campaign in Muehlheim when approximately 50 people responded to a first-time decision and 75% of them were in their teens and early twenties.

The six-weeks' campaigns in the four cities resulted in 678 registered decisions. There were many more who would not register because they feared opposition from their relatives or the State Church pastors. Recent reports from the pastors indicate that the revival is still going on.

## EVANGELISTIC TENT MISSIONS

The leadership of the Baptists of Germany is to be highly commended for their well-organized evangelistic tent missions. At present there are nine such tents in operation under the direction of Rev. Herbert Weinert. Each tent is provided with modern facilities such as electric lights, P.A. system, and supervised by three tent deacons. These men are devoted men of God who remain with the tent all summer long. The tent must be guarded night and day against vandalism.

We, as Americans, could learn from them in this type of evangelism and the modern organization thereof. The writer conducted such campaigns years ago in Canada that proved very successful. Retired Christian men could volunteer their services for several such tent campaigns in strategic areas where it could become a co-operative endeavor by more of our churches in a given area. If well organized and undergirded by prayer, it could prove a real blessing to our program of evangelism in America.

Although the six weeks of evangelism abroad were most exacting, the gratifying results more than compensated for the energies expended. My heartiest thanks to all "Baptist Herald" readers who interceded in behalf of these meetings!



# What's Happening

● The West Baltimore Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland, held revival meetings for ten days recently with Rev. Percy Ray of Myrtle, Mississippi, serving as the evangelist. Rev. Ervin L. Bennett, pastor of the West Baltimore Church, wrote that a baptismal service for 27 converts (12 adults and 15 children) will be held in the very near future.

● The Grace Baptist Church of Ochre River, Manitoba, has extended a call to Rev. Herbert Bushkowsky of Winnipeg, Manitoba, the assistant pastor and youth director of the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church. He has responded favorably to the call and announced that he would begin his pastorate in the Ochre River church on January 7, 1962. He will succeed Rev. Arthur Kliever.

● Laymen's Sunday was observed by the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., on Sunday evening, Oct. 15. Three of the laymen of the church spoke on the theme, "Ye Are My Witnesses." They were Ben Wiese, Dan Granzow and Bert McGready. The male chorus also sang. In the morning service, Rev. Richard Schroeder, pastor, spoke on "The Layman and the Church."

● Rev. J. J. Abel of Watertown, Wis., a retired minister who had served a number of North American Baptist churches, died quite suddenly of a heart attack on September 19. At the heart memorial service held at the First Baptist Church of Watertown on Sept. 22, Rev. Donald N. Miller, pastor, officiated, assisted by Rev. G. K. Zimmerman of Forest Park, Ill., and Rev. Norman Miller of North Freedom, Wis. The obituary appears on page 23 of this issue.

● The Willow Rancho Baptist Church of Sacramento, Calif., held its Vacation Bible School from July 24 to 28. The theme of the lesson material was "Around the World with Christ." The average attendance for the week was 145, including teachers and pupils. The 145, including teachers and pupils, was sent missionary offering of \$53.05 was sent to help in the schools of Africa. The children's work was on display in their classrooms after the picnic held on the church lawn on Friday noon, as reported by Mrs. Jack Wallsfry, the Vacation Bible School director.

● The First Baptist Church of Mott, N. Dak., held its Harvest Mission Festival on Sunday, Oct. 15th, with Rev. Ronald Derman of Hettinger, N. Dak., as the guest speaker. Mr. Derman brought inspiring messages at both the morning and evening services. The members and friends of Grace Baptist Church in Hettinger were the honored

guests at the evening service which was followed by a time of fellowship and lunch in the church dining room. The offerings for the day totaled \$1,710.71. Rev. Fred J. Knalson, pastor of the church, wrote: "We praise and thank God for these sacrificial gifts of love."

● Rev. and Mrs. Fred David of Santa Ana Heights, Calif., have announced the birth of a son who has been named Walter John. This is their third son in the family. Mr. David was pastor of the Upper Bay Baptist Church of Santa Ana Heights, Calif., until Oct. 29. On Nov. 1st he was scheduled to become the pastor of the Wichita Baptist Church near Portland, Oregon. However, the illness of his wife and other circumstances made it necessary for Brother David to postpone his plans to become the pastor of the Wichita Church. He will begin his ministry there on Sunday, Dec. 3rd.

● Rev. E. H. Nikkel recently presented his resignation as the pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Kelowna, British Columbia, which he has served since 1957. His resignation will take effect on Dec. 31, 1961. He has also announced that he has accepted the call of the Trinity Baptist Church of Kelowna, effective January 1, 1962, which was recently organized with former members of the Grace Church. This congregation has been meeting in the edifice of the Grace Church. The plans for a meeting place or new building for the Trinity Church have not been announced as yet.

● The Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan has extended a call to Rev. Harold W. Gieseke of Forest Park, Illinois, to serve as its pastor. This is a Church Extension project of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich. It is located in one of Detroit's suburbs. Mr. Gieseke has responded favorably to the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Bloomfield Hills Church on Jan. 7, 1962. For the past three years he has been the general secretary of the Education and Publication Society of the denomination.

● More than 300 people attended the Missionary Rally for the churches of Chicago, Ill., and vicinity held on Wednesday evening, Oct. 10, at the Foster Ave. Baptist Church of Chicago. Dr. Paul Gebauer, Cameroons missionary, captivated his audience with his inspiring and provocative message. Rev. Fred Sonnenberg, host pastor, introduced the program numbers with appropriate missionary comments. The Foster Ave. Church choir, directed by Dr. Herbert Pankratz, sang two numbers. The women of the local church

provided refreshments afterwards, thus affording the many people an opportunity for delightful fellowship.

● The Bible Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., has extended a call to Rev. Eugene Stroh of Erie, Pa., pastor of the South Hill Baptist Church since 1957. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Detroit Church on Dec. 31, 1961. The Bible Baptist Church is a mission church that is being supported in its financial program by the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, of which Rev. E. Arthur McAsh is the pastor. It is also receiving some assistance from the Church Extension Committee of the denomination. There are encouraging prospects for the church.

● The annual exodus of students and teachers at the First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas, has taken place, terminating the church's sixth summer youth program. The last two years have been under the leadership of Dr. Douglas Gallagher. The four previous summers were supervised by four different student pastors. There were 105 young people at the Youth Retreat at the Hutchinson Bible Camp. The Lorraine church sent 37 of these. A summer storm made the Lorraine Scripture memorizers at Camp Goddard realize their dependence on God's protection, as reported by Mrs. Paul Peters, Jr.

● On Sunday evening, Oct. 22, two fine Christian musicians were guests at the service of the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif. Rudy Atwood, the former pianist for the Old Fashioned Revival Hour, and John Lundberg, a former member of the male quartet of the "Revival Hour" and presently on the faculty of the Westmont College, rendered a musical program. The Temple Baptist Sunday School registered a total attendance of 516 on Sunday, Oct. 15. Five persons responded to the invitation extended by Rev. Robert Schreiber, pastor, at the close of the worship service on that Sunday.

● Miss Esther Schultz, Cameroons missionary now at home on furlough, is visiting most of the California, Oregon and Washington churches in November and December in a promotional ministry. She is also taking part in missionary conferences at the Pittsburgh and Arnold, Pa. churches, and at the Bethany Church of Portland, Oregon (Nov. 30-Dec. 3). From Oct. 6-8 she spoke at the First Baptist Church of Auburn, Mich., and on Sunday, Nov. 19, at the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., both of which are her supporting churches. She will bring her extensive trip to a close on Dec. 20 at the Bethel Church of Missoula, Montana.

● The King's Daughters Society of the Grace Baptist Church, Racine, Wisconsin, celebrated their 35th "birthday party" anniversary on Sept. 19 with a

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# New Church Dedicated, West St. Paul

Report of the dedication of the \$250,000 new edifice of the Riverview Baptist Church, West St. Paul, Minn., by Mrs. Gerald Miller.

**D**EDICATION services for the beautiful new edifice of the Riverview Baptist Church of West St. Paul, Minnesota, were held on Sunday, August 13. This was just one year to the Sunday after the ground breaking service, and was the answer to our prayers, the fulfillment of our hopes, and the joy of our labors having been well spent.

The services of the day were opened with a large attendance at the Sunday School hour. Miss Delores Henne, missionary nurse to the Cameroons who is supported by the church, brought a vital challenge at the morning worship service, emphasizing our task as a church to go beyond these beautiful walls to the greater work beyond.

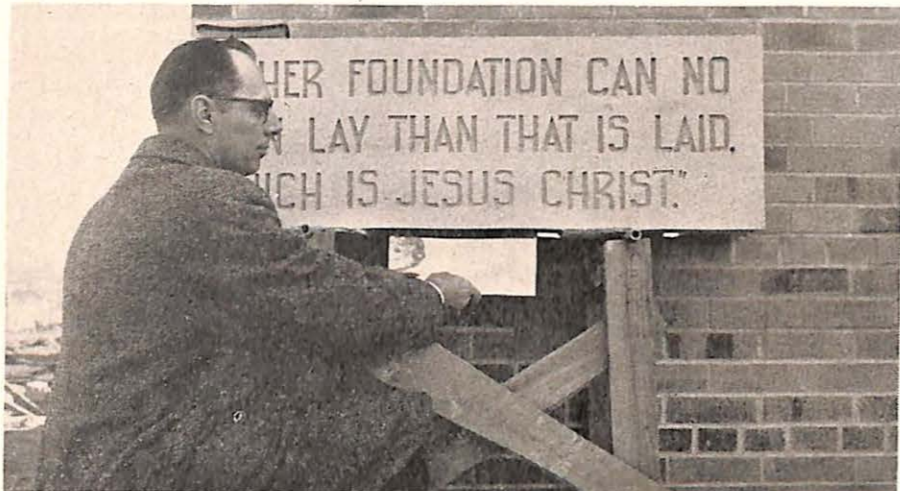
The formal dedication service was held in the afternoon and was attended by more than 500 members and friends. The church choir expressed the congregation's thanks and praise when they sang, "O How Amiable Are Thy Dwellings" and "Thanks Be To God." Greetings and congratulations were brought in person by several representatives of various churches and conferences. Dr. John Wobig, past moderator of our General Conference and a former pastor of Riverview Church (1936-46), brought the dedicatory message. Our pastor, Rev. Donald Ganstrom, led the congregation in the dedication of the building. Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District secretary, led in the dedicatory prayer.

Mr. Wm. A. Schaefer, the architect, then presented the keys of the building to Mr. Herbert Legler, Sr., chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Following this service the guests were taken on guided tours by the members and then gathered in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments which were served by the Ladies' Missionary

Society.

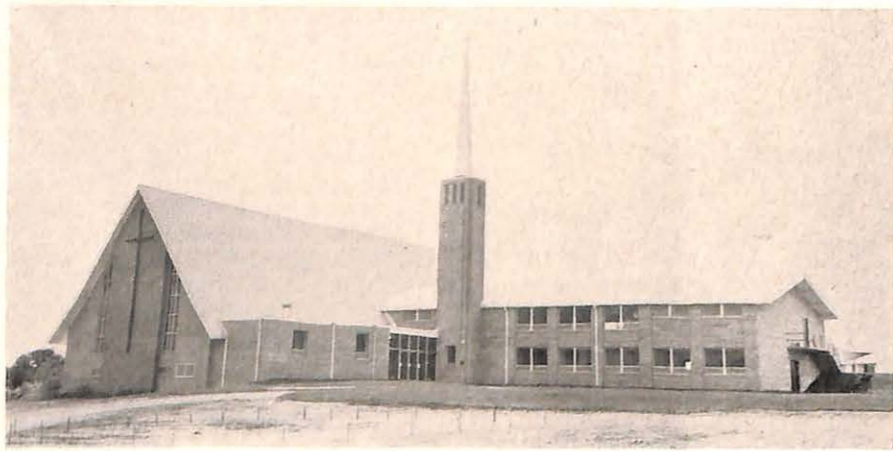
The entire building covers a space of 14,000 square feet and has a seating capacity of 460. The Educational Unit will accommodate an enrollment of about 325 and in the Fellowship Hall 240 persons can be served at a meal. The total estimated cost is \$250,000 which includes furnishings, parking for about 100 cars and the landscaping of the 4½ acres. The membership was 282 at the time of dedication with 22



Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom, pastor of the Riverview Baptist Church, West St. Paul, Minn., laying the cornerstone of the new church edifice in August 1960.

additions also received at the communion service on September 3rd.

We share this news with you to God's glory, and covet your prayers for us in the great task of using this new House of Prayer to his glory and for the light house that it should be as it stands on the second highest hill in the county. We desire to be a living testimony in the community and pledge ourselves to work together with you as cooperating churches in our larger denominational work through missions.



The \$250,000 edifice of the Riverview Baptist Church, West St. Paul, Minn., with a seating capacity of 460 and an Educational Unit with facilities for a Church School of 325. The dedication services were held on Sunday, August 13, 1961.

## JUBILEE AT INGLEWOOD

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lips shall praise thee." Dr. Leuschner has a way of renewing the spirit of all those who hear him. His messages during these anniversary days will go into the pages of time as a "Precious Memorial Stone of our Lives."

We were happy to receive a substantial offering of \$600 during our Diamond Jubilee Anniversary which was

# Diamond Jubilee at Inglewood, Calif.

The story of the 75th anniversary festivities at the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church, Inglewood, California, by Mrs. Esther Johnston, Reporter.

**S**EVENTY-FIVE years of effective witnessing and proclaiming of God's Word! Another milestone has been reached by the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church of Inglewood, California. This Diamond Anniversary was made possible because 18 people, led by Rev. F. C. Koehler, opened their eyes to the many lives that could be won for Christ. With this humble beginning, the First German Baptist Church of Los Angeles was organized in 1886.

Now, after 75 years, it was interesting to look back over the pages of time to review the precious labors of those saints who made this courageous beginning. On Friday, Sept. 15th, their achievements were recalled at a "Family Night Banquet" served by the Men's Brotherhood.

Two remaining charter members were honored: Mrs. Margaret Schulze, age 97, and Mr. August Freudenberg, age 98. Both of them were there in person. Miss Ruth Schulze gave a lovely tribute in behalf of her mother, and Mrs. Ruth Wetzler in behalf of her father. Both speakers emphasized that the church always came first in the lives of their parents.

Mr. Erwin Schreiber, church clerk, gave an informative history of the church entitled "Seventy-five Years By God's Grace." Greetings were sent by Mrs. Ida Jesch, member of the church since 1890, and Miss Minnie Transchel, member since 1904. The significant occasion was made complete by the presence of Dr. and Mrs. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Illinois, our guests for these happy days. Dr. Leuschner spoke on the appropriate topic, "Precious Memorial Stones in Our Lives!"

"A precious memorial stone" from the pages of our church history takes us back to the year 1890 when our first building was erected at the corner of Eighth Street and Maple Avenue in Los Angeles. Rev. William Appel, Sr., was pastor at the time. Then in 1904, Rev. Max L. Leuschner, father of Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, was called to minister to the members who had now grown to 176. He accepted, and under his able guidance, a beautiful church edifice was built in 1905 at Fifteenth and Myrtle Streets. For fifty years families met in this church to worship and proclaim God's Word. The church at this location later became known as the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles.

Again the time came when it became necessary to relocate. This time the Los Angeles Board of Education needed the property for expansion of their warehouse facilities. The property was sold to them in 1956 for \$60,000. Under the able direction of our



Speakers' Table at the 75th Anniversary Banquet, Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church, Inglewood, Calif., with Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt, pastor, standing behind the table. (Photo by Henry J. Wetzler).

faithful pastor, Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt, our present sanctuary and educational units were built at Imperial Highway and Spinning Streets in Inglewood.

On June 2, 1957, the church was dedicated to God's honor and glory. We are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Mittelstedt who loyally ministered in our church for over eighteen years. God saw fit to call Mrs. Mittelstedt home the early part of this year, but her gracious spirit will ever abide.

On Sunday, Sept. 17th, many friends and former members came to share in the joys and blessings received during the final day of the event. We were privileged to hear Dr. Leuschner speak during the Church School hour as well as the worship service in the sanctuary at 11 A.M.

A joyous atmosphere prevailed during the closing service at 3 P.M. Our neighboring denominational churches were well represented. The choir, under the direction of our pastor, sang two beautiful anthems, "Be Joyful in the Lord" by Fearis, and "Zion Stands With Hills Surrounded" by Hastings. Mrs. Joanne McDonald accompanied at the organ. After a welcome by our pastor, greetings were given by Rev. John Vanderbeck of the Bethel Church of Anaheim, Mr. Edward Bohnet of the Magnolia Church, Dr. Donald Davis of the Berean Church, and Rev. Henry Hengstler of the Milo Terrace Church.

Our church secretary read a letter of congratulations from Rev. and Mrs. Berthold W. Krentz, a former pastor and his wife of our church. Dr. Leuschner conveyed the greetings from our denominational leaders, and from his mother, Mrs. Emma Leuschner of Anaheim, whose loyal services to our church will never be forgotten.

Once more we were greatly privileged to hear an address by Dr. Leuschner based on the challenging words from the Psalms, "Because thy loving-kindness is better than life, my

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INGLEWOOD KNOLLS BAPTIST CHURCH, CALIF.

The Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church, Inglewood, California, observed its 75th anniversary from Sept. 15 to 17, 1961. (See front cover for the interior picture of the church's sanctuary). Since its dedication in 1957, the church grounds have been beautified by stately trees and exotic shrubbery and flowers.

# Sunday School Lessons

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: December 3, 1961

Theme: GROWTH THROUGH WITNESSING

Scripture: Acts 4:13-21

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** Our Christian knowledge and insight will do us little good unless we share our experiences with others.

**INTRODUCTION:** There are some areas in our Christian experience, education and training that are well organized and developed. Preaching on the whole has become a fine art. Whether it is heard in the pulpit, over the radio or on television, it usually sounds well prepared and convincing. Christian education has a major emphasis in most churches with its teacher training programs and its well organized departments. But somewhere along the way, we have lost the power of the spontaneous witness. We are well trained in the classroom, in the pulpit, in the worship service and in mass evangelism. But there is something missing in our everyday world of personal relationships. The neighbor, the man on the street and the business partner are often far removed from the power of our Christian experience and witness.

Peter and John had the best possible kind of Christian education when they were under the personal supervision of Jesus Christ for three years. But the result of that education was most evident in their personal witness.

**I. GROWTH THROUGH FELLOWSHIP WITH JESUS.** Acts 4:13-15.

It is often surprising how much spiritual growth is evident in Christians who lack a formal education. This is not a reason for neglecting an education when the opportunity is given. Peter and John lacked education because they were denied the opportunity. But ignorance in secular knowledge is no excuse for remaining ignorant in spiritual perception. They made the most of the time they spent in the presence of Jesus Christ and the result was astonishing.

All of the knowledge and wisdom which these so-called educated leaders possessed were unable to help the crippled man at the gate of the temple. The power and authority of education, no matter how great, are no substitute for the power and authority of the Holy Spirit.

**II. PROOF OF A GROWING WITNESS.** Acts 13:16-18.

The healed man was the greatest possible witness to the power of Jesus Christ. The miracle could not be denied, neither could it be explained away. The men who threatened Peter

and John were not concerned about the man who was healed; they were concerned about their status among the people. Their own power and authority were in danger of being lost. All their religious knowledge, their temple worship and ceremony could not produce a witness to the power of God such as was evident to all the people.

**III. A GROWING WITNESS THROUGH BOLDNESS.** Acts 13:19-21.

The thought behind the threat was this: if we cannot perform a miracle such as this, we will see to it that no one else does either. But how can God be prevented from performing signs and wonders? When Christian men come to know Christ, they have conviction; and once they have conviction, they have courage. Peter and John must have smiled inwardly at the utter ridiculousness of the proposal made to them. The truth of God cannot be suppressed, neither can his power be turned off and on by the will of men who have no personal relationship with him. These Jewish leaders were wise according to the world's standards, but they were foolish according to the wisdom of God.

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: December 10, 1961

Theme: GROWTH THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:10-4:5

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** Christian growth becomes evident through the love, the knowledge and application of the Word of God.

**INTRODUCTION:** William Lyon Phelps in his book "Human Nature and the Bible" said: "I would rather have a knowledge of the Bible without a college education than a college education without a knowledge of the Bible." The Christian must realize that the Bible must be his main source of study for the purpose of spiritual growth. There are some things about God which we can discover by observation. The Psalmist looked at the sun, moon and stars and became convinced that God must be the great Creator. But such reflective thinking cannot fully reveal to us the all-important purpose of life. There must be a deeper

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and more intimate revelation that makes us conscious of a personal relationship with God the Creator. Not only must we be conscious of what God did; we must also become conscious of what God said. The spoken Word of God through the printed word is God's way of drawing us closer to him and the means of growing into his image.

**I. GROWTH THROUGH EXPERIENCE IN GOD'S WORD.** II Timothy 3:10-15.

Paul was an example of what faith in God's Word can do. His growth in the Christian life was well known in all the churches. Timothy, whom he is addressing, was fully aware of his doctrine, his life, his purpose, his faith, his love and his patience. But he was also aware of the persecutions and afflictions which followed Paul wherever he went. Because he had faith in the Word of God, he could also add: "Out of them all the Lord delivered me." He would not trade these experiences for anything in the world, and he advised Timothy to continue in the things he has learned, particularly those things which came out of his knowledge of the Scriptures.

**II. THE INSPIRATION AND PURPOSE OF GOD'S WORD.** II Timothy 3:10-17.

As Christians we must steadfastly stand before the world and maintain that the Bible is different from other books. In spite of all the good and noble literature in the world, there never can be writers who were more fully inspired than those who, under the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit, wrote the Word of God.

Its purpose is very clear: for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. The goal is nothing less than a perfect man of God.

**III. GROWTH THROUGH THE PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD.** II Timothy 4:1-5.

This is one of the most solemn charges ever given to a minister of the Gospel. Paul was in deadly earnest about the task to which he had been called of Christ himself. He had given up all to fulfill the commission he had received from the Lord on the Damascus Road. He intended that his young colleague, Timothy, should feel the solemnity of those responsibilities which lay upon a Christian pastor or leader.

Too often preaching is measured on the same basis as radio and television. The first question is: What do people want? Paul warned against pleasing people and catering to their wishes. His charge was to preach the Word and to be sensitive to their needs and not their wants. The full proof of the ministry is in being true to Jesus Christ and to his Word. Only in this way will growth occur in the life of the minister as well as in the life of the church.

BAPTIST HERALD

# Our Denomination in ACTION

## Eastern District

**New Pastor and Parsonage at Boston, Massachusetts**

Rev. Richard Brown of the First Baptist Church, Peacedale, R. I., has accepted the call to the pastorate of the Rock Hill Baptist Church, Boston, Mass. Mr. Brown is a man of unusual faith whom God has blessed in the ministry. Rev. and Mrs. Richard Brown have eight children. He began his ministry at Rock Hill on Sunday, October 15.

With God's help a new parsonage was recently purchased. On Sunday, October 1st, we had the great joy of dedicating this house to God with Pastor Brown in charge. He began the service with the verse, "Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness and for his wonderful works to the children of men." The people were in a thankful mood and joined in the service enthusiastically. The weather was perfect. It was a day of real joy and thankfulness to God for what he had done for us.

Tillie Atwater, Reporter



Rev. Norman Berkan (center, back row), pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Killaloe, Ontario, and eight baptismal candidates.

**Important Events at Calvary Church, Killaloe, Ontario**

July was a spiritually rewarding month for members of the Calvary Baptist Church, Killaloe, Ontario. During this time we held our Bible School, Youth, Junior and Family Camp, and baptismal services. Bible School was held during the first week of July under the direction of Rev. Norman Berkan, pastor. The North American Baptist Bible Camp, located on beautiful Round Lake, opened with the youth group on July 7. Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Schalm of Edmonton, Alta., were our special guests.

Junior Camp was held July 14 to 21. More than fifty boys and girls ex-

perienced wonderful seven days under the direction of Rev. and Mrs. Walter Hoffman of Minneapolis, Minn. We are thankful for the 16 boys and girls who received Christ as their Savior, and also for five others who dedicated their lives to his service. Family Camp was held during the weekend of July 21 to 23, with the special guests, Dr. and Mrs. Eugene R. Stockdale, Camerons missionaries, and also Rev. and Mrs. Emanuel Wolff of Cleveland, Ohio.

Camp closed on Sunday, July 23, with baptismal services held at the camp beach. Rev. Norman Berkan baptized eight candidates, and Rev. E. Wolff brought the message.

Mrs. G. Kuehl, Reporter

**Golden Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Guenther**

Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Guenther of Broadway, Ohio celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Sept. 27 at their home in Broadway. Rev. George Hatch of New Kensington, Pa., was the officiating pastor for their wedding at the bride's parents home in 1911. Mrs. Betty Ossmann, sister of the groom, was their bridesmaid, and Mr. Gustave Guenther, nephew of the groom, was their best man. The Guenthers were very active in Christian work in the Union Baptist Church of Arnold, Pa., until they moved to Ohio ten years ago where they worked in the Ohio Reformatory for Women. They are now retired but are active in the Calvary Baptist Church in the town of Broadway.

Mrs. Guenther has taken care of the following offices in our church: president of the Woman's Missionary Society; teacher of the Dorcas Ladies' Class and of the Daisy Chain Girls' Class; and Building Fund treasurer. Mr. Guenther served thirty years as our head usher and was a member of the trustee board and the Building Committee. Both were members of the Friendship Class. Their daughter, Elvera, honored them and their guests by having a dinner served in a private dining room. On Saturday noon a luncheon was served for their guests in a restaurant and at this occasion Mrs. Guenther was presented with an orchid corsage. They gave our church a gift of \$50.00 and \$50.00 to the Friendship Class in memory of their golden wedding anniversary and for God's rich blessings which he bestows upon them daily.

In behalf of the Friendship Class, Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Pa., Martha M. Strate, Secretary.

**Ordination of Rev. Carl H. Palfenier, Chicago, Illinois**

Ordination proceedings for Rev. Carl H. Palfenier recently transpired at the East Side Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill. An ordination council met at the church on the evening of Sept. 15. Representatives from eight churches of the Central Conference of North American Baptists comprised the council. Rev. L. H. Broeker of St. Joseph,



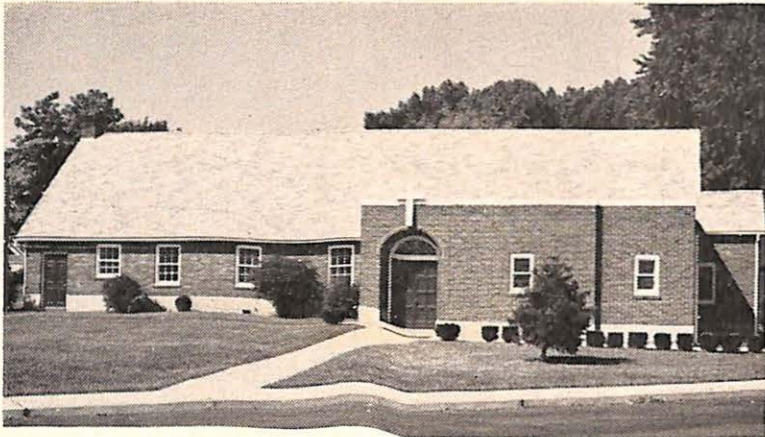
Rev. Carl H. Palfenier, pastor of the East Side Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois.

Mich., was elected moderator and Rev. Louis R. Johnson of Kankakee, Ill., was elected clerk. The candidate gave a clear testimony as to his conversion and call to the ministry and a very comprehensive account of his doctrinal views.

The formal ordination service was held on Thursday evening, Sept. 28. Rev. L. H. Broeker served as moderator. Rev. Richard Schroeder of Forest Park read the Scripture passage, and Rev. B. C. Schreiber of the Forest Park office staff led in the prayer of invocation. Rev. Louis R. Johnson gave the report of the council, followed by a solo by Rev. Fred Sonnenberg. "In Times Like These." The candidate's father and denominational evangelist, Rev. Herman Palfenier, delivered the ordination sermon based on the scriptural pattern of the New Testament preacher, Apollos. Rev. Walter Schmidt led in the ordination prayer with all pastors in attendance participating in the laying on of hands. Rev. L. R. Johnson gave the charge to the church. Both, incidentally, were former pastors of East Side Church! The service closed with Rev. Connie Salios extending the welcome into the ministry and Rev. Carl Palfenier leading in the prayer of benediction.

There followed a reception for the new pastor and his wife in the lower auditorium of the church. All of these proceedings were inspiring and impressive, and the local church radiated a spirit of hopeful anticipation of blessings and growth under the able leadership of their new shepherd and newly ordained pastor.

Louis R. Johnson, Clerk



The Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pa., which celebrated its 50th anniversary from Oct. 1-8, 1961. Rev. Robert Cook is the pastor.

### 50th Anniversary Services, Calvary Church, Bethlehem, Pa.

The Calvary Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Pa., began its 50th anniversary celebration on Sunday, Sept. 24, with Rev. Emanuel Wolff, Eastern District Secretary, and a former pastor of the church, speaking. Calvary Church was organized in 1911 as the First German Baptist Church. The first building was erected in 1915-16 and moved to its present location in 1946. Rev. Philip Potzner of Florida, pastor when the church relocated in 1946, was guest speaker on Oct. 1st at the morning and afternoon services. Rev. Victor Prendinger of Long Island, N. Y., a son of the church, led the German service which was attended by a much larger number of people than expected. Mr. Jay Katz of the Lehigh Valley Youth for Christ spoke at the special evening youth service.

Baptist congregations of the city participated in the Wednesday prayer service. Rev. Henry Laube of Maryland, a son of the church, brought the message. On Friday a historical program was presented with many former members in attendance.

Rev. B. C. Schreiber of Forest Park, Ill., a son of the church, who serves as

promotional assistant of the denomination, was master of ceremonies at the anniversary banquet on Saturday. Rev. Stanley Nodder of Carlisle, Pa., was the speaker. The celebration closed on Sunday, Oct. 8th with Rev. B. C.



Rev. and Mrs. Frank Orthner of the Evergreen Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 15. Mr. Orthner pastored churches in Australia, Canada and the United States.

Schreiber speaking at the morning worship service. A rally was held in the afternoon with Dr. James Heller, Dean of Moravian College, as speaker.

Doris Paul, Reporter

### Golden Wedding Anniversary, Rev. and Mrs. F. Orthner

The Evergreen Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., shared in the observance of the golden wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Frank Orthner on Friday, Sept. 15. The program was under the direction of Mr. Edwin Marklein, moderator of the church.

Greetings and felicitations were brought by several persons. Mrs. Paul Zoschke as president of the Woman's Missionary Society conveyed their congratulations. Mr. Arnold Veninga voiced the sentiments of the Board of Deacons and the church. Mr. Marklein unveiled a "tree of golden fruit," a purse to the honored couple. The German group was represented by Mr. Jacob Hess. Rev. Rubin Kern of the Ridgewood Church reminisced of his boyhood when Mr. Orthner was his pastor in Leduc, Alberta. The pastor, Rev. Paul Zoschke, spoke of the warm fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. Orthner on the pastoral level. The family, who already had had their own festivities, was represented by their eldest son,

Alfred. The climax naturally was the response of Mr. and Mrs. Orthner to all the overtures on their behalf.

In his ministry Rev. Frank Orthner pastored two churches in Australia. On his return he served the churches in Dallas, Ore.; Leduc, Alberta; Ebenezer, Sask.; Harlem, N. Y.; and Hoboken, N. J. Mrs. Orthner is the daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. Gustav Schunke. Paul F. Zoschke, Pastor

### Dr. H. von Berge, Dayton, Ohio, Honored on 90th Birthday

Dr. Herman von Berge of Dayton, Ohio, who celebrated his 90th birthday on Oct. 5, was honored at a special service on the following Sunday, Oct. 8, by the congregation of the Shroyer Road Baptist Church in Dayton. Rev. H. H. Reimer, the pastor of the church, spoke of Dr. von Berge's contributions to the community and the church. Mr. Harold B. Johns, representing the North American Baptist Conference, told of his work as pastor, seminary professor, member of the publication board, and General Conference moderator.

Mr. Roger Wilson of the Lorenz Publishing Company related incidents leading to the writing of some of Dr. von Berge's better known hymns and anthems. Of these, "Teach Us to Pray," "I Found Him in My Heart," "Lord,

Open Thou Our Eyes," and "Unto the King Eternal," were sung by the choir. "So Send I You," a hymn known to many North American Baptists, was sung by the congregation. Other of his hymns were used as prelude and postlude numbers. A coffee hour held after the service provided opportunity for friends to greet Dr. H. von Berge. Norman Tempelhof, Reporter

## Western District

### Rev. and Mrs. George Breikreuz Adopt a Baby

A baby party honored Mrs. George Breikreuz at the September meeting of the Bethel Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, Anaheim, Calif., on the recent adoption of David Ray by Rev. and Mrs. George Breikreuz. Mrs. Albert Urbigkeit, president, was assisted by Mrs. David Eggert, program chairman, with the Martin, Glenn and Kee-see Circles as refreshment hostesses. Table decorations by Mrs. Dayton Smith featured a big balloon clown surrounded by small plastic animals and rattles.

Thought-provoking devotions were brought by Mrs. Menno Thiesen centered on the biblical way of raising children: bring a child to Christ for dedication and blessing; bringing him early to God's House and instructing and judiciously training him according to the Scriptures. She also read a poem, "A Mother's Influence." A love offering gift was presented the honoree mother who graciously responded with thanks and with several humorous incidents on getting acquainted with a new baby. Miss Phyllis Boettcher sang "The Cradle Song" by Brahms accompanied by Mrs. Joe Love at the piano. Mrs. Ruth Mellen, Reporter

### Missionary Conference at Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif.

The 2nd World Missionary Conference at Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif., was held Sept. 10-13 and was most inspirational. Films, fine musical numbers and happy fellowship hours after services afforded much pleasure. Rev. H. John Vanderbeck, pastor, directed the conference, assisted by Rev. George Breikreuz, Minister of Christian Education, officers and members of the Woman's Missionary society aiding in housing visiting missionaries and in refreshments served.

Missionary displays were furnished by 14 Christian organizations. The program featured Rev. Lyell Smith, Oriental Crusade Society missionary appointee to Brazil; Dr. Charles Turner; Rev. E. E. Lewis and Rev. Harold Coen, Sudan Interior Mission; Rev. Robert Bunnell, American S. S. Union; and three of our own NAB missionaries: Dr. Paul Gebauer, Miss Ardice Zilokowski (sponsored by the Bethel Church on the mission field) and Dr. Martin Leuschner, editor of the "Baptist Herald" who brought a challenging message on "Missionary Opportunities as Church Extension Builders."

The evenings were scheduled as Sunday School Night, directed by Mrs. Breikreuz; Woman's Missionary Society Night conducted by Mrs. Albert Urbigkeit, president; and Men's Night led by George Draper, Men's Brother-



PLACES 100TH BABY  
Rev. and Mrs. George Breikreuz (left) of the Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif., receive their new adopted son, David Ray, through the Evangelical Welfare Agency of Whittier, Calif. This was the 100th baby placed for adoption by the agency. Dr. Harlan Parker of the Welfare Agency, and Rev. Ben Jennings, board chairman, Southwest Region, of the NAE organization, are at the right.

hood. Musical treats included numbers from the Ladies' Chorus directed by Miss Phyllis Boettcher, the Calvary Trio and Men's quartet and Mims twins, accompanied by Miss Janice Lamb, church organist, and Miss Mary Quane, pianist.

Mrs. Ruth Mellen, Reporter

## Northern District

### Vacation Bible School, Central Church, Edmonton, Alta.

"Living for Jesus Daily—Learning from His Word." This was the motto of the Vacation Bible School held for two weeks in evening sessions at the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., in August. We had an average attendance of 86 children with an enrollment of 110 faithful boys and girls from various denominations. It was

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very challenging to observe the enthusiasm with which the children studied and worked on their handwork.

Although there were no decisions for Christ, many children became more dedicated in their daily walk with him. The faithfulness of the teachers and assistants were very challenging as night after night they brought forth the truths about God's Word. The two weeks were brought to a climax with the closing Sunday evening program when the children had the opportunity to portray their achievements to their parents.

Jean Strauss, Reporter

### Ordination of Rev. Herbert Bushkowsky, Winnipeg, Man.

An ordination council was called by the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, on Sept. 27 for the purpose of examining their assistant pastor, Mr. Herbert Bushkowsky, for the Christian ministry. The following churches were represented on the council: Oak Bank, Whitemouth, Grant Park of Winnipeg, Mission Church of Winnipeg, Third German Church of Winnipeg, Emmanuel of Morris. Rev. H. J. Waltereit was elected as moderator and the undersigned as clerk. The candidate was presented to the council by Mr. Patzia, deacon of the church. Mr. Bushkowsky then gave his conversion experience, his call into the ministry, his preparation, and his doctrinal beliefs.

The ordination took place that same evening with Rev. R. Grabke presiding. Mr. Milton Falkenberg read Scripture and led in prayer. The church choir beautified the service with two anthems. Rev. H. J. Waltereit brought the ordination message, the undersigned gave the charge to the candidate, and Rev. G. Koehle gave the charge to the church. Rev. W. Laser led in the ordination prayer and Rev. A. Gellert welcomed Rev. H. Bushkowsky into the ranks of the North American Baptist pastors. A Bible was presented to the candidate by Mr. J. Rogalski deacon, on behalf of the church. After the closing hymn, Rev. Herbert Bushkowsky pronounced the benediction.

John Wollenberg,  
Clerk of the Council.



DR. H. VON BERGE ON HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

Dr. H. von Berge of Dayton, Ohio, is congratulated on his 90th birthday by his two daughters, Mrs. Irene Suddard of Dayton (left) and Mrs. Al (Flo) Johnson of Granville, Ohio, at the recognition service held by the Shroyer Road Baptist Church of Dayton. (Photo by Harold B. Johns).

## Northern Conference Sessions at Mission Church, Winnipeg

The German Baptist Mission Church of Winnipeg, Man., was host to the 58th Northern Conference which convened from July 27 to 30. The Conference theme, "Found Faithful," found fitting consideration and emphasis in the opening messages by Prof. Roy Seibel and Rev. H. Palfenier, our guest speakers. Subsequent topics, under the headings of "Our Priesthood in the Home," by Rev. H. Hiller and "Stewardship in the Gospel," a panel discussion, equally challenged the audiences.

An interesting program of the Woman's Missionary Union under the leadership of Mrs. R. Milbrandt with missionaries, Miss Tina Schmidt and Mr. Willy Renz, was carried out on Friday evening in the Mission Church. At the same time a Conference Rally was held in the English language in the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church with Rev. W. Sturhahn, Northern District Secretary, as the speaker. The Saturday evening services were divided into English and German and were held separately. The C.B.Y.'s were in charge, with both groups presenting a play, as well as other suitable items. The Sunday afternoon closing service was again held in the Calvary Temple Church, with the Morris brass band setting the proper atmosphere for the Mission Rally. Rev. H. Palfenier spoke in German on "Mission Challenge at Home," and Prof. Seibel on "Mission Challenge in Foreign Fields."

The officers for the ensuing year are: moderator, Rev. R. Kanwischer; vice-moderator, Rev. E. P. Wahl; secretary, Rev. E. Strauss; statistical secretary, Rev. H. Pohl; and mission secretary, Rev. W. Muller. The hand of fellowship was extended to two new churches: Hudson Bay Baptist Church of Saskatoon, Sask., and the Grant Park Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Man.

H. Bushkowsky, Reporter

## Central District

### Pastor's Tenth Anniversary, Bethany Church, Milwaukee

Rev. Wilmer Quiring was honored by the congregation of the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., at a fellowship supper on Sunday evening, Sept. 24, on the occasion of his tenth anniversary as pastor of the church. Representatives of the various boards and organizations presented expressions of appreciation together with a gift of money from the church.

Sunday School pupils of Bethany Church are again participating in the Scripture Memory program with an enrollment of fifty-two. Results for the



Second prize was won by this float of the Grace Baptist Church, West Fargo, N. Dak. in the Sunday School Association parade through the streets of Fargo.

year 1960-1961 were very gratifying with 54 pupils completing the course from a total enrollment of sixty. Bethany Church was also represented at the annual Wisconsin CBY Camp by 33 young people and Sunday School pupils.

Mrs. Elizabeth E. Miller, Reporter



Rev. Wilmer Quiring (left) receives congratulations from Mr. William Stangohr on the occasion of his tenth anniversary as pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

### Sunday School Float, West Fargo, Wins Prize

"The Unchanging Word—From Cross to Class" was the theme of the float entered by the Grace Baptist Church of West Fargo, North Dakota in the North Dakota Evangelical Sunday School Association parade on Sept. 23rd. The float, which was built entirely by the Sunday School staff, won second prize which was an A. B. Dick duplicating machine. The parade was held in Fargo on Sept. 25 and 26. Rev. Leon Bill is the pastor of the Grace Baptist Church.

Mrs. Milbert Fischer, Reporter

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## Scripture Memorizers and Special Teacher, Corn, Okla.

On Sunday evening, June 4, our "Scripture Memorizers" of the Calvary Baptist Church of Corn, Okla., presented an entire evening program. It was a real blessing to see 27 children complete all their verses for the year. It was the largest number of memorizers our church has ever had.

We were privileged to have Mr. Thomas G. Lawrence, teacher and lecturer at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Illinois, with us from Sept. 18 to 23. He spoke to the Academy and High School student body at the Calvary Baptist Church at 10 o'clock each morning. In the evening he spoke at the Mennonite Brethren Church.

Mrs. A. W. Leppke, Reporter

## So. Dakota Woman's Missionary Union Sessions at Chancellor

A large audience assembled in the Baptist Church of Chancellor, S. Dak., on Tuesday, Oct. 3, when the Woman's Missionary Union of the South Dakota Association met for their annual program and business session. The presi-

dent, Rev. Howard Johnson, pastor, October 2, 3, and 4. Messages on the "Great Words" of Propitiation and Reconciliation, Redemption, Justification, Sanctification, and Glorification, were brought by the Iowa pastors. Denominational guests, Dr. Paul Gebauer, Rev. J. C. Gunst, and Professor Roy Seibel, challenged our hearts with informational and inspirational messages.

Dr. Harley Feldick, Christian physician from Buffalo Center, Iowa, addressed the Association at the Laymen's Hour. Rev. Andrew Simko of Ft. Dodge, Iowa, spoke to Baptist Men at their breakfast meeting. An inclusion in this year's program was a panel discussion on "General Conference Echoes," with the pastors and denominational guests constituting the panel. The Association endorsed wholeheartedly the Land Purchase Project of our Church Extension work in Waterloo, Rev. Bernard Fritzke, pastor. The body also urged participation in and support of Church Extension Builders.

Retiring Association officers are: Rev. Raymond Dickau, moderator; Rev. Albert Van Kley, vice-moderator; Rev. Howard Johnson, secretary; and Mr. L. G. Johnson, treasurer. Newly-elected officers are: Rev. Donald Patet, moderator; Rev. Bernard Fritzke, vice-moderator; Miss Dorothy Pritzkau, secretary; and Mr. Earl Kiple, treasurer.

Donald Patet, Reporter

God loves a cheerful giver.  
BE THANKFUL AND GIVE!

## IT IS A GOOD THING

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was made known to Daniel, he answered the Lord with these words, "I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers . . . for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter." He knew the secret of giving thanks for special favors. Do we?

Do we thank the Lord when we congregate with other believers for fellowship or worship? This may sound strange, but in Acts 28:15 the Apostle Paul was so encouraged in his faith when he saw the delegation of brethren coming down from the city of Rome to meet him that he stopped to thank God.

Really, the frequency of our praise will depend on our love for the Lord, on our walk with the Savior and on our yielding to the Spirit.

### 4. FOR WHOM IS IT A GOOD THING?

Throughout this brief meditation, the words, the illustrations, the suggestions have had only one person in mind—YOU. Individually, these things must find application in the heart.

To all of us, even in present days of atomic threats, of soaring missiles, of rebellious nations, of selfish world rulers, of mounting tensions, we still listen attentively to the man of experience who reminds us . . . "It is a GOOD THING."

November 23, 1961

# Obituary

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

### MRS. MARY RUFF of Plant City, Florida

Mrs. Mary Ruff of Plant City, Fla., was born in Romania on May 4, 1886 and came to North Dakota with her parents in 1887. At an early age, she took Christ as her Savior and became a member of the Germantown Baptist Church. After her marriage to Jacob Ruff, she was a member of the Gackle Baptist Church. For a number of years she and her husband lived in Benton Harbor, Michigan, where she was a faithful member of Clay Street Baptist Church. Mary Ruff went to be with the Lord in her home on Sept. 29, 1961, after an illness of several months. Her sweet testimony and unselfish Christian spirit were an inspiration to her family and her many friends.

She is survived by her husband, Jacob, of Plant City, Fla.; two daughters: Mrs. Agnes Buss of Allen Park, Mich.; and Mrs. Theodora Bryant of Tavares, Fla.; five sons: Arthur of Hazel Crest, Ill.; Emil of Chicago, Calif.; Edwin of Vernon, Ore.; Clarence of Dowagiac, Mich.; and Raymond of W. Colingswood, N. J.; 17 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. She also leaves two sisters: Elizabeth Graser of Minneapolis, Minn.; Bertha Reichenberger of Ridgefield, Wash.; and three brothers: Charlie Edinger of Hay, Wash.; Jacob Edinger of Turtle Lake, N. Dak.; and Ernest Edinger of Ridgefield, Wash.

Plant City, Florida

THE FAMILY

### MRS. LYDIA JOHNSON of Edmonton, Alberta

Mrs. Lydia Johnson of Edmonton, Alberta, was born on Jan. 28, 1906 in Poland. In 1911 she emigrated to Canada with her parents and grew up in the Millet, Alberta area. In 1923 she was married to Mr. Ludwig Myers. This union was blessed with four children. Three of these preceded her in death. In 1950 her husband also passed away. She was remarried in 1952 to William Johnson. They lived in Leduc for a brief time and then in 1953 they moved to Edmonton. Mrs. Johnson was baptized upon her confession of faith on Nov. 29, 1931 in the First Baptist Church of Leduc. She was a member of this church from that time to her death.

She died on Oct. 1, 1961 in her home in Edmonton after a severe illness. She leaves to mourn her passing: one daughter, Mrs. Irene Klette of Leduc; two sisters, Mrs. Ruben Plitt of Leduc, and Mrs. Bert Arnold of Millet; one brother, Mr. Henry Radis of Leduc; three grand children, and a host of friends.

First Baptist Church Leduc, Alberta

PAUL SIEWERT, Pastor

### REV. J. J. ABEL of Watertown, Wisconsin

Rev. J. J. Abel of Watertown, Wis., was born March 7, 1895 near Odessa, South Russia, and came to the United States in 1914 to reside with relatives in North Dakota. That year he was baptized by Rev. G. Freigang of Bethel Station, N. Dak. He later attended the Rochester Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., completing his studies in 1922. As a minister of the North American Baptist in Gladwin, Mich., and student pastorates in Shattuck, Okla., and full-time pastorates in Alpena, Mich., Baileyville, Ill., Canton, O., Lehr, N. D., Lansing, Mich., Gackle, N. D., and Marion, Kansas.

After his retirement, he moved to Watertown, Wis., where he joined the First Baptist Church and continued to take charge of services as guest preacher at various times, until his sudden death on Sept. 19, 1961. He was a man of gentle spirit, strong religious convictions, and many good deeds. Surviving him are his wife, the former Selma Krueger of Watertown, Wis., whom he married June 8, 1922; a son, Rev. Earl H. Abel of Noank, Conn.; a daughter, Mrs. M. (Dorothy) Kurka of Appleton, Wis.; five grandchildren; several brothers and sisters in Europe; and a host of relatives and friends.

First Baptist Church Watertown, Wisconsin

DONALD N. MILLER, Pastor

### MR. MARTIN SCHLENKER of Kulm, North Dakota

Mr. Martin Schlenker of Kulm, N. Dak., was born in Kulm, South Russia, June 22, 1896. At two years of age, he and his family emigrated to the vicinity of Kulm, N. Dak., where they engaged in farming operations. Later they settled in a location 20 miles southwest of Kulm. In 1944 he took up residence in the town of Kulm. About a year ago he was afflicted with a stroke from which he recovered. On Sept. 27 he suffered another attack and was taken to the Jamestown Hospital where, after a third attack and other complications, he passed away on Oct. 2nd at the age of 65 years, 3 months and 20 days.

He joined the bonds of holy wedlock with Martha Fey in Oct. 1919 and one daughter was born to them. He was born again to a living hope in Christ and received into the Berlin Baptist Church in 1931. He was a loyal and faithful member until the summons came to his eternal Home. Here he served as deacon and also for a number of years as a Sunday School teacher. Mourning his passing are his wife, Martha; and daughter, Evelyn Ost; one grandson, Duane; and a brother, Gottlieb, all of Kulm, N. Dak.

Berlin Baptist Church Fredonia, North Dakota

DAVID LITKE, Pastor

### MRS. S. A. KOSE of Maywood, Illinois

Mrs. Mamie Bergemann Kose was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., April 14, 1879, and passed away after weeks of illness on Sept. 22, at the age of 82 years. She was baptized by Rev. L. H. Donner at 11 years of age and was a member of the First German Baptist Church (now Temple), of Pittsburgh until she graduated from the Baptist Missionary Training School, Chicago, Ill., in 1905. She was then commissioned by the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society to serve as missionary in the First German Baptist Church of St. Louis, Missouri, where she served for six years.

In 1911, she married Rev. S. A. Kose, then pastor in Milwaukee, Wis., and became mother to his two daughters, Alethea and Celia, and later of her own daughter, Mamie. She continued to be his faithful helpmate also during the 14 years that he served the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa. In 1934, after years of illness, her husband went to his heavenly Home. Before entering the Maywood Home and Hospital, Mrs. Kose lived with her daughter, Mamie Marchand, and family in Franklin, Indiana, for over 7 years.

Missing her greatly are her daughter, Mamie; her son-in-law, Walter; and three grandchildren: Celia and Alethea Kose; her brother, Ralph Bergemann of Pittsburgh, Pa.; and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Emma Kose Kamper of Maywood, Chaplain Ina Burton and the superintendent, Dr. Walter Wood, of the Maywood Home conducted the memorial service. Her son-in-law, Rev. Walter Marchand, played her favorite hymns on the violin. Her pastor, Rev. Richard Schroeder, of the Forest Park Baptist Church also participated in the service.

Forest Park Baptist Church Forest Park, Illinois

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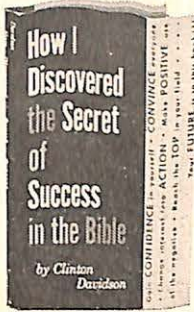
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Changeless grace,  
For our hope  
To see his face;

For the Holy  
Spirit's light,  
Teaching us  
To walk aright;

For the Church  
Of Christ, our Lord,  
And for God's  
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For their love  
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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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buffet supper served to members and guests from age 8 to 80. Those attending were seated at tables with lovely decorations depicting a theme of the month of their birth. A generous offering to be used for missionary purposes was received. The contributions were based upon each individual's numbered birthdays. The interesting and varied program for the evening centered around symbolical themes for each of the twelve months and included reminiscences from the past life of the society as reported by Mrs. Robert Johnson, president.

● Mrs. S. A. Kose of Maywood, Ill., was called to her heavenly Home on Sept. 22 at the age of 82. She had been a guest in the Maywood Baptist Home for several years. Her membership was in the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill. She was the widow of the late Rev. S. A. Kose and the mother of Mrs. Mamie Marchand of Franklin, Indiana, and of the Misses Celia and Alethea Kose of Chicago, Ill. Her sister-in-law, Mrs. George Kampfer of the Maywood Baptist Home, will miss her greatly. The memorial service was held in the chapel of the Home with Rev. Ina Burton, chaplain, and Dr. Walter Wood, director of the Home, in charge of the service, and with Rev. Richard Schroeder of Forest Park, Ill., also taking part.

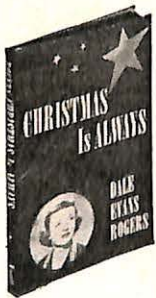
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