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• The peaceful desegregation of 36 restaurants and cafeterias in Dallas, Texas, was recently achieved by the Dallas Citizens Council, an all-white organization of business leaders, in cooperation with a special desegregation committee of seven whites and seven Negroes. One hundred fifty-nine Negro business and professional men, clergymen, and their wives were "served with extreme courtesy" in the formerly white-only restaurants.

• The Burma Christian Council and the Moslems, which provide leadership to non-Buddhists who oppose the establishment of Buddhism as the state religion of Burma, are making a strong fight over religious freedom in that country. The council, composed of each element, is made up of Baptists, Methodists, Anglicans, as well as Moslems. There are some 600,000 Protestants in Burma, and about 177,000 Roman Catholics. The total population is 20,255,000. —*Watchman-Examiner*

• Billy Graham disclosed at a civic luncheon at Minneapolis, Minn. that the evangelistic association which bears his name is a four million dollar a year operation. The association, which is headquartered in Minneapolis, receives 20,000 to 30,000 letters each week, the evangelist revealed. The luncheon at which he spoke was sponsored by the downtown Kiwanis club and attended by some 1,200 persons. Most of the association's four million dollar budget, Dr. Graham said, goes for purchasing radio and television time and to finance the magazine "Decision" which the association recently started. —*The Watchman-Examiner*

• It has just been announced that Mr. Donald J. Wiseman, Assistant Keeper in the Department of Western Asiatics at the British Museum, has been appointed to a newly created Chair of Assyriology in London University. He will assume these new duties in October of this year. It was Mr. Wiseman who discovered and translated the priceless Cuneiform Tablets, now in the British Museum, which gave an account of Nebuchadnezzar's capture of Jerusalem, the publication of which brought him international fame. This is the second distinguished appointment of a pronounced Conservative in Biblical scholarship in the last few years, the other being the earlier appointment of Professor F. F. Bruce who is at the University of Manchester. —*The Sunday School Times*

• The Eastern Orthodox Church is pushing for official "recognition" as a major faith in the United States. It is reported that already more than half of the states in the United States through their legislatures have "recog-

nized" the Eastern Orthodox faith. The latest is Wisconsin. For this purpose a resolution is pending in the U. S. Senate declaring that "the Eastern Orthodox Church is a major faith in this country." The resolution asks that "all references by Federal agencies to major faiths now limited to Protestants, Catholics and Jews include the Eastern Orthodox Church." The resolution is sponsored by Senators Clifford P. Case (Republican, N. J.), Kenneth B. Keating (Republican, N. Y.) and Claiborne E. Pell (Democrat, R. I.).

• WHEATON, ILL.—A four-phase program to "Return the Bible to the Heart of the Nation" will be launched in the fall by the National Association of Evangelicals, according to the Rev. Thomas F. Zimmerman, president of the cooperative Protestant organiza-

tion. The program will be implemented in the areas of Bible reading, Bible study, Bible preaching and Bible distribution. In commenting on the program in which some 50 Protestant denominations are expected to participate, Mr. Zimmerman said, "The times demand a return to the Word of God. Faith is being undermined because the authority of the Bible is being questioned. What has been a growing concern with the leadership of the National Association of Evangelicals has become a gripping conviction—there must be a special emphasis on the study of the Bible in the churches in America." The first phase—Bible reading—will be launched on Universal Bible Sunday, December 10, when an effort will be made to get ten million people committed to read the entire Bible in 1962. —*Church News Service*



## Baptist Briefs

• **Baptists in Angola.** British and Canadian Baptist missionary activity has come to a standstill in Angola, where at least 500 Europeans and thousands of Africans have been killed since a revolt against Portuguese authorities broke out in the country on March 15. This report was made by Rev. T. L. Tucker, Africa secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, and Rev. C. J. Parsons, associate foreign secretary of the Baptist Missionary Society. —*Watchman-Examiner*

• **Japanese Baptist Is Honored.** A Japanese Baptist, Saburo Namioka, recently was presented the Ran ju Hoshu by the Emperor of Japan at a ceremony at the Imperial Palace. The Ran ju Hoshu, the blue ribbon of the Emperor, is the highest honor given by the Emperor. In Mr. Namioka's case, the award was made in tribute to his work in education. Mr. Namioka has spent 22 years in education. He was 39 years old when he became principal of the Hinomoto Girls'

### WHAT IS CHRISTIANITY?

In the home, it is kindness.  
In business, it is honesty.  
In society, it is fairness.  
Toward the unfortunate, it is pity.  
Toward the weak, it is help.  
Toward the wicked, it is resistance.  
Toward the strong, it is trust.  
Toward the penitent, it is forgiveness.  
Toward the fortunate, it is congratulation.  
Toward God, it is reverence and love.  
—*Haven of Rest "Log"*

School, a private girls' junior high and high school associated with the Japan Baptist Union and the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society.

• **Negro Sharecroppers.** Final payment has been made by the National Baptist Convention U. S. A., Inc., which has 5,000,000 members, for the \$60,000 farm which is the first step in a long-range plan to help Negro sharecroppers become prosperous farmers. Dr. J. H. Jackson, president of the Convention, states that the 400-acre farm was bought on an 8-year plan, but has been paid for in 6 months. Among the Negroes on Freedom Farm, located in rural Fayette County, Tenn., were families which had been living in "Tent City" near there. They had been evicted from the tenant farms last winter, allegedly because they had registered to vote in past November's election.

• **Study Commissions.** Four "study commissions" composed of Baptist leaders in scattered parts of the world were named by the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee in its annual meeting recently. The Commissions—dealing with Religious Liberty and Human Rights, Baptist Doctrines, Evangelism and Missions, Bible Study and Membership Training—are being asked "to explore pertinent questions within their fields." Working both by correspondence and in annual international meetings, the commissions are expected to present statements or papers to the Executive Committee for

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# Editorial...

## Wanted — 10,000 Builders!

Most of our North American Baptist churches are buzzing with a new kind of excitement. Our people by the hundreds are signing up as CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDERS. Captains have been appointed in our churches to present this appeal, to pass on the information about this ministry, and to secure the names of the volunteers. This new program, that was launched at the General Conference sessions in Minneapolis, is beginning to gain momentum. We hope that an inspiring procession of 10,000 North American Baptists will be marching together toward the goal before us.

There will be a monthly appeal by the Church Extension Committee for the building or work of some new Church Extension project. Not more than ten appeals will be made a year. With each appeal a letter will be sent to every Church Extension Builder describing the new congregation or church field, its history, needs and possibilities.

The first of these appeals is now being announced. It is the Sierra Heights Baptist Church of Renton, Washington, of which Rev. Ervin Gerlitz is the pastor. The church sign has been erected on the empty field and a canvass has been made in the surrounding area with its promising possibilities. This is a suburb of Seattle where we have endeavored to begin a new church of our fellowship for many years. NOW this Church Extension project and this faithful pastor need our help. We must assist them to build the new church building, to get started in reaching the unchurched in this community, and to overcome the difficulties in this pioneer work.

Those Church Extension Builders who have already enlisted will send their \$1.00 in the mail by November 15, 1961. The Builders' captain in your church will be glad to receive your enlistment so that you can receive all of the information about the Sierra Heights Church of Washington and have a share in this first challenging project.

God is calling us as North American Baptists to greater things and to new fields of evangelization. Remember the General Conference theme—"Greater Things Through Christ." God has given us a great concern to strengthen the home base and to win people for Christ on these beckoning home mission fields. There are literally scores of thriving new communities with exploding populations into which we now can go with the Gospel IF we had the money for the necessary buildings and support.

But God needs YOUR support—your prayers and your gifts. You can become a Church Extension Builder and can help in the evangelization of America by giving \$1.00 a month. At least, this is the LEAST that you can do. This is the challenge to you. As a Church Extension Builder, you will be on "the front lines" of service for Christ with the latest news reaching you directly about our continued advance for Christ and our outreach with the Gospel into new areas.

You can also enlist or write for further information by sending your letter and gifts to Church Extension Builders, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois. As you give your gifts, pray that God might bless this cooperative effort in his Kingdom. But act NOW in Christ's Name as a Church Extension Builder!

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2ND ASIA BAPTIST YOUTH CONFERENCE

The morning Bible Study Hour in action at the Asia Baptist Youth Conference (left) in Tokyo, Japan. At the right our North American Baptist delegates at the Youth Conference get together for a picture.

## 2nd Asia Baptist Youth Conference

Hundreds of Baptist young people attended this important conference recently on the campus of the International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan.

By Rev. Edwin C. Kern, Missionary at Tsu, Japan

THE 2ND ASIA Baptist Youth Conference of the Baptist World Alliance was held on the campus of the International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan, July 16-22, 1961. About 235 delegates and many observers and visitors attended the sessions of the conference.



Rev. Willie Wickramasinghe of Ceylon, one of the Bible Study speakers at the 2nd Asia Baptist Youth Conference in Tokyo, Japan.

The Asian countries represented were Burma, Ceylon, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Korea, Macao, Okinawa, Philippines, Thailand and Japan as the host to these great days for Baptist youth in Asia. Dr. and Mrs. Robert S. Denny, U.S.A., Youth Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, and his wife were also present. Our North American Baptist work in Japan was represented with six dele-

gates, consisting of our pastors, church worker, Bible School student and two missionaries.

### CONFERENCE THEME

The general theme for the conference was "The Gospel" with an assigned phase of the Gospel to be considered during the Bible study and discussion groups for each day. The phases of the Gospel for each day were: The Gospel-The Power of God; The Gospel-The Bond of Reconciliation; The Gospel-The Mission of Churches; The Gospel-Foundation of Our Homes; The Gospel-New Men for New Asia.

The daily morning Bible studies on the above topics were refreshing, stimulating and challenging, to say the least. Rev. Willie Wickramasinghe

of Carey College, Ceylon and Miss Ning Gerochi of Central Philippian University (Baptist School), Iloilo City, Philippine Islands, as dedicated servants of God in their own countries unfolded to us the Scriptural teachings of the Gospel. The discussion groups made up of leaders from the various Asian countries gave opportunity for an exchange of ideas concerning the problems and blessings in presenting the Gospel in their own countries.

### THE GOSPEL'S POWER

During the days of conference each country had an opportunity to dramatize some unique characteristic peculiar to that particular country. Along with this presentation, a report on the work of Baptists was given. The re-

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The first meeting of the 2nd Asia Baptist Youth Conference at Tokyo, Japan with representatives from each country on the platform.

# God Needs Willing Laymen

A Challenge for Laymen's Sunday to Be Observed on Sunday, October 15, 1961

By Mr. Gerhard G. Panke, North American Baptist representative in the Executive Committee of the Men's Department of the Baptist World Alliance.



Laymen's Sunday could be the starting point of a vigorous effort on the part of Baptist Men to accomplish more for Jesus Christ in every avenue of service open to us.

THE OBSERVANCE of Laymen's Sunday is an excellent idea if it serves to encourage our Baptist men to greater efforts for our Lord.

There are numerous ways of measuring its success. Among them are two propositions that are most prominent: First, whom are you trying to please? Second, what are you trying to accomplish? Laymen's Sunday could be the starting point of a vigorous effort on the part of Baptist Men to accomplish more for Jesus Christ in every avenue of service open to us for it is Christ whom we should please, and the spreading of his Gospel should be our accomplishment. Its rewards can best be measured in the deep satisfaction of knowing that we have been faithful as men in our God-given opportunity for service.

The New Testament is rich in illustrations of men that our Lord used to build the Church.

### MEN BUILDING THE CHURCH

As the curtain was dropping on the dispensation of the law and the "priestly" characters of the old Jewish economy were being withdrawn from the scene, we see our Lord launching his new program—the building of the Church!

The Scribes and Pharisees were "passed over" in favor of the common man. From the very beginning of our Lord's public ministry, we see him calling "laymen" to have a vital part in the institution nearest his heart—the Church.

Fishermen like Peter, James and John were challenged to dock their boats and leave their nets to follow Christ. The challenge was accepted and "fishing for men" soon became their unquenchable desire. Rome was

short a tax collector when Matthew heard the words, "Follow Me."

Soon after the resurrection of Jesus, the mandate to make disciples of all nations became a reality. The Holy Spirit beckoned men like Luke the physician to service in the on-going militant Church. Stephen, the deacon, was called upon to die for his Lord. Thus he became the first martyr in the infant church.

Phillip, another deacon, was used of the Lord to conduct a successful evangelistic effort in Samaria. Acts 8 records the success of these meetings. It was this layman whom God used to lead the Ethiopian eunuch to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ! How did Phillip do it? Through the Word of God, of course.

The names of Peter, James, John and Phillip stand out like monuments in the New Testament. Yet today God is still calling men just as surely as he called them in the first century.

### LAYMEN WITNESSING FOR CHRIST

Today's list includes such names as the great industrialist, R. G. LeTourneau, who has served our Lord so faithfully in this generation. Others include Howard Butt, prominent grocer from Texas—a zealous witness for Jesus Christ in the business world. Jim

Barnes of Bethel Church, Detroit, Mich., a truly great lay preacher, is used mightily of the Lord as he travels from place to place in conducting his business.

Harold Stassen, another of our North American Baptist men, has devoted himself to politics while at the same time being a witness for Christ. Oklahoma's Senator Kerr and Governor Mark Hatfield of Oregon are other men who have successfully served our Lord in the realm of politics.

### BAPTIST MEN IN ACTION

We must personally realize, that God still calls and needs willing men. Unfortunately, many of us fail to respond. We may feel inadequate, improperly equipped for Christian service or give one of a multitude of other reasons. We should remember that when God calls he also equips us for the task. He is the potter and we are the clay. May God help us as Baptist Men of the North American Baptist Conference to yield our lives in service to him and, while doing so, offer this prayer:

"I am only one, but I am one;  
I can't do everything, but I can do something;  
What I can do, I ought to do;  
By the grace of God, I will do!"

### OBSERVANCE OF LAYMEN'S SUNDAY, OCT. 15

- Read the articles by Mr. H. H. Stabbert and Mr. R. E. Engelbrecht in the Sept. 28 issue of the "Baptist Herald."
- Have the laymen of your church participate in the services on Sunday, Oct. 15.
- Send reports of this Laymen's Sunday observance in your church to the "Baptist Herald."
- Receive an offering for the Dr. Peter E. Fehr Mission Project. Dr. Fehr is one of our medical missionaries in the Cameroons.
- Stress the personal practice of Scriptural tithing with its many blessings for Christian men.
- Have your laymen consider joining "Baptist Men" of our denomination.

THE WITNESS OF CHRISTIAN MEN IS NEEDED TODAY



CHURCH EXTENSION BEGINNINGS IN SIERRA HEIGHTS, WASHINGTON

Rev. Henry Smuland and Rev. Ervin Gerlitz (left) discuss Church Extension possibilities in the Sierra Heights area, Renton, Wash. Some of the children who attended the first Friday morning Bible Class (right) are shown in front of the pastor's new home.

## Sierra Heights of Seattle!

Twelve miles from the center of Seattle, Washington, a new Church Extension work has just begun with great promise for the future.

By Rev. Ervin Gerlitz, Church Extension Pastor

**N**ORTH AMERICAN Baptists have long viewed the Seattle area in Washington as a field "white already unto harvest," but we have not been able to grasp the opportunity to "send forth laborers into his harvest" until now.

### A MECCA IN THE WEST

The first efforts to establish a North American Baptist church in Seattle were made by Rev. Gustav Schunke almost fifty years ago without much success. About ten years ago Rev. John Schweitzer made a survey of the Seattle area for our denominational Church Extension program. An intensive search for former North American Baptists was not encouraging because it revealed that they were widely scattered in this wide-spreading metropolis, and that most of them were already active in other churches.

The intent of the present effort is to establish a new church in a new area with the help of as many former members of our churches as we are able to interest in this project. It is our conviction that a great city such as Seattle, which has never had a North American Baptist church, and which is a mecca for those seeking employment on the west coast, needs a North American Baptist witness. The hundreds of homes which are being built without a church need a voice for God. The many North American Baptists who migrate to Seattle need a church home.

Two years ago property was purchased in the Sierra Heights development just north of Renton which is 12 miles southeast from the center of Seattle. Renton, which calls itself

"The Hub City of Enterprise," is the home of the famous Boeing 707 plane. In 1941 the population was 4,000. Today the population is over 18,000 and growing rapidly. Since the growth of Seattle is limited by Puget Sound on the west and Lake Washington on the east, it spills out toward the south and the north. The Renton area thus becomes "home" to many who are employed in Seattle.

### HUNDREDS OF NEW HOMES

The Sierra Heights development was chosen by the Pacific Northwest Association Church Extension Committee because it is in a rapidly growing area of new houses, young families and many children. Other new developments are "mushrooming" nearby. When the Sierra Heights Baptist Church is built, it will be the nearest Baptist church to hundreds of homes.

The Gerlitz family chose to move into a new house on a street of newly-built houses. Bulldozers and hammers can be heard daily as new houses continue to be built. Who will care for those who will occupy these new

### CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDERS

The first appeal for Church Extension Builders to be sent in October 1961 will be for the Sierra Heights Church in Seattle (or Renton), Wash. Read this article prayerfully and send your \$1.00 gift as soon as possible to Church Extension Builders, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois. You can also enlist as a Church Extension Builder by writing to the same address. We need 10,000 Builders!

houses? Who will minister to the spiritual needs of those who have moved hundreds and even thousands of miles from their families and churches? Who will endeavor to instruct their children in the things of the Spirit? Each new community needs an evangelical, Bible preaching church in order for it to become a stable community of healthy and happy homes.

The ministry to Sierra Heights was begun with a house-to-house canvass. The first results of this survey indicate at least 175 prospects within easy walking distance of the church property. One of the most frequently asked questions was "When will your church be built?" The answer to that question may depend on your response to our denominational Church Extension Committee's call for Church Extension Builders in every church!

### CONTACTS WITH CHILDREN

Since the children were already using our church property as a ball diamond (with the "future site" sign as a backstop), it was felt that this was a good opportunity to reach the community. Almost from the beginning a weekly ball game was scheduled every Wednesday afternoon. The game is followed by a story lesson which has proven to be popular. This has given us a wonderful open door to the homes of the community in which the Church Extension pastor is no longer thought of as a stranger.

Besides the ball games, there are now two mornings a week devoted to Bible classes. The children meet on the patio of the pastor's home. While seated on planks laid over apple boxes

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# The Battle at Waterloo!

The story of our recently launched Church Extension work at Waterloo, Iowa is a population area with 100,000 people.

By Rev. Bernard R. Fritzke, Church Extension Pastor

**T**HE NAME "WATERLOO" invariably brings to mind Napoleon's historical defeat in the battle of Waterloo. Notice please that this report is of the Lord's battle "AT" Waterloo. We as a family have also jokingly remarked about our coming here. On our way to Waterloo, Iowa, we traveled several hundred miles in rain. Were the heavens weeping over us meeting our Waterloo? Of course not! If the heavens were indeed "weeping" it would be for the souls of lost men and women here, who as yet do not know the joy of salvation.

### DISCIPLINED WAITING

Our arrival was in the evening of May 17. Approaching from the West, we stopped at Cedar Falls, which borders on Waterloo, and called the Herbert Kniep residence in Waterloo. It was then that we learned the jolting news that the Electricians' Union, of which Mr. Kniep is a member, was on strike. Our contact man here had left town seeking temporary employment elsewhere until the local strike would be settled. We also learned that the house we were renting would not be available for ten days. Tired from traveling in the rain all day, these developments were indeed dark and dampening news.

However, in the darkest clouds, God often sets his brightest rainbows. In our case it was his leading us to the Rainbow Motel where for the next ten days we enjoyed a comfortable room at reasonable rates and in the good Christian fellowship of the Baptist people who own and operate it.

The days at the motel were days of waiting—waiting to move into the

house, to get settled, to establish permanent residence and to get into the work to which I had been called. We piled our cartons of belongings into the basement of the house we would be renting, and did such things as we could. They were days of disciplined waiting, much more difficult in some ways than working. In my chafing to get started, the Holy Spirit whispered to me, "Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him, fret not thyself . . ." Psalm 37:7.

### ENCOURAGING BEGINNINGS

Without the aid of a piano, our first service was conducted in the River Room of the YMCA in downtown Waterloo, overlooking the Cedar River. The stream that met our gaze, just two months before, had been a raging torrent of destruction as the city of Waterloo experienced its worst flood in many years. The following week, under the thoughtful planning of Rev. Donald Patet of Aplington, and Rev. Raymond Dickau of Parkersburg, the local people and some of the pastors and people of our surrounding North American Baptist churches had a reception for us at the YMCA. A generous pantry shower was a pleasant surprise, indeed! It was encouraging to see others vitally interested in the mission field here.

"What are the possibilities here and what are your problems?" you ask. The Waterloo, Cedar Falls and Evansdale area has a population of over 100,000 people. We have eight of our denominational churches scattered around this general area. These churches keep losing members into this city, and we hope to minister to

them, as well as to many other newcomers and others who have not been reached with the Gospel or who do not have a local church affiliation.

Our first six weeks showed an average attendance of seventeen on Sunday mornings with eight in our prayer services. Sunday School with two classes, an adult and a children's department, was begun on June 11th. On July 9th we began an evening service, and added a third class on July 16. We meet for Sunday School and worship in the YMCA in downtown Waterloo, with our prayer services being conducted in the homes of such who are interested. One of our families graciously opened their home where we meet on Sunday evenings.

### GREAT FUTURE POTENTIAL

The beginning is slow, as expected, but we see a great potential in the future. We began our search for the unchurched by following through the list of prospects handed to us, and we are continually branching out from here. Winning new families to an established church is not easy, as you all know. But winning them to a new missionary effort is triply difficult. It takes a consistent effort of prayer and calling to be effective. First, one has to become acquainted with them and then win their friendship. Following this comes the task of winning them to the Lord and to the church. This takes much time and is a tremendous task. Brethren, pray for us!

Many pressures surround the Church Extension pastor. He is in the spotlight. "How is your work coming?" is the daily and classic query. In keep-

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CHURCH EXTENSION PROJECT IN WATERLOO, IOWA

The first Church Extension meetings in Waterloo, Iowa are being held in the YMCA building (left) with Rev. Bernard R. Fritzke in charge. (He is shown with his family in the center picture). Some of the people in one of the first services appear in the picture at the right.

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# Changing Times in the Northern District

Problems and joys confronting our Canadian churches in this day of rapid changes as reviewed by Rev. William Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Northern District secretary.

**T**HE LORD'S work is built by the insignificant things, the "grain of mustard seed" events, the slow, steady prodding and working within the churches. Progress and inner growth have never been explosive in our Northern District churches, but this has been interesting and steady. The influx of immigrants from Europe could be the one explosion through which more than twenty churches came into being within a decade, but long since these new churches, as well as the old established congregations, have found that only continued and steady work and witness will insure development.

## PRESENT CANADIAN TRENDS

The District Secretary has the challenging and diversified task of being in close contact with people and pastors. There may be local difficulties which require counsel. There may be growing pains or visions of expansion, which need guidance. The general trend on the prairies is to larger farms and less homes. Some of our smaller rural churches suffer from migration.

A few months ago two Alberta-Saskatchewan pastors took the District Secretary on a mission to visit one of these small, dying, rural communities. It was a community where we have had a small thriving church. But the town is dying out. Several of our Baptist families have sold their farms and have relocated in another strong North American Baptist community. Now there are only four or five families left. What is to be done?

Several other situations are similar. Twenty-five years ago we had thriving, vigorous young churches, which gave us many of their young people as pastors and missionaries. Here are some of the names—Hilda and Trochu, Alberta, which celebrated their fiftieth anniversaries recently. I am sure that many readers remember with gratitude and nostalgia the outpourings of blessing of the Holy Spirit, when God called them, when they sought Biblical training at C. T. I. or in the Seminary.

## INFLUENCE OF CHURCHES

There was Ebenezer West, now extinct, but formerly a church of vitality, or Edenwold, Nokomis, Southey in Saskatchewan, still going, but finding it increasingly difficult to develop. My admiration rises for the staunch men and women who continue to witness and sacrifice. There is but one sign of hope—the children in church and town.

Unfortunately, one cannot even include the youth, for it is true that

the young people leave home and church sometimes even before completing high school. Often they come home for the week-end, but cannot be considered reliable church workers.

## SOLUTION FOR RURAL CHURCHES

What should be the program of our rural churches? There may be two solutions—the church must readjust its ministry to that of solid Bible teaching to its children and adults, and be happy with the lot of being "a feeder" to the city churches. That this requires much grace and humility on the part of parents and pastors is obvious.

The other solution was found possible by at least one of our small town churches. The little church of Fenwood, Saskatchewan, followed its high school young people to the neighboring thriving community of Melville. It started with Sunday evening services, in which practically the entire congregation participated with much prayer and faithful attendance. Out of this grew a small Sunday School work, sponsored and directed by our able young people. The next step is the organizing of a church and the building of a place of worship and teaching.

This is the practical application of the words of Jesus, "He who loses his life for my sake shall find it." It is a rare gift of grace that a congregation should so completely give itself in service and sacrifice in order that it might live. We could wish that some of the larger city churches, which have increased by influx, might apply this very fundamental plan of Christ.

I am writing this while riding on the Canadian Pacific Railroad train to Alberta. It is midsummer, a season in which fields and trees on the prai-

ries ought to be lush and green. Harvest time is not too distant. The picture before me, however, is one of drought and gloom. In many parts of Saskatchewan there will be no harvest. In Manitoba and Alberta some grain will be threshed. The cattle are feeding on dried out pasture and have to walk miles to find a water hole. This will affect our Northern District ministry.

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

We believe that God has control of the weather, and that he has a purpose in withholding rain. Possibly we have become too accustomed to prosperity and too deeply rooted in our modern way of life. Few of us have had to ask for our daily bread, and few of us have actually sacrificed for the sake of Christ. Possibly God wants to retrain us. Giving out of our abundance is not sacrificing. Giving from very life itself is sacrificial giving in the Spirit of Christ. During times of drought we can make our confessions of love to Christ come true.

In one of the last circular letters to churches and pastors of the Northern District, I suggested that possibly we should postpone the purchase of a new car or the building of the new house. I suggested furthermore that we as churches might not want to build quite as expensive and luxurious edifices. The Lord's cause, as we have subscribed to it in our foreign and home mission, must not suffer loss. We cannot retreat from the advanced post of our witness in the Cameroons, Japan, Austria, on our Indian and Spanish American mission fields. And since this report will be read by the larger family of "Baptist Herald" readers in our great denominational realm, I might appeal to those areas which have reaped large crops of earthly goods. Possibly the Lord speaks to you and demands greater love and giving for his cause.

## BI-LINGUAL PROBLEMS

In the Northern District we still deal with a strong bi-lingual situation. Our largest congregations in the major cities carry out an all-German program. Several large churches with a bi-lingual ministry still have a strong balance toward the German. How do we get along at conferences and associations? There are always a few points of minor conflicts, but we feel that the true Spirit of Pentecost has bridged over many dangerous gaps. We have learned to love each other and to work with each other for the

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# "Musical Messengers" of the Seminary

The Story of the Summer Tour by the Seminary Trio Composed of Fred Penner, Chester Strobel and Robert Veninga.

"GREAT IS THE LORD, AND GREATLY TO BE PRAISED!" With this note of praise, we approached our last concert in Parkersburg, Iowa. There were mixed reactions as we concluded the service. There was, of course, great anticipation for the fall activities to start. However, there was also a feeling of regret that the many wonderful experiences were now behind us. There was no question about God's leading, for his hand had been upon us since we sang the first note of our theme song on June 3rd until we concluded the tour with our favorite selection, "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked."

## 14,000 MILES TRAVELED

In planning this summer tour, we had a two-fold purpose in mind. First, we wanted to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love, and, secondly, to challenge young people to give their lives to Christ for Christian service. We also tried to report to the people of our denomination the program of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. We pointed out some of the needs as well as the advancement that is manifested in the progressive program.

In presenting the challenge of Christian service, we talked to young people and adults, and we distributed literature which presented an appeal for entering the ministry. We were much in prayer that the music, the spoken word and the printed material would be used by the Holy Spirit to show the importance for every Christian to seek God's will for his life.

Our first estimation of the anticipated mileage that we would travel proved to be far short of the 14,000 actually traveled. We were reminded again and again of God's goodness to us, especially as we traveled the long distances on the west coast. Our Volkswagen, which is now ready for the old "Volks" Home, carried us safely to our destinations but always we were mindful of God's protecting hand upon us.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF TRIP

We remember well stopping along the roadside in California and fighting back through thick brush to a rock overlooking the Pacific Ocean where we enjoyed an exceptionally stirring time of devotions. It seemed to us that the song, "How Great Thou Art," must have been written at such a time. We felt his nearness in a special way. Our most northern point reached was Edmonton, Alberta where we enjoyed the most delightful fellowship with pastors and various congregations.

The highlights of our travels in the North-Central states and provinces was the week in Minneapolis attending the General Conference. Besides

enjoying a relief period from packing and unpacking our "German Cadillac," we especially appreciated the spiritual refreshment received from the splendid messages and the wonderful fellowship with the people of our conference. After these mountain top experiences, we journeyed to the Great Lakes area which comprised the eastern sector of our tour reaching as far

thank all the pastors for their kindness to us and also the people who entertained us in their homes. The hospitality was deeply appreciated. It put a warm glow in our hearts and extra girth to the waist-line. We will always remember all of you wonderful people.

We found Psalm 89:1 to be a fitting note to close our summer tour. "I



MUSICAL MESSENGERS IN A RELAXED MOOD

Members of the "Musical Messengers" team of the North American Baptist Seminary rest for a few minutes besides their luggage and car. How all this baggage and these three students got into the little "Volkswagen" is a real mystery!

east as Cleveland, Ohio. Our summer schedule was concluded in Parkersburg, Iowa on September 3rd.

## 82 CONCERTS

As we think back on the many experiences, the 82 concerts given, the sights that we have seen, the many friends that we have made, our hearts are indeed thankful to God for this privilege of service. We also want to

will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations." Though we have sung every day of our tour, God has kept us from tiring of music. In fact, he has strengthened our love for the medium of music as being a marvelous way to praise him, to preach him and to present our testimony of his great love.

## SEMINARY LIBRARY, SIOUX FALLS, S. DAK.

- Contributions toward the Seminary Library building are still needed. Send your designated Gifts for the Denominational Advance Building Fund to 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois. Information about Special Library Projects will be sent to you on request.
- Remember the Seminary faculty and student body in your prayers and at your family altar. Pray for the African and Japanese students from our mission fields

who are now studying at our Seminary.

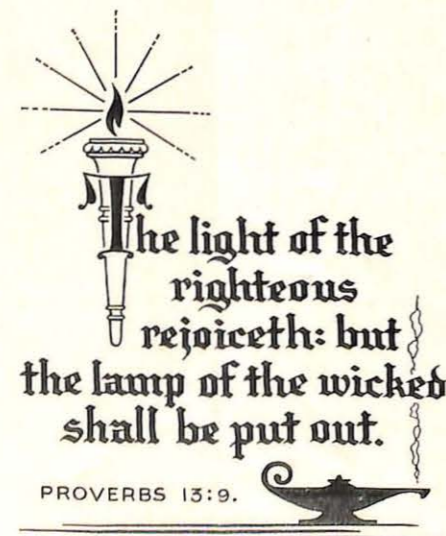
- Plans are being made for the dedication of the new Seminary Library building in December 1961. Watch for further announcements about this festive event.
- One of our November 1961 issues of the "Baptist Herald" will feature an illustrated article about the latest progress in the completion of the Seminary Library building.

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# AATS Appraisal of the Seminary

Important reflections on the appraisal of the North American Baptist Seminary by the team of the American Association of Theological Schools (AATS)

By President Frank Veninga of Sioux Falls, South Dakota

**T**HE NORTH American Baptist Seminary, affectionately known as "The School of the Prophets," for over one hundred years has been at the heart and center of the denomination's concern and love. Numerous changes and tremendous advances have taken place since the founding of the institution in 1850 in Rochester, New York.

For a number of decades the Seminary was sheltered and supported by the then Rochester Theological Seminary. Vigorously supported by its constituency, however, the Seminary soon began to develop its own faculty and training program. The incorporation under the name, "Educational Union of German Baptists of North America," took place in 1877, and in 1890 a spacious administration and dormitory building was erected.

## RELOCATION TO SIOUX FALLS

For some time the Seminary operated under the name of the Rochester Baptist Seminary, but by decision of the Board of Trustees in 1944, this was changed to the North American Baptist Seminary, effective June 1, 1945. The North American Baptist General Conference, assembled for its triennial meeting in Sioux Falls, South Dakota in August 1949, voted to remove the Seminary to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. This relocation was part of a program of intensification and expansion. The construction of adequate and attractive buildings, securing of degree-granting privileges, additions to the faculty, improvements of equipment, and strengthening of the curriculum have taken place.

The Seminary is chartered in the state of South Dakota as a theological institution, privileged to grant degrees appropriate to the work being done.

The Institution was granted associate membership in the American Association of Theological Schools in June 1954. Further advance was made in 1956 when the Seminary was granted associate membership in the American Association of Schools of Religious Education. Every effort is being made to gain full membership in these national accrediting associations.

The Seminary is an institutional member of the American Theological Library Association. It is approved for attendance of non-immigrant foreign students under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

## PRIORITY OF EDUCATION

Education is today receiving priority in the thinking, planning and programming of all denominations. Ours

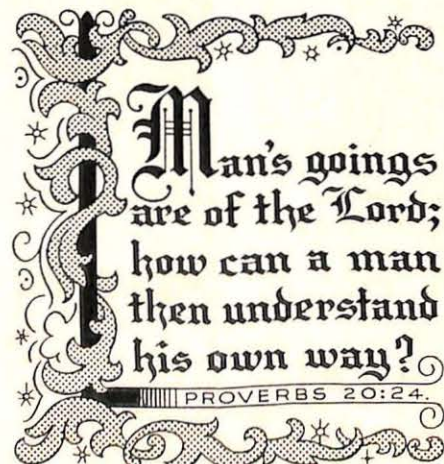
is no exception. We realize that academic programs must be improved if the world's rising population is to benefit from the expanding knowledge of the learned. As the churches grow, as the call for ministers and other Christian leaders increases, the patterns and programs of theological education are being reappraised. How timely and applicable are the words of Martin Luther, "When schools flourish, all flourish."

Your Seminary was recently appraised by the American Association of Theological Schools, a national accrediting association, with which 124 educational institutions are affiliated. Their visit to our campus was preceded by Dr. Charles Taylor, Executive Secretary, who was at the Seminary for observation and consultation March 5-7, 1960. Through his visit we received valuable information and helpful guidance leading toward the strengthening of the theological training program.

Upon the invitation of the administration and faculty, the Visiting Team was in our midst December 5-8, 1960 for the "purpose of looking into the life, work and relationship of your Seminary objectively and as fully as possible." It was their aim to "raise questions and to offer suggestions which serve to guide you, your Board, and the Faculty, as you seek through serious self-study and action to strengthen, improve and expand the total program of the Seminary."

## APPRAISAL OF SEMINARY

Our program was enriched through their wise counsel and constructive suggestions. We are confident that we will be better able to train those who come to us for their theological education. Your "School of the Prophets"



increasingly lays emphasis on sound scholarship, spiritual depth and practical training to equip our young people for varied areas of Christian service. We are desirous to continue the 111-year tradition as a center of theological reflection and research, constantly seeking to advance the frontier of spiritual truth and theological knowledge.

A careful reading of the appraisal of the Seminary immediately evidences areas of strength and also areas of concern. The report states, "The progress which the Seminary has been making and which it continues to make is impressive and remarkable. We commend you for the projected plans for immediate expansion of the library. The standards which have been set up and adopted for faculty appointments and promotion deserve mention and recognition. The policy on sabbaticals is in line with standard practices. The raise in faculty salaries was certainly appropriate, timely, and in order." The team also noted "with appreciation and commendation the on-going of the curriculum. The objectives in this regard are forward-looking and important."

## FACULTY AND STUDENTS

In relation to the faculty and students the following is noteworthy: "We wish to comment upon the dedication, the conscientiousness and the professional competence of your faculty. There is a basic theological and denominational homogeneity within the school. Progress has been evident in developing a community spirit among faculty members. We have been pleased to observe and experience, generally, good morale, seriousness of purpose, earnestness in work and dedication of life on the part of the students. Our observance leads us to believe that there has been realized a wholesome fellowship and relationship between administration, faculty and students."

## MINISTRY OF ALUMNI

The quality of our work is reflected in the life and ministry of our alumni. It is also officially recognized by numerous accredited schools which have officially stated that they accept our credits as coming from a fully accredited institution. Although there is ever so much in our favor as an educational institution, we do not at this time qualify for full accreditation. With the continued support of our constituency, however, we should soon be able to remedy every existing de-

ciency. It is my purpose to report what must yet be done to meet the high standards of the accrediting agency. Basically, there are five areas which need careful review and consideration.

## WE NEED MORE STUDENTS

This is the crying need of every Seminary in the United States and Canada. While Seminary enrollment is at a five-year low, we were fortunate in realizing a slight increase last September. In regard to recruitment the report states, "We venture to suggest that concern and responsibility for enlisting young people for church vocations, for counseling them and directing them to the Seminary lies heavily and primarily upon the shoulders of churches, pastors, alumni and denominational leaders."

Denominational young people must be encouraged to study in their denominational Seminary in order to serve denominational churches and mission fields. Is the following suggested enrollment too great an expectation for North American Baptists?

1961	— 40 students
1962	— 50 students
1963	— 60 students
1964	— 70 students

In this area we need your wholehearted support. It is a logical conclusion that the Seminary can train only those who are sent by our churches. It seems to me that a profound and moving revival is essential if young people of native ability and dedication are to be attracted to the ministry. That revival will have to begin with our churches and with each one of us.

## THE SCHOOL'S NEEDS

**THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT NEEDS TO BE REVIEWED.** In the two-year span of service, I have found tremendous challenge and I have been fully cognizant of the responsibilities that are mine. While I have visited numerous churches, associations, conferences, seminaries, and attended professional meetings, I had expected to visit a larger number of our churches. In regard to the presidency the AATS states: "The president carries too many duties and responsibilities. It is important that he be relieved in order to allow his time and abilities to make larger and more effective contributions to the Seminary. The appointment of a dean (or presidential assistant) may be a wise and logical solution."

**AN ADDITIONAL FACULTY APPOINTMENT IS A NECESSITY.** While we have eight faculty members, three are dividing their time between teaching and administrative responsibilities. The Accrediting Association informed us that "a full-time professor in the Old Testament field is urgently needed. A first-class Seminary should normally have, at least, three full-time men in the biblical field. It is our judgment that this ad-



President Frank Veninga and Mr. Herman Bleeker of the North American Baptist Seminary review the library plans with the AATS Visiting Team. Left to right: President Frank Veninga, Dr. Riley Montgomery, College of the Bible, Lexington, Ky.; Mr. Herman Bleeker, chairman of the Seminary trustees; and Dr. Warren Groff, Bethany Biblical Seminary, Chicago, Ill.

dition to the faculty should be made as soon as possible." It is our desire to meet this urgent need in the near future.

## SEMINARY LIBRARY

**THE LIBRARY MUST BE ENLARGED.** In this regard the following was observed: "The limitations of your present library facilities are obvious. We encourage that steps be taken to overcome notable deficiencies. This may mean an enlarged budget which will go significantly beyond AATS suggested minimum, at least for the immediate future." This need is being immediately met with the construction of the new building. Proposed plans for increasing bookholdings and periodicals are being formulated and will be presented to our churches.

**LARGER FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS IMPERATIVE.** Greater financial resources are needed to meet the high standards of quality education. The first paragraph of the AATS appraisal states: "The educational program of the Seminary can be no better than the money that supports it. The denomination must, therefore, increasingly provide the Seminary liberally with the necessary funds for the expansion and enrichment of its total program and life." The budget for the forthcoming school year totals \$96,100.00, of which \$68,000.00 will come directly from denominational income. The Seminary is grateful for this solid support. At the suggestion of the AATS Visiting Team and by vote of the Board of Trustees the Seminary is embarking upon minimal tuition this fall.

Greater financial resources will en-

able us to add the needed full-time professor in the Old Testament field; expand our library facilities. Our present library budget must be increased by at least \$5,000.00. We must permit wider participation on the part of the faculty in graduate study, professional conferences and sabbatical research. We ought to purchase an additional apartment house for our married students. We should advertise and publicize more widely in religious periodicals, and periodically increase salaries to keep pace with that of other educational institutions. The appraisal states, "The matter of salaries should be kept under constant review and further increases should be seriously considered without too great delay."

## YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

Through your prayers—your assistance in talking to prospective students about the Seminary—and your financial support, your Seminary can continue to train men and women who will faithfully proclaim the glorious message of our wonderful Lord and Savior. With God's help and your cooperation we will be enabled to continue to provide leadership sound in doctrine, zealous in evangelism, and strong in faith.

I have great confidence that our beloved "School of the Prophets" will enter into a new era of even finer and more effective service than in its past eleven decades of usefulness in the life of the denomination. May God give us his guidance and direction to the conversion of the Accrediting Association's recommendations into realities!

# Reviews of Important Books

These books, reviewed by North American Baptists, can be secured from the Roger Williams Press, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois.

**THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY BABY BOOK** by Allegra McBirney—Zondervan Publishing House—40 pages—\$1.95. (Review by M. L. Leuschner).

**T**HIS IS A beautifully bound and illustrated book to record the baby's growth—in grace as well as inches—and to insert the first pictures of the child. It is also concerned with the parents' growth in their Lord as their child develops. Several pages on "What Is a Home?" and "The Family Altar" are provocative. Many of the illustrated pages are helpful in teaching a child to pray and to record some of the child's first prayers to the Heavenly Father. We can recommend this attractive book to all parents for their families and as a gift book to be presented to parents who have newly arrived children. Its Christian spirit radiates from every page!

**NEW TESTAMENT INTRODUCTION—THE PAULINE EPISTLES** by Donald Guthrie. Inter-Varsity Press, Chicago, 1961. 319 pages, \$5.95. (Review by Dr. Ralph E. Powell).

The author of this meaty volume has written chiefly for theological students, but all who are interested in serious study of the New Testament will find that this book will provide both excellent, up-to-date background material for a better understanding of the Scriptures and enable the reader to find his way through the great variety of views which critical study has produced.

This volume is the first in a projected series of three dealing with the entire New Testament. Mr. Guthrie points out in his Preface that it is fitting that this series should begin with the Pauline Epistles since they are, in general, earlier than the other New Testament writings and because a study of them provides many valuable insights into critical principles.

Lecturer in New Testament language and literature in the London Bible College, the author is well qualified to write this scholarly, helpful book. Extensive footnotes provide an abundance of useful information for the diligent reader, and the inquiring student will find a wealth of source material in the bibliographies.

These studies with their critical discussions, blended with full outlines of contents in the form of precis, will lead to a greater appreciation of the books of the Bible and of the writers who through the inspiration of God produced them.

**HISTORY OF INTERPRETATION** by Frederic W. Farrar. Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Reprint 1961. 553 pages, \$6.95. (Reviewed by Dr. Ralph E. Powell).

This is a classic history of Biblical interpretation, given first as the Bampton Lectures in 1885. In its day it was unsurpassed for thoroughness, completeness, penetrating insight and scholarship. It is detailed and exhaustive, full of information about the Bible as well as its interpretation throughout the ages.

Written for the teacher and student of Scripture, this volume has been given an honored place on the Christian's reference shelf. Seminaries have long included this book on their list for required or recommended reading. Extensive notes and an extended bibliography at the end of the book add to the value of this work.

After a long and distinguished career in teaching and preaching, Frederic Farrar became Dean of Canterbury in 1895. Beside contributing to many Bible commentaries he wrote several other classic volumes.

A more contemporary and generally more usable book for the average reader in the field of Biblical hermeneutics is Bernard Ramm's *Protestant Biblical Interpretation*, published in 1956 by W. A. Wilde Co. of Boston, which has been adopted as a textbook in many evangelical schools. Farrar's to me is an immensely valuable source of information alongside Ramm's careful, up-to-date treatment in this area of proper Biblical interpretation, so greatly needed by many today.

**LET GOD IN**, by Lenn Lerner Lotham. Prentice Hall—176 Pages—\$3.50. (Reviewed by Rev. B. C. Schreiber).

We do not know whether our age has more problems and frustrations than any other age, but never before have psychologists, psychiatrists and ministers made us more aware of our personality defects. It is even frustrating to decide whether we would rather have lived in a former generation in which ignorance was bliss or in the

present generation in which knowledge is dangerous.

To add another book to the long list of "sure cures" for nervous people seems only to add to the existing mass of frustrations. And to say that this one is different is not altogether true. Most of them follow the same pattern of giving examples and anecdotes, specifying particular problems, following methods of procedure and cure. Here again, Rev. L. L. Lotham, a minister with 30 years experience with people, gives the reader the means and methods to achieve for himself the wonder-working spiritual power to overcome problems dealing with all areas of life—home, marriage, church, school, business, recreation and social relationships.

If the book is different in any way, then it is merely evident in the title. "Let God In" at least takes the mind of the reader away from the rigid discipline of self-improvement and the more adequate conception of letting God have his way with his life. Like all books of this type, it is highly readable and inspiring, brimming with stories of human interest.

**UNLIKELY SAINTS OF THE BIBLE**, by William C. Fletcher. Zondervan Press—144 Pages—\$2.95. (Reviewed by Rev. B. C. Schreiber).

If you are a serious student of the Bible, rigid in your interpretation, factual and dogmatic in your approach, analytical and scholarly in your study of the Scriptures, then this book is not for you. If you wish to fill an idle hour with a mixture of fact, fiction, entertainment and free imagination, then by all means read this volume. The contrast is not purported to give the impression that the book is not worthwhile reading. Far from it! The contrast is made primarily as a warning to those who are inclined to be scholarly and erudite.

Much of the book excites the imagination and challenges the reader to inspect again the Biblical accounts of the events recorded. If he does not agree with the interpretation in the book, the reader will at least be enabled to enlarge and enlighten his own interpretation.

The canonization of "saints" in the Catholic church leaves us with the impression that there are few "living" saints. Protestants, on the other hand, realize that the saints are among the living but hesitate to refer to church members and Christians by that designation. They are frequently called "brethren" and "sisters" but only rarely is someone called a saint. The character sketches in this book do not put haloes over the heads of these

people mentioned in the Bible. The fact that the author includes Rahab, the harlot, in the same category with Peter, the Apostle, indicates how generous he is in his interpretation of sainthood.

Mr. Fletcher does not present his characters as disembodied spirits. They are real "flesh and blood," and if the Christian reader is helped to accept his own sainthood more realistically in the study of this book, then he has been helped in his own spiritual growth.

**RELIGIOUS TELEVISION—WHAT TO DO AND HOW**, by Everett C. Parker. Harper and Brothers—244 Pages—\$4.50. (Reviewed by Rev. B. C. Schreiber).

In our modern revolution in the field of communication, the church must not only on occasion rethink its message but also rethink its methods of making it known. With the mass circulation of newspapers and magazines, we have centered our attention on the power of the printed word. What is spoken and seen must also be evaluated in terms of bringing the Gospel to the greatest number of people.

Television has become a potent force for influencing individuals, communities, nations and the world. It cannot and will not be ignored. The good or evil which comes out of it will depend largely on the influence of the church in its demand for good and wholesome programs, and in its attempt to bring the program of Jesus Christ to the world in an attractive and persuasive way.

This book is a manual which presents a theory and practical methods for employing television for a ministry to the whole public, and for applying the principles of religion to the secular aspects of television broadcasting. It is written for students, clergymen, lay men and women who are interested in planning and producing religious programs over local stations and who are interested in improving the moral standards of all television broadcasting.

Mr. Parker has more than twenty years of experience in writing, directing and producing radio and television programs and is intimately related with the majority of the leading Protestant religious programs that have been on the air in that time.

Television has no room for the mediocre and slipshod. Those who are interested in this mass media must seek the necessary technical excellence without losing the integrity of the essential message.

**BIBLE LIGHT ON DAILY LIFE** by Philip E. Howard, Jr. Baker Book House—213 pages—\$2.50.

The author has been associated with "The Sunday School Times" for almost 33 years and has served as a missionary, previous to that, in the

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## From the Professor's Desk

By Dr. Ralph E. Powell, Professor, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

### QUESTION:

*"What explanation is there for the amazing and terrifying growth of communism? If this atheistic political philosophy is so wrong and so unable to provide what it promises, why doesn't it crumble because of its own godless error and inner weakness?"*

There are many aspects of this complex problem. Communism is based upon a theoretical foundation provided in the philosophy of Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, which might be classed as dialectical materialism. To adequately understand modern communism, one should know something about this philosophical groundwork, and few people bother themselves to do this—after all, it is hard labor to think, especially in abstract subject matter like philosophy. Modern people, particularly Americans, would much rather act than think.

### DESIRE FOR ACTION

Communism, more so at the popular level, appeals very much to this present-day desire for action, change and movement. Its appeal is for men to act, not to think. The loyal, committed communist is an active person, not a person of thought who has examined the philosophical and political theory underlying the movement. Indeed, his exclusive absorption in the party's demanding program practically prevents his having time or opportunity to think through the complicated theoretical structure upon which it is based.

Through crafty and unscrupulous scheming communism has gained success after success for its cause, so that today it is (except for the United States) the greatest world power. If one would follow only the scientific method of observation, would not Russia's success constitute empirical proof of its philosophy? No moral values can be derived from a purely scientific approach. Therefore, the communists' cause must be right; its world view must be correct (so reasons the mind under the hammer and sickle).

Furthermore, many Marxist predictions have been fulfilled in our day—socialistic interpenetration into the world's leading democracies, strife between capital and labor, world-wide social, political and economic revolution, overproduction, etc. In the face of all this, so the boast goes, communism is the answer for modern man's ills; it is the hope of humanity. More convincing is this to the degree that the "successes" of communism are exaggerated all out of proportion and foisted upon unthinking (unanalytical) enthusiasts. And who doesn't want to be on the side of success? Who doesn't want to be on the side of the reforming party?

This is partly what is behind Russia's prodigious attempts in rocketry. A rocket to the moon and a cosmonaut encircling the earth is mightily convincing to materialistically-minded people. It constitutes empirical evidence for the validity of Russia's political goals to those obsessed with power. If Russia's scientific and military successes continue, it is not difficult to understand why blinded communists are unable to see the wrong of their cause. Nothing succeeds like success. And it must be remembered that the mind behind the iron curtain is allowed to know only that which will further the party cause. Truth and facts are often distorted to make good communist propaganda. Furthermore, Russia's diabolical skill in "brainwashing" abets its evil program.

### TRAGIC MOOD TODAY

Particularly convincing is all this in a day when faith in Christ and belief in God is waning in the world at large. If, as is commonly asserted by some today, there is no objective or real ground of truth or goodness, then who can say what better cause one should be identified with and spend his energies to promote? If "God is dead," as world-famous Jean-Paul Sartre asserts, what is wrong with a world view that is atheistic and materialistic? Such is the growing, tragic mood of much mid-twentieth century thinking! Such is a most favorable spawning ground for world communism.

It is easy to see how communism's promise of material prosperity to underprivileged people is appealing. The price for such gain is never revealed—the loss of one's freedom. In joining the party one signs away his own personal rights. Absolute submission and obedience are demanded without question, the result of which is that the man himself is destroyed. But this price tag never shows, at least not at first. An incessant and intense espionage system keeps its members in line throughout the world. The least sign of infidelity is quickly and ruthlessly checked.

Not only is one's own life imperiled by any sign of unfaithfulness, but one's family and friends are also endangered. Brutal measures are employed at the least sign of vacillation. Is it any wonder that there are so few communists who are willing to risk the break to freedom and personal integrity?

Only vital Christian faith and commitment provide adequate resources to resist and combat the frightful advances of communism. When these are lacking, there is no sufficient remedy for communism's spectacular growth.

### BOOK ORDERS

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# Prospects and Problems of East Germany

An illuminating article concerning the Baptists of East Germany in an interview with Dr. Erik Ruden, Associate Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance.

RECENTLY back in London from a visit to the Baptists of East Germany, Dr. Erik Ruden, Associate Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, reports that everywhere he went he received a warm welcome and was able to discuss the prospects and problems of the churches both with leaders of the denomination and with the Deputy-Secretary for Church Affairs of the East German Republic (DDR), Herr Flint.

Dr. Ruden said that his journey had included Schwerin, Stralsund, Berlin, Erfurt, Halle, Karl-Marx-Stat (formerly Chemnitz), Goerlitz and Dresden.

Altogether there are 97,600 Baptist church members in Germany, 29,000 of them in East Germany. Due to the movement of numbers of people from East Germany to the West during recent years, the strength of some Baptist churches has been reduced.

## LARGE CONGREGATIONS

In every place where Dr. Ruden visited there were large congregations, including a good proportion of young people. In Dresden, for instance, the meetings of the Sachsen Association

East German Baptist Executive Committee. They were received by Walter Breitmann, Leader for Church Affairs in Dresden; Frederich Meyer, Chairman of the Dresden Christian Democratic Union; Karl Heinz Ulrich, Chairman of the Peace Committee; and Walter Riedel, a city councillor who is also a Baptist.

## 150 PASTORS

There are 150 pastors in East Germany, which means that some churches are without a minister. Last year a seminary was started in Buckow for the training of ministerial students. Eight students were enrolled and to these another 11 will be added when the seminary re-opens in September. A monthly journal is published which has a circulation of 15,000. During 1960, 14 books and booklets were published by the East German Baptist publications department. These are mostly for Bible study and devotional reading.

Although there is as yet no training college for deaconesses, there are several deaconesses at work among the churches.

There is a keen evangelistic spirit

other activities they maintain a home for orphans.

Financially, said Dr. Ruden, the churches seemed to be able to manage and collections at services were good. Some of the churches, despite problems of their own, had subscribed towards the new Polish Baptist church and seminary in Warsaw.

There are, of course, difficulties, such as the need for more pastors and the delays in getting permission to erect new buildings or repair or add to existing premises. The building of one Baptist church in Berlin, for instance, is still in ruins.

There are also deeper questions such as, What does it mean to be a Christian in a Communist State? Where is the borderline between the social revolution and the Communist ideology? This is a problem for both East and West in the solution of which Christians have a definite contribution to make.

## INTERVIEW WITH STATE SECRETARY

These were among the problems which Dr. Ruden discussed with Deputy-Secretary of State for Church Affairs, Herr Flint, in Berlin. Accompanying Dr. Ruden at the interview were the President of the East German Baptists, Pastor Herbert Weist, the secretary, Pastor R. Dammann, and the Principal of the Seminary, Pastor Adolf Pohl.

Herr Flint gave a cordial welcome to Dr. Ruden and asked him about his impressions about life in general in the East German Democratic State (D.D.R.) and about the life, prospects for and problems of the Baptist churches, as he had seen them during his tour.

There were frank discussions of the problems, about peace and about the responsibilities of Christians towards the community. They also discussed particular difficulties of the German Baptists especially in finding suitable places for worship and in obtaining permits for building new, or rebuilding old, churches. There was a friendly atmosphere throughout the talks.

Dr. Ruden was also able to have an interview with Herr Gerald Goetting, Chairman of the Christian Democratic Union in Berlin.

The Baptists of East Germany were obviously glad to meet a representative of the Baptist World Alliance. He was also to give them greetings from their fellow-Baptists and an assurance of the interest and prayers of Baptists in many lands.

# Dedication of Bismarck Nursing Wing

Story of the dedication of an addition to the Baptist Home for the Aged, Bismarck, N. Dak., by Rev. Harold E. Weiss, Secretary of the Board.

AN IMPRESSIVE Dedication Service took place on Sunday afternoon, July 23, 1961 for the newly completed Nursing Wing of the Baptist Home for the Aged in Bismarck, North Dakota. This historic service was held

HOME unit now stands as a testimony to the faith, good planning and sacrifices on the part of God's people. For this additional open door for greater service in the Name of our Lord, we are humbly thankful.



Front view of the Nursing Care Unit, Bismarck, N. Dak., showing glass entrance, the large windows of the chapel, and the solarium.

in the lovely new chapel of the HOME.

The many hundreds of interested friends who gathered packed out the Chapel to the doors, then filled the halls and spread out over the lovely green lawns in front of the buildings. It was an enthusiastic and appreciative audience that enjoyed the program at which time Dr. Frank H. Woyke of Forest Park, Illinois, brought the dedication message. His very practical message emphasized the importance of the spiritual, physical and social aspects of our Christian responsibility. In these areas our BAPTIST HOME would be ministering to real and personal needs in the name of Jesus Christ.

Words of greetings and congratulations were brought by Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District Secretary; and Rev. John Grygo, pastor of the local church. State Department officials were also represented. Special music was supplied by a men's mass choir from the Underwood, Washburn and Turtle Lake Churches. A mixed choir from the HOME also served.

Many friends and Board members shared in this memorable service. Rev. Alfred Weisser, president of the Board, presided. Rev. B. W. Krentz, administrator of the HOME, and Rev. A. J. Fischer, chairman of the Program Committee, spoke briefly. Following the service guided tours, Open House and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

The Nursing Wing including the furniture will cost nearly \$400,000. It is the third and largest project of our HOME facilities. The completed

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# CLOUDS SO FAIR

By Mrs. Barbara Sukut  
of Ise, Japan

(Written from her hospital bed as she watched the clouds in the sky).

As I lie and watch the clouds so fair,  
I wonder what gifts they have in their care;  
Could it be precious jewels of rain,  
So needed by fields and flowers so dry?  
Open wide thy clouds, O Lord, and let them drain  
on all things that for thy showers of blessings cry!

Sometimes the clouds are dark and despairing,  
Bringing the storms of sickness and suffering,  
Tossing our frail boats till we're sure to go under;  
Then over the waves comes a sweet smelling savor;  
"Be not afraid," comes a voice through the thunder,  
And fear is dispelled as we trust in our Savior.

Most of the clouds, though we worry and fret,  
Never bring us the storms we feared would upset;  
Instead they bring shade, so we may lie down and rest,  
In the arms of our Savior, our heads on his breast;  
Then rising, with strength, we go on our joyful way,  
Confident of his guidance throughout every day.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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lege student at the Montana State College, Bozeman, Montana, and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pribnow of Lambert, Montana, was the supply pastor during the summer months of June, July and August.

• A Vacation Bible School was held at the Zion Baptist Church of Drumheller, Alberta, August 7-11. Thirty-six students participated daily in chorus singing, handwork, Bible stories and lessons. A staff of eight teachers was in charge of the following departments: BEGINNERS: Mrs. Art Freitag and Mrs. Emil Heinrich; PRIMARY: Mrs. Cornie Wiebe, Mrs. Quinton Bertsch and Mrs. Emmanuel Bertsch; JUNIORS: Mrs. Art Bertsch and Miss Doris Ziegler. Mr. Cornie Wiebe, the student pastor, acted as director. The theme, "Around the World with Christ," was stressed throughout the week as well as at the closing program as reported by Mrs. Vivian Bertsch.

• A successful Vacation Bible School was held in the First Baptist Church, Sumner, Iowa, June 12-16, with 42 pupils enrolled. Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler, the pastor's wife, was the director of the school. The theme, "Living by God's Time," was emphasized throughout the program. On Sunday evening a very fine program was held with an offering of over \$50 which was designated for Rev. and Mrs. George W. Lang in the Cameroons. Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, pastor, had the joy of baptizing six converts on Sunday, Aug. 13. On Aug. 20 in connection with the communion service the hand of Christian fellowship was extended to these young people by the pastor.



PROMINENT BAPTISTS AT THE PRESIDENT'S TABLE

The President's Table at the recent session of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance.

Left to right: Dr. Eric Ruden, Associate Secretary and author of the accompanying article; Rev. Alfonso Olmedo of San Luis, Argentina, Alliance vice-president; Dr. V. Carney Hargroves of Philadelphia, Pa.; Alliance vice-president; Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Alliance; and Dr. William R. Tolbert, Jr., vice-president of the Republic of Liberia, West Africa.

were in progress and Dr. Ruden addressed the Assembly and spoke at sectional meetings for young people and men. Shortly before his visit, Dr. Ruden was told, an East German Baptist Youth Conference had been held at Halle, attended by 9,000.

In Dresden, a civic reception was given by the Dresden Peace Committee to the leaders of the denomination attending the Assembly and to representatives of other churches in the city. Dr. Ruden was accompanied by Dr. Rudolf Thaut, secretary and missions director of the Baptist Union of Germany and by leaders of the

among the East German Baptists. Some churches maintain work in outlying areas in mission stations. In Dresden, where there are three Baptist churches with a total membership of 1,300, one church has oversight of 10 mission stations. The church at Stralsund has seven.

## PROBLEMS AND QUESTIONS

Although there is one German Baptist Union for Baptists in both East and West, the East German Baptists have their own executive committee and organizations for oversight and co-ordination of their work. Among



# We the Women

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

## INTRODUCING THE VICE-PRESIDENT

Our vice-president, Mrs. Harold Gieseke, is well-known throughout our denomination. She received her education and nurse's training in Edmonton, Alberta. The years 1945-1950 were spent in the Cameroons. Her devotion to her family and to her Lord is expressed in these words: "When ill health prevented my return to the Cameroons, God gave me one of his choice servants to be my own dear husband. We have one dear boy, age 9, who has already given his heart and life to Jesus and our desire as a family is to serve our wonderful Lord Jesus."

As a member of our Executive Committee, her experience as a missionary and also as a pastor's wife will prove valuable. Since the adoption of the proposed changes in our constitution, one of her duties will be to serve as chairman of the Scholarship Committee.

## "LIFT UP YOUR EYES"

By Mrs. Harold Gieseke  
of Norridge, Illinois

Our magazines, newspapers, television and radio broadcasts quickly arrest the attention of reader, viewer or listener if they are able to obtain private interviews with famous men or women of our day. The accounts of Jesus' earthly sojourn tell of only a few private interviews given by our Lord. John, in chapters three and four of his gospel, tells of two privileged people who had the unusual experiences of speaking to God's Son all alone.

One of these was a highly respected, well-educated man, "a ruler of the Jews." The other was a woman. She was despised, immoral and a Samaritan. To this woman was given some of the most profound teaching concerning God, our Heavenly Father—and she in turn became a renowned missionary.

You remember the story, don't you? The disciples had gone "to buy meat." I often wonder how they must have hated this, and for moral support all twelve went. Jesus left alone, "wearing with his journey, sat thus on the well." God's Word tells us, "then cometh a woman of Samaria."

Does the ensuing conversation not thrill you? He who came that "in every nation" men could become the sons of God was not disturbed by racial differences. He, the master psychiatrist, knew immediately that sin with all its ugly results was the real cause of her unhappiness. Graciously he offered her pardon and peace as he said, "I that speak unto thee am he"

## BOOK REVIEWS

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Belgian Gospel Mission. These heart warming and soul stirring meditations apply the teachings of the Scriptures to daily life. They are choice readings for the quiet hour. They are excellent to present as brief talks for devotional periods. But the book should prove especially valuable to busy pastors, teachers, youth leaders and lay speakers who are called upon to make short devotional talks. The book is rich with provocative quotations and choice illustrations such as "God can't steer a stationary person, but He can steer someone who is moving and willing to be steered." Evangelical in tone, Scriptural in content and provocative in its interpretations, this book can be highly recommended.

THE UNFOLDING MESSAGE OF  
THE BIBLE by G. Campbell Morgan—Fleming H. Revell Company—416 pages—\$5.50.

Dr. G. Campbell Morgan of England was one of the greatest expository preachers of our time. How thrilled and blessed I was to hear him on scores of memorable occasions! He was the author of more than 50 books, many of which are still best sellers in religious circles. But this is a uniquely different book by Dr. Morgan, employing the sweeping technique of the telescope, revealing the grandeur of the Bible as a complex unity centering in Christ—Prophet, Priest and King. These timeless and vividly phrased messages by the beloved "Prince of Expositors" provide a compelling narrative interpretation of the Bible in its entirety and show the essential purpose and place of every Bible Book in the glorious harmony of God's unfolding message.

This is completely new and previously unpublished material. It ought to be in every minister's library and read by every diligent student of the Word. For this is essentially a fire-side chat, and the most informal of all of Dr. Morgan's many writings. It is as though the reader were invited to the home of the renowned and beloved scholar to sit before the fire

—both Messiah and Christ.

Upon this transformed woman's invitation, the residents of the city "came unto him." Jesus and his amazed followers saw them coming and in speaking to his disciples the Master said, "Lift up your eyes and look . . ."

Today in our world so torn because of racial hatreds, so sad because of sin, our Lord Jesus still says to those who know him, "Lift up your eyes and look." See the needs of those without the personal knowledge of your Savior.

In the coming three years may we lift up our eyes and see through eyes of love those who need the peace and forgiveness offered by our wonderful Lord.

and just talk about the Scriptures. It is as intimate as that! The glory of the Bible's divine inspiration and the divine, interwoven tapestry of the Word in all of its harmony and majesty will be clearly seen by everyone who reads and studies this distinguished book.

SEARCHLIGHTS ON CONTEMPORARY THEOLOGY, by Nels F. S. Ferré—Harper and Brothers—1961—241 pages—\$4.50. (Reviewed by Dr. Ralph E. Powell, North American Baptist Seminary Faculty).

This is a very rewarding book for the serious theological thinker, packed with much significant information about and insight into contemporary theology. As the title indicates, the various chapters of the book are like searchlights which brilliantly illuminate the different areas of thought brought into view. A wide range of topics is treated by the author, who is Professor of Christian Theology at Andover Newton Theological Seminary.

Few theologians today play a more important role in the crosscurrent of theological discussion than Dr. Nels Ferré. He combines the profound intellect of a master theologian with the tireless energy of a zealous prophet. His vast output of articles, lectures and books reflects his concern for the religious situation of our day as being filled with danger and with promise. Ferré is quite a controversial figure on the contemporary scene. No one who knows anything about his theology will expect to agree with him on everything, but this need not detract from the value of this very stimulating and highly informative book.

The early chapters on the place and power of theological language are particularly difficult reading, but bring the reader abreast with much of the context of modern thought. Dealt with are myth, symbol, paradox, analogy, linguistic analysis and transcendence. The section on faith and freedom is clearly cast in the mold of Kierkegaardian existentialism. Ferré's creative description and analysis of present-day schools of theology is fascinating and provocative. His profound treatment and criticism of Bultmann and Tillich are admirably balanced.

Even while disagreeing, undoubtedly, with some aspects of his "new light on old problems," the discerning reader will be advantaged by the author's most recent thinking on the subjects treated. The closing chapters dealing with theology and higher education are of particular value, if one exercises some reserve with respect to certain of Ferré's attitude regarding biblical authority and comparative religions. At the end of chapter nineteen Ferré expresses his conviction that all religions will eventually lead to God (pp. 225-6), which is quite in line with his forthright universalism. Nevertheless, his usual approach in this volume is otherwise careful and cautious and often sounds warmly evangelical.

# What's Happening

• The Napoleon Baptist Church of Napoleon, N. Dak., has extended a call to Rev. Robert R. Hoffman of Trochu, Alberta, pastor of the Trochu Baptist Church. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Napoleon church on Nov. 5th, succeeding Rev. Henry Lang, now pastor of the Bethel Church, Harvey, N. Dak.

• Rev. Victor L. Priebe has enrolled at Drew University, Madison, N. J., for graduate studies this fall. He is completing his work toward a Ph. D. degree. His change of address will be given in the next issue. He resigned recently as pastor of the Highland Park Second Baptist Church of Louisville, Kentucky, which he served while studying at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

• Miss Margaret Stober of Vancouver, B. C., the organist of the Ebenezer Baptist Church for more than a year, and Mr. Ronald Roller of Victoria, B. C., a member of the Ebenezer Church, were married by the Rev. Otto Patzia on Sept. 9th. Mr. Roller is serving as a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Victoria. The church recognized the faithful services of the organist, the former Miss Stober, on Sunday, Aug. 27.

• From Oct. 12 to 15 the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon is celebrating its 70th anniversary. Dr. John Wobig, pastor, and Rev. Bruce Rich, director of Christian Education, will be directing the anniversary festivities. From Oct. 22 to 29 the church will hold its annual fall Spiritual Crusade with President Frank Veninga of the North American Baptist Seminary as the guest speaker.

• The Salem Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, has extended a call to Mr. Werner Waitkus, a theological student at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, to serve as its student pastor. He has responded favorably to the call. His home church is the Kitimat Baptist Church of Kitimat, British Columbia. On Sunday, Sept. 3rd, Dr. A. S. Felberg, president of the Christian Training Institute, conducted a service of installation for Mr. Waitkus at the Salem Church.

• The First Baptist Church of Jamestown, N. Dak., has extended a call to Rev. H. Walter Trim of Bozeman, Montana, to which he has responded favorably. He began his ministry in the Jamestown church on Sept. 17, succeeding Rev. George Robinson, now of Wausau, Wis. A reception for Rev. and Mrs. H. Walter Trim was held on Wednesday evening, Sept. 20, at which time the church also recognized

the faithful ministry of the interim pastor, Dr. M. Vanderbeck.

• The Iowa Association of North American Baptist Churches convened at the Oak Street Baptist Church Burlington, Iowa, from Oct. 2 to 4. Denominational speakers included Dr. Paul Gebauer, Rev. J. C. Gunst and Prof. Roy Seibel. The church held a recognition service and fellowship dinner on Sunday, July 30, on the occasion of Rev. Howard Johnson's first anniversary as pastor of the church. A Polaroid Land Camera and a lovely anniversary cake were presented to the pastor and his family.

• In August two revered couples in the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., celebrated their golden wedding anniversaries. They are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kulinna of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Mr. and Mrs. August Sayenga of Wexford, Pa. On Sunday morning, Aug. 20, Mr. Adam Yung of the church spoke to the combined Sunday School classes from the Junior to Adult Departments about his year long stay in Europe and about Protestant Sunday School activities in Europe. Rev. Raymond P. Yahn is pastor of the church.

• Six acres of wooded property at White Rock, British Columbia, were purchased by the British Columbia Association of North American Baptist churches for about \$30,000. This property will be converted into Evergreen Home for the Aged to be sponsored by these churches. The Board of Directors is making preliminary plans for the construction of the new buildings in the near future. The officers of the board are Mr. Joe Klassen; vice-president, Rev. Isador Faszer; secretary, Rev. Phil Daum; and treasurer, Mr. Robert Rapske.

• Mrs. Leslie M. Chaffee and Miss Betty Mantay, Cameroons missionar-

ies, sailed from England for the mission field in the Cameroons, Africa on Sept. 4, and arrived in Africa prior to Oct. 1st when the Cameroons became officially a part of the Republic of Cameroun. They were detained in England awaiting developments on the Cameroons field. Mrs. Chaffee and two of her daughters will rejoin her husband at the Bansa Baptist Hospital and Miss Mantay, missionary nurse, will begin her first term of service in the Cameroons.

• The members of the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle, N. Dak., plan to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the churches of Gackle and Alfred, November 17-19, and invite all former pastors and former members to attend this occasion. Those who cannot attend are invited to write a letter of greeting. Excerpts from the letters will be printed in the Anniversary Booklet that is being prepared if they arrive by November 1. Those requesting copies of the booklet may receive them by requesting them in their letters.

• Miss Louise Giedt of New York, N. Y., a second year student at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, served for three months this past summer in the Ebenezer Church of Vancouver, B. C. She worked under the Student Service Plan of the denomination. She was the office secretary, worker in the Vacation Bible School and Sunday School teacher in the Ebenezer Church. Her ministry was deeply appreciated by the church. On Sunday evening, Aug. 27, the Sunday School teachers and officers and young people held a farewell reception for her and presented her with a lovely blanket as a gift.

• The "God's Volunteers" team will be serving three of the Dakota Conference churches during the next month. The young people are at the Ashley Baptist Church, Ashley, N. Dak., from Oct. 10 to 22, with Rev. A. Bibelheimer as pastor. From Oct. 22 to 29 they will serve the First Baptist Church and community of Wishek, N. Dak., with Rev. Carl Weisser as pastor. From Oct. 30 to Nov. 5 they will be at the First Baptist Church of Underwood, N. Dak., with Rev. Gordon Voegelé as the minister. The team's director, Rev. Walter Hoffman, will also conduct the public services held by the team of "God's Volunteers."

• The First Baptist Church of Sidney, Montana has extended a call to Rev. Arnold Friez of Anamoose, N. Dak., to which he has responded favorably. He has announced that he will begin his ministry in Sidney on Nov. 1st. He has served as the pastor of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church near Anamoose, N. Dak. since 1958. Rev. H. Lohr of Parkersburg, Iowa is serving as the supply pastor at Sidney during the months of September and October. Mr. Gustave Pribnow, who is a col-

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# Sunday School Lessons

## A TEACHING GUIDE

October 22, 1961

**Theme: GROWTH IN CHRISTIAN RELATIONSHIPS**

**Scripture: Colossians 3:8-17**

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** When once our relationship with God is established, it must also become evident in our human relationships.

**INTRODUCTION:** Evangelism stresses the new birth, conversion and justification. It is concerned about getting right with God, about a new beginning, about forgiveness of sin, about acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Christian education is concerned with growth. It emphasizes the necessity of our intellectual understanding of God's Word, of a practical application of his Word in all areas of life, and of a growing spiritual maturity. Justification is an act in which our souls come into a right relationship with God, while sanctification is a process whereby we are led step by step into an ever deeper and more mature spiritual life.

The Christian life is more than the reciting of creeds and the memorizing of Bible verses and chapters. The real meaning will become evident in our daily conduct. As James so clearly states, we must be doers of the word and not hearers only.

**I. THE NEGATIVE ASPECT OF GROWTH. Colossians 3:8, 9.**

In our present day system of secular as well as religious education, we have toned down the "don'ts" and the "shalt nots" to such a degree that we have become almost entirely free of negatives. The Word of God, however, has not eliminated them. We cannot do away with the Ten Commandments simply because they are based on "Thou shalt not." The New Testament also emphasizes many things that we should not do. Negatives in our Christian teaching may not be the primary goal of Christian growth, but they still serve a purpose which is very necessary in our first steps toward spiritual maturity. Paul did not hesitate to tell the Colossian Christians that there are many things that must be put off, that they must not do.

**II. THE POSITIVE ASPECT OF GROWTH. Colossians 3:10-14.**

In these verses of Scripture we see more clearly why the Apostle began his instruction with a negative aspect. He wished to impress upon his congregation the fact that there must be a subtraction before there can be an addition. The purpose of "putting off" is a preparation for "putting on." We must be emptied before we can

be filled. The old man must be put off before the new man can be put on.

Paul believed that knowledge, insight and information are necessary, because the more we know about Jesus Christ, the better will be our image of him, and the more we will strive to be like him. And since God created all men, of whatever race or color, we must also see the possibility of his image in them without discrimination. The "garments of salvation" and Christian maturity are listed categorically.

**III. THE SUBMISSIVE ASPECTS OF GROWTH. Colossians 3:15-17.**

Paul uses short, meaningful, single syllable words: "put off," "put on," "let." The first two seem to indicate some effort on our part, but the third has within it an element of faith and trust—a patient waiting to see what God can do if we only "let" him.

In nature there are some things which require our help. We can pull the weeds and cultivate the flowers, but we must "let" the rain fall and we must "let" the sun shine. In the spiritual life there is some work which we can perform up to a certain degree, and after that we must simply bow before him in submission and "let" him have his way with us.

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: October 29, 1961

**Theme: THE CHURCH AND CHRISTIAN GROWTH**

**Scripture: I Corinthians 12:12-17**

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** Christian growth involves not only the individual but the whole Church of Jesus Christ.

**INTRODUCTION:** A famous doctor remembers her mother saying: "God looks out for fools and drunks. Since you are neither, you'll have to look out for yourself." Such advice has no meaning for the Christian for he is too weak and helpless to attempt such an impossible task. He would be a fool to try it.

There are two sources from which our help comes. First, we know that God does care for his own. He "looks out" for us. Secondly, we know that, as members of the Church of Jesus Christ, we care for each other. We "look out" for one another. In the plan of God there is no provision for an organization of "hermit" Christians.

The editor of this page, "Sunday School Lessons," is Rev. B. C. Schreiber, who lives at 1026 S. Harvey, Oak Park, Illinois.

We are dependent on God and as members of the Church of Christ we give witness to the fact that we are interdependent. There are many things which we can and must do together which cannot be done separately. "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together" is a command as well as a necessity. The blessings of corporate prayer and worship are as necessary to our Christian growth as our secret prayer and meditation.

**I. CHRISTIAN GROWTH IN THE CHURCH THROUGH UNITY. I Corinthians 12:12-14.**

In the beginning of the chapter, Paul emphasized the diversity of gifts and the indwelling of the Spirit in the church. The different gifts, however, have a basic unity and this is what the Apostle wishes to clarify.

The Church is one Body, but, like a physical body, it has many parts or members. Despite their differences and number, they are still one body. Paul seems to avoid the word "church" and emphasizes the unity and oneness of Christ—"so also is Christ." In effect he is saying that the unity found in Christ exists eternally, and that if the Church is to enter into this unity it must come in on God's terms. It is primarily a spiritual unity and not a mechanical unity created by man.

**II. CHRISTIAN GROWTH IN THE CHURCH THROUGH INTERDEPENDENCE. I Corinthians 12:15-22.**

People are not all of one character, nature and ability. The very differences and inequalities of people are what makes life interesting. Because others are different from us, they can contribute to our lives and we to theirs. Diversity makes life possible, for where would we be if everybody wanted to be musicians and nobody wanted to be farmers?

So also in the church. God has assigned every member a particular place and responsibility according to the gifts given to that member. When we rebel against our gifts, we rebel against God who gave them. We are to develop these gifts and not covet the gifts of others.

**III. CHRISTIAN GROWTH IN THE CHURCH THROUGH HUMILITY. I Corinthians 12:23-27.**

The loss of one member, no matter how insignificant, affects the whole body. The suffering of one is the suffering of the whole, and the honor of the one is the honor of the whole. Because their life is one life, "the members should have the same care one for another."

The life of the true member depends on a living relationship to the body, and the body, to function properly, requires the working of every member. The true church, although complete in Christ, requires in its life here the interdependence which can only be accomplished through humility.

# New Church Organized in Kelowna, B. C.

The story of the organization, recognition and growth of the Trinity Baptist Church, Kelowna, British Columbia, by Miss Rose Leschert.

**T**HE LORD has seen fit to move again in our midst and to extend his work in Kelowna, British Columbia. We had a need in our church for both languages for the benefit of our many older members who came here to retire. Thus, we divided the services in January 1960, by remodeling the lower auditorium and using it for the English speaking group with Rev. E. Nikkel, pastor, alternating the services. Mr. Archie Bredin was also appointed as chairman for the group.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL OF 164

We began with 119 people enrolled in the Sunday School. The South Kelowna Mission voted to join with the group bringing the Sunday School enrollment to 164. Mr. Bert Badke is our very efficient superintendent. We carried on an extensive visitation program and the work soon grew by leaps and bounds. We felt the Lord's blessing upon it.

We also formed a Woman's Missionary Guild of 18 members which now stands at 28 members and many visitors. Mrs. Elsie Hait is the Guild's president and Margret Werger is the secretary. A Ladies' Choir was also formed of which Mrs. Ruby Busch is the able director, assisted by Edith Hoffman. Also an outstanding male choir of 18 voices directed by Walter Hait was organized.

The young people's group was reorganized with consecrated young people under their advisor, Mr. Ertman Bredin. Friday night is Family Night with prayer meeting upstairs. Junior League, directed by Dieter and Elizabeth Bothe, and the Happy Hour Bi-

ble Clubs by Mrs. Ida Hemmerling, ably assisted by Mrs. Melita Link, are also functioning.

## CHURCH OF 84 MEMBERS

In January 1961, we voted to form into an organized branch group and build out in the newer area of our growing city. So on March 23rd the British Columbia Council met to recognize the new Trinity Baptist Church

churches, with the German service from 10 a. m. to 11 a. m., and the English service from 11 a. m. to 12 o'clock. The evening services alternate. Mr. Nikkel also conducts the weekly services. We are most grateful for his wonderful, consecrated, spiritual leadership.

We plan to build as soon as we have settled on a piece of property. We are looking forward to great things from



Charter members, numbering 70, of the newly organized and recognized Trinity Baptist Church, Kelowna, British Columbia.

of 70 members. Mr. Archie Bredin was again appointed as moderator and Dan Pahl, Otto Schlenker, Archie Bredin as deacons. We have especially been blessed in contacting and establishing Christians who had not settled in a church home. Our membership now stands at 84 through baptism and letter.

Rev. E. Nikkel is serving both

the Lord. We have a very talented and a very aggressive group thrilled with the opportunities that are thus afforded us to be a testimony in this city. We shall continue to look to the Lord for a pastor to lead us when we move to the new location.

## RECOGNITION SERVICE

Upon the invitation of the Trinity Baptist Church of Kelowna, British Columbia, pastors and delegates of the various churches of the British Columbia Baptist Association met at the Grace Baptist Church, March 23, 1961 to consider the doctrinal position and the declared purpose of the newly organized Trinity Church.

Rev. E. H. Nikkel called the meeting to order, welcomed the guests and called for a season of prayer. A total of six churches were represented with 16 delegates. Our Western District Secretary, Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, was also seated as a voting member. Rev. O. Patzia was elected chairman of the Council and Rev. I. Faszler as secretary. Mr. Archie Bredin, moderator for the Trinity Church, was called on to clarify the doctrinal position of the church. The purpose of the church is to serve those limited in the German language and to reach out into the community. We have already added 50 new scholars in Sunday School during the past three months. The church

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RECOGNITION COUNCIL AT KELOWNA, B. C.

Back Row: Rev. O. Patzia, Rev. I. Faszler, Mr. J. Paschold, Mr. E. Spletzer, Mr. A. Bredin and Mr. E. Werger.  
Middle Row: Mr. E. Taran, Mr. J. Taranowski, Mr. W. Heine, Mr. A. Haas, Mr. H. Redlig, and Mr. Sommerfeld.  
Front Row: Rev. B. Milner, Rev. J. Sonnenberg, Rev. F. Ohlmann, Rev. J. Kornalewski and Rev. E. Nikkel.

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# Our Denomination in ACTION

## Northern District

### Vacation Bible School at Baptist Church, Moosehorn, Man.

The Moosehorn Baptist Church of Moosehorn, Man., held its Vacation Bible School from July 3 to 14 with an average attendance of 36 children. The four teachers were Mr. J. Kauenhofen, Junior Class; Rev. B. Voss, Intermediates; Mrs. B. Voss, Beginners; and Miss L. Voss, Primary Class. The helpers were Mrs. H. Russell, Mrs. L. Plump and Miss D. Fierback.

A program was given on Friday, July 14, by the children. This was in the form of a radio broadcast with two studios, A and B. The handwork was displayed as well as the woodwork. The ten days of Vacation Bible School were filled with interesting lessons and choruses. A small group picture was taken at the closing program. (Editor's note: We are unable to publish this picture).

Miss Diane Fierback, Reporter

### Golden Wedding Celebration, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schneider

Memories of well over half a century were shared by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schneider of Medicine Hat, Alberta, when they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary with open house for friends, relatives, and members of the Grace Baptist Church. Even the mayor of Medicine Hat, Mr. Harry Veiner, took time out to congratulate the honored couple, referring to them as "pioneers around this area."

Mr. and Mrs. Schneider were married in a little school house by Rev. Fred Miller in 1911. Promptly after the ceremony, the couple left for the Hilda district where they homesteaded for a good many years. Mr. Schneider and his brother claim to be the first settlers in the district. In 1917 the family moved to Irvine, where Mr. Schneider worked as a postmaster and along with his brother ran a general store. In 1941 they retired to Medicine Hat. The Schneiders have five children and 18 grandchildren. May God grant it that their remaining years may yet be the most happy and blessed ones!

By one of their grandchildren,  
Fay Hunsicker

### Wedding Bells for Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Patzia

One short moment and two little words can culminate months and often years of loving, hoping and planning. "I do!" And with those two little words, Arthur Patzia and Dorothy Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Manitoba became husband and wife. It took place on July 15th in the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Rev. H. J. Waltereit, pastor of the church, spoke suitable words from Scripture which should be a lifetime guide to the young couple, "Faithful in your High Calling." Rev. Wm. Stur-



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schneider of Medicine Hat, Alta., members of the Grace Baptist Church, on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

hahn, the father of the lovely bride presented the vows, and then each one repeated the vow to the marriage partner. It was a double ring ceremony with three couples in attendance.

The reception took place in the church basement. A well planned program, with Mr. Edmund B. Streuber as master of ceremonies, followed a delicious chicken dinner. The many wonderful gifts for the young couple must have been an indication of the high esteem in which both Arthur and Dorothy are held in the church and by many friends. The young Mrs. Patzia was active in youth work, taught a Sunday School class and was organist of the church. Mr. Patzia is president of the denominational CBY Fellowship. He is presently a third year theology student at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Mrs. Patzia will teach school in Sioux Falls. The CBY Executive also conveyed their congratulations.

Reporter

### Fall Festival at Central Baptist Home, Chicago, Ill., on Oct. 26.

The Women's Service Union of Chicago, Ill., and vicinity is sponsoring its annual Fall Festival at the Central Baptist Home for the Aged on Oct. 26, 1961. The public is invited to come to the Festival at any time after 1:30 P.M. Many useful and interesting articles including bakery goods, homemade candy, hand made articles, new and used clothing and attic treasures will be on sale during the afternoon. The coffee shop will be open from 1:30 to 4:00 P.M. Come and visit with your friends as you partake of the delicious desserts and coffee. Dinner will be served at 5:30 and at 6:30 P.M.

### Northern Conference Woman's Missionary Union Activities

The business session of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Northern Conference was held on Friday, July 28, at the German Baptist Mission Church, Winnipeg. After a brief devotional at which Miss Tina Schmidt was guest speaker, Mrs. R. Milbrandt, president, conducted the business meeting. The main item on the agenda was the adoption of a revised constitution for the Northern Conference Woman's Missionary Union. The following officers will serve for the coming year: president, Mrs. H. Waltereit; vice president, Mrs. J. Kuehn; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. J. Wollenberg; White Cross Chairman, Mrs. E. Hohn.

At the program Mrs. R. Milbrandt, past president, chaired the service. The song service was led by Mrs. E. Hohn, and the scripture reading and prayer by Mrs. J. Kuehn and Mrs. B. Miller. Inspiring numbers in song were given by the ladies of the German Baptist Mission Church, a ladies' choral group representing the McDermot Church, and a solo was sung by Miss Trudy Milbrandt. Rev. H. Hiller conducted the installation service for the new slate of officers. The Northern Conference Memorial Service was led by Rev. H. Palfenier. A dialogue in German was presented by the ladies of the host church. Our missionaries, Miss Tina Schmidt and Mr. W. Rentz, challenged our hearts anew with words in season from God's Word and from their experiences on the field.

Mrs. V. Pahl, Reporter

## Eastern District

### Missionary Commissioning Service At Detroit's Ebenezer Church

A commissioning service was held at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., on Wednesday evening, August 30th, for Mr. and Mrs. Donald Witt, missionaries to the Cameroons Protestant College in the Cameroons, Africa. The pastor, Rev. E. Arthur McAsh, led the interesting service as a large congregation joined to commit these young people to the Lord's guidance in their missionary calling. Donald and Ruth Witt have both found the Lord in this their home church and have grown up in the Ebenezer congregation.

Rev. Carl Witt, cousin to Donald, gave the principal sermon, and Dr. M. A. Darroch, associate pastor, led in the dedicatory prayer. A reception followed the service in the Fellowship Hall. This young couple will be greatly missed in their home church where they were active leaders in the youth work, and where Donald was Choir Director with great success for a number of years. The church's prayers will follow them in their service in the Cameroons.

E. A. McAsh, Pastor

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### Mayforth Brothers Are Ordained, St. Joseph, Mich.

The First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mich., had the rare privilege of calling an Ordination Council for August 19 to hear the statements of faith and doctrine of two brothers, C. Richard Mayforth and Ronald E. Mayforth, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mayforth of Benton Harbor, Mich. With Rev. Fred Sonnenberg of Chicago, Ill., as moderator, the Council listened to the Christian testimonies, subsequent calls to the ministry and doctrinal statement of the candidates.

The ordination service was held that evening with Dr. Donald G. Davis of the Berean Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif., delivering the sermon. Rev. W. Hoover of the Napier Parkview Church, Benton Harbor, offered the ordination prayer. Rev. L. H. Broecker, pastor of the host church, gave the charge to the candidates. Rev. Fred Sonnenberg welcomed them into the ministry.

Richard Mayforth was graduated from Wheaton College in 1957 with a B. A. in Sociology; and from Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif., in 1960 with a B. D. During the spring semester of 1961, he was enrolled in several missions courses at the North American Baptist Seminary. In 1957, Richard married Frances Sobieski, a Registered Nurse from his home church. They have one child, a son, Bart Eric. Together they have accepted a call to the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kyle, Texas, and the Elm Creek Baptist Church, La Vernia, Texas.

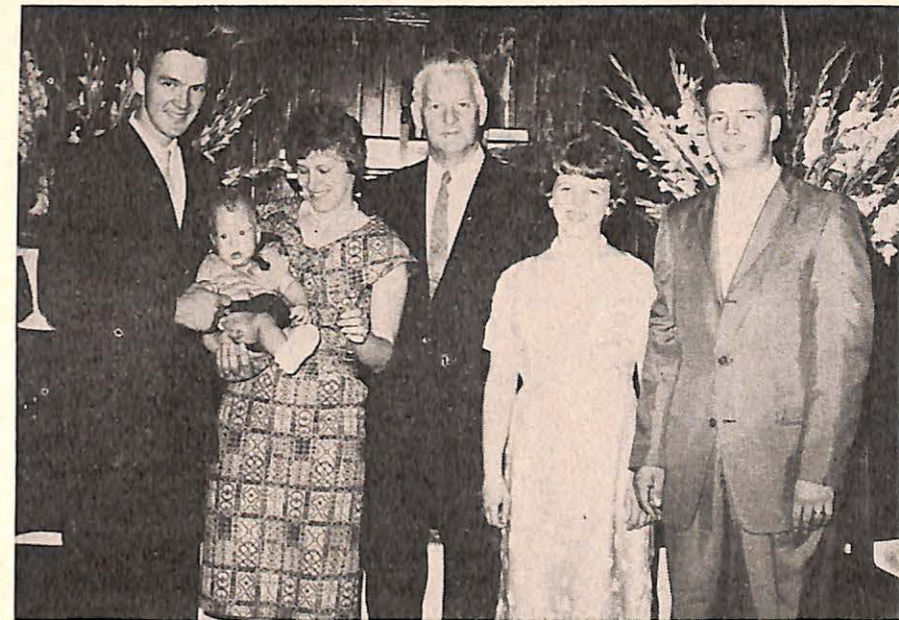
Ronald Mayforth was graduated from the Fort Wayne Bible College, Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1960 with a B. A. in Social Studies. He is presently enrolled at the North American Baptist Seminary, working toward a B. D., majoring in theology. In 1959, Ronald married Sharon Yntema of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Mich. Also a graduate of Fort Wayne Bible College, she teaches in the public schools at Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Ronald is at present student pastor at the Harmony Presbyterian Church, Hurley, S. Dak.

Martin D. Pshigoda, Reporter

### Story of Newly Organized Fellowship Chapel, Michigan

The Fellowship Baptist Chapel of Sterling Township in Michigan is something new in the annals of our denomination, and by God's grace we hope to report great things in the future. Yes, we are a new church and expect to be taken in as such in our Central Conference soon and want to give an account of our short history. After a long period of struggle and prayer we decided to separate from our mother church, Ridgmont Baptist of East Detroit, formerly the Conner Baptist Church of Detroit, in which God so richly blessed us for so many years.

God leads all the way. God's children always testify to this fact. It happened that through the efforts of Mr. Gus Wahl we were able to purchase an old school property, which was closed three years ago. For almost four months we have seen busy hands convert the two old schoolbuildings into a worthy house of worship. We feel so much at home in this new church in a rural environment with farms nearby and entire new residen-



DOUBLE ORDINATION SERVICE AT ST. JOSEPH, MICH.

Happy scene at the First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mich., following the ordination service for two brothers.

Left to right: Rev. C. Richard Mayforth, Mrs. C. Richard (Frances) Mayforth holding Bart Eric Mayforth, Rev. L. H. Broecker, Mrs. Ronald E. (Sharon) Mayforth, and Rev. Ronald E. Mayforth. (Photo by Leo Cuthbert).

tial districts developing. Where children were taught for nearly 80 years in the fundamental principles of our forefathers and in our country's motto, "In God We Trust," in this same building we now as congregation look up to our Teacher and Master and say again: "In God we trust." In June of this year we organized as a church with 78 charter members. Rev. Walter Stein is our pastor, who accepted with great joy our call, since he only served for about 1½ years in Ridgmont. Ralph Joly, one of our members studying for the ministry, filled the pulpit very faithfully in the absence of a preacher until Mr. Stein arrived.

When Rev. Walter Stein began his ministry on July 9, he launched the Vacation Bible School on the following day for two weeks. Here again we can testify that God answers prayers, because Mr. Stein and his helpers enjoyed teaching 61 children in a strange neighborhood under difficult circumstances with alterations going on. A program on July 23 proved this first Vacation Bible School to have been a success. Since we are only a small group, we want you to pray for us, that God in his grace might lead us and that we might depend on him in all things. Robert von Nolting, Reporter

### 75TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY, WISHEK, N. DAK.

NOV. 12, 13 and 15, 1961

The First Baptist Church of Wishek, N. Dak., will celebrate its 75th anniversary beginning with Sunday, Nov. 12. Dr. Ralph E. Powell of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., will be the guest speaker. Former members and friends can send their greetings to the pastor, Rev. Carl R. Weisser, Wishek, North Dakota.

The dates for all the anniversary festivities are November 12, 13 and 15. The first two dates will be special services and the 15th will be a fellowship supper for the members of the church.

## Central District

### Women's Missionary Tea At Lehr, North Dakota

The Woman's Missionary Society of Lehr, N. Dak., was host at a missionary tea on August 18th to about 75 women of the surrounding churches. Mrs. E. S. Fenske, our president, was in charge of the program. Mrs. Albert Reddig from Cathay, N. Dak., was the guest speaker. After a brief welcome talk by your president, a corsage was pinned on Mrs. Reddig by our vice president, Mrs. John Kranzler. Mrs. Reddig spoke on "Living Abundantly." Her message was greatly enjoyed by all. Each visiting society present participated with a special number. The last number, "My God and I," by the Lehr Women's Aid brought the evening service to a close.

After the program, we all went down to the church parlors where the refreshments were served and an hour of fellowship was enjoyed. God be praised for every blessing that was ours in fellowship with one another and with HIM who is the Giver of all good things.

Mrs. Jacob Schopp, Secretary

### Napoleon's Farewell for Rev. and Mrs. Henry Lang

On Sunday evening, Aug. 20, after the regular church service, the Baptist Church of Napoleon, N. Dak., gathered to bid farewell to its pastor, Rev. Henry Lang and family. During the nine years that the Langs have been with us, many things have been accomplished for the Lord. One of the outstanding blessings was the building of a new church edifice during the summer of 1960.

One of our deacons, Mr. Otto Grenz, served as master of ceremonies. Words of gratitude by the deacon and leader of every branch of the church were

extended to the Langs together with a purse of money.

We were fortunate to have with us many of our young people who are teaching or going to college. We were

the Sunday School. It was the pastor's last such service before moving to Harvey, N. Dak., to become pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church.

Henry Lang, Reporter



Children and teachers in the first Vacation Bible School held by the Immanuel Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia.

especially blessed by the numbers that were rendered by the young men's quartet, which was started by Rev. and Mrs. Henry Lang. Three of these young men are pre-enrolled in our seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Mr. and Mrs. Lang then responded with words of appreciation for the wonderful cooperation that existed between pastor and church. We wish the Langs God's richest blessings on their new field at Harvey, N. Dak.

Gideon Oldenburger, Reporter

### Recent Activities at Baptist Church, Napoleon, N. Dak.

Sunday, August 6, was a memorable day for the Napoleon Baptist Church, Napoleon, N. Dak., when it dedicated its baptismal painting painted by Mrs. Earle T. Favro of Spartanburg, S. Car. The picture portrays a scene of the present day upper Jordan Valley in Palestine with the Jordan River in living colors. The painting was presented to the Napoleon Church by Mrs. Edward Sukut and family in loving memory of Abraham Sukut who was killed in a truck accident last February. The presentation was made by Jacob Sukut, a brother of the deceased. Otto Grenz brought words of acceptance in behalf of the church after which Rev. Henry Lang led in the dedication prayer.

On Sunday, August 20, the Napoleon Baptist Church had a full day of activities with the baptism of four converts who followed the Lord in this important step of obedience. It was a real joy for the pastor to baptize a man 78 years of age, Mr. Phillip Koch. Mrs. Sally Jesser, also from an Evangelical Free Church background, took this step and together with her husband, Ray Jesser, a member of the Bismarck Baptist Church and principal of the Napoleon High School, joined the church. Janell Hirsch and Katty Lachenmeyer were children from

### 65th Anniversary, Salt Creek Church, Dallas, Oregon

Sunday, July 16th, was a day of inspiration and blessing at the Salt Creek Baptist Church near Dallas, Oregon. We celebrated our 65th anniversary. Our baptistry was beautifully decorated with a large "65" fashioned from white Shasta daisies with green background made by Mrs. Darlene Thiesies. A large vase of gladiolas was in front of the pulpit, sent by the Bethel Baptist Church in Salem, and large baskets of salmon and white gladiolas were on each side of the pulpit.

Our pastor, Rev. Clarence H. Walth, welcomed everyone after which Missionary Gilbert Schneider read Eph. 2:10-22. We then enjoyed a duet by Mrs. Walth and her sister, Miss Joan Benson. The Men's Choir also sang led by Walter Schmitke. We were inspired by the sermon preached by our former pastor, Rev. Robert Penner of Lansing, Mich.

Our afternoon service consisted of the following program: invocation, Rev. E. Barker, pastor of Bethel Church in Salem, Oregon; Scripture, Rev. E. J. Schroeder; choir anthem, "Praise Ye The Father"; and greetings from Mr. A. H. Friesen, Mayor of Dallas; Rev. A. Flaming, president of the Ministerial Association; Rev. R. Penner; Rev. G. Schneider, Missionary from Africa; Men's Quartet; anniversary sermon by Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District Secretary.

Lydia Tilgner, Reporter

## Western District

### First Vacation School at Immanuel Church, Vancouver,

The first Vacation Bible School held by the Immanuel Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C., was held from July 10 to 16. A total of 129 pupils were enrolled and the average attendance was 112. A group of 18 consecrated teachers taught and guided them. Many blessings were received during this week which was climaxed on Sunday evening, July 16, when the pupils presented an excellent program. They told the congregation joyfully what they have heard and they also displayed their handwork. The church was filled to capacity.

This concluding program was a great highlight in our church. It challenged us to praise God for his faithfulness and blessings of the past and for the many opportunities he gives us now to witness for him. We are also grateful to the teachers for their fine cooperation and their faithful and sacrificial work.

D. Strohschein, Reporter

### 50TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY CHEROKEE, OKLA., ON OCT. 22, 1961

The Bethel Baptist Church of Cherokee, Oklahoma, formerly of Ingersoll, extends a very cordial invitation to all former pastors and members of this church for our 50th anniversary on Oct. 22, 1961. The morning service on Oct. 22nd will begin at 10:00 a.m. with a basket dinner and an afternoon of fellowship. The evening service will begin at 7:30 p.m. Letters and greetings can be sent to the pastor, Rev. Kenneth E. Unruh, 118 S. Oklahoma St., Cherokee, Oklahoma.

### TRINITY CHURCH, KELOWNA

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membership at present stands at 84.

The mother church stated that they were concerned to see the new church go forward and were contributing from \$5,000 to \$10,000 to the cause.

The council represented Grace Baptist, Kelowna; Faith Baptist, Vernon; Ebenezer, Vancouver; Bethany, Vancouver; and South Fort George Chapel, South Fort George. The chairman aptly expressed the feelings of the council when he said: "Undoubtedly, the spirit of unity in this council has resulted because of the patience and wise counselling of the pastor, Rev. E. H. Nikkel."

The public recognition service followed that evening with Rev. O. Patzia as chairman. Mr. John Paschold of Vancouver led the song service and Ervin Spletzer of South Fort George read the Scripture portion. The charge to the Church was given by Rev. Bert Milner of South Fort George, and the charge to the mother church by Rev. O. Patzia. Reading of the resolution was by Rev. I. Faszler, crowned with the prayer of dedication led by Rev. F. Ohlmann of Vernon. Speaker for the evening, challenging the church again to go forward and win new borders for our Lord and King, was the Rev. Joe Sonnenberg. The male choir sang songs of service and victory during and at the close of this memorable service.

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# Obituary

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

### MRS. MARY GRIMALOSKI of Raymore, Saskatchewan

Mrs. Mary Grymaloski of Raymore, Sask., was born Aug. 15, 1890 in Galicia, Austria, and went home to be with the Lord on Aug. 14, 1961 having reached the age of 71 years. Mrs. Grymaloski immigrated to Portage La Prairie, Manitoba with her parents. After her marriage with John Grymaloski, they resided on a farm near Raymore, Sask. In 1901 they moved to Raymore for retirement. She accepted Christ as her Savior in 1937 and attended the Raymore Baptist Mission Church.

Missing her greatly are her devoted husband and children: Mrs. Nellie Stores of Kandahar, Sask.; Mrs. Helen Werzak and Mrs. Mary Birch of Raymore, Sask.; Mrs. Margaret Martin of Trau B. C.; Adolph and Frank Grymaloski of Raymore, Sask.; and August Grymaloski, missionary on the Bull Indian Reserve, Wetaskiwin, Alta.; one sister living in Vancouver, B. C.; 32 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Raymore Baptist Mission Church, Raymore, Saskatchewan.

ARTHUR ZELLER, Pastor

### MR. WILLIAM H. EHRHORN of Anaheim, California

Mr. William Henry Ehrhorn of Anaheim, Calif., was born in Langstadt, Germany on Feb. 14, 1873 and passed away on July 29, 1961, having reached the age of 88 years, 5 months and 15 days. He came to America in 1883 and first lived for two years in Lebanon, Pa. From there he moved to Kansas, and settled north of Lorraine, Minn. in 1885 and then married Gesina Rolfs in ten years later he brought his wife and Lorraine and then brought his wife and family to Wasco, Calif., in 1919 to engage in farming. Mrs. Ehrhorn passed away in 1943.

On Dec. 20, 1945 he was united in marriage to Martha Dorethee Wessel and two years later moved to Anaheim, Calif. He had been an active church member and an outstanding Christian during his years at the First Baptist Church of Wasco, Calif., and then at the Bethel Church of Anaheim. He served the Lord in many ways and was a deacon, church clerk, and Sunday School superintendent during his lifetime.

Survivors include his wife, Martha, at Anaheim; one son, Arthur at Shafter; two daughters, Miss Hanna Ehrhorn at Bakersfield and Mrs. Mildred Miller at Wasco; and five grandchildren. Memorial services were conducted at the Bethel Church of Anaheim with Rev. Henry Hengstler at Los Angeles officiating. Graveside services were held at Bakersfield with Dr. B. C. Barrett serving.

Bethel Baptist Church  
Anaheim, California  
H. JOHN VANDERBECK, Pastor

### MR. JACOB KLEWENO of Bison, Kansas

Mr. Jacob Kleweno of Bison, Kansas, passed away August 29, 1961, only 5 days before his 81st birthday. He was born near Otis, Kansas, Sept. 3, 1880, and farmed in the vicinity until he retired in Bison in 1936. He was married to Miss Christina Schwindt on Dec. 27, 1903, by Rev. E. Graalman. He was baptized in 1895 by Rev. Rudolph Klitzing. He has always been a man of respectful judgment and has served in the church many years as trustee, Sunday School teacher, and treasurer. In the community he served on the school board and as director in the local Co-op. The home was a gracious refuge for preachers on a great many occasions.

He leaves to mourn his wife; one daughter, Miss Clara Kleweno of Hays; three sons: Alvin Kleweno of Bison, Harold Kleweno of Bison, Merle Kleweno of Kansas City; and five grandchildren. He leaves four brothers: Adam of Bison; Henry of Boulder, Colorado; Dave of Hutchinson; and Herman of Larned. Four sisters remain: Mrs. Kate Rein of Denver, Colorado; Mrs. Anna Pursel of Great Bend; Mrs. Sara Mattal of Bison; and Mrs. Katherine Schneider of Garden City.

First Baptist Church  
Bison, Kansas  
OLIVER K. RINGERING, Pastor

### MRS. EMMA HOFFMANN of Wilmington, Delaware

Mrs. Emma Kirn Hoffman of Wilmington, Delaware was born on March 10, 1873 in Wilmington, Del., and went home to be

with the Lord on July 31, 1961, at the age of 88 years. At an early age she found peace in the blood of the Lamb, was baptized, and united with the First German Baptist Church, now First Church of Elsmere, Del.

She became active in Sunday School, serving as a teacher for many years. She was president of the Woman's Missionary Society, and was an active member for many years. She organized the "Semper Fidelis" to interest the girls of the church. She was one of the two oldest members of the First Baptist Church of Elsmere. She married Mr. Erdman Hoffmann who preceded her in death in 1939.

Those surviving are: a sister, Miss Matilda Kirn; 2 nieces: Mrs. E. Norman Abbott and Mrs. Allison Kimmey; 4 nephews: W. K. Ayres, John Kirn, William Kirn, and John U. Tait. The undersigned served in the absence of the pastor.

Elsmere, Delaware  
REV. HERMAN G. KUHL,  
Officiating Pastor

### MRS. ELIZABETH E. VINZ of Peoria, Illinois

Mrs. Elizabeth E. Vinz of Peoria, Illinois passed away at her home on August 18, 1961. She was born in Mason County, Illinois on August 1, 1870. She was married to Albert C. Vinz in Peoria, on May 24, 1892. He passed away on Jan. 5, 1903, and the young widow raised her family in the highest traditions of a Baptist home though the road was often very difficult.

Mrs. Vinz was converted when a young girl. The Scripture text with which she responded to the inquiry of the deacons was 1 Timothy 1:12, a text which remained her favorite during her 91 years of pilgrimage. She served as treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society for 23 years, a choir member and a Sunday School teacher. God honored her faith by granting her prayer that all her children be active Christian workers. This blessing has reached down to the third generation. At the time of her passing she was the oldest member in age and length of membership. She worshipped under the ministry of 14 pastors, attended services in the three different church edifices of our church in Peoria, and turned the first shovel of ground for the present edifice. She was a Christian woman of faith and a blessing to all who knew her.

She is survived by three daughters: Esther, Alma and Lydia Vinz of Peoria; one son: Rev. Arthur A. Vinz of Helena, Montana; two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

North Sheridan Baptist Church  
Peoria, Illinois  
ROBERT S. HESS, Pastor

### MRS. LUDWIG BENKIE of Edmonton, Alberta

Mrs. Anna Marie Benkie, nee Nester, of Edmonton, Alta., was born Nov. 7, 1891 at Plum Coulee, Man., and passed away after a brief illness on August 16, 1961 at the age of 69 years, 9 months and 14 days.

She found salvation in Christ when she was 14 years old, and was baptized in June 1905 by Rev. Otto Brenner. In 1909 she moved to Edmonton and united with the Central Church where she was a life-long member and active worker, serving as Sunday School teacher, president and vice-president, and recently honorary president of the Woman's Missionary Society, singer in the choir, and most faithfully attending the church services and prayer meetings. On August 21, 1912 she was united in marriage to Mr. Ludwig Benkie and spent with him 49 happy years. This marriage was blessed with 5 children to whom she always proved to be a loving, exemplary mother.

Mourning her passing are her bereaved husband; 2 sons: John of Edmonton, and Donald of Ottawa, Ont.; 3 daughters: Adeline (Mrs. Jake Ohlmann) of Edmonton, Elsie (Mrs. W. A. R. MacDonald) of Calgary, and Doris (Mrs. F. C. Kirschmann) of Regent, N. Dak.; 16 grandchildren; 5 brothers; and 5 sisters. In the absence of her pastor, Rev. H. Hiller, who sent a letter of comfort, the Revs. A. Lamprecht and W. Goltz and the soloist Albert Lake shared in the service to honor the memory of the Lord's untiring handmaiden whose "life was Christ and whose death is gain" (Phil. 1:21).

Central Baptist Church  
Edmonton, Alberta  
HERBERT HILLER, Pastor

"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (2 Corinthians 5:1).

## BAPTIST BRIEFS

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adoption as pronouncements of the Alliance or for circulation or publication as study papers. A central panel of seven members was named to each commission.

## THE NORTHERN DISTRICT

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sake of Christ. We are, first of all, Christians and then Canadians.

Nothing is more destructive to the spirit of peace and harmony than an attitude of super-patriotism, which demands that the others use their language because "you are now in America." Such an attitude will only cause dissatisfaction and even rebellion. We love our brethren, whether they speak English or German, or both. Our great concern is to bring about a closer fellowship at conferences and other gatherings. Only thus can we be truly integrated into the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior.

There are a number of possible new development areas. The city of Calgary is bulging at its seams. There are new city developments without a Christian witness. We have several new city developments in Canada's north. Only recently my attention was drawn to two areas of possibility—one of them near Hudson Bay, Sask., where there are a number of North American Baptists in a new settlement. The other place is a mining community in Northern Manitoba, where hundreds of German immigrants have established home and work. But where are the workers for the Lord?

Both the Christian Training Institute and the Indian Mission fields are in the Northern District. Presently the Board of Missions is reviewing its policy and program among the Indians. Your District Secretary will have a good deal of responsibility in this ministry. We shall tell this story in one of the next issues of the "Baptist Herald." In the meantime, regardless of migration, drought and competition, the Lord's work continues to grow. God's people are faithful and alert in this area.

## ASIA YOUTH CONFERENCE

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ports were evidences of the fact that "the gospel is the power of God unto salvation" even in Asia.

Among the many spiritual nuggets brought to light during the conference is this one concerning the Church of Jesus Christ. "Let the church be the church" according to I Peter 2:9. Missions is not a special function of the church. It is the whole church in action. The mission of the church is living out its normal life. We are a holy nation, a dedicated people, a separated people. This is what we are. Be what you as a Christian are!"

## SIERRA HEIGHTS, WASH.

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they are taught to sing God's praise and appreciate his Word. The children need to be taught the choruses that our Sunday School children have loved for years. After the singing, there is a 40 minute study of fundamental Bible truths with each lesson pointing to Christ as Savior. The children are becoming familiar with the Bible as they look up and read various Scripture portions. Each morning's meeting is concluded with an exciting installment of a continued flannelgraph story.

Pastors and friends in the Pacific Northwest Association have provided names of prospective members. These have been contacted and a number of dedicated and enthusiastic prospects have been discovered. At the present time, there are about 20 North American Baptist adults and children who will become the backbone of the Sierra Heights Baptist Church. Regular mid-week meetings began on Tuesday evening, August 15, at the new Honeydew School which is about a mile from Sierra Heights.

### MEETING PLACE NEEDED

These are the preliminary results of the first six weeks' ministry at Sierra Heights. The crying need is for a meeting place! The community cannot be reached effectively until there is a church home to which prospects can be invited. The ministry to homes and children will continue. As confidence and interest increase, we hope to have opportunity to have home Bible classes for adults one or two evenings a week. Interested Christian families can invite a few neighbors for an informal time of Bible study and discussion. Please pray that the Lord may give this opportunity!

We urgently request the names of former North American Baptists who have moved to Seattle, Wash. We urge that anyone contemplating moving to this area seriously consider



When a family discovers a friendly church home where the Gospel message is clearly proclaimed, they have found a priceless treasure in life.

### CHURCH EXTENSION PROJECTS

More than 50 Church Extension projects have received the financial support of our denomination. At least 10 new projects could be undertaken if the funds were available. An objective of 100 new churches by 1964 has been set before us as North American Baptists in our Baptist Jubilee Advance program.

making their home in Sierra Heights. We invite visitors to Seattle's Century 21 World's Fair in the summer of 1962 to worship with us and to see for themselves the great opportunity and the urgent need for churches. The Church Extension pastor can be contacted at 10219 - 126th Ave. S. E., Renton, Washington. (Phone BA 6-5384).

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## WATERLOO, IOWA

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ing with America's system of mass production, they expect you do produce results quickly. People generally do not have a missionary and pioneer spirit. They are seeking for ease and soft living. Most people have an aversion to tackling something new and difficult.

Coming to a service of about eighteen people frightens them instead of inspiring their faith. Our herculean task is to gather enough people with a virile faith and pioneer spirit who are willing to commit themselves to forming a nucleus which will in turn draw others. We earnestly pray for people of such spirit and vision.

In the cities we are also up against top competition. Churches with the loveliest buildings, the finest facilities, the best pastors and the most carefully planned programs set the standards of excellence. To compete with inadequate facilities and a handful of inexperienced Christians would be impossible, but for the grace of God.

### YOUR MISSIONARY WORK

Is our witness here in Waterloo, Iowa, necessary? Let me answer in paraphrasing the words of a local Baptist pastor of one of the largest congregations in Waterloo. He said that he would be quick to admit that not nearly all the people are being reached with the true Gospel witness in this area. He welcomed me as one having come to strengthen the hands of the believers to get the message of good news out to lost and dying men. We heartily agree with him. Another pastor said, "There certainly is room here for another witness." We want to supply this witness. Already we have found several families, who do not attend anywhere, and more as yet who only send their children to Sunday School. To such we feel called to minister.

Church Extension is a missionary work. I believe it is definitely included in the command of Jesus to us to witness in Acts 1:8. We are commanded to be witnesses "in Jerusalem," which, of course, is our local city and church. The verse also includes "and in Samaria," which to me speaks of home missions such as our work among the Canadian Indians and the Spanish American people. "Unto the uttermost part of the earth." I am sure we are agreed that this means Africa and Japan.

One phrase of Jesus' command to witness remains and that is "IN ALL JUDEA." It is close to Jerusalem with similar conditions to our home area, but one that we dare not neglect. In our suburban city areas, our nation's population is increasing. This is the work of Church Extension. Waterloo, Iowa is your mission field, and we are your missionaries!