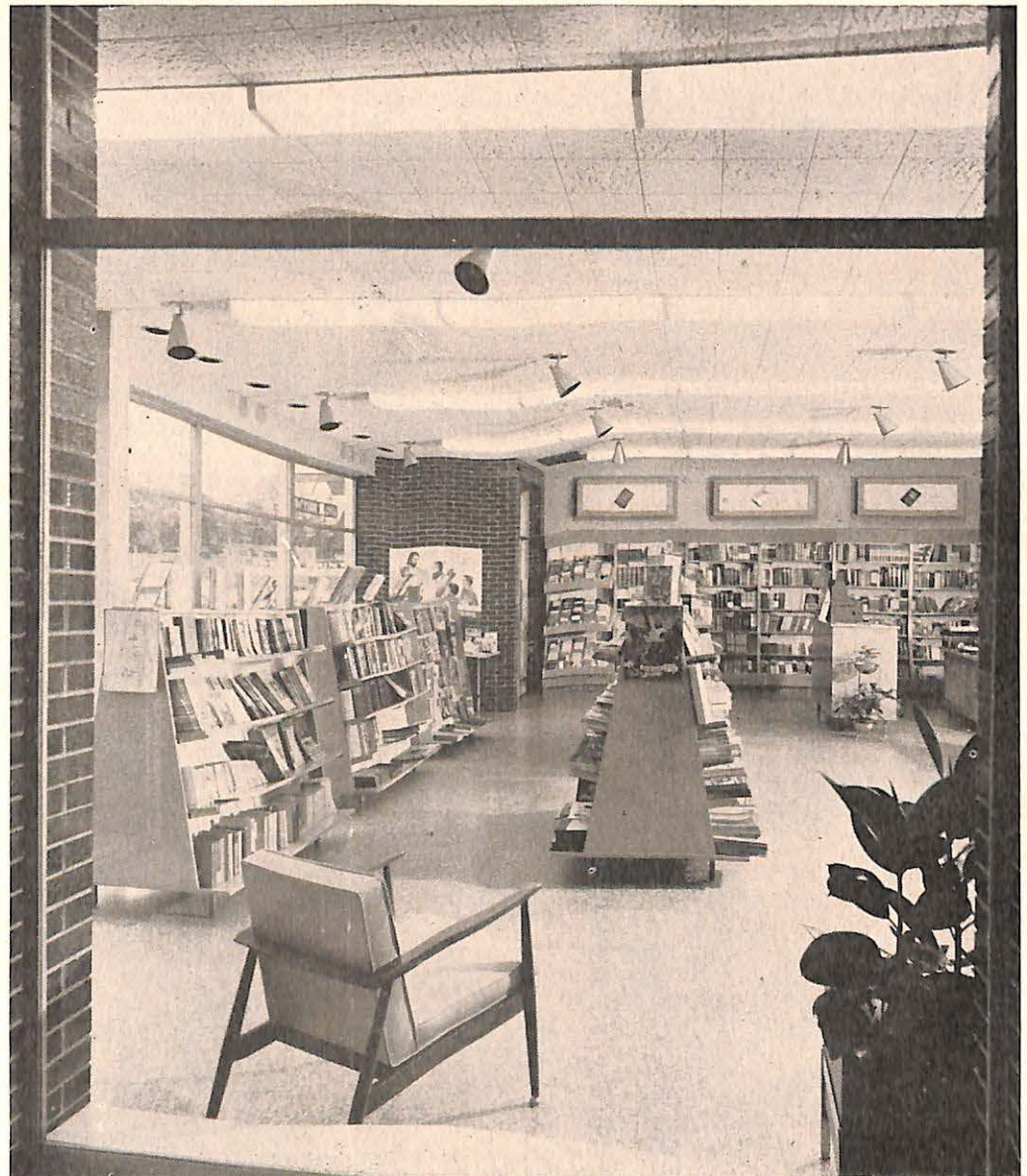


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• A mosque to serve London's 80,000 Moslems is being erected on the grounds of the Islamic Cultural Center at an estimated cost of \$1,400,000. Because of the growing numbers of Moslems coming to Britain from India and Pakistan, plans are under way to build mosques in other large cities such as Birmingham.

• Protestant and Roman Catholic churches in the Miami area have instituted programs to attract the interest of the nearly 100,000 Spanish-speaking persons, mostly Cubans, who now live in Miami, Fla. Among the Protestant churches, the most energetic program for refugees is that of the Southern Baptists. Some 3,000 Spanish-speaking Miamians are reached through 15 Baptist congregations of Latin extraction. Two more Spanish-language congregations are in the planning stage by the Baptists. Pastors for these churches are to be Cuban refugees.

—The Watchman-Examiner

• COLOMBO, CEYLON.—A religious relic, supposedly a tooth of Buddha, is playing an important role in this country's foreign relations with Red China, which were seriously ruptured when the Communists occupied Tibet. On request of the Ceylonese prime minister, the Reds sent the tooth along with a Tibetan Lama on a special plane to Colombo, where it was viewed by hundreds daily. The tooth, encased in a 360-pound gold casket, was given a huge government reception at the airport and escorted by a 100-car motorcade to Colombo's Memorial Hall.

—The Sunday School Times

• South America is one of the greatest mission fields of the world. Since such a large part of the world is shut off from the Christian church, it should give greater attention to the needs of the nations we can still enter to the south of us. Bishop Sante Ubero Barbieri, head of the Methodist church in Argentina, Uruguay and Bolivia, speaking at Silver Bay, New York, this summer said that even though the great body of Latin Americans may nominally be counted as Roman Catholics, only a small minority are active in any church, and the cultural atmosphere is largely secular in orientation. With great earnestness he declared that "the Protestant churches have no right to exist unless they consider Latin America as one of their primary mission fields and act accordingly."

—The Watchman-Examiner

• WASHINGTON, D. C. (CNS) — Youth for Christ International, an interdenominational youth organization, will hold its second Capital Teen Con-

vention in the National Guard Armory, Washington, D. C., Dec. 27-29. Serving as general chairman for the event will be Senator Frank Carlson (R-Kans.). The first Capital Teen Convention was held in Washington by Youth for Christ in 1959 and was attended by nearly 10,000 teen-agers from 48 states and 14 foreign countries. At the time the convention attracted national-wide attention because no unpleasant incident was reported while the teen-

agers were in the nation's capital. Dr. Billy Graham, evangelist and former YFC staff member, will be one of the speakers at the convention. The teen-agers will participate in daily training sessions, hear addresses on Christianity and citizenship and visit important historic monuments and government buildings. They will be housed in 25 Washington hotels and transported to the sessions on a special fleet of over 200 buses.



Baptist Briefs

• **Street Preaching in Rio.** Report of a movement of street preaching to factory workers in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, comes from David Gomes of the Evangelism Department, Brazil Baptist Convention. The first meeting, he writes, is held daily at 5 a.m., with others continuing until 8 a.m. "Hundreds are touched every day with a message. Laymen are directing it."

• **Baptists of Yugoslavia.** The Baptist Union of Yugoslavia has 4,000 members, according to a report furnished by its executive secretary, Rev. A. Lehotsky. With the recent opening of a mission church in Leskovac, an industrial city of 65,000 inhabitants, Yugoslav Baptists have begun work for the first time in central Serbia. Rev. J. Chany, a recent graduate of the Yugoslav Baptist seminary in Novi Sad, took up his duties as pastor on August 20. Rev. Lehotsky conducted the service and gave the charge to the young pastor. The 5 members of the Leskovac mission church and about 20 others attended the induction service.—The Watchman-Examiner

• **Bacone College for Indians.** Bacone College of Oklahoma enrolled the largest student body in its history at the beginning of the school year, September 6. The students come from 20 states and 40 Indian tribes; 250 are

day students who commute from their homes in Muskogee and environs. Oklahoma provides a substantial portion of the total enrollment (for nearly 1/2 of all the Indians in the United States live in this state). The college is approaching the limits of its dormitory facilities.

• **Davies Named President.** Dr. Emlyn Davies, pastor of Yorkminster Church, Toronto, was elected president of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec at its annual meeting here. He is a former president of the Canadian Council of Churches and is a member of Canada's Board of Broadcast Governors, roughly the equivalent to the U. S. Federal Communications Commission. As convention president he succeeds Norman Peveril of Sherbrooke, Que., a layman.

• **William Carey Service.** Eleven descendants of William Carey (1761-1834) were among the congregation at a service in Northampton, England marking the 200th anniversary of his birth. Because there is no Baptist church in the small Northampton village of Paulerspury where Carey was born, the service was held in the Anglican church which the future missionary attended until leaving home at the age of 14. Dr. E. A. Payne of London, general secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, was the preacher.

• **Billy Graham's Health.** Mayo clinic doctors have told Evangelist Billy Graham he is in excellent health, but must "slow down or suffer the consequences." The evangelist revealed this in a letter sent to supporters of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, with headquarters in Minneapolis. He appealed for support of the cause of evangelism. The past summer has been one of the busiest he has held. Nearly 1,500,000 persons attended his crusades in Britain, Ireland and Minnesota, with more than 50,000 of them making "commitments to Christ."

Date Set For 1965 World Congress in Miami Beach

The 11th Baptist World Congress will meet at Miami Beach, Florida, June 25-30, 1965.

Miami Beach had already been selected as the site, but decision on the date was left for the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee.

The 10th Congress met in 1960 at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, with an attendance of 13,000 registered delegates (messengers) from 70 countries. The Congress normally meets every five years.

Editorial

The Open Eye Gate

Through the eye gate we receive rich and rewarding impressions of the world around us. It is our enriching contact with the present stream of events and with the treasury of the past. Through the eye gate we enter into *adventure land*, looking at the beautiful things of God's handiwork and marveling at the miracles that are constantly unfolding before our eyes. Through the eye gate, we embark upon *fantasy land*, as we think on all the things that have happened to us and dream our dreams and fashion our ideals for the days to come. Through the eye gate, we take possession of *treasure land*, as the things we have seen and experienced become the golden treasures to be recalled and lived over again with "joy forever."

Reading is one of the most important eye gates of life. You take a book in hand, open its pages and, suddenly, you can travel to far away, colorful places of the world, or you can live again the grand hours of history, or you can see a vision of what your life might be. Every word you read becomes a nugget of memory, to be stored like gold in the treasure house of your life. In comparison with the many luxuries of life which we take for granted, our reading adventures are very inexpensive. The 26 issues of the "Baptist Herald" over a full year cost you only \$3.00 or \$3.50, but they are your eye gate to heavenly treasures and marvelous blessings throughout the year.

Only an informed Christian has opened his eyes to the real wonders of the abundant life in Christ. The reading of the Bible has become his daily joy. He knows the story of God's guiding hand in the lives of his children and his church, and therefore takes courage as he faces the uncertain future. He has read about the needs of the world and its sin darkened areas, and with this burden on his heart he can pray intelligently and with dedication. Everything he reads about other churches and spiritual victories in other lives has become a bond of fellowship with hosts of fellow-Christians.

If the eye gate is so important in the Christian life, then your reading habits and your subscription to the "Baptist Herald" should receive priority of attention. These are essentials in being an informed, dedicated Christian who is sensitive to God's purposes and responsive to the wonders of his glory.

The "Baptist Herald" will be such an eye gate for you in the months to come. You will see the portals of heaven opened with new blessings from above in the uplifting sermons to appear in its pages. You will be able to relive some of the memorable highlights in the history of the Christian Church and to review the stories of God's saints of yesterday. New vistas of beauty and Christian understanding will unfold before your eyes in the pictures that are a regular feature of the "Baptist Herald." All of this meaningful reading will enrich your days and deepen your sense of Christian responsibility. We believe confidently that the "Baptist Herald" can become one of the great blessings in your Christian life during the year ahead. Your subscription is your passport to a year of reading delights!

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"Quo Vadis?" — An Important Question

A personal testimony by the newly elected moderator of the North American Baptist General Conference for the next triennium, 1961 — 1964.

By Mr. Edwin H. Marklein of Hempstead, New York

THE APOSTLE and evangelist John, in the Gospel he has written, appears to convey to the Christian world a wonderful picture of the real nature, office and character of that Divine Teacher who came to instruct and redeem mankind. John was directed in his narrative to record those passages of our Savior's life which clearly displayed his divine power and authority and presented Christ as speaking of his nature and of the power of his death as an atonement for the sins of the world.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER!

In John's thirteenth chapter, he writes of Christ meeting with his disciples in the Upper Room where he washed their feet. Immediately thereafter we read of the treachery of Judas. The chapter is concluded with the admonition of Christ to his disciples to love one another. We remember, as the disciples were gathered about the table, he said, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

After the Lord had concluded his admonition, Peter said to him, "Quo Vadis?" meaning, "Whither goest thou?" and the Lord replied, "Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards."

Since the very first day that I was advised that I was elected moderator of our North American Baptist Conference, these scenes as recorded in John's narrative have continually flashed through my mind. Particularly the words of Peter when he asked the Lord, "Whither goest thou?" (Quo Vadis?) By now our 33rd General Conference has become history. All of our North American Baptists have read the detailed articles in our periodicals and many have heard glowing reports from their delegates as to what transpired at the conference.

OUR GREAT MINISTRY

One can truly say that the Lord has richly blessed our denomination during the past three years in many, many ways. Our missionary endeavors at home and abroad have continually expanded. The contributions received from our people have increased considerably. Our Church Extension work is advancing each year and all other phases of our ministry are showing upward gains. This speaks well for what we have accomplished in the past, and yet there remains much more to be done.

As I look forward to these next three years I am reminded that the Lord has entrusted to us a great ministry and we are required to be faithful stewards of that trust. It is exceedingly important that if we are to carry out our responsibilities, each one of us must put our shoulders to the wheel and do our part for his Kingdom's work here on earth.

As we look about us we find that this old world of ours is just filled with tensions of all kinds. One hardly knows what to expect on the morrow. The horizons are just filled with dark clouds, never knowing what will be next. Yet again I am reminded, in spite of all these uncertainties, the Lord said to his disciples, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." This should be our daily prayer that we love one another. When this principle is applied by all people of our world, then and only then will all these dark clouds which are hovering nigh and all world tensions be removed.

NINE PRAYER REQUESTS

In spite of all these troubled times, we as his witnesses have a great job to accomplish for him. We must ever be faithful to the trust he has placed upon us. As we look forward to the next three years as a denomination, we must



Mr. Edwin H. Marklein of Hempstead, New York, General Conference Moderator, 1961-1964. He is a member of the Evergreen Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York.

ever be willing to answer his call when it comes. As your moderator I would especially ask you to pray for our beloved denomination that God will continue to guide and direct our ways so that all we do will be in accordance with his will. In particular I would ask you to remember in your prayers the following:

DENOMINATIONAL CHALLENGE

1—A greater concern for winning more souls for Christ.

2—More zeal in the advance of God's Kingdom in our churches and our home communities.

3—A broader vision and a greater outreach in our missionary endeavors at home and abroad.

4—An ever continuing program of mass evangelism and personal evangelism.

5—Further expansion of new churches through our Church Extension programs.

6—An enrollment of 10,000 Church Extension Builders.

7—Plans for the expansion of our educational and publication facilities.

8—Each and every North American Baptist a faithful steward in accordance with God's evaluation of true Christian stewardship.

9—A more intensive and a better coordinated program for our Sunday Schools, youth and children's work through our newly created Department of Christian Education.

LORD, WE ARE ABLE!

These nine prayer requests very briefly cover only a small portion of the many requests which will be offered up to God on behalf of our denomination during this triennium. However, I am confident that if all of us will continue each day to include in our prayers at least one particular phase of our work the Lord will continue to direct our paths.

During the great General Conference days, our theme song was a real challenge as we sang over and over again, "Are ye able, said the Master" and then we answered in the refrain, "Lord, we are able." This affirmation on our part means that we will do our best through the grace of God.

My pledge to each and every North American Baptist is that during these next three years I will do my best for his cause. I trust and pray that together we will endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, to love one another with a pure heart fervently and to walk humbly with our God. WITHER GOEST THOU? (QUO VADIS?).

A New Church at Bamenda, Cameroons

Bamenda "Cathedral," as some call this new Baptist church, is the finest Protestant church building in the Southern Cameroons and the new landmark in this important administrative center of Bamenda.

By Mr. W. Norman Haupt, Cameroons missionary

THE OLD Baptist church in Bafreng, Bamenda, was well known as a beautiful little chapel of African design which combined the building styles of several different tribes of the Southern Cameroons. It was a landmark in this growing urban centre of Bamenda. But its days were passing rapidly since the white ants were destroying the bamboo roof-supports, the grass roof was becoming too decayed to repair, and the small chapel was not large enough by half to enclose the growing congregation.

MANY CONTRIBUTIONS

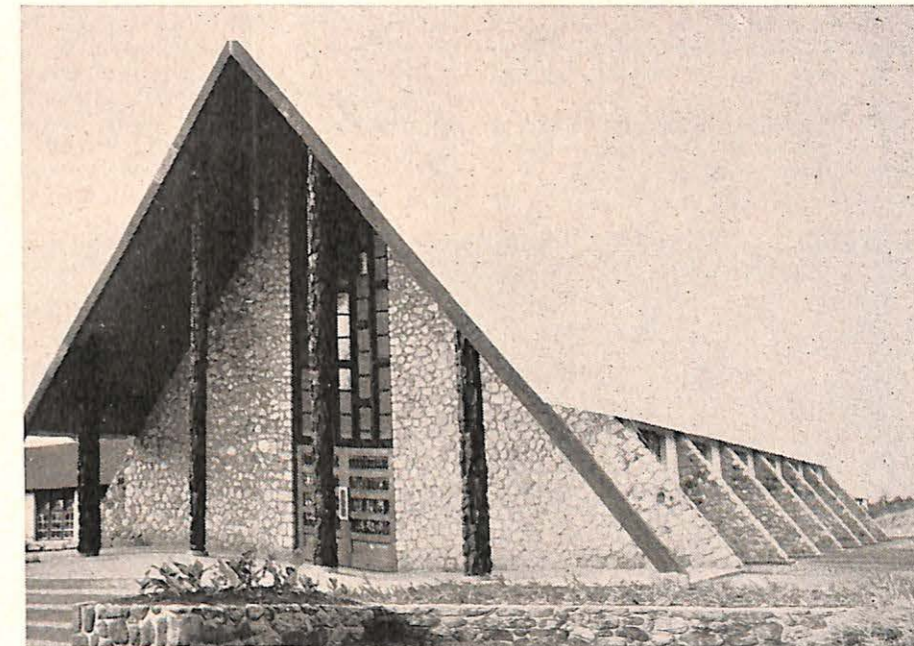
Therefore the local congregation felt the need of building a new chapel. The Gebauers, who lived at the Bamenda station, were called upon. "Massa Getpower, come hellup we." And so the talents of Clara and Paul Gebauer were enlisted in this project of building a new Baptist church for Bamenda.

Mrs. Gebauer set to work on the design and interior decoration plans, using talents which many of us have come to respect and appreciate. Dr. Gebauer used his abilities of organization and persuasion to start the gathering of materials. The local church members contributed their money as well as carrying stones for the building.

Every Saturday for weeks, Christian men and women could be seen carrying stones of 10 to 15 pounds weight on their heads to add to the pile from which the walls would be made. (I wonder which is easier—to give one's money or to give one's labor?) And so

through the work of the missionaries, the local Baptist Christians, and the mission-trained craftsmen, the church building arose. Its profile became a 36-foot high triangle which seemed to

dedication service was planned. Chiefs, government officials, and dignitaries were invited in addition to the faithful Christians. The service began on the church steps with a short message by



The beautiful new Baptist Church at Bamenda, Cameroons, designed by Mrs. Clara Gebauer, missionary, and called by Rev. S. B. Nfomi "the finest Protestant church building in the Southern Cameroons."

point the onlooker toward heaven and higher things than surrounding us here on earth.

When the building was completed, a

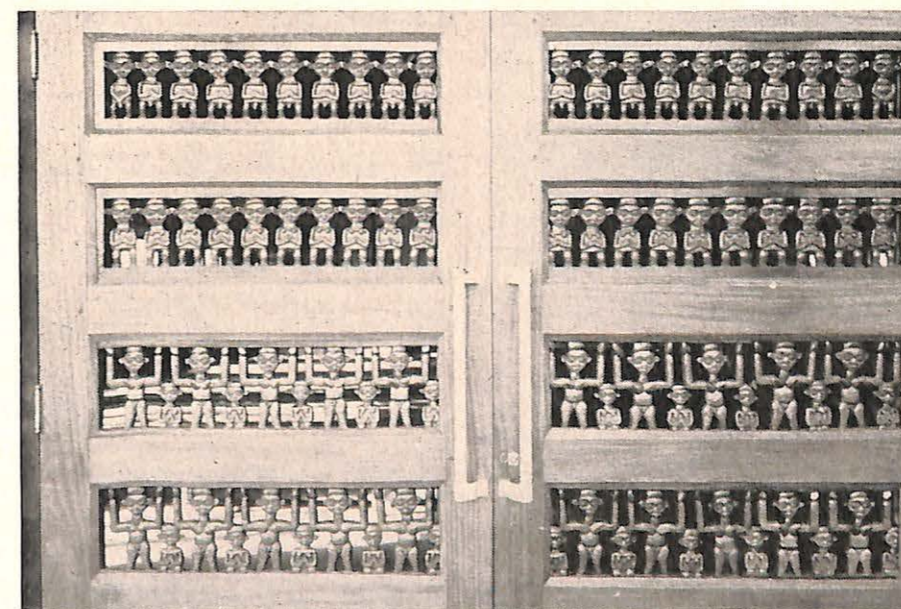
Pastor S. B. Nfomi, Executive Secretary of the Cameroons Baptist Convention. This was followed by the cutting of the tape at the door of the church by Mrs. Gebauer who was dressed in an African costume.

The service inside the new chapel was typically African with its numerous speakers. First Mr. Tayui, President of the Cameroons Baptist Convention, explained how this building was the product of the efforts of many, many people who had "joined hands" to bring this to pass—Africans and Americans together. Then the Chief of Bafreng, on whose land the church stands, spoke of his pride in having such a fine House of God on his land.

Next, Dr. Gebauer spoke in praise of the carpenters and masons who had put their efforts into this—the finest Protestant church building in the Southern Cameroons. (Dr. Gebauer did not mention his own hard work and time which he put into this building, nor did he accept praise for it, but rather extended his praise where it would encourage others. This is typical of Paul.)

The pastor of the local church, Pastor Baah, then brought the final message of the morning before an assembly of at least 1000 people and 15 of our

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The Africans are very proud of their Bamenda Church because of the use of African art, as shown on the beautifully hand-carved front doors and because of local materials in its structure and decoration.

Why Not Try "Comprehensive Evangelism"?

The program of directed visitation evangelism, graphically described in this article, is producing amazing results all across America. Why not give this program a chance in your church?

By Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Director of Evangelism and Church Extension

A THRILLING program of Comprehensive Evangelism has been made available through our Department of Evangelism for all North American Baptist churches. Of all the methods employed to win souls for Christ, this plan has been proven as one of the most effective methods of soul winning today.

This program outlines step by step a plan of soul winning that has within it the means of transmitting God's power for revival in large as well as in small

aged and frustrated because the methods of evangelism which they once used with effectiveness no longer produce the desired results. There were times when people were won for Christ and his Church with wonderful success by means of "revival meetings" or "protracted meetings," as they were called in our churches. When revival meetings were announced, everybody would come and the church would be filled. Saints were revived and sinners were converted.

is a method of soul winning available to us which Christ himself designed and projected nineteen hundred years ago. (Luke 10). This is a program of directed visitation evangelism which is producing amazing results all across America.

The program of Comprehensive Evangelism, which is being suggested to our North American Baptist churches, has been prayerfully planned to be comprehensive in scope and lasting in results. It combines into one vital campaign the five elements of Bible Education, Prospect Cultivation, Directed Visitation, Gospel Proclamation, and Planned Membership Conservation. Its purpose is to enlist the total membership of the church in the great work of evangelism, with everyone witnessing, everyone studying, everyone praying.

1. PERIOD OF PREPARATION

The entire campaign is divided into three periods. The first is the period of preparation, which is to be observed in the fall of the year during the months of October, November, and December. During this period an up-to-date prospect list is prepared, committees are appointed, assistant Sunday School teachers as well as members of the Soul Winners' Fellowship are selected and appointed. Special Sunday School lesson textbooks are ordered for the Sunday School quarter beginning on January 1.

The regular Sunday School lessons for Junior, Junior High and any other Sunday School classes participating in the campaign will be set aside for the first quarter of the new year. During this quarter all Junior High and older classes will use the lesson textbook, "Becoming a Christian," and Junior classes will use "Following Jesus." These Sunday School lesson textbooks are available through this program from our Roger Williams Press.

2. PERIOD OF INSTRUCTION

By the first Sunday in the new year, your church will be ready to begin the second period of the campaign. The second period will extend through the first quarter of the new year including the months of January, February and March.

During this period all regular Sunday School teachers as well as assistant Sunday School teachers of Junior High and older Sunday School classes will be taught the Sunday School lesson by the minister during a specified hour each week. On Sundays the teachers will teach the same lesson to their classes.

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NEW TESTAMENT EVANGELISM

Never has it been more imperative that people be pointed to Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God which "taketh away the sin of the world." (Photo by A. Devaney, Inc., N. Y.)

congregations. It confronts the whole congregation with the challenge of fulfilling the greatest work of the church—evangelism.

NEED FOR EVANGELISM

The only "ism" in the New Testament is evangelism. Evangelism is the greatest work in the world and constitutes the first purpose of the Christian church in the world. A church that has no program of evangelism is not a New Testament Church.

Never in the history of Christianity has there been a greater need for genuine New Testament evangelism. Never has it been more imperative that people be pointed to Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world.

Some churches have become discour-

Today when revival services are announced, the congregation is made up almost entirely of the faithful church members. The people whom the church would reach for Christ are conspicuously absent. Most churches must face the fact that the people the church wishes to reach for Christ in the community will not attend these meetings today and the revival services do not secure the results which once they did.

DIRECTED VISITATION EVANGELISM

This is however no time for discouragement in soul winning. God never leaves himself without a witness. No one can say that the time will never return when souls will again be won for Christ more effectively in mass meetings. In the meantime, however, there

Know Him; Then Make Him Known!

Introduction of the 1961-1962 team of "God's Volunteers" and an invitation to every reader for your prayerful and financial support of this dedicated evangelistic team.

By Rev. Walter H. Hoffman, Director of "God's Volunteers."

THE PROGRAM of God's Volunteers has emphasized getting to know Jesus Christ and then going out and making him known to others. We are now in our sixth year of "Crusading for Christ," and God has seen fit to bless the ministry of God's Volunteers. Many of you have acquainted yourselves with the teams as they worked in your community and church.

At the General Conference session in Minneapolis, Minn., we took the opportunity to reserve a table at the Conference Banquet where former and present team members could meet and have a time of fellowship. We were privileged to have a total of sixteen former and present team members representing the year of God's Volunteers in which they served. It was good to see and to greet the team members and to hear of their witness for Christ.

1961-1962 TEAM

Some of them are going on into further preparation for special full time Christian service, while others are serving the Lord in their own churches. God has called these young people for a special mission in our day. The teams of the past can look back and can say that God has blessed them with many souls for their hire and that God has used their testimony to encourage many Christians in the way of Christ.

The team of 1961-1962 has been busy during the month of September in an intensive program of getting to know Christ, getting to know the program of God's Volunteers and then seeking to prepare for the schedule that has been outlined for them. The training program was carried on at our North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota in September. The instructors for the sessions have been Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Prof. Edgar Klatt, Prof. Roy Seibel, President Frank Veninga and Rev. Walter Hoffman.

This year's team consists of the following personnel: Barbara Hirsch of Minneapolis, Minn., is the team program chairman; Arlene Mattis of Bismark, North Dakota is the group leader; Shirley Lamprecht, North Dakota is the team statistician and treasurer; Dwight Enockson of Washburn, North Dakota is the team reporter; and Lyle Grenz of Billings, Montana is the team car custodian.

"CRUSADE FOR CHRIST"

We are thankful to God that he has given us another talented group of young people. They all play instruments and have good singing voices. As a result, the rehearsals have been inter-

esting and profitable. Their eagerness and desire to serve the Lord are evident in their untiring efforts. The class sessions extended from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for five days of the week, continuing for four weeks. In their spare time, they were kept busy in the special rehearsals.

The schedule of services for the coming months will include our churches in South and North Dakota; Manitoba, Canada; Kansas; Minnesota; Wisconsin and Ohio.

The program of God's Volunteers is a "Crusade for Christ" that will work in any church, country or city, because we have seen it work in both rural and urban communities. Our primary concern is to contact those people who need to respond to God's call and to accept Christ Jesus as their Savior. Our ministry may be a calling program which emphasizes a community survey of church affiliation. However, we seek not only to get information but we feel it is our task to give information which is the Gospel of the saving power of Jesus Christ.

There are very many people who will readily respond and give you their church affiliation, but when inquiry is made regarding their assurance of

knowing Christ personally as Savior, then there seems to be such a decided lack. A longing heart is truly waiting for reality, which is only found in Jesus Christ.

CALLING PROGRAM ON PROSPECTS

Another phase of God's Volunteers work is a calling program on prospects which the church makes available to the team. Here we have a variety of needs and many times people will share their problem or burden very freely with us. We are told in many cases that the witness in these incidents has been a blessing, and decisions have been recorded because of such visits.

God's Volunteers also conduct Boys' and Girls' Rallies, at which time they present a program of song and story geared to the needs of boys and girls. Our campaign of special meetings extends for one week of our stay at the church. It has been encouraging to hear of the churches' request to have God's Volunteers come and serve them in this program of evangelism.

It is our desire, as we come to you, that you will have carried on a definite

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MEMBERS OF "GOD'S VOLUNTEERS" TEAMS

Members of "God's Volunteers" teams, past and present, enjoy a reunion at the General Conference Banquet in Minneapolis, Minn.

Front row (left to right): Eunice Kern, Katie Michelson, Lillian Boymook, Shirley Roehl, Joanne Heckman Kiemele, Rose Cicansky, Jeannie Martinitz, Faith Eichler and Darlene Strobel.

Back row: Mrs. Walter Hoffman, Rev. Walter Hoffman, Le Roy Kiemele, Floyd Roehl, Donald Hepperle, Gladys Hoogestraat Richter, Wayne Bibelheimer, Barbara Hirsch and Shirley Lamprecht.

October 26, 1961

"Bring the Books, Too!"

A Message for Publication Sunday, November 12, 1961 by Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, Secretary of Education and Publication

"WHEN YOU come, bring the coat which I left with Carpus at Troas; bring the books, too, especially the parchments" (2 Timothy 4:13, Williams).

The last request of a dying friend receives our special attention. It offers one final opportunity to do him a loving service. If it lies within our power, we grant the request. More than that, a last request tells us volumes about the person asking the favor. As heaven looms, what does he count significant? What—of all earth's fleeting treasures—does he really want?

PRECIOUS BIBLES

"Bring the Book, bring the Book!" cried Sir Walter Scott on his deathbed. "What book?" his friends wondered. One of his famous novels? A volume of Shakespeare? "There is only one Book," said the great writer. He sought the consolation of the Bible. He longed to hear it again: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me . . ." Tyndale in his day and Niemoeller in ours have asked for their precious Bibles when they were in prison with death stalking near. We have a letter that William Tyndale wrote during the last winter of his life. (For the full text, see Bruce, *The Book and the Parchments*, p. 9). He was in prison "for the word of God and the testimony of Jesus" and he wrote: "I beg your lordship, and that by the Lord Jesus, that . . . you will send me . . . a warmer cap . . . a warmer coat also . . . a piece of cloth, too, to patch my leggings. But most of all . . . kindly permit me to have the Hebrew Bible, Hebrew grammar and Hebrew dictionary, that I may pass the time in that study." The New Testament he had translated into English (for the first time from the original!) . Now, he had

to finish the Old Testament. But he never did, for in October 1536 he was burned at the stake. How much that "dying letter" tells us of Tyndale's unconquerable spirit!

PAUL'S PARTING REQUEST

Our text gives us the parting request of the great missionary—apostle Paul. It is the year 67 A.D., and Paul is in prison in Rome awaiting death. He is quite certain that this is the end of the road for him. "The time of my departure has come," he says plainly to Timothy, his dear son in the faith. His thoughts dwell in another land, where sits a righteous judge who will give him a crown of righteousness. Meantime, he hopes Timothy can see him once more.

When he comes, could he bring a few items to cheer an old man's heart? There is that great warm coat which would cover him like a tent and keep out the prison's winter chill. Let Timothy bring that along. And he must not forget his books, especially the parchments. The coat would keep his body warm; the books and notes would warm his heart!

Paul's request, like Tyndale's, tells us much about his busy, restless mind and his great soul. Bereft of human companionship, he wanted the books. He needed them. At the last, they were indispensable.

THE "BOOKS"

What were these treasures that Paul so desired? Donald Guthrie in his *The Pastoral Epistles* says that it is impossible to know exactly what either the books or the parchments were. But we can make some intelligent guesses. The "books," very probably, were ordinary papyrus rolls. The Greek word that Paul used is "biblion," from which we get our English word, Bible.

A "biblion" was a long scroll of writing material. It was made by taking the dried, flat strips of the inner bark of papyrus (or byblus), a reed-plant that grew in marshes, gumming them together and attaching them end to end. The result was a long strip of material on which you could write with pen and ink, which could be rolled up into a scroll.

These rolls that Paul wanted may have been books of Jewish history or law. They might have included the works of some of the great literary men of Greece and Rome. (Recall how Paul quoted the Greek poets Epimenides and Tartus in his famous discourse on Mars' Hill in Acts 17:28). Dr. William Barclay says of the "books": "It may well be that these rolls contained the earliest forms of the gospels." What an inspiring thought: That Paul, in his last days, wanted to go over the stories of Jesus—to recall his mighty deeds and matchless words; to live over again his death, resurrection, and ascension.

THE "PARCHMENTS"

What were the "parchments"? Something even more special than "books"! These were documents of value, written on animal skins. The word Paul used here is "membrana," from which we get our English word, membrane. The skin of sheep, goats, and other animals was shaved and scraped to provide a much more durable writing material than papyrus.

Some guess that these were Paul's important legal papers, for example, his certificate of Roman citizenship. Other scholars think that they were surely copies of the Hebrew Scriptures, for Hebrew scribes customarily wrote the sacred books on parchment. Bruce says, "It is a reasonable guess that they contained portions of Holy Scripture." Still others surmise that these parchments were Paul's own valuable notes, made while he was himself studying the Scriptures—or, perchance, while he was listening to the distilled wisdom of Gamaliel. So the New English Bible has Paul saying, "Bring . . . the books, above all my notebooks."

Gathering up all these suggestions we may safely say that in his last days the great apostle desired 1) the Scriptures; 2) writings and notes on the Scriptures; and 3) other stimulating literature, ancient and modern, which had become part of him. These are no less precious to twentieth-century Christians facing what may be their last days.

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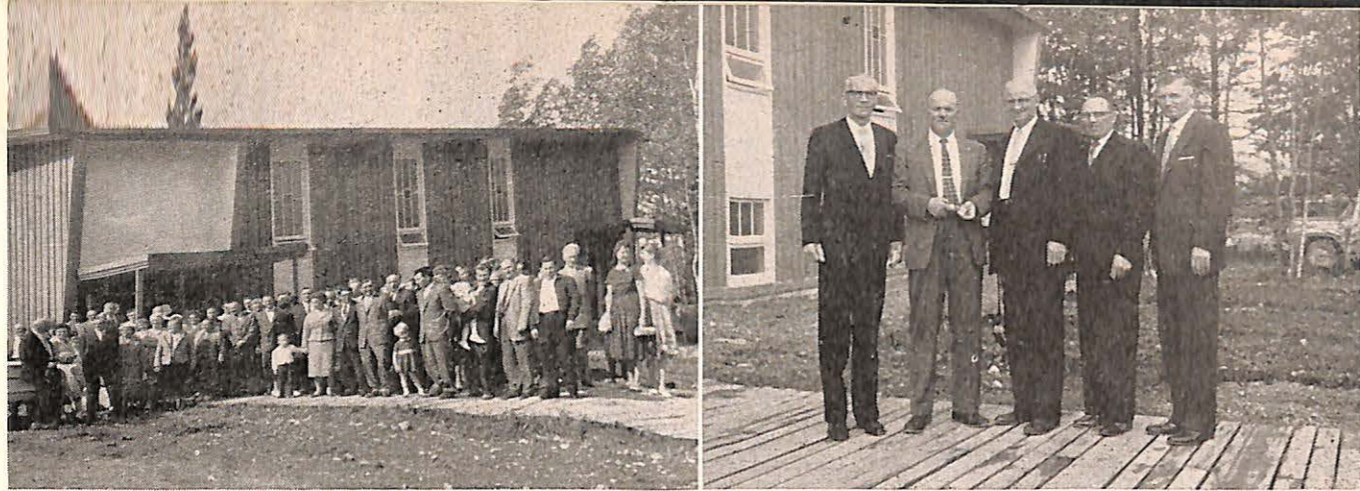
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CHURCH DEDICATION AT TERRACE, B. C.

Some of the many people in attendance at the dedication of the new building of the Zion Baptist Church, Terrace, British Columbia, on Sunday, Sept. 3, 1961 (left). The ministers present are shown at right: (left to right) Arthur R. Pohl of Kitimat, Jakob Rauschenberger of Prince Rupert, William Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Rudolph Rapske of Terrace and Otto Patzia of Vancouver. (Pictures by M. L. Leuschner).

A Triangle of Churches

The story of a visit to our northern British Columbia churches at Prince Rupert, Terrace and Kitimat, B. C., by Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary

A TRIANGLE of new cities in central British Columbia, 400 miles north of Vancouver, form the boundaries of America's "Wonderland"—unique, breath-taking and amazing. Amid the peaks and valleys and waterways of the unsettled coast of British Columbia lie Prince Rupert and Kitimat with the city of Terrace, 70 miles inland, at the other end of the triangle.

History is now being made in this area, even though these cities are far removed from the "crowded ways of modern life." Here too, North American Baptists have established three flourishing churches, organized with European refugees and immigrants during the past eight years. God has wrought his spiritual wonders in these communities, even as he has touched this area with the glory of his handiwork.

PRINCE RUPERT

Prince Rupert is a turquoise gem set into the rocky hills of an island. It is located on the south shore of the deep, mountain-rimmed harbor of Tuck Inlet, rated as one of the three finest harbors in the world. The modern city, incorporated in 1910, was named after Prince Rupert, a cousin of Charles II and the first governor of the Hudson's Bay Company.

Thousands of American servicemen were stationed in Prince Rupert during World War II since this was the main port of embarkation for all Alaska and North Pacific operations. The cement battlements are still to be seen in the hills overlooking the city. Here is a strategic military stronghold in the years to come to be guarded against armed forces or air powers from Russia or China.

Less than five miles away by water, and through a protected passage all the

way, is the Indian village of Metlakatla, established in 1862. It was from this village that Father Duncan, some 25 years ago, moved with over 800 Indians to found the village of New Metlakatla in Alaska. Indian totem poles and Indian lore are in sufficient evidence throughout this area.

HALIBUT CAPITAL

Prince Rupert is famous as the "Halibut Capital of the World." More halibut and salmon are fished in these neighboring waters than anywhere else in the world. The Fisheries of Prince Rupert can store more than 28,000,000 pounds of fish in their immense lockers. We were taken into one of these lockers with thousands of halibut, each one weighing 150 pounds or more, stacked like boards in enormous containers.

Rev. Otto Patzia, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, B.C., and I visited this area recently. We met with the members of the Bethel Baptist Church of Prince Rupert in their modest but very attractive church located on the side of a rocky cliff. We heard the story of their growing church work, their outreach for Christ and the Gospel in Prince Rupert, and their eagerness for greater things in the future. Rev. August Rauschenberger, who formerly served as a Baptist pastor in Rumania, is rendering a faithful ministry in shepherding this flock of God's people.

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KITIMAT

Kitimat, at another end of the triangle, some 70 miles southeast of Prince Rupert, is a unique contrast to its sister city. It has been called "the first completely new, completely modern city in the world to be built in North America in the 20th century." Here in the midst of a forested wilderness, you will be amazed to see the city of about 10,000 people living in modern homes with nearby supermarkets, a large four story hospital, and with paved streets that have been carefully planned in great detail.

For untold centuries the area around the end of the northeast arm of the Douglas Channel was one of the fishing grounds of the Kitamaat Indians of the Haisla Tribe. Each summer the Kitamaats camped by the river in this wilderness of forests, mountains and water for the annual run of oolichan, or smelt-like fish. Some eight years ago, their wilderness awoke to the clatter and throb of large machines and the feverish energy of men building a new aluminum industry.

ALUMINUM INGOTS

Here the Aluminum Company of Canada Limited decided to develop power, build a smelter and produce aluminum. At present it is producing about 180,000 tons of this "packaged power" metal per annum, but it is hoped that it will have an eventual annual output of 500,000 tons annually when developed to its full capacity. This is a tremendous power house of activity and energy, employing some 2000 people and offering its workers and citizens an amazing "way of life."

Our North American Baptist Church in the city of Kitimat, pastored by Rev. Arthur A. Pohl, is composed of men and women with varied European back-

grounds who have found positions of leadership and influence in this new city. They meet in a beautiful chapel on the second floor of a residence, but the worshipful surroundings and the fine organ transform this into a unique temple of God. There are promising opportunities for growth and an influential witness for Christ by this church. The Baptist choir director, Mr. Hans Diesing, recently led the large choir of all churches in Kitimat in the rendition of the "Hallelujah Chorus" for a new film "The Kitimat Story" to be shown throughout the world.

TERRACE

We can travel over a fairly good highway through the forested wilderness to another end of the triangle, the city of Terrace, about 40 miles from Kitimat. Terrace is the center of the woods operation of the Columbia Cellulose Company, Limited. This company produces cellulose wood pulp for use in the manufacture of Acetate and Viscose Filament Yarn, Staple Fibres and Plastics.

Terrace is a typical lumbering town with loggers of all types crowding the streets on Saturday nights in search of entertainment and with all the robust life and vigor of a pioneer town. It is scattered over a considerable area with large lumber yards among the houses. But its population is also made up of young couples with good sized families, European immigrants, and upright citizens with great dreams for the future. Their homes are set in the midst of trees and surrounded by flowers which attest to this desire for "the good things of life" by these pioneer settlers.

This spirit is wonderfully reflected in the new \$55,000 church building of the Zion Baptist Church dedicated to the glory of God on Sunday, September 3rd. The church was organized only



The beautiful new building of the Zion Baptist Church, Terrace, British Columbia, valued at \$55,000, that was constructed with the help of volunteer labor by recently arrived immigrants from Europe. A church steeple will be added in the near future.

five years ago in 1956 by European immigrants. At present it numbers about 50 members. It was said that "we had to work without any money." But the people had a mind to work, so that \$12,000 of estimated volunteer labor representing 5729 man hours have gone into the beautiful, worshipful church, which is now considered to be "the finest in all of Kitimat."

BUILDING OF NEW CHURCH

Several years ago two acres of land were bought for \$8500 which were later sold at a considerable profit. Then the land for the new church site closer to town was purchased. On October 25, 1959 the church voted to build. A loan of \$10,000 from the denomination was consummated. The actual construction was begun on November 10, 1959, but no contractor could be employed due to lack of funds.

Rev. Rudolph Rapske, who served in

this area as assistant immigration secretary from 1955 to 1960, was largely responsible for the vision of the new church and its planning. From January to July 1956 he was partially paid by Church Extension funds. His brother, Mr. Robert Rapske of Vancouver, B.C., was the architect, receiving only a very nominal fee. Rev. Edmund Hein served as the building foreman. But the work on the church proceeded somewhat slowly at times since most of these people were also building their own homes and working hard at their jobs in the nearby forests or on their farms.

DEDICATION SERVICES

How thrilled they were to dedicate their beautiful church to the glory of God at the sessions of the Miniature British Columbia Association held in Terrace on Sept. 2 and 3! It will seat about 250 people, including a large choir loft for 30 singers and a good sized balcony. A fine baptistry has been built into the church. It has a large basement with modern kitchen facilities. More than 225 people were served their Sunday meals in this dining hall.

The verticle rough cedar siding on the outside of the church gives it an attractive appearance. There is plywood paneling above and below the windows. A small steeple will be added at a later date. In this sanctuary the walls are decorated with ribbon grained mahogany paneling which is a Japanese import. This gives both beauty and warmth to the appearance of the lovely sanctuary.

REV. RUDOLPH RAPSKE

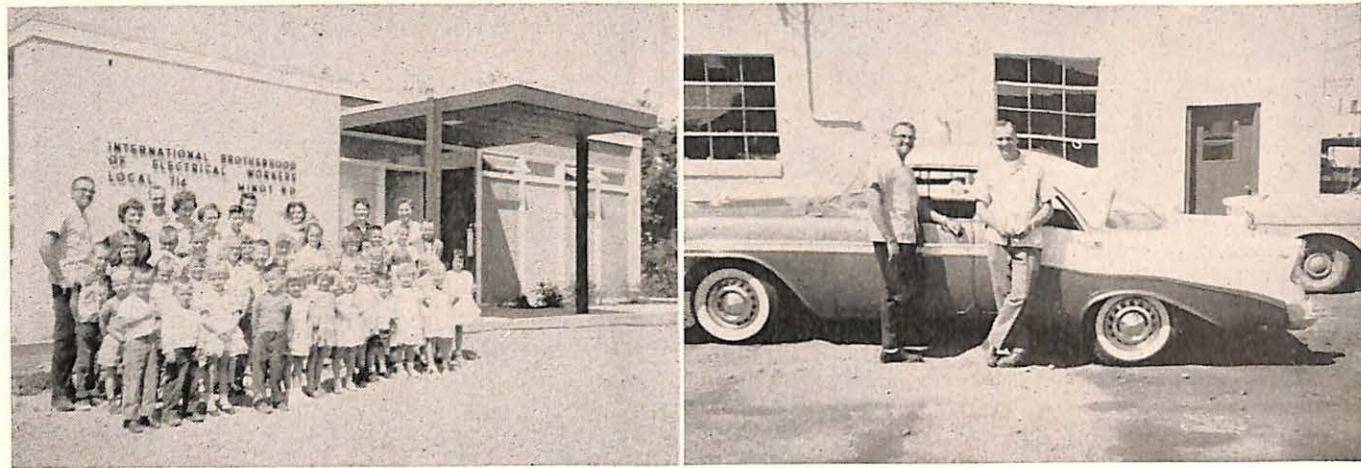
The afternoon dedication service continued with festive joy for almost three hours. The first hour in English was broadcast locally over radio station CFIK with Rev. Rudolph Rapske in charge. Dr. M. L. Leuschner brought the message and Rev. William Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Manitoba offered the dedication prayer. Rev. George Keenlyside of the Knox United Church brought greetings from the churches of Terrace. At the German service the

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FISHING BOATS OF PRINCE RUPERT

Prince Rupert of British Columbia, within sight of Alaska, is located on one of the three finest harbors in the world and near some of the finest fishing waters to be found anywhere. Here in this booming city, we as North American Baptists have a growing church, Bethel Baptist Church, with Rev. Jakob Rauschenberger as pastor



CHURCH EXTENSION BEGINNINGS IN MINOT, N. DAK.

Vacation Bible School children, student teachers and helpers (left) of the Crestview Baptist Church, Minot, North Dakota. Two new Christians won to Christ through the Church Extension project (right). They are Terry Storud (left) who plans to enter the ministry, and Sgt. Claire Davis of the U. S. Air Force. Both of their wives have also become Christians recently.

Church Extension in Minot, N. Dak.

The thrilling story of victories over opposition and discouragement in Church Extension pioneering and in the organizing of the Crestview Baptist Church of Minot, North Dakota.

By Rev. Elmo Tahran, Church Extension Pastor of Minot, North Dakota

CHURCH EXTENSION is God's work. It was stated by the Lord Jesus Christ as that which he would do, "I will build my church." It is encouraging to see the special emphasis that is being given by North American Baptist churches in having a part in this work of the Lord Jesus Christ. It should be our clear understanding and purposeful vision to know that such work will be honored by Christ and fought by Satan.

In this article I will seek to express as well as I can the impressions I have had after almost two years in the work of Church Extension. My prayer is that as you read of the joys, frustrations, blessings and blunders we have encountered, you will become a prayer partner with us as well as with a host of other Church Extension workers.

MANY DISCOURAGEMENTS

First of all, let me relate to you some of the opposition and discouragement that we faced as we started our work here in Minot. A list of names was prepared by the committee at Forest Park and given to me. These were names of North American Baptists who had moved into Minot. As I called on these people, I found that many of them had joined other churches, Baptist and others. Those who had not affiliated with a church seemed to present a "wait-and-see" attitude.

To be honest, I must say I was disappointed in some of our Baptists. The next discouraging thing was in getting a meeting place. It seemed that every available meeting place was being used by someone else or, as in the case of the schools, we were told that they

were open only to an established group. As yet we were not an established group. In fact, I was alone with just my family. The only opening was a room used by an Air School at the Municipal Air Port.

I had called in many apartment houses and on new people in town and had received many promises. So I made arrangements to use this building for the first Sunday service. The Sunday came, my wife and children and I went and waited. The time for the service came and went and only we had been there. One of our children asked me, "Daddy where is the choir going to sit?"

Now it is rather amusing to think back but at that time it was very disheartening. It did teach us to recognize that the promises people make many times are actually their idea of being polite without saying a direct "NO."

There has been the opposition of indifference and scepticism on the part of fellow-Christians and fellow-Baptists who usually say, "Why another new church?" Our only answer is, "Because there are hundreds in our communities with religion but without Christ." Those who do not openly oppose our

work with their speech do so by their complete indifference toward our progress. Again we have learned a lesson, "Trust IN THE LORD with all thine heart. . ." How easy it is to look to people for encouragement first and then to the Lord, rather than looking first to him and then he will supply the people to encourage one's heart.

There is also the problem of economic need in this particular community. An unofficial report for the last part of June and first part of July stated that there are 3000 people of the working force without jobs. Drought and governmental changes seem to be the factors for this. This is discouraging to the people of the community and as we speak to them of Christ and invite them to the services we find that their problems become our concern also. However, these problems draw us closer to the needs of the people to whom God has called us to minister.

FIRST SERVICES

Our services began in our home. We had no desire to buy a home when we came to Minot, but with a family of five children it was rather difficult to rent a home with adequate room for this size of a family for less money than with which we could buy a house. Now as we look back, we see the hand of God directing us even in this. We have had to use our home every week for at least two services from the time we began in October of 1959 until the last week of July, 1961. We have the promise to be allowed the use of the Electrical Union Building beginning the first Sunday of August. This will be available for all the Sunday services

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and we are praying that we will be able to use it either Wednesday or Thursday nights for prayer meeting and Bible study.

We felt it to be a real answer to prayer when the School Board of Minot gave us permission to rent the Gymnasium of the Roosevelt School for our Sunday morning services. We began in the school in the month of October, 1961. Our evening services and prayer meetings have been held in our home.

YOUNG CONVERTS

We have been blessed with the privilege of leading three young couples to a saving knowledge of Christ. One of the young men is planning to enter the ministry. After their conversion we spent one night a week in their homes with personal Bible studies to get them grounded in the Word. Their testimonies are a real thrill and the change in their lives is a genuine proof of the grace of God. Along with these couples,



Rev. and Mrs. Elmo Tahran of the Crestview Baptist Church, Minot, N. Dak., in front of their home which is used for some of the services of the new Church Extension project.

there have been other young people and young men from the Air Base who have made a profession of faith in Christ.

At first we were discouraged by the number of people who would come to the services and then in a short time would be transferred to another part of the country. However, we now feel that this is another missionary outreach for home-missions via Church Extension. We felt it a compliment to be told by a couple, who were saved in 1949, that in all of the churches they had worked in since they were saved they had not experienced such fellowship as they had in working with Church Extension. They were a wonderful help to the work. They were deeply consecrated, well grounded in the Word and energetic in personal soul winning. Through their efforts we began a calling program by the men of the church. This has proven to be a blessing to the people. It has matured them in Christ and has opened many

From the Professor's Desk

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

What relationship does God have to modern history? Is God's rule operating today over the nations of the world?

Whatever appearances there may seem to be to the contrary, God is today, as ever, the Lord of history. He is surely the Sovereign of the nations. Christian faith confidently confesses this on the basis of clear and abundant testimonies of this grand truth in the Scriptures. A. T. Pierson, the great Bible scholar of the generation ago, used to say that history should be spelled with two s's and divided in the middle: HIS STORY. However inscrutable it may appear to us, God is writing his story, or accomplishing his own redemptive purposes in Christ, through and above all the events of this mid-twentieth century, as in all ages past.

Perhaps this can be seen best from the large, overarching perspective of such texts as Rev. 22:13. Jesus Christ not only began all things (John 1:3), but he will end all things (Rev. 1:8; 21:5). He is not only the Creator but also the Consummator. Everything will be ended by him, in him, and for him—the kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever (Rev. 11:15).

Not only is he the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, but as the Lord of history everything in between is somehow under his sovereign control. None of his purposes shall fail in being accomplished. There are no powers which can threaten his rule or the perfect execution of his plan. He may allow contrary powers, but he has absolute control over them at every moment of time. Ethelbert Stauffer states in his *Theology of the New Testament*, "The more the adversary opposes, so much the richer becomes the revelation of the infinite superiority of God."

Just as certainly as God's hand laid the foundations of the earth and his right hand spanned the heavens in a vast creative act, so surely does he

doors of witnessing for us.

Our hopes and prayers for the future are that we might continue to be used in reaching the lost for Christ. A church building is also our hope and prayer. We organized in April of 1961 with 13 members. Our attendance runs between 45-50. As the Lord sees fit, he will continue to add to our numbers

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maintain all his creatures in their existence, works in and through the events of history, and directs the course of nations teleologically toward the divinely appointed end of the ages. Indeed, he is the King of the universe, "the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords" (I Tim. 6:15), even though the heathen may rage and the people imagine a vain thing; though the kings of the earth set themselves and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord and against his anointed. He that sits in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall have them in derision. He shall break them with a rod of iron and shall dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel (Psalm 2). He is able to make the wrath of man to praise him (Psa. 76:10).

The Psalmist asserts that the Lord has prepared his throne in the heavens and his kingdom rules over all (Psa. 103:19). Daniel affirms that God does according to his will, both in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth, and none can stay his hand or say unto him, What doest thou? (Dan. 4:35). Luke declares that God has determined the times of nations and the bounds of their habitation, which were divinely appointed (Acts 17:26). What an assurance this is as we read today's newspaper!

In the light of all these biblical considerations, it can be confidently stated that God's rule is operating today over the nations of the world. He not only knows how history will end, but he will himself consummate all things in Christ, "that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:10-11). Keep this scene of ultimate victory and glory in mind and be strengthened by these assurances as you follow the frightening and threatening turn of contemporary events which hang over us like foreboding clouds of death and destruction.

"daily such as should be saved." A large, well located tract of land has been purchased by the Conference. This also was the leading of the Lord. Since buying the land, we have seen 52 houses rise right beside this land. These have just started to sell. Will you join us in prayer that we might soon have a building with which to reach these families?

Both my wife and I have been thrilled with the work of Church Extension. If the Lord would open the doors for more Church Extension after we have completed our work here, we would almost certainly say, "Here am I, send me."

We the Women

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

INTRODUCING OUR SECRETARY

Mrs. David Draewell is a happy pastor's wife and the youngest member of our Executive Committee. She was born in South Dakota and reared in a Christian home. Her father, Mr. Ben Wiese, works at our Headquarters Office in Forest Park in the Printing Department.

Mrs. Draewell attended Sioux Falls College, and in addition to other secretarial positions she worked as secretary in the CBY and Sunday School Union in Forest Park, Ill. With her background, she is well qualified to serve in the capacity of secretary in which accuracy and efficiency are so very important. The words she records for our Union are not only for the present, but for years to come.

At present she and her husband are serving the Parma Heights Baptist Church in Parma, Ohio.

WHO'S WHO

By Mrs. David Draewell
of Parma, Ohio

Recently there came to my address a letter from Marquis, "Who's Who, Inc.," giving and seeking information for the third edition of "Who's Who of American Women."

As I thought of my vocation or work, it could not be classified as author, chemist, club woman, educator or nurse. It seemed that my accomplishments did not entitle me to be listed in "Who's Who of American Women."

In the months ahead, this column will be used to introduce the members of the Executive Committee of our Woman's Missionary Union, or to tell you who's who on that committee. However, I believe there is a who's who list which is much more important—the list God has of us as his children and servants.

When we accepted Christ as our Savior, our name was included in his Book. What has happened since that time? What accomplishments have we had? In what manner have we been fulfilling the specific tasks which have been given to us to do?

God has a plan for our life and we must seek to know his will. It is often very difficult to determine God's will but by seeking in patience, his will is made known. We must then be ready to follow his leading. Often we hear people say that their jobs are small and insignificant. I don't believe God looks at the size of our task as much as the way in which it is done. Have we been faithful in serving him even in small tasks?

Within our Woman's Missionary Societies there are many opportunities for us to show our willingness to work

COMPREHENSIVE EVANGELISM

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The members of the Soul Winner's Fellowship will be given detailed instruction during this period, how to make an evangelistic call and secure a decision for Christ. Each member of the Soul Winner's Fellowship will be supplied with a Soul Winner's Handbook, especially designed to challenge and instruct those who participate in Decision Calling.

Special effort will be made during this period to contact all friends and prospects of the church by special correspondence. The men, women, and young people of the church will participate regularly in Directed Visitation Evangelism. Special cottage prayer meetings will be held. This period will close with a week of decision calling and with Decision Sunday.

3. PERIOD OF DECISION

The final period of the campaign will extend through the months of April and May and will begin with a week of Deeper Life meetings. Your church may invite a guest evangelist who will be your special speaker on Decision Sunday and who will continue with the Deeper Life meetings each night this week.

For several weeks during this period, the pastor will conduct an instruction class for new converts. There will be a great baptismal service, and a special evening will be arranged for a wonderful reception service for the new members. Representatives of the various departments of the church will invite the new members to become a part of the various organizations. A shepherding program for new members will be launched in the church to help the new members grow in their Christian experience and their Christian service.

This Comprehensive Evangelism Program involves hard work and much of it. Your reward will be in seeing souls saved and added to the church. Someone has said, "The task before us is not as great as the power behind us." The Son of God himself, who gave us the directives for comprehensive evangelism, has promised: "And lo, I am with you always." His promise will not fail!

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and prove our faithfulness in service. Many people are needed to fill various offices and more are needed to carry out responsibilities at the monthly meetings. We as women should also be willing to entertain missionaries and other guests in our homes, for the blessing is truly ours.

May we as women be happy in the work which God has called us to do, be faithful in big and small tasks, and ever strive to be worthy of being listed on God's "Who's Who" List.

"BRING THE BOOKS"

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ability and clarity of the Bible in our time. Recently, I bought from Roger Williams Press a pocket edition of *The New Testament in Modern English* by J. B. Phillips. Now I carry it with me on my travels. This morning, on the train, I read through the book of Ephesians. How fresh and clear and hope-inspiring it was to read:

"(God) purposes in his solemn will that all human history shall be consummated in Christ, that everything that exists in Heaven or earth shall find its perfection and fulfilment in him. And here is the staggering thing—that in all which will one day belong to him, we have been promised a share . . . so that we . . . may bring praise to his glory. (1:10-12).

The Bible finds us where we are; brings us to saving faith in Christ (Romans 10:17); and then tells us what we have become in him!

BIBLE STUDIES

Books also bring us the result of earnest thought and study done on the Scriptures. In our day, we can know what Augustine, Luther, Calvin, and Wesley thought. We can hear Spurgeon and Maclaren preach again—as well as Jonathan Edwards, Jowett, Truett, Sangster. We can delve, with the learned, into meanings of Hebrew and Aramaic and Greek. The "notebooks" of scholars of all ages are at our fingertips in the volumes on our library shelves.

And who would despise the best of the books some might deign to call "secular"? A good dictionary. (The latest edition of *Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*—or a comparable one—ought to stand within arm's length of every teacher and preacher at his desk). Shakespeare's plays. Browning's poems. Biographies that inspire, like Sandburg's *Abraham Lincoln* or Anderson's *To the Golden Shore*. History, that explains today in terms of yesterday. Travel books, the "magic carpet" to far-distant lands, including the shores where Jesus walked. Missionary lore like *Through Gates of Splendor*. The latest scientific achievements. Prints of the world's great art. Music scores—and, lest we forget—our hymnal.

This is only a start. Thinking of all the treasures of the printed page, of all the rich spoil hidden between book covers, we are impelled to give thanks to God for authors, translators, illustrators, photographers, printers, binders, publishers, distributors, and book-sellers. Of course, we need the "coats" of things material. But for deep, insistent cravings of mind, and heart, and soul, we say with Paul, "Bring the books, too, especially the parchments." Nothing else will satisfy. The Bible, Biblical studies, and the best books of the years are indispensable gifts from God—not only for our dying day, but for every day of our pilgrim journey.

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What's Happening

● Miss Ardice Ziolkowski of Yorkton, Sask., a missionary nurse who has been stationed at the Banso Baptist Hospital in the Cameroons, Africa, is studying at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon, Sask., beginning with Sept. 18. She is enrolled in teaching and supervision courses in the School of Nursing leading toward the B.S. degree. She will be studying in Saskatoon for the entire school year of 1961-1962.

● The Wichita Baptist Church near Portland, Oregon, a Church Extension project of the denomination, has extended a call to Rev. Fred of Santa Ana Heights, Calif., as its pastor. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Wichita Church of Oregon on Nov. 1st. He has served as the minister of the Upper Bay Baptist Church of Santa Ana Heights, Calif., since 1955.

● On Sunday evening, Aug. 20, the Calvary Baptist Church of Billings, Montana held a farewell party for Lyle Grenz, son of the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Richard Grenz. Representatives of the church and of several organizations spoke, as reported by Mrs. Emil Opp. A love offering for Lyle was received. Lyle Grenz is serving with "God's Volunteers" for 1961-1962.

● The Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C., recently unveiled and dedicated a striking and impressive baptistry picture painted by Mr. Walter Sorge, a professional artist who is a member of the church. The painting shows "The Triumphant Christ" depicted in blue color, showing Christ with his outstretched arms of blessing. Rev. Otto Patzia, pastor, told the story of the painting of the baptistry picture to the Ebenezer Church congregation.

● Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Voigt of the Bethany Baptist Church, Vesper, Kansas, have announced the birth of a daughter on August 28 who has been named Valerie Jane. This is their third child in their family. Rev. and Mrs. Wilfred A. Dickau of Ebenezer, Sask., have announced the birth of a son on Sept. 4th who has been named Wendell James. Mr. Dickau is the new pastor of our church at Ebenezer, Sask.

● The Rock Hill Baptist Church of Boston, Mass., has called Rev. Richard L. Brown of the Curtis Corners Baptist Church, Peace Dale, Rhode Island, as its pastor. He has accepted the call and stated that he would begin his ministry in the Boston church on Oct. 29. He is a graduate of Providence Bible College in Providence, R. I. The church is also endeavoring to secure a new parsonage for Mr. and Mrs. Brown and family.

● Rev. and Mrs. George Breittkreuz of Anaheim, Calif., have announced that they have adopted a son on Sept. 11 who has been named David Ray. This six weeks' old child was placed with them as the 100th child placed for adoption by the National Evangelical Welfare Association of California. Pictures were taken and reporters from the Welfare Association were present for this occasion. Mr. Breittkreuz is the Director of Christian Education in the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif.

● Miss Inez Wahl of Edmonton, Alberta, who has served as secretary at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton for 21 years, has resigned her position in order to become secretary and church worker at the First Baptist Church of Edmonton. Her services ended at the Christian Training Institute on Sept. 22. She was presented with a farewell gift and words of recognition by the C.T.I. and its president, Dr. A. S. Felberg. Miss Irene Fiege, the school's library secretary, has been appointed as the Christian Training Institute secretary by the president.

● Mr. Harold Johns of Oak Park, Ill., was the guest speaker on Wednesday evening, Sept. 6, at a service for the Bethel and South Fort George Chapel churches of Prince George, B.C., held in Prince George, British Columbia. The members of the Canadian Baptist Convention church of the city were also present. Mr. Johns showed slides on Africa and the Holy Land. On Sunday, Sept. 10, he supplied the pulpit of the McKernan Church, Edmonton, Alberta, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. A. Lamprecht. In the evening he showed his slides on the Cameroons, Africa and the Holy Land at the Central Church of Edmonton, Alberta.

● A ground breaking service was held by the Immanuel Baptist Church, New York, N. Y., at its new church building lot, corner 31st Avenue and 69th Street,

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Woodside, Long Island, N. Y., on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 3rd. Rev. Assaf Husmann, pastor, was in charge of the impressive service. Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, General Conference moderator, represented the denomination. Mrs. Caroline Quenzer, oldest church member in years of uninterrupted membership, turned over the first shovelful of sod. The guitar chorus rendered a special selection, and Donald and Marion Kerr led in several musical numbers. A more detailed report about the new church building plans will appear in a later issue.

● On Aug. 31 Rev. T. A. Leger, a guest in the Home for the Aged, Portland, Oregon, celebrated his 100th birthday. Members of the Board arranged for an informal birthday celebration with brief messages by Dr. John Wobig, pastor of the Trinity Church, and by Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District Secretary. The program was led by Victor Steinfeldt. Rev. T. A. Leger sang a duet in a clear tenor voice in company with Mrs. Rich of the Home. He is a graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, and served as pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church of Oregon. This festive program was also the occasion of the installation of Mr. and Mrs. Reinhold Schaub in their ministry at the Home.

● The Bethel Church of Anaheim, Calif., held its World Missionary Conference from Sept. 10 to 12 with large audiences in attendance and with colorful missionary exhibits on display. Among the speakers were Dr. Paul Gebauer and Miss Ardice Ziolkowski of the Cameroons, Africa, field and Dr. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary. Enlistments for Church Extension Builders were received on Wednesday evening. At the same time the announcement was made that Rev. H. John Vanderbeck, pastor, has been named a Fellow to the Royal Geographic Society of London, England. This singular honor will also involve some travelling in the future and the writing of an article for the Geographical Journal.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., has reported the home-going of two of its influential members in recent days. On Sept. 9 Mr. Harry Fox died at the age of 58. He was moderator of the church for two terms, a deacon for many years, president of the Men's Brotherhood, active in the Gideons, Orange County Laymen's Evangelistic work, Christian Business Men and the Baptist Life Association. On Sept. 16 Mrs. Amelia K. Steffens passed away at the age of 71 years. She and her late husband were deeply interested in our Cameroons Mission field because of their relationship to Rev. August Steffens, our first missionary to the Cameroons. It is understood that Mrs. Steffens has willed a large part of her possessions to the denomination's General Missionary Society. The blessings of their lives will continue to be felt in our churches. Their memorial tributes appear on page 23 of this issue.

Rev. W. J. Luebeck, "Sendbote" Editor

A tribute to the editor of German literature on his retirement after 15 years of a fruitful and faithful ministry, which also included his services as acting business manager of the Publication Society for several years.

By Mr. Harold B. Johns, Chairman of the Publication Board

ON DECEMBER 31, 1961, the Rev. Willy J. Luebeck will be retiring after fifteen years of serving our denomination as German editor. (He was elected to this office at our 1946 General Conference sessions in Tacoma, Washington). This has included the editing of *Der Sendbote*, *Der Wegweiser*, and other of our German literature.

Not only has Brother Luebeck been busy with his editorial work, but for almost the last five years he has also acted as the business manager for our publishing operations. At the time of the sudden death of the Rev. Elmer J. Baumgartner on May 18, 1956, the Publication Board was already considering the discontinuing of our printing operations in Cleveland. In fact, the moving of the entire operations to Forest Park (and "farming out" the printing) was being discussed, although no definite plans had, as yet, been crystallized.

In view of these circumstances, however, the Publication Board was not inclined to appoint another "permanent" business manager until more definite plans were available. Brother Luebeck, therefore, was asked to take on the additional duties of business manager until plans and programs were more definite.

The job of managing our publication work is no small chore in itself, but the uncertainty of our future operations, including our probable short stay in Cleveland, made the retaining and hiring of help doubly difficult. Several veteran, faithful employees left to take

other positions when opportunity offered, and new people were difficult to obtain, except on a very temporary basis. As already had been the case under Brother Baumgartner, some of our help came from local college and Bible School students.

Difficulties increased, however, and Brother Luebeck even had to draw on his own family for assistance. At one time, three of his children (two sons and a daughter) as well as his faithful wife were helping at such hours as they could. Brother Luebeck kept the work going, however, and, of course, in the early fall of 1960 all of the operations (except for Brother Luebeck's editorial work) were moved to Forest Park, Illinois, where they came under the direction of the Reverends Harold W. Gieseke and Lawrence G. Bienert.

Brother Luebeck has had a long and fruitful ministry in his Lord's work. He was born in Berlin, Germany on March 8, 1891, and attended several schools in Europe, including Lodz College (1909), Odessa College (1910), and the Baptist Seminary in Hamburg, Germany (1911-13, and 1920-23). He was ordained into the ministry in Cologne, Germany on November 4, 1923. After serving pastorates in Cologne and Leer, East Frisia, Germany, he came to Canada to serve our church in Southey, Saskatchewan (1927-32). Later he also served our churches in Ashley, N. Dak. (1932-45), and Alpena, Michigan (1945-47). It was from the latter church that he was called to the editorship of "Der Sendbote" and our other German periodicals.

75th ANNIVERSARY, EMERY

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joyce" and "The Lord Is My Light." The Men's Chorus also rendered their service as well as our Youth Choir composed of around 40 voices in glorious praise to the "God of Grace and God of Glory." Other numbers were given in solos, duets, trios and quartets. The women of the church also served dinner and supper on Sunday to a large crowd.

These were indeed days of mountain top experiences for us at Emery. The total offerings taken at the Sunday sessions for the Building Fund, Missions, and the General Fund amounted to \$5308.11. May God help us to make these next 75 years as profitable in his service as the past have been! "And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

TRIANGLE OF CHURCHES

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dedication message was delivered by Rev. Otto Patzia of Vancouver, B.C.

Musical groups contributed greatly to the blessings of the day. The mass choir of 40 voices sang under the direction of Mr. Hans Diesing of Kitimat. The Prince Rupert choir was directed by Mr. Herbert Strauss and the Terrace choir by Rev. Edmund Hein. A lovely Girls' Chorus directed by Mrs. Rudolph Rapske sang choruses and selections. A Ladies' Sextette from Terrace also sang. A Lowry organ costing \$1125 has been purchased by the church which was played on this Sunday for the first time by Mrs. Rudolph Rapske.

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Reports about the building project and the ministry of the Zion Church were given by Mr. Simon Nahirny and Rev. Edmund Hein.

A small debt of \$10,750 remains on the building. This in itself is a wonder of God's grace and goodness in the faithful ministry of this Terrace congregation. Even more amazing is the fact that the offering emphasis at these services was on missions with \$327 laid on God's altar for missions. An additional sum of \$164.30 was given to the church's building fund.

NEARBY SETTLEMENT

A few miles from Terrace at Remo is the Baptist Settlement. This was begun in 1957 under the direction of Rev. William Sturhahn. Land was cleared of the forests and rocks for the preparation of farms. A caterpillar costing \$11,000 which was secured through the help of the World Council of Churches and our denominational Fellowship Fund was used by Rev. Rudolph Rapske in this heavy, pioneering work. About eight immigrant families were established on this land. Virtually penniless when they arrived, they now have comfortable homes, their own farms, and a good income from the sale of vegetables, berries and fruit, and of chickens and rabbits. The Honorable W. A. C. Bennett, premier of British Columbia, and his former Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Newton Stacy, have visited the settlement and were enthusiastic about "the prize winning strawberries" raised here. As a result, a better road was built by the government to the settlement. This too is the Lord's doing, and it is a wondrous sight to behold!

The Zion Baptist Church of Terrace in this northern triangle of churches is letting its light shine brightly for Christ. Rev. Rudolph Rapske serves as the supply pastor for most of the Sundays with Rev. Edmund Hein also preaching. The church is making a harmonious transition to English with most of the Sunday evening services conducted in that language. The Sunday School is prospering under the leadership of Mr. Wilmar Buchholz, as superintendent. The congregation has a fine reputation in the town of Terrace, and its witness for Christ is bound to be effective in the years to come.

REMEMBER THIS TRIANGLE

As North American Baptists, we need to keep our eyes open on this triangle in northern British Columbia across the straits from southern Alaska. The triangle of cities there has a great future ahead of it with amazing developments still to be recorded. Our churches in this interesting triangle are steadily going forward in a pioneering spirit. Their efforts are bound to be crowned with success. Their names—Prince Rupert, Kitimat and Terrace—are already inscribed into our denominational fellowship as some of our newest churches, already accomplishing great things for Christ and his Gospel!

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Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: November 5, 1961

Theme: GROWTH IN CHRISTIAN CONCERN

Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The Christian is more concerned about bearing a burden than about being a burden.

INTRODUCTION: The organizational efficiency has taken hold of our charity so effectively that more people are clothed, fed, sheltered and healed today than ever before. Charity has become a professional institution. But something has been lost in the process. We give more of our material goods, but less of ourselves; we give more money, but less love. Professional philanthropy has taken the place of personal sympathy. We are absentee burden bearers, looking at the needs of our brother from a distance. In giving the weak and needy a hand-out, we have withheld a helping hand. It seems much easier to finance another's burden than to bear another's burden.

The tragedy of such a system became evident some time ago when a well-to-do man took over the responsibility of a certain orphan. He provided food, clothing and a number of toys. Anxious to see how the little boy reacted to his charity, he visited him and presented himself as his benefactor. Noting a certain sadness and unhappiness in his face, he asked whether there was something else he could do for him. With quivering voice the boy answered: "Can't you love a fellow a little bit?"

I. THE CONCERN OF CHRIST. Matthew 25:31-33.

In a sense this is an awesome, fearsome and yet inspiring scene. At first glance it seems impossible to visualize the love of God because the terrible and unqualified judgment which he passes upon sin and sinners takes up so much of the picture. It almost seems as if Christ shows a lack of concern for those upon whom he passes such severe judgment. Actually, the exact opposite is true—the condemned ignored the love and concern of Jesus Christ all their lives and the judgment which was passed upon them was a judgment which they chose and brought upon themselves.

II. THE MULTITUDE OF THE CONCERNED. Matthew 25:34-40.

Jesus' love and tenderness are pictured here in a most wonderful way. He is dealing with a multitude of his children who were so concerned about the needs of others that they were unconscious of their goodness. As followers of their Lord, they were so natural

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in the good they performed that the thought of reward never entered their minds. They were surprised to learn that they were to receive payment for something they did out of pure love. Such service, even among Christians is rare, and yet it brings the greatest happiness to life as well as in death.

III. THE MULTITUDE OF THE UNCONCERNED. Matthew 25:41-46.

The words, "Depart from me," are probably the most tragic in the Bible because they convey the thought of finality. So unconcerned were they on the left that their eyes and ears were never opened to the needs of their fellow men. They appeared before the judgment seat of Christ as though they were righteous. Before any earthly tribunal they would have been acquitted because they did no evil. But before Christ they were condemned because they did no good. They were concerned about themselves and no one else.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: November 12, 1961

Theme: GROWTH THROUGH STEWARDSHIP

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-29

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: When once we have presented our bodies completely to God as a living sacrifice, then the material sacrifices will be easy.

INTRODUCTION: There are a number of misconceptions about stewardship.

S. S. LESSON EDITOR

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

ship among many Christians which ought to be cleared up. One of the questions asked by many is, "What part of my possessions belong to me and what part belong to God?" Such a question rules God out as a partner and looks upon him as a neighbor—so much of God is fenced out and so much is fenced in. Even in our tithing, we are often more interested in how much we can keep rather than in how much we can give. To give God 10 per cent does not mean that we can do what we please with the 90 per cent. The same misconception is evident in the use of our time. It is unchristian to think that, because we give one day a week to the Lord, we are free to live like the devil for the other six days. The dividing line should also be taken away where our talents are concerned. Money, time and talent should be surrendered and dedicated to the glory of Jesus Christ.

I. THE PRESENTATION OF GOD'S GIFTS. Matthew 25:14-15.

The Constitution tried to put all men on the same level by referring to them as being "born free and equal" and "endowed with certain inalienable rights." There are ways in which all human beings are equal, but Jesus also made it apparent that in many ways people are enormously unequal. They are unequal as regards position, wealth, brains, skill and spiritual endowment. That is why he accorded to each man a responsibility "according to his several ability." It is important to look upon these gifts, whatever they may be, as God-given.

II. THE USE OF GOD'S GIFTS. Matthew 25:16-23.

When God bestows these gifts upon us, we are not to look enviously on the gifts of others. He knows what we can do? The size of the gift is not so important; only how much use we make of it. The man who had five talents to work with and the man who had two talents were both given the same commendation from the Lord. He did not commend them for the amount of work they had done, but for the fact that it was "well done." The parable of the talents reveals to us the importance and the seriousness of our individual stewardship.

III. THE MISUSE OF GOD'S GIFTS. Matthew 25:24-29.

This third man could be described as having more nerve than any character mentioned in the Bible. He puts the entire blame for his failure on the Lord. He is saying in effect that God is not only unjust, but he doesn't even know what he is doing. Since he has no love or mercy in his own heart, he accuses God of being a tyrant who rules arbitrarily without rhyme or reason.

He had a wrong idea of God and a low estimate of his fellow men. But he could find no adequate excuse for his laziness and his unfaithful stewardship.

75th Church Anniversary, Emery, S. Dak.

Report of the Diamond Jubilee festivities at the First Baptist Church, Emery, South Dakota by Mrs. John Terveen

"BUT WE SEE JESUS, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honor." (Hebrews 2:9).

Truly, the First Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., saw Jesus Christ with more clarity in the celebration days of its 75th anniversary. To him be all praise and glory for the manifestation of his love for us, not only in days gone by but up to the present.

ings. The Sunday School Hour under the leadership of John Terveen again proved to us how profitable the Word is as it is sown into young lives. Former superintendents took part in the service. Mr. Ed. Rosken gave a resume of the S. S. lesson and the Rev. D. S. Wipf spoke on "The Church Victorious Builds on the Word." In the morning worship service the message was given by Rev. A. Ittermann on "The Church



The Anniversary Choir of the First Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., directed by Rev. Leland H. Friesen, pastor. The theme of the program, "The Church Victorious," can be seen above the choir.

Our Diamond Anniversary program was carried out under the able leadership of our pastor, Rev. L. Friesen, from September 1 to 3, 1961, with the theme, "The Church Victorious." Former pastors who were able to be with us were Rev. R. Seibel of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Dr. A. Ittermann of Chattanooga, Tenn.; and Rev. D. S. Wipf of Madison, S. Dak. Rev. J. C. Gunst was also with us as one of our speakers.

The meetings started on Friday evening with a message by Rev. R. Seibel on "The Church Victorious Is Established Through Faith." After the evening service, pictures of days gone by were shown on the screen and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Saturday morning the topics, "The Church Victorious Is a Prayer Church" and "The Church Victorious Advances Through Sacrifice," were given by Rev. A. Ittermann and Rev. D. S. Wipf. Time was given for testimonies and reminiscences by our people and former members.

On Saturday evening the Homecoming Banquet was held in Pioneer Hall at Freeman, S. Dak., with a large crowd in attendance and a blessed time in the Lord was had by all. Rev. J. C. Gunst gave the message, "The Church Victorious Perpetuates the Gospel."

The Sunday meetings were the highlights of these days and around 1250 people were in attendance at the meet-

Victorious Accepts Christ's Lordship."

The meeting of the afternoon was given over to the missionary emphasis with Rev. R. Seibel giving the message, "The Church Victorious Maintains A Missionary Vision." We were grateful for the many expressions of congratu-



Rev. and Mrs. Leland H. Friesen of Emery, South Dakota, and their four "stalwart" sons.

lations from our sister churches given by the pastors who were in attendance. Mr. Bert Terveen also read a number of letters from some of the former church members and churches unable to be present. Mrs. L. Friesen also read letters from our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. E. Kern and Miss Lucille Wipf, whom this church is supporting.

The evening service was truly a great climax for these days. Rev. J. C. Gunst presented the final message on, "The Church Victorious Receives Its Sure Reward." It was with joy that we as members saw a number of our young people dedicate their lives for the service of Christ.

During these days the Word was not only brought by word of mouth but also in many and varied musical numbers. The Anniversary Choir sang two great anthems, "Let Mount Zion Re-

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ANNIVERSARY SPEAKERS, EMERY, S. DAK.

Ministers at the 75th anniversary services of the First Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak. Left to right: Rev. Leland H. Friesen, pastor; Dr. Arthur Ittermann, Prof. Roy Seibel, Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District secretary; and Rev. D. S. Wipf.

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Northern District

Farewell for the Neuman Family, Edenwold, Sask.

On Sunday evening, Aug. 27, the Edenwold Baptist Church, Edenwold, Sask., and a large number of friends from the neighboring churches gathered for a farewell service and program in honor of Rev. and Mrs. R. Neuman and family. They served our church faithfully for two years.

Mr. David Kramer, deacon, presided at the meeting. Short messages and acknowledgments of their faithful service were given by the following representatives of the church: Mr. D. Kramer in behalf of the deacons, Mr. R. Kurtz for the church, Mrs. Vera Rosem for the Ladies' Mission Society, Mr. F. Brucker for the Senior Choir, Miss D. Rumpel for the Junior Choir, Mr. K. Hollerbaum for the Sunday School, Mr. A. Kramer for the C. B. Y., Mr. E. Rosem in behalf of the Brotherhood, and Mr. A. Browatski for the Davin Grace Church.

We are sorry to see the Neumans leave us so soon, but there are memories and we were richly blessed during their ministry. May God richly bless them on the Indian Mission field in Alberta. Miss Gloria Neuman, the oldest daughter, will enter a hospital in Edmonton, Alta., where she will train as a nurse.

Mrs. Frank Brucker, Reporter

Vacation Bible School, Bridgeland Church, Calgary, Alta.

"Around the World with Christ" was the theme of this year's Vacation Bible School held in the evenings August 21-25, at the Bridgeland Baptist Church, Calgary, Alta. There were 78 people enrolled, including the adults, for whom also classes were conducted. The daily offerings were designated for our Japan Mission in the distribution of literature. On Sunday evening, August 26, a program was presented, at which time each class participated and the display of the handwork was shown.

The school was under the able direction of our Sunday School superintendent, Miss Betty Ohlhauser. The teachers were as follows: Nursery, Linda Ohlhauser and Pearl Weiss; Beginners, Audrey Fenske and Selma Radke; Primary, Louanne Eslinger and Vi Effa; Juniors, Beverly Proppe and Darlene Martin; Intermediates, Vi Bettcher; Adult Class, Rev. R. Herrmann, Ernie Radke and Alvin Effa.

On Sunday, Sept. 10, we resumed our Sunday School in the Senator Patrick Burns School, which is located in the area of our new church property in northwest Calgary. In spite of the unfavorable weather, we had a fine number in attendance. Recently the church elected Gordon Weideman as Church Extension Builders' captain, with Art Arneson as his assistant.

Ida Neher, Reporter

October 26, 1961

Vacation School and Baptism, Upper Seven Sisters, Man.

A Vacation Bible School was held at Upper Seven Sisters, Manitoba from August 14 to 18 with an enrollment of 52 pupils. The theme was, "Around the World with Christ." Our pastor, Rev. Arthur Gellert, served as director, while the teachers were: Beginners, Mrs. E. Bonnikowsky, Miss Janice Melnick; Primary, Mrs. K. Hodges, Miss Irmgard Tiede; Juniors, Mrs. D. Legall. On August 20 a closing program was held.

This summer, we of the Whitemouth Baptist Church had the privilege to witness the baptism of two converts by our pastor, Rev. Arthur Gellert. An evening service was held, followed by the Lord's Supper, when the hand of fellowship was extended to the newly baptized persons and they were welcomed into the church.

The members of our church are thankful for our new church being erected at Upper Seven Sisters, Manitoba. This is five miles from our present location, and we hope and pray that our move may be successful and that more persons may be won for Christ. Progress is being made very rapidly and, God willing, we hope to move into our new church this fall.

Mrs. Hildegard Hodges, Reporter

Eastern District

Dedication of New Parsonage at Alpena, Michigan

The dedication of the new parsonage of the Ripley Boulevard Baptist Church of Alpena, Michigan was held on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 3. Rev. Norman H. Klann, pastor, introduced Rev. Emanuel Wolff, Eastern District Secretary, who spoke on the theme, "For the People Had a Mind to Build" (Nehemiah 4:6).

Don't forget to renew your subscription to the "Baptist Herald."



Children and teachers of the Vacation Bible School, Bridgeland Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta. Miss Betty Ohlhauser, the school's director, is at the extreme left, 2nd row in choir loft.

Mr. Klann also introduced Mr. Jesse H. Besser of the Besser Manufacturing Company of Alpena as special guest, thanking him in behalf of the congregation for donating the land for the parsonage. He also thanked the men and women of the church for their interest, time and effort. Over 1,000 man-hours were donated by the men in the construction of the building. The ladies contributed by serving meals, sewing and painting. Mr. William Pollard, a member of the church, was general contractor. Mr. Joe Timm led in the singing of "Showers of Blessing."

Mrs. Omer S. Turnbull, Church Reporter

First Baptismal Service, Baptist Church, Norridge, Ill.

Sunday, Sept. 17, was a red letter day at the First Baptist Church of Norridge, Illinois. The first baptism in our new church was held on this morning. Our pastor, Rev. Walter Schmidt, directed his sermon, "Baptized Into Christ," to the two young candidates, Nicholas Stengel and his sister Susan Stengel, but the message was beneficial to all present. Brother Schmidt clarified the three professions by the act of baptism, namely: (1) profession of faith, (2) profession of discipleship, and (3) profession of equality.

As we watched the baptism progress and listened to the choir sing, "Just As I Am," we were reminded that Jesus, by his baptism, testified that he would again rise from the dead and that all who believe on him would be resurrected. The two young candidates made their confession of this faith when each came forward at separate evangelistic services which were held in our church this past Easter season. Rev. Harold Gieseke was the guest speaker at these special services. We acknowledged with thanks the dedication of the baptistry as a gift by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fromm. We rejoiced together with the baptized on this day and look forward to many more similar services to come.

Ruth J. Hess, Reporter

Eastern Conference Sessions at Union Church, Arnold, Pa.

From August 24-27, delegates met at the Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Pennsylvania, for the sessions of the 110th Eastern Conference. Mr. Merle Gibbens, Erie, Penna., was moderator; Rev. Raymond Yahn, Pittsburgh, Penna., vice-moderator; Rev. Eldon Janzen, Arnprior, Ont., recording secretary; Rev. Richard Mikolon, Erie, Penna., statistician; and Rev. Richard Sparling, host pastor. The Conference theme, "Dedicated Discipline" (I Cor. 4:2) proved a most fitting follow-up of the General Conference theme, "Greater Things Through Christ."

Our Seminary President, Rev. Frank Veninga; Miss Ruby Salzman, Missionary to the Cameroons; and District Secretary, Rev. Emanuel Wolff, served as denominational guests and speakers. Rev. Eldon Janzen's informative and inspirational, "Dedicated Discipleship Demonstrated in the Home," was the second in the series. Mr. Veninga ably culminated the Conference theme messages with, "Dedicated Discipleship Demonstrated in the World."

Rev. Walter Damrau presided at the Memorial Service; Rev. Richard Mikolon presented the statistical reports; and Rev. Eugene Stroh directed the Sunday School Union. The Women's Missionary Union, with Mrs. Richard Mikolon as president, presented a program on Friday evening with Ruby Salzman depicting the Cameroons Mission Field via pictures and actual recordings. The Saturday evening banquet highlight was Rev. R. Sparling's very positive directive that believers unreservedly put aside impairing obstacles from their lives and let Christ be first in daily living.

Officers elected for 1961-62 were: Rev. Raymond P. Yahn, moderator; Mr. Welby Border, vice-moderator; Rev. Eldon Janzen, recording secretary; and Rev. Richard Mikolon, statistician.

Albert Fadenrecht, Reporter

Western District

Vacation Bible School, Magnolia Church, Anaheim, California

The Magnolia Baptist Church of Anaheim, California held a Vacation Bible School July 10-14, under the direction of Mrs. Ethel Barnard, with Mrs. Wavyl Taylor directing the handcrafts, and 53 inspired teachers assisting.

The total enrollment was 325 children, with 15 decisions made for Christ. Our theme was "Living by God's Time," around which our Friday evening program was presented to a "standing room" audience. The total offering was \$255.00. Rev. Kenneth Fischer is the pastor of the Magnolia Baptist Church.

Mrs. Bette Miller, Church Reporter

A Great Day at Trinity Church, Kelowna, B. C.

The dawning of a beautiful Okanagan day on August 6th was the beginning of a day of rejoicing for the newly formed Trinity Baptist Church of six months of age. Since an outdoor baptism had been planned, a beautiful day



Rev. E. H. Nikkel of Kelowna, B. C., with nine baptismal candidates from the Trinity and Grace Baptist Churches of Kelowna, B. C.

was the setting required. We started the day with a record attendance at Sunday School and service, including new scholars and many visitors. Miss Erica Krueger, a missionary on furlough from Nigeria, spoke to the Sunday School and Rev. E. H. Nikkel brought one of his fine messages.

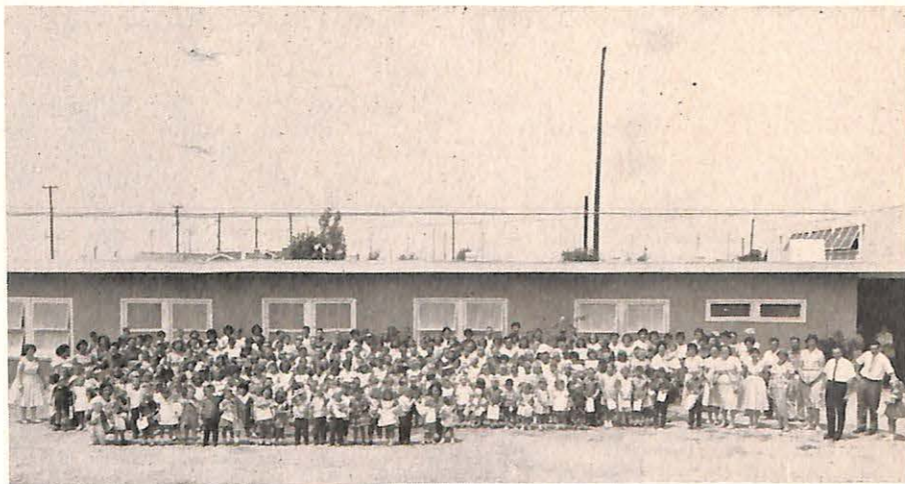
In the afternoon we drove across the lake to Green Bay Camp and conducted a baptismal service for the eight candidates from Trinity Church and one from Grace Church. After a short service under the trees along the shore, the candidates followed the Lord in baptism as the male choir, out on the float, sang songs of dedication.

Then we went back to the lower auditorium for the evening service. The baptismal candidates were received into the church membership by our beloved friend and serving pastor, Brother Nikkel. This was followed by the dedication of children amidst one of Frieda Tiede's floral settings of pink and white gladiolas, at which 29 children were dedicated to the Lord.

Rose Leschert, Reporter

Special Events at Baptist Church, Paul, Idaho

The days of June 26-30 proved to be of great blessing for us at Paul, Idaho as we held our Vacation Bible School. The average attendance was 48 pupils



Most of the 325 children and 53 teachers of the 1961 Vacation Bible School of the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif. Rev. Kenneth Fischer, pastor, and Mr. Harvey Mehlhaff, summer worker, are at the right in the picture.

with 8 teachers. Our offering amounted to \$10.05 which was designated for the ministry of Miss Helen Lohse among the Spanish people in Colorado. On Friday evening the pupils presented a fine program showing some of the things they had learned during the week.

Several of our young people have left for college this fall. After the evening service on Sept. 3rd, a reception was held for them. Mrs. Paul Schaffter baked and decorated a special cake in their honor. Choruses were led by Caroline Riedlinger. A short devotional was given by Rev. Myrl Thiesies. Gifts were presented to Shirley Renz, who has entered St. Alphonsus School of Nursing in Boise, Idaho and Harold Wayne Young, who is attending University of Idaho at Moscow, Idaho.

The Woman's Union held its monthly meeting on Thursday evening, Sept. 7th, at the church annex. The program, "Diligence in Labor," was presented by Mrs. Lester Freeman. We were favored by an accordion solo by Miss Linda Renz.

Mrs. Myrl E. Thiesies, Reporter

Vacation School at Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, B. C.

From August 21 to 30 the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, B. C., held a Daily Vacation Bible School with an average attendance of 164 and a high of 193. The school was under the able direction of our pastor, Rev. O. Patzia, and our summertime church worker, Miss Louise Giedt, plus a working staff of 36 teachers and officers. The general theme of the school was "Living in God's Time." In preparation, the teachers were invited to view a special film pertaining to their work, and each morning they met for a short session of prayer.

It was felt by pupils and teachers alike that the school this year was a tremendous success, not only in attendance but particularly relating to spiritual attainment. An offering of over \$80.00 was given by the children for foreign missions. A closing program was presented by the children for the benefit of parents and friends, at which time awards were presented and handcraft displayed.

(Mrs.) Eugene Lueck, Reporter

Recent Events at Bethany Church, Portland, Oregon

Vacation Bible School was held in July at the Bethany Church, Portland, Oregon, with an average attendance of 111. Mrs. Nola Haberman was the superintendent. Beginners Supt. was Mrs. Wm. Jenne; Primary Supt., Mrs. Roderick Eggiman; Junior Supt., Mrs. Randy Bays. Teen Time school which met evenings under the direction of Rev. and Mrs. Arthur K. Schulz had an average attendance of 22 High School students. The combined offering of both schools amounted to \$106.78 which was sent to the American Sunday School Union for work among our own unreached children. A Joint birthday celebration was held for Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Schulz on Sunday evening, Sept. 3, with refreshments and music after the evening service and a monetary gift with good wishes for continued service in our midst.

Mrs. Hulda Graf and family presented the church with a new pulpit to match our new communion table in memory of her late husband, Mr. Ben D. Graf. Rev. Arthur K. Schulz had a fitting dedicatory service with prayer. We are launching a "Stay for Church" campaign beginning with Sept. 10 in our Sunday School of which Randy Bays is the superintendent. Five of our young men are in the Armed Service of our country.

Eleanor M. Rich, Reporter

Junior Camp of the Oregon Baptist League

The Junior Camp of the Oregon Baptist League was held during August 12-19 at Camp Tapawingo near Falls City, Oregon. The Camp theme was "Friends Of Jesus" based on John 15: 14. It was a very fine camp, with several young people making important decisions relating to the Kingdom's work. Missionaries representing the Southern Cameroons were Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Schneider and their children, Evan and Linda. Douglas Chaffee, son of Dr. and Mrs. Leslie Chaffee, was also at camp as one of the counselors. Rev. C. H. Walth was camp pastor, and Mr. Rod Rosentreter was camp manager.



JUNIOR CAMP OF OREGON BAPTIST LEAGUE
Students, teachers and counselors at the Junior Camp of the Oregon Baptist League held at Camp Tapawingo near Falls City, Oregon.

October 26, 1961



The large Vacation Bible School held in July 1961 by the Bethany Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon (Photo by Roderick Eggiman).

We are very grateful for each one of the workers and teachers who contributed to the blessings of the week. The counselors contributed much to the success of the camp, and the volunteer cooks and helpers were greatly appreciated by everyone. Mrs. Florence Biser was the camp nurse, and Roger Mattson was the lifeguard.

C. H. Walth, Camp Pastor

in the basement of the church. Later everyone gathered at the Eugene Van Amburg farm for the Annual Sunday School picnic. It is our prayer that the Word which was planted in their young hearts by the teachers and helpers may bring forth much fruit in the days to come.

Mrs. Edwin Voigt, Reporter

Double Event at Grace Church, West Fargo, N. D.

On Sunday afternoon, August 27, members and friends of the Grace Baptist Church, West Fargo, N. Dak., gathered for a pot luck supper welcoming our new pastor and family, the Rev. and Mrs. Leon Bill, Larry, Ramona and Maxine. It was also a farewell for Rev. and Mrs. Berchardt and family who have been so faithful in serving the pulpit in the absence of a regular pastor for three months.

After the supper we gathered in the main sanctuary for the service. John Albrecht, deacon and moderator of the church, was in charge. The choir sang and Mrs. Leon Bill played a piano solo. The following spoke words of welcome on behalf of the church organizations: Sunday School, Otto Bertsch; Senior CBYF, Carl Sigmund; Deacons, John Albrecht; and Woman's Missionary Society, Lucill Wacker. The Woman's Missionary Society also presented both Mrs. Bill and Mrs. Berchardt with corsages.

Mrs. Milbert Fischer, Reporter

Mission Project of Northern North Dakota Association

The Northern North Dakota Association CBYF chose for its 1960-61 mission project the goal of \$1800, or \$100 per church. This amount is to be divided between the three following projects: \$250 for the education and support of Flavius Martin in America, \$500 for the Seminary Library, and \$1050 for the Japanese Library Youth Center. To help raise funds for our mission project, we brought Flavius Martin to our association for four rallies at Turtle Lake, Minot, Harvey and Carrington.

At our Fall Rally Rev. Harold Weiss, our mission promoter, presented the Mission Cup to the Goodrich society for raising \$361 for project 626. Other churches that raised over their \$100 goal were: Washburn, Turtle Lake,

McClusky, and Martin. We are sure that the Lord will bless all the young people and parents who sacrificially gave toward our mission project so that we were almost able to reach our goal.

Sharon L. Schlafmann, Reporter

Sessions of Southwestern Conference at Columbus, Nebr.

The Southwestern Conference was held at the First Baptist Church of Columbus, Neb., and at the Shell Creek Baptist Church north of Columbus from July 28-30. Twenty-one churches were represented. The Conference opened on Friday evening at the First Baptist Church, Rev. Leon Bill brought the message of the evening entitled, "The Steward's Charge." On Saturday morning, a Sunday School Workers' Breakfast was held at the Ed Gerralts home. The Saturday sessions were largely business sessions with the exception of the luncheons for the Woman's Missionary Union held at the First Baptist Church and the Baptist Men and Pastors' Luncheon held jointly at Esther's Diner.

A conference picnic and the evening service were held at Pawnee Park. Rev. Elton Kirstein brought the message entitled, "The Charge to Witness." The concluding service was held at the Shell Creek Church on Sunday morning. The Calvary Baptist Church of Hoisington and the Memory Lane Baptist Church of Wichita, Kansas were received into the Southwestern Conference. The new officers were commissioned. The message of the morning entitled, "Charged with Power," was brought by Rev. Edgar Wesner.

The officers of the Southwestern Conference for the coming year are: moderator, Dr. Douglas Gallagher, Lorraine, Kansas; vice-moderator, Rev. Elton Kirstein, Marion, Kansas; recording secretary, Rev. Kenneth Schmuland, Creston, Nebraska; and statistician, Rev. Daniel Kolke, Shattuck, Oklahoma.

Edwin Voigt, Reporter

50th Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin C. Frick

Many friends and relatives attended the Golden Wedding Anniversary program and reception for Mr. and Mrs. Ben Frick of Durham, Kansas, on Sunday afternoon, August 20th. The program presented in their honor and held at the First Baptist Church of Durham included a vocal solo by their daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Hein, entitled "Jesus Saviour, Pilot Me"; a reading by a granddaughter, Janet Frick; a vocal solo by Galen Frick, a grandson, entitled "His Wonderful Love"; a letter from Rev. Edward Kary, a former pastor; and remarks by the pastor Rev. Wesley A. Gerber. As a special request by Mrs. Frick who taught the preschool Sunday School class for many years, a group of children sang several numbers.

Open house followed at the Frick home with lunch being served to over 225 guests. The couple was blessed with three children, who were present for the occasion: Mrs. Virgil Sloan, Big Piney, Wyoming; Mrs. Lloyd Hein, Idaho Falls, Idaho; and Mr. Melvin Frick, Durham, Kansas. The five grandchildren were also present, as well as many other relatives. Both have been active members of the church for many years.



Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin C. Frick of Durham, Kansas at their golden wedding anniversary celebration held at the First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Frick has done much to beautify the church with her many bouquets of flowers.

Mrs. Melvin Frick, Reporter

Northwestern Conference Women Hold Their Annual Meeting

The women of the Northwestern Conference held their conference meeting July 31st at the Riverview Baptist Church, West St. Paul, Minn. Because the Northwestern Conference had only a one day session, it was necessary to combine the women's annual meeting and the missionary program into one meeting. Mrs. Vernon Heckman, St. Paul, president, presided. The members were privileged to have a number of the missionaries and denominational women present. New pastors' wives to the conference and missionaries were introduced and presented with a flower corsage made and given by Mrs. Elmer Stanke of St. Paul.

Mrs. D. Wesseler, chairman of the General Conference Women's Missionary Union Committee on Missions, Stewardship and Education, stressed personal devotions and a planned schedule of time to prepare oneself in God's will so as to be an effective witness for him. Miss Ruby Salzman brought greetings from the women of Africa. Mrs. K. Marquardt of Steamboat Rock, Iowa; Mrs. F. Mashner of Sheboygan, Wisconsin; Mrs. F. Schmidt of Victor, Iowa; and Mrs. F. Stassen from the host church presented the musical portion of the program.

The following members were installed as the new officers: Mrs. Vernon Heckman, St. Paul, president; Mrs. Rudolph Woyke, Milwaukee, vice-president; Mrs. G. W. Blackburn, Jeffers, Minn., secretary; and Mrs. Eldon Schroeder, Elgin, Iowa, treasurer.

Mrs. Reuben Glewwe, Secretary

THE STORY OF GOD'S VOLUNTEERS TEAM

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prayer vigilance for this ministry. We would encourage all of you to stand by this work with your prayers. In order to get more specific in your prayer support, we would suggest that you join us at 11:00 a.m., Monday through Fri-

day. It is at this time that God's Volunteers are on their knees in prayer seeking God's blessing upon the witness of the Gospel. So wherever you are at that time, won't you take some time out of your busy schedule, whether in the office, shop, school or at home in praying for us?

Then, too, we would ask you to put the team members on your prayer list and remember them daily and individually in your prayers. The forces of evil are mighty when the witness of Christ is extended and the call to accept Christ as Savior is declared. We wish to thank you in advance for your dedication to this important prayer ministry.

DEDICATED YOUNG PEOPLE

It is always a thrill to know that God is calling young people to join God's Volunteers, and the special plea is that you may either guide others or consider for yourself the opportunity to become a member of some future team. If God has been directing you to give of yourself in this work, then we would suggest that you ask your pastor who will be able to give you information as to how you can go about in applying for service in God's Volunteers. Additional information can be had from Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill., who is the director of evangelism and Church Extension in our denomination.

The Lord's cause has need of workers who are willing to give themselves without any reservation in unconditional surrender to his will. Then, too, the Lord is looking for those who are burdened to stand by in support of his work. Humanly speaking, we cannot give value to the worth of a soul that has been brought to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

TEAM PRAYER PARTNERS

You are thus requested to join the many prayer partners who are "putting feet to their prayers" and thus contributing \$5.00 or more to the work of God's Volunteers. This is a way in which you can have tangible evidence that by your means you have sent out the messenger to bring the message to some needy soul. All such gifts should be sent to North American Baptists, Inc., Box 6, Forest Park, Ill.

Our burden is that God will continue to bless the work of God's Volunteers in their ministry of "Souls for Jesus." Our theme song in part suggests this desire:

"Souls for Jesus is our battle cry,
Souls for Jesus, we'll fight until we die;
We never will give in, while souls are lost in sin,
Souls for Jesus is our battle cry.
A call comes to one and all;
Enlist now and answer the call
AS A VOLUNTEER."

Join us in this venture of making the Lord Jesus Christ known to those who know him not.

Obituary

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

MRS. WILLIAM SIESS

of Lorraine, Kansas

Mrs. William Siess of Lorraine, Kansas, daughter of John and Esther Rolfs, was born at Lorraine, August 26, 1901, and was called to her Father's Home on August 10, 1961. She was baptized by Rev. Samuel Blum and united with the First Baptist Church of Lorraine in which she was a faithful member throughout her life.

On July 17, 1921 she was married to William Siess and to this union were born six children, of whom three sons preceded her in death. In addition to her husband, she is survived by two daughters: (Vivian) Mrs. Robert Ellsworth, of Washington, D. C., and (Gloria) Mrs. Howard Servis of Stockton, Kansas; and by a son, Robert, of Hutchinson, Kansas. Two grandsons and four granddaughters also survive. She leaves many other relatives and friends. Services were held from the First Baptist Church, Lorraine, August 13, with Dr. Douglas H. Gallagher officiating.

Lorraine, Kansas
DOUGLAS H. GALLAGHER, Pastor

MRS. AMELIA K. STEFFENS

of Anaheim, California

Mrs. Amelia K. Steffens of Anaheim, Calif., was born in Menno, South Dakota Oct. 15, 1889 and passed away at the Martin Luther Hospital of Anaheim on Sept. 16, 1961, having reached the age of 71 years, 11 months and one day.

Mrs. Steffens was a native of South Dakota and moved to the city of Trenton, Illinois where she lived prior to coming to Anaheim in 1942. In this year she united with Bethel Baptist Church from transfer of letter from the First Baptist Church of Trenton, Illinois. She was married to Dr. A. H. Steffens on Sept. 16, 1914 by Rev. J. Pfeifer. She had been baptized by Rev. W. H. Buening. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Pauline Wieland of Missouri; one brother, John Koth of Corning, California; and numerous nieces and nephews. Memorial services were conducted at the Bethel Baptist Church on Tuesday, Sept. 19. Interment was made in the Trenton City Cemetery of Trenton, Illinois where she was buried next to her husband, Dr. Steffens.

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

MR. GUSTAV LITKE

of Camrose, Alberta

Mr. Gustav Litke of Camrose, Alberta was born on April 19, 1888 near the Black Sea in Russia. He died suddenly of a heart attack at his home in Camrose on Sept. 5, 1961. He reached the age of 73 years, 4 months, 18 days. During his youth he accepted Christ as his personal Savior, was baptized and joined the church. On July 28, 1913 he entered into holy matrimony with Elisabeth Kohl, with whom he shared the joys and sorrows of life. In 1913 they left their homeland and came to this continent and settled at Lesterville, S. Dak. From there they moved to Schuler, Alberta; Fenwood, Saskatchewan; Forestburg, Alberta; retiring to Camrose about six years ago.

Brother Litke was a carpenter by trade who had built a number of our Northern Conference churches. He leaves to mourn his sudden departure his beloved wife; two sons: Alex of Edmonton; Edward of Camrose; one daughter, Elsie (Mrs. Hall) of Calgary; 8 grandchildren; one brother; and one sister. Hebrews 11:10, 13-16 were used as words of comfort.

Fellowship Baptist Church
Camrose, Alberta
OSCAR FRITZKE, Pastor

MRS. CARL DE WEERDT

of Rock Rapids, Iowa

Mrs. Carl De Weerd, nee Tillie Kruger, of Rock Rapids, Iowa, was born on Feb. 18, 1887 near the town of George. On Dec. 22, 1905 she was joined in marriage to Mr. Carl De Weerd. The family made their home on a farm near Little Rock, Iowa. They lived there from 1906 to 1941 when they retired and moved to Little Rock, Iowa. The last three months both of them resided in the Restmore Home at Rock Rapids, Iowa. Mrs. De Weerd died on Sept. 3, 1961. She

reached the age of 74 years, 6 months and 15 days.

She leaves to mourn her departure her husband, Carl De Weerd; her two sons, John and Peter De Weerd of Little Rock, Iowa; one daughter, Etta (Mrs. Charles Busse) of Worthington, Minn.; 9 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren; one brother, Martin P. Kruger of George, Iowa; and one sister, Mrs. Martha Terrill of White, S. Dak. She was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church northeast of George, Iowa. On July 14, 1924 she confessed Christ as her Savior, and was baptized by the late Rev. J. Jordan. Sister De Weerd always took an active part in all of the activities of her church.

First Baptist Church
George, Iowa
JOHN REIMER, Pastor

MR. FRED K. SCHNEIDER

of Goodrich, North Dakota

Mr. Fred K. Schneider of Goodrich, N. Dak., was born August 30, 1908 at Goodrich, and passed away August 20, 1961 at the Bismarck Hospital, Bismarck, N. D., at the age of 53 years, 2 months and 21 days, having had a lingering illness for 2 years. He received Jesus Christ as his Savior at the age of 15, and followed the Lord in baptism July 6, 1924 at the First Baptist Church of Goodrich, N. D. He loved his Lord and the church and was a faithful member of the church, helping in her ministry as Sunday School treasurer, usher, assistant treasurer and wherever he could help along.

He married Ella Louise Kiest, which union was blessed with one son, Elroy. She passed away in March of 1952. On March 1, 1956 he married Hilda Fandrich, who survives him in death. He is survived by his wife, Hilda; his mother, Katherine Schneider of Lodi, Calif.; one son, Elroy of Goodrich, N. D.; one step-son, Elmer Fandrich, Bismarck, N. D.; three brothers; three sisters; and four grandchildren.

Goodrich, North Dakota
JACOB EHMAN, Pastor

MR. HARRY ROBERT FOX

of Anaheim, California

Mr. Harry Robert Fox of Anaheim, Calif., was born Sept. 20, 1902 and passed away

60th ANNIVERSARY, ODESSA, WASH., Nov. 2-5, 1961

The Odessa Baptist Church, Odessa, Washington, will celebrate its 60th Anniversary with special activities November 2-5, 1961. All former members and friends in neighboring churches are invited to come or to send greetings to the church.

Send your letters to the pastor, Rev. Edward Kopf, Odessa, Washington. A fine anniversary program has been prepared.

Edward Kopf, Pastor

AUGUST CONTRIBUTIONS—N.A.B. GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	Aug., 1961	Aug., 1960	Aug., 1959
Atlantic	\$ 2,405.21	\$ 652.92	\$ 1,706.52
Central	2,617.67	14,222.77	5,062.12
Dakota	4,461.75	4,860.59	3,142.69
Eastern	1,436.73	852.74	761.11
Northern	2,806.40	3,784.69	9,236.30
Northwestern	5,038.11	4,747.78	2,165.76
Pacific	15,464.72	3,889.71	4,146.30
Southern	2,052.03	233.82	2,119.72
Southwestern	3,064.88	2,558.42	3,400.09
Inter-Conference	341.59	302.27	88.08
Total	\$ 39,689.09	\$ 36,105.71	\$ 31,828.69

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	Budget Contributions	Other Contributions	Denominational Blag. Advance	Total Contributions
For the month of Aug., 1961	\$ 35,131.19	\$ 2,300.56	\$ 2,257.14	\$ 39,689.09
For the month of Aug., 1960	31,852.67	389.43	3,863.61	36,105.71
For the month of Aug., 1959	26,317.37	5,511.32		31,828.69

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1961 to Aug. 31, 1961	\$213,262.62	\$ 12,024.62	\$ 27,028.08	\$252,315.32
April 1, 1960 to Aug. 31, 1960	209,670.91	5,588.64	27,280.35	242,539.90
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