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GIRLS' SCHOOL IN VICTORIA. "The Baptist Girls' Secondary School will be permanently stationed at Victoria, Cameroon. Two women of the Peace Corps volunteers are serving on the staff in addition to our missionaries. A house is being built for the Peace Corps teachers by government funds. In January 1963 we shall have 60 new students. The course is five years in duration, so that in that period of time we shall have 300 girls as students. One day this will be a large and influential school." Miss Tina Schmidt, missionary.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING. Since there has been some confusion about the objective of the Christmas offering, usually received by the Sunday schools, this advance announcement can be given. This offering should be designated for the ministry in Christ's Name to the many national children on our mission fields through Sunday schools, school equipment, special children's projects, etc. It is *not* for the children in our missionaries' families.

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CHRISTMAS SERMONS
by Dr. George A. Lang
of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
and Rev. Walter Goltz
of Edmonton, Alberta

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Editorial

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The Christian and Religious Freedom

Every Christian has a vital stake in the preservation of religious liberty and of the principle of the separation of church and state.

By Dr. Walter Pope Binns,
Former President of William Jewell College, Missouri

"All men are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; and among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." (Photo by A. Devaney, Inc., N. Y.).

I WAS BORN INTO a quiet world where in my early years we thought that ideas and values were fixed. The great questions were answered and the lines were rather clearly drawn. People did not always do right, but at least there was general agreement as to what was right. Slavery was gone, the principle of democracy was accepted and the progress of the world was in that direction. Full realization of the democratic way of life was only a matter of time. War was an impossibility because of improved avenues of communication among the nations. All was quiet on the American front and nothing would disturb that peace.

Did that hopeful situation prevail throughout the world? That was no concern of America. We did not know much about what went on in other lands and we cared less. America was detached and secure in her isolation, bounded by two mighty oceans, protected from the turmoils of the old world and only vaguely conscious that other worlds were to be born.

AMERICA'S GREATNESS

This was the America of my childhood. As a boy of high school age in 1914 I was spending the summer at the religious assembly grounds in Ridgecrest, North Carolina. I shall never forget the morning when I went to the post office and read in the newspaper that Germany had declared war on France. Nor shall I forget when, three years later, we left the college campus, responding to the call of Woodrow Wilson to enter that "war to end all wars," "to make the world safe for

democracy," to guarantee "self-determination for small nations," to usher in a new day of freedom for all mankind.

Out of the agony of these recent years has come at least one lesson that has burned itself into our consciousness, the lesson that we are a part of the world in which we live and that what takes place in any part of the world is of vital concern to every other part.

Religious freedom is vitally related to all other freedoms. In the world today, people are expressing the deep longing of the human heart for political, intellectual, spiritual freedom. Wherever people are oppressed and their basic freedoms are denied, there is unrest and the promise of further conflict. It was a true political philosopher who said that all men "are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

Closely akin to the longing for deliverance from physical and political oppression is the passion for intellectual freedom. All progress in philosophy and the major discoveries of science have been made possible by minds that refused to be limited in the search for truth, that dared to keep open the avenues of research and inquiry. On the wall of the Jefferson Memorial in Washington is inscribed the oath of that champion of intellectual freedom: "I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man."

The origin of religious freedom is in the nature of man as the creature of God. As the climax of all his creation, God made man in his own spiritual image, the only creature in the universe capable of fellowship with him, capable of thinking his thoughts after him, capable of response to his love, capable of voluntary and intelligent obedience to his commands, the only creature morally responsible for his decisions. If this responsibility was to be real and genuine, it was necessary that man should be endowed with freedom of choice. Religious freedom is not a gift or privilege granted by the state. It is not a grace bestowed by any human agency. It is an inherent, inalienable right which civil governments have only to recognize and respect.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

These are the basic ideas which made the Protestant Reformation inevitable. The immediate occasion of the Reformation was the challenge of the Roman Catholic doctrine of the church as the custodian of grace, the authoritative interpreter of God's Word, the doorway into the Kingdom, the arbiter of man's relation of God. Martin Luther challenged the right of the church to grant indulgences for sin, and later challenged the whole traditional authority of the church. When he stood before the Diet of Worms and said, "I cannot do otherwise, God help me!" he was but echoing the words of Peter and the disciples who said to the council at Jerusalem, "We must obey God rather than man." He was stating a position that must find ultimate expression in the doctrine of the com-

petency of the individual soul to deal directly with God without the intervention of parent, church or priest.

CHURCH AND STATE

The relation of organized religion to organized society is one of the most complicated and urgent issues of our day. The problem is as old as religion and society. It was a divisive issue in Jesus' day. His enemies tried to embarrass him with the government when they raised the question of paying taxes to Rome. In response to their catch question, he gave his famous reply: "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's" thus enunciating the principle that the individual owes allegiance in different spheres both to God and to the state.

For nineteen hundred years the debate has continued as to what things are Caesar's and what things are God's. Sometimes the church has claimed to be above the state, seating and unseating civil rulers, exercising absolute authority over the people in every area of life. Sometimes the state has claimed authority over the church and established totalitarian government, practicing tyranny over the religious lives of the people. At other times, church and state have united in an arrangement of mutual support and joint control. In each of these arrangements the people have suffered the loss of their freedom in the injustices of both church and state.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN AMERICA

It remained for America in modern times to establish religious liberty and to promulgate the doctrine of separation of church and state. This is the distinctive contribution of America to the science of government. Roger Williams and his associates implemented the doctrine when they established in Rhode Island the first civil government in the world that guaranteed to its inhabitants absolute religious freedom.

The historic battle for religious liberty came in the next century when Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and George Mason challenged the establishment of religion in Virginia. This contest resulted in the adoption in 1785 of the Statute of Virginia for Religious Freedom, an achievement which Jefferson commemorated in the famous epitaph he wrote for his own tomb: "Here was buried Thomas Jefferson, Author of the Declaration of Independence, of the Statute of Virginia for Religious Freedom, and Father of the University of Virginia."

THE FIRST AMENDMENT

With the example of the noble experiment in Rhode Island, and following the long and scholarly debate in Virginia, it was only natural that the guarantee of religious liberty and the principle of separation of church and state should finally be written into the fundamental law of the land in the form of the First Amendment to the Constitution adopted in 1790.

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THE AUTHOR:

Dr. Walter Pope Binns is an outstanding Baptist leader and statesman. He has spoken frequently at Congresses of the Baptist World Alliance and at Baptist conferences. He is a member of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

THE SUBJECT:

This address was delivered by Dr. Binns at the last annual conference of "Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State" (POAU). It was one of the most provocative messages at this conference held in Chicago, Ill.

THE CHALLENGE

This challenging address on a critical issue in American life deserves to be read by every North American Baptist. Christians must be informed about these cherished freedoms and must be on constant guard to preserve them!

If we are thus agreed upon the principle and upon its importance, it remains to interpret the First Amendment in terms of specific situations. Legally, that is the responsibility of the Supreme Court of the United States, for "the constitution is what the Supreme Court says it is." This interpretation is not all made in a day. Experience has taught us that no one decision of the Supreme Court is necessarily the final word. Other cases will arise, with different sets of facts, and other decisions will modify previous ones.

Every minister in this country has a vital interest in the preservation of religious liberty and the American principle of separation of church and state. Three problems confront us in the current battle and they demand our attention.

CURRENT BATTLE

1. There are those who are frankly opposed to separation of church and state. They believe that it is the function of the state to give financial support to church-owned institutions, particularly schools and hospitals. Their argument is that these church-owned institutions are non-profit institutions that perform a public service and that tax funds should share the burden of their support. With reference to schools, their argument is that religion is an important part of education and that the two should not be separated. The church wants to enter into an arrangement where it will furnish the religious instruction and the government will pay the bill.

Our reply to those who hold this view is a direct challenge to their position. We stand with Jefferson, Madison, Mason, the founding fathers and the Supreme Court in maintaining that it is a violation of the citizen's right to make him pay taxes to support a religion in which he does not believe.

BORDER-LINE CASES

2. The second problem is to deal with

border-line cases that arise in applying the principle of separation of church and state. Of course, there are problems in connection with these border-line cases. Of course, there are delicate decisions to be made. There are questions on which there is difference of opinion. But this is not peculiar to the principle of separation of church and state. That is why we have courts and judges to interpret this and other laws.

An insidious danger is from those who use the reductio-ad-absurdum argument. They propose absurd and unreasonable applications of the principle in order to make its advocates appear absurd. They raise questions about chaplains in Congress or legal holiday at Christmas or the inscription "In God we trust" on coins.

We will not be deterred or confused by such quibbling. The First Amendment was never intended to place any ban upon religion or to destroy religious faith and practice. As the distinguished lawyer, the late Mr. Hilton Jackson of Washington, said, "What the Constitution forbids is the making of any law or the action of any governmental authority in pursuance of any law that involves the interlocking of the official functions of the state with the official or institutional functions of any church."

LOYALTY TO PRINCIPLES

3. The third problem is presented by the practical minded, non-philosophical, not too discerning or discriminating man-on-the-street who says that there are so many controversial questions in connection with the principle, so many border-line problems that he does not think the battle is worthwhile. He thinks that it will save us a lot of trouble if we just abandon the whole argument. He does not think that the question is important enough to worry about.

This man needs your attention. He belongs to a rather large group of the uninformed. He is also easily influenced by his neighbor who is interested in practical politics and who wants to avoid controversial questions that might disturb the local political situation. The political neighbor has a special fear of religious controversy.

In maintaining our position, we are confronted with the strong temptation to Protestant church-related schools and hospitals to accept government grants for buildings that are desperately needed. This will be a real test of our faith and our loyalty to principle. The minister must speak as a prophet in this crisis and his trumpet must sound no uncertain note.

When he feels the pressure of the practical-minded, when he winces under the subtle charge of being doctrinaire or narrow-minded, or prejudiced, he can find comfort and courage in the knowledge that he walks in the tradition of the higher authority who said, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's."

Our New High School at Victoria

The story of the new High School at Victoria, Federal Republic of Cameroon, how it began, and of the avalanche of students who applied by Missionary Berneice Westerman.

IT WAS ONLY A rumor at first. But who believes a rumor? In times like these when the government of the Federal Republic of Cameroon was making such great changes, could this news be taken seriously? Should we sit back and twiddle our thumbs and still expect God to shout to us concerning an open door that he wanted us to enter?

We decided to take the first steps in the right direction in preparing for our new high school at Victoria, but also to wait for God's guiding hand in stepping through the open door. We began to prepare the entrance examinations for the students, since we wanted only those who were scholastically worthy. Questions in Arithmetic, English and General Knowledge were prepared, stenciled and mimeographed.

THIRTY OUT OF THREE HUNDRED!

The "green light" flashed when our Board of Missions at home agreed to accept this challenge. God had directed them also!

More than 300 girls here at Victoria wrote the examination. We could choose only 30 of them for entrance into the school. More than one-half of them were at least worthy of an interview.

During the interviews we learned of their post-high school plans, age, Christian or religious beliefs and source of tuition. (The fees are high, but they do not nearly begin to cover the cost of the schooling.) Personal appearance, physical size and their ability to read well and to comprehend what was read eliminated quite a number of them. Even then there were many more girls to whom we could not promise places.

We began with their scholastic ability in the order of merit and chose the best ones first. Our Baptist girls were near the top of the list. The very highest was a Baptist. We permitted all of the girls to take the examination, regardless of their faith.

By December 16 the list of chosen candidates had become public news. (The government had begged us to open a double stream of students, but we had to refuse due to lack of housing and equipment.) We listed 32 candidates. The two extra ones were added because it was very possible that some could not come due to circumstances.

PLAINTIVE PLEAS

Once the official choice had been made, the candidates who had not been chosen began to come to our doors. I wish I could have counted them, but hardly a day would pass by without three or four of the girls coming to plead for an opportunity to attend. Mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, uncles, aunts and cousins came to ask for such opportunities for their relatives. Some came with money in their hands—"please keep it just in case there is a chance. You can give it back later if there is no chance."

One certainly wishes that the doors to our high school might have been opened for all, but the realistic facts

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of the size of buildings, equipment and cash available made such a dream unreasonable. We could not have the girls sleeping out in the Victoria rains.

Money orders began to come in with the requested \$14.00 as their agreement that they were coming, but some did not respond. Was it a lack of money? Objection of parents? Unsatisfactory health report? However, it did give us an opportunity to give other girls an opportunity. The Education Department also agreed that we could extend the class to 36 students instead of 30 because of the great demands at hand.

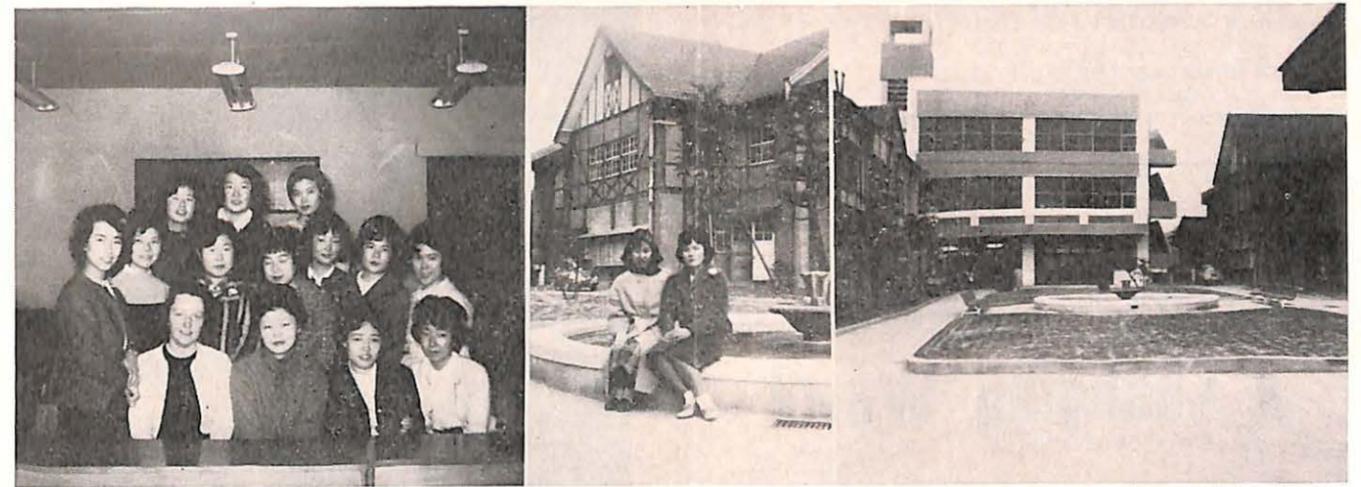
TALENTED TEACHERS

Miss Tina Schmidt had come and was to teach Domestic Science, Needlework, History, Geography and Bible. I was to teach Arithmetic, English, General Science and Literature. But who would teach French? We had asked for an East Cameroonian who was a Protestant Christian, but we had heard no news from him. So we broke our first rule and hired a young man from the Cameroons Protestant College. (Later in the year we did get our lady teacher and now we have a staff composed entirely of women.)

The job of house mother was another problem. This should be someone who knows the customs and the culture of the girls in order to understand their problems. Should it be a married woman? Then we learned of Miss Martin, the cousin of Flavius Martin. She agreed to come and since that time has worked hard. She has been most helpful and is rendering an important ministry. Thank God for her and also pray for her in carrying out her tasks effectively.



Some of the high school girls singing (left) at the new school in Soppo, Cameroon. Eirene Martin (shown in center picture) is the House Mother at the Soppo High School. In the Sewing Class (right) of the school, the students are quickly learning how to become efficient in sewing.



Bible study group (left) at the Women's University (Buddhist) in Kyoto, Japan with Missionary Joyce Batek (4th from right in front row, seated). Center: Miss Shita and Miss Hatta, the only two Christians in this study group. The main campus of the Kyoto Women's University is shown at the right.

First Christmas Party at a Buddhist University

The story of the experiences of Missionary Joyce Batek in boldly witnessing to Christ last Christmas at the Kyoto Women's University, a Buddhist school, in Japan.

IT WAS SUNDAY, December 10, 1961. The morning service in the Kyoto Baptist Church has just ended. Missionary Joyce Batek, accompanied by Miss Hatta, an attractive young Japanese woman, bade hasty "Good-byes" and hurried down the street in the direction of the street car. There wouldn't be time for even a quick lunch since they had a long ride ahead of them.

This was an important day for the English-speaking Society at the Kyoto Women's University for they had invited Joyce to come to their first Christmas party in the history of the school to speak on the meaning of Christmas. What is so unusual about a Christmas party outside of the fact that it was a little early in the season? The Kyoto Women's University is a Buddhist school and the E.S.S. group never before had had such a party.

The president of the group has been attending an evangelical church for over a year and was vitally interested in Christianity. The student who accompanied Joyce to this first meeting was a regular attendant at the Kyoto Baptist Church and had been led to the Lord by Missionary Fred Moore following her attendance at our summer camp the previous August.

A FLOOD OF QUESTIONS

Upon arriving at the school, the missionary was given a warm welcome. The president stood to her feet and gave an opening address which contained the following remarks: "I can wish each of you a Merry X-mas but not a Merry Christmas because I am not a Christian. Therefore I can't celebrate Christmas in the true sense of

the word. I hope that through this party we can come to understand the meaning of Christmas. That's why we are having this party. You might think it strange for us to have this party since our school was founded by the Shinto sect of Buddhism. However, I am interested in Christianity and want to know more about the true meaning of Christmas."

Following this Missionary Joyce spoke for nearly two hours, explaining the meaning of the birth of Christ, his death on the Cross and his subsequent resurrection. She answered question after question until finally the president had to close the meeting with many questions still unanswered. Some of the questions made our missionary realize how deep was the need of the hearts of those girls and also how keen was their interest.

How would you answer these questions? Why do we have Christmas parties? Is it right for us to have a Christmas party even though we aren't Christians? How do the Christians in America celebrate Christmas? Why do others in America who aren't Christians celebrate Christmas? The party ended with the playing of games, singing of Christmas songs and gift exchange accompanied by refreshments.

Missionary Joyce Batek left the campus that day with a heavy heart, for nearly seventy girls wanted to know more about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Many had expressed the fact that they did not believe in Buddhism and were searching for something else in which they could have faith. Here was a wide open door of opportunity, and God himself had opened the door. How long would it be at this school

before that door would be forced shut? These and other questions occupied her mind as she returned home that day.

FORMIDABLE OPPOSITION

The door remained open, for in January another request came again to visit the school and present a Bible study. The meeting was scheduled to last for two hours, but again the president had to close the meeting after nearly three and one-half hours, leaving many questions unanswered. The group decided after the meeting for each one to purchase their own copy of the New Testament so that they could study the Bible each month with the missionary.

After that, regular meetings were held each month. Several months later, the president of the group, Miss Shita, became a Christian under the aid and assistance of another Christian from her church. The next time Joyce Batek met her, the joy of her salvation was written all over her beaming face.

Some have asked, "Has there been any opposition to the giving forth of the Gospel in this school?" Any time we enter Satan's territory, there is bound to be opposition. As soon as Miss Shita declared her faith in Jesus Christ, her family immediately forbade her to attend church. Miss Hatta soon had the same experience.

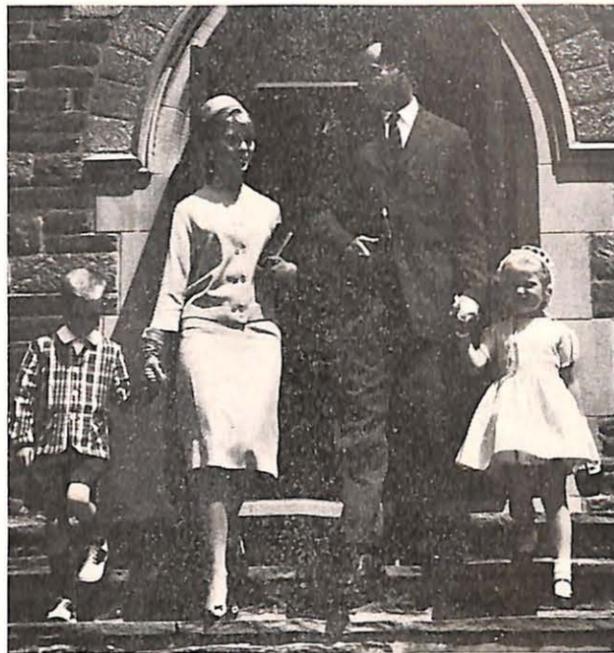
They came to Missionary Joyce in real distress, asking for advice as to what to do. They were encouraged to read their Bibles every day and to spend time with the Lord in prayer. Helpful books on Christianity were given to them to read and many Christians began to pray for them. Many of

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Revealing statistics on church attendance and a study of the causes for a drop in church attendance . . .

Church Attendance in a Changing World

Message by Dr. John Wobig of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon delivered at the 1962 Pacific Conference sessions in Tacoma, Washington



It is a blessing if the entire family worships at church. The church should be encouraged to have family pews. (Photo by Harold M. Lambert).

A STUDY OF church attendance is most intriguing but also painfully difficult. Very little information can be found in our great public libraries on the subject. With what I have been able to garner there and from statistics and other material I have gathered in my own files, I hope to be able to give you some enlightening facts on the subject.

Today it is not as natural for people to go to church as it used to be. With secular agencies making ever greater demands on the time and energy of people, the church has become just another activity in a week of an already crowded round of functions. In our rich pattern of society people get their cultural, social and even spiritual food from varied sources.

HISTORY OF ATTENDANCE

In going back across the years, it appears that church attendance has had its periods of ups and downs in our country. Beginning with the year 1600, church activity was apparently at its lowest ebb. From then on, there was a slow increase until about 1658 when another decline set in which lasted until about 1680. Then occurred what is known as the First Great Awakening brought about by a reforming synod.

This was followed by another decline which lasted until the Second Great Awakening under George Whitefield and Jonathan Edwards around 1730. Church attendance then steadily increased until 1770. Just before the Revolutionary War, a decline again set in which lasted until 1795. The installation of Timothy Dwight as president of Yale College began another increase which grew until 1825. This was known as the Third Great Awakening. When the split between the Orthodox and

Unitarian churches came to a head about that time, another decline in attendance set in which ran until 1858.

With the appearing of Dwight L. Moody on the scene, another increase came which held until 1887. From then on until the Spanish American War attendance again took a slump. After that war, there was another increase until about 1921. Since then both church attendance and additions by confession have gradually decreased, or at least have not kept up with the increase of population.

Usually there was always a real awakening following a time of war. However, this was not the case following both World Wars I and II. Figures also reveal that attendance has always been lower during times of prosperity than during times of adversity.

Here are some statistics on attendance, causes for the drop in attendance, and finally a few suggestions that might help to stimulate attendance. The statistics will be based largely on the Gallup Poll and the American Institute of Public Opinion, and a book by Roger Babson.

STATISTICS ON ATTENDANCE

The United States has a population of 180 million people. Of these, 114,449,217 or 63.6% are church members (1960 figures). The increase in population was 1.9% and the increase in membership 1.8%.

There are 259 religious bodies in the United States. Of these, 227 are Protestant with 63,668,855 members. Catholics have 42,104,900 members; Jewish 5,367,000; others 3,300,000. Catholics have had a 1.4% greater gain than Protestants. However, 22% of Catholic children are under 12 years of age, whereas 12% of Protestants are under 12 years of age.

The average number of members per church in 1926 was 235. In 1960 it was 359. The attendance of Protestants was 35.4% of total population. The Catholics were 26.6% of total population (1960 figures).

Attendance polls for our times reveal the following: poll by the American Institute of Public Opinion—of those polled, these people stated they had attended the Sunday previous to the poll: 1939, 41% of membership; 1942, 36% of membership; 1958, 49% of membership (this was the highest); 1960, 47% of membership.

THE GALLUP POLL

Poll by the Gallup Poll (based on 96 million adults): 55% of membership attend; 11% of non-members attend; 78% Catholics attend; 48% Protestants attend; and 31% Jewish attend. Baptists attend the best, with almost 80%. However, only one out of three in all these cases attend regularly.

Some classifications in attendance: in the east 52% attend; in the midwest 45% attend; in the south 48% attend; and in the west 37% attend. (Oregon and Washington are the lowest.) Attendance increases after 30 years of age. Women attend more often than men: women 50%; men 42%.

Of Grade School young people, 42% attend; High School, 47% attend; College, 51% attend; professional people, 48% attend; farmers, 47% attend; and laborers, 44% attend.

Attendance and marital happiness: Those who attend regularly, 54% are very happy and 34% are happy. Of those who attend occasionally, 43% are very happy and 36% are happy.

What people said as to their future attendance of church (those ages 21 to 29 were polled): 34% said they would attend more often; 40% said

they would attend less often; 19% said there would be no change; and 7% said they had no opinion.

DECLINE IN CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Causes and factors in the decline in church attendance have included a number of things, such as the following:

1. *Loss of favoring influences* such as parental authority which compelled entire families to go to church, fear of divine displeasure, even punishment, and the pressure of public opinion. A non-church goer was looked upon peculiarly by others. Personal gains, such as business prospects and to secure social position, were also influences.

2. *Competing attractions* such as school activities, sports, economic conditions, newspapers, television, weekend parties.

3. *The people's waiting mood.* People have ceased to seek out the church. They wait to be sought. This is true even in business, especially in matters pertaining to insurance.

4. *Indifference to regular attendance.* People may be interested in such special things as missions, education, social reforms, philanthropies, church upkeep, but few show such interest in regular attendance.

5. *The age's independent spirit.* There is a revolt against the traditional and conventional things. Theological controversies and un-Christian characters of many members, besides the failure to acquire the Spirit of Christ, are deterring factors.

6. *Competition with other churches.* Various churches or communities offer different attitudes toward church attendance. Church structures and equipment attract people. The few books touching on this subject on church attendance reveal that their authors do not have the success which they advocate that their methods would produce.

DEMANDS MADE ON PEOPLE

7. *Secular agencies* make more demands upon the people such as schools, sports, clubs and various organizations.

8. *Migration trends.* Forty million people move each year in the United States and twenty million of them from one locality to another.

9. *Factors concerning pastors.* The minister's personality, pastoral work and willingness to push himself forward besides his preparation have an effect upon the attendance of people at church services. Is he himself inspired? Has he stood before God? Do his sermons touch the pulsebeat of humanity? Do they meet the needs of the congregation and worshippers?

10. *Factors concerning church members.* Are home conditions of church members conducive to church attendance? Do the parents stay home or not attend as a family? Do they set a poor example by arranging for fishing trips, sightseeing tours, etc.? Do mothers stay home to prepare sumptuous

meals? Today there are 28 million children under 25 years of age who are not enrolled in church or Sunday school. Are young people given a chance to be in church and to participate? Do families and preachers notify other churches concerning their people who are moving away?

HELPS TO STIMULATE ATTENDANCE

1. *Genuine dedication* or committal to Christ. The church needs people who can pray or testify of a genuine experience with Christ. We need to pray for the pastor and for one another. Pastors sometimes worry over non-attenders and their worry confesses a lack of faith. Do not murder your pastor with worry. There must be a love for systematic Bible study, missions and a true passion for souls in your church.

duce what you advertise.

5. *Church loyalty projects.* Devotion to the church must be stressed as a need, as a duty, as a virtue and as a mission. Projects, campaigns, contests and canvasses can be used effectively to arouse loyalty and interest.

6. *Gear to the times.* School activities and sports events start promptly. So must also a church service. Programs must move along without long interruptions. Congregational singing should be lively. Choir anthems and special numbers should be appropriate and well rendered, and sermons should be brief and to the point. Many years ago Dr. Baxter preached for two hours and Dr. Charnock for 3½ hours. We may not always agree with them, but "Youth For Christ" has the key to success.

7. *Invite your people* to supply for them a need and offer them an oppor-



FIRST BAPAIST CHURCH, ELGIN, IOWA

Attendance at the services of this North American Baptist church has been far above the average for the national trend in church attendance.

2. The church must regain its *authority in education.* We must redeem our educational system within the church by making a stronger emphasis on the spiritual life, both in the elementary years of university level. Independent churches with schools of their own have a much larger attendance.

3. *Work on the parents* to attend the services. If you can get the parents, the children will come. Where the parents do not attend, the children in time become indifferent. The church should be encouraged to have family pews.

4. *Church advertising.* This should be 8% of the budget in order to be effective. Do not advertise as if in show business or to make profit. Give the name of the church, the address, hours of services and the minister's name. Advertise special events, etc. Advertise the church's message. Then pro-

tunity for service. Tell them their need for meditation, to learn to pray, to be instructed in the Bible, to gain faith and courage, to secure help for themselves and family, to make new friends and to obtain general guidance. Show them how they can be helpful in the services of worship, how they can teach in Sunday school or sing in the choir, how they can assist in educational work and care for the children, and how they can call on the sick and participate in various other projects.

START THE UPWARD TREND!

Attendance may be classified in seven categories: those who attend regularly, who generally attend, who frequently attend, who attend occasionally, who attend rarely, annually or never at all. You can start the upward trend!

100th Anniversary Celebration, Pittsburgh

Report of the festive centennial observance held by the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., by Mr. M. A. Meredith, chairman of the Anniversary Publicity Committee.

"Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great the things he hath done for you" (I Samuel 12:24).

THE 100th anniversary observance of Temple Baptist Church, Mt. Oliver Borough, Pittsburgh, Pa., spanned five days from October 3-7, 1962. It was marked with much joy at meeting old friends and reminiscing with them, and some sadness, too, at the absence of many once familiar faces. The Lord blessed the celebration as he has blessed the church through these 100 years.

HOMEcomings NIGHT

The first evening was designated as Homecoming Fellowship Night when former members and friends gathered together. The pastor, Rev. Raymond P. Yahn, who led the meeting, read many letters of congratulations and good wishes from friends, churches and former members, including greetings from Miss Metta Johnson, former missionary, and Mrs. A. P. Mihm, widow of a former pastor. Two former pastors participated in this service, Rev. Frank Veninga (1956-58), now president of our North American Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., bringing congratulations from the Seminary, and Rev. Louis B. Holzer (1937-56), now assistant pastor of Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Pittsburgh. The congregation praised the Lord



Rev. Raymond P. Yahn, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., since 1959.

in song, using the new "North American Hymnals" which had been dedicated the previous Sunday. Mr. Daniel Rose played two trumpet solos adding to the spirit of the meeting. Mrs. Helen Glasser Smith, organist, rendered beautiful music and accompaniments throughout the celebration. On Thursday the Woman's Missionary Society sponsored a luncheon honoring the former pastors and their wives. Honor guests were Rev. and

Mrs. Frank Veninga, Rev. and Mrs. Louis B. Holzer, and Mrs. O. E. Krueger, widow of Professor Krueger. Rev. Arthur Schade's arrival was too late for this event. Mrs. Veninga was guest speaker. Mrs. M. A. Meredith, president of the Society, presided, and Mrs. Iona Klein, soprano, presented special music.

COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP SERVICE

In the evening a Community Fellowship service was held. The Borough of Mt. Oliver, in which the church has stood for 43 years, was represented by its Mayor Dean and President of Council Patrick, each of whom spoke words of congratulation. Dr. Lester Bumpus, executive secretary, brought greetings from the Pittsburgh Baptist Association. Many friends were present from Knoxville Baptist Church and the churches of the Carrick-Overbrook Community Fellowship; also from Union Baptist Church, Arnold, and Holiday Park Baptist, Monroeville, our local sister North American Baptist churches.

A stirring message was brought by the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of Pittsburgh, Dr. Robert J. Lamont, entitled "An Average Man Won't Do." His congratulations on our centennial were tempered with the statement that he is not concerned for the next hundred years but for the next ten; that today's pace is so rapid anything might happen; that the church cannot stand with just an average-type congregation; and keynoting his theme, that we must have Jesus Christ, the hope of glory, in us as individuals for the survival of the church.

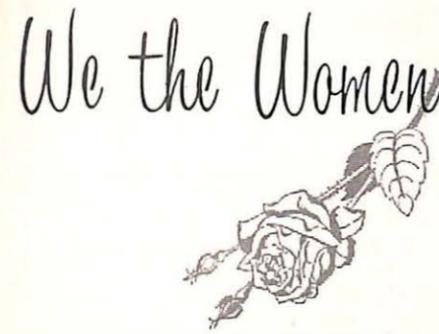
Rev. Edwin Shuman, pastor of the neighborhood Union Baptist Church, took part in the service, and Mrs. Alfred Yahn of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pastor Yahn's mother, offered two soprano solos. Rev. James Leckie, executive director of Greater Pittsburgh Youth for Christ, and a member of the Holiday Park Church, was the song leader.

ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

The anniversary banquet on Friday evening highlighted the entire celebration. There were over 200 people in attendance with representation from Florida, Oregon, Maryland, Connecticut, New York, Ohio, the Dakotas, Delaware in addition to many parts of Pennsylvania. A former pastor, Dr. Arthur A. Schade (1922-28), gave the invocation. Rev. Richard Sparling, pastor of First Baptist Church, Elsmere, Delaware, was a most capable and entertaining toastmaster, and Mr. Bill

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BAPTIST HERALD



BY MRS. HARM SHERMAN
of Aplington, Iowa
President of the
Women's Missionary Union.

OUR GUIDE BOOK

God's written Word, which is the Christian's Guidebook, is his second greatest gift to the world. By taking the letters in the word "Bible," we discover some precious truths about this "brilliant gem."

B—BOOK OF BOOKS. The Bible is the world's oldest book in common use. The Bible is centered around one person, Christ, and one theme, "redemption through Christ." In it one may find history, law, poetry, prophecy, revelation, doctrine, drama, romance and warning. It deals with every experience and problem common to man.

I—INSPIRED. The Bible is inspired of God, "God-breathed." Every part of it is verbally inspired, for holy men of God wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. Thousands have perished in order that its message might be proclaimed throughout the world.

B—BEST SELLER. The Bible is the most widely circulated book of all times. It is a perennial best seller. The American Bible Society alone reports the distribution of over fifteen million Bibles, New Testament Gospels, or other portions of the Scriptures each year. In whole or in part, the Bible has been translated into well over a thousand languages. It is said that translations into new or different languages are being made at the rate of more than one a month.

L—LOVE LETTER. The Bible is God's love letter to all mankind. In it he tells of his great love for us and he tells us the things he wants us to do. How eagerly we read a letter from a friend! Often we read such a letter many times. Reading God's love letter many times will help us develop spiritually, because it contains a balanced diet for the soul.

E—Eternal. The Bible speaks to men of all ages and in every generation. The story of Jesus is as fresh today, as interesting and pertinent, as it was the day it was written. Men may scoff at the Bible, but they cannot deny its power when seen in the life of a dedicated Christian.

The Bible is a safe guide and deserves our constant attention and obedience. We can depend upon its teachings to guide us safely over the sea of life into eternity.

From the Professor's Desk

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

Who will take Karl Barth's place in Basel, Switzerland, now that he is retired?

Heinrich Ott is the newly-elected successor to Karl Barth in the renowned University of Basel Chair of Dogmatics. This unexpected appointment is the topic of animated conversation and curiosity all over Europe. In sharp contrast to the aged and usually slovenly-dressed Barth is this young, natty and almost ivy-leaguish man of 33 years. (One writer has commented that apparently it has been forgotten, even in Basel, that Calvin wrote the *Institutes* at the age of 27, and Barth himself his *Roemerbrief* at the age of 32.) It is quite understandable that Europeans are finding it difficult to visualize the boyish Ott filling the enormous vacancy created by Barth's retirement.

BACKGROUND OF PROF. OTT

Professor Ott is a Swiss who has served the University of Basel for several years as an unsalaried lecturer in addition to his duties as one of the pastors of a large local congregation. Ott has made it clear that he intends to follow the course of theological development set out so augustly and authoritatively by his predecessor. There has been nothing in his published writings to create any serious doubt about his announced intentions, but paradoxically he both studied with and acknowledges a deep indebtedness to Barth's arch-enemy, Rudolph Bultmann. And the bulk of his writings thus far concern themselves with Bultmann and Martin Heidegger. The dedication of his doctrinal dissertation is rather startling: "To my reverend teachers, Karl Barth and Rudolf Bultmann, with gratitude and respect."

It has been customary to assume that one just cannot at all ride on both of these theological horses as they gallop off in different directions. A decisive choice must be made. Robert C. Johnson of the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary has stated, "It is inevitable that we should wonder at first glance if Ott has braced himself to defy this prevalent custom, if he seriously believes that he can avoid the decision which all young theologians in central Europe today face, the partisan

decision between Bultmann and Barth."

Barth has never had any use for Barthians, that is, for those who would attempt to set up a Barthian school of thought and to enlist followers who would stand within his dogmatic system. He has insisted that one can follow him in only one way, namely, by starting at the beginning and reworking the whole of theology. Ott is taking Barth seriously in this and has publicly stated his intention to follow his advice.

"THEOLOGY MUST MOVE ON"

"Theology must move on," Barth has declared, and he himself has pointed the direction which this movement should take—a turning to man. This should not, however, be misunderstood as a return to the man-centered theology of the 19th century or as a leaning toward Bultmann's anthropocentrism (man-centeredness). No compromise or modification of Barth's consistent theocentrism (or his Christomonism) is contemplated in the least. What is contemplated in this "turning to man" is a focus upon the human (as well as the divine) understanding and communication of God's Word. Stressed is the need today of reflecting upon the event of the Divine speaking in the human sphere.

Ott's puzzling attraction for Bultmann seems to stem from the latter's great concern with the problem of communication, or of the human understanding of preaching (the kerygma). He obviously has no sympathy for Bultmann's theological agnosticism. In distinction from Bultmann's exclusive interest in the *self*-understanding of the biblical witnesses, Ott is mainly concerned about their encounter with God and therewith about *God himself*. Theology testifies to the God who testifies to himself through the prophets and apostles. Moreover, it must understand the intention of proclamation and keep the task of the preacher steadily in view. Ott emphatically contends that the theologian must preach as he teaches if he is to teach theology correctly, and that the preacher must teach theology as he preaches if he is to preach correctly. To this emphasis the writer says a hearty "Amen!"



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1914-1921



A. A. SCHADE
1922-1928



O. E. KRUEGER
1929-1935



THEODORE KOESTER
1935-1936



LOUIS B. HOLZER
1937-1955



FRANK VENINGA
1956-1958

PASTORS OF TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, PITTSBURGH, PA., 1914-1958



Hawaii in 1963

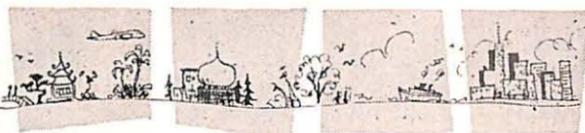
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MARCH OF EVENTS



● **NEGROES GO NORTH.** It is estimated that 1,500,000 Negroes left the South between 1950 and 1960. About two-thirds, or a million, went to the Northwest and North Central states; and about 500,000 farther west. A Census Bureau report shows that Mississippi lost the greatest number of Negroes, 323,000, which undoubtedly reflects conditions in that state.

● **TRANSLATIONS PLANNED.** A Bible translation committee of eight missionaries and four Africans has been set up in Nigeria to study the revision and translation of the Scriptures. The committee was asked to consider the need for translating the Scriptures into many of the unwritten languages of Nigeria, the need for revising existing translations, and the problems of recruiting and training personnel for such work. It was also asked to make suggestions as to how such a program of revision and translation might be implemented. Missionary Charles S. Ford is committee chairman.

● **ONE GREAT DAY OF SINGING.** Methodism focused attention on its great heritage of hymnody in a nationwide hymn sing Sunday, Nov. 4. Sponsored by the National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians (NaFOMM) and executive secretaries of the conference Boards of Education, the churchwide Hymn Festival re-emphasized the spirit of song given the denomination by John and Charles Wesley, and urged Methodists to revitalize their interest in and appreciation of *The Methodist Hymnal* and its proposed revision.—*Together.*

● **"IN GOD WE TRUST."** The house of Representatives has unanimously voted to replace the stars on the wall above the desk of the Speaker with the national motto—"In God We Trust." In his speech before the House, Rep. William J. Randall (D.-Mo.) said: "The House by this historic action today calling for this inscription to be placed before the eyes of every member emphasized anew that we are not only a God-fearing people, but that we all realize that only by faith and trust in God can there be any help or hope for what seems the endless problems facing Congress in world affairs."—*The Watchman-Examiner.*

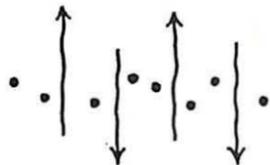
● **BILLY GRAHAM RETURNS TO GERMANY.** Billy Graham has accepted an invitation of the German Evangelical Alliance to conduct evangelistic meetings in three cities of Germany during June 1963. He will be six days in Nuremberg, six in Stuttgart and two in West Berlin. A Central Committee for the Metropolitan Campaigns has been set up by the German Evangelical Alliance. Rev. Peter Schneider, Berlin, secretary of the Young

Men's Christian Association in Germany, is general secretary of the committee. Mr. Schneider is known to many in Germany as translator for Mr. Graham during campaigns in Essen, Hamburg and Berlin in 1960. A tent with a seating capacity for 20,000 persons will be used in Nuremberg and Stuttgart. In Berlin, the meetings are to be held in Deutschland Halle, which seats 13,000.—*Baptist Times.*

● **PRINCESS NAMES MISSION SHIP.** Her Royal Highness, the Princess Margaret, named the London Mis-

sionary Society's new ship "John Williams VII" at Tower Pier, London, England, on Thursday, Nov. 29. Princess Margaret named the ship's predecessor, "John Williams VI," fourteen years ago. Since then it has given continuous service in the southwest Pacific among the Gilbert Islands, the Cooks, Ellice and Samoan groups. The new ship was built at an approximate cost of £100,000 and was especially designated for missionary work in the Pacific. It will be based at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands.—*Baptist Times*

BAPTIST BRIEFS



● **Texas Baptist Crusade.** A statewide evangelistic crusade in 1964 designed to reach more than 2,000,000 Latin Americans in Texas with the gospel has been approved by the Texas Baptist executive board. The Latin American crusade would be of the same magnitude as the 1963 Japan Baptist New Life Movement if plans are carried out, said C. Wade Freeman, director of evangelism.

● **Baptist Anniversary in Sweden.** Swedish Baptist churches celebrated on Sept. 30 the 100th anniversary of the birth of their first missionary to the Congo. He was E. J. Sjöblom, who worked in the Congo from 1892 until his death in 1903. Sjöblom established no settled mission work but traveled and preached throughout the country. He was best known for his fight against brutal treatment meted out to natives in the Congo of that day and is credited with being partly responsible for changes made in the administration of the Congo to assure better treatment of nationals.—*The Watchman-Examiner.*

● **Southern Baptist Radio Programs.** Radio programs produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission are now broadcast in all 50 states of the nation for the first time in the 24-year history of the Baptist agency. Until radio station WDOV in Dover, Del., accepted the weekly Baptist radio show "Patterns" recently, Delaware was the only state in the nation not broadcasting a Southern Baptist program produced by the Commission.

● **Baptist Conference, Latin Countries.** The First Baptist Conference of Latin Countries took place in Barcelona, Spain August 30-September 2, with delegates from Portugal, Italy, France,

Belgium, and Switzerland, as well as Spain. Government permission to hold the meeting gives new hope for the future of Baptist work in Spain. Topics discussed were "Modern Society in the Latin Culture," "The Individual Approach of the New Testament," and "The United Witness of Baptist Churches." Erik Rudén, executive secretary of the European Baptist Federation and associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, was instrumental in securing the Spanish Government's permission for the conference.

● **Eighty Baptists Martyred in West New Guinea.** An extensive and savage uprising against Christians by heathen people in the North Baliem Valley in West New Guinea has been reported to Australian Baptists. Although information is not complete, it is known that at least 80 baptized native believers in the Australian Baptist Mission area have been martyred and 30 villages burned out. Ninety other Baptists were injured. Australian Baptists began evangelizing the primitive Dani people of the North Baliem Valley during 1956. Although previous dangers had been faced, this is the first major outbreak of violence. The first converts in Baliem were baptized in May 1962. The Australian Baptist missionaries in the Baliem Valley, the Australian Baptist Missionary Society, and Baptists of Australia plead with their brethren around the world for prayer on behalf of the tortured believers of the Baliem. Pray that our brethren in their furnace of suffering may be sure of the presence of Christ and that the Church among the Dani people will become irresistible in the power of God because of the experience through which it is passing.—*The Baptist World.*

● The Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C., held special meetings from Nov. 4 to 11 with Rev. Kenneth L. Fischer of Anaheim, Calif., as the guest evangelist. Mr. Fischer serves as the minister of the Magnolia Baptist Church of Anaheim with a present membership of 425. Special musical numbers were rendered at every service. Rev. Otto Patzia and Rev. Phil Daum are the pastors of the church.

● Rev. Henry R. Schroeder of St. Paul, Minn., has been serving as the interim pastor of the First Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa, since Nov. 1st. This is the second time that Mr. Schroeder has rendered this interim ministry for the church. The congregation is prayerfully considering calling a minister to succeed Rev. Eldon G. Schroeder, now serving as pastor of the Temple Church of Lodi, Calif.

● The Men's Fellowship of the Andrews Street Baptist Church, Rochester, N. Y., was in charge of the special Laymen's Day services on Sunday, Oct. 21. Mr. Herbert Brickell, president, led the services. A Sunday morning breakfast was held with 20 men present. The Men's Fellowship also was in charge of the morning service with a men's chorus of 19 voices rendering musical numbers. Rev. Arthur R. Weisser is pastor of the church.

● The Edenwold Baptist Church, Edenwold, Sask., has extended a call to Rev. Arthur Kliever of Winnipeg, Manitoba, to which a favorable response has been given. He served as a former pastor of the Baptist church in Ochre River, Manitoba. Mr. Kliever will also give one-third of his time serving the Indian people in the Muscowpetung Indian Reserve as well as teaching religion to the Indian children in the Edenwold public school.

● The Ridgemoor Baptist Church of East Detroit, Mich., held a series of "Deeper Life Meetings" from Oct. 22 to 26, under the general heading, "Where Do You Stand?" The pastor, Rev. H. J. Waltereit, served as the speaker. The meetings were well attended throughout the week and "the spirit of prayer was excellent" as reported. The account of the dedication services for the new parsonage appears elsewhere in this issue.

● From Oct. 21 to 26 "Deeper Spiritual Life" meetings were held at the Bible Baptist Church of LaCrosse, Wisconsin, with Rev. R. D. Chaddock of the Holiday Park Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., as speaker. "His soul searching messages, based on the letter of the Ephesians, have moved every Christian to a time of self-examination before God and to a renewed dedication to the Master," as reported by Dr. C. H. Seecamp, pastor.

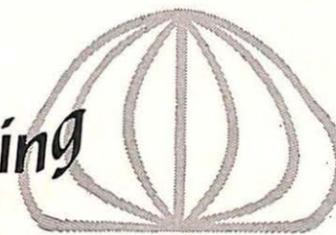
● Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Stading of Washburn, N. Dak., have reported that their daughter, Dorothy, has successfully undergone a delicate heart opera-

tion at the University Hospital in Minneapolis, Minn. Since many of the people in the mid-west churches had heard of Dorothy's operation, this report by her parents will be of interest to them. "Her recovery has been remarkable thus far, and we cannot help but praise the Lord for hearing and answering our prayers," Mr. and Mrs. Stading wrote.

ing on a radio ministry in Canada. Rev. John Wahl, pastor of the German Baptist Mission Church of Hamilton, reported that he had baptized seven converts on Sunday, Sept. 2nd.

● Laymen's Sunday was observed on Oct. 21 at the East Side Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., with the Men's Brotherhood in complete charge of the

what's happening



● Miss Ruth Rabenhorst of Watertown, Wis., missionary nurse at the New Hope Settlement in West Cameroon, Africa, who had accompanied Dr. J. C. Fluth and his family on their flight to the United States and to Minneapolis, returned by plane to Africa on Oct. 28. She was accompanied by Miss Minnie Kuhn of South Edmonton, Alta., whose return to Africa had been delayed by several weeks on account of the death of her father. Miss Kuhn is also a missionary nurse in the Federal Republic of Cameroon.

● "A Night of Music" was observed in the Ashley Baptist Church, Ashley, N. Dak., on Sunday evening, Sept. 30. Request favorites were presented by the Mixed Choir, Male Choir, Male Octet, Male Quartet, Young People's Ensemble, Girls' Ensemble, Boys' Quartet, piano trio, and solo selections by a violinist and cello. The appreciation of the congregation was expressed by Mr. Adam G. Bertsch. Rev. I. A. Faszer, pastor, led in the closing prayer followed by the rendition of "How Great Thou Art" by the Mixed Choir.

● The Immanuel Baptist Church of St. Catharines, Ont., held its Thanksgiving Day services on Sunday, Oct. 14. The Sunday school children sang their songs and recited many poems on thanksgiving. Rev. William Sturhahn, Northern District secretary, brought the sermon at the morning worship service. At the afternoon service guests from Hamilton, Ont., and Buffalo, N. Y., joined the large congregation. Mr. Hans Koerner reported that it was "a day blessed by the Lord Jesus Christ." Rev. Alexander Hart is the pastor.

● From Oct. 14 to Nov. 30 Rev. J. B. Kornalewski of Kelowna, B. C., served as evangelist in the six German-speaking Baptist churches of Ontario. He spent a week in each of these churches: Toronto, Salem and Central Churches of Kitchener, Hamilton, St. Catharines and Sudbury. Mr. Kornalewski, who formerly served as pastor of several NAB churches, is now carry-

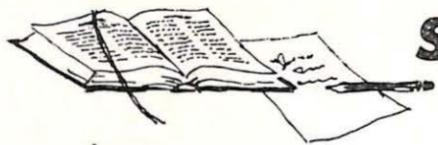
service. Testimonies were brought by Messrs. Ralph Schauer, William Harris and John Allfree. Guest speaker on Sunday morning, Oct. 14, was Rev. David J. Draewell, secretary of Stewardship and Higher Education, and on Oct. 18 Rev. Fred Moore, missionary in Japan, spoke to the congregation. Rev. Carl H. Palfenier, pastor, baptized two young men, Robert and Leonard Diezi, on Sept. 16. Since the first of the year, five other converts have also been baptized.

● Mr. David Priestley, a 1962 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, has been studying since early October at the Baptist Seminary of Hamburg-Horn, Germany. He is the denominational exchange student for the school year 1962-1963. He and his wife sailed from the United States on Sept. 14. Since there are no facilities for married students at the Hamburg Seminary, Mr. Priestley is living in the dormitory and Mrs. Priestley is living in Wedel, Germany, an hour's drive away, where she is working in the Wedel City Hospital. Several articles by Mr. Priestley will appear later.

● The Riverview Baptist Church, West St. Paul, Minn., observed its Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, Oct. 28. Rev. David J. Draewell, secretary of Stewardship and Higher Education, brought the message at the morning service on "Why Missions." A recognition service for all Sunday school teachers and officers was held on Tuesday evening, Oct. 23, with Dr. H. H. Hazzard, missionary evangelist for the Minnesota Sunday School Association, speaking on "Program Pillars for a Successful Sunday School." Mr. and Mrs. Emil Glewwe of the church recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Rev. Harold E. Weiss is pastor of the church.

● Laymen's Sunday was observed on Sunday, Oct. 28, at the First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis., sponsored by

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Sunday School Lessons

REV. B. C. SCHREIBER, FOREST PARK, ILLINOIS

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: December 16, 1962

Theme: CHRISTIAN LOVE

Scripture: I John 3:11-18

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Christian love is difficult to describe in words unless it is expressed at the same time in service and action.

INTRODUCTION: The first Christians who were encouraged to love were living in a very unloving world. To the Romans, living lovingly meant to live weakly. Instead of being attracted to a Savior dying on a cross for a sinful world, they were aroused to contempt. The doctrine of love professed by Jesus Christ was thought of as cowardice. The Romans ruled the world by legal justice and force. They boasted that they had made the highways and the seaways safe for travel. Local tyranny was restrained. If necessary the accused could appeal to Caesar. This meant going past the Supreme Court to the President. They took credit for establishing justice throughout the world. But underneath there was strong evidence of stern, rough, unyielding and often ruthless behavior. Love, mercy and compassion were foreign to their nature. These were sure signs of weakness and not strength and the Romans had to guard against such feelings.

To bring the message of the love of God to such hardened hearts was not only difficult but often dangerous.

I. THE BASIC CHRISTIAN VIRTUE. I John 3:11.

"For God so loved the world" is part of the message that was heard from the beginning. Only through love can we be in communion with God, and only through love can we be in communion with each other. However, it is often easy to love mankind in general but very difficult to love a particular person. Many Christians do not love "one another," and it is not something that can be done by a simple command. Only those who are filled with the love of God can afford to let that love overflow.

II. THE CONSEQUENCES OF HATE. I John 3:12.

Early in the Bible we became painfully and tragically aware of what happens when hate fills the heart. John paints a sharp contrasting picture of love and hate and does not hesitate to show his fellow Christians the evil result of an uncontrollable vice. In spite of the fact that we have such terrible examples, people continue to kill each other in order to gain selfish

ends. The Devil thinks that by killing the righteous he can do away with righteousness.

III. THE PROOF OF LOVE. I John 3:13-15.

One of the most obvious differences between a Christian and a non-Christian is the measure of love. It stands out in all its clarity in the attitude of the loving Christian toward an unloving world. When love infuses a person, the change is so marvelous that it seems like crossing the river from death to life. You need no intellectual or logical explanation—you know and feel it with every fibre of your body and spirit.

IV. THE GENEROSITY OF LOVE. I John 3:16-18.

Love begins with the generosity of God: "For God so loved the world that he gave . . ." Or as John says: "He laid down his life for us." He gave his best! But when John proposes that we "lay down our lives for the brethren," he does not necessarily mean that literally. The next two verses make that quite clear. We are to give our lives to service, to give of our abundance and to stop talking about love and get down to action. Loving words must be accompanied by loving works.

Questions for Discussion:

1. How can love be practical in business and politics?
2. Discuss love as described in I Corinthians 13.
3. How can you murder your brother with hateful thoughts?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: December 23, 1962

Theme: GOD COMES TO US

Scripture: John 1:1-18

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Because God came to us through his Son, it is easier for him to speak to us through his Word.

INTRODUCTION: There is some doubt in the minds of Bible scholars as to the exact date of the birth of Jesus, but there has never been any doubt as to the meaning of Christmas. Even after almost two thousand years, it is still good news. There is no Christian holy day that is looked forward to with more preparation, more joy, more excitement, and that brings more blessing to mankind than Christmas. It is as if God is coming to us all over again year after year.

The Christmas season is an annual reminder that God cares. He cares

enough to come into the world and enter every heart which is willing to receive him. He cares about our physical needs and our spiritual needs. He cares for our soul and for our eternal destiny. He cared enough to die for us.

The Christmas season is also a reminder that God shares. God revealed through Jesus how much of himself he was willing to share. "God so loved the world that he gave . . ." He is still giving and will continue to give as long as we are willing to receive.

I. GOD IN THE BEGINNING. John 1:1-9.

John is trying to explain to these early Christians what God is like. Since Jesus came, he had the most wonderful example. He meant to convey to them the picture of the mind of God, and if they wished to know what the mind of God was like, then all they had to do was to look at Jesus. The mind of God became a Person. Jesus is the expression of the thought of God, and if they wished to know what God was thinking, he pointed them to Jesus. The way Jesus revealed himself among men, while he was in the flesh, is what God is like. He is no longer a mystery, but manifest in life and light. He always was like this and he always will be.

II. GOD'S RECEPTION IN THE WORLD. John 1:10-13.

The apostle is saying that the owner is not welcome in his home and the Creator has no right to his creation. It was not only in Nazareth and other parts of Judea that Jesus was not welcome, but there are today large areas in the world where Jesus is rejected. His home ought to be in the hearts of all people everywhere, but even many Christians (his own) do not really know him. He is not only the "Stranger of Galilee;" he is a stranger in many of our churches.

But to those who did receive him—what a change was wrought! What a power was their's!

III. GOD'S FULL REVELATION. John 1:14-18.

In verse 14 the Christian feels the power of the eternal God coursing through his soul and body. The full glory of God was revealed in his Son. God made himself known, not through a philosophy, or books, or through commandments written on stone, but in a flesh and blood person who lived among men and is living in us today.

This same thought is expressed in Hebrews when the writer says: "In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets; but

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BAPTIST HERALD

Church Dedication, Immanuel Church, Woodside, N.Y.

Report of the dedication of the \$350,000 new edifice of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Woodside, N. Y. by Mr. R. F. Herzog.

SUNDAY, OCT. 7, was an ideal day of bright sunshine and great joy for the Immanuel Church of Woodside, N. Y. This was the Dedication Sunday for the \$350,000 new edifice recently constructed under the able leadership of our pastor, Rev. Assaf Husmann. At 10:00 A.M. our people and friends gathered outside the building, awaiting the opening of the church doors. Mr. August Sterling, contractor, handed the church keys to Mr. R. Herzog, senior deacon, who passed them on to the pastor. To the accompaniment of music from the new Conn Organ, with Miss Margaret Stuermer at the organ, the people streamed into the sanctuary until the 400 seating capacity of the church was comfortably filled.

The morning dedication service was held in German with Rev. John Binder, denominational youth director in the Department of Christian Education, serving as the guest speaker. The dedication of the new organ, "North American Hymnals," pews and church furniture led by the pastor was very impressive. The church choir, men's chorus and youth choir conducted by Mr. Emil Guddat sang several uplifting numbers. Mr. Binder eloquently stressed the necessity of the indwelling of the Spirit of God in the hearts of men, thus becoming useful and efficient co-workers in building Christ's Church. The solemn service of dedication for all of the church leaders, including the pastor, officers and co-workers in all the church branches, followed. The service was closed with the observance of the Lord's Supper.

In the afternoon we heard the chimes of the church ringing for the first time, inviting the large crowd of people to enter the sanctuary. It was estimated that 575 people were in attendance. The congregation sang "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," and Rev. Assaf Husmann led in the opening prayer and praised the miraculous leading of God in supplying every need of the church through the sacrificial giving of members and friends.

A succession of speakers followed, extending greetings and congratulations. Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, general conference moderator, spoke for the denomination, and Rev. John Binder for the headquarters' staff in Forest Park, Ill. The American Baptist Convention was represented by Dr. Walter Macosky of the Metropolitan Board of Promotion, and by Dr. Angus C. Hull, executive secretary of the New York City Baptist Society. Dr. R. Thaut, executive secretary of the Baptist Union of Germany, brought greetings from overseas. The neighboring churches were represented by Rev. P. Kern of the Ridgewood Church, Rev. Paul F.

Zoschke of the Evergreen Church, Rev. D. Kolke of the Second Church of New York City, Rev. Herman Kuhl of the Hoboken Church, Rev. Ronald K. Nasshan of Union City, N. J., and Rev. Christian Peters of Elsmere, Delaware. Music was rendered by the church choir, a trumpet solo by Mr. Ron Kerr, a member of the West Point Military Band, and a solo by his wife, Marian, a member of the church. Following the appropriate message by Mr. Binder, the combined choir sang Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."

During the following days the joys of dedication week continued. The various branches of the church were represented at a dedication service on Wednesday evening and on Friday evening a family banquet was held with more than 200 people present. Rev. E. Wolff, Eastern District Secretary, was the guest speaker at that service. Revival meetings were held from Oct. 14 to 21 with Rev. Henry Pfeifer of Cleveland, Ohio bringing the stirring messages. All glory and thanks to our wonderful Savior!



The beautiful and worshipful sanctuary of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Woodside, New York at the Sunday afternoon dedication service on Oct. 7th. Rev. Assaf Husmann, pastor, is behind the pulpit. Guest speakers are on the platform.

WORLD OPPORTUNITY FUND OF THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

The year 1963 will mark the entry of the American Bible Society into 40 countries where we have never had work before. Of the forty, 25 are in Africa, 6 in Asia, and 9 in the Caribbean. These nations, new to the American Bible Society, consist largely of peoples who are emerging from tribalism and colonialism and are as yet uncommitted in the struggle for their allegiance. This will bring the number of countries where the Society participates in the distribution of the Scriptures to more than 100.

The systematic effort, on a global scale, to displace the Bible as the "best seller" and as the "world's most translated Book" is being intensified and is meeting with the success alarming to those who believe that "faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God." The Communist program deliv-ers target regardless of cost and the

statistical reports of their circulation are staggering to those of us who must work with limited funds and outlets.

The areas of political upheaval and national unrest present a special challenge to the Bible Society. The demand for Scriptures has increased greatly in these areas, without exception, while the difficulties connected with distributing them have multiplied.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son."

Questions for Discussion:

1. Discuss the first verse of Genesis 1 and John 1 and compare them.
2. With the aid of a Bible dictionary discuss the term "Logos" more fully.
3. How can we capture some of the original spirit and power of the first Christmas and eliminate the commercial and secular spirit of Christmas today?

Enlarged Building Dedicated, Carrington, N. Dak.

Report of dedication services held by the Calvary Baptist Church, Carrington, North Dakota, by Rev. Howard D. Westlund, pastor.

WHY DOES A church build or enlarge its building? This question might have many answers, but if we are to act wisely we must have one basic reason seen in the spiritual work of the church. We have a call of God which, when answered, sends us out to reach this world for Jesus Christ. We have seen that, if we are to do this job well, we must have the building to act as a center for this soul reaching calling. For many the church is a sacred place, for it was there that they received Christ and received much help for spiritual growth. In this way the church is a material structure to be used of God to help in the building of the spiritual building—*The Church*.

To this end, the church needs to be attractive and practical.

The Calvary Church of Carrington, N. Dak., was well aware of the need to make provision for its growing church and Sunday school. It needed adequate and practical facilities. Many plans were considered for enlarging the church and Sunday school only to set them aside as impractical until the final plan was drafted and implemented. During the days of our planning, the local Church of the Brethren closed its doors and gave the building to our church.

Our men dismantled the building in January 1961. On March 13, 1961 we began to work on our building. The former entrance and foyer were removed, excavation was done and the foundation removed from beneath half of the church, but we never missed a service at any time.

At the close of the summer of 1961, a full year of inside work was ahead of us. In the early months we called on the women for help at coffee and clean up time. But when we turned to the inside work, the ladies joined hands with the builders, plastering, painting, varnishing and tiling.

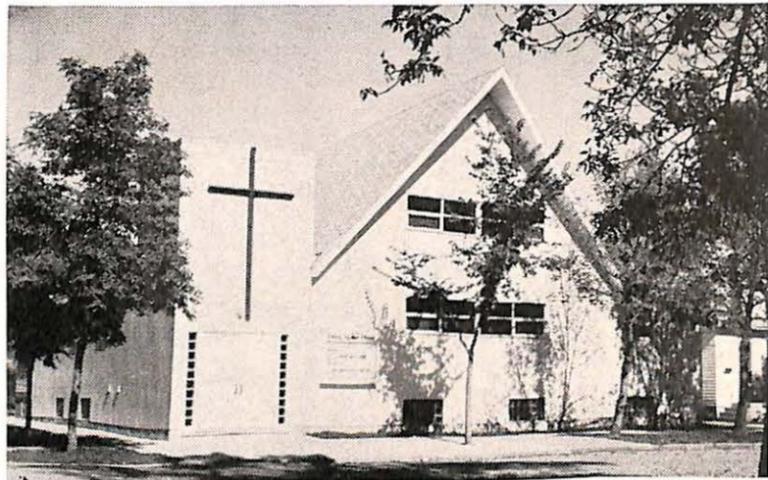
We now have an auditorium that will seat 280 persons with the balcony. There are hidden folding doors that close off two Sunday school rooms in the side addition to the auditorium. Flanking each side of the front of the church is a large foyer on the left and a spacious pastor's study on the right. Descending to the downstairs area, we have a much enlarged fellowship hall and children's chapel. There are four new Sunday school rooms providing for our departmentalized school. The downstairs area is completely new, even to the furnace room. The kitchen is also new, enlarged, modern and convenient. The total cost of labor and material was \$22,000.

This building has a vital ministry in the total ministry of the Church of Jesus Christ, the evangelization of the world. It is to this God-ordained work that this building and these people

have been dedicated. This is the noblest calling of the ages.

October 7 was our Dedication Sunday. It was our joy to have Rev. J. C. Gunst of Minneapolis, Minn., as our speaker. He spoke in the morning on the subject "The Dedicated People," in the afternoon on "The Dedicated House," and in the evening on "Dedicated to the Work." Also with us were

former pastors: Rev. N. E. McCoy, Rev. A. Weisser and Rev. C. Weisser. The Edinger Quartet was also with us for the day. The afternoon service of dedication saw the church filled with many visiting friends from Carrington and from sister churches. The women of the Carrington church served about 260 people at the dinner on Sunday evening.



The remodeled and enlarged edifice of the Calvary Baptist Church, Carrington, N. Dak., which was dedicated on Sunday, Oct. 7th. Rev. Howard D. Westlund is the pastor.

25th Church Anniversary, Vancouver, B.C.

Report of the Bethany Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia, by Mrs. A. Hiller.

REVUEW, evaluation and challenge provided an interesting as well as blessed 25th anniversary celebration for the Bethany Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia. The festivities began during the Sunday school session on Sept. 30. Greetings were extended by friends, former members and pastors.

Our morning worship service, in the German language, followed with further greetings from friends and the surrounding churches. An extensive church report of the past 25 years was also presented. Rev. A. Warneke, the first pastor of the church, and Rev. J. Sonnenberg, the western district secretary, served as guest speakers. Various special musical selections, including a massed choir number completed the service. During our evening service, a similar program was presented in the English. Rev. J. Sonnenberg brought the challenging message, "An Influential Church." Following the service, the young people enjoyed fellowship with visiting young people at the home of one of the members.

Tuesday evening, Oct. 2nd, saw the

continuation of the festivities in the form of a film night. Pictures of the past 25 years of church work were shown. Besides various musical selections, a series of slides on the construction of our recently completed church structure were shown.

On Thursday evening, Oct. 4th, our celebration concluded with a Family Night. The church enjoyed a turkey dinner followed by an informal time of reports and music by our various church organizations. Special offerings given during the Sunday services as well as on Family Night helped to reduce the church building debt.

A note of gratitude was felt throughout the entire celebration. In spite of problems and difficulties in the past, progress has always been experienced. With the assurance that this was only because of God's wonderful leading, a new note of optimism was struck for the future. We trust that the Lord will continue to guide in the days and years that lie ahead so that we may remain faithful at the task. To him be the glory for whatever may be gained in the future!

Church's 50th Anniversary in Bismarck, N. D.

Report of the Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, N. Dak., by Mrs. Arthur Mehrer.

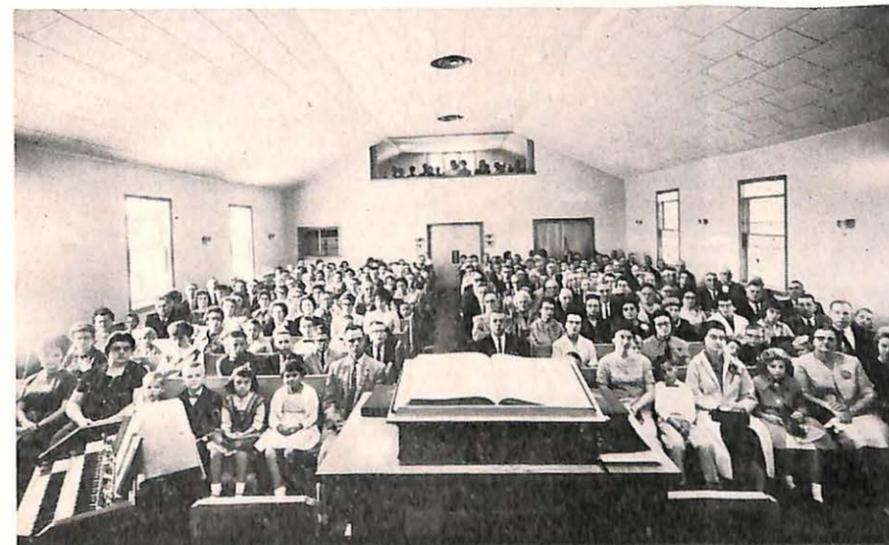
FIFTY years of Christian service to the city of Bismarck, North Dakota was commemorated by the Bismarck Baptist Church on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 13 and 14, 1962. The Saturday evening celebration featured a church fellowship banquet. Rev. Edward Kary of Cleveland, Ohio, a former pastor, was the guest speaker. In addition, special music, greetings by guests as well as an informal time of reminiscing made this evening memorable.

On Sunday morning, there was an anniversary worship service with 370 persons in attendance. Rev. Fred Klein of Colfax, Wash., also a former pastor, was the guest speaker. A fellowship hour following the evening service concluded the festivities. "God's Faithfulness," the anniversary theme, was emphasized throughout the day.

CHURCH'S HISTORY

Long before the formal organization of the church, services were held in the homes of Baptist residents in the city. Due to the increasing number of worshippers, services were held for a time in a school. The congregation was officially organized on Feb. 25, 1912 with 13 charter members. The first church building was dedicated on May 25, 1913.

During the past 50 years, 10 pastors have served the church. Rev. Henry Hirsch, the first pastor, came to the church in June 1914 and remained until Sept. 1917. For the next 5 years the church maintained itself without a pastor, the pulpit being supplied by state missionary and neighboring pastors. On August 1, 1922, Rev. G. Sprock became the pastor. He re-



The sanctuary of the Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, N. Dak., as seen from the open Bible on the pulpit. A capacity congregation is usually present at most of the Sunday morning church services.

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The Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, North Dakota, which celebrated its 50th anniversary on Oct. 13th and 14, 1962 with Rev. Allan Strohschein, pastor, in charge of the festive program.

mained until August 1925.

FROM 1926 TO 1945

Rev. Fred Klein came to us in July 1926 after graduating from the Rochester Theological Seminary. He

served until March 1929. In January 1930 Rev. John Lippert began his duties, remaining until March 1935. Rev. Benjamin Schlipf served the church from August 15, 1935 until Sept. 1938. He was the pastor at the time of our 25th anniversary. Church membership at that time numbered 61, with three charter members living.

Rev. Karl Gieser served the Bismarck church from March 1939 until 1941, at which time he became the

first superintendent of the Baptist Home for the Aged. Rev. Albert Krombein came to us from Kelowna, British Columbia, and served from 1941 to 1943. Rev. J. C. Schweitzer served from 1943 until August 1945.

NEW CHURCH AND PARSONAGE

Rev. Edward Kary came to us from Napoleon, N. Dak. in 1945. He remained until 1953. During his ministry the church became self-supporting. During Mr. Kary's service, a new church was built, the present house of worship. This church cost approximately \$40,000 with much labor donated. Dedication services were held on Nov. 4, 1951.

Rev. John Grygo took over the leadership of our church in Dec. 1954. During his ministry the new parsonage was built at an approximate cost of \$23,000, a good part of the labor donated by members of the church. Mr. Grygo left in Nov. 1961 to become editor of our German publications.

Rev. Allan Strohschein and family came to us in February of this year. In the short while we have labored together in the Lord's work, many rich blessings have been ours. We are looking forward, with faith, to the tasks which lie before us!

OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

Northern District

Scripture Memory Awards, Emmanuel Church, Morris, Man.

Sunday, Sept. 30, was a highlight for the Scripture Memorizers at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Morris, Manitoba. On this Sunday morning the children received their awards for the successful completion of Scripture Memory work for the past term 1961-1962. We had 29 children who completed their courses. We were especially happy to have four grand award winners who completed all nine courses.

We are looking forward to another good term of Scripture Memory work, and as the children hide God's Word in their hearts may it be a Light to their paths in years to come.

Mrs. R. Stork, Sponsor

Men's Brotherhood of Edenwold and Davin, Sask.

We of the Men's Brotherhoods of Edenwold and Davin, Sask., were privileged to have several guest speakers at our recent Brotherhood meetings. On August 13 we gathered at Provincial Park near McLean, Sask. Rev. Fred Ohlmann of Drumheller, Alta., was the speaker. It was also a sad occasion to bid farewell to our pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Browatzke, who left to study at the Christian Training Institute this winter.

In our September meeting Rev. Edgar Martens gave a devotional message and then showed slides of his work in Aruba. On Sunday, Oct. 14, we observed Laymen's Sunday. Three local men of the Brotherhood brought messages: Mr. Chris Rumpel, Mr. Carl Schultz, and Mr. Bill Kramer. Two male quartet numbers and two choir numbers were also rendered. At the close of this meeting a few farewell words were spoken to one of our members, Mr. Herb Rumpel and his family.

Ernest Rosom, Reporter

Eastern District

Vacation School at Bethel Church, Indianapolis, Indiana

The Vacation Bible School of the Bethel Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana was conducted for two weeks from June 4 to 15 with an average attendance of 81 pupils. The director of our Bible School was Mrs. Josephine Cox. The five classes were taught by the following teachers: Nursery, Mrs. Emma Coomer and Miss Lois Partlow, asst. teenager was Miss Wanda Hall; Beginners, Mrs. Sears and Mrs. Ashley, asst. teenager was Miss Regina Cox; Primary, Mrs. Wanda Thompson,



Scripture Memory leaders and winners, Morris, Manitoba.

Four grand award winners in front row, (left to right): Vaughn Bergstresser, Shirley Paschke, Ingrid Rempel and Daphne Hoffman. The leaders are in the back row.

Mrs. Marguerite Stevens, Mrs. Judith Disman and Mrs. Elmira Vermillion; Juniors, Mrs. Barbara Nicholson, Mrs. Wilma Day, asst. teenager was Miss Carol Rutter; Young Teenagers, Mrs. Josephine Cox.

The music was directed by Mrs. Pat Davis and Mr. Lawrence Nicholson. Mr. Ralph Disman an assistant in all classes and Miss Lauerissa Partlow took care of attendance and offering. We believe that this was one of the finest Vacation Bible Schools we have ever had. Our attendance was good and we had a very inspiring Sunday evening closing program. Our offering of \$65.80 was a new record. It was sent for mission work in the Cameroon, Africa.

Mrs. Wanda Thompson, Reporter

Dedication of New Parsonage, Ridgemont Church, Detroit

On Sunday, Sept. 16, it was the privilege of the Ridgemont Baptist Church, East Detroit, Mich., to dedicate our new parsonage to the glory of God and for the use of the family of our pastor, Rev. H. J. Waltereit. In 1958 our congregation had relocated from the old Connors Baptist Church to the new and much roomier building in East Detroit. During the intervening years it became increasingly evident that the parsonage also should be somewhere near the Ridgemont Church. During this past summer we built a roomy ranch-style home on the church property. We praise God for the willingness of many of our brethren who gave freely of their time and effort. Thus we were able to erect a home with an estimated value of \$30,000 for about \$23,000.

On Dedication Sunday Rev. A. Luck of Windsor, Ont., spoke to us in the morning service. At 3:30 P.M. we gathered in front of the new home as the

chairman of the Board of Deacons, Mr. Leo Milchner made some appropriate remarks and then handed the keys to our pastor. Then followed an hour of "Open House." The Dedication Service proper began at 4:30 P.M. in the church. H. Riffel of the Bethel Baptist Church of St. Clair Shores brought a most fitting message, "The Prophet's Chambers." Rev. E. Sakowski led in the dedicatory prayer. Our church choir, as well as several solo numbers, contributed greatly to the general atmosphere of praise and thanksgiving. Our treasurer, Otto Schultz, gave the report of the building committee. Following the service, we gathered around the tables downstairs for a time of informal fellowship.

Manfred Neumann, Reporter

Central District

Fall Events at Ebenezer Church, Shattuck, Okla.

The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Shattuck, Okla., held its annual Harvest Mission Festival on Sunday, Oct. 14. The harvest theme was beautifully carried out in fall decorations of fruits, vegetables and flowers. Rev. R. H. Zepik, our pastor, brought the messages. A noon fellowship dinner was enjoyed by all. Our offering for the day was \$808.45.

On Thursday evening, Oct. 4, we were privileged to have the missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman with us. We enjoyed seeing the colored slides and hearing the report of progress made in Africa. Our Sunday school observed its annual Rally and Promotion Day on Sept. 25. The Junior Department presented the play, "The Day We Promise." The young people and adult classes presented numbers in song and readings. Promotion Certificates were handed out to 15 children by our superintendent, Harvey Deal.

Mrs. Albert Pshigoda, Reporter

Memorable Events at Baptist Church, Hebron, N. Dak.

The First Baptist Church of Hebron, N. Dak., observed its Harvest Mission Festival on Sunday, Sept., 30th, with Rev. Daniel O. Herlinger of McLaughlin, S. Dak., as guest speaker. For our morning service we had a total of 265 persons in attendance. The sanctuary was beautifully decorated with vegetables and flowers in season. The church choir sang at both morning and evening services. The mission offering for the day amounted to \$4,520.96.

The Missionary Guild held its annual missionary program on Oct. 7th, featuring poems, group songs and solo by Mrs. E. J. Faul. This was followed by a dialogue, "A Missionary Clinic." The offering amounted to \$192.53.

Special evangelistic services were held from Oct. 8-19 with Rev. Robert Penner of Lansing, Mich., serving as evangelist. The meetings were well attended so that many people experienced rich blessings. We were not privileged to see a harvest of souls, but the seed has been sown and God will bring the increase in due season.

Mrs. Edwin Schmidt, Reporter

65th Anniversary Services, Baptist Church, Streeter, N. D.

We as members of the Streeter Baptist Church, Streeter, N. Dak., had a spiritually refreshing time at the 65th anniversary of our church from Oct. 5 to 7. This is "the mother church" of such congregations as The Flats, Gackle, Alfred and Medina, N. Dak. We began our anniversary services on Friday evening, Oct. 5, with Rev. B. W. Krentz, a former pastor, as guest speaker.

Saturday evening was Young People's Night with the Tri-County Youth Rally and various churches in the area represented. Rev. H. W. Trim of Jamestown, N. Dak., brought a very challenging message. Sunday, Oct. 7, was our Harvest and Mission Festival with Rev. Carl Weisser, a former pastor, of Wishek, N. Dak., bringing the message at the worship hour. The offering of this service went to missions. We gathered for a German service in the afternoon with Rev. David Littke, also a former pastor, now of Fredonia, N. Dak., bringing a message.

Greetings from former pastors and members who could not be with us during these days, and the history of our church was ably given by our church clerk, Mrs. Fred Meisch. Rev. A. J. Borchardt, our pastor, concluded the afternoon services with a brief message. Encouraging to us was the exhortation of the writer of the book of Hebrews, "Let us go on," yea unto perfection (Hebrews 6:1).

Mrs. Ervin Becker, Reporter

Ground Breaking Ceremony, New Church, Aberdeen, So. Dakota

On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 21, ground breaking services were held by the Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, S. Dak., with Rev. Thomas Lutz as the principal speaker. The first shovelful of sod was turned by Mr. Jacob Fischer. The same shovel had been used when the old church was erected. A Men's Brotherhood has been organized. The men took over the morning service on Laymen's Sunday, Oct. 21. A Vacation Bible School was conducted with Rev. Irvin H. Schmuland as advisor. The C.B.Y. Fellowship has just been organized. They have great plans for the future and the new church.

Sunday School Week was observed with Thursday night being "Family Night," and the showing of a film, "In Mr. Walker's Garage," followed with a program on Sunday evening with all the school's departments taking part. On Sunday evening, Oct. 21, we observed our Harvest Mission Festival with a program of recitations and songs by our Sunday school. The church was decorated with various fruits and vegetables. The Woman's Mission Society presented its annual program at the Eureka Baptist Church on Sunday, Oct. 28.

Willard Tesky, Reporter

Iowa Association Sessions Held at Elgin, Iowa

The annual Iowa Association sessions met at the First Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa, Oct. 1-3. The theme of the Conference was "Jesus Christ Is Lord." All 13 constituent churches were represented for the conference. Times of fellowship and devotion, matters of



Pastors at the 65th anniversary program of the Baptist Church, Streeter, N. Dak., (left to right): Rev. David Littke of Fredonia, N. Dak.; Rev. A. J. Borchardt, present pastor; and Rev. Carl Weisser of Wishek, N. Dak.

conference business, inspiring messages by the guest speakers: Miss Berneice Westerman, Professor Hugo Lueck, Vernon Heckman, and Rev. J. C. Gunst, all combined to make those days spiritually profitable. Several Association pastors also brought most stimulating messages on the subject of the Lordship of Christ. It was with great delight that the Cedarloo Baptist Church of Cedar Falls was welcomed into the Association. Rev. Bernard R. Fritzke is the pastor of the Cedarloo Church Extension work there.

The delegates and alternates numbered 72 with many visitors also attending. Some of the items of business considered were: a committee for camp grounds; next year's Association will be changed from Monday through Wednesday to Friday afternoon through Sunday afternoon. New officers for the coming year are: moderator, Rev. Ralph Cook, Sheffield; secretary, Rev. Bernard Fritzke, Cedarloo; and treasurer, Mr. Earl Kiple, Elgin. Next year the Association will be held in Summer.

R. I. Thompson, Reporter

Recent Programs at Central Church, George, Iowa

On Oct. 7th, the Central Baptist Church of George, Iowa, held a combined Sunday school and church rally in which all age groups participated. Supt. Elvin Duitsman opened the service, and closing remarks were given by Rev. R. I. Thompson, stressing the importance of Sunday school attend-



The first shovelful of sod is turned over by Mr. Jacob Fischer for the new edifice of the Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, S. Dak., at the ground breaking ceremony.

ance as well as the church.

This being the second anniversary of our pastor and family with us, they surprised the congregation by observing it the previous Sunday. We enjoyed a time of fellowship and were "treated" to ice-cream, home baked cookies and coffee. On Oct. 14th the church observed Harvest and Mission Festival. Offerings given this day were designated to augment the Seminary Book fund. Food was brought, which was later taken to the Seminary.

On this day we also experienced a cloud of sadness, when the report came stating that Mrs. Henry G. Jansen, the former Alma Schrick, was stricken suddenly on Saturday evening and rushed to the Rock Rapids, Iowa hospital; then on Sunday transferred to the Sioux City, Iowa hospital where she passed away on Monday. Alma was an active worker in the church and Sunday school, and we will miss her.

Julia Oltmann, Reporter

Farewell for Pastor's Family at Elgin, Iowa

A farewell program and fellowship tea was held Sunday evening, Oct. 21, at the First Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa for Rev. and Mrs. Eldon Schroeder and family. Mr. Hugo Hackmann, deacon, presided. The following program was presented: remarks by Mrs. F. C. Muehlethaler; brief messages: Mrs. Ross James, S. S. superintendent; Mr. Abe Habeger, CBY sponsor; Mr. Calvin Hopson, for the Men's Brotherhood; Mrs. Lorence Muehlethaler, Tabitha Society; and Mrs. Harry Johnson, Woman's Missionary Union. Mr. Karl Miller, chairman of board of deacons, presented a gift from the church. Musical numbers were organ and piano prelude by Mrs. Arbie Schroeder and Miss Mary Ann Schaeer; songs, Primary Department; selections by Junior and Senior choirs; and ladies' quartet: Mrs. Selmer Erickson, Mrs. Abe Habeger, Mrs. Edward Krueger, Mrs. Kenton Krueger.

A fellowship tea was served in the church dining room. Hostesses were Mrs. Alfred Baechler, Mrs. Hugo Hackmann, Mrs. Clarence Muehlethaler, Mrs. John Schaeer, Mrs. Milton Miller, Mrs. Lester Wenger, Mrs. Raymond Boleyn, and Mrs. Calvin Hopson. The Schroeders began their ministry at the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., Nov. 4th. Rev. Henry R. Schroeder of St. Paul, Minn., is serving as interim pastor for the Elgin Church.

Mrs. Fred Schaeer, Reporter

Women's Sessions at Iowa Association, Elgin Church

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Iowa Association held its annual Breakfast on Oct. 3 in the dining room of the Elgin Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa. The breakfast was served by the ladies of the Lutheran Church, thus enabling the Elgin ladies to attend the services. A male quartet from Elgin provided a musical number. At the business session devotions were given by the Baileyville church society. The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. Louise Schulze, Burlington; vice-president, Mrs. Clarence Koenigsberg, Sheffield; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Edward Krueger, Elgin.

In the afternoon, a missionary program was presented. Words of welcome were given by the local president, Mrs. Lorence Muehlethaler, and response by Mrs. Harm Sherman, national W.M.U. president. A fine message was brought by Missionary Berneice Westerman. The installation of new officers was led by Rev. Donald Patet, followed by a ladies' trio, "Living Abundantly," from the Burlington society.

Mrs. Wm. Salzbrenner, Reporter

Reception for Minister's Family At Linton, North Dakota

It was indeed a time of real joy and thanksgiving to God when about 200 friends and members of the First Baptist Church of Linton and Hazelton N. Dak., met on Sunday evening, Oct. 7, for a welcoming service for our new pastor, Rev. Herman L. Effa, and his family. Members of the Napoleon Baptist Church were special guests and Rev. R. Hoffman of Napoleon was the guest speaker of the evening. Special music was furnished by the Linton Choir and a vocal trio consisting of Mrs. Jake Kiemele, Mrs. Calvin Breckel and Miss Carol Waltner. After the message by Mr. Hoffman, he introduced Rev. and Mrs. Herman L. Effa and their children, Allan and Jerilyn. Rev. Hoffman counted this a real joy and privilege since he and Rev. Effa were seminary classmates and had known each other for many years.

Words of welcome were directed to the Effas by: Mrs. Gottlieb Kremer in behalf of the Linton Choir; Harold Loeb for the CBYF; Ed Kist for the Sunday school; Otto Fode for the Hazelton Church and Sunday school; Mrs. Emanuel Loeb for the Linton Women's Missionary Society, Mrs. Otto Fode for the Hazelton Women's Society; Mrs. Art Sauter for the Linton Builders' study group; and Fred Kremer for the entire congregation. In response both Mr. and Mrs. Effa spoke and sang the duet, "The Business of the King." Little Allan and Jerilyn also sang several children's songs.

Mrs. Gottlieb Kremer, Reporter

Northern North Dakota Association Sessions, Washburn

The Northern North Dakota Association held its annual conference from Oct. 18-21 at the Washburn Memorial Auditorium, Washburn, N. Dak.—host. Pastor, Rev. Reuben Stading. The meetings were only fairly attended, but interest was high in that the speakers were exceptional. Our Conference workers were Rev. J. C. Gunst, District Secretary; Florence Miller,

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representing our field in Japan; and Berneice Westerman of the Camerons. Once again it can be said that our Conference Missionaries are of exceptionally high quality. Delegates and friends left the Conference with a clearer picture of our Conference needs, and with a clearer vision of those around the world who are lost.

Officers elected for the coming year are: moderator, Rev. Gordon Voegelé, Underwood, N. Dak.; vice-moderator, Rev. Henry Lang, Harvey, N. Dak.; secretary, Rev. Howard Westlund, Carlington, N. Dak.; and treasurer, Mr. Jake Eckert of Martin, N. Dak. Main items of business consisted of a determination to reconsider and revamp if necessary our entire program for our meetings next year to create a greater interest.

The second and important item was the organization of an Association Church Extension Committee. Their responsibilities will be: 1) to investigate and counsel with possible future Church Extension projects; 2) upon conviction of the worthiness of a future project, they shall then recommend their decision to our denominational Church Extension Director; 3) they shall act in an advisory capacity in a new field, a) in evaluation, in organization, and promotion; b) and manifest a continued interest.

John Benham, Reporter

NOTICE, REPORTERS

A number of reports had to be held over until the next issue due to lack of space in this number.

Several important changes will be made in these "Report Pages" of the "Baptist Herald" beginning with the February 1963 issues. More complete information and instructions will be announced in the next issue and by letter to the pastors and reporters. We hope that these changes will greatly improve the ministry of our publication for ALL readers.

100th ANNIVERSARY

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Pearce, of Chicago Youth for Christ, rendered beautiful testimony by his trumpet solos and verbal messages. Mrs. Bettie Yahn presented a humorous reading about the pastor's visit to a parishoner's home. A wonderful message was brought by Rev. David Draewell, secretary of Stewardship and Higher Education.

On Saturday, by chartered bus and private cars, one hundred members and guests traveled to Ligonier, Pa., to enjoy God's handiwork in the beautiful mountain scenery. Lunch was served at the Presbyterian Camp Grounds and a devotional service followed in a quiet pine grove where the group sang Gospel choruses and Dr. Schade brought a message, "Holding Forth the Word of Life."

FESTIVE SUNDAY

Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, promotional secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference, was guest speaker at the Sunday morning worship service, bringing a moving message entitled "Golden Treasures in Earthen Vessels." A mixed chorus comprising choir members of past years rendered special selections. During the church school hour, Superintendent Arthur Luck called upon former superintendents and Sunday school teachers for their comments. Among those who responded were Mrs. Esther Reichenbach, Mr. Richard Deckmann, Mr. Judson B. Hamel, Mrs. O. E. Krueger, Mr. Emil Tiemann, Mr. Robert Schade, Ronald Rose and Fred Brumm III presented trumpet solos.

Copies of the illustrated historical brochure of the church are available at \$1.00 each. Write: Rev. Raymond P. Yahn, 1024 Prospect Drive, Pittsburgh 27, Pa.

Sunday afternoon guests were welcomed at the parsonage for "Open House." The anniversary observance was brought to a close Sunday evening at a candlelight communion and dedication service at which Rev. Emanuel Wolff, Eastern District Secretary, challenged the church to "Go Forward." Mrs. Iona Klein and Mrs. Mary Boydston sang a duet, "Hark, Hark, My Soul!"

As we have looked to the past, we have been challenged by the faithfulness of those who have gone before. Now, as we look to the future, we are challenged by the task which lies before us. We pray that Temple Church and its members will be used for God's glory in whatever way he leads, and that we will go on to even greater things in the Lord who works through us and our church.

"Hitherto the Lord hath led us,
Yes, we praise his holy name.
For yesterday, today, forever,
He alone remains the same."

CHRISTMAS PARTY

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you in the homeland have been praying for these two girls, and it is a joy to tell you that God has answered prayers on behalf of one of the young Japanese women.

In June 1962 Miss Shita came and declared that her parents had consented to allow her to return to church as often as she desires. She has been witnessing to her Buddhist family and is trusting that one day the Lord will bring them to know the Lord Jesus too. She is also engaged to a fine Christian young man and is looking forward to establishing her own Christian home. Miss Hatta is still not able to attend church, so do continue to pray for her.

Since the school officials didn't seem to oppose the Bible studies, Satan had other ways. On one occasion there seemed to be a kind of antagonism on the part of two girls during the Bible lesson and question period. They seemed openly to defy the Word which was being spoken. The missionary felt a new tension in the air which lasted throughout the meeting.

On another occasion as Missionary Joyce started out from her house to go to the school, she noticed that her throat felt a bit scratchy, indicating the possible development of a sore throat. Throughout the long ride to the school, her throat became mildly sore. That day the meeting ran long overtime and she had to speak for almost three hours. As she spoke, her throat became worse until the pain was almost unbearable. She felt as though a burning match was lodged in her throat and speaking became more and more painful. That evening she managed a liquid supper with difficulty. The next day the pain was entirely gone.

In Japan the cultural influence is so strong that becoming a Christian is difficult for many young people. Those who would take a firm stand for the Lord and live a separated life must suffer opposition and even persecution many times. Many times they are drawn back into the old life because of family and cultural influences. They need our prayers.

Missionary Joyce Batek has now moved to Ise and will not have an opportunity to work with these girls. However, the door is still open and God has provided a missionary working with Inter-Varsity to teach Bible and to help these girls as they continue to seek to know the Christ of Christianity. Recently there was an uprising in the school over a new sect of Buddhism which has become very popular in Japan. Thus far, this has not affected our witness there.

Pray for these girls and pray that the Lord will keep the door of opportunity open for many months to come that he might reign and his Word might be declared.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

(Continued from page 7)

the Men's Fellowship and its president, Mr. B. V. Krueger. Mr. Edward Meister, superintendent of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Chicago, Ill., brought the message. On Sunday evening, Nov. 4, Mr. Harold B. Johns of Oak Park, Ill., showed pictures of the NAB mission fields in Japan at the annual Woman's Missionary Union program. From Nov. 14 to 18 "Deeper Life Meetings" were held at the church with Rev. Wilmer Quiring of Milwaukee, Wis., as the guest speaker. Rev. Donald N. Miller is the pastor.

● On Wednesday evening, Oct. 10, the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C., honored Rev. and Mrs. Otto Patzia's ordination into the Christian ministry (Sept. 19, 1937). Some 400 guests gathered around decorated tables in the church's lower auditorium for the dinner and program. Rev. Ervin Strauss of Richmond, B.C., led in a prayer of thanksgiving and read Psalm 145. Mr. E. Nelner, vice moderator, addressed the honored couple and presented them with an envelope containing a gift from the church. Nancy, the youngest of the three daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Patzia, spoke words of appreciation to her parents. Other presentations were made, as reported by Rev. P. Daum, assistant pastor.

● The Fall Festival Program at the Central Baptist Home, Chicago, Ill., on Thursday evening, Oct. 25, was attended by about 250 people who had also enjoyed a delicious dinner served at an earlier hour. The program was in charge of the Women's Baptist Service Union of Chicago with Mrs. Daniel B. Granzow, president, in charge. Devotions were brought by Mrs. H. G. Dymmel. The program featured a musical presentation of "Singing Through Life," showing the pilgrimage of life from student days to mature age. Mrs. Herbert R. Pankratz had arranged the delightful program and served as narrator. Representatives of the various churches sang selections, and the Dorcas Guild and Christian Fellowship Chorus of the Foster Ave. Church rendered the closing numbers. Mr. Edward Meister, superintendent of the Home, expressed the thankfulness of the Home for the pleasant evening.

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Obituaries

MR. CHARLES GUSTAV WILDE of Oak Bank, Manitoba

Mr. Charles Wilde, a longtime resident of Oak Bank, Manitoba, passed away at his residence on Oct. 3, 1962. He was born July 10, 1890 in Poland and in 1910 immigrated to Canada. In 1923 he settled in Oak Bank where he remained until his death.

In 1924, he was united in marriage to Hulda Ruttig. He leaves to mourn his passing: his wife Hulda; twin daughters: Muriel of Oak Bank and Myrtle (Mrs. Ron Bredin) of Winnipeg, Man.; three sons: Ervin of Plumas, Man.; Karl of Winnipeg; and Lloyd of Oak Bank; one brother, August, of Winnipeg; and one sister, Mrs. Lena Plato of Winnipeg; and 20 grandchildren. Services were held on Oct. 6, 1962 with the pastor, Rev. Milton Falkenberg, officiating.

Oak Bank Baptist Church
Oak Bank, Manitoba
MILTON FALKENBERG, Pastor

MR. DAVID H. EHRLICH of Marion, Kansas

Mr. David H. Ehrlich of Marion, Kansas was born in Russia on Nov. 19, 1874. He came with his parents to the United States when he was two years of age, and lived in Marion County the remainder of his life, with the exception of two years, which were spent in Nebraska. On Sept. 20, 1900, he was united in marriage to Moriah Elizabeth Siefert. To this union three sons were born. In 1906, Mr. Ehrlich received Christ as his Savior, and followed the Lord in baptism on May 6, 1909.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, of Marion; three sons: Irwin and Morris of Marion, and Walter of Englewood, Colorado; one brother, K. F. Ehrlich of Turlock, Calif.; two sisters: Mrs. Unice Troyer of Denver, Colo.; and Mrs. Theo Frey of St. John, Kansas; five grandchildren, and many great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Mr. Ehrlich passed away on Sept. 21st, and funeral services were held from the Emmanuel Church on Sept. 24th.

Emmanuel Baptist Church
Marion, Kansas
ELTON KIRSTEIN, Pastor

MRS. ALMA ROSA JANSEN of George, Iowa

Mrs. Alma Rosa Schrick Jansen of George, Iowa was born March 26, 1906 and went home to be with the Lord Oct. 15, 1962. She was born and reared on a farm and later moved to George, Iowa. Alma received Jesus Christ as her Savior and was baptized on Nov. 11, 1923 by Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn. She was an active member of the Central Baptist Church of George.

On Dec. 24, 1960 she was united in marriage to Mr. Henry G. Jansen of George. Preceding her in death were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Schrick, and four brothers. She is survived by her husband, Henry G. Jansen, five sisters and two brothers, a sister-in-law and Mr. Jansen's daughter by a previous marriage. She also leaves many nieces, nephews and other relatives and a host of friends. Alma was stricken suddenly on Oct. 13th and taken to the Rock Rapids, Iowa hospital and later moved to St. Joseph's Hospital in Sioux City, Ia., where she passed away. Interment was in the First Baptist Church cemetery.

Central Baptist Church
George, Iowa
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