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What If?

By Robert S. Denny
in The Baptist World

WHAT IF William Carey had not followed his vision and the leadership of the Lord to India? What would India be like today? What if Judson had not gone to Burma? Where would be the 225,000 Burmese Baptist believers today?

What if Henrietta Hall Shuck had not gone to China? The world said she shouldn't—she was only 19. When she died at 27 the world said it was an untimely death and wasn't it a shame that she died so young. Yet the Chinese will tell you, as they take you to the cemetery and point to the marker over her grave, "Her life was a torch which lighted the way for hundreds of other missionaries to come with the Gospel, and it was a torch for the Chinese to find their way to Jesus." What if she hadn't gone?

Where would we—you and I—be today if somebody had not been faithful in preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our country? Where would we be if our forefathers had not sacrificed to build churches and denominations in which to work and worship and minister to the world?

But the biggest "what if"—what if *we* are not faithful with the light we have, and the opportunities we have, to preach the Gospel here and around the corner and around the world? No generation ever had the means of transportation and communication, the know-how, and the money that we have. What if we do not hear the call of God, "Take up thy cross and follow me . . . Go into all the world, preaching, teaching, making disciples and baptizing?" What if we fail? What if we falter? Who knows "but that we came to the Kingdom for such a time as this?"

I believe that our present crop of young people will not fail. They will rise to the challenge, as have those who went before. They will stand in the clutch and give, if necessary, their last drop of energy.

Christianity is always a single generation from extinction. But it won't die with this generation. Not with the kind of young people we have.

FRONT COVER

We have entitled the front cover picture, "A Missionary in Her Garden." It shows Eleanor Weisenburger, missionary nurse at the Banso Hospital, surrounded by mothers with their young children. A proud mother and her triplets are sitting in front of Miss Weisenburger. Several sets of twins are also in the group. This is, indeed, the missionary's garden to which she has devoted herself with loving care! The photographer was Miss Laura E. Reddig.

MISSIONARY ISSUE

What an exciting array of missionary articles are featured in this number! Start with the editorial to read the names of the 17 newly appointed NAB missionaries. You will be thrilled to follow the work of our missionaries in Cameroon and Japan. Give careful attention to Dr. George A. Dunger's provocative missionary article. Something unusual is described by Missionary Gilbert Schneider. Missions at home is colorfully pictured in the "Dial-A-Prayer Ministry."

MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

17 NEW MISSIONARIES. Repeatedly in this issue you will see the names and read the news accounts of the appointment of 17 new missionaries, appointed by the Board of Missions and confirmed by the General Council. They will be serving in Cameroon, Africa, in Japan, and on the Spanish American fields of Colorado and Texas during the next years. Thank God for answered prayers and for this wonderful guidance!

ADVANCE BUILDING FUND. Our denomination has gone over the top in its Advance Building Fund for the new headquarters' building in Forest Park and the Seminary library in Sioux Falls. Total receipts were \$251,462.61. The Southern Conference with its per capita gifts of \$7.16 stood at the top of the list of conferences, but the Central and Pacific Conferences were highest in total contributions toward the fund. The One Hundred Dollar Honor books and memorial plaques are now being prepared.

HONORS FOR MISSIONARY SCHNEIDER. Rev. Gilbert Schneider is now in the Federal Republic of Cameroon, participating in the Linguistic Conference sponsored by the American Bible Society to consider the use of "Wes-kos" in Bible translations (see his article in this issue). From there he will visit the Baptist Mission fields and observe the work of the Peace Corps volunteers in Cameroon. In July and August he and his wife will be engaged in training Peace Corps workers for Cameroon, Africa at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio.

IMPORTANT LITERATURE. Every North American Baptist should have a "1963 Mission Packet" in his possession. It is a library of missionary information. It costs only 35 cents. At your conference sessions, secure your free copy of "1963 Letters to Conferences and Churches," a 20 page brochure with the latest reports and news about God's work entrusted to us. The new leaflet, "Welcome to Our Church," is being acclaimed by our people. It has gone into a second printing of 60,000 copies in less than a month. Pastors can order their supply up to 500 copies free for the church.

NEXT ISSUE

"THAT CONTINUING RELIGIOUS ISSUE"

By Dr. C. Stanley Lowell
of Washington, D. C.

Editorial

Outward Bound!

Like the exodus of students leaving the halls of learning at the close of the school year, so an inspiring group of newly appointed missionaries will be outward bound for Africa and Japan during the next few months. In their thoughts and prayers, North American Baptists will bid farewell to these twelve new missionaries with their assigned tasks in West Cameroon, Africa and in Japan. Four others will start their missionary service on the Spanish American fields of Colorado and Texas. With their departures, articles and pictures will appear in our publications, acquainting our people with the story of their lives and the account of God's dealing with them.

In July Dr. Lothar G. Lichtenfeld of Edmonton, Alberta, will leave for Africa (July 4) to enter governmental medical service in West Cameroon as our missionary in Christ's Name. Miss Patricia Heller of Jenkintown, Pa., will sail on July 11 from New York City to serve as a missionary nurse in Cameroon. In August three couples will be outward bound for Africa: Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd E. Kwast of Anaheim, Calif.; Rev. and Mrs. Gerhard Schroeder of Bellwood, Ill.; and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hildebrand of Stafford, Kansas. The Hildebrands have been asked to give one year of service to supervise the building program at Victoria, West Cameroon.

But the outward bound trips will still continue after that. In September Rev. and Mrs. Richard C. Mayforth of Kyle, Texas are scheduled to sail for their new field of missionary service in Japan. Rev. and Mrs. Harold F. Lang of Cleveland, Ohio will be sailing for West Cameroon, Africa in October, ready to do the Lord's bidding.

In the meantime, Rev. and Mrs. Earl H. Ahrens will have arrived in the San Luis Valley of Colorado to begin their missionary ministry among the Spanish American people. With their background of years of missionary service in Africa and with their love for people in spiritual need, their unfolding ministry will be followed with prayerful interest. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sandoval are also arriving in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas to lead our mission program in that area. Miss Katherine Ann Hunt will leave for Africa in 1964 as a missionary nurse.

What *anticipations* there will be as we follow these newly appointed, outward bound missionaries! They will face many new tasks, new experiences and new dangers. Some will be blazing new missionary trails in this day of political crises and nationalistic ferment. Most of them are young people with a lifetime of service ahead of them. We can almost see the unfolding glory of God's blessing on their lives and anticipate the wondrous things that God can bring to pass through their dedicated ministry.

But let us not overlook the divine *assurances* that go with the outward bound adventures. This is the beginning of a new chapter in our North American Baptist history. Most of these missionaries are replacements for those who had resigned because of age or circumstances. God has opened doors and put his hand on lives to assure us that this is his work, that he calls his laborers into his harvest field, that his promises are still true and valid today. As these missionaries are outward bound, all of our people—52,073 strong—ought to be more sensitive than ever to God's call to "go into all the world" to preach the Gospel.

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Dial-A-Prayer Ministry

Are you lonely? Discouraged? Troubled? Go to your phone and dial this number (in Watertown, Wis.) for spiritual help. This is the story of an amazing plan that has worked wonders!

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner in Behalf of Rev. Donald N. Miller of the First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis.

HAVE YOU EVER dialed a phone number and received a special lift for the day? Have you ever offered a prayer to God over the telephone? Can you imagine a Baptist pastor's congregation growing into the thousands, even though they are an unseen audience to him? This is the amazing story of Rev. Donald N. Miller's Dial-A-Prayer ministry in the city of Watertown, Wisconsin.

FRONT PAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

On March 1st the following front page article appeared in the Watertown newspaper:

"Jittery? Nervous? Ill? Lonely? Discouraged? Troubled? Sad? Glad? Beginning today, anyone in the Watertown area who has experienced any or all of these emotions and feelings may receive help by dialing 261-4444, Watertown's newly created Dial-A-Prayer number. When the digits click into place and the connection is made, the miracle of modern science will transmit a recorded message of hope and inspiration.

"Dial-A-Prayer will be on duty 24 hours a day, bringing strength and comfort to such persons as the elderly, those who are confined to their wheelchairs or beds, those who find this the only contact with the outside

world—the worried teen-ager, nervous because of a first date or an imminent exam—the business man, faced with an important, difficult decision—the couple faced with domestic troubles—and many others who simply wish to receive hope and inspiration."

The Dial-A-Prayer ministry, although unique in Watertown, is not new in the state of Wisconsin or in the nation. Other Wisconsin cities now offering telephone meditations and prayers include Madison, Milwaukee, Kenosha, Green Bay and Wausau.

Similar services are offered by other cities and villages from New York to California, from Minnesota to Louisiana. Churches or church related groups usually sponsor these meditations and prayers. Also identification of the sponsor usually precedes the message. However Watertown's Dial-A-Prayer carries no such identification.

The pastor of the church sponsoring Watertown's Dial-A-Prayer service has stated that he has some strong personal convictions concerning such identification.

Rev. Donald N. Miller has said: "I don't want Dial-A-Prayer to become an advertising gimmick for me or my church. It is simply an added ministry of spiritual help to the church and community.

"Therefore, when an individual dials a number 261-4444, he will hear a 45 second message of meditation and prayer, unencumbered by identification or advertising. There is only the voice of the pastor with a message of hope and encouragement to link the listener directly to his God."

The meditation and prayer varies in content from day to day in order to include all areas of human need and concern. It is changed every morning at 10:30 A.M.

Talking about the effect of this new ministry to the community, Mr. Miller, the pastor, has said: "I realize there are some dangers connected with the Dial-A-Prayer. There is always a danger that this kind of thing will take the place of personal prayer and meditation, but on the other hand there are times when people really need help to enable them to take their first step. The Dial-A-Prayer is intended to do that and much more."

The response has been both surprising and gratifying. For the first several weeks the calls averaged more than 700 a day. After leveling off, the average number of calls still average 400 a day. By May 1st more than 35,000 calls had been received. Remarks such as "that prayer was meant just for me" and "it gives me a spiritual lift for the day" have been heard frequently.

ORIGINATOR OF PLAN

The originator of the Dial-A-Prayer idea was Paul Phillips, a tool manufacturer at Van Nuys, California, who suggested the plan to his pastor at the Christ Memorial Church in Los Angeles where an answering set was installed in 1952 with immediate success.

The First Baptist Church of Watertown was inspired to sponsor this project after Mrs. J. J. Abel, the widow of one of our North American Baptist ministers, had been visiting in Madison, Wisconsin. There a friend introduced her to Madison's Dial-A-Prayer program. She brought the idea back to the pastor. He took it to the deacons' board and it was presented to the congregation with immediate interest and enthusiasm.

About once a month the pastor runs a small ad in the newspaper to remind the readers of this ministry. He also arranges for an occasional "spot" on radio programs. The newspapers and radio stations have been very accommodating in informing the people of Watertown of this ministry.

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DIAL-A-PRAYER INAUGURATED—A recorded message of hope and inspiration may now be obtained in the Watertown, Wis., area by anyone who is discouraged, lonely or in need of some calming words by simply dialing the phone at any time of the day or night. The message, changed every 24 hours, has been recorded by Rev. Donald N. Miller and operates through the latest transmission device.—(Daily Times Photo)



Miss Lucille Wipf wearing a colorful kimono given to her by one of her Japanese friends.

An English Bible Class Leads Japanese to Christ

Eighty high school students respond to the first invitation to these special classes held at the Ise Baptist Church in Japan.

By Miss Lucille Wipf
Missionary in Japan

EIGHT FORTY-FIVE Sunday morning, and where are all those High School students going at this hour of the day?" someone may ask. Follow them up the hill and you'll find yourself at my house for the 9:00 o'clock English Bible Class.

Shortly after Joyce Batek and myself began living in Ise, Japan last September, the English Bible Classes were begun once again. Pastor Akasaka and I went to the two main public High Schools and invited the students to attend the English Bible Classes at the Ise Baptist Church.

A SEA OF FACES

Imagine my surprise on that first Sunday to find about 80 students at the church when I arrived. As I looked out over that sea of faces I thought to myself, "How wonderful if all these would be won to Christ!" And then just as quickly the thought came to me: "But it just couldn't happen." Then I thought of this verse of Scripture, "O ye of little faith."

The classes continued each Sunday with about 25 first year students meeting on Sunday morning and about 15 second and third year students on Sunday afternoon. Thus there were those who also attended the morning worship service and others from the afternoon group who stayed over for the young people's meeting which was held twice every month on Sunday afternoon.

Recently special meetings were held in Matsusaka. One of my Bible Class

students, who lives in Matsusaka but who attends High School in Ise, attended those meetings and accepted Christ as his personal Savior. I wish you could have heard his testimony on the closing night of the meetings. Pray for Joyce Batek and Mr. Hanazono, working in Matsusaka, as they seek to lead this one so he will grow in his new life and be a radiant testimony to his family and friends.

Because I am teaching full-time at our Seminary in Osaka, Japan for the first semester, the Bible Classes in Ise have been temporarily discontinued. However, I am looking forward to the time when the classes can be resumed once again.

Besides the various services and responsibilities at our Ise Church, our pastor, Mr. Akasaka, has a weekly Saturday evening service in the home of one of the members who lives quite some ways from the church. There had been meetings in this home some few years back, but for various reasons they were discontinued. Last fall, however, some Junior High School students requested that they would like to have weekly Bible Study meetings again. And so the meetings were begun for them.

There are nine Junior High School students from that neighborhood who meet regularly for Bible Study. Pray that these will accept Christ as their Savior and become radiant witnesses for him.

Easter Sunday morning we witnessed the baptism of three young people

who have accepted Christ and who desire to live for him. One of the young men works as a tailor, another is a university student and the young lady is working at the spinning factory. Space does not permit sharing the testimonies of all three, but I would like to share the testimony of Mr. Aoki, the university student.

His first contact with Christianity was when he attended the English Bible Class taught on his university campus in Tsu by Missionary Edwin Kern. Then last summer he was invited to Senior Camp, and he went. It was last fall that he made his decision for Christ. Earlier this year when he had made his decision that he wanted to be baptized, he gave this testimony one Sunday evening.

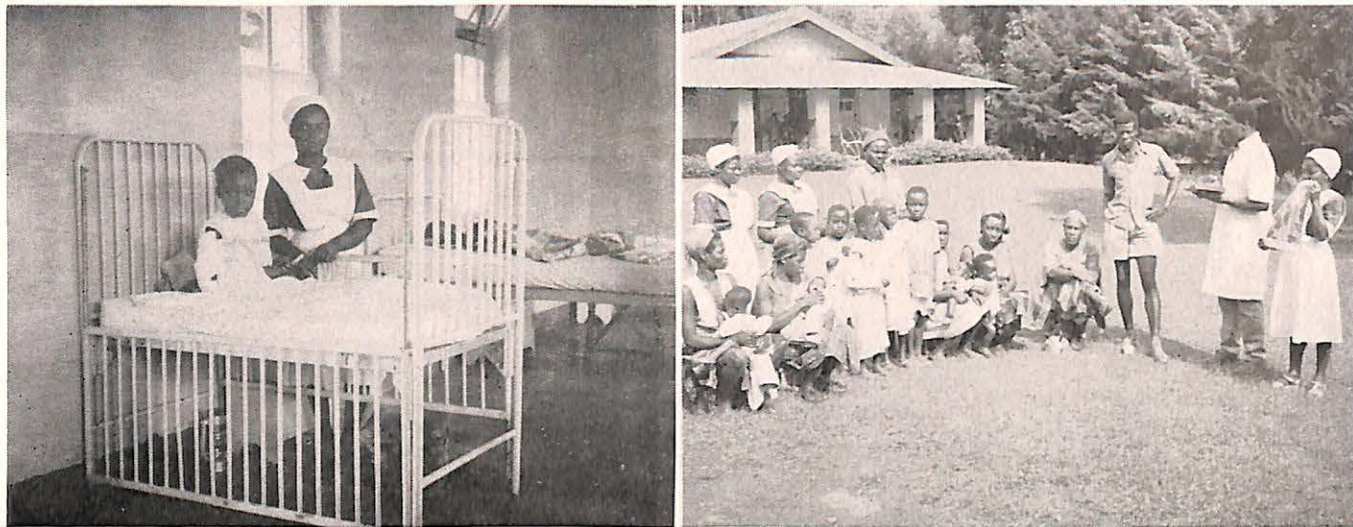
BAPTISM OF THREE CONVERTS

"Since it was in Mr. Kern's Bible Class that I first heard about Christ and since several of my university friends attend the Tsu Christian Center, I thought that maybe I should be baptized by Mr. Kern and also attend the Center. But as I prayed and thought about it, I realized that the human instrument isn't the important thing. The important thing is to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. I definitely feel that I should be baptized here in Ise and be an active member of this church."

The young man has been coming faithfully to the services of the church. Just today I received this letter from

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THE NEW CHILDREN'S WARD AT BANSO

Pupil midwife Helen and a child with a fractured arm (left) in the new Children's Ward at Banso, Cameroon. At the right, the Christian nurses are holding devotions with the children and their parents in front of the new Children's Ward. (Photos by Rev. George W. Lang.)

The New Children's Ward at Banso

It was a wonderfully thrilling DAY when the hospital staff moved the 28 sick and needy children from the little "sardine tin" to the spacious new quarters at the Banso Baptist Hospital, Cameroon, Africa

By Miss Ardice Ziolkowski, Missionary-nurse

"THIS NIGHT I GO get bed where me one I go sleep," said eight-year old Sunday gleefully, the day we moved into our "new" Children's Ward. He could hardly contain himself when I put a new patchwork quilt on his bed and dressed him in a new, colorful flannel gown. As I arranged the ward and put out new White Cross articles, I couldn't help but think: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me." You say, "We didn't know we were giving for a new Children's Ward;

we've only heard of the new Maternity Ward." We on the receiving end enjoyed a double blessing—a spacious new Maternity Ward with the old overcrowded one vacated to serve as Children's Ward at Banso, Africa.

Little Sunday wasn't the only one who was pleased with our new ward and the fact that he would not have to share his bed with one or two other children. Jonathan's papa was glad that he had a little more floor space on which to sleep after being in the hospital for six weeks with his child suffering from a deficiency dis-

ease.

Other parents remarked, "This floor isn't as cold as the other where the door faced the wind." One parent always stays with each child in the hospital and so a sleeping mat and blanket are standard equipment when their child is admitted.

PRIDE OF NURSES

It seems hard to believe now that those ten children's cots fitted into a 20 by 20 foot ward and often contained twenty-five children. We now have those ten cots plus four adult-sized beds in a 20 by 42 foot ward. We still put two or three children on the big beds for lack of cots. In addition to this large ward, we have several smaller rooms which serve as isolation wards.

Moving was a real pleasure when we could take the children with measles, meningitis and whooping cough and isolate them in the former labor and maternity isolation ward, rather than having them right next to non-contagious cases. How much easier to teach Isolation Technique to our sixty students when they can carry it out on the wards as taught in the classroom!

Lucas Lenga, one of our graduate nurses, had a broad smile as he walked through this re-created ward and said, "Now we have a PROPER children's ward." We tried to make it more attractive by hanging Bible pictures on the walls and decorating the plastic curtains with drawings and verses. Now it is a pleasure rather than a discouragement to be assigned to duty

in this ward, for there is room to work and a place conveniently to store equipment. The staff takes real pride in keeping it clean, for we are no longer in a "sardine tin."

CHRIST, THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND

The first Saturday evening in the new ward when the Students' Glee Club entered for vespers, a mother was sobbing since her week-old baby had just died. Eight-year old Jim with face and body burns was moaning. Parents sat holding children with pneumonia or malaria, thankful that their little ones were finding bodily healing. Surrounded by these twenty-eight children and their parents, the Glee Club sang, "My Faith Looks Up To Thee," and the last verse, "When ends life's transient dream."

All became quiet as Eleanor Weisenburger spoke: "Jesus be talk say—make you no deny pikin for come to me—but mama and papa must come for Jesus first and then teach pikin for follow him." As she spoke words of admonition, I thought of the application of these words for us.

What a wonderful opportunity the hospital presents for introducing people to the Lord Jesus Christ! The Chaplain gives out the Word daily in each of the wards and to those coming as out-patients. One father wrote after his child was discharged, "I have seen that your religion is not only words but actions."

Thank you for making it possible for us to accept more sick and needy children into the hospital. Let us continue to serve and thus carry out the command of Christ, "Suffer the children to come unto Me, and forbid them not."

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REV. AND MRS. EARL H. AHRENS

Tribute to them for their 18 years of dedicated missionary service in Africa by the Board of Missions.

The Board of Missions has regretfully accepted the resignation of Earl and Lois Ahrens as missionaries to the Federal Republic of Cameroon, Africa after more than 18 years of dedicated service. Words can never properly assess and certainly can never repay the total gift of life, energy, love, patience and self-denial which is made by faithful missionaries of the Cross.

Nevertheless, we go on record as expressing our gratitude to God and our appreciation to the Ahrens' family for the significant contribution that they have made to the cause of Christ and his Church. Our churches, both at home and in West Cameroon, will long remember their seasoned insights and their enthusiastic promotion of the work in Africa. May the Lord richly bless them in their new sphere of service!

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Meet Your New Missionaries

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary

Meet your new missionaries! These are the 17 missionaries recently appointed by the Board of Missions and confirmed by the General Council. In later issues of the "Baptist Herald" biographical articles about each of them will appear along with their pictures to acquaint you with their life stories. Reprints of these articles will be available for those requesting them.

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON

MISS PATRICIA HELLER, R. N., of Jenkintown, Pa., was appointed as missionary nurse to Cameroon. Since she has her midwifery training, she will sail as early as possible. Her scheduled sailing date for Africa is July 11 on the "S. S. Maasdam."

MR. AND MRS. ERNEST HILDEBRAND of Stafford, Kansas have been asked to give one year to supervise the building program at Victoria, West Cameroon. In the past year, large grants have been received from the government towards capital investment for the building of Saker Baptist College. A supervisor for the building program is urgently needed. A departure date by plane flight for Cameroon has been set for the beginning of August.

MISS KATHRINE ANN HUNT of Portland, Oregon has received an appointment by the Board of Missions as missionary nurse, but she will not leave for Africa until 1964. She is a member of our Glencullen Church in Portland, Oregon. She joined that church by baptism in 1950. She attended Portland State College for her pre-nursing education, followed by further studies at the University of Oregon where she received her B. S. degree in nursing in March 1962. She is still in need of midwifery training, but there does not seem to be an opening in Hyden, Kentucky until 1964.

REV. AND MRS. LLOYD E. KWAST of Anaheim, California were appointed for the Cameroon Mission Field. Mr. Kwast attended Grand Rapids Baptist Theological Seminary in Michigan and then transferred to the Bible Institute in Los Angeles and its college department. In 1954 he transferred to the California Baptist Theological College and received his B. A. degree in 1956. Then he studied at the California Baptist Theological Seminary from 1956 to 1960 where he received his B.D. degree. In 1963 he received his M. R. E. degree in counseling.

REV. AND MRS. HAROLD F. LANG of the Snowview Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, were appointed for the mission field in Cameroon, Africa. He will engage in practice

teaching for his Certificate of Teaching in July and August in Ohio. The sailing date for the Lang family has been scheduled for October. Mr. Lang is a son of Dr. and Mrs. George A. Lang of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and Mrs. Lang is a sister of Dr. Peter E. Fehr of Cameroon, Africa.

DR. LOTHAR G. LICHTENFELD is a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta. He was born in East Germany on April 7, 1933. He left East Germany at the age of 20 and shortly thereafter came to Canada. His high school work was taken in Germany. In Edmonton he continued his education and received his M. D. degree from the University of Alberta in the spring of 1962. He completed his internship at the General Hospital in Edmonton in June 1963. He will leave for Africa via Europe on July 4th to become our fifth medical missionary under appointment in Cameroon.

REV. AND MRS. GERHARD SCHROEDER of the First Baptist Church, Bellwood, Ill., will sail for Cameroon as newly appointed missionaries by the beginning of August. They will be placed at the Baptist Teacher Training College at Soppo along with other duties, including the supervision of the building program during the next few years at Soppo.

JAPAN

REV. AND MRS. C. RICHARD MAYFORTH of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kyle, Texas were appointed last year as an addition to the present staff. But funds for their services were not immediately available. Their ministry in the Kyle church has been deeply appreciated. Their appointment by the Board of Missions has now been confirmed by the General Council. Their departure date for Japan is scheduled for September 1963.

SPANISH AMERICAN FIELD

REV. AND MRS. EARL H. AHRENS of Tacoma, Wash., transferred from Cameroon to the Spanish American Mission in the San Luis Valley in Colorado. They will be on the field by the end of June and will reside in the parsonage at Monte Vista, Colorado. A tribute to the Ahrens for their devoted years of missionary service in Africa appears in column one.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT SANDOVAL have been appointed to Rio Grande City, Texas as missionaries to the Spanish American people of that area. They are a replacement for Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Castro. An article about them by Rev. Walter Weber will be the first to appear in the "Baptist Herald" concerning these newly appointed missionaries.



BANSO NURSES, STUDENTS AND MISSIONARIES

Fifty-nine students in Midwifery and Nurses' Training together with the missionary staff at the Banso Baptist Hospital, April 1963.

Modern Missions— Whither?

Although the future of world cultures lies dark and impenetrable before mankind, the path of Christian missions is clear to the Christian worker and the church. The author with Biblical and missionary realism calls for at least three essentials as the only approach to fruitful missionary witness in tomorrow's world.

By Professor George A. Dunger, North American Baptist Seminary Faculty, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

PRACTICALLY EVERY issue of the daily newspapers carries headlines telling of a restless mankind, of man on the move, people in bondage, and of social problems. Old values seem to disappear. Nationalism is on the march. Occasionally statism rears its ugly head. Science and technology, instead of clarifying thought and simplifying life, cause confusion, and the threat of atomic war causes fear.

Automation and the space age, as advanced and as challenging as they may be, offer no solace to restless man. Moral and ethical irresponsibility prevails here and there. And there is indication of the fast dwindling natural resources of the earth. These are not the only symptoms of a prolonged world crisis which is characterized by both danger and opportunity.

A TRAGIC WORLD CRISIS

Mankind is on the move. National economists search for lucrative markets. People travel in increased numbers, faster and farther. Many thousands of foreign students throng western universities and colleges. Western governments send "missions" to underdeveloped peoples. Political pressures dislocate people. Economic pressures create conditions for rapid and often uncontrolled urbanization. And there are refugees by the millions.

There are other symptoms, perhaps even more serious, of this world crisis. Much of mankind is in bondage of

merciless, restrictive, political ideologies. Although imperial colonialism has disappeared, many of the young, "independent" nations suffer economic vassalage. While the traditional social values disappear—the African chief and the patriarchal clan head, for example—people become subject to more insidious bondage. Cults are multiplying in Africa. In Japan abortions and suicides have reached phenomenal proportions.

The most disturbing symptoms of the current world crisis, however, may be discovered in the "population explosion." Every hour 5600 people are added to the world population. This means a total of 130,000 people a day and, reckoned annually, 49,000,000 persons every year. New and more and more births mean many more mouths to feed, more and larger dwellings to be built, more and larger schools and hospitals to be erected, more adequate means of communications to be established. In most areas where this population explosion occurs, lack of capital resources precludes happy parenthood, creates tragic childhood and frustrated youth. Lack of capital resources and unequal distribution means that at this hour more than half of the world's people are underfed. And more than half of the 100,000,000 babies of 1963 will not have enough to eat.

World crisis? Most certainly! In ages past a nation here and there was involved in the ravages of pestilence, war and famine. Now practically every hu-

man being is affected. Who can deny the world-wide extent of physical, social, mental and spiritual suffering?

These are facts well known to any informed and sensitive person. It may seem that they need no reiteration and amplification. However, to some people it may seem "logical," "advisable" or even "practical" to dismiss them with a shrug of the shoulder and with the remark, "One of these things you and I can't do much about! We're caught in it. What do you expect us to do?"

THIS "MISSIONS CRISIS"

The responsible Christian knows, however, that this world crisis has not just "happened." He knows that it has deeper causes than man's biology, society, economics and politics. He knows that the world crisis is primarily a religious crisis. And he senses, perhaps, that beneath the religious crisis lies a spiritual crisis and a missions crisis, a crisis where inextricably the missionary, the church and the mission society are involved, facing dangers—and opportunities, needs and challenges.

What, then, constitutes this "Missions Crisis"? The answer for this question can no longer be found in the rather pleasing ripples of shallow armchair "theologizing" of the church member—and, in some cases, the Christian worker—which distortedly reflect the missionary as the heroic Gospel witness who dares to brave the heathen lands, Bible in hand, spurning superstition, the "fetishes" and the "idols"

of the pagan, finally leading the overwhelmed pagan into the lush pastures of the "superior" white man's civilization, comfortable churchism not excluded.

The answer for this question is to be found in Holy Scriptures, interpreted by the Holy Spirit, in worship at the heart of God, in service for the Majestic Christ through loving and humble ministry to the "least of these my brethren," where the abundant heart stills the hunger of the soul; where godly love joyously spends itself for others regardless of temporal values; where the Spirit's ploughing cuts painfully into life that its fallow acres be upturned and overturned to give soft and warm lodging to the kernel of Kingdom Truth; where life's "deep calls upon deep" that in God's "ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be."

At this point, missionary action shifts from the motivation of an atomistic individual who carries his call into effect primarily by the use of "theological" statements to that of a responsible church member who fulfills his call, together with the church, in the intrinsically related and interdependent areas of theology, psychology, society and culture, knowing that he and the church are involved as wholes, their action springing from the whole self and the whole body of the church with consequences affecting the non-Christian and the younger churches, not in one particular part, but as a whole.

ROLE OF "YOUNGER CHURCHES"

This, then, is the Missions Crisis of our age: the danger that missions continue in the perverted religiosity of their churches and missionary societies, communicating a pale reflection of God in the mirror of western culture which is a sinful distortion of the Eternal One. Conversely, the opportunity inherent in the Missions Crisis lies in wide open doors of new areas of service in which expression in terms of the whole, total witness is given. Missions—Whither? The world crisis of this age reveals the needs and the new areas of service. What are they?

Until rather recently the responsibility of evangelization and the outreach into "unoccupied" areas lay in the hands of the "sending churches" and their missionary agencies. It was a unilateral thrust exerted from the west, by the western churches, i.e., European and American Protestantism. This is no longer the case. The "younger churches," formerly the "mission" churches founded by missionaries in the mission lands, now share in the task of evangelism.

In many areas, in India and Africa, to mention only the most conspicuous areas, many of the younger churches shoulder the burden of the evangelistic witness among their countrymen. What formerly was "foreign missions" conducted by European and American societies has become "home missions" to the national churches. Often these churches work in partnership with



Christ for the world! we sing
The world to Christ we bring,
With loving zeal.
The poor and them that mourn,
The faint and overborne;
Sinsick and sorrow-worn,
Whom Christ doth heal.

European and American churches which supply special needs, such as medical and educational personnel as well as technical experts in other fields of cultural interpenetration.

PERMEATION OF WORLD CULTURES

The significance of this development lies in the fact that both the western churches and the non-western churches cooperate, not only in geographical and ethnic outreach, but together they apply themselves to the task of spiritual-ethical permeation of non-Christian societies and cultures. Gradually the animistic and Moslem cultures of Africa, the Hindu and Buddhist cultures of India and the Shinto culture of Japan feel the impact of African, Indian and Japanese Christian institutions.

This is of great significance because this permeation initiates a chain reaction of far-reaching consequences, especially for those peoples who have established their national independence. Further, the western churches, now no longer exclusively occupied with evangelism, can pay increasing attention to the menace of world ideologies and resurgent non-Christian religions. In addition to these tasks and these new areas of service, the world-wide Protestant Church, comprising many hundred denominations, can now work more seriously at the task of integrating the fragmented Body of Christ whereby organic spiritual unity can be achieved without pressing the various denominations into the rigid mold of uniformity.

Working toward the realization of these momentous goals, the church, under the guidance and in the power of the Holy Spirit, will gradually be liberated from the evils of religious perversion and the insidious danger of inversion upon itself.

Other challenging developments have taken place in the former mission churches. Since these churches have

recognized their responsibilities and the need for continued growth and strength, they search for more adequate ways of service for their people, social welfare work being the most urgent areas of service. Theological education for the training of qualified Christian workers and theological research for the purpose of formulating a theology suited for the understanding of their people is another essential task to be accomplished. This is a formidable and, in certain areas, a dangerous task because it has to be achieved in circumstances characterized by an intensely nationalistic spirit and in the atmosphere of international and intercultural tensions.

FUTURE MISSIONARY APPROACH

Aside from these difficulties, the Christian mind and the worldwide church struggle to maintain, to exercise and to advance the Christian concept of man and society in an age where the traditional and popular views of man, society, God, the universe and cosmology are no longer tenable—an age in which man has come close, disturbingly close, to unravel the mystery of life by recognizing and altering the molecular structure and function of basic chemobiological units and succeeded in shaping man's mind by modifying his person through psychological manipulation and the administration of drugs with frightening effects upon sensation, perception, reflection and behavior . . .

Missions—Whither? Although the future of world cultures lies dark and impenetrable before mankind, the path of missions is clear to the Christian worker and the church. Biblical and missionary realism call for at least three essentials. They are to be recognized and acknowledged by the churches and their missionary societies. This path is the only approach to fruit-witnessing, evangelism and missions:

1. An open-eyed, total view of the flux and changes of times, events and circumstances;
2. The permanency of New Testament principles of witnessing, evangelism and missions as expressed in the Great Commission; and
3. The state of the world and the nature of man interpreted in terms of the Scriptures, Christ being the Center from Whom issue both spiritual direction and power.

The aged Apostle John beheld the Majestic Christ whose eyes flame like fire and whose feet gleam like burnished brass, whose voice came to his Church of old: ". . . I am the searcher of men's hearts and thoughts . . . and I will reward each one of you according to his deeds . . . Only hold fast to that what you have until I come . . . To him who perseveres in doing my will to the end I will give authority over the nations . . ." In like manner his voice comes to us in the hour of the crisis of missions which is also a crisis of missionary principles, methods and strategy.



MISSIONARY TROPHY ROOM

Here in the Trophy Room at our Headquarters Building in Forest Park, Ill., visitors are reminded of those priceless "spiritual trophies" among "the least of these our brethren."

Our First Million Dollar Budget

"What can we say about our spiritual condition as we review another year of faith and striving and service?" (Dr. Frank H. Woyke). Can we reach new heights in the year ahead of us? What will be your share in this inspiring program?

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary

WITH BOLDNESS of faith and with a song of praise to God, the General Council at its annual two day session in Forest Park, Ill., May 24 and 25, made decisions that will vitally affect every North American Baptist throughout the next year. The banners of faith were unfurled as the Council sounded the bugle call to advance on every front of our denominational life. And those of our church people who fail to keep step with this advance and to increase their share of stewardship with Christ will know little of the overwhelming joys that await God's faithful servants in the year ahead.

A happy note of praise to God and thanks to our people pervaded the sessions, opened by Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, moderator, by showing how Jesus' parable of the talents can apply to our denomination. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, listed eight important factors that have contributed to the encouraging success of the past year.

RECORD BUDGET

The General Council adopted a denominational budget of \$1,050,000 for the coming fiscal year ending March 31, 1964. Of this total sum, \$875,000 have been allocated for the denominational departments, \$90,000 for denominational advance, and \$85,000 for special funds, including Church Extension Builders and Buildings and the Seminary Library Fund. This is the first time in our denominational history that a projected budget has amounted to a million dollars or more for one year! The total budget as adopted will be published in the next issue of the "Baptist Herald."

It was also announced that the final record of contributions for the Denominational Advance Building Fund for the new building at Forest Park, Ill., and the Seminary Library at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., amounted to \$251,462.61 representing per capita giving of \$4.83. We praise God for success in this venture as well by having gone over the top!

Not so long ago the first announcement was made about the Church Loan Trust Fund in which our people could invest their funds for a good purpose. The response has been most heartening with about \$221,000 received thus far. The General Council voted to place a ceiling \$250,000 on this fund so that no money for this purpose can be accepted after this sum has been reached. In later years

it might again be reopened for further loans.

17 NEW MISSIONARIES

There was great rejoicing over the missionary advance that could be projected by the General Council. All 17 new appointments for missionary service made by the Board of Missions were confirmed by the Council. Their names and fields of service appear elsewhere in this issue.

The Council approved the payment of funds for our share in building the Osaka Biblical Seminary, Osaka, Japan; the purchase of land for a Baptist Youth Center at Tsu, Japan; and the purchase of the missionary's home at Osaka.

Approval was given to a survey trip to be made to South America by Dr. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, early in 1964. This will be for the purpose of considering another new mission field of ours in a South American country.

In the field of evangelism, Rev. Herman Palfenier was appointed interim denominational evangelist for one year. Dr. A. J. Harms of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., received an appointment as Bible Mission Teacher for one year, and a second team of God's Volunteers was given permanent status. The Church Extension department has been strengthened financially by having had additional funds allocated to it for loan purposes.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

At the Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., there is great rejoicing because of the decisions made by the General Council. The appointment of Rev. Donald Madwig of Saxonville, Mass., to become Associate Professor of Old Testament was confirmed. He will begin his ministry at the Seminary on Sept. 1, 1963. A more detailed introductory article will be published later.

It was also announced that "a target date" of 1967 has been set by the Seminary Board of Trustees for accreditation of the school with the express purpose to guide all planning to that end. There are now 15,500 books in the Seminary library.

An encouraging report also came from the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta. The vision of greater things for the school in an enlargement program will be carefully studied during the next year. The Council approved a plan whereby a representative of the C. T. I. may sign the doctrinal statement of the Accrediting Association of Bible

Schools, thus enabling our Edmonton school to fulfill all requirements for accreditation by this body.

The Committee on Stewardship and the Committee on Higher Education were given "the green light" to go ahead with their well prepared plans for the coming year. The Stewardship program includes the preparation of important literature, the holding of Pastors' and Deacons' Clinics, the use of a special slide set on our total denominational program, a questionnaire to pastors, a three year tithing program, a more aggressive plan on annuities and wills, and a stewardship presentation to the women of our denomination.

The Committee on Higher Education, with Rev. David J. Draewell as secretary, is planning a thorough study concerning the future thrust of our denominational ministry to college and university students, a strategy of Christian service recruitment, and the designating of the year 1964-1965 as "Our Mission in Higher Education." This will be a busy year of planning for these committees with "greater things" in view.

Another forward step was taken by the General Council in approving the following plan for Sunday school materials recommended by the Department of Christian Education and the Roger Williams Press. The Publication Board is to enter into contract with the Gospel Light Publications to imprint Sunday school materials, nursery through senior high, with the North American Baptist General Conference imprint and such imprinting is to begin as soon as the Curriculum Committee (session on June 3) can evaluate the material and make substitutions within the material.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

The Roger Williams Press also received the Council's approval to go ahead with the preparation of a study course book on Japan and our mission fields there; with a definitive history of our denomination with Dr. William A. Mueller of New Orleans, La., as author; with the printing of a study course book by Dr. A. Dale Ihrie on "What Is The Christian Life?"; and with the consideration of a denominational DEVOTIONAL QUARTERLY.

Our denomination will participate actively in the Jubilee Year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance program for 1964 and also in the Baptist exhibit at the New York World's Fair in 1964 and 1965. The General Conference program

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First Steps in Wes-kos

"Wes-kos" or Pidgin English has been chosen as the official language of the Cameroon Baptist Convention, is now the subject of study by the Bible Translators' Institute, will be taught the Peace Corps Volunteers at the request of the U. S. State Department, and is receiving increasing recognition in today's world.

By Rev. Gilbert Schneider, Cameroon missionary, now working toward the doctorate degree at Hartford, Connecticut.

"WES-KOS" IS THE new name given to the language system known to many people as Pidgin English. "First Steps in Wes-kos" is the title of a language learning manual to be used in the teaching program for the Peace Corps Volunteers going to the West Cameroon later this year.

With the growing importance and recognition of Weskos by the U. S. State Department in Washington, D.C., by African leaders since independence, by the American Bible Society toward future translation work, and because of other reasons to be mentioned later, it behooves us to acquaint ourselves with this communication development and to plan toward practical and spiritual utilization of it.

Wes-kos has proved its worth over the last three centuries. The various "official" languages over the years, such as English, German, French, Spanish and Portuguese, have not been able to displace it with their modern methods, monetary means, and moving men.

CHOICE OF AFRICAN BAPTISTS

Wes-kos is the mother tongue of no one who uses it, but all along the West Coast of Africa it is prevalent because of the bewildering number of different languages spoken by hundreds of tribes.

Early traders used this language many, many years ago. When you consider the historical background of the Cameroon area, it is easy to see how the mixture of these numerous dialects, plus the list of "official" languages named above, allowed Wes-kos to maintain its usefulness.

Only recently most linguists and educationalists are beginning to treat Wes-kos on a par with other languages. It has been neglected and even despised by most Europeans all these years, and, in spite of this, it has continued to develop and spread until today it is well on the way to being accepted as a language in its own right.

Basic English was given ample opportunity to succeed but did not meet the needs of at least 85% of the common people who could not or had not been educated to that level. It is entirely feasible that Wes-kos could be used for the first few years of instruction in schools with a higher degree of comprehension and learning than Basic English or vernaculars. Why? Because of the extremely high percentage of young boys and girls who do not go beyond third or fourth

grade in school.

With the former British and French Cameroons now united into a Federal Republic, it is being increasingly adopted by speakers of tribal languages and educated African English and French speakers alike, which makes one understand why Wes-kos has been "the lingua franca" of the area. Very significantly for us as missionaries is the fact that Wes-kos was chosen as the official language of the Cameroon Baptist Convention—chosen by our African Baptists.

AN EXPRESSIVE LANGUAGE

The English element in it is considerable. There are also borrowings from many African languages, as well as words of Caribbean and European origin. If one speaks English fluently, it is probably more of a disadvantage than a help. Many English words acquire an extra dimension in Wes-kos and there are many difficulties related to tone. Sentence word order and grammar are very different.

Wes-kos has already proven itself capable of very expressive literature. In the independent countries of the West Coast, Africans are putting out material in Wes-kos—records, radio programs, articles, pamphlets, advertisements, songs, plays, political propaganda, industrial instructions, etc.



Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Schneider of Hartford, Conn., Cameroon Baptist missionaries now on furlough. Mr. Schneider describes several unusual assignments that he has received in the accompanying article.

There has been a big increase in this direction now that foreign administrators can no longer control and belittle Wes-kos by their own attitudes, controls and value judgments. Out of this sudden activity by so many grows the need for some standard system of orthography, or writing, if we are to read each other's material correctly.

The most ideal way of working with words of many origins would seem to be to use a system which ignored the origin of the word—English, French, Spanish, German, Portuguese or native dialect, most of them with their own different orthographies, and then to concentrate only on the sound heard. Agree on a symbol for each distinctive sound so that, whenever that sound occurs, there will be only one way of writing it. Take just our English letter "a" for instance to illustrate the difficulties it would present to one learning to pronounce words: a, at, fall, face, ear, etc.

BIBLE TRANSLATORS' INSTITUTE

The American Bible Society, with its world view of trends and activities in languages and Bible translating, has been watching this Cameroon development. They have organized a Bible Translators' Institute to be held June 17-July 12 in Cameroon. I have been invited to participate since my graduate work in Wes-kos is the only serious effort being made to analyze and use the language by a Protestant in the Cameroon area.

I hope to attend this Institute with two of our Cameroon Baptist Convention men in order that our Baptist Mission may participate in and gain full benefit of decisions made about a suitable orthography. Our Cameroon Baptist Convention representatives are eligible to spearhead such a venture, since it is through the quiet prodding and encouragement of Convention leaders that the Mission is in a position now to be able to make a practical contribution. We will also receive helpful advice from those of translating experience to get us under way quickly and effectively.

Cameroon Baptists must communicate the message of the Good News. The bulk of the population in the Cameroon now depend on Wes-kos because of increasing mobility, due to economic factors. Although children continue to attend French and English schools, Wes-kos is so well established

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MARCH OF EVENTS

● **ISRAEL'S PREMIER AND THE BIBLE.** Israel's No. 1 Bible fan, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, conducted an impromptu lightning Bible quiz among the children of a Galilee kibbutz—while on a flying tour of the installations of the National Water Carrier, now under construction in that part of the country. (P.S. The kids did very nicely!)

● **WORLD'S MOST-TRANSLATED BOOK.** The Bible has retained its position as the world's most-translated book, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization reported during its recent meeting in Paris. The 14th annual edition of the "Index Translationum," covering the year 1961, said The Bible had been translated 246 times, as against 258 times the year before. In second place were the works of Lenin, with 185 translations.—*The Watchman-Examiner*.

● **SCRIPTURES IN 1200 LANGUAGES.** The American Bible Society has announced that at least one book of the Bible has been translated into 1,200 languages and dialects. The 1,200th language was the Rincon dialect of Zapotec which is spoken by about 14,000 Indians in the northern part of Oaxaca State in southern Mexico. The book was the gospel according to St. Mark.

● **NEHRU GUARANTEES FREEDOM OF RELIGIONS IN INDIA.** Christian leaders have applauded a statement from Prime Minister Nehru that India would remain a nation in which the followers of all religions would enjoy equal opportunities to practice their faiths. Addressing a public meeting, Mr. Nehru said, "India will never become a nation purely of Hindus. Those who talk of making her a Hindu nation are only imitating the leaders of Pakistan who seek to make that country an Islamic state. 'India has been and will be a country where everyone, irrespective of his religion, will be able to live peacefully and follow his religion.'"

● **BILLY GRAHAM IN LOS ANGELES.** The Billy Graham Southern California Crusade will open in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Thursday, August 15, instead of August 16 as previously announced. The Crusade Executive Committee made the change in order to hold two evening services before relinquishing the Coliseum for a Saturday night football game. There will be no Saturday meetings during the Crusade. Services will start at 7:30 P.M., on week-nights and at 3:00 P.M. on Sundays. There will be no Sunday evening services. There will be two "Youth Nights" each week—on Mondays and Thursdays. The Crusade will continue through Sept. 8. Enrollment in

the counselor-training classes which began Monday, May 6, is nearing 30,000, and is expected to reach that figure before completing of the training courses.

● **FIRST WYCLIFFE LINGUISTICS COURSE IN AFRICA.** The Wycliffe Bible Translators recently concluded their first linguistics course in Africa. Six Ghanaian nationals were among the 18 persons enrolled in the five-weeks'

session held at the University of Ghana, located at Legon, 8 miles from Accra, the capital of the country. The introduction of linguistics studies to Ghana will assist nationals and missionary personnel to analyze and reduce to writing the many unwritten languages of West Africa. Wycliffe entered Ghana in 1962 upon invitation from the Government, university officials, and interested missionary societies.

BAPTIST BRIEFS

● **Dr. Hobbs.** Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, past president of the Southern Convention, has been selected for the Oklahoma Hall of Fame. He was one of six persons named by the board of directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society to be inducted into the Hall of Fame on November 16, statehood day.

● **Governor Stassen.** Former Minnesota Gov. Harold E. Stassen of Philadelphia, Pa., was unanimously elected president of the 1,500,000 member American Baptist Convention on May 17 in Detroit, Mich. The nomination of Stassen, one time candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, was greeted with applause at the convention's business session. (At one time, Mr. Stassen was a member of the Riverview Baptist Church, West St. Paul, Minn., of the NAB Conference).

FIRST STEPS IN WES-KOS

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that it will always maintain an important place with the common masses of people.

New and challenging developments brought on by Independence have prompted me to change my research program somewhat. I shall now wait until December 1963 to present the final draft of my thesis to the Council of Advanced Studies at Hartford, Conn. This will allow me to utilize information gained in this summer's visit to the Cameroon.

It was most gratifying to receive notification that an additional grant of \$2,000 would be made available to me for completing my research program and paying the expenses of the summer trip to Africa. This is from the Committee on Language Programs of the American Council of Learned Societies who have also been responsible for the grant which has paid my schooling and maintained our family this last school year.

Serving to underline the urgency and importance of all that has been

said above is the fact that the State Department in Washington has asked me to direct a language training program for the next group of Peace Corps Volunteers going to the Cameroon Republic. They are to have 80 hours of classwork and study in Wes-kos before going to their field assignment. The Washington representative came back with the report that the Peace Corps Volunteers now in the Cameroon would do much more, much better, if they were able to communicate directly with the people—especially on community development projects where they work almost exclusively with common villagers.

Mildred and I shall spend the month of August 1963 at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, teaching this new group of Volunteers. It will be the close of a very busy, and, as I prayerfully hope, a profitable summer toward the end that it may implement communication of the Gospel message into the language and lives of our Cameroon people.

● **Rev. Rubin Herrmann,** pastor of the Brentview Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta baptized four converts on Sunday evening, May 19, and received these and two others into the church's fellowship on "Membership Sunday," May 26. Miss Ida Forsch, Cameroon missionary, brought the message at the morning worship service on Mother's Day, May 12.

● **The Glencullen Baptist Church** of Portland, Oregon has extended a call to Rev. Herbert Schauer of Startup, Wash., to which a favorable reply has been given. He has announced that he will begin his ministry in the Glencullen Church in August 1963, succeeding Rev. Eldon E. Seibold. Dr. W. J. Appel has been rendering an appreciated ministry as interim pastor since December 1962. Mr. Schauer has been the minister of the Baptist Church in Startup, Wash., since 1958.

● **Rev. Raymond P. Yahn,** pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., received 11 new members into the fellowship of the church at the communion service on Sunday, May 5. Of these, nine had been baptized on confession of their faith in Christ and two were received by letter. A service of dedication of infants was conducted by the pastor on Mother's Day, May 12. The Mother and Daughter Banquet, held on May 17, was a very successful event.

● **The Harbor Trinity Baptist Church,** Costa Mesa, Calif., has extended a call to Rev. Robert S. Hess of Peoria, Ill., pastor of the North Sheridan Baptist Church since 1961. He has responded favorably to the call and announced that he will begin his ministry at the Costa Mesa church on July 21, succeeding Rev. William S. Acton, now Church Extension pastor in Sacramento, Calif. An illustrated report about the dedication of the new church building in Peoria, Ill., appears in this issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● **On Sunday evening, May 12,** the members and friends of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon had the privilege of seeing unusual colored pictures of East-West Berlin, Germany interpreted by Mr. Eric Pohl, a commercial photographer who is a member of the church. He had just returned from a trip to Europe. The Sunday school engaged in a spirited attendance contest with the Immanuel Baptist Church of Wausau, Wis., from May 5 to 26, which proved to be a boost to both schools and churches.

● **Rev. B. W. Krentz** has resigned as administrator of the Bismarck Home, Bismarck, N. Dak., effective August 31. He and his wife have served the Home as administrator and housekeeper, respectively, since 1952. During these years the Home has become the largest North American Baptist Home in the number of guests and has enlarged its building and facilities. Following the close of their ministry at the Bismarck Home, Mr. and Mrs.

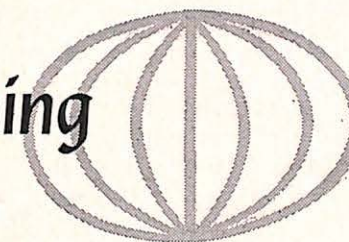
Krentz may move to the Long Beach, Calif., area.

● **Rev. Vern Slater** and the Odessa Baptist Church of Odessa, Wash., featured a series of very attractive newspaper advertisements during the Bible and evangelistic services held for the community from March 17 to 24 and also during the weeks leading up to Easter. One of the advertisements showed the motto, "Jesus Never Fails,"

first month. His schedule has been set up through December 1963.

● **Rev. and Mrs. Theo. W. Dons** of Sterling, Kansas quietly observed their golden wedding anniversary on Tuesday, May 14. The official observance, however, will not be held until Sunday afternoon, June 23, to be held at the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kansas, of which Rev. Theo. W. Dons is a former pastor. On this occasion

what's happening



under which were these challenging words: "Are you building your life on the never failing foundation of Jesus Christ, or on the sand foundation of your own religion?"

● **The Wichita Baptist Church,** Milwaukie, Oregon held special services during "Holy Week" from April 10 to 12 with many friends from the community in attendance. The guest speakers were: Rev. Arthur Brust, "Christ in the Garden"; Rev. Bruce Rich, "Offended at Calvary"; Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, "Heart-Break Hill"; Rev. Arnold Fosse of the Portland Union Gospel Mission on "The Message of the Cross." Douglas and Bernitta Graf of the Bethany Church, Portland, Oregon served as song leader and pianist every night. Rev. Fred David is the pastor.

● **On Sunday, May 5, Rev. Harold F. Lang** presented his resignation as pastor of the Snowview Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, which he has served since its organization as a new Church Extension project in 1959. He also announced that he had accepted a call extended to him by the Board of Missions to serve as a missionary in Cameroon, Africa. In July and August he will be engaged in practice teaching at Akron, Ohio to secure his Certificate of Teaching. He and his family will probably depart for the African mission field in October 1963.

● **The Board of Missions** has appointed Dr. A. J. Harms of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as Missionary Bible Teacher to serve our churches with Bible expositions and messages in connection with missionary conferences. Dr. Harms, who has been the acting professor of Biblical Literature at the North American Baptist Seminary for the past two school years, has accepted the appointment. He will begin his ministry in September, serving our churches in Pittsburgh, Pa., and vicinity; Parma and Cleveland, Ohio; Bismarck and Ashley, N. Dak. during the

the Dons' children will be able to celebrate this anniversary with their parents. Rev. Merle E. Brenner will lead the program for the church. Friends may still write to Rev. and Mrs. Theo. W. Dons in care of the pastor, Mr. Brenner, at Ellinwood, Kansas, or send their cards to the Sterling, Kansas address.

● **Two important commissioning services** for newly appointed Cameroon missionaries were recently held more than 3,000 miles apart. Dr. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, brought the commissioning message at each service. On Wednesday evening, May 29, Dr. Lothar G. Lichtenfeld, medical missionary who will soon be en route to the Bansa Baptist Hospital, was commissioned at the Immanuel Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta. On Sunday, June 16, Miss Patricia Heller of Jenkintown, Pa., was commissioned to missionary service as a nurse at the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa. She will be leaving for the Cameroon Mission field on July 11.

● **On Easter Sunday evening, April 14,** a special program on "Hymns of the Cross" with a color filmstrip was presented at the Danzig Baptist Church, Tyndall, S. Dak. Ten familiar hymns were beautifully sung by various groups and individuals as well as by the combined choirs of the Danzig and Tyndall churches. A tableau, "Sharing the Cross," by Ramona Voigt was a part of the impressive program. The annual Woman's Missionary Union program of the Tyndall church was held on Sunday evening, May 5, featuring readings by Mrs. Grace Lubbers and Mrs. Albert Schuh and a book review on Sadhu Sundar Singh of India by Mrs. George Lubbers. Musical numbers and an exercise on "Broadcasting" by Pamele Stemper, Joel Finck and Eunice Zimmerman were also presented. Rev. David Zimmerman is the pastor of these churches.



BY MRS. HARM SHERMAN
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President of the Woman's Missionary Union

THINK ON THESE THINGS

By Mrs. Eric Pohl
of Portland, Oregon

Editor of English Program Packet

"Whatsoever things are of good report . . . think on these things."

(Philippians 4:8-9).

The report of our General Missionary Secretary, Dr. R. Schilke, gave the Board of Missions many things to think about.

It was raining when I arrived in Forest Park, Ill., to attend the Board meetings. But the rain did not hinder the progress of the meetings. The exquisite cook and the lovely ladies who prepared the meals added a great deal of comfort and ease to the sessions. It was good to be there. Old friendships were renewed, and new ones made. It also gave me a better understanding of our missionary enterprise in the United States, Canada and throughout the world.

From the report of the director of evangelism and Church Extension, we learned of the concern our denomination has for the people in various places that they might experience a new life in Christ. Many young men and women are willing to be "God's Volunteers," but the finances are not sufficient. Ladies, let us think on these things—if we are to evangelize through missions. We must be mindful of our material gifts to help with Church Extension and Home Missions. As we share our love and concern for those in need of Christ, we want to give our material gifts to help with the work in our own communities and other places of need.

The verse used by our general mission secretary, "Enlarge the place of thy tent . . . spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes" (Isaiah 54:2), are a challenge to us. There are many opportunities to enlarge our tents, if only the means would be available to the Missionary Society.

The new missionaries going out into the field are very enthusiastic. From their testimonies it was evident that they are capable and qualified to go forth with the message of God's love.

Also from the reports there is much to be said about the education of the children of our missionaries. Let us, as women, think on these things and do our part so that some child may receive a better opportunity to further his or her educational desires.

From the Professor's Desk

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

Other than Karl Barth, your recent article on universalism did not state who else holds to this doctrine. Could you mention some other modern writers who advocate this newer form of restorationism?

The article to which this question refers appeared in the April 25 issue of the *Baptist Herald*. It would be helpful if the reader would consult that article to get the background of the question now being asked.

ADVOCATES OF UNIVERSALISM

One of the foremost British advocates of universalism is J. A. T. Robinson, who expressed his views very clearly in the *Scottish Journal of Theology*, "Christ . . . remains on the Cross as long as one sinner remains in hell . . . In a universe of love there can be no heaven which tolerates a chamber of horrors, no hell for any which does not at the same time make it hell for God. He cannot endure that—for that would be the final mockery of his nature—and he will not." Robinson asserts that if divine love is omnipotent it must finally eliminate all opposition to itself. All shall finally come to contrition through God's all-compelling love.

Another British scholar, H. H. Farmer, states in his book *The World and God* that even the most stubborn spirits are brought to yield to the truth. God will use his wisdom and mercy with such force that it can no longer be resisted, even though it may entail a very long period of time and much suffering. He rejects the idea that the destiny of men can be finally settled in this life.

In America Robert L. Calhoun discusses his views in *God and the Common Life*. God's redemptive world must be as extensive as his work within man's environment. Such influences will be so triumphantly brought to bear upon men, both from without and within, that they will hear and respond.

IDEALS

By William K. Webb

A strong ideal can capture an imagination
And control a life.
Just one clear picture planted in the mind
And heart of youth
Is all it takes
To change an apathetic man to acts of consecration
That kindle strife
Or call for peace, depending on the kind
Of passionate truth
The picture makes.

—The Watchman-Examiner

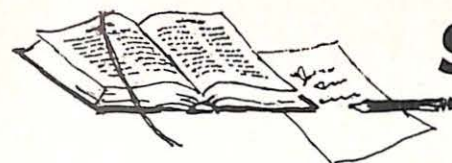
Harris F. Rall says that since God has worked with such success through the ages of cosmic development, it would be irrational if he were to fail to achieve his objective in the salvation of all men. God is greater than evil and universal ethical triumph is implicit in his divine activity. Paul Tillich avers that traditional concepts of hell and everlasting punishment are meaningless and irrelevant. Such terms as "the wrath of God" and "the final judgment" are dramatic and poetic terms expressing the absoluteness and unapproachability of God. With this Rudolf Bultmann is in essential agreement.

NELS F. S. FERRE'S VIEWS

One of the most vocal theologians espousing universalism is Nels F. S. Ferre, who can, especially to one uninstructed and ungrounded in biblical truth, sound very convincing. He appeals to many Scripture passages to support his view (which this writer, among many others, thinks he takes out of context and at variance with their intended meaning). Ferre claims that the Cross and Resurrection effectively witness to God's sovereign love and final victory for all men, not merely as a possibility but as an absolute certainty. He does believe in a hell, however; but it is only for a time until the impenitent are faced with the terror of evil and the grace of Christ, when they will promptly perceive themselves to be out of their proper element and will "beat a quick retreat to the Father's house." Anything less than universal salvation is unthinkable, Ferre asserts, and is therefore impossible and offensive to moral sensibility. No worthy faith can ever attribute eternal hell to God, he insists.

Ferre admits that eternal damnation is intended in some New Testament passages, but he writes these passages off as being "subagape," as unworthy and inconsistent with the love (agape) of God. If anyone were to be irrevocably lost, God would have acted in a way which would be "subjustice" and "sublove." God is the Savior of all men; he will reconcile all things unto himself; he will draw all men unto himself; he will have mercy on all. God who made us free knows how in eternity to control and how to win that freedom for repentance through both severity and love, writes Ferre. "To attribute eternal hell to God is literally blasphemy, the attributing of the worst to the best. From such blasphemy may God deliver everyone."

For Scriptural replies and rebuttal to these various claims on behalf of universalistic doctrine, the reader is referred to the previous "From the Professor's Desk" article of April 25, 1963.



A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: June 30, 1963

Theme: PRAISE THE LORD

Scripture: Psalm 146

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: God, who showers us with overflowing blessings, desires children with overflowing, grateful hearts.

INTRODUCTION: The psalms set the pattern for the devotional and spiritual life of the Hebrews. We feel closer giving, their praise and their singing when we read and study the psalms. Some of our most beautiful and worshipping songs are based on the words of the psalms. It would be interesting to make a collection of all the variations of Psalm 23 set to music.

There have been times when overly zealous people in some churches have used the expression, "praise the Lord," in a flippant and glib way on almost every and any provocation. It was a disturbance rather than a blessing. But simply because some people have misused the privilege is no reason why pressed when special occasion warrants its use. It should be used to draw attention to God and not to oneself. The miracle of creation and salvation cannot be looked upon and accepted without some response welling up in our hearts and minds.

I. PRAISE THE LORD. Psalm 146:1-4.

The last five psalms seem to build up to a climax of praise. More than thirty times the Psalmist uses the word "praise" and many of the later psalms begin and end with the phrase, "Praise ye the Lord." In order to add emphasis he repeats himself in opening Psalm 146 because his heart is overflowing in Psalms in which the individual believes, grace and power, and he is simply overwhelmed by it all. Because God is so great, he finds it foolish to trust any man for the solution of life's problems.

II. PRAISE HIM FOR HOPE. Psalm 146:5-6.

The Psalmist expressed the futility of trusting in man and perhaps conveyed a note of pessimism and despair. But he did not stop there. It merely served as an introduction to a more positive statement of faith: "Happy is he . . . whose hope is in the Lord his God." In contrast this is a message of assurance, for God is the creator and the source of truth. Thousands of years ago when this psalm was written,

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the writer was already aware that humanism has failed. Ethics and reason are, even today, no substitute for the salvation of God through Jesus Christ.

III. PRAISE HIM FOR JUDGMENT. Psalm 146:7-9.

How many times have politicians promised us a "square deal" but have forgotten all about it as soon as they were in office. The Psalmist cast his vote for God because, as he said: "He executeth judgment for the oppressed, the hungry, the prisoner." He is expressing the New Testament thought of Peter who said: "He careth for you" (1 Peter 5:7), and of the real religion in ministering to orphans and widows (James 1:27).

IV. PRAISE HIM FOR HIS EVERLASTINGNESS. Psalm 146:10.

"The Lord shall reign for ever" has the urgency of eternity about it. The Psalmist's faith was no passing fancy. Man's life is brief and his work is soon done. He must put his trust in someone whose help and blessing endures forever.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Does the Psalmist mean that men are never to trust each other?
2. Can you praise the Lord without expressing yourself verbally?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: July 7, 1963

Theme: THE GOD WHO ACTS

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-13

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The Christian ought to pause occasionally and meditate on the orderly progress of God's creation and upon his will and purpose in sustaining the universe.

INTRODUCTION: Every year there are hundreds and thousands of books rolling off the presses all over the world. From past experience we know that fewer and fewer survive and are read by later generations. Many of them will be forgotten within a year. Those that are truly worthy will endure and be added to the list of classics.

Of all the books ever written, the Bible is the most enduring. It is impossible to estimate how many millions of people have read the Book of Genesis, which was written more than three thousand years ago. Many have read it dozens of times without tiring of its message and inspiration.

The studies for this quarter will be based on the first book of the Bible. Here again we will be reminded of God as the creator of all things, of the tragic fall of man and his punishment and finally of the emergence of a race

of people beginning with the calling of Abraham and ending with a nation of God's chosen people.

I. THE GOD OF THE BEGINNING. Genesis 1:1-2.

The Book of Genesis is often referred to as the book of beginnings. The first 11 chapters cover the beginnings from the time of creation to Abraham, and the following 39 chapters relate the experiences of Abraham and his family up until the death of Joseph in Egypt.

In the opening verse, the writer simply states the fact of God and the fact of creation, just as if it were a self-evident truth that is accepted by every believer.

II. THE GOD OF LIGHT. Genesis 1:3-5.

The writer is not a scientist, and he does not use scientific terminology. He is writing from the standpoint of his religion and he is reporting in simple terms what God revealed to him. Method and process was not as important to him as the fact that the eternal God was the sole creator. However, this does not mean that God was unscientific. The fact that he created light first is of great importance because light is life. When Jesus referred to himself as the light of the world, he also gave significance to spiritual light without which no man can see God.

III. THE GOD OF HEAVEN. Genesis 1:6-8.

In spite of the fact that the Bible begins with the story of creation, the Jewish people still had many questions about creation for which there seemed to be no answers. The entire 38th chapter of Job seems to indicate that the wisdom and knowledge of God concerning creation is far above that of man. How God made the firmament, or heaven, and separated the waters above and below is a method of creation which is not given. But the fact that God did this is repeatedly stated for the writer is more concerned about the "who" than the "how."

IV. THE GOD OF THE WORLD. Genesis 1:9-13.

Here again we see the orderliness of creation. Before animals and man were created, God saw to it that the earth produced its harvest for their food. God knew what he was doing before man discovered a scientific term to describe the process.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Some Christians often argue about science and Scripture. Is the Bible a science textbook?

our denomination in action

Sunday school programs & events



Sunday School Contest leaders at Corn, Oklahoma.

Left to right: Archie Franz, captain of the John's; Herb Hoock, captain of the Peter's; Esther Bauman, captain of the Martha's; and Mary Leppke, captain of the Mary's.

• **Corn, Okla.** In a recent six weeks' Sunday School Campaign at the Calvary Baptist Church, Corn, Okla., attendance was increased from an average of 81 to 138 average during the contest. It was based on "Race for the Tomb" theme. The entire church was divided into four groups: the Marys, Marthas, Peters and Johns. Using the 3,000 feet from Jerusalem to the tomb as a basis for scoring, each team scored a certain number of feet for contacts, Sunday school and church attendance, bringing visitors, and enlisting new members. With a goal of 150 set for Easter Sunday, we had 151 in attendance on the Sunday before Easter and 168 on Easter morning. (Mrs. A. W. Leppke, Reporter.)

special events

• **Bethany, Portland, Ore.** Music filled the air in the Bethany Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon on Sunday evening, April 28, when the Senior and Junior Choirs presented a Request Musical Program under the direction of Mrs. Ernest Schaer. Sharon Mattson is accompanist for the Senior Choir and Sandra Schulz is accompanist for the Junior Choir.

• **Temple, Medicine Hat, Alta.** On Sunday afternoon, April 21, the Temple Church of Medicine Hat, Alberta was filled as the Alberta-Saskatchewan Tri Union presented a song festival. A choir from Golden Prairie, Sask., and the following Alberta choirs: Lethbridge, Grace and Temple in Medicine Hat, and a trio from Hilda took part. All the choirs combined for three numbers

under the direction of Rev. Kanwischer. The offering will be used to further the Children's Summer Camp at Cypress Park in Saskatchewan. (Herb Barnes, Reporter).

• **Bethel, Anaheim, Calif.** Another chapter in the Bethel Baptist Church's history, Anaheim, Calif., was ushered in with the dedication service, April 7, of new pulpit furniture of pulpit, two clergy pews, two communion chairs and two floral stands in memory of the late Rev. O. R. Schroeder, pastor from 1925-1938. Born April 7, 1868, Brother Schroeder passed away in 1954. Rev. William Hoover, pastor, introduced Rev. Henry Hirsch, member of Bethel Church and former interim pastor, who gave a brief review of Brother Schroeder's ministry at Bethel including the building of the present sanc-



New pulpit furniture in the Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif., in memory of the late Rev. O. R. Schroeder given by his children: Walter, Mrs. Adel S. Stabbert and Mrs. Lois S. Berger. (Mrs. Irma Grosser of LaGrange Park, Ill., could not be present).

tuary. Attending the service were his son, Walter Schroeder, and family of Ontario, Calif.; Mrs. Frederick Berger of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. Herbert Stabbert of Anaheim, Calif., daughters. Another daughter, Mrs. Walter Grosser of La Grange Park, Ill., was unable to attend.

• **3000 Miles to School.** On Easter Sunday after the morning service of the Calvary Baptist Church, Carrington, N. Dak., Pastor and Mrs. Howard Westlund of Carrington accompanied Barbara Gedrose, Robert Leppke, and Rodney Norby to visit three Bible Schools. The trip ended in time for the Thursday night prayer service after covering 3000 miles. First stop was the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta. After spending a day visiting the school and the city, they set out for the mountains in Jasper and Banff National Parks. Twenty-three

hours and 1000 miles later they stopped at Briercreech at Caronport, Sask. The third school visited was Oak Hill Bible Institute of Bemidje, Minn. It was a great experience for all and the young people are one step closer to beginning their Bible training next fall.

• **Inglewood, Calif.** On March 10th, a beautiful California Sunday, the choir members of the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church, Inglewood, Calif., proudly wore their new choir gowns for the first time. The flattering shade of blue blends in perfectly with the impressive stained glass window in the background. Our faithful pastor and choir director, Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt, led the audience in a special dedication service for the happy occasion. The choir, numbering 38 voices, rendered two inspiring anthems, "Make Me A Blessing" by Schuler, and "How Great Thou Art" by Hine. Mrs. Joanne McDonald accompanied at the organ, and Miss Cheryl Bower at the piano. The inspiring service closed with an appropriate message by Mr. Mittelstedt on the topic, "The Passover Doxology," based on the 118th Psalm.

• **Avon, S. Dak.** The First Baptist Church of Avon, S. Dak., is rejoicing in the completion of its new parsonage. This has been a long project because a lot of the work was done by members of the congregation themselves. The decision to build was first made in the spring of 1961. The main living section was finished so that the pastor and his family moved into it on June 1, 1962. The outside work of landscaping and final painting has now been completed. The home is built on a one-story plan with 4 bedrooms, living room, dining room, utility, kitchen, one full and one half bath. In the basement a large recreation room for the young people of the church has been finished. ("It's a wonderful home." Pastor Wiens) The cooperation of the membership, both in



Rev. Howard Westlund of Carrington, N. Dak., (left) and three young people of the Calvary Church on a 3000 mile trip to visit various Bible Schools.

the building and financing, has been a source of real joy to those who had the responsibility. Although the home was completed at a cost of about \$28,000, the home has been paid for as the building progressed.

CBY (youth) fellowship

• **Billings, Montana.** The Senior Youth Fellowship group of the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Montana conducted the Sunday evening service on May 12, Mother's Day, by presenting the

play, "Licorice Sticks and Roses." Following the service, all mothers were honored at the reception at which time a cake shaped in the form of a Bible, decorated with roses, and a verse honoring mothers was served.

• **Corn, Okla.** The Calvary Baptist C.B.Y. of Corn, Okla., sponsored the first annual Spring Banquet on April 20. The theme, "April Showers," was carried out in decorations and in the program. About 60 young people attended. Rev. Lyle Wacker, pastor, was the special speaker for the occasion. It is hoped that another Oklahoma church will carry on this banquet tradition next year. (Mrs. A. W. Leppke, Reporter.)

special seasonal programs

• **Linton, N. Dak.** The First Baptist Church of Linton, N. Dak., participated in Holy Week Union Services prior to Easter. The pastor, Rev. Herman Effa, brought the sermon on two evenings. Easter Sunday evening, the Baptist church choir presented the cantata, "Hosanna" by Roy E. Nolte, directed by Rev. Herman Effa. During the week of April 21 to 28, Bishop K. C. Pillai, a converted Hindu, lectured in Union Services in which the First Baptist Church of Linton participated. His knowledge of Eastern customs and culture, and his ability to interpret many of the idioms of the Bible brought much light on the Scriptures and renewed interest in Bible reading and study. (Mrs. Herman Effa, Reporter.)

• **Hebron, N. Dak.** Easter Sunday is always a blessing for all who worship the risen Lord. The morning service at the First Baptist Church, Hebron, N. Dak., was very well attended. The sermon, "The Witness of Life" (Hebrews 7:8), was given by Rev. E. J. Faul and the Easter mission offering was \$733.10. On Sunday evening hearts were thrilled to listen to the church choir render a sacred concert directed by Mrs. E. J. Faul with Miss Darlene Frey as the pianist. The program brought the day to a most wonderful climax. (Mrs. Edwin Schmidt, Reporter.)

• **Manitowoc, Wis.** Members and friends of the First Baptist Church of Manitowoc, Wis., attending the Easter Sunday evening service, April 14, enjoyed a selection of anthems especially prepared by the choir under the direction of Mr. Orlando Krueger. They also participated in a service of dedication for the nave and chancel furnishings. Memorial pews, clergy benches, and a registration desk in the fellowship hall were installed early in April. Pews that were removed from the nave were given to the Indian Church at Wisconsin Dells, Wis. Chancel furnishings dedicated were the pulpit, lectern, paneled walls and wooden cross. All of these were made by a member of the church, Mr. Edwin Anthold.

Woman's missionary societies

• **Bethel, Anaheim, Calif.** The Mother and Daughter Banquet of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., was held May 9 with 260 persons present. "Bear ye one another's burdens" was a fitting verse from Galatians in recognition of past officers of the Woman's Missionary Society and installation of new officers. A mother and daughter trio sang "Your Mother and Mine." Inspiring devotions were given using the text from I Samuel 10:18. Ivy, geraniums and puppets were appropriate decorations for the program, "Pageant Puppeteers." (Mrs. Dorothy Ernst, Reporter.)

• **Washburn, N. Dak.** The Washburn Woman's Missionary Society, Washburn, N. Dak., recently held its annual program and was greatly inspired by the slides of the Indian Mission field which were shown. An offering was received for the Woman's Union \$65,000 project. A musical program was also taken to the Home for the Aged, Bismarck, N. Dak., together with gifts of food. As a recent home project, the society had the parsonage bathroom walls tiled and redecorated. (Mrs. Ed Grueneich, Secretary.)

• **Willow Rancho, Sacramento.** The Woman's Missionary Society presented its anniversary observance program Sunday evening, April 7. Several musical numbers were featured, and an interesting report was given of the society's achievements during the past year. Mrs. Don McAlpine of TEAM Missions then spoke and showed slides of the work being carried on by her and her husband in their field of service in Japan. The offering was designated for the leper ministry in West Cameroon,



Choir of the First Baptist Church, Manitowoc, Wisconsin which sang a selection of anthems on Easter Sunday and participated in a service of dedication for the nave and chancel furnishings.

Africa. Refreshments concluded the service. (Mrs. James Gossen, Reporter).

● **Spring Rally, Oregon Women.** The Spring Rally for the women of the Oregon Conference was held at the Immanuel Church of Portland, Ore. The theme, "Where, Lord, May We Serve?" was very cleverly carried out in the decorations for the potluck supper. The guest speaker was Mrs. Emma B. Meier who showed the slides of her recent trip to the Orient. The special music was provided by the Bethel and Salt Creek churches. (Darlene Helzer, Reporter.)

● **Linton, N. Dak.** The Ladies' Mission Society of the First Baptist Church, Linton, N. Dak., recently held its annual business meeting and elections. Over \$1300 were raised during the past year and the women contributed \$500 to the W.M.U. \$65,000 project. Election results were as follows: president, Mrs. Gottlieb Kremer; vice-president, Mrs. Herman Effa; secretary, Mrs. Adolph Kist; treasurer, Mrs. Ben Meidinger; White Cross chairman, Mrs. Adolph Kist. On June 2nd, the ladies presented their annual program, featuring the play, "Lost and Found" by Charlotte Lengefeld.

● **Bethany, Portland, Ore.** The Woman's Missionary Guild held a Mother's and Daughter's Banquet Tuesday, May 7, with Mrs. Douglas Graf, past president of the Guild, presiding. Mrs. Ernest Schaer directed a very inspiring song service honoring mothers. Devotions were given by Mrs. John Wobig, mother to Mrs. Douglas Graf, followed by a piano solo by Gay Schaer and a musical skit. Special recognition was given to the girls' organization, "The Torchbearers." We were especially delighted to honor three groups of four generations present: Mrs. Anna Keehn, our oldest mother; and Mrs. Mark Anderson, our youngest mother present. Mrs. Rosen from the Trinity

Baptist Church received the door prize. The tables were very beautifully decorated with candles and nut cups made by Mrs. Roderick Eggiman. Mrs. Arthur Anderson and Mrs. Marvin Ruby assisted in the decorations. (Mrs. Fred Schaer, Reporter).

● **Temple, Lodi, Calif.** On Tuesday evening, May 7th, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Temple Church, Lodi, Calif., held its Mother-Daughter Banquet with 195 persons present. The theme for the evening was "Mother's Moments." Ella Schmidt presided as president of the society. Prizes were given for the mother with the most children in Christian service, for the mother who had sewed for the most daughters for the longest period of time (Mrs. Rose Fischer and Mrs. Mary Melcher tied for that honor and each one received a prize, both having sewed for seven daughters, and each having sewed at least 52 years, for children); the mother with the youngest child; the mother, or rather the wife, who had cooked the longest for her husband.

● **Ridgewood, N. Y.** The 95th anniversary celebration of the Woman's Missionary Society on May 1 was an enriching experience for the Baptist Church, Ridgewood, New York. Mrs. Ella Beck, genial president, introduced Mrs. Ed. Marklein of the Evergreen Church, who read the Scripture. Mr. Harold Kris offered the prayer. Mrs. Beck read a letter from a faithful former member, Mrs. Marie Krause, now in Elmhurst, Ill. and also a congratulatory letter from Rev. and Mrs. Rubin Kern, our former pastor's family. The organist of the Evergreen Church, Mr. Dan Hagerty, favored us with two organ solos. Rev. A. E. Kannwischer, a former pastor and now professor at Eastern Baptist College, Saint Davids, Pa., brought the message. The choir offered their praise to God.

evangelistic services & baptisms

● **Willow Rancho, Sacramento.** A capacity congregation attended the services of the Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif., on Easter Sunday morning to sing praises to the Living Lord. The beautiful anthem, "King of Kings," was sung by the choir under the direction of Mr. Wilfred

Rueb. Rev. Eric Kuhn, pastor, brought an inspiring message, "Death Vanquished." As a fitting tribute to conclude this Resurrection Day, 16 candidates followed the Lord in baptism at the close of the evening service, with a total of 28 persons welcomed into the church by the pastor on succeeding Sundays. (Mrs. J. Gossen, Reporter).



Rev. Eric Kuhn (right, rear row), pastor of the Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif., and 12 of the 16 persons whom he baptized on Easter Sunday evening. Twenty-eight new members were received on successive Sundays.



Rev. E. S. Fenske, pastor of the Ebenezer Church, Lehr, N. Dak., and 6 baptismal candidates.

● **Lehr, N. Dak.** Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday were red letter days for the Ebenezer Baptist Church at Lehr, North Dakota. At the evening service, on Palm Sunday, Rev. E. S. Fenske, pastor, baptized three converts. These three, and three others (one by letter, one on confession and one by restoration) were received into the church on Easter Sunday at the communion services. Mr. Fenske wrote: "We praise God for this victory!"

● **Avon, S. Dak.** On Easter Sunday night it was the privilege of Rev. Peter J. Wiens, pastor of the First Church, Avon, S. Dak., to baptize 5 adults and a young lad upon profession of their faith. The victories represented in this group were a source of real blessing to many. They were given the hand of fellowship in the service on Sunday, May 5, in connection with the communion service.



Six Christian converts who were baptized at the First Baptist Church, Avon, S. Dak., on Easter Sunday by Rev. Peter J. Wiens.

● **Billings, Montana.** On Palm Sunday "North American Hymnals" were dedicated and placed in the sanctuary of the Calvary Church, Billings, Montana. Book plates were inserted with the donors' names and memorials were also given in the inserts. Cottage prayer meetings were held in various homes prior to the coming of God's Volunteers with a total attendance of 76. A week of visitation followed with the Volunteers and lay people assisting. Crusade for Christ meetings were held April 14 to 21. Rev. Robert Hoffman

of Napoleon, N. Dak., served as evangelist with the God's Volunteers Team. Six decisions for Christ were made. Free time was provided by the local Christian radio station KURL for a daily program by the Volunteers. (Mrs. Raymond Koch, Reporter.)



Rev. Alexander Hart, pastor of the Immanuel Church, St. Catharines, Ontario and 6 converts whom he recently baptized.

● **St. Catharines, Ontario.** The Immanuel Baptist Church, St. Catharines, Ontario, can report God's richest blessing upon the untiring work of the minister, Rev. A. Hart. Rev. J. B. Kornalewski of Kelowna, B. C., served as evangelist last fall. God gave his blessing and six persons were saved, an elderly married couple and four young people, who were baptized on Dec. 30th. Sunday, March 31st, the church choir, combined with the choir of the Austin Baptist Church, of Buffalo, N. Y., rendered August Ruecker's Passion Oratorio in German to a large audience under the capable leadership of the choir leader, Mr. W. Neumann. The following Sunday a return performance in English was given by the two choirs at the Austin Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y.—(Alvina Jeschke, Reporter).

● **Immanuel, Brookfield, Wis.** The Immanuel Baptist Church, Brookfield, Wis., reaped the first fruits since its relocation in a new building in Brookfield. On Palm Sunday, April 7, nineteen members were added to the membership rolls: twelve by baptism, two by confession of faith, and five by letter. The new members received the hand of fellowship in the May 5th



Rev. J. J. Renz (left), pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Brookfield, Wis., and 12 persons whom he recently baptized on confession of their faith in Christ. These and 7 others were received into the church's fellowship.

Communion Service. Shown in the accompanying picture, back row, left to right, are: Rev. J. J. Renz, Mr. I. Adams, B. Waters, Mrs. K. Drexler, Mrs. M. Grothe, S. Richter, M. Richter; front row: K. Shurr, E. Riske, L. Wiles, E. Richter, D. Freigang, and Mrs. C. Wagner.—(Mrs. C. Deblitz, Reporter).

● **Inglewood, Calif.** A fruitful "Christ Is the Answer Crusade" was held in the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church, Inglewood, Calif., from April 21 to 28. Dr. Harry O. Anderson, evangelist, is a noted world traveler, author, and Christian leader. His sermons radiated the love of Christ, influencing many to make decisions for Christ and to rededicate their lives anew. We were also privileged to have Ray Robles, soloist and recording artist, who sang the Gospel songs sincerely every night. Since accepting the Lord, Mr. Robles uses his magnificent voice to stir the hearts of people for Christ. Special classes for the new Christians were held by the pastor, Rev. Edmund Mit-

telstedt. Believer's baptism, following the classes, was conducted Sunday afternoon, May 26. (Esther Johnston Reporter).

● **Temple, Lodi, Calif.** On a recent Sunday evening Rev. Eldon Schroeder, pastor of the Temple Church, Lodi, Calif., had the privilege of baptizing 15 adults, teenagers and children (6 adults, 2 teenagers and seven from the ages of 9 to 12). This was the first baptism for Pastor Schroeder. It was a blessed evening and very inspiring. Family Week was observed in the church from May 5 to 12 with a definite emphasis on families working, playing and worshipping together. On Friday night, May 10th, a family picnic was held. On Sunday evening, May 12, the film, "The Family Altar" was shown. On Wednesday night we had a filmstrip and demonstration on the subject, "Family Worship," and Sunday evening we continued with the theme of Family Week. (Thelma Fischer, Reporter).

ANNIVERSARIES & RECEPTIONS

● **Carrington, N. Dak.** Mr. and Mrs. Frank Albus of Carrington, N. Dak., who shared the joy of their Golden Wedding anniversary recently, have been faithful members and workers in the Calvary Baptist Church for many years. Frank Albus is part of a family that finds its way back to the beginning of the church as the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church. The current years do not find Brother and Sister Albus inactive. They can be counted upon to be present in the services, to speak of the blessing of the Christian life and to take part in prayer with us as we bring the burdens of the work before the Lord. When we look back upon our recent building project, there were many who labored hard and long but, among our senior members, there were two who could be counted upon to carry more than their share. They were Mr. Henry Anwiler and Mr. Frank Albus. May the Lord reward them for their faithful service!—(Rev. Howard Westlund, Pastor).

● **Hilda, Alta.** April 21st was the first Sunday for our new pastor, Rev. Rudolph Rapske, and his wife and family,

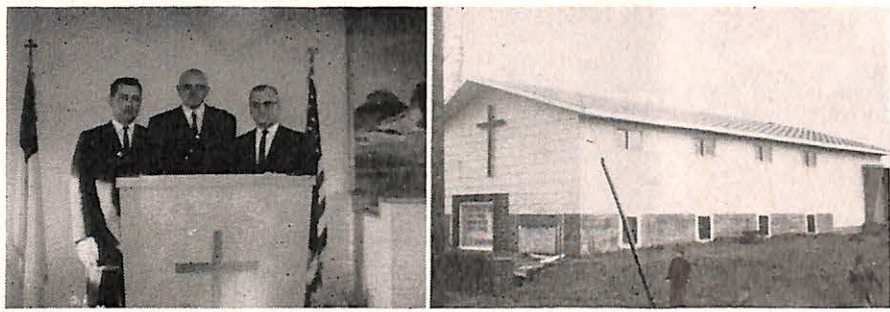


Mr. and Mrs. Frank Albus of Carrington, N. Dak., who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Calvary Baptist Church.

at the First Baptist Church, Hilda, Alberta. An informal reception for the family was held at the evening service. After the opening song service led by Mrs. Fred Kirschenmann, words of welcome were expressed by representatives of the church. A recitation by Gwen Reichert and special numbers by the Junior and Senior CBY groups were given. After words of thanks by our interim pastor, Rev. D. Cousley, Mrs. Rapske expressed her gratitude to the Ladies' Missionary Society for the generous pantry shower. Mr. Rapske then spoke briefly and closed the service with prayer. (Mrs. Loretta Strauss, Reporter.)

● **McDermot Ave., Winnipeg, Man.** The McDermot Ave. Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man., has decided to honor all couples who celebrate their golden wedding anniversaries. Recently two couples were honored with a program and the presentation of a silver tea service. They were Mr. and Mrs. August Wilde and Mr. and Mrs. Julius Sorge. A fine missionary conference was held April 20 to 23, beginning with a tea honor-

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GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, BISON, S. DAK.

Speakers at the dedication of the new edifice of the Grace Baptist Church, Bison, S. Dak., were (left to right): Rev. Jerry Vilhauer, pastor; Dr. M. Vanderbeck of Lemmon, S. Dak.; and Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District secretary.

Bison Church Sanctuary Dedicated

Report of a church dedication and of the Grace Baptist Church congregation, Bison, South Dakota, "that had a mind to work" by Rev. Jerry Vilhauer, resident pastor.

MORE than 250 people from a wide area convened in Bison, S. Dak., on Palm-Sunday afternoon, April 7, to participate in the dedication ceremonies at the Grace Baptist Church of Bison to dedicate to sacred use the new sanctuary erected during the winter by members of the church working with Rev. Jerry Vilhauer, resident pastor.

Pastors whose greetings were heard during the impressive service included: Rev. Loren Weber, Isabel; Rev. Walter Klempel, McIntosh; Rev. Daniel Heringer, McLaughlin; Dr. M. Vanderbeck, Lemmon; Mr. Andrew Friez, New Leipzig; Rev. Donald Richter, Mott; Rev. Ronald Derman, Hettlinger; Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, Selby; Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District secretary; and others.

Special music was provided by various churches, and the dedication message was given by Dr. M. Vanderbeck, now serving as interim pastor of the

Lemmon Church. The congregation read the dedication response followed by the dedication prayer by Rev. Jerry Vilhauer.

The church building includes the spacious sanctuary, lobby, nursery and restrooms on the ground floor, with Sunday school rooms, chapel area and kitchen facilities in the basement. Carpeting covers the rostrum, and the sanctuary floor is tiled. Wood finishes are light. A beautiful pulpit, made by Lloyd Veal and his brother-in-law, Jim Posey, Denver, Colorado, centers the platform, and a large painting of the Slim Buttes, done by Miss Ruth Seiler of Plevna, Mont., from a colored slide, is hung above the baptistry. The beautiful building represents hundreds of hours of labor on the part of the men and women of the church who worked together to create a church on the basement that was used for many years as a place of worship.

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him. (I'm temporarily living in Osaka because of my teaching responsibilities). It proved a blessing to me and I just want to share it with you. Here it is just as he wrote it to me.

"I'm enjoying the life in Christ. Last Sunday we ate the bread and drank the cup of the Lord. It was the first experience for me. I join all programs of our church, morning worship, youth meetings and Sunday School (for subteacher). But I have one meeting that I can't join. It is woman's meeting." End of quote.

"I'm enjoying the life in Christ." What about you and me, are we enjoying our Christian life as much as we ought to be?

Earlier this year we had a one-day Deeper Life Conference. When one mentions a Deeper Life Conference, you think perhaps of a conference held with a guest speaker who has been invited to come. But the Conference

at our Ise Church wasn't like that. The deacons and deaconness were responsible to speak to the group. They spoke on the following topics: the Devotional Life, Stewardship and Evangelism.

It was a real blessing to see our lay people participating in this way. There was also a discussion period at which time everyone discussed these three very vital topics in an informal way. The desire was expressed to have a meeting such as this several times throughout the year.

Thus I have shared some of the blessings of the work in Ise. There has been some outreach, and yet there is so much more to do. Continue to pray for Pastor Akasaka and his family, which now numbers three children since the birth of a baby girl in February of this year. Pray that all—pastor, congregation and missionary—might go forth in a new way to share with the many Japanese who have not yet heard the message of the Living Christ whom we serve.

Obituary

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

MISS MONICA CONSTANTINE POTRATZ of Sumner, Iowa

Miss Monica Constance Potratz was born near Sumner, Iowa on June 9, 1891 and went to her heavenly reward May 31, 1962 at the age of 70 years, 11 months and 21 days. As a young girl she accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized July 5, 1905. She was a charter member of the First Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa and served faithfully as Sunday school teacher and member of the choir.

Four brothers preceded her in death. Remaining to mourn her passing at the time of her death were: two brothers: Martin, who has since passed away; and Adam with whom she has made her home; and a host of relatives and friends.

First Baptist Church

Sumner, Iowa HARRY HAAS, pastor

MR. MARTIN B. POTRATZ of Sumner, Iowa

Mr. Martin B. Potratz was born near Sumner, Iowa on June 9, 1891 and passed away April 21, 1963 at the age of 71 years, 10 months and 12 days. At the age of 22, he entered the auctioneering profession and

REPORT OF McDERMOT

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ing Miss Ida Forsch and Mrs. Peter Fehr. The Winnipeg churches and Manitoba people were indeed fortunate to have such a large group of missionaries. The following missionaries participated in the conference: Ida Forsch, Dr. and Mrs. Peter Fehr, Rev. Earl H. Ahrens and Rev. Fred G. Moore, from Cameroon and Japan. (Mrs. Alice Parr, Reporter.)

● **Chancellor, S. Dak.** On Friday evening, April 5, the members and friends of the First Baptist Church, Chancellor, S. Dak., welcomed their new pastor, Rev. Norman Miller, and family. A program was given consisting of readings, musical numbers and welcome messages. Mr. and Mrs. Miller responded with expressions of appreciation. In preparation for their coming, the parsonage was completely redecorated, the living room floor carpeted, and a water softener installed. Faculty members and students of the North American Baptist Seminary served the church during the time they were without a pastor.—(Mrs. Raymond De Neui, Reporter.)



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also had part in a farming partnership with his brother, Adam, and twin sister, Monica. In 1927 Mr. Potratz joined Dr. Salsbury's Laboratories of Charles City, Iowa serving as service director until his retirement in 1956. During this time he hired and trained salesmen and traveled extensively in all parts of the United States and Canada. On Jan. 4, 1938 he married Genevieve Flatjord which union was blessed with one son, Howard, surviving him, and one daughter who passed away in infancy.

Mr. Potratz accepted Christ as his Savior at an early age, was baptized April 1, 1906 and received into the membership of the Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa. In 1944 Mr. Potratz had an influential part in the organizing of the First Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa, of which he became a charter member. He served as Sunday school teacher, trustee, and since 1944 as deacon of his church. He leaves to mourn: his wife, Genevieve; his son, Howard; one brother, Adam; and a host of relatives and friends. Four brothers and his twin sister preceded him in death.

First Baptist Church
Sumner, Iowa

HARRY HAAS, Pastor

MR. LARRY W. POTRATZ of Sumner, Iowa

Larry W. Potratz was born Sept. 7, 1938 at Sumner, Iowa and met his untimely death March 17, 1962 in an automobile accident in Colorado while serving in the United States Army. In 1949 Larry accepted Christ as his Savior, was baptized and received into the membership of the First Baptist Church of Sumner.

He leaves to mourn: his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Potratz; six sisters: Ruth (Mrs. Herman Haskenoff of Sumner), Mary, April, Carol, Dixie, and Cynthia—all at home; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Ruth Haag of Sumner; and many relatives and friends.

First Baptist Church
Sumner, Iowa

HARRY HAAS, Pastor

MRS. FRIEDA MAUCH of Lodi, California

Mrs. Frieda Mauch of Lodi, Calif., was born 80 years ago in South Russia. She lived the last 25 years, until her death on May 4, in the Lodi area. She was the mother of Jacob Kurley, Redfield, S. Dak.; Ray Kurley, Spokane, Wash.; stepmother to John Mauch, Lodi, Calif.; Mrs. Joe Engle, Goodrich, N. Dak.; and Mrs. Henry Schrenk, Salem, Oregon. She was the sister of Jacob Enzi, New Leipzig, N. Dak.; Andrew Enzi of Lodi, Calif.; Gottfried Enzi of Eureka, S. Dak.; Mrs. Martin Gullickson, Minneapolis, Minn.; and Mrs. Gertie of Aberdeen, S. Dak.; stepmother of P. H. Miller of McLaughlin, S. Dak.

She was a faithful member of First Baptist Church and participant in its activities until her health made it impossible for her to attend.

First Baptist Church

Lodi, California AARON BUHLER, Pastor

MRS. KATHERINA HEINLE of Hebron, North Dakota

Mrs. Katherina Heinle, nee Dieder, of Hebron, N. Dak., age 75 years, 11 months and 18 days, passed away May 5, 1963 in the Richardson Memorial Hospital. She was born May 16, 1887 in Johannesthal, South Russia. She came to this country with her parents in 1903 and settled on a farm until they retired in Hebron 1946. She accepted her Lord at the age of 16 years and was baptized by Rev. Joseph Schlipf in 1907 and became a member of the Hebron Baptist Church.

She was married Jan. 16, 1906 to Adam Heinle. He passed away in 1954. Two daughters also preceded her in death. Those surviving her include 5 sons: Charles, Emmanuel, Arthur, Reinhardt and Raymond of Hebron; one daughter, Mrs. Ida Brockel, of Bismarck, N. Dak.; 15 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren; 4 brothers and two sisters. Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church of Hebron on May 9, 1963 and interment was in the Baptist Cemetery.

First Baptist Church

Hebron, North Dakota ERVIN J. FAUL, Pastor

MRS. MATHILDA LAUFERT of Wetaskiwin, Alberta

Mrs. Mathilda Laufert, nee Scheier, of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, went to her eternal rest on April 12, 1963, at the Wetaskiwin Hospital at the age of 83 years, five months and 13 days. For the past two years she had been a resident of the Peace Hills Foundation Home. She was born in Rebna, Poland (Russia), October 30, 1879.

She accepted Christ as her Saviour in 1926 and was baptized. In 1928 she emigrated to Canada and resided in Viscount, Sask., until 1930 when she removed to Millet, where she united with the Wiesenthal Baptist Church. Later her membership was transferred to the Fredrickheim Baptist Church (First Baptist Church of Leduc) and later to the Temple Church of Leduc, Alberta.

In 1904 she married Johann Fibich, who passed away during the First World War. In January 1932 she married Gottlieb Laufert who passed on in 1958. She is survived by one sister of Edmonton, Mrs. Wanda Gehring; two sons: Robert of Millet, Alberta; and Arnold of Edmonton, Alberta; 3 grandchildren; and one great grandchild. Her sincere Christian witness will always be remembered.

Wiesenthal Baptist Church

Millet, Alberta ERNEST E. HAHN, Officiating minister

MR. EDWARD NICHOL of Vancouver, British Columbia

Mr. Edward Nichol of Vancouver, B. C., was born on Oct. 30, 1894 and was called home to glory on April 19, 1963. He accepted Christ as Savior early in his youth and was a faithful worker in the Kingdom's cause. In his earlier years he lived in Winnipeg, Man., where he was united in marriage with Annie Kiel in Oct. 1922. To this union seven children were born, three of whom had preceded him in death. In the fall of 1956 he with his wife and youngest daughter Dorothy moved to Vancouver, B. C., where he became a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church. He served as a deacon of this church at the time he was called to his eternal rest, and contributed in other ways to the welfare of the church.

At the time of his sudden departure, he leaves to mourn his beloved wife Annie; three daughters: Mrs. Erna Daum of Vancouver, B. C.; Mrs. Margaret Loewen of Steinbach, Man.; and Dorothy, at home; one son, Elmer of Winnipeg, Man.; and 5 grandchildren. As the oldest in the family, he also leaves four sisters and six brothers, a host of relatives and friends and his church which he dearly loved. Rev. O. Patzia and Rev. P. Daum officiated at the memorial service with fellow deacons serving as pallbearers.

Ebenezer Baptist Church
Vancouver, British Columbia

ELMER DAUM, Correspondent

MR. WILLIAM C. LOHMANN of Burlington, Iowa

Mr. William C. Lohmann of Burlington, Iowa was born August 23, 1869 in Burlington and passed away April 20, 1963 at the age of 93. On May 20, 1891 he was married to Elizabeth Flezeman, who preceded him in death in 1953. As a young man Mr. Lohmann became a printer and for many years, in partnership with his father, published a German newspaper, the "Volksfreund-Tribune." In 1923 he became instructor in printing at the Burlington High School, which position he held until his retirement in 1939.

For 74 years he was a faithful member of the Oak Street Baptist Church where he served over the years as deacon, trustee and teacher. He was beloved by all who knew him for his kindly disposition. He was always careful never to hurt, ever ready with a word of commendation, of cheer, of comfort. He was especially fond of young people and taught "his boys" not only the rudiments of printing but, more important, the principles of true manhood.

He is survived by a son and two daughters: Dr. Carl J. Lohmann, Mrs. Henry O. Kohrs and Mrs. J. Edward Johnston. Also surviving are seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Besides his wife, one daughter preceded him in death.

Oak Street Baptist Church

Burlington, Iowa HOWARD JOHNSON, Pastor

MR. ADOLPH RENTZ of Morris, Manitoba

Mr. Adolph Rentz of Morris, Man., was born on June 14, 1892 in the Ukraine. On Oct. 9, 1918 he was united in marriage to Angella Schwartz. At 30 years of age, he accepted Christ as his Saviour and was baptized by Rev. E. Bonikowsky and united with the local church. In 1928 Mr. Rentz and his family came to Canada and settled in the Morris, Manitoba district. Here in Morris he united with the Emmanuel Baptist Church where he served his Lord with joy and faithfulness.

Through his sudden heart attack, he leaves to mourn his beloved wife, Angella; two daughters: Lydia, (Mrs. Schalin) of Morris; and Agnes (Mrs. Adine Harsch) of Carbon, Alberta; and three sons: Reuben of Morris; Waldemar of Morris; and William, mission-

ary in the Cameroon, Africa. As a father he showed love and concern toward his children, praying much for them. As a husband he served and cared for his wife during her years of illness, and as a friend he was cherished and respected.

Funeral services were conducted at the Emmanuel Baptist Church with Rev. Wm. Sturhahn and the undersigned officiating. In remembrance of Brother Rentz, a memorial fund was begun toward helping in the establishment of another Day School in Cameroon, Africa.

Emmanuel Baptist Church

Morris, Manitoba JOHN WOLLENBERG, Pastor

MRS. BARBARA STROH of Eureka, South Dakota

Mrs. Barbara Stroh of Eureka, S. Dak., was born July 30, 1883 in McPherson County, S. Dak., and was taken home to be with her Lord on April 11 at the Eureka Hospital. She reached the age of 79 years and 8 months. On Dec. 17, 1907 she was united in marriage to Andrew A. Betsch with whom she lived for 25 years. They made their home on a farm 18 miles from Eureka.

She took Christ as her Savior in 1912. She and her husband were baptized. She was a faithful member of the Ashley Baptist Church. In 1933 her beloved husband passed away leaving her with 9 children. She married Fred Stroh and lived at LaMore, N. Dak. Since 1951 she made her home in Eureka and was a member of the First Baptist Church and of the Mission Society.

She is survived by 5 sons: Theodore of Eureka; Reinhold of Minneapolis; Otto of Oaks, N. Dak.; Herbert of Aberdeen; and Wilbert of Huron; 4 daughters: Mrs. Otto (Ella) Woehl of Wishek, N. Dak.; Mrs. Leamon (Edna) Boschee, Lea Obernauer and Mrs. Edwin (Esther) Snabel of Aberdeen; 5 sisters; 2 brothers; 30 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Eureka, S. Dak. E. R. OSTER, Pastor

MISS PAULINE ERNESTINE FRATZKE of Port Townsend, Washington

Miss Pauline Ernestine Fratzke of Port Townsend, Wash., was born Jan. 12, 1886 in Zehrten, Germany and came to America with her parents and family at the age of 4 years. She lived in Hutchinson, Minn., most of her life until 15 years ago when she moved to Port Townsend, Wash. She died on May 1, 1963 at the Lagoon Nursing Home in Port Townsend, where she had resided about one year.

At the age of 12, she was converted and was baptized by Rev. Henry Bens. When the Bethany Baptist Church of Hutchinson was organized, she became a charter member. She was organist in the church for many years, sang in the choir, and at times taught a Sunday school class. Her life work was teaching school and music. At the time of her death, she was a member of the First Baptist Church in Port Townsend, Wash. She leaves to mourn five sisters and two brothers: Anton Fratzke, Hutchinson, Minn.; Clarence Fratzke, Oakland, Calif.; Mary Richards, Port Townsend, Wash.; Emma Gray, Lincoln, Nebr.; Hulda Pettit, Dora Jordan and Esther Bernhagen, all of Hutchinson, Minn.

Bethany Baptist Church

Hutchinson, Minnesota BERT A. ITTERMAN, Pastor

MR. PHILIP JUNKERT of Tacoma, Washington

Mr. Philip Junkert of Tacoma, Wash., was born Jan. 31, 1892 in Russia. He came to this country with his parents and family in 1901. The family homesteaded near Antelope, N. Dak. When he became of age, he homesteaded a claim of 80 acres, built a home on his claim and married Paulina Hirning on Feb. 4, 1915. In 1919 he moved his family to Hebron, N. Dak., where he worked in a brickyard.

Early in 1922 he moved the family to Missoula, Montana, where he found work as a carpenter, a profession he followed until his death. He and his wife were charter members of the Bethel Baptist Church of Missoula and he helped build the first church building. They moved to Tacoma, Wash., in 1952 where he and his wife became members of the Calvary Baptist Church. Mr. Junkert donated much labor on the new Calvary Church building erected in 1957.

After a few months of illness he passed away on March 21, 1963 at the age of 71 years. He had served his Lord well and was faithful until God saw fit to take him home to glory. He is survived by his wife, Paulina; a daughter, Mrs. Albert (Lydia) Werth of Tacoma; and a son, Edward, of Missoula.

Calvary Baptist Church

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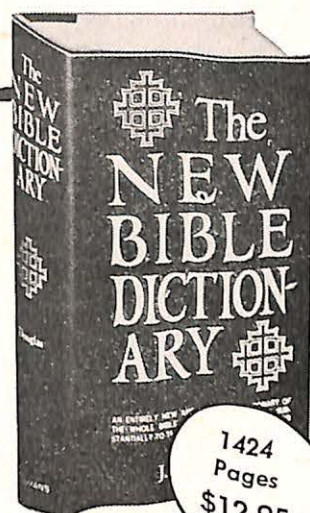
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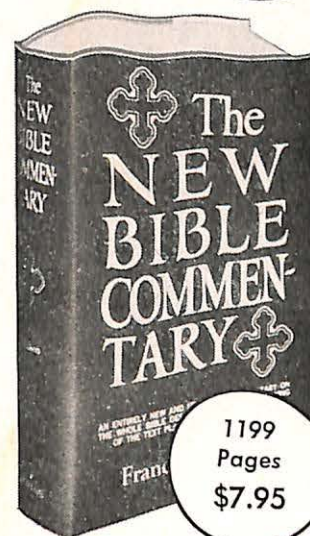
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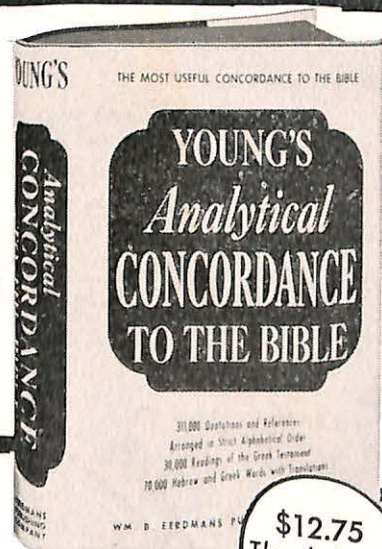
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