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The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

THE early disciples found their vocabulary of Spirit centering in three words: "power," "witness," and "wait." Jesus had promised them power to witness. This power would come when the Holy Spirit came to bind them together into the community of the New Covenant. They quite literally fulfilled his promise. The record states that "with great power the apostles gave their testimony" (Acts 4:33). Paul saw his ministry in this same light of power and witness. To the Romans he wrote, "By the power of the Holy Spirit . . . from Jerusalem and as far round as Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel . . . not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on another man's foundation, but as it is written, 'They shall see who have never been told of him, and they shall understand who have never heard of him'" (Rom. 15:19, 20, 21).

But these early Christians did not receive this power to witness as an automatic result of their confession of belief in Jesus as Lord or as a reward for their moral behavior. The power of the Holy Spirit came only after long waiting. There was no empty waiting. As they waited "with one accord" they "devoted themselves to prayer" (Acts 1:14). In unity and devotion they waited expectantly for the fulfillment of the promise of power to witness. Here the key words are unity and prayer.

Whatever else a careful reading of vital mission history tells us, it is this: behind every outburst of real mission in the life of the church, we find a company or companies of believing men and women who have waited and prayed until the Spirit of God has come upon them; then in the Spirit's power they have gone out to witness to the mighty acts of God. In every instance the new movement to mission parallels the waiting, praying group of disciples in the Jerusalem upper room at Pentecost. The church can find its mission in no other way than through earnest men and women in small companies praying and waiting until the Holy Spirit comes upon them with power. Herein, too, lies the way of the church's renewal. Only through the fulfillment of its God-given mission does the church find its own true nature. Spiritual revival comes only through waiting, listening, and witnessing.

—"To the Whole Creation" by John E. Skoglund

MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

\$996,029.53. Total contributions toward our denominational service program in March were \$124,246.35 which represents a record for the month of March. Another record was set for the giving of our people during an entire fiscal year, totaling \$996,029.53 for 1963-1964 or \$35,616.54 over the total given by our churches and people last year. BUT we failed to reach the \$1,000,000 as we had hoped to do and our budget objective of \$1,050,000. Therefore, we need to strive and give sacrificially in our missionary stewardship during each month ahead of us. There is still much work to do!

NEW MISSIONARIES. At the sessions of the Board of Missions from April 21-24 consideration was given to the appointment of new missionaries still to be confirmed by the General Council and the opening of a new mission field in South America. Miss Rosemarie Hackmann of the Forest Park Baptist Church left for the Cameroon mission field on April 27 to serve for one year at the New Hope Settlement Hospital.

EXTENSION BUILDERS, MAY. Rev. Gordon J. Voegelé, Church Extension pastor of the Memory Lane Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas, is encouraged by the results of his ministry since last fall. Fourteen new members have been received and attendance at all services is increasing. New families are moving into the community and business establishments are booming. Church Extension Builders will make their contributions in May for this church. Read the illustrated article about the Wichita church in this issue, page 8.

DR. LOTHAR G. LICHTENFELD. This medical missionary of ours has been serving at the Mamfe General Hospital in West Cameroon, Africa since Feb. 12, attending to 80 to 100 outpatients daily. In addition to this, he is in charge of public health of Mamfe Division with about 100,000 inhabitants. Therefore he has to visit the four dispensaries twice a week, which also involves traveling between 30 to 108 miles over mountainous country roads. Dr. Lichtenfeld added: "My record was set on my first trek: 100 miles plus 388 patients."

NEXT ISSUE

"IT'LL BE A THRILLING CONFERENCE IN SACRAMENTO!"

Latest Announcements and Instructions

Editorial

The Holy Spirit's Ministry

The Holy Spirit makes the constant, abiding presence of Christ a very real and precious experience in our lives. When we come to know Christ in faith, he gives us the Holy Spirit to help us live as he would have us live. The more the Holy Spirit controls our lives, the more we become like him. His ministry to us is as simple and as transcendent as that.

This is the distinguishing mark of our new life in Christ. "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his" (Romans 8:9). This is the secret of our victorious life through the indwelling power of the Spirit. "Unless there is within us that which is above us, we shall soon yield to that which is about us." For, as the Apostle Paul tells us in Romans 8, the Spirit is life—new life, abundant life, radiant life—because of God's righteousness toward us.

The Bible tells us that God will quicken our mortal bodies also by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. This promise is confirmed in the historic fact of Christ's resurrection from the dead—even as God raised up Christ from the dead, so he also shall quicken your mortal bodies.

This quickening and enabling power of the Holy Spirit must motivate every Christian and every church to carry out Christ's commission. Remember that "Pentecost marks not only the birth of the Church, but also the beginning of the mission of the Church." As Dr. John E. Skoglund points out in his book, "To the Whole Creation." "The candles on the church's birthday cake shine out with nothing less than the light which the church seeks to shed abroad in the world." This driving power of the Holy Spirit, this motivation in the lives of Christians, is evidence that the Spirit is in control in all fullness and glory. For we are those who walk, not after the flesh, but after the Spirit, or, as J. B. Phillips expresses it in his translation, "We live in obedience to the promptings of the Spirit."

God's Word reveals the joy of those who are led by the Spirit. (Romans 8:14-17). We are led into all truth. We see more clearly the will of God for our lives. We receive assurance of our adoption as children of God. Our experience of the Holy Spirit in being "sons of God" involves the idea of exaltation, dignity, glory, dominion, power, or blessedness and so "the indwelling of the Spirit and his controlling power becomes the immediate source of all these excellencies for us." (Dr. John W. Bradbury).

The outcome of this is, as Romans 8:26 emphasizes, that "likewise the Spirit helpeth our infirmities . . . the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us." Through him we can do all things. Through him we are more than conquerors. Through his illumination we walk in the light and not in darkness. Through him we experience that unity in the church of the believers "eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Through him we are empowered to witness to the saving power of the Gospel and to build God's Kingdom.

What men need to learn is that wisdom and power are received from above and that God gives these gifts through the Holy Spirit. Open your life to this transforming ministry of the Holy Spirit in you!

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EVENTS IN MAY

Mother's Day, May 10. Read the article on page 4.

Mission Rally with Cameroon national, Rev. Samuel B. Nfomi, May 12 (see boxed announcement).

Pentecost Sunday, May 17. Read the editorial on page 3.

Seminary Commencement, May 17. (see announcement of speakers).

GENERAL CONFERENCE

Front cover picture of Fantasy Castle at Disneyland, Anaheim, Calif., to be visited by many General Conference visitors.

Dr. Josef Nordenhaug of Washington, D. C., will be one of the Conference speakers. His visit to our seminary is described in this issue.



The Christian Woman's Jerusalem Ministry

A home is largely what the influence of a Christian mother and wife will make it.

By Rev. B. A. Itterman of the Lakeshore Baptist Church, Stevensville, Michigan

The Bible never treats a woman's place in her home lightly but always describes her completely in line with God's plan.

IT IS NOT uncommon to find a Christian woman who looks upon her home as menial and unimportant. While she may not be complaining about the tedious routine of household chores, she may be viewing her position in life as one of limited scope, forced confinement, and without glamor and glory. She may even look with jealous eyes at the society page, and read or listen to the stories about women missionaries with a twinge of resentment against the things that keep her in the home.

THE MOTHER'S ROLE

One of the classical verses of Scripture that is used to promote mission work is Acts 1:8. No doubt, you have interpreted this verse, along with many others, in the usual manner that "Jerusalem" means witnessing at home, "Samaria and Judea" to our neighbors, and "the uttermost part of the earth" as taking the message to foreign lands. For our consideration here, we are interpreting the "Jerusalem" ministry as being in the home, the role that is played by a wife and mother.

As a member of a Woman's Missionary Society, what do you consider your purpose and responsibilities to be? In some churches the Woman's Missionary Society is still called the "Ladies' Aid," a name that was born during the Depression when women served suppers and did quilting to raise money. Personally I do not like that name because it carries with it a connotation of unimportance and secondary assistance.

Our Woman's Missionary Societies are neither one. The Society members usually consider the wrapping of bandages, the sending of letters and gifts to our missionaries, praying and supporting such a work as their "uttermost part of the world" ministry. This is commendable but really only a small part of a woman's missionary outreach.

Every Woman's Missionary Society member, who is a wife and a mother,

has a Jerusalem ministry in her home. In some ways it could be said that she is a missionary there. Many women are ready to go almost anywhere and do almost anything just so long as it takes them away from their home. This is undoubtedly so because she feels her role in the home as unimportant and even mediocre.

"JUST A HOUSEWIFE"

I feel that a woman's Jerusalem ministry is a God-given one, and is therefore very important. If the home cradles the church and missions, then the mothers are the caretakers of the cradle. God considered this to be so important that he equipped the woman with special talents and abilities to help her in her task.

The Bible never treats a woman's place in her home lightly, but always speaks of it with great respect and appreciation and completely in line with God's plan. No woman has the right to say, "I'm just a housewife," when God considered her role as highly significant and necessary.

Many women want to go to Samaria, and make a name for themselves, because they feel that their life isn't really counting. Most of our large cities have tremendous problems in their schools today, and I suggest to

THE AUTHOR

This message by Rev. B. A. Itterman was recently brought at a women's meeting in Benton Harbor, Mich., with members of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the First German Church and Napier Parkview Church of Benton Harbor and of the First Church and Lakeshore Church of St. Joseph, Mich., present. Mr. Itterman serves as the Church Extension pastor of the Lakeshore Church that is being supported by the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph and the denominational Church Extension Committee.

you that this is largely due to the fact that there is a lack of missionaries in the home. Some mothers thrive upon community recognition for service rendered on some community project, but this may have come about at great expense to their husbands and children. Whenever this happens that a woman's name or picture appears on the society page, it is a direct slap in the face of her husband and children. The reason most men marry is because they desire a wife whom they can love and who will make a house into a home for them.

The first word on the lips of a child returning home after school is "mother." There is absolutely nothing that can take her place in their lives. Any woman who considers her responsibilities in the home as a sideline usually is a failure in her Jerusalem ministry and, when the total score is added up, she discovers that she has failed on the most important front.

MISSION FIELD AT HOME

It goes without saying that a Christian woman should support the program of missions through her church, but in reality her responsibility to missions begins in her home. What have we accomplished if we concentrate on sending out missionaries to save the lost elsewhere and those in our own homes are not led to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ?

Ultimately our churches and mission programs will only be as strong as the families who have made them possible. There is a desperate need for missionaries and pastors, and these must come from the home. It is the home where the foundations for prayer and giving are laid, and where a God-consciousness is instilled within the young mind.

A woman's ability to love, no doubt, is her greatest strength and virtue that God has given her. A Christ-like spirit and God-fearing character will keep a

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The Living Testimony of God's Volunteers

As the "Happy Day Express," these 12 young people conduct "Crusades for Christ" throughout the United States and Canada in a volunteer ministry that is now reaching its climax in the Eastern states.

By Jean Berndt and Harry Hiller, Reporters

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS TEAM NO. I CONDUCTS CHILDREN'S RALLIES

By Miss Jean Berndt, Reporter

WITH THE familiar strains of "Boys and girls for Jesus, this our earnest prayer . . ." another Children's Rally began, this time at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Vancouver, B. C. In these special rallies, held in the afternoon after school, we meet with the boys and girls of the church and vicinity.

In an informal way Rick Sturhahn begins our rally with some choruses as Lena Engel plays the piano. Blanche Bieber then asks the children to fold their hands, bow their heads and close their eyes as she leads in prayer.

HAPPY DAY EXPRESS

The whistle for the group number, "Happy Day Express," blows, and we urge all of the boys and girls to climb aboard the train to heaven by trusting in Jesus. Dave Ewing introduces Freddie, the mouse, and tells of the dilemma he got into with a mousetrap. The mixed quartet then sings, "Dare to Be a Daniel."

It's time again for the children to take part in the rally as Jean Berndt joins them in some action choruses. In the song, "Too Small," the Girls' Trio reveals to them that they are never too young to accept Jesus. Then the guest evangelist or our director presents an object lesson and gives an invitation.

After this campaign the six young people on the team had their own rally—a six day vacation. In Vancouver, B.C., we went bicycling in Stanley Park along an ocean inlet and visited Totem Park and the Vancouver Zoo. We saw the eighth wonder of the world—the Capilano Suspension Bridge and rode up Grouse Mountain on the chairlift to see the city.

On Thursday, the fourth day of warm and sunny weather, we left bright and early on a ferry boat for the Island of Vancouver. There we spent a thrilling day visiting Butchard Gardens and seeing an observatory. As we rode into Victoria, we visited the Parliament buildings and sat in on a session of the legislature. At 3:00 P.M. we realized that it was "tea time," so we made our way to the Empress Hotel. There in a quiet atmosphere we had tea and crumpets.

ROSE OF SHARON CHURCH

Our first campaign thereafter was at the Rose of Sharon Baptist Church, Richmond, B. C., with Rev. Ervin

1964-1965 TEAMS

Twelve young people have been appointed to two teams of God's Volunteers for 1964-1965. A third team is being considered by the Board of Missions and General Council. More than 35 young people of our churches volunteered for this ministry. Many Prayer Helpers are needed for this work.

Strauss the pastor. While we were at this Church Extension project, we had another boys' and girls' rally and through it we saw seven come to know Jesus.

As we traveled back to the United States, we went to Renton, Washington and to the Church Extension project at the Sierra Heights Baptist Church. Along with Rev. Ervin Gerlitz, we saw five children respond to the invitation at the children's rally and three persons in our evening services.

At the end of each rally we join the children in singing this song prayerfully, "Into My Heart," as they ask the Lord to come into their hearts. We experience great joy in seeing boys and girls making this decision early in their life.

TESTIFYING FOR CHRIST WITH GOD'S VOLUNTEERS TEAM NO. II

By Mr. Harry Hiller, Reporter

"What would it profit me
Though earth's farthest corners I see,
If going my way and doing my will
I miss what his love has planned for me."

With these words, Oliver Bender usually begins his personal word of testimony as he shares with those who attend our "Crusade for Christ" meetings the knowledge which he has of being in the will of his Master. Each evening one of the team members is given the opportunity to tell a little about his background and how the Lord has led in his life. We trust that the Lord is using these testimonies to challenge those in the congregation to surrender ALL to him. This section of the program is part of our "Crusade Say-So Time" as the Word of God tells us, "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so." Opportunities are always given for a few testimonies from the congregation as well. May we not be hesitant in expressing our love for the Savior!

OKEENE AND CORN, OKLA.

The Lord has certainly opened doors of opportunity for us to share our testimony and to radiate for Christ in other ways besides the regular visitation and

evening services. In Okeene, Oklahoma we had two "Boys and Girls Rallies" and also journeyed to the nearby town of Corn to present an assembly program to the high school there. Excellent weather enabled many people to travel from our churches in Loyal, Corn, and Cherokee. What a thrill to see the House of the Lord filled each evening!

From Okeene, we moved on to Dallas, Texas for a few days of rest and fellowship with Dr. Louis Johnson of the North Highland Baptist Church—a Church Extension project.

As we travelled north again into Kansas, we found the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood awaiting our arrival along with Dr. A. Dale Ihrle of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan as evangelist. A highlight of that campaign was the opportunity to present a chapel program at Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas. Our hearts were touched at the Saturday evening youth rally when 24 young people indicated a desire to serve the Lord as members of God's Volunteers in the years to come or in any other way in which God should lead.

THE SAVIOR'S LOVE

After travelling through the state of Missouri, we brought "Schought" to rest at the First Baptist Church of Trenton, Illinois with Rev. Herman Palfenier serving as guest evangelist. The faithful attendance of the youth in the area, after a high school assembly program, was a real inspiration to us all.

Continue to support the program and work of God's Volunteers through your prayers as we attempt to testify through our lives of the redemptive love of the Savior of the world.

WOMAN'S JERUSALEM MINISTRY

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wayward child and an arrogant husband in check. It will remove mountains of trouble and cause streams to flow in desert places. It will bring the sunshine of God's love into valleys of gloom; and purpose and courage to a heart full of fear and failure.

The Jerusalem field is a needy field. It is often a despised and neglected field. It needs specialists who will respond to the challenge with joy and resolve. In most cases, a home is very much what the influence of a wife and mother will make it. The "Jerusalem" ministry is basic to the broader aspect of the missionary program through the church, at home and abroad.

KNOW THE BEST!

Our Missionaries in Japan are working diligently that the Japanese people may "know the best" in a blessed personal knowledge and experience of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

By Missionary Fred G. Moore of Kyoto, Japan



Even as the Japanese appreciate the best in flower arrangements, so may they come to know "The Best" in Christ as Savior.

"ADAPT yourselves no longer to the pattern of this present world, but let your minds be remade and your whole nature thus transformed. Then you will be able to discern the will of God, and to know what is good, acceptable, and perfect." (Romans 12:2, New English Bible).

"You must not compromise with the world. Rather, by the renewing of your heart, be transformed so that you will know what the will of God is; what is good, a delight to God, and perfect" (Romans 12:2, from the Japanese Bible).

SUCCESSFUL CAMP PROGRAM

Using the above text as the theme verse, our Summer Camp program opened near the end of July last summer in a lovely setting in the mountains of Mie Prefecture, Japan. It was the joy of our entire mission staff at

that time (with the exception of the Walter Sukut family, home on furlough) to take part in this Summer Camp. What a privilege it was to spend five days fellowshiping, praying, worshiping and playing with our Japanese Christians and inquirers, following the camp theme, "Know the Best!"

Our camp was divided into two parts. From Wednesday through Friday noon, we had Young People's Camp, and we were especially blessed to have a good turnout of young people from Ise, Matsusaka, Tsu and Kyoto. Individual class sessions were designated to meet the particular spiritual needs of each group. Rev. Edwin Kern, one of the class teachers, worked particularly with the rather large group of unsaved inquirers, showing them from the Word of God that Jesus Christ is not only a historical figure but, in fact, the very Son of God and the only Way of eter-

nal life. Rev. Yoshio Akasaka, our pastor of the Ise Baptist Church, led the Christians in a class session seeking to draw them into a closer walk and fellowship with the Lord, that they might truly "Know the Best" of God's plan for their lives.

FIRST FAMILY CAMP

The second part of our Summer Camp, from Friday until Sunday afternoon, was our first venture as a "Family Camp." Our course, the young people continued right on through both sessions, but the special emphasis during this second part of the camp program was on the family. Due to the relatively long hours of work and very brief holidays for most working people in Japan, it is extremely difficult to find a time during the summer when families as a group can attend camp. But several of our folk from Ise and Tsu especially made the extra effort necessary to be at this week end session, and together with some of the Junior High age children who were able to come, we had a total attendance of over 70. There were a few "rough edges" on the program, to be sure, since this was our first attempt at a Family Camp. But we were thrilled by the Lord's obvious blessings and the receptive spirit of our campers, who were truly challenged to "Know God's Best."

Summer Camp especially emphasized the importance of God's Word, and our special speaker Rev. Shimada gave a very helpful study of the Bible, its divisions, and the particular significance of each of its sections. The Word truly came to life for many, and they realized that to "know the best" they would indeed have to know the Book. We pray that this challenge to real Bible study might stay with all of our people as a continuing goal.

Following the Summer Camp sessions, Daily Vacation Bible Schools

were held on each of our stations. This was another wonderful opportunity to present Jesus Christ to the children in the neighborhoods of our churches. Experience has taught us that often an effective inroad to the very difficult-to-reach Japanese families can be made through the children. We pray that the Word given to these precious young hearts in these schools may bloom forth into a radiant testimony to the parents as well.

The heat of summer passed into the refreshing cool of autumn, but the blessings of God continued to be poured out upon your mission in Japan. One of these rich blessings, was the privilege of welcoming the C. Richard Mayforth family to Japan and our mission field here. This was a long-awaited day, for the Mayforths are the first new missionary family to join our Japan staff in six long years! Their friendly, warm personalities have truly endeared them to us, and their vital concern to be effective servants for Christ is reflected in their energetic application of their first responsibility—language study.

You have often heard this prayer request, but once again we sincerely plead: remember to ask God for his special enabling and grace as the Mayforths continue their study of Japanese. Not only their first two years of formal study, but every year afterwards will involve a great amount of diligent effort to be able to use the Japanese language effectively to proclaim the glorious message of Jesus Christ. Pray for them! And pray for all of your Japan mission staff—this is a particularly keen need which all of us feel.

BLESSED BAPTISMAL SERVICES

The encouragement given to your Japan mission staff by the arrival of the Mayforths was further amplified by the spiritual uplift of baptismal services, both in Kyoto and in Tsu. We carefully point out to our inquirers that Jesus Christ demands the complete surrender of their whole lives, that the Word clearly teaches, "Thou shalt have no other gods before Me," and that in a society over 99% pagan this may mean real sacrifice and suffering.

Of course, our faithful Christians show through their lives and testimony the positive, Spirit-filled, blessed "new Life" that only Christ can give. But many inquirers seem unwilling to give up their old way of life and become "new creatures in Christ," and so the number actually continuing on to a real faith in Christ, to which they are willing to testify in baptism, is small. Many times the work seems discouraging. But to see even one precious soul follow Christ through the waters of baptism, knowing that they realize full well the involvement that their faith entails, is one of the greatest blessings your missionaries receive from the Lord.

The baptismal services in Kyoto and in Tsu were truly times of praise and thanksgiving as several young Chris-



SUNDAY WORSHIP HOUR AT FAMILY CAMP

Our Japan missionaries were thrilled by the encouraging attendance at the first Family Camp, as shown at this worship hour, and by the Lord's blessings revealed in the program.

tians—your new brothers and sisters in the Lord—declared openly their faith in Christ. They have come to "Know the Best"—they know Christ!

The month of November also brought blessings from the Lord at the Tsu Christian Center, where special evangelistic services were held for almost a week. A Japanese pastor was invited as the evangelist, and Missionary Edwin Kern reported that his Spirit-filled messages resulted not only in several conversions during the days of the campaign, but also in a continuing group of about 15 inquirers, with whom Brother Kern and his assistant, Mrs. Hisashi Murakami, have been privileged to work in the succeeding months. Pray that God might continue to work in all these hearts!

In the past several months, the Lord has also led us in a marvelous way in solving a very pressing problem

on our Japan field. The problem involved our newest station in the city of Matsusaka in Mie Prefecture. While the work has been carried on in a very limited way for the past four years, we have never really been able to staff the station as we would have liked. Then in September we learned that the landlord owning our meeting place had decided to sell the property, and wanted us to vacate. We prayed earnestly, that we might know God's best regarding his will for our work in Matsusaka.

DOORS OPEN IN MATSUSAKA

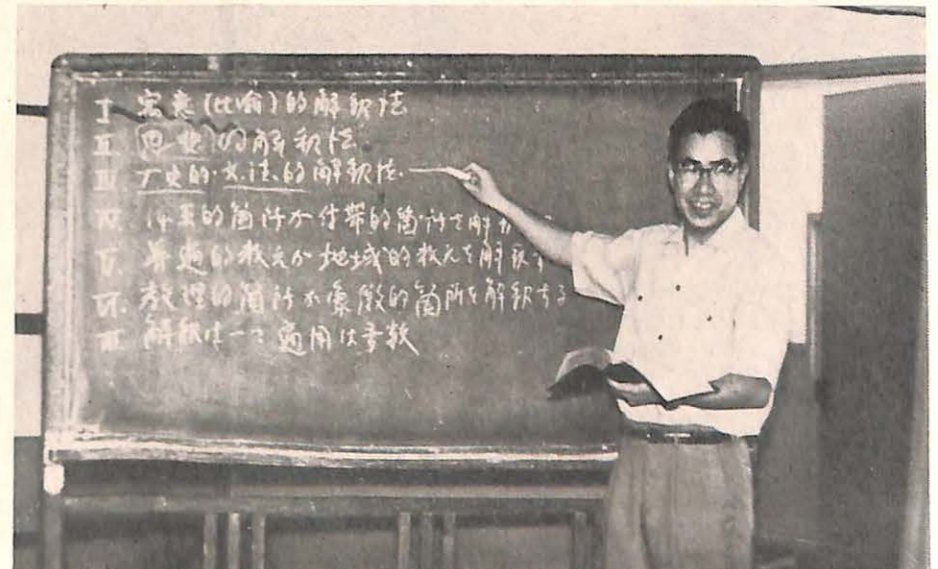
Both Miss Joyce Batek, who was in charge of the Matsusaka work at the time, and Brother Akasaka, the pastor at Ise, looked diligently for another suitable meeting place, but nothing seemed to open up. Was God through with our work here? We considered

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OUR MISSIONARIES IN JAPAN

During the Annual Missionary Conference, our NAB missionaries dressed in national costumes enjoy a typical Japanese dinner at a hotel.



SPECIAL SPEAKER AT SUMMER CAMP

Rev. Shimada brought a very helpful study of the Bible at the Baptist Family Camp last summer in a lovely mountain setting.

God Is at Work in Wichita

Church Extension Builders in May 1964 are assisting the work of the Memory Lane Baptist Church of Wichita, Kansas.

By Rev. Gordon J. Voegele, Church Extension Pastor

AS YOU COME close to the city limits of Wichita, Kansas, you will read signs such as these: "Welcome to Wichita, Kansas' Premier City; Wichita, City of Conventions! Wichita, City of Industry; Wichita, Air Capital of the World; See what you like? You'll like what you see in Wichita."

These were some of the signs we read as we entered the Wichita city limits on August, 1963 to begin our work as pastor of a Church Extension church which we knew only by name as Memory Lane Baptist Church.

GOD IS AT WORK

Coming from a rural situation, you can imagine what went through our minds as we entered this city which is the largest city in Kansas with a population of nearly a half-million residents in a 190 square mile area. It's a city with a diverse economy, with aircraft manufacture, agriculture and petroleum as its cornerstones, located at an altitude of 1300 feet on the eastern slope of the Great Plains. In this city you will find museums, universities, colleges, business and secretarial schools, libraries, art, music and 475 church organizations with 67 denominations represented and over 100 of these churches are Baptist.

As we drove into this city, our first desire was to locate the church and see just what Church Extension work was like. After some trial and error incidents, we finally found 4100 Memory Lane where our North American Baptist church is located. As we looked upon this church, there was a real joy in our hearts for we knew that this was the place and the work to which God had called us.

These past eight months have been happy months for us and for the people of Memory Lane Baptist because we have seen God working in our midst. It has been our joy to see 14 new members added to the fellowship of the church, giving us a total membership of 39. Our Sunday school enrollment is 60 and our average Sunday morning worship service attendance is 54 with an average of 36 for the evening service. Hardly a Sunday goes by that we do not have visitors.

SERVICES AND HOUSE CALLS

Every second Sunday of the month the Ladies' Missionary Society meets 45 minutes before the evening service for their monthly business meeting. Then they present their program during the evening service, thus giving their husbands and children an opportunity to enjoy their Bible-centered programs. Every fourth Sunday the



New members received into the Memory Lane Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas since Rev. Gordon J. Voegele began his ministry there in August 1963, (One of the new members could not be present for the picture).

Senior CBYF is in charge of the evening service. The young people are under the able leadership of our youth counselors, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Terry.

We have made many calls since coming to Wichita and have found that there is real joy in going from house to house inviting people to church and speaking to them personally about their spiritual needs. There are many people in the northwest section of Wichita who do not attend any church and do not know Christ as their personal Saviour. There are many churches in Wichita but many of them are only concerned about people who already are church members and move into Wichita. They are immediately on their door-step inviting them to the services of their churches.

But what about the lost—those who still have not experienced God's saving grace in their hearts? As a church we feel that we have a responsibility to these people. We know Christ in a personal way and it is his love that constrains us to go to these people who have never experienced that love in their hearts.

A STRATEGIC LOCATION

How thankful we are for the willingness of our people to go out and to do follow-up work. Some go calling in the daytime while others go calling in the evening. Some use their telephones while at work to invite people to our

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church. The canvassing is done by the pastor and when people are found who do not go to any church or are interested in making a change, their name and address are recorded on a card. A week or two later the pastor and his wife call on these homes and then these prospect cards are turned over to the laypeople of our church who continue to do follow-up work.

People are moving into our area constantly, and new homes and business places are being built. Elementary and Junior High Schools and a large shopping center are within a few blocks of the church. Because our church is at such a strategic location, we trust that our North American Baptist witness will be a great testimony in this City. God has blessed and we praise him for that which is being accomplished. With the Psalmist we would say, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

KNOW THE BEST! OUR MISSION IN JAPAN

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this possibility, but we had no real leading to abandon these efforts for the Gospel in this very needy city. Then suddenly a way indeed opened up to us, as property was made available right where we have been working, and we were able to secure even the very building which we have been using as a meeting place! Praise God with us for this thrilling answer to prayer!

OSAKA BIBLICAL SEMINARY

God has also been blessing the work in our Ise church and at the cooperative Bible School in Osaka. At the latter, particularly, we praise the Lord that the school venture, linking the efforts of the NAB Conference, the Baptist General Conference, and the Mennonite Brethren, has officially become a reality as the Baptist General Conference voted to enter fully with the other two groups in this "Osaka Biblical Seminary" program. What a tremendous challenge lies ahead of us, as we train young men and women to take the gospel of Christ to their own Japanese people!

Thank you for your effectual, fervent prayer and for your continuing support of our North American Baptist ministry here in Japan. May God indeed bless you for your part in this which is his work in the Land of the Rising Sun. May many people truly come to "Know the Best"—the blessed personal knowledge and experience of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior!

Nordenhaug Lectures at Spring Convocation

Report of the Spring Convocation, March 17-18, at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., by Rev. Paul F. Zoschke of Columbus, Nebraska.

THE 1964 Spring Convocation was held at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., March 17 and 18, under the leadership of President Frank Veninga. In addition to the seminary body, the audience included about 75 local and regional pastors of our churches. Some local pastors of other denominations were also present.

The lecturer for this Convocation was Dr. Josef Nordenhaug of Washington, D. C., general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. Having been born and reared in Norway, Dr. Nordenhaug earned his Master of Science degree from the University of Oslo, and took his theological training at the Southern Baptist Seminary where he later also received his Doctor of Divinity degree.

THE BAPTIST WITNESS

As a servant of Christ, Dr. Nordenhaug has proven himself effective as a theologian, preacher, teacher, administrator, pastor, translator and writer. Thus his varied service has thoroughly prepared him for his leadership in the highest position possible in Baptist circles.

The theme for these Convocation lectures was, "The Baptist Witness in World Outreach." His personal contacts with Baptist work around the world enabled him to bring a wide knowledge and understanding of the Baptist witness into these lectures.

Dr. Nordenhaug's first lecture, "What We Have Heard, and Seen, and Touched," emphasized the great reality and centrality of Christ as the "Word

of life" in all our thinking and doing. Differentiating between believing and faith, the lecturer said, "Believing is supposing something to be true as a proposition, and faith is commitment to what we believe." "Faith is what I believe plus myself."

In the second lecture, "The Troubled

with the Creator and sovereign Ruler in Jesus Christ as Revealer and Redeemer.

BAPTIST WORLD FELLOWSHIP
For Wednesday evening and the third of Dr. Nordenhaug's lectures, "The Task of the Baptist World Fel-



1964 SPRING CONVOCATION AT THE NAB SEMINARY

Many ministers, students and professors, and friends in the city filled the North American Baptist Seminary Chapel to hear Dr. Josef Nordenhaug of Washington, D. C.

World is Waiting," the speaker pictured humanity in their respective countries, cultures, religions and governments as anxiously waiting for what is so basic in our Baptistic proclamation: first hand contact and experience

lowship," the First Baptist Church of Sioux Falls had offered its spacious sanctuary for an all-Baptist rally. Representatives of several Baptist groups appeared on the program. The speaker used the symbolism of a family album to take us in "arm-chair travel" from Alaska to Australia, and from Brazil to Japan, touching virtually upon all those families in between.

In the fourth lecture, "The Witness on Trial," Dr. Nordenhaug brought us face to face with the reality that our witness in the world is continually on trial. The world wants to know whether we are living by "what we have heard, and seen, and touched." People put more stock in demonstrations than in proclamations.

The concluding message, "The Revolutionary Way of Love," based on 1 Cor. 13, was a lecture and a message in one. Dr. Nordenhaug stressed that "love was Christ's motive power and must be ours; Christian love is not dependent upon the reception it gets, and it is not terminated when it is rebuffed." "The aim of Christian love is to win the vanquished and to help him start a new life."

Thus another successful service by the seminary to the student body and the area attendants has been written into history.



LEADERS AT THE NAB SEMINARY CONVOCATION

Left to Right: Dr. George A. Dunger, President Frank Veninga, Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Rev. David Draewell, Professor Hugo Lueck.

May 7, 1964

Bible School on the Indian Field

Indians on the Bull Reserve of Alberta study God's Word, sing the Gospel songs and discuss the eternal truths of Christianity in this Bible School held for a full week.

By Rev. William Sturhahn, Coordinator of the Indian Mission Work

FOR THE SECOND YEAR we have completed a Bible School on the Bull Reservation near Wetaskiwin, Alberta with only Indian people as students under the preparation and direction of our missionary, Rev. R. Neuman. The outcome of such a school, including the attendance and final results, is usually unpredictable. The missionary invites and publicizes the school, but he never knows who will be present or who will not be present until the morning of its beginning.

Our enrollment this year was nine, an increase of 50% over last year, although several of last year's students were not present and several new students participated wholeheartedly. Besides grounding the believers in the faith, these sessions are an opportunity for the Holy Spirit to convict unconverted souls about sin.

STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Both of these ministries were fulfilled during this year's Bible School, which was held from Feb. 17-21. Rev. R. Neuman, this time in cooperation with the young established church, had assigned subjects from the Old and New Testament to the three visiting teachers. The class sessions began at 9:30 A.M. and, with tea break and noon luncheon, lasted until 4:30 P.M. It was a full program, offering to the Indian people concentrated studies, discussions on their own level of understanding, and within their own cultural sphere.

Rev. Phil. Grabke, former missionary to the Indians, taught from his rich experience a course on New Testament survey, giving a bird's eye view of the 27 New Testament books. Rev. Wm. Sibley, pastor of our Calvary

Church in Wetaskiwin, in his masterful and dramatic way gave five lectures on Old Testament characters—Abraham, Joseph, Moses, David and Elijah and Elisha. Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, coordinator of our Indian mission work, taught the two subjects: "The Life of Christ" and the "Person and Ministry of the Holy Spirit."

19 CHURCH MEMBERS

Among first time student we had a newly married, young couple, John and Theresa Bull. Theresa came out of a full Roman Catholic background, and sat in amazement for the first time in her life under the teaching of the Word of God. She asked questions which revealed a genuine thirst for truth, and when Mr. Sibley after an evangelistic message on Friday evening extended the invitation to accept Christ in faith as Savior, Theresa did not hesitate long before she said "yes" to the Holy Spirit. We believe that the Lord will use this young couple

Missionary Poster Contest at Glenbard

The story of missionary excitement at the Glenbard Baptist Church, Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

By Larry L. Peabody, Assistant Editor of POWER magazine.

HOW DO YOU spark the interest of a whole church in a coming missionary conference? This question faced the Glenbard Baptist (Glen Ellyn, Ill.) leaders prior to their four-day missionary conference which began Feb. 12.

Glenbard's answer? A Missionary Poster Contest for its children and



Bible School held on the Indian Bull Reserve of Alberta.

Teachers (standing, left to right): Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, Rev. W. W. Sibley, Rev. Phil Grabke and Rev. R. Neuman, missionary.

to his glory.

The young church presently has 19 members. Already the impact of the Gospel is being felt very definitely on the total population of the Bull Reserve. By constant Bible teaching the young Christians will not only be strengthened in the faith, but their witness will go forth through sanctified lives, cleaner homes and genuine purpose and joy.

young people! Competition was set up in five divisions—Senior High, Junior High, Junior, Primary, and Beginner. Three weeks before the conference began, the rules were announced, and the children flew at it with paint and crayon. In all, 45 posters were submitted for judging, out of which 14 winners were selected—three in all divisions except Senior High where there were only two entries.

The posters were hung in the church basement for judging. They were rated on appropriateness of theme, originality and artistic finesse. The three judges, members of the congregation, were a commercial artist, an architect, and an air-brush artist. First, second, and third-place posters in each division were displayed in the sanctuary with appropriate colored ribbons. Each winner received a fitting book or prize with a missionary theme.

As a bonus, the five winners in the top divisions were given a tour of the North American Baptist headquarters by Dr. R. Schilke. They met the entire office staff, and saw how supplies were handled and sent out to our missionaries.

After the contest, Bobby Richardson,

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BAPTIST HERALD

Centennial Celebration at Kankakee, Illinois

Founder's Day service, Centennial Banquet and Sunday festivities at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Illinois reported by Mrs. Alice Luhrs.

FROM the opening strains of the call to worship, "Thy Name We Praise" sung by the choir, to the final challenging words of Dr. Martin Leuschner of Forest Park, Illinois, an inspiring service was held to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Ill., on Thursday evening, March 12th, the actual date of the founding of the church. He gave us glimpses of the pioneer days and early history of the church on the topic, "God's Green Garden."

FOUNDER'S DAY SERVICE

The pastor, Rev. Robert Schreiber, read greetings from a former pastor, Dr. Louis R. Johnson; the Misses Ruby and Esther Salzman, missionaries in the Cameroons, West Africa and the Philippine Islands, respectively; and Rev. and Mrs. Earl Ahrens, missionaries in Colorado. Greetings were also brought from the Kankakee Ministerial Association by Rev. Peter Siemens, pastor of the First Baptist Church. Prayer was given by Rev. William Morrison, our visitation pastor.

Out-of-town guests were Mrs. Charles Zummach of Peoria, Ill., whose husband was a former pastor; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Meister, superintendent of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged and his wife; and Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Blatt, from Milwaukee, Wis. Special music was by the church choir and a duet by Mrs. Robert Schreiber and Mrs. Donald Vaupel. Refreshments were served following the service in the Fellowship Hall from a table decorated with a centerpiece of spring flowers. There was also a fine display of pictures and other historical memorabilia.

The Centennial Banquet was held at the Civic Auditorium on Saturday evening, March 14. Rev. Robert Schreiber was the master of ceremonies. Mr. Arthur Lay was the song leader and Mrs. Gaynell Luebeck was the pianist. The Hon. Ray H. Nourie, Mayor of the City of Kankakee, brought official greetings. Also congratulating the church was Alderman Vaughn McMullen from the Ward in which the church is situated.

CENTENNIAL BANQUET

Mr. Robert C. Johnson gave a Swedish monolog and vocal selections in German by Brahms and Bach were sung by Gunhild Reschke, an American Foreign Student. "The Old Rugged Cross" was played by a brass quartet consisting of Tom Milk, Marshall True, Allan and Wayne Salzman. The "sublime" moments came with the singing of "The Unveiled Cross" by the quartet.

Rev. Herman H. Riffel of St. Clair

May 7, 1964

Shores, Mich., former pastor, brought the message, "Immanuel—God With Us." We must keep our posts and advance. A tremendous challenge for the church of Jesus Christ is in the days ahead. Over 400 members, out-of-town guests, former members and friends gathered in the beautifully decorated auditorium. Old fashioned kerosene

who also made models of the various churches and parsonages; Albert Salzman, chairman of the Homecoming Committee; Mrs. George A. Salzman, chairman of the Pageant Committee. Mrs. Chas. Zummach, Dr. Gernenz, and his father, Mr. John Gernenz, now living in Springfield, Ill., were introduced. Young girls serving as usherettes for



EXECUTIVE BOARD OF IMMANUEL CHURCH, KANKAKEE

Members of the Executive Board of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Ill., have given leadership to the church's Centennial Year program along with the pastor, Rev. Robert Schreiber (right, 2nd row from front).

lamps provided the illumination for the speakers' table with a centerpiece of spring flowers. Hurricane lamps (with candles) and spring flowers were on the other tables.

Mrs. Cecil A. Martin was the banquet chairman, Warren Maas, chairman, and Mrs. Arthur Salzman and Mrs. C. Salzman were the decoration committee. Mrs. Floyd Bailey was in charge of the "Barbie Doll" project. Roy Johnson, Sr., was chairman of the Publicity Committee; Leo Burns, chairman of the Exhibit Committee; William E. Stewig, chairman of the Historical Committee,

the banquet were, the Misses Sandra Beasley, Janet Vinson, Meredith Johnson, and Sandra Siles. Miss Janice Williams, registered the guests.

SUNDAY FESTIVITIES

Dr. Albert Gernenz, executive secretary of the Illinois Baptist State Convention and "a son" of this church, brought a very challenging message in the morning service. He contrasted the time getting "into outer space" and going around the world compared with the difficulties of the people who came from Green Garden, Ill., who had a burden for "church extension" in Kankakee, in transportation and poor roads. Rev. Riffel spoke on the "Spiritual Power for this Material Age" at the Sunday evening service.

CHRIST'S CHURCH

The lighthouse founded on a rock
Casts o'er the flood its radiant eye,
Firm amidst ocean's heaviest shock,
Serene beneath the stormiest sky.

Thus built upon eternal truth,
High in mid-heaven, o'er land and sea,
Christ's church holds forth to age and youth

A beacon and a sanctuary.

—JAMES MONTGOMERY



Some of the Missionary Poster Contest winners at the Glenbard Church, Glen Ellyn, Ill. Left to right, front row: David Dahms, Bonnie Kupper, Jennifer Dahms; back row: Vickie Volkman, Schari Ziesemer, Peggy Kupper, Patty Hacker and Connie Salios, Jr.

Creston, B. C., Needs Your Help!

A new Church Extension project in the beautiful Creston Valley of British Columbia is ministering to large groups of "new Canadians."

By Rev. R. Milbrandt, Church Extension Pastor

THE CRESTON VALLEY at large of British Columbia has a population of approximately 9,500 and is beautifully nestled in the Kootenay Flats. Its 40,000 acres is the largest continuous area of fertile land in the Southern Interior of British Columbia. The Flats at one time formed part of the Kootenay Lakes. The reclamation of these lands was first considered in 1882 by an Austrian Game Hunter and was finally completed by others in 1949. Today, this reclaimed land is used for wheat farming, dairying, cattle raising, as well as for small fruits and vegetables such as strawberries, raspberries, potatoes and peas. The higher land is used for the coarser fruits such as cherries, apples, pears, etc. Hundreds of thousands of boxes of fruit are raised and processed in the three grading stations located in the valley.

A GORGEOUS WONDERLAND

The great Kootenay Lakes are enticing and bring many fishermen to this area to try their luck at getting their share of the variety of fish found therein. The streams have their various trout fish and the rivers also include link and sturgeon. The higher lands and mountains in their majestic heights form a real paradise for the hunter who is interested in getting a trophy

from the great variety of wild life to be found in this gorgeous wonderland in the greater Creston Valley.

The people and their backgrounds are as varied as nature itself. In my visitation work and other contacts, I have found that the largest percentage are of German descent. In 1929, the Canada Colonization Association brought many new settlers to this area, mostly of German nationality. The German language, however, is used very little and possibly only in few homes.

Among the various kinds of people in this environment, you likewise find a great variety of religious denominations. There are approximately 14 different churches and organizations in this valley and our coming increases the number by one. The interest among the people in religious matters is at a very low ebb; consequently the attendance in general in all the church services is very small.

THE COMMUNITY'S NEED

Remarks have been made such as: "Why another church body in Creston?" In considering the population and the size of the churches located here, it is easy to answer that question. If only one-third of the Creston people would attend a church service, the

present buildings would not even hold them. Hence, our coming to this community fills a great need. There is no other Baptist church or witness for approximately 70 miles east, 100 miles south, 75 west and many more miles to the north.

The people in general are of a poor working class with not too much capital. Logging and sawmills are also scattered throughout the area, and these people appear to be of the low earning bracket. Some, of course, may have a little money but as yet they have not learned to give for the Lord's work and need to be educated along that line.

We submit our request for the prayers and support of the people of our denomination for this important work and new Church Extension project.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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suffer for Christ than to be at ease apart from Christ. There is nothing contrary in these two portions of Scripture. They simply point to the fact of putting first things first. When there is a conflict of allegiance between God and Caesar, then God must come first.

Peter does not recommend a deliberate attempt of seeking to be martyrs for Christ, but when in the course of their testimony they find no way out then it is better to die for Christ than to live by giving up the convictions of a Christian faith.

Questions for Discussion:

1. How do you suppose you could be a true witness for Christ under a Communist government?
2. Do you think that Paul thought too highly or too favorably of the Roman government?

FAMILY WEEK IN MAY

Theme: "The Church in Thy House"

Observe Family Week for a one-week period in May or arrange for the entire month of May to center around the emphasis on the family.

Suggestions for the observance of Family Week or Family Month have been made available to the pastors by the Department of Christian Education. A suggested outline was prepared by Rev. Connie Salios, pastor of the Glenbard Baptist Church, Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

Additional copies of the Family Emphases' suggestions are available upon request.



THE CITY OF CRESTON, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Creston, B. C., with a population of about 9500 is beautifully nestled in the Kootenay Flats in the midst of a gorgeous wonderland in the greater Creston Valley. Here Rev. and Mrs. R. Milbrandt have started a new and promising Church Extension project.

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sunday school lessons

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

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: May 17, 1964

Theme: ALCOHOL IN A COMPLEX SOCIETY (TEMPERANCE)

Scripture: Romans 13:1-7; I Peter 4:12-16

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: It is not enough for Christians to live within the bounds of the law; they must also live within the bounds of love.

INTRODUCTION: The topic today is closely associated with last week's lesson, for it concerns a problem affecting the leisure of millions of people. The cocktail party is becoming one of the nation's most favorite pastimes.

Drinking and drunkenness have a long history that goes at least as far back as Noah. Here we see a man diligent and sober when he had a great work to do, but failed when he did not know how to use his leisure time effectively.

American people spend much more for alcohol than they do for education, and far more than they do for religion. The statistics are often staggering and there is still no end in sight. If the thirst for alcohol could be substituted for a thirst for God, what a spiritual transformation would take place in our world!

The Christian must realize that this is a social as well as an individual problem. It is our responsibility to win them one by one, but we must also let our voices be heard so that the root of the problem can be alleviated.

I. LET US WALK HONESTLY. Romans 13:12-14.

The Christian is to conduct himself becomingly for he has cast off the old, filthy garments of sin and put on the armor of light. He not only has a new uniform, he also has a new life. His conduct on the outside is different because his life on the inside is changed.

When the Christian is told to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ," it is because this is the way he can grow into an intimate and personal friendship with Christ. It is a different way of expressing the power of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

The Christian is also to walk in love so that no weak brother may be spiritually injured by what he does. A concern for a weak brother is even more important than a concern for a weak stomach (I Tim. 5:23).

II. LET US NOT JUDGE ONE ANOTHER. Romans 14:13-18.

Paul advised the Christians to stop finding fault with each other and begin to examine themselves. Their actions

and attitudes were creating a stumbling block for weaker brothers. Jesus had some very strong words concerning those who gave occasion for stumbling (Matt. 18:5-14). "Woe unto the world because of offenses."

People who live and strive and find their only joy and aim in life by eating and drinking are living on the level of animals. The physical life will be much more enjoyable if the spiritual life is fulfilled.

III. LET US FOLLOW AFTER PEACE. Romans 14:19-21.

Every sincere Christian knows the difference between a physical feast and a spiritual feast, and it is the hunger and thirst for the second that is most important. But the unrest in the world today is caused primarily because people strive for more of the things of the world.

It is so easy to hurt a weak brother by physical things which are done by strong spiritual men. Self-denial is necessary for the peace and security of others. Those who are filled with wine cannot follow after peace; we must rely on those who are filled with the Holy Spirit.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Is it right to cater to weak Christians if they make no effort to become stronger?

2. What can we as Christians do about the tremendous power of liquor advertising?

3. Why cannot the Christian say, "What I do is my own business"?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: May 24, 1964

Theme: DEMANDS OF CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

Scripture: Romans 13:1-7; I Peter 4:12-16

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: If the Christian is a good citizen of heaven, he will also be a good citizen of his country.

INTRODUCTION: Our government is far from perfect; but in many respects, so is the church. This should not deter us from realizing our responsibilities in both. Compared to the Roman government in Paul's time, ours is certainly far superior and more just with a greater degree of freedom for its citizens. Yet Paul had many good things to say about the Roman government in his day and even appealed to it when he thought it was necessary.

Our democratic form of government calls for the intelligent and dedicated participation of any qualified citizen.

The rights and privileges which we enjoy are denied people in many other countries. Christians in particular ought to make the Christian influence felt in the way they hold public office, obey laws, pay taxes and in their loyalty to their country.

Although Rome was not aware of it, God used it to prepare the way for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Roman roads, the seaways and the freedom of traveling from country to country under Roman protection helped Paul to carry the Gospel to the Gentiles.

I. ORDAINED GOVERNMENT. Romans 13:1-4.

Freedom was a new word to many of the early Christians. Some thought that freedom in Christ meant freedom from the moral law, while others had the impression that they were free of Roman law. Some thought that because they were now in the Kingdom of God there would immediately be a new political order.

Paul had to remind these Christians about their present duties and responsibilities as citizens of the Roman Empire. It had to be honored as the administrator of civil law. If each person were to take the law in his own hands there would be confusion and anarchy. The Christian obeys the laws of the state because he has a loving desire to do so. To him, the government is a friend, not an enemy, and he should therefore be a model citizen.

II. SUBJECTION TO GOVERNMENT. Romans 13:5-7.

There seems to be a clear biblical statement in verse 6 reminding the Christian that he has an obligation to the government by paying his taxes. There is something about paying taxes that is very distasteful and very few have a kind word for it. There are wide-spread abuses in government and much of our tax money is wasted. But this was also true in Paul's time and yet he thought that the paying of taxes was good and necessary.

We cannot wait until all the injustices in government spending are corrected before we pay taxes, but as Christian citizens we can do our part to elect officials who are honest and responsible and to offer ourselves for public office if we are qualified.

III. PERSECUTION UNDER GOVERNMENT. I Peter 4:12-16.

This was written at a later period when the emperors, such as Nero, began the program of persecution against Christians. Peter encouraged the Christians and reminded them of Christ's sufferings. It was better to

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● **Rev. L. B. Hinz**, pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas has announced that he has received an appointment as part time chaplain of the United States government, involving 20 hours a week, in the Veterans Hospital, effective March 20. He will continue to serve as the minister of the Central Church of Waco as heretofore.

● **The Calvary and First Baptist Churches** of Killaloe, Ontario have called Rev. Edgar W. Klatt of Edmonton, Alberta to serve as interim pastor. He responded favorably to the invitation and began his interim ministry in Killaloe in April. For the past months since last fall he has served in a similar capacity with great effectiveness in the Hudson Bay Park Church of Saskatoon, Sask.

● **For some months the Immanuel Baptist Church**, Kyle, Texas has been served by the interim pastor, Rev. William H. Barsh of Houston, Texas. He is a graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., in the class of 1926 and began his ministry at the Memorial Baptist Church of New Britain, Conn. He was ordained by his home church, the Bethel Heights Church of Gatesville, Texas in 1928.

● **Rev. Arthur Weisser** of Rochester, N. Y., pastor of the Andrew Street Baptist Church since 1952, recently resigned as pastor of the Rochester church and announced that he had accepted a call from the First Baptist Church of Granville, N. Y., in the Lake George area. This is a church of the American Baptist Convention. He will begin his ministry in the Granville church on June 1st.

● **Deeper Spiritual Life Meetings** were held at the First Baptist Church of Appleton, Minn., from March 15 to 20 with Rev. Milton W. Falkenberg of Venturia, N. Dak., as the guest speaker. Dr. C. H. Seecamp, pastor, wrote: "We pray that the seed of the Word of God that was sown will bear eternal results in the spiritual growth of the members of the church and in the lives of the unconverted who heard the Spirit-filled messages."

● **Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Brust** of Salem, Ore., have announced the birth of a daughter on March 21. This is their second daughter. Mr. Brust is pastor of the Bethel Church and Brush College Chapel of Salem. Rev. and Mrs. Harry Haas of Sumner, Iowa have announced the birth of a son on March 2 who has been given the name of Jeramy Scott. He has three other brothers: Jeffrey, Jason and Joel. Rev. Harry Haas is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa.

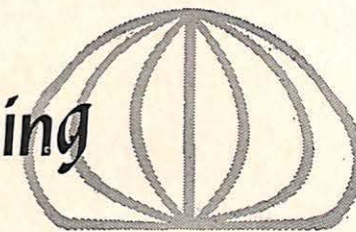
● **Rev. Oscar Autritt** of Washington, D. C., a graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary in 1905, passed away on March 20 at his home in Washington, D. C. at the age of 82 years. He served as pastor of the following NAB churches: Winona, Minn.; Omaha, Neb.; and Beatrice, Neb. He founded the famous Congregation of

All Nations in Washington, D. C., with parts of each service conducted in several languages. A sister of his, Mrs. Otto May of Dallas, Ore., survives among others.

● **The Spring Valley Baptist Church** of Canistota, S. Dak., has extended a call to Mr. Ray Hoffman to become the full time pastor at the close of the school term. He has been serving as the student pastor at the Spring Valley

sions were a wonderful success with 14 children and 6 adults making their decision for Christ, most of them for the first time. The adults and two of the children are "the first fruits" from the new neighborhood, which will now bring English-speaking people from the community into the church's membership and will make the congregation more conscious of its real mission in the surrounding area.

what's happening



Church while studying at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. He and his family will move into the parsonage in Canistota either in June or August. His ministry as full time pastor will begin June 1st following the commencement exercises of the Seminary on Sunday, May 17.

● **Mr. Paul Meister** of Chicago, Ill., will graduate with the Bachelor of Divinity degree from the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago on May 25. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Meister who are serving as administrators of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Norridge, Ill. He is a member of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago. He has also served faithfully as Sunday school teacher in the Forest Park Baptist Church. The secretarial staff has interviewed Mr. Meister and is recommending him and his wife to NAB pastorless churches.

● **The Immanuel Baptist Church**, Woodside, N. Y., held Deeper Life Meetings from March 11 to 18 with Rev. William Hoover of Anaheim, Calif., serving as evangelist. Rev. A. Husmann, pastor, reported that the ses-

REV. THEO. W. DONS 1887 - 1964

Rev. Theo W. Dons of Sterling, Kansas was called to his heavenly Home on April 8 at the age of 76 years of age. He served as pastor of NAB churches in Ellinwood, Kansas; Cleveland, Ohio (Erin Ave. Church); and Forest Park, Ill. He also served as denominational evangelist for several years. His widow, a son and two daughters survive one of whom is Mrs. Wm. H. Jeschke of Portland, Oregon. The memorial tribute will appear in a later issue. —EDITOR.

● **A Community-wide Baptist Rally** for Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was held at the First Baptist Church on Tuesday evening, March 17, with Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, as guest speaker. President Frank Veninga of the NAB Seminary presided and the "Singing Men" of the Seminary sang. President Veninga brought the Easter message at the Downtown Sioux Falls Kiwanis Club at Wednesday noon, March 18. Thursday morning, March 25, an Easter Concert, "Through Death to Life," was presented by Mr. Robert L. Veninga, pianist, with Mr. Manfred T. Brauch as narrator at the Seminary Chapel.

● **Dr. William A. Mueller** of New Orleans, Louisiana, professor at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, spent two weeks (March 16 Seminary, the Forest Park headquarters to 28) at the Forest Park headquarters building, doing intensive research work on our denominational history. He has been given the assignment to write a definitive history of North American Baptist churches which will be published about 1967. Prof. Mueller is a former pastor of NAB churches and can speak and read fluently in several languages, especially in German. On Sunday, March 22, he preached in the Immanuel Church of Brookfield, Wis., his "home church" from which he went to the Seminary in Rochester, N. Y. in 1924.

● **On Thursday and Friday, April 2** and 3, the senior students of the North American Baptist Seminary, the Sioux Falls, S. Dak., were the guests of the denominational general secretaries at the headquarters building in Forest Park, Ill. They toured the building, were briefed by all department heads about our literature program, objectives and with the "headquarters family." At the prayer meeting held (Continued on page 17)

We the Women

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

THE IDEAL MOTHER

By Mrs. Walter Stein
of Fraser, Michigan
President of the Woman's Missionary Union
Central Conference

In 1st Samuel, chapter one, we have the story of an ideal mother, a woman who earnestly desired a child and then dedicated him to the Lord. In our day dedication services are beautiful and fashionable. These services very often take place on Mother's Day when Christian and non-Christian mothers bring their little ones for dedication.

To dedicate a child means that the parents place their choicest treasure in the hands from whom it has come. They ask the Heavenly Father to use the little one for the advancement of his Kingdom and to guide them as parents in carrying out his will for the home. The value of this ceremony depends largely on the faith of those who bring the child to God for his blessing.

Hannah dedicated her baby to the Lord before he was ever conceived. No doubt he was committed to the Lord every night until he was born when he was surely dedicated to God. Little Samuel was publicly dedicated to the Lord when he was weaned.

The public dedication of Samuel drew from the lips of Hannah some of the most beautiful words ever uttered by a joyous mother: "For this child I prayed; and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of him. Therefore also I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord" (I Samuel 1:28, 29).

In chapter two we have the beautiful song Hannah sang to her little baby as she rocked him to sleep. It is similar to "The Magnificat" of Mary. Fortunate is the child whose mother sings him to sleep with hymns of praise. Fortunate indeed is the little child who has a home as happy and harmonious as that to which the little Samuel came.

On this Mother's Day, our prayer is that every mother would rededicate her own life, dedicate the life of her child, and vow to make her child's home a happy harmonious home in this world of unrest and unhappiness.

Love droops; youth fades;
The leaves of friendship fall;
A mother's love outlives them all.
—OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES

From the Professor's Desk

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

In view of your discussions about the gift of speaking in tongues, what is the proper emphasis on the Holy Spirit?

A proper emphasis on the Holy Spirit should certainly begin with an adequate concept or doctrine of the Spirit. The Scripture indicates that the Spirit is not merely an influence, power or energy, but is a person in as full a sense as the Father and the Son are personal, and is a person distinct from them.

Evidences of the Spirit's personality are seen in the references to him as thinking, speaking, teaching, revealing, guiding, inspiring and praying, all of which are personal activities (John 14:26; 16:13, 14; Acts 8:29; 13:2; Rom. 8:14, 16, 26, 27; I Cor. 2:10, 11; II Pet. 1:21). Emotions such as love and grief are ascribed to him (Rom. 15:30; Eph. 4:30). He has a will by which he decides, guides, leads, hinders and strives (John 16:13, 14; Rom. 8:14; Acts 16:6, 7). He is represented as possessing personal individuality (John 6:63; 16:7-11; Acts 10:19-20; Gal. 6:8). The Spirit is spoken of personally in connection with the Father, Christ and Christians (Matt. 28:19; II Cor. 13:14; Acts 15:28).

NATURE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus spoke of the Holy Spirit as "another Comforter" (John 14:16, 17, 26; 15:26; 16:13, 14), who would in a very real sense take his place after he had departed from the disciples. No one but a person could take the place of our Lord. (The Greek word in the New Testament for "another" designates another of the same kind.) Masculine pronouns are used of the Spirit, which is especially meaningful for his personality, since the Greek word for Spirit, "pneuma," is a neuter noun.

Not only is the Holy Spirit a person, but he is God; that is, a divine person. He possesses full deity, equal and eternal with the Father and the Son. He is expressly called "God" and "the Lord" (Acts 5:1-4; II Cor. 3:17). Divine attributes are ascribed to him: omnipresence, omnipotence, omniscience, eternity, sovereignty, immutability, truth, love, life and holiness (Psa. 139:7-16; Rom. 8:2-11; 15:30; I Cor.

NORTHERN CONFERENCE SESSIONS, JULY 7-9

The NORTHERN CONFERENCE will convene July 7-9, 1964 with the Bethany Baptist Church, 329-19 Street North, Lethbridge, Alberta.
Theme: DECISIVE CHRISTIANITY (Romans 12:1, 2).

2:10, 11; 12:11; Heb. 9:14; John 6:13; Eph. 4:30).

Divine works are ascribed to the Spirit: creation, the incarnation of the Son, inspiration of Scripture, illumination, regeneration, sanctification (Gen. 1:2; Job 26:13; 33:4; Matt. 1:18, 20; II Pet. 1:21; II Tim. 3:16, 17; John 3:5, 6; 16:13; Rom. 15:16). Divine honor and worship is ascribed to the Spirit such as is due only to God. He is associated on a plane of equality with the Father and the Son (Matt. 28:19; II Cor. 13:14).

It is characteristic of the Holy Spirit not to draw attention to himself, but to reveal and magnify Christ, who in turn honors the Father (John 16:13-15). The Spirit has come to do in us that which our Saviour came to do for us. If Christ made salvation available, the Spirit makes it effective. It is the Spirit who constitutes and maintains our union with Christ (John 15:1-27). Whereas Christ is our advocate with the Father, the Spirit is the Father's advocate with us.

WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The divine, personal Spirit lives within each Christian and wants to evidence God's life in us. Every true believer is a temple of God, indwelt by the Holy Spirit. Since the Spirit is a real person, there is another mind resident within the Christian. The mind of the Spirit wants to take control of our mind so that our minds conform to the mind of God.

Our emotions should also come under the mastery of the feelings of the Spirit so that we will love only that which God loves and hate only that which God hates. As a will at work within us he quickens, corrects and directs our human will, motivating us to do the Father's perfect will. By the divine energy of the Spirit within we are able to please God fully.

The name *Holy Spirit* emphasizes a particular and characteristic aspect of God's nature. By means of the Spirit's own inner workings in our soul, he is able to effect in us a moral purity and ethical maturity greatly needed and seldom achieved in our time. The Spirit is constantly ready to work within us to maintain and strengthen the new life we received in regeneration (the new birth) and to enable us to do good works.

Recognition of Christ's Lordship is the Spirit's primary work in the Christian and love is his primary gift. Christlikeness is the most convincing evidence of the Spirit's fullness, and the true unity of believers is the most palpable proof thereof.

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during the afternoon coffee break, Mr. Chester Strobel, Senior Class president, brought a devotional message and Mr. Ben Breitzkreuz, Student Body president, offered prayer. The Roger Williams Book Store made a gift of new books to each of the senior students.

MISSIONARY POSTER CONTEST

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first-place Senior High winner, was asked what he had learned. "We need more missionaries, and more money to send them," he said.

Ten-year-old Vicki Volkman, third-place in the junior division, said, "If we can't go, we should give and pray."

Pastor Salios originated the idea for the poster contest. "The primary purpose of the contest was to stimulate interest in the missionary conference," he said. "A second purpose was to create an awareness of the field in which our NAB missionaries serve, and to make the young people familiar with some of our missionaries." Next year Glenbard Church plans a Missionary Book Reading Contest.

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Heart of a Stranger

A Christian Novel With Breath-taking Suspense

by Lon Woodrum

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SYNOPSIS

Tom Beacon came to the desert town of Quantacca to "set up" a robbery that would stir this quiet town to its very roots. On the edge of town, he stopped at the Foodnook Cafe and met Nancy, a sweet Christian waitress. But her brother, Brett, didn't like the looks of him. "Something about him bothers me," he said. Tom took Nancy on several dates but she talked constantly of her faith in Christ as her Savior. She helped Tom to meet Marianne Towers, the daughter of the town's banker. Marianne learned about the plans for the robbery and wanted to help the gang. One dark night at an abandoned mine shaft, Tom Beacon met one of his gang, Blacky McTone. They talked about Marianne. Blacky was upset that she knew and said:

CHAPTER TEN

"It would have been better if no one knew. I don't trust any woman in a deal like this. She may go through with the heist okay. Like you said, she may have big ideas and want to get out of this burg. But how about you? The gal must go for you or she wouldn't work with you. You think she may give you the double-cross later on? I wouldn't want her on my neck."

"Someone has to work from the inside."

"Beacon, listen. You agreed to come here and set this job up. Me and my boys will handle the stick-up. How you set it up is up to you. Just don't make any slips for us. Me and my boys, I mean. You understand?"

"I understand. I'll handle my end." But even as he spoke Tom felt a vast uneasiness nag him. He wasn't certain yet how he was going to handle Marianne.

"Then it's set," said McTone. "Wednesday morning. When we knock the bank off you can either stay or take it on the lam. Whatever seems best to you. I'll meet you in Frisco at Mantoni's place one month after the job, for your cut. If I'm not there I'll leave your cut with Mantoni."

"Okay," said Tom.

The two began climbing the path

toward their cars. They had just reached the top when McTone turned to Tom.

"You never dropped any hint to that president's kid who was coming in to handle this job, did you?"

"Do I look crazy?"

"You better be sure, friend."

Suddenly McTone stiffened, his hand clawing at his pocket.

"Someone's coming!" he hissed.

Steps sounded in the darkness. A flashlight snapped on a few yards away.

A voice came to them. "What about it? No one ever comes up here."

"Hey look!" said another voice. "Look, it's Tom's Buick!"

Freddie went into the living room where his father was reading the evening paper.

"Hi, Pop," said Freddie. "What's new?"

Robin Fitzgerald glanced up at him over the paper. "Same thing. Trouble all over the world."

There was a rap on the door and Freddie went to open it. It was Juan Diego. He came in, smiling gently.

"Hi, *amigo*," said Fitzgerald. "Have a chair."

Juan sat down. "*Amigo*, if you wish to read the poem—"

Immediately Fitzgerald was a man happy to have an audience. He went to a drawer and dug out some old clippings of poems he had published in religious magazines years before.

"People don't like poetry too much these days, Juan," he said.

Freddie took a seat beside Juan. He liked poetry, too. *Some day*, he often told himself, *I'll write a lot of poems myself*. He had ever been appreciative that David Gregory often read poems in his sermons.

Fitzgerald began to read. He had a quiet voice that carried feeling. The poem was a simple thing, expressing the idea that in his sufferings man

must not forget that God built a Calvary for His Son to die on.

When the poem was finished Juan drew a long breath and said, "It has the beautiful sound. I do not know why God must send His Son to this place. Do you understand this, *senor*, no?"

"I understand it, yes," said Fitzgerald. "Well maybe I don't understand it, but I know that Calvary was for me. And for you. And you know something, Juan? Some day I'm going to make you see that more clearly."

Juan spread his hands. "I am listen to you, *amigo*."

"Here's a poem about that," said Fitzgerald.

He selected another piece, a thing that had to do with the fact that man seldom sees what he thinks he sees, there is always so much beyond his sight.

"Life is the big mystery," mused Juan when Fitzgerald was through. "Is it not so?"

"I was reading an article lately," said Fitzgerald. "Some scientist said that we don't really know much about anything. Said we were stuck in between the too big and the too little. You rub your hand over your face and it seems smooth, but if you magnify it, the skin has a blanket of oil and sweat on it, and there are big pits full of grease and dirt. The pits are the pores of your skin. And there are forests of hair growing up through the grease out of the pits."

"That's something," said Freddie.

"It is something, yes," said Juan.

"And if you stepped up the magnification enough," said Fitzgerald, "there wouldn't be any skin! Just energy in action. Something like that, the man said. And he said something else. You look at a star, and you may be only looking at where the star *was*, because it's moved, or blown up, and it took a million years for the light to get to where you are."



Tom Beacon somehow felt that the world owed him a living after convicting him of a crime he had never committed. (A. Devaney Photo).

Freddie sat upright. "If a guy blasted off in a spaceship toward some star, he might be headed for where something used to be, maybe!"

Fitzgerald nodded. "Could be. Oh, it's all quite a big set-up, the universe," he said.

"Thees is all too big for me, *senor*, I think," said Juan.

"Too big for anyone," said Fitzgerald.

"But it is fun trying to take the look at it all, *si?*"

"Well, yes. But since we don't have too many answers we'd better stick pretty close to faith."

Juan assented with his head. "But about the faith, *senor*, we are not always agree."

The two began a discussion of religion. Freddie sat listening to them. He marveled, as he always had, that his father knew so much about the Bible. He always had the best of Juan when it came to the Book. Robin Fitzgerald could quote more of the Bible than anyone Freddie had ever known. Probably more than Doctor Gregory, even.

Freddie admired his father. He not only quoted the Book, but he lived by it. Freddie recalled hearing Gregory once say to him, "Son, you have something wonderful happening to you that you won't appreciate until you're a grown man."

"What's that?" Freddie had asked. "You have a father that lives the sort of life God has asked man to live."

Presently the discussion waned and Juan Diego said softly, "It would be the good thing if you say the prayer for me now and then, I think."

"I always pray for you, *amigo*," said Fitzgerald. "Every day."

"*Gracias, amigo*."

Juan left and Fitzgerald said to Freddie. "Some day he'll see the light. He's a good man, and honest. Pray for him, Freddie."

"Sure," said Freddie. He added, "Pop, Alee and I want to go out in the sandhills tonight and eat hot dogs."

"Okay. But don't eat too many hot dogs. And don't stay too late."

Two hours later Freddie and his friend lay beside a campfire. The stars seemed very close overhead. A soft wind moved on the sandhills, this place where the wind had swept away all trace of vegetation and left only the naked sand. The boys thrust wieners on sticks over the crackling fire. The pungent smell drifted on the night air.

They ate with the healthy appetite of boys their age; appetites whetted by a two-mile hike, and by the smell of the camp-fire smoke.

When they had eaten they sat back. Freddie glanced up at the sky. He watched the pin-point stars in the dark vault and said, "Even in spaceships it'd take a long time."

"What?" said Alee.

"It would take a long time to get there. If we traveled thousands of miles a minute it'd take a quillion years to get there."

"Get where?" said Alee.

"To that little bright star up yonder."

"They's a lot of stars up there."

"I'm looking at that one 'way out yonder. If you traveled *ten* thousand miles a minute you'd never live long enough to get there!"

Freddie appeared sad, thinking of all the distance. "Maybe we'll never get out there, and we'll always stay cooped up here on the earth!"

"Maybe," said Alee.

They were silent for some time. The fire made its sounds.

Alee said abruptly, "I wonder what He's like."

"Who?"

"God."

"Oh."

"Yeah."

"I asked Doctor Gregory about Him and he said God was a Spirit."

"What's a spirit?"

"It's something that's like nothing, I guess. What I mean is—aw, you know what I mean."

"Yeah." Alee seemed dreamy-eyed. "I wonder how far space is. How far it goes, I mean."

"It never stops, goofy."

"It just keeps on going forever?"

"Sure. How could it stop?"

"How could it keep going on?"

"That's crazy!"

"What's crazy?"

"I mean you asking how could it keep going on. It *has* to. Just like, well, *time*."

"Like *time*?"

"Sure. Time just keeps on going, doesn't it?"

"It can't!"

"Why can't it?"

"It has to stop, sometime."

"Okay, silly. If it stops, then what?"

"All right, what?"

"There'd have to be *something*. What could there be unless it was just some more time?"

"It makes me feel funny thinking about it," said Alee.

"You know what Doctor Gregory said?"

"What?"

"Don't worry about it. Just accept it. It was all here when we came, and it'll be here when we leave. Just take it while you're here and don't worry about it. He said something like that, anyhow."

"The same way with God, I guess."

"Sure. The same way. Doctor Gregory says we don't even know beans."

"Beans?"

"Yeah. Where do they come from? Beans, I mean. From pods. Where do the pods come from? From vines. Where do the vines come from? From sprouts. Where do the sprouts come from? From beans. See what I mean?"

"Sure I do—maybe."

"Mr. Gregory says you can enjoy something even if you can't understand it."

"I'd sure enjoy another hot dog."

"Who wouldn't!"

"You should have brought six instead of only four."

"I guess so."

They were without words for another space of time. The fire was dying down. They had carried the wood to the barren spot and there was no more.

"We'd better get going home," said Freddie.

"I guess so. I sure hate to leave this old fire."

"Better put sand on it."

They scooped sand up and poured it on the blaze. When it was out the desert seemed very black and lonely. But the stars seemed even brighter.

They took the trail that led back toward the highway. They followed the beam of a flash that Freddie carried. They struck the old road that ran toward the abandoned mine shaft.

Suddenly they saw the lights of a car turn from the highway and move toward them over the old road. They slipped quickly behind a sage bush and the car went past them, toward the old mine.

"Who would be driving over this road?" said Alee. "It ends over there at the old mine."

"Yeah," said Freddie, shaking his head.

They stood up, watching the car come to a stop at the end of the road.

"That's funny," said Freddie.

"Maybe we'd better go and see what gives," said Alee.

"What if they're outlaws, or something?"

"Outlaws? What would outlaws be doing here? There's nothing to rob out here."

"Let's creep up and see the car, huh?"

They followed the old road, walking carefully. In the starlight they saw not only one car, but two. Neither had so much as a taillight burning. They came closer. They heard nothing. Freddie switched on his flash.

"Hey, look!" cried Freddie. "Look, it's Tom's Buick!"

They crept closer. Freddie snapped off his light. A caterpillar of fear crept down his neck. Then, without warning, a huge figure loomed out of the black. A light-beam stabbed at the two boys. They were too startled to run.

"Kids!" growled Blacky McTone. "What are you kids doing here?"

"Why, it's Freddie!" Tom Beacon said, then stopped abruptly.

"Tom!" said Freddie. "Say, you scared me!"

"You know these kids?" McTone wheeled toward Tom.

"I know them," Tom said.

McTone grunted heavily. "Well—"

"I hope we didn't bother you," said Freddie.

"I hope not either," said Alee. Tom said, "I'll take you home."

"Come here a minute Beacon." McTone drew apart from the boys. Tom followed.

"Look, Beacon," McTone said in a low voice. "These kids mean trouble. What are you going to do with them?"

"Do with them?"

(To Be Continued)

OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES & BAPTISMS

GLADWIN, MICH. From Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday the Round Lake Baptist Church, Gladwin, Mich. had the great joy of having Rev. Herman Palfenier, evangelist, and God's Volunteers Team II to challenge us to a "Deeper Life in Christ Jesus." Radiantly and with joy, the God's Volunteers young people ministered in song, music, testimony and a story for the children. A combined Good Friday service was held with the Ministerial Association of Gladwin at the Gladwin High School, and a sunrise service on Easter Sunday at the Good News Camp. Mr. Palfenier brought searching messages in the power of the Lord with a true dedication on the part of all members at the closing service on Easter Sunday. (Augusta Will, Reporter).

BROOKFIELD, WIS. The Immanuel Baptist Church, Brookfield, Wis., and its pastor, Rev. J. J. Renz, recently welcomed 14 new members into its fellowship, 11 by baptism and 3 by letter. The baptismal service was held on Palm Sunday, March 22. The congregation also had the added privilege of having as guest speaker Dr. William Mueller, professor at the Baptist Theological Seminary in New Orleans, La. A candlelight service was held on Maundy Thursday with special choir music and the observance of Holy Communion, after which the hand of fellowship was extended to all new members. Concluding the Holy Week, the young people prepared a special Easter breakfast and sunrise service. During the worship service the con-

gregation heard the choir, under the direction of Mr. William Penzek, present the Easter message in a brief cantata, "The Garden and the Sepulchre" by Protheroe.—(Maxine Grothe, Reporter).

TEMPLE CALGARY, ALBERTA. On Dec. 29, a farewell service was held by the Temple Baptist Church, Calgary, Alta., for Rev. R. Milbrandt and his family. We as a church are thankful for their faithful services for the past six years. On Jan. 10 Rev.



Rev. G. P. Schroeder (left), interim pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Calgary, Alta., and 19 new members received by baptism, letter and confession of faith.

and Mrs. G. P. Schroeder arrived from Lodi, Calif., to start their interim ministry here. God has wonderfully blessed us and their ministry thus far. A Children's Choir was organized under the direction of Rev. G. P. Schroeder. About 40 children attend the re-

hearsals and enjoy the Bible Drills. An orchestra was also started. The band of 27 members and 10 people in training serves very faithfully. We are also thankful for our 30 voice choir. On March 15, we rejoiced in the Lord to see 14 people baptized on confession of their faith in Christ. At the communion service the hand of fellowship was extended to these 14 and to 5 others who came to us by letter of transfer and testimony. (Mrs. B. Kerber, Reporter).

DICKINSON COUNTY, KANSAS. Members and friends of the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County near Elmo, Kansas and their pastor, Rev.

Edwin F. Walter, were spiritually refreshed from the "Deeper Life" meetings held in their church by Rev. Wesley Gerber, pastor of the nearby Durham Baptist Church, March 2 to 8. The theme of the meetings was "His Very Own" taken from the book of Ephesians. Much interest was shown in the Bible reading contest and stories each evening for the children. We experienced many wonderful blessings from God during the "Deeper Life" meetings.—(Mrs. Lowell Abeldt, Reporter).

UNION BAPTISM, KANSAS. The First Baptist Church of Dickinson County near Elmo, Kansas, was filled to overflowing on Palm Sunday evening for the Union Baptismal Service with the Ebenezer Church of Elmo, Strassburg Church of Marion, and the Durham Church. Rev. Don Decker brought the message, "Newness of Life." Rev. Wesley Gerber used Romans 6:1-11 as Scripture lesson. Special music was rendered by the Ebenezer Choir and a duet by the Durham Church. Rev. Edwin Walter of the host church baptized Cindy Anderson and Geraldine Sandow. Rev. Oliver Ringering of Ebenezer baptized Kenny Riffel, Ricky Guthals, Marlene Fick and Deanna Brenner. Rev. Wesley Gerber of Durham baptized Mrs. Ar-



NEW MEMBERS, IMMANUEL CHURCH, BROOKFIELD, WIS.

Back Row: Walter Vollmer, Bonnie Berg, Judy Penzek, Carol Deblitz, Helen Kennelly. Front Row: James Kelber, Jane Lepac, Anne Marie Drexler, Debbie Lang, Jeffrey Krueger, Allan La Duron.

thur Kaiser. Rev. Don Decker of the Strassburg Church baptized Deanna Evans, Autum Kauffman, Deanne Weber and Mrs. Dwight Kruse.—(Mrs. Lowell Abeldt, Reporter).

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

C.G.I.T., EDMONTON, ALTA. Visions of loveliness dazzled the eyes of the people of the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., on Valentine's Day. Brides of yesteryear, dating back to 1944, modelled their wedding gowns at a tea convened by the C.G.I.T. The CANADIAN GIRLS IN TRAINING, familiarly known as C.G.I.T., is a church-guided program for girls 12 to 17 years of age. It is sponsored by four Protestant denominations in Canada and our group was begun at Central Baptist Church during the war years by Mrs. Fred Holzinger. C.G.I.T.—in training in Christian living—is concerned about the development of Christian beliefs and the development of habits of living consistent with the growing understanding of the Christian faith. The program of the 50,000 Canadian Girls in Training is based on this purpose: "Under the leadership of Jesus it is my purpose to: Cherish Health, Seek Truth, Know God, Serve Others, and thus with his help, become the girl God would have me be."—(Mrs. Henry Schroeder, Director).

BETHEL, ANAHEIM, CALIF. The Woman's Missionary Society of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., met March 17. Mrs. Minnie Crain, president of the Harbor Trinity W. M. S. of Costa Mesa, spoke on "Devotions to our Responsibilities," a fitting subject for the annual election of officers taken from James and Romans 12:4, 5. A Christian film, "Rim of the Wheel," was an inspiration for us to put first things first. Musical numbers were a solo, "Flee as a Bird," by Mrs. Diane Huffman and a duet, "In the Garden," by Mrs. Diane Huffman and Mrs. Elizabeth O'Loughlin.—(Mrs. Dorothy Ernst, Reporter).

CRESTON, NEB. The Woman's Missionary Society of the Creston Baptist Church, Creston, Neb., recently presented its annual program. Members of the Redeemer Church, Shell Creek Church and the Humphrey Baptist Church were guests. A series of special meetings was conducted by the pastor, Rev. James Schacher. The theme for these meetings was the study course topic, "A Look At Baptists" by Dr. John Wobig. Teachers and officers of the Sunday school took the final examination at the close of the course. A certificate of credit will be given to each one. (Mrs. Orton Hulsebus, Reporter).

FIRST GERMAN, BENTON HARBOR. On Thursday, Feb. 20, the Woman's Missionary Society of the First German Baptist Church, Benton Har-



"CANADIAN GIRLS IN TRAINING"

Members of the church-guided C.G.I.T. organization of Edmonton, Alta., with their beautiful wedding gowns at a tea held in the McKernan Baptist Church.

bor, Mich., entertained the women from the neighboring churches of our denomination. Women of the sponsoring church prepared a very delicious meal. Mrs. Edith Seltmann led in the singing of "Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus," and then read Ephesians 6:16 and 17. Each church group participated in the program. Mrs. Kenneth Fenner of St. Joseph sang a solo. Mrs. Oberheu of Napier Parkview Church of Benton Harbor presented an accordion solo and the Women's Choir of the First German Baptist Church sang. Rev. Bert Ittermann of the Lakeshore Baptist Church of Stevensville as guest speaker spoke on "The Woman a Missionary at Home." An offering of \$101.00 was received for mission purposes. (Hilda Schwarz, Reporter).

KYLE, TEXAS. The Woman's Missionary Union of the Immanuel Church, Kyle, Texas, presented its annual program on Friday evening, March 20, with the president, Mrs. Adolph Hill presiding. The reports of our secretary and the treasurer gave evidence that we have been busy about the Lord's work. One of the program highlights was a violin solo by Mrs. William H. Barsh, wife of our interim pastor. Miss Minnie Knispel showed slides in reporting about her recent trip to the Holy Land. Our past secretary, Mrs. Kurt Lengefeld, has a perfect attendance record for 11 years. The newly elected officers installed are: president, Mrs. W. C. Schmeltkopf; vice president, Mrs. A. L. Schmeltkopf; 2nd vice president, Mrs. Louis Heidemann; recording secretary, Mrs. C. F. Schmeltkopf; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. E. Wiegand, treasurer, Mrs. Walter Hill; and pianist, Mrs. Emil Schmeltkopf. (Mrs. Emil Schmeltkopf, Reporter).

ST. JOSEPH, MICH. An impressive candlelight service was held Thursday

evening, March 26, at the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich. The Women's Guild, under the leadership of the president, Mrs. Mary Dogger, hosted the First German Church of Benton Harbor and the Napier Parkview Church as well as the newly organized Lakeshore Baptist Church of Stevensville. The program, "The Events of Holy Week," was narrated by Mrs. Muriel Mollhagen. After the events of each day of Holy Week, an appropriate hymn was played by Mrs. Blanche Hill as the congregation meditated on the thoughts just spoken. Special music was supplied by the Lakeshore Baptist Church as Rev. and Mrs. B. A. Itterman sang "May Christ Be Seen in Me" and Mr. Martin Pschigoda sang "On a Rugged Hill." The Scriptural setting was taken from Mark 11:1-10 and read by Mr. Kenneth Fenner. Rev. L. H. Broeker, pastor of the host church, gave the benediction.

SPECIAL EVENTS

MT. STERLING, MO. We of the Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling, Missouri can report that our work as a church is showing progress. The holiday programs have been rendered with interest. Since the beginning of the year, Rev. Frank Armbruster, our pastor, has guided the church in holding a "Two Class Training Union," a class for the adults and one for the young people. We have made some building improvements recently. The walls, ceiling and woodwork of the basement of the church have been painted. The walls of the church auditorium have been covered with birch natural paneling. We are planning on Evangelistic Meetings in late summer. We covet your prayers.—(Ricka Leimkuehler, Reporter).

BISMARCK, N. DAK. A Men's Brotherhood was organized in the Bismarck Baptist Church, N. Dak., on Jan. 24 with twenty charter members. We adopted as our mission project the support of Dr. Peter E. Fehr, our missionary doctor to West Cameroon. Our local project is to help support our Boy Scout group. We meet once a month. The officers are: president, Floyd Lang; vice president, Arvid Wagner; treasurer, Don Seiler; and secretary, John Walker. Rev. Allan Strohschein is the pastor. (John Walker, Secretary).

HEBRON, N. DAK. New pulpit furniture, that has been placed in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church of Hebron, N. Dak., was dedicated at a recent Sunday morning worship service. This was a memorial to the following: Reinhold P. Stading, Charles Miller, Mrs. Regina Fisher, Mrs. Emma Staiger, Henry Schmidt, John P. Schneider, Mrs. Sophie Krein, Reinhold Mutchelknaus, John Stading, Sr., John Nickalous, Miss Hilda Schneider, Mrs. Theo. Heinle, Jacob Kitzan, Herbert Heinle, Mrs. Adolph Vetter, Mrs. Adam Heinle, John J. Wiege and Adam Gienger. A dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. Gordon Voegelé of Wichita, Kansas, one of the sons of the church who was here on vacation. Rev. E. J. Faul is pastor of First Baptist Church. (Mrs. Edwin Schmidt, Reporter).

TEMPLE, LODI, CALIF. Over the weekend of Feb. 22nd, the youth of Temple Baptist Church and First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., went on a retreat to Zephyr Cove, Lake Tahoe, Calif. Approximately 150 young people and counselors attended this yearly retreat. They chose for their Bible study "The Holy Spirit." The guest speakers were Rev. Wm. Acton of the Lincoln Village Baptist Church of Sacramento, Calif., and Larry Ballinger, Youth For Christ Director, of Fresno, Calif. Many young people rededicated their lives during these days. Surely, the Holy Spirit was in our midst at these meetings.—(Thelma Fischer, Reporter).

FAITH, REGINA. The "Highway Signs of Life" was the theme of the illustrated talk given by Mrs. Melba Durston, guest speaker, at the Pioneer Girls Encampment held at Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Sask., on Feb. 22. A solo was sung by Karen Landgraff, a grade 4 student in the Pilgrim Division, and two instrumental numbers by Mrs. Durston on her musical bells. Miss Dilys Browatzke, Chief Guide of the Pilgrim Division, presented awards to ten girls. Donna Fenske and Rose Demyen received gold attendance stripes for perfect attendance during the past year. Assistant Guides for this division are Mrs. Doreen Pickering and Miss Betty Semke. Mrs. Ruth Reed, Chief Guide of the Colonist Division, presented awards to seven girls. Assistant Guide for this Division is Miss Peggy Berquist. Mothers and

**Commencement Exercises
NAB SEMINARY
Sioux Falls, South Dakota
May 16 and 17, 1964**

Saturday Evening, May 16—Seminary Banquet. Mr. Walter Pankrat of Chicago, Ill., speaker.
Sunday Morning, May 17—Baccalaureate Service. Rev. Harold W. Gieseke of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., speaker.
Sunday Afternoon, May 17—Commencement Exercises. Dr. Benjamin Browne, president of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, speaker.

"Pals" of the girls were guests for the occasion. The girls of the Colonist Division served refreshments to more than eighty guests. (Mrs. Lester Kuehl, Reporter).

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE SESSIONS. Delegates and visitors were greeted cordially by Rev. George Conway, host pastor of the Central Valley Church, Donna, Texas, for the Southern Conference sessions, March 6 to 8. Rev. Lawrence Bienert of Forest Park, Ill., delivered the keynote message on the Conference theme, "Winning More in '64." At the Woman's Missionary Union program with Mrs. Milton Lipert, presiding, we received much inspiration through special music and the message by Dr. J. C. Gunst, Central District Secretary, on "Evangelism Through the Home." The Baptist Men's program, presided over by Mr. John Lengefeld, again lifted us to higher ground. The message was by Dr. Wm. H. Barsch, "The Man and the Word."

Two items of business that were transacted are: 1—The receiving of the Garcias Ranch Baptist Church of Rio Grande City with its newly ordained pastor and his wife into the Conference fellowship. 2—Over a period of the next three years \$10,000 will be raised for the Dallas Church Extension Project through our Conference organizations and local churches. The closing message on Sunday evening by Dr. Louis R. Johnson on "Can We Expect a Revival?" began a series of revival services in the local church with Dr. Johnson as evangelist. (Mrs. Emil Schmeltekopf, Reporter).

SEASONAL PROGRAMS

MEDICINE HAT, ALTA. The month of March was filled with many blessings for members and friends of the Grace Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alta. From March 10-15 Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer of Winnipeg, Manitoba brought inspiring messages based on the topic, "The Three Words of the Cross" On Palm Sunday evening the young people of the church presented a fine program. Easter Sunday evening the choir under the direction of our pastor, Rev. P. T. Hunsicker, presented the cantata, "Prince of Life." (Sylvia Treiber, Reporter)

ST. JOSEPH, MICH. Easter Sunday began at the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich., with an Easter breakfast sponsored by the Women's Guild. At the morning worship service, Rev. L. H. Broeker, pastor, brought a moving message in which he depicted a scene as if in a court and then presented the circumstantial evidence to prove the resurrection was a reality. The afternoon found 19 young people and 4 adults at the Berrien County General Hospital to present a service for the patients there. Concluding the day was the evening service in which our featured speaker was Joyce Batek from our mission field in Japan. She spoke on "Stones the Lord has Rolled Away in Japan." Rev. L. H. Broeker then baptized a Chinese student, Ernest Geefay, who is a senior at the high school. He has been a real asset and inspiration to the work here. (Kenneth C. Fenner, Associate Pastor).

**Pre-Conference Sessions
in Rio Grande City, Texas**

Special Report by Rev. Alex Sootzman

AT THE request of the Garcias Ranch Baptist Church, Rio Grande City, Texas, an ordination council met on March 5th, composed of delegates of six churches of the Southern Conference, to consider the ordination of Mr. Robert L. Sandoval and the receiving of the Garcias Ranch Baptist Church into the Southern Conference.

After customary procedures, the council recommended to the Southern Conference the Garcias Ranch Baptist Church for acceptance. The Southern Conference convened March 6-8 in Donna. Our moderator, Mr. Vernon Ekru, gave the delegates of the Garcias Ranch Church a hearty welcome in the name of the conference and expressed our desire that the Lord might bless the church in our fellowship. Now we have in our constituency a church which uses mainly the Spanish language in bringing the Gospel as the good news of salvation to the Latin Americans.

The council also considered the ordination of Mr. R. Sandoval, who informed his hearers of his background, his conversion, call into the ministry and doctrinal views. The council was exceedingly well pleased with his doctrinal position.

At 7:00 P.M. the ordination service began with Dr. Louis Johnson presiding. Rev. M. C. Ehler, president of the Rio Grande Bible Institute, Edinburg, Texas brought the ordination message. Dr. J. C. Gunst offered the ordination prayer. At the close of the impressive service, Rev. Robert Sandoval was welcomed into the ministers' fellowship, and both Mr. and Mrs. Sandoval received many assurances that they will be remembered before the Throne of Grace. God bless their labor among the Latin Americans.

Obituaries

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

**CHRISTINE ERICKA RIEDEL
of Benton Harbor, Michigan**

Christine Ericka Riedel of Benton Harbor, Mich., was born June 12, 1962 to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Werner Riedel of the First German Baptist Church of Benton Harbor. The 20 month old child died very suddenly of an apparent respiratory ailment. She went to be with her Heavenly Father on March 5, 1964. The well attended funeral services were held with Rev. August Strunk, retired minister, officiating. The church choir sang two German songs. Little Christine is survived by her parents; a seven month old sister, Monika; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Hartwig of Bridgman, Mich.; and grandfather, Mr. Gustav Riedel of Ickernferde, Germany; and many other relatives.
First German Baptist Church
Benton Harbor, Michigan

HILDA SCHWARZ, Correspondent

**MR. WILLIAM LUEDEMANN
of Mill Creek, Texas**

Mr. William Luedemann, Sr., of the Mill Creek Community, Texas, a member of the Greenvine Baptist Church (Burton, Route 2), passed away on Feb. 21, at the age of 92 years. He was born Oct. 23, 1871, at La-Bahia in Washington County, Texas. He was a member of the Greenvine Church for 77 years. He served as organist of that church for 50 years, being a faithful servant until the end when eyesight and hearing failed him.
He was married to Miss Selma Brandes on Sept. 14, 1902, at Greenvine. She preceded him in death March 7, 1956. He leaves to mourn one son, Willie Luedemann of Mill Creek; one daughter, Mrs. Willie Heinemann of Mill Creek; and one adopted daughter, Mrs. Elsie Ritchie of Temple, Texas; also 5 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.
Greenvine Baptist Church
Brenham, Texas

DWIGHT M. FRY, Pastor

**MR. EDWIN CASSELMANN
of Branch, Louisiana**

Mr. Edwin Casselmann of Brookshire, Texas was born in Mowata, La., Feb. 17, 1915 and died March 11, 1964 in a hospital in Ville Plate, La. In his youth he professed Christ and became a member of the Mowata Baptist Church. His father died in 1919. In 1938 the family moved to Elton, La. During the last 15 years he and his mother lived in Brookshire, Texas where he worked as a mechanic.
He is survived by his mother, Elsie Casselmann; his brother, Herbert of Elton, La.; his sisters: Mrs. Lottie Richard of Walla, Texas and Mrs. Otelle Hayes of Elton, La. Services were conducted by Rev. Alex Sootzman and Rev. Robert Courtney, Jr., of Elton, La. Interment was in the Mowata Baptist Cemetery, Branch, La.
Mowata Baptist Church
Branch, Louisiana

ALEX SOOTZMANN, Pastor

**MR. ALFRED YAHN
of Philadelphia, Pa.**

Mr. Alfred Yahn of Philadelphia, Pa., was born in Europe, April 14, and passed away Jan. 29, 1964. He came to the U. S. A. in 1911, and was baptized by Rev. William Kuhn in 1912. On June 24, 1922 he was married to Idelle Huenlich. Two children married to Idelle Huenlich. Two children blessed this home. Rev. Raymond Yahn, their son, is pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. Dorothy, their daughter, is married to Rev. Walworth, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Walton, New York.
Not only will Brother Yahn be missed by his wife and two children, but also by two sisters: Mrs. Oscar Hiebner of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Elmer Rittenour of Palo, Illinois. Many friends from the church and elsewhere will remember him with gratitude for having known him.
Pilgrim Baptist Church
Philadelphia, Penn.

FRED SONNENBERG, Pastor

**MR. ROBERT H. LIEBE
of Appleton, Minnesota**

Mr. Robert H. Liebe of Appleton, Minn., entered into death March 19, 1964 at the Appleton Hospital after a lingering illness. He was born in Anamose, N. Dak., Dec. 11, 1905 to Herman and Bertha Liebe. In 1907 the family moved to Milbank, S. Dak.,

where he lived for 23 years. In April 1930 he was united in marriage to Lydia Ninnemann of Appleton, Minn. From 1932 to his death he lived in Swift County near Appleton. The family was blessed with 3 children of which one daughter preceded him in death. He was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Appleton, Minn., and served on the Church Board and as trustee.

He leaves behind to mourn his death: his wife, Mrs. Lydia Liebe; two daughters: Mrs. Luverne Johnson of Correll, Minn.; and Mrs. Elvera Ovre of Roseville, Minn.; his mother, Mrs. Bertha Liebe of Milbank; 3 brothers: Erwin, Albert and Ben of Milbank, Minn.; 3 sisters: Louise and Ruth of Minneapolis and Mrs. Elsie Kanne of Odesa, Minn.; and 4 grandchildren.
First Baptist Church
Appleton, Minnesota

C. H. SEECAMP, Pastor

**MR. CARL NIEHAUS
of Sheffield, Iowa**

Mr. Carl Niehaus of Sheffield, Iowa was born at Aplington, Iowa on Feb. 26, 1896, and passed away suddenly on March 20, 1964. His youth was spent on a farm near Sheffield, later with his own family in the town of Sheffield. He served as a soldier during World War No. I. After the Armistice he was honorably discharged, and returned to his former occupation of farming.
On Dec. 25, 1941 he was united in marriage to Gertrude Stading, his now sorrowing wife. To this union there was born one daughter, Evelyn, who is now a student at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill. He accepted Christ as his personal Savior early in youth, and was an honored member of the Grace Baptist Church of Sheffield for many years. As such he served faithfully in various positions in the church.
Besides his wife and daughter, he leaves to mourn his departure one brother, Harry, of Anaheim, Calif.; and 3 sisters: Dorothy (Mrs. Fred Stover) of Hampton, Ia.; Lillian (Mrs. Martin Geiger) of Milwaukee, Ore.; and Grace (Mrs. Wm. Mollenbeck) of Eugene, Ore.
Grace Baptist Church
Sheffield, Iowa

H. LOHR, Interim Pastor

**MR. R. J. STOBER
of Morris, Manitoba**

Mr. Rheinhold Julius Stober of Morris, Man., was born on Jan. 12, 1905 in Cholossna Wolynien. On Dec. 25, 1924 he was united in marriage to Druscilla Pieper. He accepted Christ as his personal Savior during his early youth, was baptized and united with the Baptist Church in Wolynien. In 1927 Mr. Stober and his family came to Canada and settled in the Overstone District, residing there until 1946 when he moved into the Morris area and united with the Emmanuel Baptist Church. His dedication to the Lord was evident through the many responsibilities he accepted and carried out faithfully: as deacon, Sunday school teacher, choir director, and secretary-treasurer of the Manitoba Baptist Association for 22 years. The Lord granted our departed brother the joy of serving until the very last hours of his life.

Through his departure he leaves his beloved wife, Druscilla; two daughters: Meta (Mrs. Alfred Schmidt) and her husband, Alfred, of Winnipeg, Man.; Linda (Mrs. Casey Smit) and her husband, Casey, of Dauphin, Man.; 4 grandchildren; two sisters; and two brothers. Death for our departed brother came suddenly on March 8 at the age of 59 years and 2 months. A Memorial Fund in memory of our departed brother will help in supplying Bibles and religious literature for the Cameroon Baptist Mission in Africa.
Emmanuel Baptist Church
Morris, Manitoba

JOHN WOLLENBERG, Pastor

**MISS WUTTKE, ELK GROVE,
CALIF.**

Miss Theodora G. Wuttke of Elk Grove, Calif., died quite suddenly on March 30. She had attended the Easter Sunday services in the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove. Miss Wuttke was the co-chairman of the Housing Committee for the General Conference in Sacramento, Calif. Mrs. Esther Adams of Elk Grove, Calif., has been appointed as acting co-chairman of this important committee.—EDITOR.

**LARRY BOEKEN
of Lorraine, Kansas**

Larry Merle Boeken of Lorraine, Kansas was born May 31, 1953 in Great Bend, Kansas, the son of Florence and Merle Boeken. He left this life tragically and suddenly on Monday, March 9 having attained the age of 10 years, 9 months and 8 days. He faithfully attended the Sunday school at the First Baptist Church of Lorraine where his parents and grandmother are faithful members. On July 31, 1963 at Scripture Memory Camp in Kansas he accepted Christ as his Savior. When God's Volunteers were in Lorraine he presented himself for baptism. He was a member of the pastor's class for baptism and membership and on Sunday evening he met with the deacons' examination committee and was to be baptized on Palm Sunday evening. The next afternoon after school he began to play with a gun sling and mysteriously, accidentally strangled himself while tied to the door knob. His sudden death was a great shock to the family and community.

He leaves to cherish his memory his parents: Florence and Merle Boeken; his grandmother, Mrs. Fred Boeken; grandfather, L. E. Gillham of Wichita, Kansas; sister, Carol, and infant brother, Terry; and a cousin, Rosemary Moore, living with the family. Interment was at the Baptist Cemetery in Lorraine.
First Baptist Church
Lorraine, Kansas

EVERETT A. BARKER, Pastor

**MR. FREDRICK LESCHERT
of Kelowna, B. C.**

Mr. Fredrick Gustave Leschert of Kelowna, B. C. was born in Jan. 1875 in Tomaszewo, Poland. On Jan. 17, 1964 he departed to be with the Lord in the Kelowna General Hospital. He attained the age of 88 years, 11 months and 17 days. He came to Canada in 1895 and settled down in the Wetaskawin, Alberta area where he remained until 1949 when he came to Kelowna. He accepted Christ as his Savior in July 1925. He was baptized upon confession of his faith by Rev. John Milton and was received into the Baptist church. On Jan. 20, 1901 he was united in holy matrimony with Helen Keehn. To this union were born 5 sons and 3 daughters. He leaves to mourn his loving wife; 3 sons: Fred in Burton, B. C.; Paul in Camrose, Alberta; and Reinhold in Kelowna; 3 daughters: Ann (Mrs. Littman) Toronto, Ontario; Augusta (Mrs. Donnelly) in Edmonton, Alberta; and Rose in Kelowna; 6 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren. As long as his health permitted he attended the services of our church in Kelowna.
Trinity Baptist Church
Kelowna, British Columbia

E. H. NIKKEL, Pastor

**MR. ARNIE RUDOLPH
of Fredonia, North Dakota**

Mr. Arnie Rudolph of Fredonia, N. Dak., was born May 15, 1941 at Fredonia. He was called to his eternal reward on March 28th through an explosion and fire which destroyed his home and also claimed the life of his oldest son, Mark, 16 months of age. Arnie had reached the age of 22 years, 10 months and 13 days. He served in the U. S. Army, 27th Engineer Battalion, from 1959 to 1961. On Oct. 12, 1961 he was joined in marriage to Barbara Davis. The Lord blessed this union with two sons: Mark, the oldest, and David.
During the ministry of Rev. H. V. Prendergast, Arnie was born again and after baptism on April 27, 1958 he was received into the fellowship of the Berlin Baptist Church where he remained a member to the end. Those waiting to meet him again are his beloved wife, Barbara; and the one remaining son David; his father, Fred, of Fredonia; two sisters: Mrs. Raymond (Alvina) Buerkley and Mrs. Roland (Anetta) Buerkley, both of Fredonia; two brothers: Darwin of Fredonia and Orion of Aberdeen, S. Dak.; and a grandmother, Mrs. Christine Schlecht, Edgeley, N. D. Mark was born Nov. 5, 1962 at Lamoure, N. Dak. Our hope is in the resurrection of our Lord and Savior.
Berlin Baptist Church
Fredonia, North Dakota

DAVID LITKE, Pastor

OUR THANKS!

We want to express our thanks to all who were concerned for the welfare of our daughter, Corine Carmel. That she lives today is a further assurance to us of God answering the prayers of his people.
Earl and Lois Ahrens
Monte Vista, Colorado

Dedication of Meadowlark Church, Alberta

Report of new building of this Church Extension project at Jasper Place (Edmonton), Alta.

By Rev. Willy R. Muller, Pastor

THE LONG awaited day on Jan. 19 had finally arrived and all was in readiness for the dedication of the new edifice of the Meadowlark Baptist Church, Jasper Place, Alberta. This was the opportunity for which the church had been waiting to tell to the entire community that its doors were open to them at all times and that here they would surely be introduced to the Lord Jesus Christ, the Savior of mankind. About 150 persons gathered at the church for the morning Thanksgiving Service. This was a service of praise, for the congregation wanted to express its thanksgiving to their heavenly Father for his wonderful provision during the construction of the new church.

The afternoon began bright and clear as over 500 persons filed into the church to participate in the dedication exercises. Representatives from the town of Jasper Place along with representatives from almost 20 NAB churches were present. Dr. Martin Leuschner, Promotional Secretary of our beloved denomination, brought the message of the day and thrilled the hearts of those who were privileged to be present. Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, District Secretary led the congregation in



The new edifice of the Meadowlark Baptist Church, Jasper Place in suburban Edmonton, Alberta, which was dedicated to God's glory on Sunday, Jan. 19, 1964.

the act of dedication. Dr. A. S. Felberg, President of our C.T.I., offered the dedication prayer.

This Day of Dedication also gave many opportunities for reflection on the part of those who had faithfully labored in the work over the years. It was also the anniversary of the beginning of the work of Rev. Willy R. Muller, on this field. Up to Nov. 17, all

meetings had been held in the Sherwood School auditorium and the inconveniences are too numerous to mention. But on Nov. 17 we moved into our new facilities and began our work under better circumstances.

The building offers seating for about 300 persons in the main chapel area, and the educational wing features a church office besides eight classrooms on the main floor and an additional seven in the lower portion. The kitchen, bathroom and heating facilities are also in the lower portion. Total cost of the building to date has been \$45,000. There is room on the lots for future expansion to include a fellowship hall and additional classroom facilities.

We are very thankful to the many Church Extension Builders who have helped in the construction of this unit. We have tried to honor your contributions by conserving every gift and using your contributions to their maximum investment.

The work at Meadowlark shows good signs of encouragement. The Sunday school was able to maintain an average attendance of 99 during 1963. The morning worship services averaged about 75 per Sunday. Since Nov. 17 an evening service has been held and has averaged about 60 per Sunday. The interest on the part of the immediate community is very encouraging and holds promise for the future. We covet your prayers for the days to come that we may work on in the strength and wisdom of the Holy Spirit and that those who come may hear and respond to the Gospel.

Home Mission Workers' Conference

Report of an important conference, held in the area of our Indian Mission Fields, by Rev. William Sturhahn, Northern District Secretary

THE 2nd Home Mission Workers' Conference, held in the area of the Indian Mission fields in Wetaskiwin, Alta., March 12-14, 1964 was a time of profitable study and exchange of plans and ideas for a more intensified effort among Canada's Indians and America's Spanish-American people. By approval of the Board of Missions, all workers and supervisors of our two Home Mission fields are to meet annually in the area of one of the fields. This year it was in the Indian Mission field. Next year, God willing, the sessions will be held in the Spanish-American Mission field.

A unique and excellent program was prepared under the direction of Rev. R. Neuman, missionary to the Indians. The Calvary Baptist Church with its congenial pastor, Rev. Wm. W. Sibley, served as host to the conference. The stirring messages of our six speakers created lively discussions and left deep impressions. Rev. Wilson J. Ewin, a Baptist missionary to French-speaking Quebec in Canada, gave us three revealing lectures on "How to Evangelize

Roman Catholics." He has also written the booklet, "You Can Win A Roman Catholic to Christ." One of the most startling statements of Mr. Ewin was to the effect that "the last Vatican



Home Mission Workers' Conference at Wetaskiwin, Alta. Several of the Participants are Christian teachers working with the missionaries on the Indian reservations.

Council called by Pope John the 23rd as never before has opened doors to evangelism among Roman Catholics. We are no longer considered heretics, but have been acknowledged as the separated brethren."

Rev. Stan Collie was our second speaker. He is the field director of the Northern Canada Evangelical Mission with his headquarters in The Pas, Manitoba. He brought with him a young Indian convert who gave us a glowing testimony of his conversion to the Lord. Mr. Collie shared with us some of his unshakable faith in the power of the Gospel to save and to change Indian people. Rev. Howard Klassen, secretary of the Wycliffe Bible Translators in Canada, gave us a stimulating lecture on "Everyone in His Own Tongue," pointing out the absolute necessity of bringing the Gospel in the language of the people whom we want to reach.

Rev. Earl Ahrens, one of our missionaries in Colorado, from his rich experience and studies brought two lectures on "The Indigenous Church." Dr. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, gave a stirring message on "Being Called by God." Dr. J. C. Gunst, the supervisor of the Spanish-American field, led the panel discussion on the final evening, summarizing the presentations and findings of our Conference. He closed the Conference with a stirring appeal for consecration and action.