

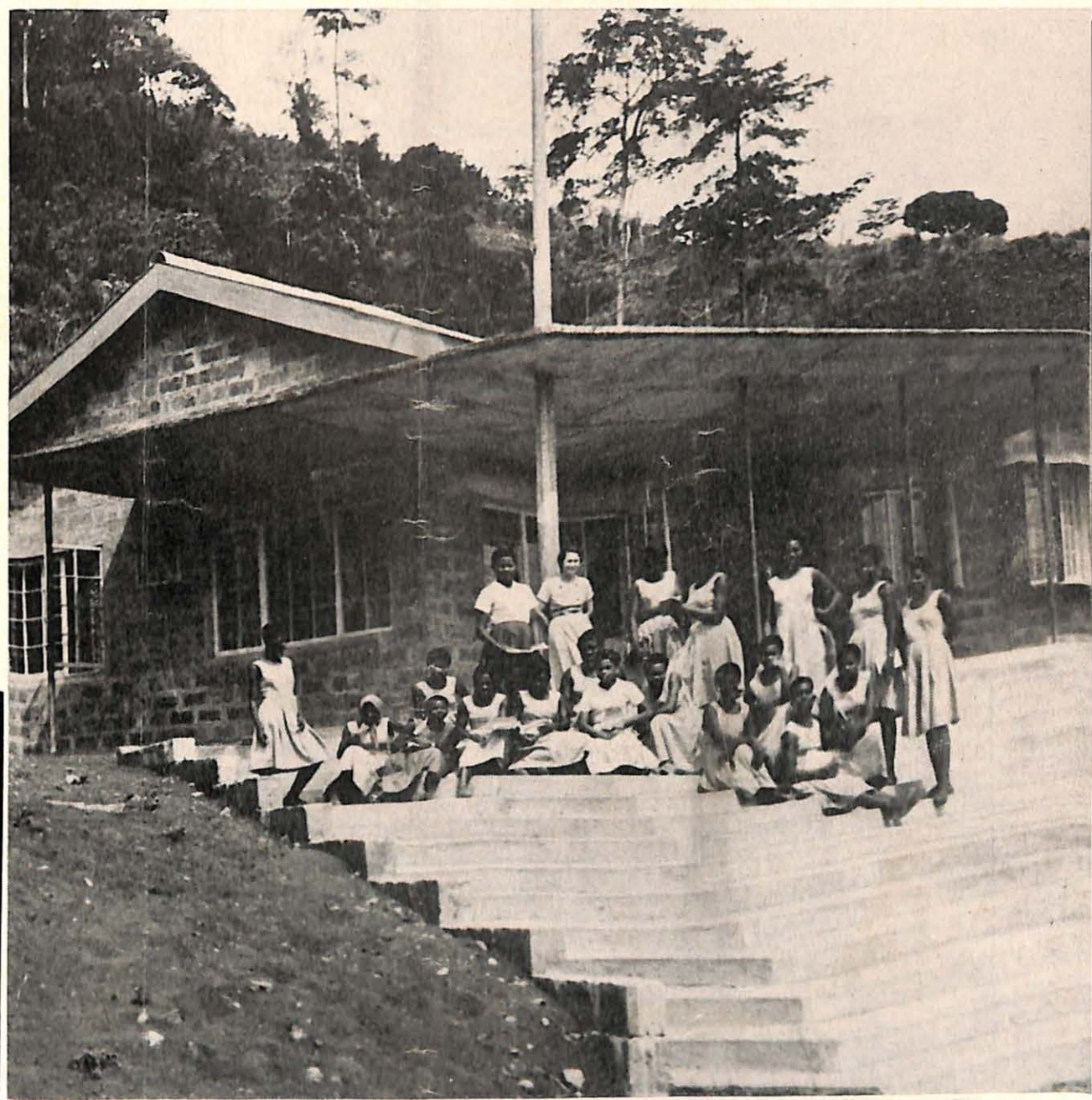
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# Higher Education Conferences

By Rev. David Draewell,  
Secretary of Stewardship and Higher Education

MORE than 200 North American Baptist churches are sharing in Higher Education Conferences this fall and next spring. The Conferences have been scheduled as part of the higher education emphasis to be carried on in our churches during the year 1964-65. The conferences, lasting from one to four days, are featuring personnel from the North American Baptist Seminary, the Christian Training Institute, missionary specialists in education, and general workers. The theme of the conference is the same as the denominational theme for the year: "Our Mission in Higher Education." The theme Scripture is: "Study to shew thyself approved . . . and teach others also." (2 Timothy 2:15, 2).

The purpose of the Higher Education Conference is twofold. It seeks to confront youth with the claims of God upon their lives and also seeks to reveal to Christians their God-given share in the ministry of teaching. It is hoped that the following practical benefits will result from these conferences:

1. A greater recognition that God's command to "Teach all nations" is directed to every believer today.

2. A greater understanding of the magnitude of our God-given responsibilities as North American Baptists in the area of higher education.

3. A greater prayer support for our denominational educational efforts at home and abroad.

4. A greater financial support for our denominational programs of higher education.

5. A greater response on the part of youth to God's call to Christian service vocations.

The viewing of new slide sets prepared by the Committee on Higher Education, the Seminary, C.T.I., and the Board of Missions in various Sunday school classes and departments will give added educational emphasis to the conference. The Sunday school may also participate in a special missionary offering designated for "higher education efforts at home and abroad."

## FRONT COVER

The front cover picture shows the cement steps leading up to the Saker Baptist College Administration Building in Victoria, Cameroon Africa. Principal Esther Schultz, NAB missionary, and some of the students (all girls) have gathered for the picture taken by missionary Laura E. Reddig. Dr. Paul Gebauer has paid a high tribute to these schools and teachers:

"In your African mission, no doubts exist about the value of Christian training on the highest level. We are proud to have a large share in the Cameroons Protestant College at Bali. We are grateful for Victoria's College for Girls. We treat these opportunities with deep respect. They who serve in these institutions render valuable services unto God. Pray for the students. They come from the finest families of the land."

## WONDERFUL "PRAYER REMINDERS"

By Missionary Tina Schmidt on her return voyage on a freighter from Cameroon, Africa to U.S.A.

The sea voyage has been smooth, the Italian food tasty, and I have relaxed. At the end of the first week, I discovered in a letter from Ohio that the churches of our denomination were praying for me (Tina Schmidt) during the week of Sept. 21st. Then I recalled that I had felt spiritually good, with positive thoughts, and I attributed it to the cool sea breezes. But when two Italian people remarked that my face looked better, "transformed," one said, then I knew that it was the effect of the concentrated prayers of thousands of our people at home. For this part that you, brothers and sisters in Christ, had during that week, I thank you!

# MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

**CONTRIBUTIONS—FIRST 6 MONTHS.** We praise God for the generous contributions of our churches in September amounting to \$78,529.18. That is more than \$30,000 above the total for September in 1963. These gifts of our people to the denominational missionary and service program have brought the total for the first six months to \$354,147.08. With our general budget of \$1,100,000 for the year, we should have reached the \$550,000 mark at the end of the first six months (Sept. 30), but we believe that the best months are still ahead and that all of our people will give sacrificially as unto the Lord.

**EXTENSION BUILDERS.** Two promising Church Extension fields will receive the gifts of \$1 from more than 4,000 Church Extension Builders in November and December 1964. The new field in Enid, Okla., was described in the last issue of the "Baptist Herald," for which the gifts in November will be designated. In December Extension Builders will give toward the new building at Greeley, Colo., which was first occupied by the congregation and Rev. Raymond Harsch, pastor, on Sunday, Oct. 11, 1964.

**GOD'S VOLUNTEERS.** The two teams of God's Volunteers with their directors, Rev. Walter Hoffman and Rev. E. W. Klatt, are now in action in witnessing for Christ and engaging in evangelistic ministry. Read about these teams of dedicated young people in this issue. Remember them in your prayers and with your gifts to be designated for "God's Volunteers."

**SPANISH-AMERICANS.** Four missionary couples are now serving on the Spanish-American fields in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas and in the San Luis Valley of Colorado. Rev. and Mrs. Dempsey Harris are living in Edinburg, Texas and are associated with Rev. and Mrs. Robert Sandoval in making Christ known among the Latin Americans of that area in Texas. Pray for them and for this work.

**EDUCATIONAL NEEDS.** Two new missionaries are introduced in this issue of the "Baptist Herald" to our readers. They represent the new talented staff of missionary teachers who are greatly needed in this day with its emphasis on education on the mission field, especially in West Cameroon, Africa.

## NEXT ISSUE

### THANKSGIVING DAY SERMON

Rev. Connie Salios, Glenbard  
Baptist Church, Glen Ellyn, Ill.

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# Editorial

## Holy To The Lord!

All of life belongs to God. Every man and woman who bears the name of Christ is called to a sacred ministry as priests of God. "Holy to the Lord" should be inscribed over every area of our Christian lives.

In Zechariah 14:20 we read these interesting words of the time when the people of Israel became obedient to God and served him faithfully. "And on that day there shall be inscribed on the bells of the horses, 'Holy to the Lord.' And the pots in the house of the Lord shall be as bowls before the altar." All of life in its many daily experiences and secular activities and in every expression of thought was to be sacred before God. This was to be the dedication of God's people in order to win his approval and praise.

This is the heart of the Christian's thanksgiving. In every thing of life and on every day of the calendar the Christian blesses the Name of God for all the wondrous things he has done. "Exalt the Lord, our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the Lord our God is holy" (Psalm 99:9).

In thanksgiving we ascribe all glory to God, we lay our offerings at his feet for the ministry of his Gospel, and we thereby dedicate all things as "holy to the Lord." Whatever we do and in whatever service we are engaged, we seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness. We realize what Johann Sebastian Bach did whenever he finished a musical composition and was always impelled to sign it with his name and with these words, "To the glory of God!" Such a spirit of praise is true thanksgiving before God.

This is Christian stewardship at its best. It recognizes our dependence on God and on his goodness and love to us, but it also envisions our sacred responsibility before him. We have a task to perform; a witness to give. We must put the talents and gifts of God to good use for they have only been entrusted to us. We cannot call them selfishly our own, since they have the inscription on them, "Holy to the Lord," if we were sincere in confessing our faith in him as our Savior and Lord.

This can then be our greatest joy at the Thanksgiving and Christmas season of the year. Even the secular things of life, the pots and pans in our homes, the daily chores of our lives, and the gifts we lay on the altar as our Thanksgiving Offerings will glow with beauty and sacredness.

God's glory then shines through these gifts, and his Kingdom of light advances into the dark places of the world. God is with us and fills our thankful hearts to overflowing with new blessings and inexhaustible riches because we have learned to inscribe "Holy to the Lord" over every area and each day of our lives!

"We give thee but thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.  
May we thy bounties thus As stewards true receive,  
And gladly, as thou blessest us, To thee our first fruits give."

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# Thoughts on Christian Thanksgiving

Two timely, inspirational messages for the Thanksgiving Season from the book, "Tents toward the Sunrise" (The Judson Press).

By Dr. Charles W. Koller, Interim Pastor of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois.

## "IN GOD WE TRUST"

THIS MOTTO on our American coinage was born in the shadows of a great national crisis. The Civil War was in full swing. The Union was broken. Many of the fairest landscapes had become bloody battlefields, with kinsmen and fellow citizens grappling in mortal combat. Gloom, grief, and distress hovered over the land. Devout souls, bowed in sorrow, and looking to God for consolation, petitioned the Federal Government for some suitable recognition of God. From the many suggestions, there was chosen—with rare spiritual insight—the middle verse of the Bible, Psalm 118:8. Like a radiant gem, it flashed its message to a gloomy, war-weary generation: "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man." The verse being a bit lengthy, its message was pressed into the briefer formulation which has become so familiar to us—"In God We Trust."

How much calmness of soul was induced by the introduction of this motto on our coins in the year 1864, we do not know. But we understand that the effect was profound. Surely, if the substance of this motto were accepted by every troubled heart, there would set-

tle down upon this agitated world such a measure of peace as the world has never known.

## AN ERA OF INSECURITY

Any man can say, "In God we trust," when the outlook is bright and when he is prosperous, well-fed, and reasonably secure in his well-being. But now the props upon which men usually lean for security are tottering. It appears that, as a people, we are moving into an era of insecurity for which our souls are not conditioned. Discerning persons are beginning to pray with new fervor, "Oh Thou who changest not, abide with me!"

"In God we trust!" Is this to be merely a pious gesture, or a national policy? As a pious gesture, this motto is without merit, though inscribed on millions of coins in millions of American pockets. It is evident, from the way we spend our dollars which bear this motto, that our trust in God is more nominal than actual. Statisticians tell us that we are spending more for dog food than for the spread of the Gospel. Does this mean that America is more devoted to her dogs than to her God?

As a national policy, may the motto upon our coins be honored in these perilous days as never before! Here is

the hope of embattled America. Let us remember our previous crises, with George Washington kneeling in the snows of Valley Forge, and Abraham Lincoln praying in his office. And with our devout forbears let us rise up and live the faith we profess—"In God we trust!"

## "TAKE ALSO A LITTLE HONEY"

JACOB, the patriarch, had to deal with an ugly situation (Genesis 43). The famine was pressing hard upon him and his household. There was corn in Egypt, but on a previous errand the food administrator had arbitrarily imprisoned Simeon, a son of Jacob; and now he was demanding that Benjamin, the youngest son, be brought also. The aged patriarch saw the grim necessity of coming to terms. Recognizing the disadvantage of his own position, he nevertheless met the situation with courage, self-control, and extraordinary wisdom. It was one of the great decisions of his life. Reluctantly he consented that Benjamin should be taken before the unknown food administrator of Egypt. "And God Almighty give you mercy before the man."

The developments that followed constitute one of the most dramatic, most beautiful, and most deeply moving stories in all literature. The food administrator proved to be Jacob's own son Joseph, who had been sold into Egypt as a lad; Simeon was freed; Benjamin came home again, and all the other brethren, bringing with them a caravan of wagons heavily laden with the fruits of Egypt. The famine was broken. A new day dawned for Jacob and his household.

## SWEETENING HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS

Everything had hinged upon the decision of Jacob and the spirit and manner in which the decision was implemented. "Take the boy . . . take the necessary money . . . take the man a present . . . and take also a little honey." In reference to the honey, perhaps a play upon words is justified by the context. When Jacob found it necessary and proper to yield, he yielded graciously. Someone has well said, "We can lay no claim to being cultured unless we have learned to do gracefully and graciously the things that we do not want to do." Within this meaning of the term, the saintly patriarch was a man of rare culture.

In counseling his sons, Jacob displayed no bitterness toward the un-

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# Challenging Goals Confronting Our Churches

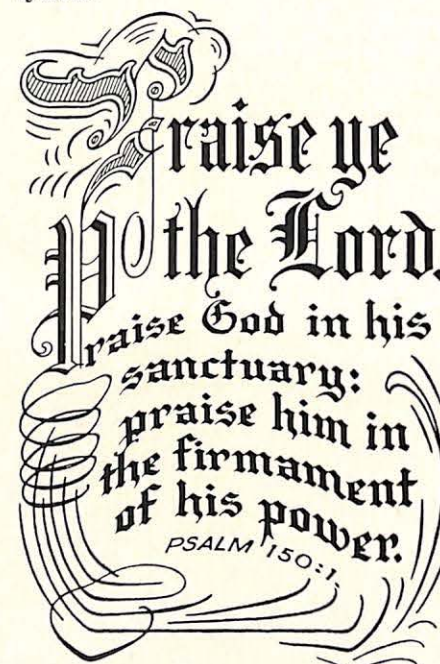
Financial goals for North American Baptist Churches during the coming triennium adopted by the General Conference at Sacramento, California for the missionary and service program of the denomination.

## TRIENNIAL GOAL NUMBER 1

THE GENERAL Council and the General Conference have approved the financial goal of at least \$1,300,000 a financial missionary and service program for the denomination for the final year of the current triennium.

## TRIENNIAL GOAL NUMBER 2

The General Council and the General Conference have suggested the following guides be presented to our churches for their prayerful consideration and their Christ-honoring action. These guides are not to be interpreted as bases for assessment purposes, but as seen as challenges to growing systematic missionary stewardship.



**Guide 1—Yearly Increase** Guide: It is suggested that each church seek to increase its annual contributions to the missionary and service program of the North American Baptist General Conference by 10%.

**Guide 2—Per Capita Giving** Guide: It is suggested that each church seek to reach a \$25.00 per capita giving mark to the denomination's total program by the end of the current triennium.

**Guide 3—Percentage Giving** Guide: It is suggested that each church strive to give at least the following percentage of its total income (excluding

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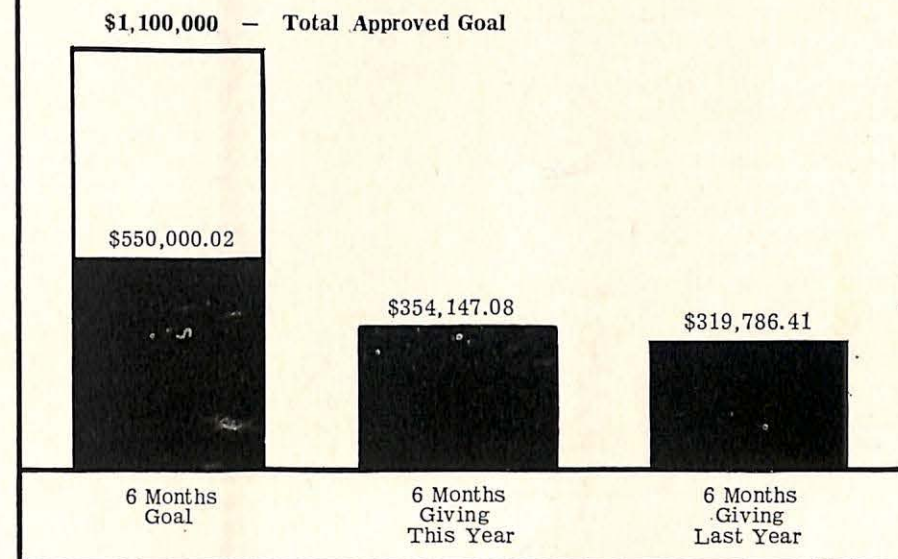
1-49	50-99	100-149	150-199	200-299	300-399	400-499	500-599	600 and up
15%	20%	25%	25%	25%	30%	35%	40%	50%

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## DENOMINATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS — MARCH 1 - SEPT. 30, 1964

## GOD'S PROVISION THROUGH OUR STEWARDSHIP

N.A.B. Missionary and Service Program  
Fiscal Year: April 1, 1964 to March 31, 1965



building funds to the missionary and service program of the denomination. (See Table Guide at bottom of page).

**Guide 4 — Macedonian Example** Guide: It is suggested that individual churches within each local conference, like the Macedonian churches of old, move far beyond the above mentioned goals so as to offer a stimulating example to other churches of the fellowship in missionary stewardship and Christ-like concern for needy men.

## TRIENNIAL GOAL NUMBER 3

The General Council and the General Conference have recommended that every North American Baptist General Conference church engage in purposeful tithing education and tithing commitment throughout the years of the current triennium.

## TRIENNIAL GOAL NUMBER 4

The General Conference has also recommended that every church of our denomination, 300 members and larger, consider seriously becoming the parent of a Church Extension project during the years of the current triennium and

that smaller churches consider banding together for carrying on such projects jointly.

## TRIENNIAL GOAL NUMBER 5

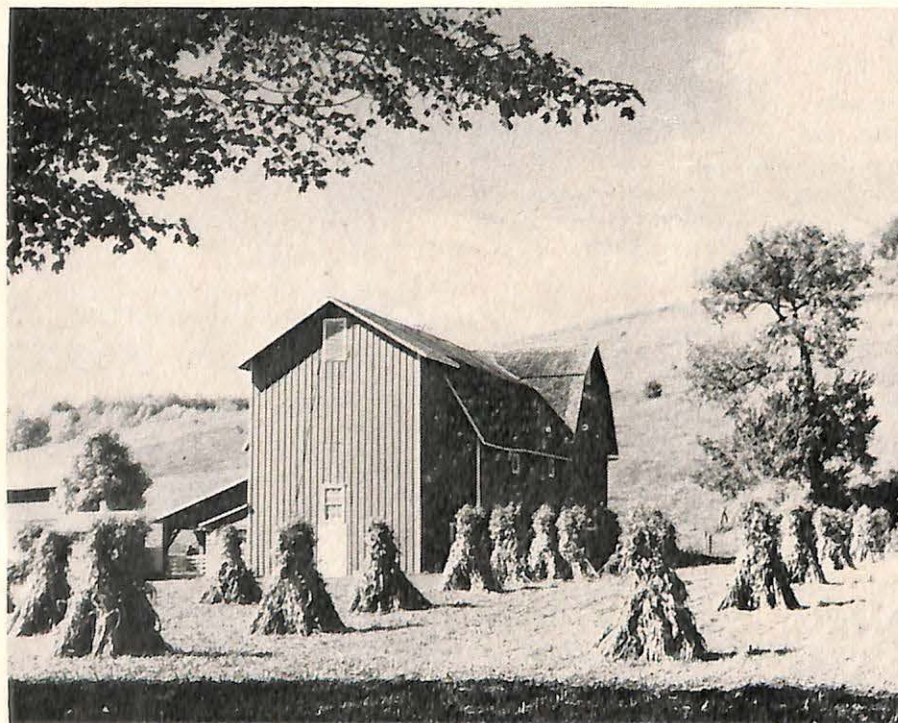
The General Council and the General Conference have approved the plan, that just as 5,000 Church Extension Builders were enlisted in the past triennium, we set a goal of adding to this number at least another 5,000 Builders in the current triennium.

## TRIENNIAL GOAL NUMBER 6

Each church is to be encouraged to put forth new efforts of community outreach which will seek to reach the unreached for Christ and his Church.

## TRIENNIAL GOAL NUMBER 7

The General Council and the General Conference recommend that a program of Christian nurture be implemented and strengthened in the local churches of the denomination which will develop mature Christians, train effective leaders, and engage all members actively in the life of the church.



LET ALL THE PEOPLE PRAISE THEE, O GOD

"Let the people praise thee, O God . . . Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him" (Psalm 67:5-7). —Luoma Photo.



# Mission Challenge Through Lay Commitment

Introducing Rev. Oryn Gene Meinerts of Emery, South Dakota as a missionary to Cameroon, West Africa.

By Dr. R. Schilke, General Missionary Secretary

DO CHRISTIAN laymen realize enough that by their consistent Christian witness and by the commitment of their life to Jesus Christ they may exert a profound influence upon our young people and direct some to the Christian and missionary ministry? God uses various means and methods to speak to his children and to select his servants. The preaching of the Word is perhaps one of God's choicest ways to make himself known, but it is not the only way. Commitment to the Christian Way of Life expressed in consistent Christian living will leave its mark and speak of the power of Christ in the lives of God's people. Oryn Gene Meinerts gives testimony to the fact that he was challenged by the deep commitment of various laymen in his home church.

## HOME AND CHURCH INFLUENCES

Oryn Gene Meinerts was born to Jacob and Rudolphine Meinerts on April 23, 1937 at Emery, South Dakota. He has one younger sister. He gives his testimony to the Christian home which his parents provided when he says: "My parents gave themselves sacrificially to raise my sister and me by living a consistent Christian life, instructing us in the ways of Jesus Christ, and giving us every opportunity possible to attend classes, meetings and services in the church."

At the age of nine years Oryn accepted Christ as his Savior. Two years later he was baptized upon confession of his faith and experience by Rev. D. S. Wipf and became a member of the First Baptist Church at Emery, South Dakota. As he grew in his Christian life, he took on responsibilities in his church and later became teacher of a Sunday school class and C.B.Y.F. counselor.

His parents were tenant farmers, and so Oryn grew up on a farm and became acquainted with the various aspects of farm life. His grade school education was that of a farm community. He admits that he did not have a great desire for studying and so did not proceed immediately to high school after grade school. A year of hard work on the farm changed his outlook and set his sights on high school. Thus for the next four years he attended high school at Emery and continued helping his parents with their farm work.

Following his graduation from high school in 1956, Oryn enrolled at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. After just one year in college he had to drop out, due to lack of finances. But the need for more educa-

tion became an inward desire for him. That year he hired out in order to earn and save for further schooling. That year he also enlisted in the South Dakota Air National Guard where for the next six years in periodic service he fulfilled his basic training requirements. The following year he enrolled at the Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, South Dakota, where he majored in speech education and was awarded his B.A. degree in the spring of 1961.

The First Baptist Church at Emery is known for its many dedicated Christian laymen who take an active part in the ministry of the church. This made a lasting impression on Oryn and, concerning these experiences, he said: "I enjoyed the instruction and preaching of dedicated laymen . . ." He, too, was enlisted and took his part as a Sunday school teacher and C.B.Y.F. counselor.

At college his faith was tried and tested. Again it was the witness of lay young people whose dedication to their own Christian experience was so vital that his own faith was revitalized through their example and fellowship. Devotional time took on a new meaning for him and through it he found himself growing in his own relationship to Jesus Christ, in his study of the Scriptures, and in his concern in witnessing to others.

The call to the Christian ministry was not a sudden call for Oryn Meinerts. It was a gradual process for him. God's Spirit worked in his heart and



REV. ORYN GENE MEINERTS  
NAB missionary in the Federal Republic of Cameroon, Africa.

slowly but surely brought about the conviction that God wanted him in Christian service. This he began to consider while he was a Junior in college. In his senior year at college he yielded to the call of God.

In the fall of 1961 he enrolled at our North American Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. There he desired to prepare himself for the ministry to which God had called him. During his studies at the seminary, particularly the mission courses, and through the missionary emphasis, both at the seminary and in his home church, he came to consider the wider aspects of mission work. Did God want him on the mission field? This concern grew to a definite call, and his senior year at the seminary was focused on his studies to the mission field.

Though his seminary friends knew of his inward struggle, he did not make his decision known to the Missionary Secretary of our denomination until the time of the visit to the denominational office by the senior class. There, hearing of the need for more missionaries in the teaching field at the secondary educational institutions of our Mission in West Cameroon, Africa, he made known his availability for such service in line with God's call to him.

## COMMISSIONED TO SERVE

His file was processed and he became acceptable in every way. Educational wise, his basis was at first stated to be on the certificate basis (just below the graduate basis), but a review of his transcript raised his basis to that of the graduate level. With that he could fill one of the vacancies at these institutions in Cameroon. The Board of Missions unanimously appointed him as a missionary to Cameroon.

His home church at Emery, South Dakota ordained him into the Christian ministry on June 4, 1964. At the General Conference in Sacramento, California Oryn Gene Meinerts was one among others who were commissioned as missionaries on Sunday afternoon, July 19, 1964. On August 27 he left from Chicago in the company of three other missionaries headed for our African mission field in West Cameroon with the final destination to be the Ndu Baptist College at Ndu. God gave a safe journey. Two days later he saw the land of his choice to which God had called him and for which he had prepared him. May Oryn Meinerts now find the inward joy and peace that this was God's leading and directing throughout the years!

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# Inter-Varsity Contacts Led to Missions

Introducing Rev. George Arthur Black of Madison, South Dakota as a missionary to Cameroon, West Africa.

By Dr. R. Schilke, General Missionary Secretary

MANY YOUNG people on college and university campuses have been greatly influenced by the work of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. Their lives have been enriched, their Christian testimony strengthened, and their service directed into missionary channels. One of these is George Arthur Black of Madison, South Dakota who was recently appointed as missionary to West Cameroon, West Africa and who arrived there by the end of August 1964. In answer to the question as to what influences led him to consider missionary service, George answered: "The largest factor was undoubtedly Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship."

## EARLY ENVIRONMENT

George Arthur Black was born to Harold and Carrie Black on July 4, 1939 at Madison, South Dakota. He has one older brother and one older sister. For the first 18 years he lived on a farm with his parents who, in turn during that time, lived with their parents on the maternal side in a farm partnership arrangement. Such an arrangement served its purpose but was not without its peculiar problems, the resulting tensions of which were not unnoticed by George. The retirement of the grandparents and their move into town terminated this partnership arrangement. George was then 18 years of age.

His early grade school education was received in a relatively small school in Junius, South Dakota. While in the eighth grade, George accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized by the Rev. Fred Schmidt in 1954 and became a member of the West Center Street Baptist Church in Madison, S. Dak.

Following grade school education, George Black attended the General Beadle High School in Madison, South Dakota. This school was operated in conjunction with the General Beadle State Teacher's College and was thus used as the training school for practice teaching. The enrollment was almost exclusively composed of rural children, who were transported to the school by buses. This gave George the added responsibility of helping in the farm work and sharing in all the necessary chores on the farm. The high school also emphasized vocational agriculture and home economics. George participated in a variety of judging contests and was thus able to attend two National F.F.A. Conventions, which broadened his outlook.

Up to that time George had had very



REV. GEORGE ARTHUR BLACK  
NAB missionary in the Federal Republic of Cameroon, Africa.

little contact with the community except what his school and church provided him. His spare time was occupied with the farm work of his parents. Following high school, he enrolled at the South Dakota State College in Brookings, South Dakota where he majored in Dairy Husbandry. During his college years he worked part time in the Dairy Department in order to finance his way through college. In the spring of 1961 he was awarded the B.S. degree.

## CONTACTS WITH INTER-VARSITY

During his first year in college, George Black became associated with a small group of Christians on the campus who had a living, vital faith in Jesus Christ. Through continued contacts with this group, and through attendance at Inter-Varsity area conferences, he found the dynamic of the Christian life and completely committed his life to Jesus Christ. During his senior year at college, he became increasingly interested in missions.

After graduation from college, George spent a month at Inter-Varsity Missionary Camp. While there his interest in missions continued to grow with the results that he enrolled at our North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota in order to prepare himself more effectively for missionary service. Through the various studies and associations at the

seminary his concern for missions was deepened. He graduated from the NAB Seminary with a B.D. degree in May, 1964.

Following his second year at the seminary, George served a summer at the Sebastopol Baptist Church near Clontarf, Ontario. This practical service as a student brought about a further decision for missions, and he wrote his first letter to the General Missionary Secretary expressing his desire and asking that his name be placed on file as a possible candidate for Africa. In his first application form which he filed during his senior year at the Seminary, he answered the question of further studies as follows: "I presently am planning to do work for a master's degree in Agriculture . . . also I plan to get my teacher's certificate." This plan postponed actual service as missionary to 1965 and even later.

## TEACHING MINISTRY AT NDU

At a visit to the denominational office in Forest Park, Illinois by the senior seminary class, George heard of the crying need for more missionaries in the capacity of teaching at the secondary educational institution of our Mission in West Cameroon, Africa. He volunteered to go without further studies should he qualify for the vacancies which were there. His transcripts were sent to West Cameroon and the resulting evaluation placed him on the graduate status basis.

His file was quickly processed and he was accepted in every way: his Christian experience, his education and preparation, his interest in and call to missions. The Board of Missions unanimously appointed him as missionary to Cameroon. His home church at Madison, South Dakota ordained him into the Christian ministry on June 25, 1964. At the General Conference in Sacramento, California, George A. Black was one among others who were commissioned on Sunday afternoon, July 19, 1964. On August 27, 1964 he left Chicago in the company of three other missionaries headed for our African Mission Field in West Cameroon, with the final destination to be the Baptist Bible Training Center at Ndu. Two days later he set his feet on Cameroonian soil.

Thus at a time when he thought that he might be enrolling somewhere for another year of studies, he will stand before his classes at Ndu in a teaching ministry. May he give forth his witness for Christ in this way and may God give him the strength for this mission task!

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# Our Witness Through Church Extension

"We are ALL in Church Extension together. Church Extension is not in the hands of fate, but in the hands of ALL of us. God uses people as they are, and we can ALL work in our own unique way toward the completion of each Church Extension project. These projects for our denomination now number 70."

By Mr. Delmar Wesseler of Lorraine, Kansas

OUR WITNESS through Church Extension is very important today. Out of our age comes hope. Our's is the age of the greatest frontiers, with the most opportunities of all times. Our forefathers pushed ahead across unknown territory in this country. Many found the religious freedom and other advancements for which they were searching. It was anything but easy.

Some people advise today: "Don't do anything extra; just keep things going fairly smoothly at home. Don't 'stick your neck out' for any thing or anyone!" Can this advice be good for Church Extension? There is one situation in which the Christian will get a real blessing from "sticking his neck out," and that is in putting it into a yoke. We know that oxen exert to put their heads through the yoke, which means to them hard work to pull a big load. But Jesus said to the believer, "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for my yoke is easy and my burden light." We know that the yoke is made for two heads, and in this yoke, Jesus is beside us bearing the other end of the yoke. This is why the burden is easy and the yoke is light.

## ALL ARE INVOLVED

Don't be afraid to become involved in Church Extension, for here our opportunities demand fulfillment. Our opportunities have not been something we waited for, but something we worked toward. As monthly reports come from our Church Extension pastors, we note the hundreds of contacts made. Here pastor and laypeople have labored together to be a witness. The work of the world is done by few, and God asks that your part be done by you.

Acts 1:8 is the text we like to use for speaking on Church Extension, but one word of this text is often overlooked and it is one of the great words of the Bible. I refer to the little word "all."

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in ALL Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

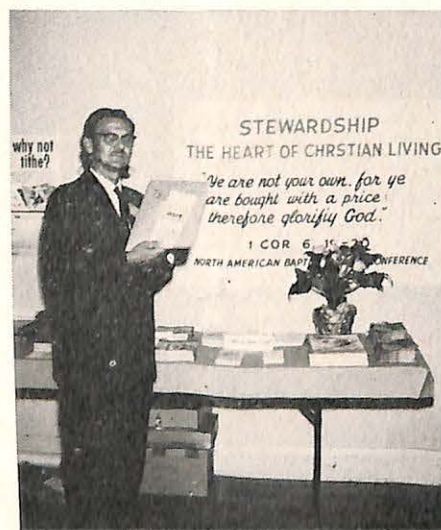
We think of Jerusalem as the home base and Judea as the surrounding territory. The reason the Holy Spirit has used the word "all" is because Judea was not beyond the ability of "all" to reach it. Many might be excused from going to Samaria and to the uttermost part of the world, but "ALL"

living in Jerusalem could reach ALL Judea. Our personal obligation is to the surrounding country. None are excused from doing personal Church Extension work. It is within the possibility of each individual.

If we are to cover fully our immediate territory, we must have a *SENSE OF PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY*. John 4:35 says, "Lift up your eyes," when referring to the coming harvest that is white already to harvest. Lift up *your* eyes, not someone else's, for all need to look about and to discover the need. Often we are like the elder brother of the Prodigal Son story. Yes, there was a relationship, but no sense of personal responsibility toward his brother.

Besides having a sense of personal responsibility, we must have a sense of *personal regard*, for as it is stated in Proverbs 29:18, "Where there is no vision the people perish." We must have a vision of people perishing without the Gospel, for we have the answer to meet the needs of the multitudes. Jesus had compassion on the people because he saw them as sheep without a shepherd. Too often we take it for granted that people know the Gospel, and we seem to forget about the awfulness of sin and its terrible consequences.

In Romans 12:1 & 2 we recall Paul talking about *yielding* unto him as our reasonable service. There must be a willingness to sacrifice, just like the



MR. ED BOHNET

chairman of the denominational Stewardship Committee, looks over the STEP exhibit material at Sacramento, Calif.

four men who picked up their sick friend and carried him to Jesus.

We are all in Church Extension together. Church Extension is not in the hands of fate, but in your hands and in mine. What chance does Church Extension have to succeed by itself? The laypeople and pastors in our Conference are a large working force and, as in the past, and in the present, much can be accomplished together. God uses people as they are, and we can all work in our own unique way toward the completion of each project. With the help of each person, the load is easier. It takes no special effort to do nothing. We must *work and lead together* and *not push!*

Church Extension is and will be a *lifetime job* for you and me, regardless of age, young and old, boys and girls, and men and women. We feel *compelled* to build at home for the *growth* of our churches, the *future* of our youth and our denomination. We *must keep this vision before us*, for our beloved foreign mission work is directly dependent upon Church Extension. As Church Extension bridges the gap between existing churches and foreign missions, so we are shaking hands across the sea. Church Extension may seem a bit uncertain and a bit expensive at times, even more than foreign missions, but are we to be the judge as to whether our money will do more good here at home or abroad? Our *command* is to *witness*.

Statistics show that there are more unsaved souls in the United States and Canada than there are in all the foreign mission fields where we operate. This is a real challenge for our denomination. Actually, *all the church* has to do to go *OUT* of business is to *STAY* in business as it is today!

## NEW TESTAMENT EVANGELISM

New Testament evangelism involves more than winning lost souls for Christ and then turning them loose to shift for themselves. It involves helping these persons who have been won to organize into New Testament type churches that will continue to teach and preach the whole counsel of God, conserve new converts, and help provide the supply base from which to send the Gospel to all parts of the world. *By all means* we must make the *tree good*, for the *tree* is known by its *fruits*, and from the *fruits* grow *seeds*.

In recent years we have organized  
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BAPTIST HERALD

# The Bell Tolls for 88!

The story of 88 promising young Africans graduating from the Baptist Teacher Training College at Soppo, of whom 78 have already joined the challenging ranks of over 400 teachers on our Baptist Day Schools in Cameroon.

By Rev. Harold F. Lang of Cameroon, Africa

AT 5:50 A.M. on August 13 the bell tolls the beginning of a new day for the students of the Baptist Teacher Training College at Soppo. The horizon begins to brighten, and the air is moistened by a half-fog, half drizzle. In many ways it is an average day in the midst of a rainy season. But for 88 students it is a very special day. It is a day which they have long anticipated. It is their Graduation Day! But it is a busy day as well, for much must be accomplished before the exercises begin at 3:00 P.M.

Let's take a quick look around. The graduates and some of the other students are busily studying for the last of the examinations to begin at 9:00 A.M. They are weary, for this is the eleventh examination which they will be taking. The undergraduates who have completed their examinations also have their work to do. The chapel must be swept, pews and chairs arranged. The grass trimming must be completed, not with power mowers, but with machetes deftly wielded by hand. There is other tidying up to be done. The women are in charge of seeing that the classrooms are clean and the assembly room in the new wing is prepared for the afternoon tea.

## EXCITING PREPARATIONS

There goes Miss Ida Forsch hurrying up to the College. She has been chairman of the Graduation Committee and is looking over the last minute details. The missionary wives are busy getting their goodies ready for the tea to which honored guests, staff, and graduates are invited. Excitement fills the air amidst the steady drizzle, a trademark of an August day in Cameroon.

How quickly the time passes! With all doing their part, the necessary preparations are completed. Already it is 2:45 P.M., and the bell sounds again calling the students to assemble and prepare for the special event. The thirty piece school band, reminiscent of the "Spirit of '76" with drums, bugles and flutes, is busy with last minute practicing. They look very handsome in their colorful red and white uniforms. The other students, putting finishing touches on their appearance, are attractively dressed in freshly laundered whites.

Among the graduates there is perplexity. How can they have the processional march up the 25 steps leading to the chapel in this rain? How they had hoped it would not be raining on this particular afternoon. As they had feared, the word finally comes that the

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principal has decided that due to the rain there will be no processional. But the Head Prefect (Student Body President) is not easily discouraged.

"Please, Sir, we have looked forward to the procession. Could we not have it still? It is not raining badly, and it means so much to us." The request of the graduates is honored.

## COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

All is ready at 3:05 P.M. Students are in line, and government officials including the Inspector of Education and Permanent Secretary to the Department of Education are assembled. Tutors are all present. But someone is missing, and without him the graduation cannot begin. The Honorable M. N. Ndamukong, West Cameroonian Secretary of State for Education and Social Welfare, the main speaker, has not yet arrived. But this is not unusual, for it is proper in this land for the most important dignitary to arrive last. Sure enough, promptly at 3:25 P.M. the main speaker comes. The band strikes up a marching tune; the

procession is under way.

The program begins as the Rev. Flavius Martin, recently ordained pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Victoria, offers the invocation. Included in the program is Scripture reading by Rev. Gary Schroeder, welcome by the principal, numbers by the College Choir and French Choir. Then comes the main address in which the Secretary of State briefly outlines to the future teachers some of the problems which he and they must face, problems involving an expanding educational system with ambitious goals, but with limited funds at their disposal.

Following this, there are words of advice given by Mr. Ikome, Cameroon Baptist Mission Supervisor of Schools, Forest Region. Then there are two short student speeches by Alfred Mimba, outgoing Head Prefect, and David Song, incoming Head Prefect. After the introduction of the graduates, final remarks and benediction, it is all over. Participants and graduates march out to the accompaniment of the band. The tea and the inevitable photographer conclude this important day.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEADERSHIP

This day is no less important for the Baptist work in the Cameroons. Eighty-eight have graduated; seventy-one of these will be joining the ranks of the over 400 teachers in our Baptist Day Schools. Their training is completed; they are ready to begin. Each of them will be the instructor, the example, the teacher to be observed, studied and followed by 30 young boys and girls. Within the next year they will have direct contact with over 2000 young lives and the opportunity to share with these the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They will have opportunities of leadership in Baptist churches in towns and villages scattered in all parts of the West Cameroon.

How effective will their influence for Jesus Christ be? We at the College have sought to prepare them with the help of God—to prepare them not only academically, important as this aspect may be. We also have sought to challenge and to prepare them spiritually for the responsibilities and opportunities which lie ahead.

Pray with us for these and our other teachers that they might have the strength to resist temptation, the courage to stand fast in the Lord, and the vision to attempt great things accomplished in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Blessed**  
is the man that  
walketh not in  
the counsel of  
the ungodly, nor  
standeth in the  
way of sinners,  
nor sitteth in  
the seat of the  
scornful. Psalm 1:1.



# Meet These Twelve Young Volunteers

Introducing the young members of the two God's Volunteers Teams and their directors as they witness for Christ "To Know Him and to Make Him Known!"

## GOD'S VOLUNTEERS TEAM NO. I

By Sandra Scheffler, Reporter

"TO KNOW Him and to Make Him Known"—this is our motto as God's Volunteers for 1964-1965. After an exciting week-end (Sept. 4-7) at Banff for the Prairie Youth Conference, we made our way to the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, where we trained from Sept. 8 to Oct. 2.

Some of the courses we had were Christian Relations and False Cults, Soul Winning, Baptist Beliefs, The Local Church, Visitation, Bible History, Music, and Speech. Our patient instructors were Rev. John Binder, Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Rev. Walter Hoffman, Rev. Edgar Klatt, and from the Christian

Now from the midwest comes Kathy Crilly from Minot, N. Dak. She is 20 years old and has finished her first year at Bethel College in St. Paul, Minn. She is the secretary of our team.

Sandra Scheffler is from Madison, Nebraska. She is 20 years old and is completing her junior year at Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as an elementary education major. She is the reporter and statistician of our team.

From St. Paul, Minn., comes Robert Wilcke. He is 19 years old and has just completed one year of general education at Bemidji State College. As car custodian it is his responsibility to keep "Sh' ought" (she ought to have more gas and she ought to have more oil) in good condition.

Janet Krause, our youngest team

cal experience in this area. On Oct. 3 both teams served at a youth rally for all the young people in Edmonton. Also, we were very thrilled to be able to have a part in the Prairie Youth Conference this year at Banff. It was a good refresher before we began our ministry as God's Volunteers.

There is one request that we want to make as God's Volunteers Team I, and that is that you would pray for us. We realize that our ministry can only be effective through the working of the Holy Spirit in us. May our theme always remain "Souls for Jesus."

## GOD'S VOLUNTEERS TEAM NO. II

By Anita Schlehuber, Reporter

Greetings in our Savior's Name! The 1964-65 God's Volunteers met at the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada on Sept. 7th. In the month of preparation and training, we discussed personal soul winning and comprehensive evangelism under the direction of Rev. Daniel Fuchs. Rev. W. R. Muller was our instructor for evangelism in organizations of the church. Another instructor was Rev. John Binder. Through his direction we studied the Gospel of John and Christian Relations and Cults. Professor E. B. Link helped us to realize the history, the unusual distinctives and organization of Baptists.

### CALLED OF GOD

The last two weeks of training were taught mainly by our two directors. Rev. Edgar Klatt taught Bible History and the study of Ephesians. We had a class on the Holy Spirit and Prayer, and Visitation with Rev. Walter Hoffman as our instructor.

It's a real joy to be called of God as Volunteers. We, as Team No. II, have been challenged by each class to proclaim the Word of Christ and to be concerned for souls lost in sin.

At CTI we have learned to know many Christian young people and have shared many spiritual experiences together. It is very interesting to become acquainted with the students who are attending this school of Christian education.

We have had the privilege this past month to take part in various services in the Edmonton area. Our team was presented at the McKernan, Meadowlark, and the Zion Baptist Churches.

### MEMBERS OF TEAM II

Ruby Buxa from Minot, N. Dak., is a member of the Crestview Baptist Church of which Rev. Elmo Tahrn is the pastor. She has attended one year at Bethel College, St. Paul, Minn., and

two years at Minot State College. She is the secretary on the team.

Janice Bertsch from Ashley, N. Dak., is a member of the Ashley Baptist Church of which Rev. Isador Faszer is the pastor. She is a 1963 graduate of Ashley High School and last year she stayed at home doing domestic work. Janice is our treasurer on the team.

Carol Koch from New Leipzig, N. Dak., attends the New Leipzig Baptist Church of which Rev. Allen Gerber is the pastor. She is a graduate of Dickinson State College in Dickinson, N. Dak., and plans to teach next year. Carol is our program chairman.

Anita Schlehuber from Marion, Kansas is a member of the Strassburg Baptist Church of which Rev. Donald Decker is pastor. She was a Freshman last year at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas. Anita is the reporter and statistician.

### PRAY FOR US!

Ron Norman from Watertown, Wisconsin attends the First Baptist Church in Watertown. Ron was a freshman last year at Carroll College in Waukesha, Wisc. Ron is the car custodian. His responsibilities are to take care of "Schmicht." (She might go and she might not!)

Larry Ohlhauser, the only person from Canada, is from Carbon, Alberta. He attends the Carbon Baptist Church of which Rev. Art Patzia is the pastor. He was a freshman last year at the University of Alberta. Larry is our group leader.

Our director of Team II is Rev. Walter Hoffman from Minneapolis.

Now you have met the members of God's Volunteers Team II. Pray for us that utterance may be given unto us that we may open our mouths boldly, to make known the mystery of the Gospel. (Ephesians 6:19).



GOD'S VOLUNTEERS TEAM NO. II

Left to right: Janice Bertsch, Ron Norman, Ruby Buxa, Larry Ohlhauser, Carol Koch, Anita Schlehuber, and Rev. Walter Hoffman, Director.



Faculty members and students of the Theological Department of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta at their annual Fall Retreat.

## Fall Retreat for C.T.I.

Report of the retreat for faculty and theological students of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta by Freida E. Fiege

SEPT. 9-11 were days set aside for the fall retreat for the faculty and students of the Theological Department of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta. Regular classroom studies were left behind as the group gathered at Sylvan Lake Baptist Camp. The purpose of the retreat was to provide an opportunity for students and faculty to become acquainted. At the opening fireside meeting, Dr. A. S. Felberg, president, challenged each person beginning the school year to have an open mind, a desire to know the truth and a determination to go forward with God. The importance of our attitudes regarding theological

training was stressed by Prof. A. Rap-ske through a presentation on "The Role of Attitudes in Theological Education." Various points of view were expressed by both faculty and students in a discussion period. We also examined the curriculum for theological students offered by C.T.I. as compared with that of similar institutions. Dr. B. Schalm, Academic Dean, outlined the various aspects which should be considered in the course of studies.

During daily devotions, led by Prof. W. R. Muller and Prof. W. R. L. McLatchie, we meditated upon God's Word as found in II Cor. 4:18 and II Peter 1:1-12. A new appreciation of the role of hymns as an aid to worship was gained as Prof. E. B. Link drew our attention to the words of our hymns, many of which are based directly on Scripture. The example used was "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

Recreation each afternoon provided an opportunity for an informal time of fellowship. The student-faculty sharing hour at the conclusion of the retreat drew us closer together as we related experiences and gave testimony of God's nearness. Each camper returned to C.T.I. with a new determination to be faithful in the place to which God has called him.

## GOD'S VOLUNTEERS' SCHEDULE

### TEAM NO. I.

Nov. 10-22—Missoula, Montana  
Nov. 24-Dec. 4—Plevna, Montana  
Dec. 6-13—Isabel, South Dakota

### TEAM NO. II.

Nov. 10-22—Minitonas, Manitoba  
Nov. 24-Dec. 4—Yorkton, Sask.  
Dec. 6-13—Germantown Church, North Dakota



GOD'S VOLUNTEERS TEAM, NO. I

Left to right: Kathy Crilly, Allen Watson, Janet Krause, Robert Wilcke, Alice Rook, Sandra Scheffler, and Rev. E. W. Klatt, Director.

Training Institute, Prof. E. B. Link, Rev. W. R. Muller and Prof. McLatchie. We found these courses to be very practical in our work.

### MEMBERS OF TEAM I

This year all of Team No. I are from the United States. Beginning at the West Coast we have Alice Rook from Portland, Oregon. She is 19 years old and has had one year at Portland State College, where she is majoring in music. She is our program chairman.

Allen Watson is from Dallas, Oregon. He is 21 years old and is completing his junior year at Oregon State University in Corvallis as a major in agricultural engineering. He is our group leader.

member, is from Watertown, Wisconsin. She is 18 years old and has just graduated from Watertown High School. On our team she is the trusty treasurer.

Our director, Rev. Edgar Klatt, is from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. We are looking forward to working with him and getting to know him better as we work together this year. Previous to this year, he has served in the pastorate.

### "SOULS FOR JESUS"

We have had many opportunities to serve in our Edmonton churches. Besides the joy we have had in serving them, we also have gained good practi-



# Witnessing to God's Glory

Reports of Several Unusual Events

## NEW TRI-STATE CAMP STARTS WITH OVERFLOW ENROLLMENT

A new Junior and Senior Young People's Camp has been started among some of our churches in the Central and Eastern Conferences. The area includes Cleveland, Erie, Buffalo, Munson, Arnold, and Pittsburgh.

Many of the churches in the Eastern Conference have had no camping program and there has been a growing desire for a camping program of our own in this area. The churches in the Cleveland area felt that such a camp would be much closer for them also. The place finally chosen was Camp Caledon, owned by the Erie County Sunday School Association, of which our Erie churches are a part. Rev. Fred Mashner, pastor of the South Hills Baptist Church of Erie was chosen as Camp Manager. Rev. Dale Chaddock, pastor

included Rev. Raymond Yahn, Rev. Albert Fadenrecht, Mr. David Irish, and Rev. Florian Manas for the Senior Camp, and Mrs. Prast, Miss Ruth Bathauer, and Mrs. Chaddock for the Junior Camp. Next year we expect to have a week for Juniors and a week for Seniors.

—Dale Chaddock, Camp Dean

## FIRST WOMEN'S RETREAT ATLANTIC CONFERENCE CHURCHES

Some 63 women from the various Woman's Missionary Societies of the Atlantic Conference of North American Baptist churches attended what is hoped will be the first annual Women's Retreat at Fourbrooks Bible Conference grounds at Pipersville, Bucks County, Penn., Sept. 25 and 26. Theme of the retreat, "To Be Like Jesus," was

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Baptist of New York City. The theme chorus, "My Desire," was used throughout the retreat.

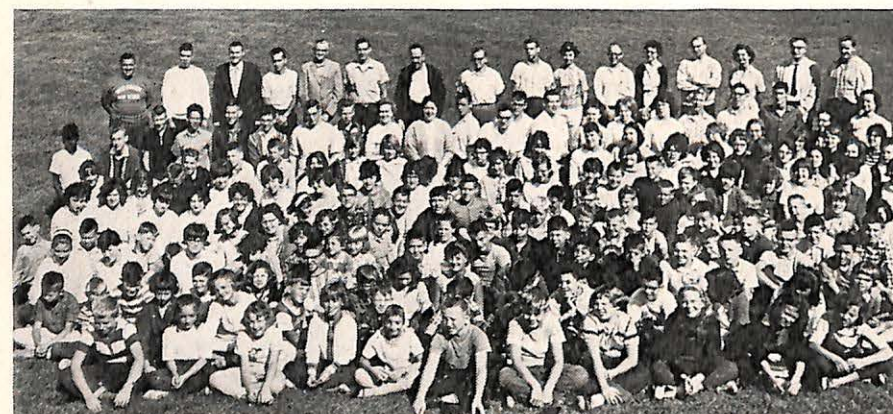
The officers serving the Atlantic Conference Woman's Missionary Union are: Mrs. Ronald K. Nasshan, Second Baptist, Union City, N. J., president; Mrs. Donald G. Mostrom, Cornerstone Baptist, Union City, N. J., vice-president; Mrs. Arthur Boymook, First Baptist, Jamesburg, N. J., secretary; and Mrs. Richard Sparling, First Baptist, Elsmere, Delaware, treasurer.

—Mrs. LeRoy H. Johnson, Reporter

## PROF. BORCHERT AT TABOR COLLEGE, KANSAS

Professor G. L. Borchert of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Instructor in New Testament at the North American Baptist Seminary, addressed more than 2000 friends of Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, including visitors from the Dakotas, Minnesota, Nebraska and Oklahoma who attended the School Opening Festival services. Prof. Borchert, relating his morning address to the prevalent moral issues faced on many college and university campuses, felt that the rampant sex-emphasis explosion evident today was basically a symptom expressing deep, inward "lostness and loneliness" in the life of the average American student. He indicated that this attempt to solve this problem of seeking for affection was inadequate to satisfy the deeper craving for real affection. Real love, affection, and true acceptance as persons are to be found only in the holy relationships which Jesus Christ gives to people who, believing in him, also become people of real acceptance one to another.

In speaking of the relationship of theology and science at the evening service, Professor Borchert underscored the necessity of a true understanding of II Timothy 3:16. God has given the Scriptures so that believers may be led into righteousness. This purpose has often been misunderstood by those who have made other uses of the Scriptures primary. The Bible was not given by God as a scientific text book, but as a book which had as its basic function making men spiritually what God had intended them to be when he created them—righteous. In addition to these two major services, friends of the College were given tours of the campus and enjoyed an afternoon faculty recital by Violinist Paul Carlson, Baritone Soloist Carl Gerbrandt and Pianist Thomas Collins.



Almost 200 campers and staff members from our churches in Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio attended the first Tri-State Junior and Senior Young People's Camp at Camp Caledon.

of the Holiday Park Baptist Church of Pittsburgh was chosen Camp Dean, with Rev. Raymond Yahn, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh assisting him. Mrs. Dale Chaddock was Junior Camp Dean. Both Camps ran simultaneously on the same grounds from August 23-29.

The camp grounds are adequate for a single camp of about 150. The registrations kept coming in until the total of staff and campers came to 192, and this with a double program. The Lord wonderfully blessed the week with many decisions for Christ and a number of young people surrendered their lives fully to the Lord. A very thorough and active program of Bible study, discussion groups, chapel, vespers, rallies, campfires, and lots of recreation kept everyone busy.

A craft program was provided for the Juniors. The Seniors had a riflery program with many young people receiving accomplishment certificates from the National Riflery Association. Mrs. Dixon was the craft instructor and Rev. Lawrence R. Prast was the riflery instructor. Bible class teachers

brought out in three Bible studies taught by Miss Susan Beers of Morristown, N. J. Miss Beers, former missionary to Japan, is associated with the Peniel Bible Conference in Lake Luzerne, N. Y. in the summer and teaches Bible classes and counsels in several states throughout the winter.

Testimonies on "What Jesus Christ has done for me" were given by Mrs. Fred Blake and Mrs. Donald G. Mostrom of Cornerstone Baptist, Union City, N. J., and Mrs. Evelyn Emr of Second Baptist, Union City, N. J. The women divided into three discussion groups: Senior Citizens, Homemakers and Business Women led by Miss Beers, Mrs. Mostrom and Miss Amelia Ludwig of First Baptist Church, Elsmere, Delaware.

During a singspiration period numbers were presented by the pastors' wives: Mrs. Mostrom, Mrs. Nasshan, Mrs. Ernest Hoffman, Mrs. Gordon Huisinga and Mrs. Sparling; a trio from Second Baptist, Union City, Mrs. Ruth Stucki, Mrs. Ruth Downs, and Mrs. Evelyn Emr; and a solo by Mrs. Ella Beck of Ridgewood

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By Rev. B. C. Schreiber, Promotional Assistant

**THE MYSTERY OF GODLINESS** by W. Ian Thomas. Zondervan Publishing House—1964—164 pages—\$2.95.

Mr. Thomas is well known as the founder of the Torchbearers' Evangelistic Organization, a Bible teaching ministry which has taken him into many parts of the world. His vocabulary is vivid and picturesque and generously supported by Scripture references. Most of the author's writings are based on his own experience in which he discovered the mystery of the Godly life by letting God work and live through him. It is only God who can make man Godly. Man's part is to find him and to know him.

**THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS** by F. Foulkes. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company—1963—182 pages—\$3.00.

This is the tenth volume of the Tynedale Bible Commentary edited by R. V. G. Tasker. Almost forty pages are given over to the introduction. This is necessary in order to help the student of the Bible understand the nature and the purpose of the epistle. It takes as much research to formulate a good introduction as it does to follow the rules of Biblical exegesis and interpretation.

This particular letter of Paul does not deal with church problems such as those found in Corinth. It is filled with the doctrine of Christ and the church and the author treats it accordingly.

**CHRIST AND THE CHURCH** by Dale Moody. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company—1963—153 pages—\$1.45 (paper).

The content lends itself more readily for preaching purposes because Dr. Moody has incorporated much of his expository preaching material which he has used over the years. However, some of the exposition is quite technical and as such should be reserved for the classroom rather than the pulpit. Dr. Moody is well known as Professor of Christian Theology at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

**VOCABULARY OF COMMUNISM** by Lester DeKoster. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company—1964—224 pages—\$3.50.

The average Christian does not agree with communism and is often outspoken in his condemnation of its tenets even though he knows very lit-

tle about them. Mr. DeKoster's book is a combination dictionary and encyclopedia. It is an excellent reference book for those who are interested in this subject and who desire to be better informed.

**I BELIEVE IN GOD** by Dr. K. Runia. Inter-Varsity Press—1963—77 pages—\$1.50 (paper).

**CHRISTIAN BELIEFS** by I. Howard Marshall. Inter-Varsity Press—1963—96 pages—\$1.25 (paper).

Although it is not stated in either of the books, it is quite obvious that they were written for college and university students. This is the area in which Inter-Varsity makes its most notable impact because this is where the faith of Christian students is most intensely and dangerously challenged. Anyone, however, can profit from these volumes. Dr. Runia discusses the current questions and the creeds. It is in the area of current religious views that he seems to be at his best. Of the theology of Tillich, Bultmann, Robinson and Bonhoeffer he sees the end of missionary endeavor. It is merely a new world-view but it has no power to save.

Dr. Marshall gives a brief introduction to Christian beliefs which is profitable for those who cannot find time to study a 600-800 page volume of systematic theology.

**SOUL WINNING EVANGELISM** by J. E. Conant. Zondervan Publishing House—1963—168 pages—\$2.95.

**EVANGELISM IN THE ACTS** by C. E. Autrey. Zondervan Publishing House—1963—87 pages—\$2.50.

The reader will have little difficulty in following Mr. Conant's process and procedure. In three main divisions he gives a clear analysis of the theology, the dynamics and the practical aspects of evangelism. The chapters under these divisions are based strongly on the

New Testament teaching of the empowering of the Spirit. Dr. Conant, who died in 1955 at the age of 88, was a proponent of the old type of evangelism and the preaching of "the old time religion."

*Evangelism in the Acts* is a scholarly and Biblical presentation. Dr. Autrey claims that the modern church must follow the example of the churches in Acts in expansion. (The word "modern" is used in a general term and not in its theological implication). The degree and manner of expansion may vary, but the church must relentlessly go forward as long as the life of God is within it.

As a Southern Baptist the author cannot help but let his "light shine through" in his attitude toward ritualism. However, informality can also become a fetish when a church uses it as a measure of comparison rather than as a source of power.

**THE ART OF PREACHING** by A. Skevington Wood. Zondervan Publishing House—1964—126 pages—\$2.50.

Probably no seminary will accept this as a standard textbook, but as a source of inspiration for the minister and would-be minister it can prove helpful and informative. The bold, what seems to be a 14 point type, makes it very easy reading.

**SATAN: HIS PERSONALITY, POWER AND OVERTHROW** by Edward M. Bounds. Baker Book House—1963—1963—157 pages—\$2.95.

Outside of the information given in a textbook on systematic theology, this is the first volume on this subject (or character) which has come to the attention of this reviewer. All the information is strictly biblical in order to give the reader the true picture of the Devil's conduct and work, and to eliminate from the student's mind all the traditions and caricatures which have been built up around him through the years.

**DEAR PASTOR** by Hilda Bryant. Baker Book House—1964—106 pages—\$1.00 (paper).

This is a question and answer publication similar to many religious newspaper columns. The questions are primarily from young people and deal with the same difficulties and problems which beset every adolescent.

Although the book is entitled *DEAR PASTOR*, the answers are not given by a minister. Some answers would be clearer if the author had a better understanding of the interpretation of Scripture. For example on page 28 in reference to a question on perfection (Matthew 5:48) she makes this surprising statement: "In fact, this perfection refers only to his Christianity—nothing else." On most matters there is sound biblical, spiritual and practical advice.

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● The Harbor Trinity Baptist Church of Costa Mesa, Calif., has ordered 100 copies of the new 68 page book, "Now We Are 88," with the biographical sketches and pictures of all NAB missionaries. Rev. Robert S. Hess, pastor, has reported a keen interest by the members of his church in becoming better acquainted with these missionaries and the various mission fields where they are serving.

● "Christian Education" was observed by the Calvary Church of Billings, Mont., with 51 Sunday school scholars promoted on Sunday, Oct. 4. The general superintendent is Mr. Ed. Wolff with Mr. Reuben Zimmerman serving as the assistant superintendent. Rev. Richard A. Grenz, pastor, spoke on the timely topic, "God Called Some to Be Teachers" at the special Education Week service on Sunday morning, Sept. 27.

● The North American Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., has announced that Mr. Siegfried Wagner is enrolled at the Seminary as the exchange student from the Baptist Seminary of Hamburg, Germany. Our NAB exchange student at the Hamburg Seminary in Germany for this school year is Rev. Eric H. Ohlman of Leduc, Alberta, a 1964 graduate of the Seminary who was recently ordained by his home church in Leduc.

● Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Neelen of Milwaukee, Wis., members of the Temple Baptist Church, observed their 25th wedding anniversary recently. They presented an extra offering to the church in recognition of this anniversary. On Saturday evening, Oct. 4, a Family Fellowship Supper was held at which the supper was a donation of the hostesses and the offering was designated for the piano fund. Rev. Rudolph Woyke is the pastor of the church.

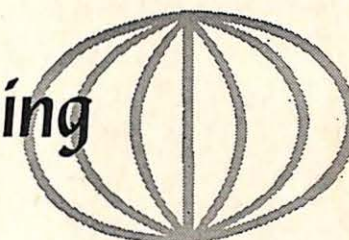
● The First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta has extended a call to Rev. Norman Dreger of Wetaskiwin, Alberta. He has been serving the Mission Church of Wetaskiwin, a Christian Missionary Alliance Church. He has accepted the call of the Leduc Church and began his ministry there on Oct. 1st, succeeding Rev. Paul Siewert, now of Vancouver, British Columbia. A reception for Mr. and Mrs. Dreger and family was held in Leduc, Alberta on Friday evening, Oct. 2nd.

● On Wednesday evening, Oct. 7, the Riverview Baptist Church, West St. Paul, Minn., held an all Church Family Fellowship Supper sponsored by the Stewardship Committee. The theme for the program for the young people and adults was "A Christian's Citizenship Responsibility." Mr. Harold Le Vander, a former interim pastor of the church and an attorney in the community, spoke on this subject. From Oct. 19 to 30 Rev. Harold E. Weiss, pastor, conducted evangelistic meetings in Ashley, N. Dak.

● On Sunday, Sept. 20, Rev. J. R. Kruegel, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Trenton, Ill., baptized two persons: Diane Buzzard and Mrs. Gerald Luginbuhl, on confession of their faith in Christ. The Sunday school officers for 1964-1965 are Paul Sims superintendent, Carl Dumke assistant superintendent, and Gerald Buzzard secretary-treasurer. On Monday evening,

● Paying his first visit to the relocated church of which he was pastor from 1945 to 1951, Rev. Frank Veninga, president of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was guest minister at the North Sheridan Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill., on Sunday, Sept. 27, at both services. The church designated the day as Harvest Festival Sunday. At the morning serv-

## what's happening



Oct. 5, Rev. William W. Cadwallader, missionary from Thailand, spoke at a special service held in the Baptist Church.

● The membership of the First German Baptist Church of Saskatoon, Sask., has increased to 33 under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. John Wahl. He reported that the youth group and the Woman's Missionary Society in the church are especially active. Along with members of the Hudson Bay Church of the city, the young people's deputation team is visiting the Mental Hospital in North Battleford, Sask., from time to time to read the Scriptures and to sing Christian songs for the hospital patients.

● Rev. and Mrs. Frank Armbruster of Mt. Sterling, Mo., are conducting an improvised Nursing Home for six guests in the parsonage with the approval of the Baptist Church of which Mr. Armbruster serves as the pastor. This is under the minimum requirement for a licensed Home in the state of Missouri. Mrs. Armbruster is taking care of the guests who come from communities in Missouri. This ministry to the senior citizens at the Baptist parsonage is receiving much commendation by people in the community and vicinity of Mt. Sterling.

● The First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., has extended a call to Mr. Paul Meister of Chicago, Ill., a 1964 graduate of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary and a member of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Meister who are serving as administrators of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged in Norridge, Ill. Mr. Meister has accepted the call and announced that he and his wife will begin their ministry at the Watertown Church early in November, succeeding Rev. Donald N. Miller.

ice, President Veninga spoke on "The Hallmark of Christian Discipleship." A church dinner honoring Mr. and Mrs. Veninga was held in early evening. Rev. Richard W. Paetzel is pastor of the church.

● The First Baptist Church of Durham, Kansas has extended a call to Rev. Henry Lang of Bismarck, N. Dak., to which he has replied favorably. His family will move to Durham, Kansas on Oct. 16 and Mr. Lang will begin his ministry there in November. In the meantime, he has continued to supervise the construction of the new Baptist Church at Martin, N. Dak. In the Durham Church, he will succeed Rev. Wesley A. Gerber, now of Enid, Okla. Mr. Lang was formerly the chaplain and assistant to the administrator at the Bismarck Home in Bismarck, N. Dak.

● On Oct. 24 Miss Lydia Wuensch of Rochester, N. Y., and Rev. John E. Grygo of Forest Park, Ill., were married at a private wedding ceremony held in Rochester, N. Y. Rev. John E. Grygo is denominational editor of German publications. His wife was formerly director of the Monroe Library in Rochester. She is a sister of the first wife of Mr. Grygo, who was killed in the tragic accident in 1963 following their attendance at the Pastors' Conference. Another sister, Miss Lena Wuensch, has joined Rev. and Mrs. John E. Grygo in their new residence in Forest Park, Ill., that was once occupied by the late Dr. and Mrs. William Kuhn.

● Scripture Memory Family Night was held on Saturday evening, Sept. 27, by the First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kansas. Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Voegelé of Wichita, Kansas, who are now engaged in Church Extension work at the Memory Lane Baptist Church, present-

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# We the Women

BY MRS. DELMAR WESSELER  
of Lorraine, Kansas  
President of the Woman's Missionary Union

It is a privilege to introduce our newly elected Secretary to you. Elfrieda Benke was born in East Prussia, Germany and came with her parents to Rochester, N. Y. where they became active members of the Andrews St. Baptist Church. After her schooling there, she met her husband while he was attending our Seminary in Rochester (Seminary now located in Sioux Falls, S. Dak.). They have a daughter Joanne who is a freshman at the university in Buffalo, N. Y., and Judith Ann who is in sixth grade. They have served churches in Hebron, N. Dak.; Watertown, Wisc.; Madison, S. Dak.; and recently came to the Temple Baptist Church in Buffalo, N. Y.

She has served as President of the W.M.U. of both the Northwestern Conference and the Dakota Conference. She enjoys helping in all activities of church life with a special interest in music, since her hobbies are organ and piano. Each new parsonage challenges her to make it attractive for her family and for the people who find pleasure in visiting them.

## W. M. U. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

By Mrs. Jothan G. Benke, Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union

It was a joy for me to walk into one of the guest rooms at our Headquarters office in Forest Park, Ill., and be greeted with a warm and genuine welcome by women who had already arrived from various parts of the United States and Canada to attend the Executive Meeting of our denominational Woman's Union which convened Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. As we had dinner together that first evening followed by a devotional period led by our president, Mrs. Delmar Wesseler, and a time of sharing of experiences and fellowship, we felt knit together in a bond of love and mutual purpose.

The following morning found us gathered about the huge conference table. It is impossible to convey all that transpired at these meetings. But here are some highlights!

I wish that you too could have experienced the enthusiasm and seen the tears of joy on the face of Mrs. Erika Bormann as she told us that during the past year our White Cross work has reached a new high with a shipment of 21, 272 pounds of White Cross supplies being sent to the field. She also reported that the response to

# From the Professor's Desk

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

*What is meant by the Apostle Paul's statement in Colossians 1:24 that his sufferings "fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ," or as the R.S.V. puts it, "complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions"?*

A common view shared by many biblical interpreters, including some of the Reformers, regards the "afflictions of Christ" as those of the church. This view is called the conception of corporate personality, in that the sufferings which Paul had in mind here were those of Christ's Body, the church, because Christ is in his church and he suffers when the church suffers (Acts 9:4). This kind of identification is common in ancient Jewish thinking, as is illustrated by Isaiah's "suffering Servant," sometimes regarded as the whole of Israel, sometimes as a faithful remnant within Israel, and most characteristically as the Messiah. It is this kind of concept which Paul uses in Col. 1:24, which concept gave the apostle perspective on his own sufferings and those of the church.

## SUFFERING WITH CHRIST

Paul speaks often of "suffering with Christ," "the fellowship of his sufferings" (Phil 3:10), "and dying with Christ" (Rom. 6). He regards his sufferings as part of the afflictions of Christ, which in turn, are the sufferings of the church. "That which is behind," or "that which is lacking" does not refer to some part of Jesus' earthly work which was somehow incomplete, and certainly not his vicarious sufferings on the cross. The context clearly indicates the absolute sufficiency of Christ's sufferings for the reconciliation of all things.

J. Schmidt points out that what Paul fulfilled was not some supplement to the totally adequate work of Jesus Christ on the cross, but rather the measure of suffering allotted to himself as a faithful disciple of the Lord and as an apostle to and servant of the church.

Green Stamps had been go great that not only did we get thermos containers but blankets, bath towels, hand towels, wash cloths and step-on garbage cans.

Our new venture in faith, "Meals for Missions" project, was discussed at great length. Material concerning this project has been mailed to all local societies. We pray that the Holy Spirit will convict your heart of the need.

The next morning Mrs. H. J. Schulz, our German editor, led us in our meditation using the theme, "Our Times are in His Hands," Eph. 5:15-17 and Ps. 31:15. As our meetings adjourned, I counted it a special blessing and privilege to have a share in the work of our Woman's Missionary Union.

Some scholars take exception to this explanation, feeling that it is questionable that Paul is employing the suffering Servant theme of Isaiah to account for the affliction of Christ, and that to understand "what is lacking" as the measure of sufferings allotted to Paul himself is not very satisfactory. They hold that "the lack" is related to a divine process in the history of the church in the world. It had its beginning in the sufferings and death of Christ and continues in the affliction of the church. Paul's sufferings helped to complete what is lacking in the suffering of Christ's Body. The sufferings of the church will one day be consummated, ushering in the glory for which the believer longs, and requisite to this consummation is the filling up of "that which is lacking." But this view turns out to be not very much different from the first.

## THE AFFLICTIONS OF CHRIST

Others, like Gerhard Kittel, link this with the role of the chosen witnesses who are destined to endure the afflictions of Christ. As the hostile world did with the Lord, so will it do with his elect witness who is resisted, rejected, and opposed and persecuted (Matt. 5:10-12; 10:22-25; Jno. 15:18-21). These afflictions are not only the consequences of faithful witnessing, but are also the means of accomplishing the divine mission, and as such may be regarded as the afflictions of Christ (II Cor. 4:8-11). The phrase "of Christ" in Col. 1:24 may be understood as a qualitative genitive, and the afflictions thus may refer to those Christ-like sufferings that the faithful Christians endure in connection with their obedient witness. Thus, "that which is lacking" points to the fulfillment of Jesus' words about his disciples suffering and being hated in the world even as he himself was. It does not at all imply any inadequacy in the atoning work of Christ.

Lacking in Christ's afflictions is the completion of the ministry which he inaugurated. What was accomplished potentially on the cross must now be accomplished in concrete fact through our ministry of reconciliation as ambassadors for Christ, which ministry will inevitably involve us in suffering, as it did for the Apostle Paul.

All of the above-described viewpoints are most helpful in understanding this perplexing expression used by Paul in Col. 1:24. An excellent treatment of this problem text may be found in the 1963 issue of *Biblical Research* (papers of the Chicago Society of Biblical Research), "The Afflictions of Christ: What is Lacking?" by Henry Gustafson of North Park Theological Seminary.

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ed the program with a social hour that followed. Mrs. Harry Koch was re-appointed Scripture Memory Director. The Primary Sponsors are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Meyer; the Junior Sponsors are Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hildebrand and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Scheuffler; and the Junior High Sponsors are Mr. and Mrs. George Salem. The "roving substitutes" are Mr. and Mrs. Derril Widener. Rev. Merle E. Brenner is pastor of the church.

● On Sunday evening, Sept. 27, Dr. M. L. Leuschner, editor of the "Baptist Herald," addressed the 107th annual meeting of the Gasconade County Bible Society held at the Zion United Church of Christ at Bay, Missouri. This society was founded in 1857 by Rev. August Rauschenbusch, at that time pastor of the nearby Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church, and by other evangelical pastors. Dr. Leuschner spoke on "The Gospel Speaks to Our Age." The business meeting was conducted by Mr. August Gumper of Bay, Mo., with the life membership certificates presented by Mr. William Kallmayer of Herman, Mo. Rev. Frank Armbruster and members of the Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church of Mt. Sterling, Mo., also attended the service.

## CHURCH EXTENSION WITNESS

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and assisted almost 70 new churches through Church Extension. In these churches we have today approximately 5600 members, and over 6500 Sunday school scholars. This represents over one-fifth of our total number of churches, and more than one-tenth of our total membership. If it were not for evangelism through Church Extension, our denominational home base would be declining to the point where in the not too distant future we would be compelled to call home some of our missionaries and curtail untold other activities of our denominational enterprises.

In Joel 2:28 we read, "Old men dream dreams, young men see visions," and we know it is the delight of the older North American Baptist to recall these visions and steps in the path of progress, but it is also the forward looking spirit of young, thinking men that sparks the daring "TO DO"! If the path that our Conference Church Extension pastors have started to follow is a pattern for the future, we can expect great years ahead! They truly display dedicated, disciplined discipleship!

We look back to Old Testament times when in Joshua 11:15 it states, "Joshua left nothing undone of all that the Lord commanded Moses." What a great testimony! God grant that all of us might be like this noble man of God and leave nothing undone in ALL JUDEA.

November 5, 1964

# Thanks to Many Friends!

A Word of Farewell by Miss Ruth Bathauer, Former Director of Children's Work in the Department of Christian Education

ONE OF THE thrilling experiences which belongs to a Christian is the knowledge that God directs our paths, challenges and encourages us through his Word. As I make ready to leave the role as Director of Children's Work, my thoughts drift back to 1951 when I began my work with our denomination. There was some apprehension on my part. However, the verse which meant a great deal to me was Joshua 1:9, "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage, be not afraid neither be thou dismayed, for the Lord your God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

Through the years the knowledge of this abiding presence of God has become more of a reality to me and the past 13 years have been some of the richest experiences of my life. I would like to share just a glimpse of a few of the many blessings which have been mine.

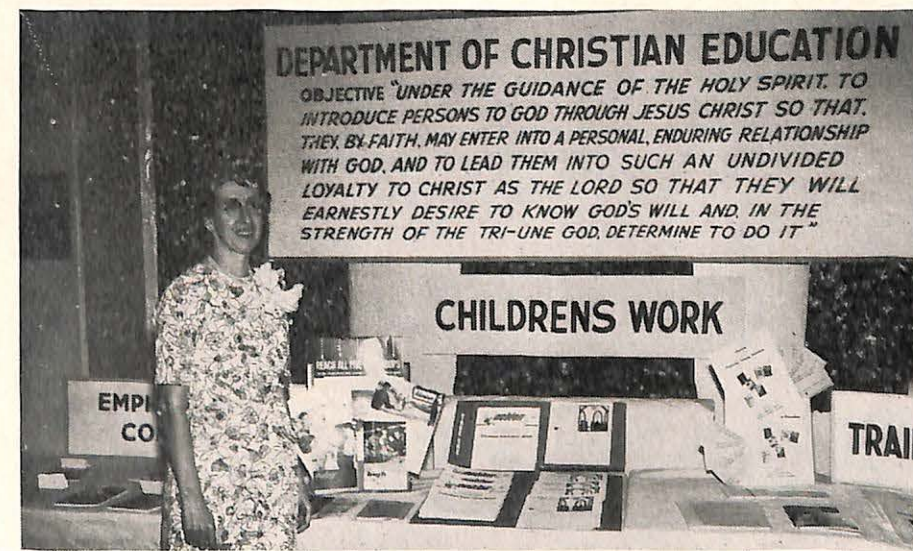
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MISS RUTH BATHAUER AT CONFERENCE EXHIBIT

At the General Conference Exhibit at Sacramento, Calif., Miss Ruth Bathauer, Director of Children's Work, points out the importance of the objective of the Department of Christian Education.





# sunday school lessons

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

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: November 15, 1964

Theme: **EQUIPPED FOR SERVICE**

Scripture: **II Timothy 2:8-15; 3:14-17**

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** The followers of Jesus are not all in the Merit Scholarship Class, but all of them must be in the Willing Workers' Class.

**INTRODUCTION:** Soon after Jesus began his ministry, he chose twelve disciples "that they should be with him" (Mark 3:14). This was how Christ began to equip his disciples for service. They were with him for three years before he gave them the seal of his approval through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

As we follow their training, there are two things that merit our examination—the slowness of their learning and the great patience of their Teacher. Sometimes it seemed as if they would never learn, and that the lessons which Jesus tried to teach them would never penetrate their dull and stubborn hearts and minds. But in spite of their slowness, it was said of them later that they turned the world upside down (Acts 17:6).

The qualifications for effective workers in the Kingdom of God are very important. They must be willing to learn, fully consecrated, love God and his Word and love people. God's Word must be studied through prayer, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit and through obedience to its teachings.

**I. A GOOD WORKMAN MUST CULTIVATE HIS MEMORY.** II Timothy 2:8-14.

The first seven verses of this chapter should also be included in the discussion. Timothy was exhorted to be strong and courageous, to be a good soldier of Jesus Christ, to expect hardship and suffering, to strive for the mastery and to give heed to all that Paul had said. In all of this he must remember Jesus Christ. He is the center and substance of life itself.

There were three things which the apostle wanted Timothy to remember. First, that Jesus Christ was of the seed of David. This was important because it reflected the prophecy of the Old Testament. Secondly, Timothy was to remember that Jesus was raised from the dead. This was the fundamental doctrine of Paul. Thirdly, Timothy was to remember that everything he said was "according to my gospel."

**II. A GOOD WORKMAN MUST BE DILIGENT.** II Timothy 2:15.

This is a favorite verse of Bible

students. Billy Sunday would never sign his name without adding this Scripture reference. The word "study" also includes doing your best in presenting yourself to God and reporting for service. It also means giving diligence to study, to work, to prayer and to experience. Rightly dividing the word of truth can lead to confusion unless we follow Christ in this respect. He always had the right Scripture passage for the right time, for the right place and for the right people.

**III. A GOOD WORKMAN MUST KNOW THE SCRIPTURE.** II Timothy 3:14-17.

Good teachers are important in our Christian education. Parents, friends, teachers in the public school and in Sunday school and pastors all help to lead and guide us and to mold our character. Timothy was fortunate from earliest childhood. His mother and grandmother taught him the Scriptures which were able to lead him to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. Paul was also one of his teachers who led him into the deeper truths of God and who helped to train him for the ministry. Sound doctrine based on Scripture helped to give Timothy a sound mind and a sound faith.

## Questions for Discussion:

1. What are some of the essential things which are necessary to equip us for service? Name both the spiritual and material equipment.
2. Compare the preparation and equipment of the early church with the church of today.
3. How do you go about seeking God's approval as a workman in his Kingdom?

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: November 22, 1964

Theme: **KEEP THE FAITH**

Scripture: **II Timothy 3:10-13; 4:1-8, 17, 18**

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** Paul lived a triumphant life and now he awaited a triumphal entrance into heaven.

**INTRODUCTION:** There are not many older and experienced men who can reveal their hearts and minds as frankly to younger men as Paul did to Timothy. In his relationship with the young minister, we get a glimpse of the apostolic greatness as well as his humility. He was a man who had great faith in God and yet he was humble enough to realize his dependence on the friendship of a human being.

Paul is considered one of the great-

est of all Christians in his vision, his dedication and his achievement. The example of his life and ministry is a tremendous witness to the fact that Jesus was his all-sufficient Savior, and the Holy Spirit was the power that enabled him to accomplish so much for Christ.

It costs something to be a Christian and Paul realized that he would have to pay the supreme price for the witness he bore. In life he was constantly persecuted and now his martyrdom was rapidly approaching. Because he had a faith in Christ who abolished death, he had no reason to fear death (II Timothy 1:10).

**I. FAITH IN UNSELFISH SERVICE.** II Timothy 3:10-13.

Paul's manner of life was not hid from God or man. Like his Master before him he could say, "I spake openly to the world . . . in secret have I said nothing" (John 18:20). His many experiences were well known to Timothy for he was his companion on some of his travels. The apostle does not become sentimental nor does he indulge in self-pity when he writes about his persecutions and hardships. It was so much a part of his life that he accepted them as part of his lot. He makes it clear that the Lord delivered him out of all his troubles.

**II. FAITH IN HIS CO-WORKERS.** II Timothy 4:1-5.

Paul did not think of himself more highly than he ought to think (Rom. 12:3). He had no vision of being so indispensable that the world would not be able to get along without him, nor that the Kingdom of God would not continue after his death. He had faith in Timothy and those who would come after him to continue the preaching of the Word. But he was also duty bound to give his followers as much counsel and instruction as possible before his death. Above all duties is the preaching of the Word. This is not always easy particularly when people do not want to hear. Persistence is an important virtue in a pastor. Reproving, rebuking, sound doctrine and evangelism are all part of the pastor's responsibility.

**III. FAITH IN LIFE AFTER DEATH.** II Timothy 4:6-8, 17, 18.

Paul was not approaching this event in his life by thinking of it as a tragedy. It was rather his coronation day—his "swan song," as someone called it. Although he was fully aware of certain death, he was approaching it with a song of triumph. He spoke of his "de-

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BAPTIST HERALD

# our denomination in action

## special events

**CYPRESS, ALDERWOOD MANOR, WASH.** Our first NAB church in Seattle, Wash., the Cypress Baptist Church, held a successful ACCENT ON YOUTH WEEK which included over 60 teenagers each evening of an entire week. Some of the activities included canoeing on beautiful Lake Washington, a progressive Mexican dinner, a Camp-Out, a picnic and swim at the ocean shore, moonlight cruise on Puget Sound and concluded with a Hawaiian Luau. Each evening the teens were challenged with a youth directed message. Rev. Richard Grabke, pastor, reports that the success of this youth emphasis week was greater than ever anticipated.

**IMMANUEL and EBENEZER, WESSINGTON SPRINGS, S. DAK.** On Aug. 6 we of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Wessington Springs, S. Dak. were privileged to burn our church mortgage papers a year before the final payment was due. In 1955 the present church was built with a loan of \$12,000 from the denomination. It was a time of great rejoicing over the fact that we are now debt free. On Sunday evening, Sept. 30, we gathered for an outstanding service when our new Conn organ with a Leslie speaker could be dedicated. We certainly enjoy this instrument. It is a wonderful help in our worship services. On Monday morning, Aug. 30, about 18 men and women of our Ebenezer Baptist Church met at the church to mow the grass which covers about three acres of ground and to paint the outside of the church building. By 4:30 P.M. we had completed the task and were on our way home. (Thomas Lutz, Pastor).

**TURTLE LAKE, N. DAK.** "An apple for the teacher" name plate was pinned to the lapels of 36 public grade and high school faculty members and their wives and/or husbands recently as they were honored at the annual get acquainted reception at the Turtle Lake Baptist Church, Turtle Lake, N. Dak. Trustee Addison L. Parks served as toastmaster as parents of school children, church members and teachers gathered about the fall trimmed banquet tables to enjoy spring fried chicken with all the trimmings. Faculty members were introduced during the evening and responded naming their hobby. Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., presented the inspiring message "The Best Kind of Encouragement." The Ladies' Trio of the church furnished musical numbers. The following Sunday, Sept. 20, Dr. M. L. Leuschner again so ably brought the morning message "God's Thankful People" to an

attentive audience as we observed our annual Mission Festival. The newly organized male chorus sang, "Speed Away," with our pastor, Rev. Orville Meth, directing. The message "Spiritual Endurance" was brought by Dr. Leuschner at the evening service. Generous mission offerings for the day were designated towards our Mission project 849—the Zimbeldans. (Mrs. Reuben Bauer, Reporter).

**PEORIA, ILLINOIS.** Drive-In Church services, which were inaugurated at the North Sheridan Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill., in the summer of 1963, were held again this past summer. A series of five such services was conducted at the church parking lot every Sunday night in August. Attendants directed parking of cars in which passengers remained to hear the speaking and music over specially installed outdoor loudspeakers. Chairs were set up on the lawn adjacent to the parking lot to accommodate those within walking distance of the church who did not drive or who came by bus. Special vocal and instrumental selections presented as "musical packages" were featured at each service. It is planned to have Drive-In Church services again next year. (Walter Kohrs, Reporter).

**ORDINATION, REV. ERIC OHLMAN.** On Thursday afternoon, Sept. 3, the Temple Baptist church of Leduc, Alberta had the joy of ordaining one of its own sons into the Gospel ministry. Upon the invitation of the church, delegates met in ordination council to examine Mr. Eric Ohlman for ordination into the service of the Gospel ministry. Rev. Herbert Hiller was elected as moderator of the council, and Rev. Ernest Hahn as the secretary. The candidate was then called upon and gave clear and convincing evidence of his conversion experience and call to the ministry. His doctrinal statements were clearly presented, and the council declared itself fully satisfied. At 8:00 p.m. the ordination service commenced under the capable chairmanship of Rev. W. Muller. Professor G. L. Borchert brought the message, "The Nature of Discipleship." The ordination prayer was offered by Rev. F. Ohlman. Dr. B. Schalm brought the charge to the candidate and Rev. L. Kresier gave the charge to the church. A warm and hearty welcome into the ranks of the ministry and into the larger denominational fellowship was graciously extended by Dr. E. P. Wahl, who also presented the candidate with the ordination certificate. Rev. Eric Ohlman pronounced the benediction. (Lloyd J. Kresier, Reporter).

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## sunday school programs & events

**FOREST PARK, ILL.** A Christian Workers' Workshop was held in the Forest Park Church, Forest Park, Ill., on Sept. 28, under the direction of Rev. Connie Salios, Central Conference Christian Education secretary. The activities were centered around the theme: "Understanding the Child, Youth and Adult in Evangelism," with the Reverends C. Salios, J. Binder and G. K. Zimmerman instructing in the respective departments. Thirty persons participated in this two-hour Workshop, including seven workers and Rev. Walter Schmidt, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Norridge. After a one-hour session for the three individual groups, the last hour was devoted to a combined meeting for the display and explanation of our new Sunday school imprinted material, which our Sunday school is now using, and the most effective use of the same. A most attractive arrangement of the study course books and helps for teachers and workers was available for inspection and discussion. After refreshments and further discussion, the Workshop was closed with prayer by our pastor, Rev. H. J. Freeman. (Erna Redlich, Reporter).

**STOCKTON, CALIF.** At the Swain Oaks Baptist Church, Stockton, Calif., on Wednesday evening, Sept. 16, the annual election of Sunday school officers was held led by Pastor G. G. Rauser. The highlight of the past year, aside from the number of souls saved, was probably the dedication in May of a large and lovely addition to our church. Much enthusiasm was evidenced for the future of this church now just past its 4th anniversary. Elected as superintendent of the Sunday school was Mr. Ernest Neufeld, with Mr. Robert Fleugel re-elected as assistant. Sunday, Sept. 27, was set aside as Promotion Sunday and Sunday, Oct. 4, as Rally Day. Great things are expected as God continues to bless us here. (Inez P. Sharp, Reporter).

**ELLINWOOD, KANSAS.** On Sunday evening, Aug. 16, at the First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kansas, Mrs. Harry Koch, Scripture Memory Director, presented the 9th year bar and Grand Award picture to the following: Dennis Dewey, Kent Kasselmann, Judy Keeler, Ronnie Koch, Betty Widener and Keith Widener. The Senior C.B.Y.'ers held their annual election on Aug. 26 with these results: president, Beth Wilkerson; reporter, Betty Widener; vice-president, Rita Dewey; secretary, Mary Marchand; treasurer, Dennis Kasselmann; pianist and assist-



ant, Linda Kasselmann and Gayla Widener; organist and assistant, Rita Dewey and Beth Wilkerson; song leader and assistant, Joyce Scheufler and Sue Salem; social chairman, Steve Hildebrand. On Sept. 24, the Cradle Roll Mothers met at the Vernon De Werff home for their regular monthly meeting and annual election of officers. Mrs. Vernon was elected president; Mrs. Fred Koch, vice president; and Mrs. Robert Dannebohm, secretary and treasurer. (Mrs. Derril Widener, Reporter).

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

**SPRINGSIDE, SASK.** On Sunday, Sept. 13, the Woman's Missionary So-

ciety of Springside, Sask., was in charge of the evening program. Mrs. F. Nygren chaired the service at which Mrs. V. Pahl was speaker to share with the congregation various phases of the women's work as observed at the Northern Conference at Lethbridge, and at the General Conference in Sacramento. A table was set up in the hallway with folders and pictures displaying scenes from the General Conference and California area to enable everyone to share in some of the blessings. Afterwards Mrs. A. Tillman, president of the Society, invited everyone to join in a time of food and fellowship on the occasion of the pastor's and his wife's birthdays which fall on the same day. A beautiful Corning Ware casserole with chrome chafing platform and a gift of money were presented to the birthday couple. (V. Pahl, Reporter).

## ANNIVERSARIES & RECEPTIONS

**DONNA, TEXAS.** A surprise "pounding" was held for Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Dempsey Harris and their five children, Steve, Debbie, Cindy, Timmy, and Pam, at the Central Valley Baptist Church at Donna, Texas on Sept. 9. The Harris's are our new missionaries to the Latins in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. The huge display of groceries was hidden behind a stage curtain during the interesting program which preceded the presentation. The Sandovals took part in the program which was led by Rev. George E. Conway. Mr. Harris brought a challenging message after which the curtains were drawn, revealing a platform well laden with food supplies. Members of the Central Valley Church and the Garcia Ranch Church at Rio Grande City brought food and a large amount of food was purchased with money sent in from seven churches of the Southern Conference. (Mrs. Ralph Hansen, Reporter).

**WILLOW RANCHO, SACRAMENTO.** On Sunday, Sept. 20, we of the Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif., had the joy of welcoming our new pastor, Dr. Louis R. Johnson, and his family. Dr. Johnson delivered his opening message Sunday morning, and in the evening a reception service was held honoring Dr. and Mrs. Johnson and their daughter, Victoria. Words of welcome were extended by representatives of our local N.A.B. churches, the Northern California Ministerial Association, and the California Association, and also by those representing various organizations of the Willow Rancho church. A personalized key to the church was presented to the pastor. Greetings were then extended by Rev. John Engel, who has been serving as interim pastor, after which Dr. and Mrs. Johnson responded to the welcome. The Johnsons also were given a generous kitchen shower upon their arrival. (Mrs. James Gossen, Reporter).



**SURPRISE SHOWER FOR MISSIONARIES**

Rev. and Mrs. Dempsey Harris and their five children (left) received a gift of groceries (right) contributed by the Donna and Rio Grande churches and financially by the seven churches of the Southern Conference. Mr. and Mrs. Harris are newly appointed missionaries to the Spanish Americans of the Rio Grande Valley.



Mr. and Mrs. Edward Neubauer of Portland, Oregon at their 50th wedding anniversary held at the Trinity Baptist Church.

**MR. AND MRS. EDWARD NEUBAUER.** The 50th wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Neubauer of Portland, Oregon was held at the Trinity Church with about 250 people attending. They were married July 15, 1914 by Dr. Jacob Kratt. The complete wedding party of 1914 was able to be at the reception. Their daughter, Dorothy, and husband from Washington came to be with them for this occasion. By request, the musical numbers were furnished by the honored couple's nieces and nephews. The church choir rendered a surprise number, "King of Love," chosen because it was one of Ed and Freda's special favorites. Their intense interest in the church's musical life is shown by the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Neubauer have been members of the choir since they were 17 and 15 years of age, respectively. Ed and Freda have been soloists and Ed served as choir director many times. Unknown to many, through the years, he has kept the church pipe organ in good condition and repaired when needed. (Mrs. Miriam Krueger, Reporter).

**TEMPLE, BUFFALO, N. Y.** We of the Temple Church, Buffalo, N. Y., are happy to report that Rev. J. Benke and his family began their pastorate at our church on August 16th. The reception for the Benke family was held on Sept. 13. They were welcomed by the chairman of Deacon Board and the chairman of the Trustee Board, as well as by the presidents and leaders of the various groups of our church. We had the pleasure of having the pastors of our sister churches, Rev. A. Fadenrecht of Bethel Church and Rev. P. Galambos of Austin Street Church with us. Rev. J. Poorman of the Buffalo Baptist Association also spoke at this program. We enjoyed special musical numbers by our Choir, our Girls' Trio, Quartette, Duet and Solo and inspiring chorus singing by the congregation. We thank God for his guidance in the past and trust him to bless this

new relationship and to make us a blessing. (Mrs. Hulda Hartman, Reporter).

**FIRST, LEDUC, ALBERTA.** On Sunday, June 15, the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta bade farewell to Rev. and Mrs. Paul Siewert and family who have gone to the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C. We are thankful for the adequate pulpit supply which we have received from Rev. Robert Lilly of British Columbia and also from faculty members and students of the Christian Training Institute. Our church has extended a call to Rev. Norman Dreger who has been serving at the Mission Church of Wetaskiwin, Alberta. He has accepted our call and began his ministry at the First Baptist Church on Oct. 1st. The reception for Rev. and Mrs. Norman Dreger was held on Oct. 2. We were also happy to report that God's Volunteers were with us from Oct. 4 to 11 and rendered a very fruitful and blessed ministry. (Ernest Kern, Church Clerk).

**INGLEWOOD KNOLLS, CALIF.** Through the wonderful grace of God, Mrs. Margaretha Schulze of Norwalk, Calif., was privileged to celebrate her ONE HUNDREDTH birthday on Sept. 7, 1964. A "Patio Party" was held in her honor in the home of her daughter, Miss Ruth Schulze, where she is now living. Six of her seven children were present for the happy event. One son, Arthur of San Francisco, could not attend because of illness. Five generations were represented at the celebration including three of her great, great grandchildren.

Mrs. Schulze was born in Germany in 1864, coming to this country in 1885. She lived in Detroit, Mich. for two years—then moved to Los Angeles, Calif. Here she married and was blessed with a wonderful family of five daughters and two sons. Mrs. Schulze is a charter member of the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church in Inglewood, Calif. Here for 78 years she has faithfully served the church and her Lord and Master. Her exemplary Christian life is an inspiration to all of us who know her.

Our beloved pastor for almost 22 years, Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt, was privileged to speak at this happy occasion. His inspiring words were based on the text from Psalms 103:1-2. Our pastor then presented her with a gift from the church, a beautiful electric blanket. The Ladies' Missionary Society remembered her with a lovely bed jacket.

It was a most wonderful day for Mother Schulze! (Mrs. Esther Johnston, Reporter).

**SIDNEY, MONT.** The First Baptist Church of Sidney, Montana held a reception for its new pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. William Neuman on Sept. 6. The reception program was held after a potluck dinner in the church parlors. Mr. Gene Nordberg served as master of ceremonies and representatives of the various Church



Mrs. Margaretha Schulze of Norwalk, Calif., is congratulated by her pastor, Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt of Inglewood, Calif., on her 100th birthday.

organizations brought words of welcome. Mr. Neuman is a 1963 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary.

The church held its Vacation Bible School during the first two weeks of August. The school was directed by Mr. Victor Gunst of Minneapolis, Minn., the interim pastor for the summer months. The school's average attendance was 27 and the boys and girls gave \$43 for missions. On Sunday, Sept. 27, we held our annual Fellowship with our sister church of Plevna, Montana. Approximately 180 persons attended

### NOTICE, REPORTERS!

By regulation of the Publication Board, all reports should be kept brief to approximately 150 words. These accounts must be sent within six weeks after the events to be reported. No annual reports accepted.



**CAPILLA ESPANOL BAUTISTA AT CENTER**

Children, teachers and missionaries at the Vacation Bible School of our North American Baptist Mission held at Center, Colorado in the San Luis Valley.



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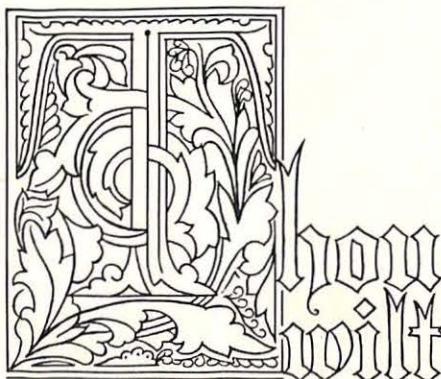
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keep him in perfect  
peace, whose mind  
is stayed on thee.

(ISAIAH 26:3)

## CORRECTION

Since many of our readers have personally thanked Rev. W. S. Argow of Erie, Pa. (89 years of age) for "The Prayer for Growing Old Gracefully," that appeared in the July 30, 1964 (page 2) issue of the "Baptist Herald," he wishes to state that the author is unknown. Mr. Argow cannot accept credit for the prayer, but as he said, "I can heartily endorse it." EDITOR.

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## Obituary

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

### MR. ERICH BURBEULA of Culver City, California

Mr. Erich Burbeula of Culver City, Calif., was born May 10, 1904 in Germany and passed away August 22, 1964 at the age of 60 years. In 1923 he came to this country and settled in New Kensington, Penn. Here he was converted and was baptized upon confession of his faith by Rev. C. C. Cramer. On Nov. 18, 1926 he was united in marriage to Bertha Benke. In 1942 the family came to Culver City, Calif., and he united with the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., now Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church. Here his faithful services to the Lord and his church will continue to be an inspiration and challenge to us all. He leaves to mourn his homegoing, his beloved wife, Bertha; his daughter, Mrs. Dorothea Ellis; two grandchildren, Beatrix and Victoria Ann; also two brothers, Paul of Laguna Beach, Calif., and Kurt of Detroit, Mich. May God's comforting love be a source of strength to the bereaved family!

Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church  
Inglewood, California  
EDMUND MITTELSTEDT, Pastor

### MR. EMIL WURTZ of Chilliwack, British Columbia

Mr. Emil Wurtz of Chilliwack, B. C., was born Sept. 28, 1882 in Luzinow, Russia. As a young man he received the Lord as his personal Savior and was baptized. On Oct. 14, 1901 he was united in marriage to Emily Reschke. This union was blessed with four daughters. In 1902 he migrated with his wife to Neche, N. Dak. In 1913, they moved to Biggar, Sask., where his wife Emily went to be with the Lord. On March 12, 1914 he was united in marriage to Anna Hirsch. This marriage was blessed with five daughters and two sons. He was an active church member in the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church, and loved the fellowship with God's people. On Sept. 7th he was taken to the hospital with a stroke and on Sept. 15, he went to be with the Lord.

He leaves to mourn his passing his loving wife; 2 sons: Alfred of Chilliwack; and Erwin of Biggar, Sask.; 8 daughters: Dina (Mrs. Smith) Saskatoon, Sask.; Ottilia (Mrs. Rivinius) Calgary, Alta.; Lydia (Mrs. John) Wawina, Sask.; Hanna (Mrs. MeLeod) Chilliwack, B. C.; Frieda (Mrs. Riemer) Vegreville, Alta.; Alma (Mrs. Weiland) Detroit, Mich.; Helen (Mrs. Enns) Chilliwack, B. C.; Leona (Mrs. Cattermole) Chilliwack, B. C.; 32 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren.

Victoria Ave. Baptist Church  
Chilliwack, British Columbia  
ROBERT JASTER, Pastor

### MR. JOSEPH HENRY KNOLL of Orcadia, Saskatchewan, Canada

Mr. Joseph H. Knoll of Orcadia, Sask., was born in Sept. 9, 1895 in the Orkney district of Saskatchewan. As a boy he heard the Gospel proclaimed in the old Ebenezer Baptist Church. He accepted the Lord as his Saviour and was later baptized by Rev. F. W. Bloedow. Later, when East and West Ebenezer were built, he became a member of the West Ebenezer Baptist Church. When the West Ebenezer Church was disbanded, he became a member of the Springside Baptist Church. In 1919 he was married to Miss Elsie Muth of the Ebenezer district. Mr. Knoll passed away to his heavenly home August 25, 1964, at the age of 68 years, 11 months, 16 days.

Brother Knoll was a fairly quiet man who served his Lord, his family, and tended to his farm responsibilities. He served in earlier years as church clerk and was active in men's quartet work, men's choir, and mixed chorus work. Left to mourn his parting are: his wife Elsie, his four children: Mrs. Wesley (Leona) Goltz and Mrs.

## REVIEW OF CHRISTIAN BOOKS—CONTINUED

(Continued from page 14)

**PRAYER—THE CHRISTIAN'S VITAL BREATH** by L. A. T. Van Dooren. Zondervan Publishing House—1963—88 pages—\$1.00 (paper).

When a comparatively small book has 18 chapters, the reader can readily imagine that each thought on prayer is treated concisely and makes a point quickly. It is not difficult reading, but it should not be read hurriedly. True and effective prayer takes practice. Mr. Van Dooren has made the principles of prayer seem simple but he does not promise that the learning process is simple. Persistence, as many Christians have discovered, is no simple matter.

**REVIVAL SERMONS AND OUTLINES** by J. H. Jowett, F. B. Meyer, Charles H. Spurgeon and others. Baker Book House 1963—104 pages—\$1.95.

**SERMONS ON OUR MOTHERS** by Joseph B. Baker. Baker Book House 1963—125 pages—\$1.95.

The Revival Sermons and Outlines come from the greatest of preachers and are still worth reading and studying.

For those ministers who have difficulty and lack inspiration for special days and occasions such as Mother's Day, it might be well to read a few thoughts in order to begin the process of inspiration.

**MEMORIAL MESSAGES** by R. Earl Allen. Broadman Press—1964—96 pages—\$1.95.

The funeral sermon seems to have had a "funeral" of its own in many of the churches. The strong evangelistic emphasis is seldom heard. Since the funeral parlor has taken the place of the church sanctuary, the service has become a quiet, dignified occasion dur-

Gordon (Gladys) Goltz, both of Orcadia, Sask.; Rev. Louis Knoll, missionary home on furlough from India who is presently attending a theological school in California; and Mrs. Lawrence (Joyce) Effa of St. Joseph, Mich. He leaves four sisters, two brothers and 13 grandchildren.

Springside Baptist Church  
Springside, Saskatchewan  
REV. FRED W. PAHL, Pastor

### MR. RAYMOND A. SUDENGA of George, Iowa

Mr. Raymond Adam Sudenga, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Sudenga, was born in George, Iowa on Dec. 18, 1900. He passed away suddenly at his home in September 19, 1964. He received his education in the public schools of George, Iowa. Mr. Sudenga, on his profession of faith in Christ, was received into the Central Baptist Church of George in 1926. During the years he took an active part in the activities of the church. Funeral services were held at the Central Baptist Church with the Rev. Harold Drenth officiating. Preceding the service a family worship service was held in the Vogelaar Funeral Home Chapel. He is survived by his wife Helen; two daughters, his mother, one brother, three sisters, and other relatives and a host of friends. May God's blessings rest on this family!

Central Baptist Church  
George, Iowa  
HAROLD DRENTH, Pastor

ing which appropriate Scripture passages and devotional readings have displaced the sermon.

Mr. Allen refers to them as "memorial messages" which is a dignified title. They pay tribute to the deceased and bring comfort to the bereaved, but only to the degree that they are as factual and truthful to the occasion as possible. The listener who is unprepared for death will also find that the messages speak to his soul. Some of the messages were used for particular persons whose real names are mentioned, but they can be adapted for others just as well. Thoughts for youth, old age, accident, suicide and others are included.

**THE DAYS OF NOAH** by M. R. De Haan. M. D. Zondervan Publishing House—1963—184 pages—\$2.50.

Dr. De Haan is a household name in millions of homes. His Radio Bible Class broadcasts are heard on 500 stations, and his 20 or more books are found in countless home libraries. His name is almost synonymous with prophecy, for every message of his has some prophetic content.

The volume contains 26 individual messages which were originally given on the air. Each is based on some prophetic Bible passage and an attempt is made to fit it into the present world situation in both the religious and secular movements and changes.

**IN SPITE OF DUNGEON** by Dorothy C. Haskins. Zondervan Publishing House 1962—150 pages—\$2.50.

Most of us lead such sheltered lives that we think Christian martyrdom is something that was experienced in the past. Many think of Stephen and the early Christians, and a few are acquainted with Foxe's Book of Martyrs. From our living room picture window it is difficult to see the Christians in other parts of the world who are still suffering and who are often put to death for their faith.

Miss Haskins is a Christian journalist who travelled thousands of miles, slept in hotels as well as on floors and in sheds, ate all kinds of food and visited strange places and people. She visited hospitals, leprosariums, Bible schools and other mission projects. Of her many interviews with people, sometimes as many as nine a day, she chose fifteen outstanding Oriental ministers, business and professional men and political leaders from Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong and India who had to suffer and in many cases still are suffering for their faith in Jesus Christ. Each chapter is prefixed with a photograph of the person or persons involved.

Every biography makes the reader dissatisfied with his own spiritual condition and the spiritual lethargy of the Western church.



## CHRISTMAS, AN AMERICAN ANNUAL

Orders can be sent to Roger Williams Press, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois.

*CHRISTMAS, An American Annual of Christmas Literature and Art*, Volume 34. Augsburg Publishing House—Gift edition in envelope, \$1.50.

For more than three decades, *Christmas, An American Annual of Christmas Literature and Art* has opened with the identical words . . . "And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed."

Thus also begins this year's colorful edition, volume 34. The emphasis is on a simple retelling of the age-old but ever-new Christmas story in art, literature, poetry, and song. But while the Annual retains a warm glow of familiarity, it has a newness and freshness that will delight its hundreds of thousands of readers.

The cover, by artist Edmund Koppitz, sets the mood for Annual, depicting the Nativity scene in rich, stained-glass effect. Koppitz also has painted one of the annual's two art inserts.

The annual's founder and editor, Randolph E. Haugan, has chosen on this—the 400th anniversary of Michaelangelo's death—to feature a commemorative article about the great art master. Written by Frank Leslie, the ar-



ticle is illustrated with photos of several of Michaelangelo's most famous sculptures, reliefs, and frescoes.

Illuminated manuscripts from the 14th and 15th centuries are reproduced in full-color for Jean Louise Smith's article on the manuscript collection at California's Huntington Gallery.

The Annual also features two eight-page sections on Christmas customs. Louise Walker relates how Christmas was observed in colonial America—in

New England, the South, Middle West, and West. Melva Rorem writes about Christmas in other lands—Bavaria, England, Austria, Holland, Denmark, Norway, and Switzerland. The latter section is illustrated with full-color paintings by Norwegian artist Odd Brantenberg. Miss Rorem also is the author of an intriguing story, "Legend of the Wise Men." Howard Rome is the illustrator of this feature.

The music section of this year's Annual includes eight Christmas carols and hymns from various countries. Each selection is prefaced by an appropriate Scripture passage and brief interpretative comment by Freda Morrill Abrams.

Through captivating stories, art, music, and poetry, readers of this year's Annual receive the good news that a Child is born, that the Star still shines, and that the glad melodies of heaven reach down to earth.

## THOUGHTS OF THANKSGIVING

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known food administrator. Although he saw what might have been regarded as trickery, he gave to the stranger the benefit of any doubt: "Peradventure it was an oversight." Where apparently Jacob had the opportunity to cheat by wrongfully retaining money that belonged to the stranger in Egypt, he dealt honestly. But most significant is the added touch of graciousness in sending a gift which included, among other things, "a little honey." The honey was not a substitute for something else. It was to be taken *also*, not *instead of*. Nor was the honey to be taken in excessive amount. "Take—a little honey." Too much honey might be nauseating.

The wise counsel of Jacob to his sons would be wise counsel for us. In modern life, with its tensions, frustrations, irritants, and abrasives, no need is more manifest. If we are to sweeten human relationships, we must "take also a little honey"!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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parture" as if he were taking the next train to glory. There was no word of regret or complaint. The offering was being made willingly, joyfully and lovingly to Christ his Redeemer and Lord. Even in the face of death he did not think only of himself but of all others who are devoted to Jesus as he is.

### Questions for Discussion:

1. What did Paul mean when he said, "out of them all the Lord delivered me," when the Lord did not deliver him from stoning, shipwreck, whipping, hunger and thirst?
2. How do we go about fighting the good fight of faith today?
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