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THE GREATNESS OF A LIFE

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# Abraham Lincoln

I KNEW the man. I see him, as he stands  
With gifts of mercy in his outstretched hands;  
A kindly light within his gentle eyes,  
Sad as the toil in which his heart grew wise;  
His lips half-parted with the constant smile  
That kindled truth, but foiled the deepest guile;  
His head bent forward, and his willing ear  
Divinely patient right and wrong to hear.  
Great in his goodness, humble in his state,  
Firm in his purpose, yet not passionate,  
He led his people with a tender hand,  
And won by love a sway beyond command.  
Summoned by lot to mitigate a time  
Frenzied by rage, unscrupulous with crime,  
He bore his mission with so meek a heart  
That heaven itself took up his people's part,  
And when he faltered, helped him ere he fell,  
Eking his efforts out by miracle.  
No king this man, by grace of God's intent;  
No, something better, freeman—President!  
A nature, modeled on a higher plan,  
Lord of himself, an inborn gentleman!

—George Henry Baker.

## The Voice of Lincoln Today

WHEREVER the voice of Lincoln is heard today, he is saying to this generation—"Have faith in God." And that is one message which we sorely need.

By his own writings and utterances, we know that Abraham Lincoln was a man of faith and of prayer. Lincoln's faith grew.

It grew slowly.

It flowered during the terrible years of the presidency, until that faith became the strongest force in his life as he bore the burden of state and struggled to preserve the integrity of the Federal Union.

Often tortured by insomnia, he would  
prowl the White House corridors at night . . .  
thinking  
praying  
asking God for wisdom.

Or on other nights, he would send for Dr. Gurley—his pastor—the minister of The New York Ave. Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C. The two men would walk up and down the south portico of the White House . . . talking . . . praying . . . until dawn.

During Lincoln's funeral sermon, Dr. Gurley spoke of the President's faith as he had known it:

"God's guidance and mercy were the props on which Abraham Lincoln humbly and habitually leaned; they were the best hope he had for himself and for his country . . . By his steady, enduring confidence in God . . . he now speaks to us . . . And he will speak through the ages, and his message will be:

*Cling to liberty and right . . .  
and have confidence in God."*

—Guideposts

## MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

**RECORDS BROKEN IN DECEMBER.** The contributions of our church people to the Missionary and Service Program of the denomination in December 1964 totaled \$148,634.58. This broke all records in our history for contributions in one month exceeding by \$10,000 the highest previous monthly amount. It also exceeded by \$30,000 our contributions over December 1962 and by \$16,000 our gifts in December 1963. The Central Conference churches contributed \$45,211.39 during this same month. We praise God for this generous and faithful stewardship of his people during this month.

**THREE MONTHS TO GO.** But there are still mountains to climb and challenging tasks ahead of us if we are to reach our projected budget goal of \$1,100,000 by March 31st, the end of the fiscal year. Our denominational giving to Dec. 31, 1964 amounted to \$653,678.71. This still leaves more than \$345,000 to be raised during the next three months (January to March). This will call for missionary giving of about \$115,000 during each of these months. With God's help and the sacrificial giving of our people, it can be done. All mission monies on hand in the church treasuries should be sent before the close of the fiscal year to our headquarters office. Let us all work together and pray earnestly that God might crown this year, 1964-1965, with the successful completion of our task.

**EXTENSION BUILDERS.** The total number of Church Extension Builders has risen to almost 5,000. In February the Builders will give their \$1 contributions to the ministry of the new Temple Baptist Church in Jamestown, N. Dak. (See the article by Dr. M. Vanderbeck about the needs of this new church in this issue of the "Baptist Herald"). In March the Builders will designate their offerings for the new building needs at the Lakeshore Baptist Church of Stevensville, Mich. Rev. B. A. Itterman, will contribute an illustrated article about this promising work for the March 11 issue.

**OUR SCHOOLS.** In the 1965 ANNUAL you can read the articles about the 25th anniversary of the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta and the outstanding work of ministerial training now being done at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S.

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## NEXT ISSUE

A ROYAL WELCOME BY  
THE MAMBILAS IN NIGERIA

Missionary Minnie Kuhn

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## Editorial

## The Greatness Of A Life

Some people rise to greatness in their lives and then serve like a beacon star to guide and to inspire us. In their towering presence we are haunted by the questions: "Why can't we be like that? What was the secret of their greatness? What do these spiritual giants have to say to us today?"

In the month of February most Americans, yes, many peoples of the world, remember the birthday (Feb. 12) of Abraham Lincoln. Here was "a child of the boundless prairie," "a brother to them that toil" who rose to greatness in his service to mankind and in his witness to truth until all are agreed that "he now belongs to the ages."

Such greatness was also seen in our circles in the self-effacing ministry of those men and women of God whose touch upon our lives leaves an untarnished glory on our days. All who knew the late Rev. L. H. Broeker of St. Joseph, Mich., recognized this greatness in him as the indwelling glory of the Christ whom he loved and served. For almost 30 years as pastor of the First Baptist Church, he was the fervent spokesman for God in his pulpit and a friend of thousands whom he touched in Christ's Name on the streets of this city.

Such greatness flowers in a sincere humility in the presence of others and in a complete dependence on God. Abraham Lincoln never forgot the rock from which he was hewn. Because of this he loved "the common people," for he was one of them. He honored every man as his equal in the sight of God, regardless of his position in life or his color of skin. Only such a person who is humble in spirit can realize that his strength and all blessings come from God and from him alone! Lincoln decried the sin of his day (and how these words ring with judgment in our day!) in these words: "We have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has grown—but we have forgotten God! It is the duty of nations, of men to own our dependence upon the overruling power of God, and to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow."

Lincoln had a clear vision of what is right and true which to him had to prevail in spite of personal suffering and sacrifice. He was expendable, if need be. He was willing to suffer any affront and to face the hatred of his enemies so long as he knew that he was on God's side, on the side of truth. In that fiery furnace of his many sufferings, we can see the gold of greatness shining in his character.

It takes a soul stirring faith like this to reach the heights of greatness—a faith that spiritual values are real and that God can save us from despair in a world of conflict and confusion. Dr. Clarence Cranford in a sermon on "Competing Spires" describes this as "true education—the development of the whole person, heart as well as mind." This gives sacredness to life, hope for our pilgrimage and greatness to our days. Our spirits rise to emulate their example and to praise God for their lives!

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# An Old Man's Dream in Africa

Saker Baptist College at Victoria, Africa with a student body of hundreds of Cameroon girls was recently visited by Vice President Dr. Foncha who was amazed to see what Baptists had done with the small amount of money given for this outstanding college.

By Missionary Esther Schultz of Victoria, Federal Republic of Cameroon.

**B**EFORE VICTORIA in Cameroon, Africa was even a station, an old man Sangu Carr walked the grounds to show us where the station would be. He said, "It is my prayer that some day the youth of our land will receive a Christian education on this site." He did not live to see the establishment of Saker College.

How very still it is at five o'clock in the morning. I can hear the church bell of the Catholic church calling the people to prayers. Soon our Newtown Baptist Church bell will be ringing to call our people to prayers, too.

## WHIRLWIND OF ACTIVITY

This will be a day filled with activity and excitement. The girls will be doing their banking so that they may have money for the trip home. Some will collect refunds on fees because they have received scholarships. Some must go and cash the postal orders for their fare home. Others are washing clothes and ironing so that all is ready for the trip at 8:30 P.M.

There has been such a whirlwind of activity here for the past weeks. The students have been preparing for their examinations and having them; staff members are busy marking papers and recording marks on the report cards;

there is play practice, choir practice, and the special pre-Christmas baptismal service. Last but not least there is the visit of his Excellency, the Vice President Dr. Foncha.

The Honorable Doctor Foncha's visit was interesting to us because it was the first one he had ever paid to our college. The girls were dressed in the blue college uniforms and lined the roadway from the gate to the Administration Block where he was introduced to all the members of staff.

## VICE PRESIDENT FONCHA

Then the Principal showed the party around. This included the Secretary of State, Dr. Foncha's private secretary, the Director of Education, reporters and other dignitaries. The students assembled in the chapel where he spoke to them. Elizabeth the Head Prefect gave him the welcome in behalf of the college. From there he inspected the dormitories and refreshments were served to the party. Again he was escorted by the police, and the official party was again waved off by the students.

He remarked that it was amazing to see what the Baptists had done with the small amount of money given for the college. He was also happy to

see the girls looking so well and happy.

He also remarked about our lovely and attractive grounds, as well as the location of the college. The grounds are becoming more attractive with each passing day under the able work of Mr. George Henderson. We now have a growing fruit orchard and a firewood plot. Our compound is gradually being fenced in, and beautiful shrubbery is growing everywhere.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Recently we presented our traditional Christmas program. The first play was done in French and was called "The Light of the World" which foretold the coming of Christ by the prophets. The second one was called "The Promised King" which told how King Herod felt secure in the strength of the Herods and no mere child was going to destroy their power.

Four of our Baptist girls were baptized on a recent Sunday at a most impressive service which was a joint service of the two Victoria churches. We rejoice with them and praise God for his goodness to all mankind.

Our calendar promises to be a full one from January through June. The principals of all our colleges plan to meet to see how we can be more effective in our program and perhaps improve the quality of our work.

The Victoria area churches have invited the Cameroon Baptist Convention to Victoria in April. Already they have asked to use our college buildings for the housing of the guests and for the feeding of them in our dining hall.

## CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS WEEK

Recently we had the members of our two Baptist churches in Victoria and also of the two Presbyterian churches come in for an Open House Tour. About 600 people came to see the grounds and the classrooms as well as the needle work displays of the classes.

I am sure that all of you have already been busy with your own plans for revival meetings, Easter speakers, Youth Camps and your Conferences. There is a great deal of joy in the activities of a church.

Soon we will be conducting a Christian Emphasis Week. We like to have some special activity with the students, and so we are planning a tea. The upper class will also be presenting one of the Shakespearian plays. Saker College has rather an inter-

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# "One and Indivisible Under God"

The remarks by the President of the United States, Lyndon B. Johnson, to representatives of Fraternal Organizations at the White House, Washington, D. C. This statement reflects the outlook and convictions of the President as expressed in his Inaugural Address at the U. S. Capital, Washington D. C., on Jan. 20, 1965.

News release and picture contributed by Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, former moderator of the General Conference

**T**HIS HOUSE IS your House—the House of all the people. This Office I hold is your Office—the Office of all the people. In this spirit I am proud to welcome you here.

I do not know your politics. I do not care about your partisanship. I do know—and I do care—about your leadership.

If we are to remain a great nation, we must be greatly led. That means leadership at every level—in every section of our nation—in every segment of our society.

## OUR FIRST DUTY

America is not—America must never be—led by one man alone. Leadership is a first duty for all 190 million Americans—whether private citizen or public servant.

Today we are all challenged to stand up and be counted. In our cities and communities—as well as in our country—we are summoned to stand up and be counted as leaders for America's unity, America's progress, America's continued success.

We are prosperous today—more prosperous than ever before.

We are prepared today—better prepared than ever before.

We are at peace today—and more determined to preserve peace than ever before.

But you know—as I know—that we live in a world of peril. Our success—the strength and unity of our society—are targets of every tyranny. If tyrants are to work their will upon the world, they must spoil our American success, subvert our American strength—and, above all, divide our American unity.

That is our challenge—yours and mine!

Abraham Lincoln once said:

*"If destruction be our lot, we must ourselves be its author and finisher. As a nation of free men, we must live through all time or die by suicide."*

## AMERICA'S UNITY

I am determined that America shall stand—America shall live—through all time. That is why I call you today to the work of preserving America's unity. Wherever you live, whatever your station in life, there is work to do.

We must answer the voices of hate with works of love.

We must meet the shrill cries of faction with the steady and sober voice of reason.

We must make it clear—to all abroad and to all at home—that America will not be divided.

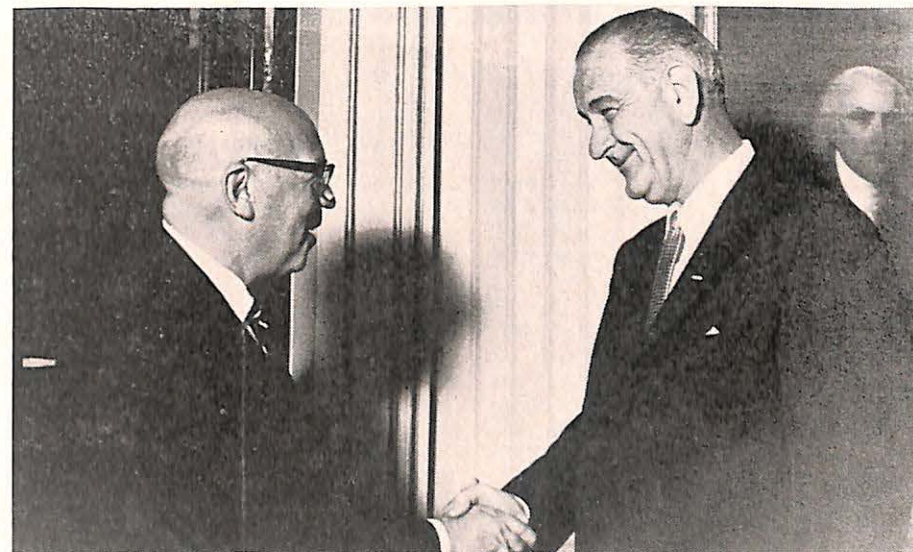
Creed will not be set against creed—color against color—origin against origin—native born against foreign born.

I know this is the kind of America you want!

*to serve mankind."*

This is my hope today as I call upon you to answer your nation's challenge, to answer it by being leaders for a united America—one and indivisible under God.

The ultimate test of our civilization, the ultimate test of our faithfulness to our past, is not in our goods or our



PRESIDENT JOHNSON GREETED ED MARKLEIN

Mr. Edwin H. Marklein (left) and Mr. Gerhard G. Panke, representing the Baptist Life Association, were among several hundred leaders of Fraternal Organizations to meet the President of the United States last fall.

You can make America stronger because you care about the lot and the life of your fellow man. That is the real spirit of our land—and we must never lose it.

## COMPASSION FOR OTHERS

Compassion does not corrupt a nation. Compassion has always been—and must always be—a vital part of our strength. We must care about the rights of our fellow man as much as we care about rights of our own.

For none of us is free unless all are free—none strong, unless all are strong—none can live in dignity unless all live in decency.

Our nation's motto—E. Pluribus Unum—means "From Many, One."

It is this spirit—this constant striving to build one nation and one people from many—that has made our land what it is in our times.

Woodrow Wilson once said: *"I hope we shall never forget that we created this nation, not to serve ourselves, but*

guns. It is in the quality of our peoples' lives and in the character of the men and women our society produces.

I believe it is one of the strengths of the United States that we have never had a single, rigid ideology. We do have deep beliefs for which millions have fought and died. All of our efforts and our hopes are directed to securing a world in which men can live for their beliefs rather than die for them.

## THE ULTIMATE TEST

But these are beliefs in man's right to freedom, to the good life, to spiritual fulfillment. They are beliefs which concern the hopes of people; they are not systems of thought which strike at the dreams of the individual in the name of the state or in the arrogant belief that a single man or group of men can prophesy the demands of history.

I am not a theologian. I am not a

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TEACHING STAFF OF SAKER COLLEGE, VICTORIA

Members of the Saker College Staff, Victoria, Cameroon, welcome the Vice President Dr. Foncha (center) of the Federal Republic of Cameroon to the school for a visit. N.A.B. missionaries are Ernestina Schmidt (2nd from right, front row), Ruby Salzman (3rd from right), Berneice Westerman (4th from right), and Esther Schultz (right of Dr. Foncha).



# 1100 Acres of God's Glory Land

The Baptist Assembly at Green Lake is a Paradise of Beauty which is today reaching its finest flowering in hands that are God-directed and Christ-inspired. Here from July 17-24, 1965 the seventh Laymen's Family Conference for our churches will be held.

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner for the Baptist Men's Executive Committee.

WHENEVER YOU WALK or ride on the macadam roads of the American Baptist Assembly at Green Lake, Wis., and feast your eyes on the marvelous scenery to be found so abundantly in its 1100 acres, you try to think of the right words to describe this beauty spot. You cannot go wrong if you call it "God's Glory Land."

## OUR SEVENTH CONFERENCE

For more than twenty years tens of thousands of people have come to this Assembly at Green Lake for conferences, for a spiritual adventure, and for fellowship with like minded people of God. The Baptist Men's organization of our North American Baptist General Conference is now planning its 7th Laymen's Family Conference (a period of almost twenty years) to be held at Green Lake, Wis., from July 17 to 24, 1965. This will be another unique vacation with many exciting adventures for 200 or more of our NAB people in "God's Glory Land" this summer.

The story of Green Lake is the saga of God's amazing guidance. Here are approximately 1100 acres which formerly constituted the magnificent country estate of the late Victor F. Lawson, founder of the *Chicago Daily News* and one of America's leading philanthropists. From about 1900 and until his death in 1925, he spent large

## LAYMAN'S CONFERENCE JULY 17-24, 1965

Ask your pastor for three important pieces of literature: 1) Six page leaflet about program plans and rates for accommodations; 2) Colored leaflet about the Assembly Grounds, Green Lake, Wis.; and 3) Registration Form. These are also available by writing "Baptist Men, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois."

sums in the development of this property, which runs for two and one-half miles along the front of one of Wisconsin's loveliest, emerald lakes.

Under the touch of his genius as a great nature lover, this estate, Lawsonia—with its winding, deep-wooded roads and paths, its hundreds of acres of rolling fields and hills, its quaint stone walls, sweeping lawns, spacious recreational grounds, shrubbery gathered from all over the world at a reputed cost of a million dollars, its swimming, boating, and far-famed game fishing—became the equal in charm and magnificence of any of the beautifully developed estates in this country.

Since its purchase by American Baptists in 1943, many improvements have been made. New buildings have been added, additional housing accommodations have been provided but, most important of all, a reverent spiritual at-

mosphere has come to pervade the entire grounds so that you are constantly aware that this is "holy ground"—dedicated to a closer walk with God.

## ABBEY AREA

The NAB Laymen's Family Conference will convene July 17-24, 1965 in the Abbey Area near the main gateway to the grounds. This enables our group to be together for fellowship, the program and meals and still to enjoy the great variety of facilities of the entire American Baptist Assembly. Most of the sessions will be held in the William Carey Hall, the former Guernsey barn hayloft, with a seating capacity of 800.

The dormitory facilities of this Hall and of the nearby Oberlin (former Longhouse) and Shepherds Lodges, besides accommodations in several residences on the grounds and, to a limited extent if facilities are available, the Roger Williams Inn will be open to our laymen and their families. (See boxed announcement about the 1965 rates which include three meals a day at the Carey Hall and use of all recreational facilities. You will note there is a slight change in these rates from those announced earlier in the 1965 ANNUAL).

## PROGRAM PLANS

Preliminary plans are now being carried out to provide an unusually interesting and exciting program for all to enjoy and long to remember. The Conference Program will focus its attention on the theme: "God's Call—Laborers for the Harvest." The text is to be the passage in Matthew 9:38—"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." The theme song will be "The Call for Reapers."

Saturday and Sunday, July 17 and 18, will usher in the mountain top experiences of this eventful week. On Saturday evening there will be an informal time of getting acquainted with one another, being welcomed to Green Lake by the Assembly officials, and enjoying a program of fun that is now being planned by leaders of Minneapolis, Minn., headed by Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Hirsch of the Faith Baptist Church.

Sunday, July 18, will be a memorable day, set aside to listen to God's truths as revealed through his Word and as seen in his glorious handiwork. Rev. H. J. Waltereit of the Ridgmont Baptist Church of East Detroit, Mich., and Rev. Herbert J. Freeman of Forest Park, Ill., have been asked to be

the messengers of God's Word at the two worship services. There will be Sunday school classes for young people and adults, and the entire day will be filled with glorious music provided by Dr. Herbert Pankratz and members of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill.

## BIBLE TEACHER

The Program Committee has requested Professor Gerald L. Borchert of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Associate Professor of New Testament, to lead the daily Bible talks in a series of helpful, inspirational Bible expositions. This young, personable Seminary teacher will captivate all hearts and stir many minds of our people during this Laymen's Conference Week.

Some of the programs for the evening services are still in the planning stage. The Baptist Men's Executive Committee hopes to bring to Green Lake for our Conference one of the outstanding Christian leaders in government service to speak about the larger issues and needs of the world.

On another evening it is hoped that our Laymen's Conference group will join the American Baptist Men at Pillsbury Hall to hear Cyril Petch, general secretary of the Baptist Men's Movement in the British Baptist Union. Mr. Petch is a gentleman farmer who was called into full time men's work seven years ago. He is one of England's outstanding Baptist speakers and Christian leaders.

Featured speakers on other evenings will be Dr. A. Dale Ihrle of Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich., the General Conference moderator; one of our Cameroun missionaries now home on furlough; and Rev. David J. Draewell, secretary of Stewardship and Education for the closing Friday night. Brief testimonies will be brought each evening by one of the laymen.

## PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Important time for panel discussions has been arranged for each morning, with ample time allotted for questions and discussion from the group. Since this is the year for our "Mission to Higher Education" in the denomination, the panel subjects will deal with this general subject. The panel leaders, who have been selected with care, will be announced later. The subjects for discussion will be as follows:

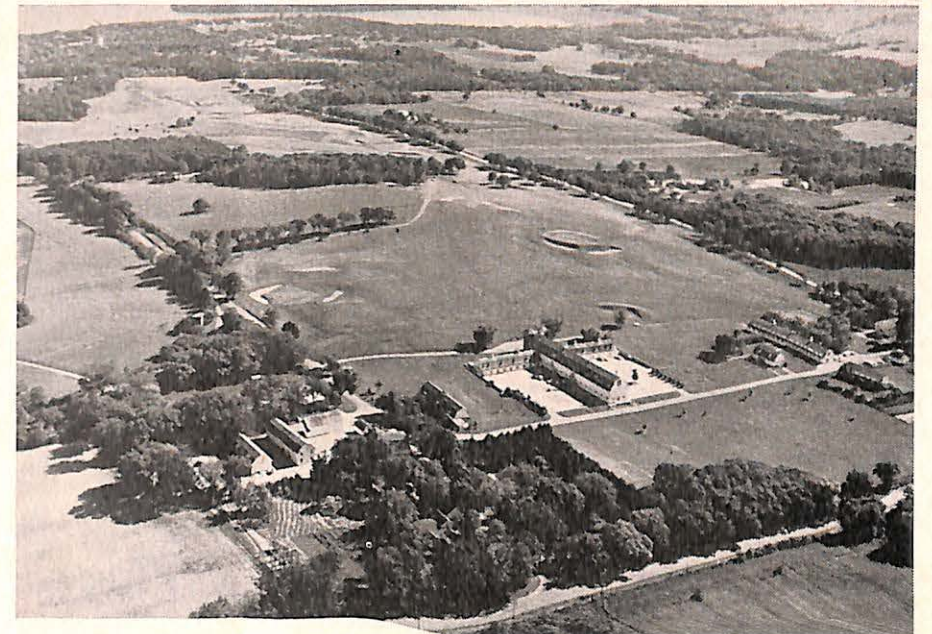
**Monday:** What Constitutes God's Call to Service and How Real Is It in the Lives of Young People Today?

**Tuesday:** How Can God Use Laymen to Encourage Recruiting and Enlistment of Young People for Christian Service?

**Wednesday:** This time has been allotted for a business session.

**Thursday:** How Important is Training, Education, Higher Education and Christian Service, both in the Local Church and on the Mission Fields of the World?

**Friday:** How Are We as Laymen



AN AIRPLANE VIEW OF THE ABBEY AREA

Here at the William Carey Hall (lower center) the North American Baptist Laymen's Family Conference will be held, July 17 to 24, 1965, with sessions to be held in the Guernsey Hayloft and with lodging facilities to be made available in the building at the right. The golf course is just beyond these buildings.

Involved in Reaching Our Denominational Goals in Higher Education?

## RECREATIONAL ADVENTURES

Everything will be planned for your enjoyment. A witty, informal Conference Announcer will keep you on your toes throughout the week. A recreational leader will plan for the many recreational activities to be held each

afternoon.

In addition, you will be amazed by the variety of adventures that can be enjoyed at Green Lake. These include swimming in the luxurious pool, guided bus tours of the grounds, the delightful boat trip on Green Lake on the "Captain Bickel Launch" (see article in the 1965 ANNUAL about his father), shuffleboard, tennis, golf, fishing, and hiking over beautiful nature trails.

The Religious Art Gallery and World Museum with its fine collection of religious paintings and mission objects, the Petrus Room with the famous stone collection of the late Mr. J. L. Kraft; the Formal Gardens with the memorial rose garden and flower beds providing fresh blossoms for all tables, lobbies and meeting rooms; the 90 foot Judson Tower with its illuminated cross and carillon bells; the colorful Indian Village with its Prayer Tower and totem pole; and the historic Railroad Chapel Car, GRACE, will be added attractions to interest many of our people.

## HOW TO REGISTER

Make your plans now with your family to attend the 7th Laymen's Family Conference at Green Lake, the BEST in the series of the seven triennial conferences. A special leaflet about the Laymen's Family Conference with a registration form is now ready for distribution in all of our churches. Instructions are given in the leaflet concerning the procedure to be followed in registering for this Conference.

Be sure to register as soon as your decision has been made. Pray for and anticipate a heaven-sent blessing upon these Laymen's Family Conference days, July 17-24, 1965.



PANORAMIC VIEW FROM JUDSON TOWER

Here the visitor is enchanted with his view of Green Lake, Wisconsin, more than eight miles long and two miles wide, the Cove and the Point in front of the Roger Williams Inn, the five-story fireproof hotel, and the enrapturing beauty of the landscape.



# Scriptural Tithing Educational Program

God has promised to reward faithful stewardship with blessings beyond measure. Let us meet his challenge by our willingness to adopt the Biblical standard of tithing.

Program of STEP reviewed by Rev. Raymond P. Yahn of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

THROUGHOUT the long history of our North American Baptist Fellowship we have always been known as a "people of the Book." Our fellowship has been explicit in its steadfastness to the authority of God's Word in all matters of faith and practice. God has honored and blessed our churches and denomination because we have endeavored to be true to the teachings of his Word. This is why in all sincerity we can commend STEP (Scriptural Tithing Educational Program) to every North American Baptist, for it has as its foundation the authority of God's Word.

## WHAT IS TITHING?

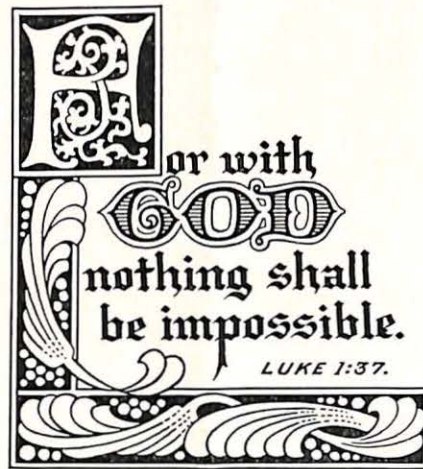
STEP is designed to bring the Christian believer to an awareness of the importance of tithing in his own spiritual development. Often when the word "tithing" is mentioned, we think only of money rather than an act of obedience to the will of God. STEP then is an aid to bring individual believers face to face with the Biblical truths of tithing as a means of enriching their own spiritual lives.

The General Conference Stewardship Committee adopted a tithing statement which it felt accurately sets forth the Christian perspective of tithing.

"Tithing is a Biblically revealed pattern of systematic and proportionate giving practiced by devout men of all ages who desired to honor God with their substance (Genesis 28:20-22; Leviticus 27:30; II Chronicles 31:5; Hebrews 7:1, 4). It is more basically an activity of faith than finance. Though it is not specifically advocated as either a minimum or a maximum standard of Christian giving, it does, nevertheless, have Christ's commendation (Luke 11:42) and is accompanied with God's promised blessing (Malachi 3:10)."

STEP is not in any way to be considered a "gimmick" or a denominational fund raising scheme. As the above tithing statement clearly indicates, "It is more basically an activity of faith than finance." It is an encouragement to accept by faith all the promises that God has given to his people as they honor him with dedication of life and substance. Only as we see beyond the realm of finances to a basic commitment of all that we have and are to the cause of Christ does tithing become a meaningful experience.

A host of North American Baptists can testify to the personal blessings



which tithing has brought. However, the blessings of God have not been limited to the individual tither. Our churches have also benefited in a very concrete way by the faithfulness of those who have shown their concern for the witness of Christ by practicing the Biblical standard of tithing.

Even as our churches have grown to a degree of spiritual maturity, this growth has been reflected in an ever broadening missionary outreach. God has continually blessed our missionary endeavor with the precious souls of those who have accepted the redeeming grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. How grateful we are that the good news of salvation has been proclaimed so faithfully in many ways by many servants of Christ. As we look in retrospect at the ministry of our churches and our denomination, we can see that God has blessed our witness for Christ because there were men and women who gave of themselves and of their substance that others might hear the message of God's redeeming love.

God has honored this faithful commitment to his service by opening new doors of opportunity in making Christ known. We cannot meet these opportunities by any mechanical or organizational means. Only as Spirit-filled men and women are willing to follow the plan that God established long ago will we be able to meet the challenge that has been set before us.

## THE BIBLICAL STANDARD

May the promise of Malachi 3:10 challenge every North American Baptist. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven,

and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." God is true to his Word. He has promised to reward faithful stewardship with blessings beyond measure. Let us meet the challenge by our willingness to adopt the Biblical standard of tithing.

The Scriptural Tithing Educational Program will help us to understand the real purpose of tithing. It will help to show us that in a very real sense tithing is an act of worship whereby we are presenting to God that which is his. As by faith we honor God with our tithe, we will also experience literally the blessing which God has promised us. There will be the inner peace of knowing that we have been obedient to the will of God.

We will see to an ever greater degree than we do now the results of making Christ known through the printed word, by the ministry of our missionaries, by the training of men and women who have been called of God to go forth and tell others of Christ and his love. Perhaps one of the most important results of our faithful stewardship will be the way the Holy Spirit may use our testimony to speak to the hearts of other Christians in prompting them to become personally involved in this tithing commitment.

We earnestly pray that each of our North American Baptist churches will take action and officially adopt STEP as an integral part of their church program. This will be an important step in the spiritual advance of the church as this program is faithfully carried out and as members individually and as a congregation experience the results of this dedicated stewardship, both of self and of substance.

## INDIVISABLE UNDER GOD

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philosopher. I am just a public servant doing the very best I know how. But in more than three decades of public life, I have seen first-hand that basic spiritual beliefs can shatter barriers of bias and bigotry. From this experience I have drawn new hope that the seemingly insurmountable issues we face at home and abroad can be resolved by men of strong faith and men of brave deeds.

Lincoln proclaimed as a national faith that right makes might. Surely this is so, and surely if we are to complete the great unfinished work of our society, spiritual beliefs from which social actions spring must be the strongest weapons in our arsenal.

yes,  
I TiThe!

By Frank Veninga, President  
North American Baptist Seminary,  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

"Now, really, why do you tithe?" This question is frequently asked by the honest inquirer who has difficulty understanding the simplicity of the method and realizing the blessings of the practice.

But what is tithing? Our Stewardship Committee says, "Tithing is a Biblically revealed pattern of systematic and proportionate giving practiced by devout men of all ages who desired to honor God with their substance." In other words, tithing is the practice of laying aside one tenth of one's income for God's service. And God's service advances according to our faithfulness.

Prior to realizing that tithing is a Biblical experience, I observed the practice in my parental home. It was my father's devout and systematic practice to prepare the church envelope each week, usually on Saturday. Tithing for him was the starting place for the support of God's work. Although he was never really wealthy, he was easily able to meet family needs and to give generously to the church he dearly loved. This was a tremendous example, especially to observing and growing children.

In what sense is tithing a Biblical experience? Scripture clearly reveals that God commands it, Jesus commends it, Paul enlarged its scope, the early Christians practiced it, and most of the denominations today recommend the tithe as a base for giving.

Yes, I tithe! The example of my parental home cannot be forgotten. The teaching of Scripture, both Old and New Testament, indicates tithing and systematic giving to be God's appointed method for the financing of his work. Because comparatively few Christians tithe, the great enterprises of the church are hindered tremendously.

From our own practice Mrs. Veninga and I have ample proof that tithing is a personal, spiritual and edifying experience. As a result we have had a realization of our financial responsibility and opportunity as laborers in the Lord's service.

Tithing has never been a drudgery, but it has brought genuine blessing. We will continue the example of the parental home, the teaching of God's Word, and the practice of the past twenty-five years. If you do not tithe, I invite you and your family to join in this rewarding venture of faith.



PRESIDENT FRANK VENINGA  
of the North American Baptist Seminary,  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

## NAB CHURCHES THAT HAVE ADOPTED STEP

STEP is fundamentally designed to bring individual believers face-to-face with Biblical truths about tithing, and to seek their personal response to them. It is, therefore, a program of tithing education and tithing commitment. It is a program of information and encouragement.

Who reaps the benefits of STEP? The individual Christian does, first of all. Through it he comes to a clearer

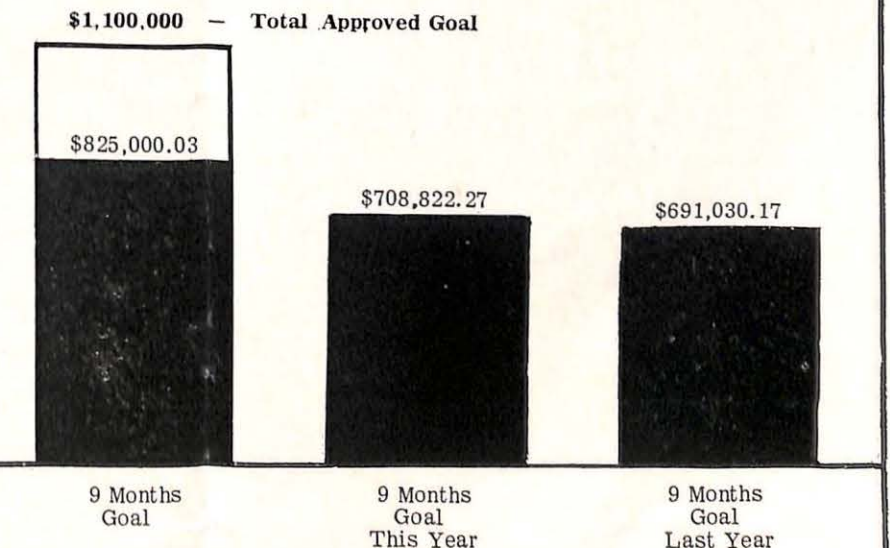
understanding than he ever has had before of the teachings of God's Word concerning his stewardship of possessions. Through STEP he may also be led to "live by faith" in a new and daring way."

The local church benefits directly from STEP. A church becomes strong only when its members grow in spiritual strength. A church composed of families who regularly tithe is a church which will be able to make its influence for Christ felt in the world. It will be able to accomplish what it had never thought possible before its members took seriously the Biblical teachings about tithing.

The following North American Baptist Churches have adopted STEP and are experiencing its blessings among the members of its congregation. This information was received either through letters to the Secretary of Stewardship or through STEP material orders to Roger Williams Press. Magnolia, Anaheim, California  
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## GOD'S PROVISION THROUGH OUR STEWARDSHIP

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# Temple Baptist Church at Jamestown, N. Dak.

Church Extension Builders are contributing in February 1965 for this new Church Extension project which already has 90 members but which needs a new building and Sunday school facilities.

By Dr. M. Vanderbeck, Church Extension Pastor in Jamestown, North Dakota

WE ARE VERY happy to give the readers of the "Baptist Herald" and the Church Extension Builders a report about the work in Jamestown, North Dakota.

Certainly, we must say: "God has been good to us; therefore we are glad." Looking into the future we know that we will enjoy the blessings of the Lord and grow in his grace and knowledge as well as in numbers for "Great Is His Faithfulness."

The church, known as the Temple Baptist Church of Jamestown, North Dakota, was begun in September 1964.

Elmer Schindel. Mrs. Ruben Wolff is at the organ, ably assisted by Mrs. James Remboldt and Miss Joanne Taft, who also play the piano with Miss Carolyn Tahrn.

Our Sunday school started with 51, and we have now 62 enrolled. We hope to reach the 100 mark in the not too distant future. By the time you read this article, we will have organized a Woman's Missionary Society as well as a Men's Brotherhood. We also hope to organize a C.B.Y.F. in the very near future.

You will know from this that God

unit. We were very grateful to the Seventh Day Adventist Church who made their church and their equipment available to us.

## PRESENT BUILDING NEEDS

A large sum of money is therefore needed to secure the buildings and equipment that will serve the church and the community for years to come. Because of this great need, we are grateful that the Church Extension Committee of North American Baptists has set aside February 1956 which will give the Church Extension Builders the opportunity to help the Temple Baptist Church of Jamestown.

We are grateful for that which God's hand has wrought thus far. The membership of the Temple Baptist Church is happy in this new relationship and they are looking forward to a greater fellowship with the Central Dakota Association as well as with the Dakota Conference and the North American Baptist General Conference, and to support the missionary effort of the General Conference as well.

The possibilities for the Temple Baptist Church of Jamestown are encouraging. The church itself will provide a place of worship and of real fellowship for those who move to Jamestown from the surrounding NAB churches. Here they will find a place of kindred faith and like fellowship.

There are also many in Jamestown who are not associated with any church and they will find in this church a home and a friendliness for which many should be looking.

## WHAT GOD HAS WROUGHT

Personally I praise God for what has been accomplished. As I see the present and look into the future, then I thank God for what he has brought about in this city. It was God's doing and is marvelous in our eyes.

The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Lehr, N. Dak., came to us with their pastor on a recent Sunday evening and rendered a special service to the church that will long be remembered. The Men's Quartet of the Bismarck Church gave a program that will not soon be forgotten.

Our people have become acquainted with the larger work as we welcomed Miss Laura Reddig, our missionary to Cameroon, in the Name of our wonderful Lord as well as Dr. Richard Schilke.

We shall be happy if you know of any who have moved into this area who should be reached. Address us at Box 1241, Jamestown, North Dakota, but above all pray for us!

BAPTIST HERALD

# SPEAK UP!

An Open Forum for communication among North American Baptists moderated by Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, minister of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich., and General Conference Moderator.

## LETTER TO "SPEAK UP" DEPARTMENT

Dear Sir:

When is our denomination going to become more democratic? For years the same people have been on the boards and committees. They may be doing a good job, but how about giving some of the rest of us a chance? I have been in the conference for quite a few years now, and I have never been elected to anything except statistical secretary at our local conference, and that was a lot of hard work. I have never had a free trip to Forest Park. Is it because I am not a college graduate or have I not learned yet how to be a member of the ruling clique? I am not complaining about anything in the denomination, but I do wish we could be democratic the way Baptists are supposed to be.

Sincerely yours,  
(Name withheld by request)

## ANSWER BY DR. IHRIE

Dear Brother:

I can well understand how you feel, especially after serving our conference so faithfully for a number of years. You are certainly right in wanting it to be democratic. We have a distaste for the idea of a "ruling clique," and being a college graduate has no bearing at all on the stated qualification for holding any elected office among us.

Permit me to make some observations about the matter:

1. Democracy is a form of representative government, and the will of the people is expressed in their right to choose their leaders who proceed to act for them.

2. Everyone won't be elected and many people may never even be nominated to run for elective office in a democracy. This does not mean that the group is not democratic, but that free choices are made on the basis of the will of the majority.

3. The man who is not nominated or elected to public office must never feel disenfranchised or disqualified or rejected. He must assume that Romans 8:28 is at work and that God has some different providential assignments for him than he has for others.

4. We need to be realistic by recognizing that not everyone who is willing to be elected is thought to be qualified by his fellow citizens. It has been my observation that the personnel of our various boards and committees change radically and constantly from year to year. Very few people

who have shown ability have gone unrecognized because we are a small, tightly woven group as compared with the larger fellowships.

5. Thank God for our Baptist heritage. In some religious groups, you would not only be prevented from holding office, but you wouldn't even have a voice in the proceedings or the right to choose your representative. As for the people who are sacrificially serving our conference on boards and committees, thank God for their willingness. Ask them about the hours of hard work they put in and the real truth about their difficult labors and you will probably change your mind about those "free trips to Forest Park." They are not vacations or excursions, you may be very sure.

6. One thing more needs to be said: many of the people on the various denominational boards are elected at the local level at the regional conferences. This is democratic in the best sense of the word.

## PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW

for all contributing to page, *Speak Up*.

1. We invite any member of the North American Conference to write whatever may be on his heart, addressing all letters to the Forest Park office (7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois) with the words "SPEAK UP" written on the lower left face of the envelope.

2. We will make an attempt to print as many as possible, but will be under no necessary obligation to do so because of limitations of space or duplication of contents.

3. Every letter must be signed by the writer; we will accept no anonymous mail. However, if the writer whose name has been signed does not want his name to appear in print we will simply say, "Name withheld by request."

4. Absolutely no letter will be printed that engages in criticism of another person by name or designation of office. Neither shall we honor any letter that is not Christian in tone or written in good taste.

5. We ask that your letters be kept as brief as is necessary to make your point, but there will be no limitation on length.

6. The moderator asks permission to reply or comment concerning the letters if he feels so led. Some letters may need a reply; some may not.

## NOTE:

This page SPEAK UP represents the personal point of view of the Gen-

eral Conference Moderator and of one of our Conference pastors and is not necessarily the expression of official denominational policy.

## BOOK REVIEWS

By Rev. B. C. Schreiber

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**75 STORIES AND ILLUSTRATIONS FOR EVERYDAY LIFE** by Erwin L. McDonald. Baker Book House—1964—105 pages—\$1.95.

Many of these illustrations come from the author's everyday living. Some are for special occasions, but most of them are adaptable for all kinds of sermon material. A few illustrations like *Johnson Grass* and *Consulting the Purse* have a subtle humor which can be appreciated without losing sight of the main truth.

**MANDATE TO WITNESS** by Leander E. Keck. Judson Press—1964—173 pages—\$3.75.

**PENTECOST AND AFTER** by M. R. DeHaan, M.D. Zondervan Publishing House—1964—184 pages—\$2.50.

Both volumes are based on the Book of Acts. Dr. Keck, who is associate professor of New Testament at Vanderbilt University, is rather modest in his appraisal of his book. Because it is neither a commentary nor a history of early Christianity, he rates it as having a "meager value." However, as a help in understanding Acts and its relevance for today's church, it is far more important than the author realizes.

The studies indicate serious insight and scholarly thought. There are some things he says which many would rather he left unsaid: "The church is embarrassed by the Holy Spirit." "The fact that churches are full does not mean that people are really hearing the gospel or believing it; it may simply mean that Christendom is not yet quite dead everywhere. . . ." It is the hope of the author that the insight gained through these studies should "galvanize into conviction, and conviction into action."

Dr. DeHaan's studies are, as the subtitle indicates, "simple studies on the Book of Acts." Those who are acquainted with the author's approach will soon find overtones of dispensationalism and prophetic utterances. His aim, however, is not controversy but discussion. The chapter on speaking in tongues is worth the price of the book, particularly in our day when glossolalia is beginning to be felt both in the liturgical and non-liturgical churches, as well as in some of the ivy league universities.

As is usually the case in the study of Acts, the work of the Holy Spirit takes a prominent part in these lectures. The greatest need of Christians today is an experience of Pentecost.



Dr. M. Vanderbeck, interim pastor of the new Church Extension project, the Temple Baptist Church, Jamestown, N. Dak., preaches to his fine congregation in a temporary church building. Church Extension Builders will contribute their gifts in February to this new work.

At that time we started with 64 members. Later six were added to that number by baptism, which made 70 in all. Now at the beginning of the New Year we have 90 members. Four of these are now serving in the armed forces of Uncle Sam and another four of our members are away at school.

## TEMPLE CHURCH IN ACTION

The church voted to be known as the "Temple Baptist Church of Jamestown, North Dakota." She then adopted a "Covenant" as well as a "Constitution." She has now elected permanent officers who will help the pastor in leading and guiding the church of the future.

A choir of 18 members lead in the singing on Sunday mornings and sing in praise to God as they offer their special selections each Sunday morning. We have a very able director in Mr.

has been with us in a special manner. He has not only prospered us with a goodly number of people, but also with good leadership and talent.

The Temple Baptist Church became a reality because the First Baptist Church voted to leave the NAB Conference. This meant that the many people, who come from our Conference churches, were left without a Conference fellowship, and were therefore forced to establish a new church where this fellowship could be enjoyed. It also meant that as a group they were left without a church edifice and parsonage as well as without any equipment needed for worship.

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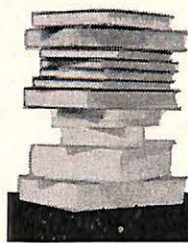
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# BOOK REVIEWS

By Rev. B. C. Schreiber, Promotional Assistant

**THE ABOLITION OF RELIGION** by Leon Morris. Inter-Varsity Fellowship—1964—111 pages—\$1.25 (paper).

The title sounds formidable, as though the book was written by an atheist. Mr. Morris, however, is an evangelical apologist and his aim is to take issue with some of the exponents of "religionless Christianity." Such men as Bonhoeffer, Robinson, Tillich, Bultmann and others have disturbed the thought and conscience of many complaisant theological scholars. Bonhoeffer's theology, supported strongly by his firm faith and ultimate martyrdom, cannot easily be set aside.

Mr. Morris does not question their sincerity, but sincerity is not enough when their systems represent a surrender of important elements of the Christian faith.

**GOD'S FRIEND** by Alan M. Stibbs. Inter-Varsity Fellowship—1964—88 pages—60c (paper).

An inspirational and informative study on the life of Abraham. The author, a missionary with the China Inland Mission, reveals a similarity between Abraham's God-given privilege and the privilege of the Christian missionary in a foreign land.

**LEADING RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD** by Max Stilson. Zondervan Publishing Company—1964—123 pages—\$1.95.

Although a number of books have been written about the religions of the world in far more detail, there is always a little more information to be added. For those who lack the opportunity of more intensive study on the subject this condensed version of twelve leading religions will prove helpful and informative.

**ENVOYS OF PEACE** by R. Pierce Beaver. Wm. B. Eerdmans—1964—133 pages—\$3.00.

The thesis of the book is based on the tenets of the so-called Peace Churches — Mennonites, Friends and Church of the Brethren. Although all Christian denominations have a program of peace and proclaim the Gospel of peace, their means and doctrine for its ultimate goal are varied. The cataclysmic inauguration of peace through the parousia has no place in this volume.

The efforts and the sacrificial spirit of the Peace Churches cannot be denied. In many places where all the evils of the world are blamed on Christianity, it is often difficult to live and work as an emissary of peace. Mr. Beaver also refers to the "cutthroat" competition between Protestant and Catholic and refers to these antagonisms as "highly injurious to the propagation of the faith." This is a good book with which to have your thought provoked and disturbed.

**BASIC INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT** by John R. W. Stott. Wm. B. Eerdmans—1964—179 pages—\$1.45 (paper).

Written by the same author of *THE PREACHER'S PORTRAIT*, Dr. Stott reveals a keen insight, not only into the spiritual qualifications of the minister, but also into the dynamics of the message of the New Testament. The purpose of the volume, the author states, is not to take the place of Bible reading, but to give greater interest, incentive and to add to the understanding of the Word of God.

**THE LORD PROTECTOR** by Robert S. Paul. Wm. B. Eerdmans—1964—438 pages—\$2.95 (paper).

Oliver Cromwell was a strong Puritan in Parliament, and prominent in the Puritan Revolution because of his military ability. He defeated Charles I and demanded his execution. Four years later he invaded Scotland and defeated Charles II. He declined the crown and declared himself Lord Protector. By establishing a new constitution he strengthened his powers at home, but the need for foreign trade involved him in war with the Dutch and later with the Spanish.

Although he favored religious tolerance it was limited only to the Jews and non-Anglican Protestants. Because of his ambivalent character, he found it difficult to work with Parliament and he was often forced into acts of cruelty and intolerance in order to bring about his government policies.

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He was described as a man animated by a good and evil genius, whose success as a destructive force stood in the way of his success as a constructive statesman.

A more stable and pious element of Cromwells' Puritanism was established in the landing of the Pilgrims in Massachusetts. In studying the life and times of Cromwell we see the birth of our nation in a much clearer light. This is our most meaningful point of contact with English history.

Because the volume was originally intended for Englishmen, Americans may find it a little difficult reading. The numerous references to names, places and dates have little meaning to those who lack a more detailed knowledge of English history. The profusion of notes and references on practically every page indicate intensive research but it also tends toward monotony for the reader.

**PRINCIPLES OF CONDUCT** by John Murray. Wm. B. Eerdmans—1964—272 pages—\$2.25 (paper).

Dr. John Murray is professor of systematic theology at Westminster Seminary and the lectures comprising this volume were delivered at Fuller Seminary in 1955.

Simply because the lecture method is used does not imply that the volume is dry and technical. Although a great deal of research and interpretation goes into a work of this type, Dr. Murray has made an excellent attempt to make his material meaningful for both pastor and layman. To a degree it can be described as profound, but on the whole it is simple enough to lead the reader into the realm of truth which applies to all areas of our society. The chapters on *The Marriage Ordinance and Procreation* and *The Ordinance of Labor* are especially revealing in the light of present day management—labor relationships and discussions on population explosion and birth control.

**PERSONALITIES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT** by Ralph G. Turnbull. Baker Book House—1964—151 pages—\$2.50.

Dr. Turnbull is known as a prolific writer, teacher and preacher. His books are always welcome additions to the pastor's as well as to the layman's library. Those who have already read *Personalities of the New Testament* will look forward to its companion volume.

Although the sketches are in sermon outline form, the biographical characterization of these Old Testament saints and heroes come strongly into focus. The spiritual and practical lessons drawn from the experiences of the men and women in Israel are presented in a realistic way. Their human nature, their virtues and vices are in sharp contrast to God's providential guidance.

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● Rev. E. H. Nikkel recently resigned as pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, Kelowna, B. C., effective April 1st. He had served this church as its minister since its organization in 1962. Previous to that, he was the minister of the Grace Church of Kelowna from 1957 to 1962. Mr. Nikkel plans to retire from the active pastorate.

● In January 1965 Rev. Eric P. Berg presented his resignation as pastor of the Baptist Church of Osoyoos, British Columbia. This is a small church of the North American Baptist Conference in the Pacific Conference area. Mr. Berg is also the minister of a church in nearby Penticton, British Columbia, which he will continue to serve as the pastor.

● The Temple Baptist Church of Lemmon, S. Dak., has announced that a formal call was extended to Rev. Arnold Friez to become its pastor and that he accepted the call and has served in this full time ministry since September 1964. The report about the church's recent activities will appear in the Feb. 25 issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● The Woman's Missionary Union of the West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, S. Dak., held its annual program on Sunday evening, Dec. 6. The guest speaker for the evening was Mrs. Harm Sherman, using as her topic, "Preparing Your Heart for Christmas." Special music was a vocal solo by Mrs. Ronald H. Mayforth, pastor's wife. The offering was designated for our Baptist work in Japan.

● On Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Trautmann of Fargo, N. Dak., members of the Grace Baptist Church of West Fargo, N. Dak., were killed in a tragic auto accident on their way to Mrs. Trautmann's relatives in Long Lake, S. Dak. Five little children at home were orphaned by the accident. The memorial tribute to this fine couple, prepared by the pastor, Rev. Leon Bill, appears on page 23 of this issue.

● Rev. O. W. Brenner of Carlstadt, New Jersey was called to his heavenly home on Dec. 28 at 88 years of age. Until recently he continued to render an active service in the First Baptist Church of Carlstadt, although he retired from his ministry in North American Baptist churches some years ago. His last NAB pastorate was at the Central Baptist Church of George, Iowa. The obituary will appear in a later issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● The Brook Park Baptist Church has extended a call to Rev. Henry G. Ramus of Neustadt, Ontario, pastor of the First Baptist of Neustadt since his graduation from the NAB Seminary in 1956. The Brook Park Church has been a Church Extension project of the denomination which was formerly pastored by Rev. Adam Huber, now of Tigard, Ore. Mr. Ramus has accepted the call of the Brook Park Church and

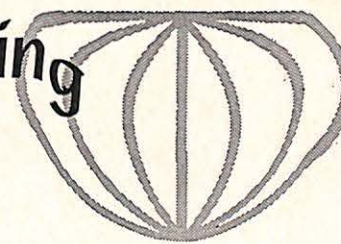
will begin his ministry there on March 1st.

● On Thursday evening, Nov. 11, a surprise was held by the Immanuel and Ebenezer Baptist Churches of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., for their pastor, Rev. Thomas Lutz, on the 30th anniversary of his service as a North American Baptist pastor. Open House for members and friends of the church was

held a reception for Rev. and Mrs. Dundas expressing its gratitude to them for the faithful ministry rendered since 1960. Dr. A. Dale Ihrle is the minister of the church.

● Rev. and Mrs. Victor H. Prendinger are spending the winter months in Orlando, Fla. They are attending the services at the Faith Baptist Church of Orlando of which Rev. Lawrence E.

## what's happening



held at the parsonage which had been arranged by Mrs. Lutz. Mr. Lutz was ordained at the Mount Zion Baptist Church near Junction City, Kansas on Dec. 27, 1934.

● Mr. Gordon Loux of Oak Park, Ill., the assistant pastor of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill. has accepted an appointment as the Director of Public Relations for the Moody Alumni Association of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill. His resignation, effective June 1st, has been accepted by the Forest Park Church. Mr. Loux will graduate from the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary this spring. Rev. Herbert J. Freeman is pastor of the Forest Park Church.

● The Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich., has announced that Rev. Chester H. Dundas, assistant to the minister, has resigned and his resignation was regretfully accepted. He intends to continue his studies at the Detroit Bible College. His resignation was effective Jan. 31st. On Sunday evening, Feb. 7, the church

Wegner is the pastor. Mr. Wegner is a former NAB pastor who recently celebrated his 20th anniversary of ordination as a minister. Mr. Prendinger spoke at the Watch Night service of the Orlando church and supplied the pulpit on the first Sunday of January. He is still actively serving the Lord as opportunities arise.

● The Ridgmont Baptist Church, East Detroit, Mich., held Week of Prayer services from Monday to Friday evenings, Jan. 4-8. More than 125 persons were in attendance each evening. Speakers during the week were Rev. H. J. Waltereit, pastor; Rev. Rubin Kern, Eastern District Secretary; and Dr. M. L. Leuschner, editor of the "Baptist Herald." Organizations of the church such as the Sunday school, men's group, young people, and women's group, and church choir were in charge of the services. The film, "The Great Light," was shown at the Watch Night Service. This is the effective story of a young man saved in post-war Germany who was saved in a Gospel Tent meeting. Mr. Helmut Michelson, a member of the church and a student at Fort Wayne Bible College, spoke at the service. He is a prospective Seminary student preparing for the Christian ministry.

● Upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees and approved by the Advisory Board and church members of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., a new gold, continuous filament main carpet has been installed in the church sanctuary and foyer of the painting. Also some exterior and interior William was done. According to Rev. \$75,000 Hoover, pastor, approximately few months have been paid off the first chased by the church, which fund has been supervised by the Church Expansion

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## BIBLE DAY SUNDAY, MARCH 14

- Program material and offering envelopes have been sent to all churches.
- Plan for an exhibit of old Bibles and various translations on this day.
- Read the leaflet, "God's Word for a New Age," to be distributed in your church.
- Offerings for the worldwide distribution of Bibles and Christian literature through our Publication Society and American Bible Society.





# We the Women

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

## INTRODUCTION

With open arms we welcome Bettie Yahn into her executive position as our English Packet Editor. By just looking at her, you can know she possesses a radiant, warm Christian personality. It was through her careful planning and many hours of consecrated thought, work, and prayer that we have a truly functional Program Packet to offer to you.

I am sure now that you wish to know more about Bettie. She comes from Ashville, North Carolina where



Mrs. Raymond Yahn of Pittsburgh, Pa.  
English Packet Editor for the Woman's  
Missionary Union

she became a Christian at age 16 and dedicated her life to the Lord at 17 years of age. She earned her B.A. degree from Bob Jones University where she also met her husband, Rev. Raymond Yahn. Their three sons, Stephen, age 10, Mark 8, and Jonathan, age 6, help to keep the parsonage of the Temple Baptist Church in Pittsburgh, Pa., a lively place. Her present church work consists of being a Sunday school teacher for a woman's class, leader in Junior C.B.Y.F. and "all the other things a pastor's wife must do."

She is very concerned with our W.M.U. work, for she served as Eastern Conference president in 1961 and 1962. She remarks that her greatest interests are "people and God's work."

## Denominational Advance Planning Committee

Report of the first session of this important committee, appointed by the General Council and approved by the General Conference, to analyze the needs and opportunities of the denominational departments for a combined advance program for the period 1967-1976.

THE Denominational Advance Planning Committee held its first session at the Forest Park headquarters office on Nov. 6 and 7, 1964 for the purpose of organizing and making preliminary plans as to our denominational ministry which will come under consideration.

### REPORT IN 1967

The General Council at its meeting in May 1964 considered the need of the appointment of a long range planning committee to study the requests for new programs and additional expenditures to implement these programs as they are submitted each year to the General Council by the various denominational departments. It was felt that such a committee would be able to do more orderly and intelligent planning with regard to our cooperative work in considering a long range development program for the various denominational departments. The committee would then analyze the needs and opportunities of our departments and make suggestions for a combined advance program for the period 1967-1976. It would then prepare a full report outlining this program for the General Council and General Conference in 1967.

The recommendation by the General Council for the appointment of such a committee was presented at the 1964 session of the General Conference in Sacramento, California, and after some discussion, was approved by the General Conference.

All of our denominational departments are required to submit to the General Council for their approval all new programs and additional expenditures needed to implement these programs. Particularly for the past number of years, this has become quite a task for the General Council because the expenditures exceeded our income to a great extent with the result that

Her great desire is "to rear our three sons to be mature Christians whose lives will truly count for God."

### THE TASK IS GREAT... THE POWER GREATER

By Mrs. Raymond Yahn,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

"The task before us is never as great as the Power behind us." I came across this statement recently, and I keep it before me as I do my work as your English Packet Editor. The realization of this truth has helped me tremendously.

I believe it is something all of us should take to heart as we go about

it became very difficult in determining which requests should receive priority.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Committee met for its first meeting in Forest Park for the purpose of organizing and making preliminary plans for its further study in the various areas of our denomination. The members of the committee are as follows: Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, Hempstead, N. Y., chairman; Rev. Everett Barker, Lorraine, Kansas, vice-chairman; Mr. Herbert H. Stabbert, Anaheim, Calif., secretary; Mr. Adolph Braun, Warren, Mich., (unable to be present); Rev. Aaron Buhler, Lodi, Calif.; Rev. Otto Ertis, Toronto, Ontario; Mr. Henry Fluth, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mr. E. Ralph Kletke, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. Carl Lang, Edmonton, Alberta; Rev. Norman Miller, Chancellor, S. Dak.; Mr. Edward Russell, Grosse Pointe, Mich.; ex-officio members: Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, Conference Moderator; Mr. Kenneth Miller, Conference Treasurer; and Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Secretary.

A committee was formed for each of the four areas that we thought might need special consideration. These committees will be the sub-committees of the Denominational Advance Planning Committee with the chairman being a member of the larger committee.

These sub-committees are as follows: 1) Study Committee on General Denominational Advance. Mr. E. Ralph Kletke, chairman. 2) Study Committee on Seminary and C. T. I. Advance. Mr. Henry Futh, chairman. 3) Study Committee on Christian Education and Publications Advance. Rev. Everett Barker, chairman. 4) Study Committee on Missionary Advance. Rev. Aaron Buhler, chairman.

Members to the above committees will be appointed in the very near future. When all acceptances have been received, we will publish the entire committee membership.

our separate responsibilities. As members of the WMU we do have a great task before us, but God is greater. Our task is an important one. It is something to be enthusiastic about, for it is the LORD'S WORK. Your work in your individual society is important. It, too, is the Lord's work. How we need to do his work to the best of our abilities!

The 1965 Program Packet is geared to help you in your task. We feel it is important that we reach out to all the women in our churches. Why? So that more and more women will become concerned about our missions,

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A little girl stands entranced next to the WALK-IN-HEART at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, Portland, Ore. This huge heart 14 feet high, 13 feet wide and 22 feet long, graphically illustrates the workings of the human heart. (Photo by O.M.S.I.)

### HER VALENTINE

By Elma Smuland  
of Portland, Oregon

(Mrs. Smuland is a secretary in the administrative office of the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry).

A little girl looked up  
Into the preacher's face,  
Her shy hands clutching tightly  
A red heart etched in lace.

Dear pastor, won't you send,  
This little heart to HIM,  
Whom you said had died for me  
On the cross of sin?

The pastor took the card,  
And gently told her how  
It was "her" heart, that Jesus said  
He wanted, here and now.

A light shone in her eyes,  
She understood it then,  
And gladly gave her heart to him  
To cleanse it from its sin.

And now that she is grown,  
She thinks back of the way  
She learned to know the Savior  
Via valentine, one day.

### CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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# sunday school lessons

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

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: February 21, 1965

Theme: JESUS, THE CHRIST

Scripture: Matthew 16:13-26

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** It does little good to say that Jesus is the Christ unless you believe in your heart that he is and obey him in your every day life.

**INTRODUCTION:** We are all familiar with the saying of Jesus. "My Father worketh hitherto and I work." He did not hesitate to perform a labor of love even on the Sabbath day.

But Jesus was human also and realized the value and the need for rest and relaxation. Prayer and meditation were necessary, and he also needed a quiet and reserved place to speak to his disciples. This was the classroom in which the twelve were given concentrated and intensive instructions concerning the Kingdom of God.

It was necessary before his death to make clear to his disciples certain basic truths on which the future of his Kingdom would depend. Jesus knew he had not long to live, but he had to make sure that his words would not die.

## I. THE ALL IMPORTANT QUESTION. Matthew 16:13-20.

From a purely human standpoint, Jesus was considered a great man by many people. To be counted among the greatest prophets in Israel was considered a great compliment. But this estimate of Jesus was still too low. He was thought of as a prophet and not as the Messiah, as a man but not as the Son of God.

Peter's spontaneous answer to Jesus' question must have warmed his heart. It was not a classroom answer found in some textbook, but an answer that came from experience and revelation directly out of his heart. Peter did not listen to what others said about Jesus, but kept his heart and mind open to what God could reveal to him.

## II. A NECESSARY REPROOF. Matthew 16:21-23.

It is good to remember that one revelation from God does not make an infallible saint out of us. We know that Peter was to fall even lower.

But it seems strange that Jesus should say, "Get thee behind me, Satan." How can Peter be so inspired that God can give him a great revelation in one moment and in the next utter words which come from Satan? It simply reveals how human and un-

stable Peter was at this point.

## III. SELF-DENIAL AND THE CROSS. Matthew 16:24-26.

Peter, as well as the other disciples, did not yet understand the difference between life and death, between a lost life and a saved life. On the Day of Pentecost things changed and Peter found himself on solid rock. A life of self-denial followed. By being willing to risk their lives, the disciples found life.

### Questions for Discussion:

1. Why did Jesus refer to himself as the Son of man rather than the Son of God?
2. Was Jesus too severe with Peter when he called him Satan?
3. Do Christians really take up a cross today when they follow Jesus?

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: February 28, 1965

Theme: CHRISTIAN FORGIVENESS

Scripture: Matthew 18:15-17, 21-35

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** Christian forgiveness can restore fellowship but very often it cannot repair damage.

**INTRODUCTION:** In spite of daily teaching in the presence of Jesus, the observing of miracles, the revelation of truth given to them by God and the wonderful experience on the Mount of Transfiguration, the disciples remained inherently selfish and self-centered. Soon after they came down from the mount, they fell into a discussion of who was to be considered the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven.

Their thoughts were still centered around an earthly rule of God in which they would be given positions of honor and authority. Even after the resurrection and before Jesus' ascension, they were concerned about the immediate restoration of Israel (Acts 1:6). The spiritual truths which Jesus tried to impart were still vague. They were not yet spiritually minded.

## I. CHRISTIAN FORGIVENESS IN THE CHURCH. Matthew 18:15-17.

One of the gravest weaknesses in our churches today is the unforgiving spirit. Feelings are often easily hurt, friendships are severed and men become separated in mind and spirit because of some unresolved sin that lies between them. Children often quarrel and fight and then continue to play as if nothing happened. But man harbors resentment and hate and many find it impossible to seek reconciliation.

Christian fellowship is broken by continued slander and gossip. They air their grievances to everyone else but not to each other.

The three courses of action which Jesus prescribed should be followed by every church.

## II. THE NATURE OF FORGIVENESS. Matthew 18:18-22.

Peter is never afraid to reveal his human nature. We still have much in common with Peter. After all, we say, we can take only so much and no more. Actually Peter was being very generous. According to rabbinical tradition, an offender should be forgiven only three times and at the fourth time an appropriate punishment should be meted out to him. When Peter mentioned seven times, he thought he was going far above and beyond what the law required.

What Jesus was referring to was not a mathematical number of formal acts of forgiveness, but a constant attitude of forgiveness.

## III. JESUS' PARABLE OF THE UNFORGIVING SLAVE. Matthew 18:23-35.

This is a picture of God's forgiveness and his justice. Nothing that we have to forgive others for can compare with that for which God has forgiven us. The little slights and offenses which are directed at us are nothing in relation to the enormity of sin directed against God.

### Questions for Discussion:

1. Do Christians in our churches still practice the three steps mentioned in our lesson today?
2. How is it possible to forgive and forget?
3. Why was it easier for the thief on the cross to confess his sin than for the scribes and Pharisees to confess theirs?

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sion Fund committee of which Mr. Joe Love and Mrs. Edith Baudisch serve as co-chairmen. On Sunday, Dec. 13, the sanctuary choir of Bethel Church presented John W. Peterson's Christmas cantata, "Born A King," directed by Mrs. Phyllis Chiles, with Mrs. Janice Bennett as organist, Mrs. Beulah Thompson as pianist, with the soloists: Dan Chiles, Joe and Barbara Love, Viola Eggert, Iris Fallon, Diane Huffman, Carol Hull, Beth O'Laughlin, and with Steve Fallon as narrator.

# New Seminary Conference Room Dedicated

Report of the dedication services of the new Seminary Conference and Faculty Room and Seminary Offices at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., by Prof. Roy Seibel.

ON FRIDAY DEC. 11, 1964, the faculty, students and the Board of Trustees assembled in a brief, but impressive, service to dedicate the new Conference and Faculty Room and the Seminary Offices. The dedication marked the climax of a project to renovate the old library room which was made possible by a generous gift of \$6,700 from the E. J. Dirksen family of Madison, S. Dak.

Rev. David Draewell, secretary of the denominational Committee on Higher Education, began the ceremonies by offering the invocation prayer. Rev. Rubin Herrmann, pastor of the Brentview Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta, read a message from God's Word.

## THE SEMINARY'S MINISTRY

In singing the hymn, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," Manfred Brauch gave expression to the deep feelings of the assembled workers as they sensed the moving of God's Spirit in bringing to realization this latest advance of the Seminary.

President Frank Veninga acknowledged the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Dirksen and expressed confidence that the Seminary would experience continued progress because God has chosen to surround the school with a band of faithful men who have a vision of stewardship.

Rev. Willis Potratz, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak., presented the preparation of a pastor as an unfolding process in which the young man called of God moves from one deep soul-shaping experience to another. Rigid seminary discipline is a necessary step in the spiritual maturing which God has designed for his prophets.

Following a solemn dedication response in which all the members of the congregation participated, the doors of the new conference room and offices were opened for visitors.

## NEW SEMINARY FACILITIES

The first door adjacent to the Euclid Avenue entrance leads into the east section of the old library building which now houses a complex of three modern offices which are occupied by the president, his secretary, and the director of public relations.

When one enters the conference room, his eye is immediately drawn to a large picture of Sallman's head of Christ. It stands symbolically at the head of the long walnut table about which the faculty and Seminary boards assemble to deliberate on the affairs of the school.

Lovely drapes border a panoramic

February 11, 1965



The picture of J. G. Oncken, Baptist pioneer, that hangs in the Seminary Conference Room, and the plaque announcing that the furnishings of the room were made possible by a generous gift of the E. J. Dirksen family of Madison, S. Dak.

view of the Seminary campus which stretches to the south of the administration building. The majestic simplicity of the room is further accented by a picture of Johann Gerhard Oncken who immortalized the challenging concept, "Every Baptist a Missionary."

Beneath the picture is a small plaque upon which is inscribed the words, "The Conference and Faculty

Room and adjacent offices were furnished by Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Dirksen in memory of Johann Gerhard Oncken whose devoted ministry was a spiritual blessing to the Dirksen family."

## WE THE WOMEN

By Mrs. Raymond Yahn

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and will pray and work with us for the continued spread of the Gospel.

How does this relate to the Packet? Because here we feel you will find a storehouse of worthwhile materials and ideas. Coupled with your own ingenuity and resourcefulness, it is possible to have such challenging and attractive programming in your society that it will appeal to and hold the interest of all the women in your church. If you and the women in your society plan well, prepare thoroughly, advertise imaginatively, and are enthusiastic, I think you will be amazed at the results.

Keep in mind always that your work in your society, as insignificant as it may seem, is God's work and, as such, it is important! Enthusiasm breeds enthusiasm; so let's start with you and me.

Together, as North American Baptist women, let's see what we can accomplish for our Lord in this next triennium. Go quickly! The day is far spent. The night is coming when no man can work. The task is great, but the Power is greater!



## NEW SEMINARY CONFERENCE ROOM

Sallman's Head of Christ is prominently hung in the newly dedicated Conference and Faculty Room at the NAB Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. It stands symbolically at the head of the long walnut table about which the faculty and Seminary Boards assemble to deliberate on the affairs of the school.



# OUR denomination in action

## Sunday school programs & events

**FOREST PARK, ILL.** Miss Ruby Salzman, missionary to Cameroon, Africa and now home on furlough, was the special speaker at the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., on Sunday, Jan. 3. She spoke during the Sunday school hour to the group from Primary age and up. At that time she also presented the Sunday school with a miniature drum of the type that is used to call the people in Africa to worship. She even demonstrated the rhythmic beat. The children as well as adults were fascinated as she related some "real life" experiences. At the evening worship service Miss Salzman illustrated through excellent slides the contrasts of the Cameroon as she has experienced them. Miss Salzman is supported by the Forest Park Church. Her graphic description of the joys and concerns of our mission work there presented a challenge to everyone present and gave us a better understanding how we can pray more effectively. (Erna Redlich, Reporter).

## special events

**BROOKFIELD, WIS.** To begin the holiday season, Immanuel Baptist Church, Brookfield, Wis., held a series of pre-Thanksgiving meetings with Dr. Douglas Stephens of Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, Ill., as the guest speaker. He spoke on two consecutive Sunday mornings and evenings, Nov. 15 and 22, and also evenings during the week. Each week-day meeting was preceded by a short prayer session led by our pastor, Rev. J. J. Renz. On Christmas Eve the Sunday Church School presented the program, "A Festival of Carols," with children in nursery through high school youth participating as choirs in this presentation. Mr. Gilbert Freigang is the Church School superintendent. (Mrs. Maxine Grothe, Reporter).

**CENTRAL, WACO, TEXAS.** The Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas held its Harvest and Mission Festival on Nov. 15th. A program by the elementary departments of the Sunday school preceded the morning worship service. The offering was designated for the Dallas, Texas Church Extension Building Fund. A large group enjoyed the fellowship dinner in the church dining hall following the morning worship service.

On Nov. 29th a farewell service was held for Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Hinz. Chairman of the Deacons, Vernon Ekert, and the Council Chairman, Harry Lampert, spoke words of appreciation

for the services rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Hinz while serving as pastor. Gifts were presented to them from the church and W.M.U. A time of fellowship in the church annex followed this service. (Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht, Reporter).

**GOODRICH, N. DAK.** On Sunday morning, Dec. 20, the Baptist Church of Goodrich, N. Dak., dedicated its new church furniture which included new pews, pulpit, communion table and chair, choir screen, flower stands and offering plates. The impressive service was led by Rev. Jacob Ehman, pastor. A new piano was also dedicated along with the church furniture. The trustees took part in the dedication service, and our pastor's daughter sang a solo. On Dec. 24 our church held its annual Christmas program with the children bringing their verses and songs with great joy. On Dec. 31st we had our Watch Night Service, beginning with family numbers from 8:30-9:30 P.M. followed by the ob-

servance of the Lord's Supper. (Mrs. Albert Schmidt, Reporter).

**FOREST PARK, ILL.** The Watch Night service at the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., was observed from 9 P.M. to midnight. The first hour and a half featured Mr. H. B. Johns showing his latest slides on our mission work in the Cameroon, Africa. Mr. Johns had been to Cameroon late in November so that the report was up-to-date and comprehensive. After refreshments and fellowship, the remaining time was devoted to testimonies and a special musical number by the male chorus under the direction of Mr. Johns. Our pastor, Rev. H. J. Freeman, spoke very briefly challenging us to a more dedicated service in 1965. As the new year was ushered in by the sound of explosives and horn-blowing on the outside, we joined hands and formed a circle as best as we could, and sang, "Blest Be the Tie." Dr. F. H. Woyke closed with prayer. (Erna Redlich, Reporter).

## ANNIVERSARIES & RECEPTIONS

**50th ANNIVERSARY, MR. AND MRS. HOEKMAN.** Concrete examples of God's faithfulness were numerous as Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hoekman of Corona, S. Dak. celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 27, 1964. A church full of relatives and friends joined the happy couple in a program prepared by their children and grandchildren and presented in the First Baptist Church of Corona. Dr. Richard Schilke, son-in-law of the couple, brought the message for the occasion, using I Corinthians 13:13 as his text and pointing out the three qualities necessary to attain a 50th anniversary. After all the nineteen grandchildren



Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hoekman of Corona, S. Dak., with their great granddaughter, Dawn Wiens, at their golden wedding celebration.

had participated in the program, the couple's four children brought it to a climax by singing a German quartet number. The Hoekmans received some treasured gifts, a host of warm tributes and the deep satisfaction of having their whole family present, including the one great granddaughter (see picture) and all the in-laws. (L. D. Potratz, Pastor).

**WACO, TEXAS.** On Sunday evening, Dec. 20th, the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas welcomed Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Howe, Annette Michelle and Keith Richard, as their new pastor and family. Vernon Ekert, chairman of the Board of Deacons, presided, and the following church officers spoke words of welcome and pledged co-operation: Harry Lampert, Chairman of Church Council; R. E. Engelbrecht, General S. S. Superintendent; Mrs. J. J. Lippert, President Women's Union; Wm. Black, President of the Men's Brotherhood; and Mrs. Vernon Ekert, Training Union Director. Mr. Howe responded with appropriate comments and expressed thanks for the pantry shower and for other gifts. To climax this program, the church choir under the direction of Milton Lippert presented the Christmas Cantata, "Glory to God" by J. T. Adams, to the large and appreciative audience. Following the services a reception was held in the education unit. We anticipate great blessings as we work together with our new pastor and family. (Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht, Reporter).

## evangelistic services & baptisms

**SNOWVIEW, CLEVELAND, OHIO.** Sunday, Dec. 13, was another blessed day at the Snowview Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Six new members coming by letter received the hand of fellowship at the morning Communion Service. At the evening service two adults followed the Lord in baptism in a joint baptismal service with the Missionary Baptist Church at which Rev. R. Sigmund also baptized a couple. We are very pleased to report a growing church, both in numbers and spiritually under the ministry of Pastor and Mrs. Damrau. Mr. Damrau came to Snowview Church just a year ago, Jan. 1964. During the past year forty new members have been added to our church fellowship as the riches of God's Word have been declared to us. (Mrs. Emma Bauer, Church Clerk).



Rev. Clarence H. Walth (left), pastor of the Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas, Oregon, and three recent baptismal candidates.

**SALT CREEK, OREGON.** Sunday school members of the Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas, Oregon participated on Nov. 15 in a Harvest Mission program. "The Ole Man," an inspiring and humorous play, depicting mission work among Kentucky hill people, was presented on Nov. 22 by the Woman's Missionary Union. Church members were very receptive as Rev. and Mrs. Ben Lawrence, Cameroon missionaries, spent Nov. 29 in our midst and in gratitude a shower-reception was held for them.

Dec. 13 marked an important event for three new church members as they followed the Lord in baptism: Mr. and Mrs. Everett De Weese and Leslie Wiensy (see accompanying picture). "The Heart of Christmas," a touching Christmas play, was presented by members of the Sunday school on Dec. 20, all ages participating. After a special "Request Night" service to herald in the New Year on Dec. 31, the old year faded into memory and another was ushered in, in which we hope to serve the Lord more effectively. (Mrs. Delbert Tilgner, Reporter).

## special seasonal programs

**IMMANUEL, LOYAL, OKLA.** The Immanuel Baptist Church of Loyal, Okla. can count its many blessings in praise to God. The Sunday school children presented the following programs: Bible Day, Children's Day, Harvest and Mission and Christmas. They are also active in their Scripture Memory program. The Woman's Missionary Union spends hours at White Cross meetings as we sew and roll bandages for our missionaries. Five young people followed their Savior through the waters of baptism on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, 1964. This was a wonderful way to close the old year and we pray that their lives will grow and glow for the Lord. (Emma Vilhauer, Reporter).

**FOREST PARK, ILL.** Services during the Week of Prayer were observed at the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings only, on the theme as outlined by our denominational headquarters: "Our Mission In Higher Education." On Tuesday evening our pastor, Rev. H. J. Freeman, spoke on "The Meaning of Higher Education." This was enlarged upon on Wednesday evening when our assistant to the pastor, Gordon Loux, used as his text I Tim. 4:12 to em-

phasize "The Campus Ministry." On Thursday evening our pastor concluded the series, speaking on "Discipleship" and using as a basis the selection beginning with Matt. 9:35. An opportunity for questions and observations was given each night. The challenge was very effectively presented and a response to greater dedication to this program on the part of the people was evidenced. (Erna Redlich, Reporter).

**WILLOW RANCHO, SACRAMENTO, CALIF.** Three special services during December highlighted the Christmas season, relating in story and song the miraculous birth of our Savior, at the Willow Rancho Church, Sacramento, Calif., with Dr. Louis R. Johnson as pastor. The prophetic message of our Lord's birth was proclaimed in song on Dec. 20, as the church choir thrilled the hearts of all by their beautiful rendition of John W. Peterson's cantata, "Night of Miracles." The cantata was directed by Mrs. Louis R. Johnson, narrated by Mr. Floyd Overstreet, assisted by Mrs. Wilfred Rueb, organist and Miss Marty Wright, pianist. On Wednesday evening, Dec. 23, the children and young people of the Sunday school presented a delightful Christmas program to an overflow

crowd of 420. Mr. Maurice Holsapple, Sunday school superintendent, was in charge, and a member of the newly formed College and Career Class, Jerry Rueb, announced the numbers. The Christmas spirit continued to prevail in the services of Dec. 27th. The C.B.Y. took charge of the entire evening service, and once more the wonderful story that a Savior is born was presented by narration by Donald Schroeder, by quotation, by Scripture, by verse and by song. (Mrs. James Gossen, Reporter).

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## Woman's missionary societies

**MADISON, S. DAK.** Husbands of members of the Ann of Ava Guild, West Center Street Church, Madison, S. Dak., were guests when they held their Guild Christmas party, Dec. 15, in the church parlors. About 100 people were served a turkey dinner. Carol singing, a modern version of "The Night Before Christmas," and the vocal solo, "Bethlehem," composed the program. Gifts were exchanged and secret pals were revealed. An offering was taken for a needy family. Rev. and Mrs. Ronald E. Mayforth invited members and friends of the church to an Open House on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 20. Refreshments were served from a table featuring a Christmas centerpiece. A Fellowship Supper and a Communion Service closed the old year for the members and friends of the church on Thursday evening, Dec. 31. (Mrs. Carl Frautschy, Reporter).

**PARKSTON, S. DAK.** The annual program of the Parkston Baptist Mission Circle, Parkston, S. Dak., was given on Sunday evening, Nov. 20. Our guest speakers were Mr. and Mrs. Hisashi Murakami of Sioux Falls, S. Dak. The welcome was given by the president, Mrs. Edwin Rieb. The song service was led by Mrs. Sam Fuller. Scripture was read by Mrs. Wm. Fix. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Newton Voigt. A special musical selection, "It's in My Heart," was sung by Mr. Oliver Bender, Seminary student at Sioux Falls. Mrs. Murakami brought her testimony and Mr. Murakami in his address stressed the difficulties of a Christian in Japan. Hisashi Murakami also favored us with the hymn, "How Great Thou Art," sung in both English and Japanese. During the holiday season, Rev. and Mrs. John Hise held a "Coffee Hour" for the members of the Parkston and Tripp Churches. (Mrs. Leland Koth, Reporter).



# A Great Minister and a Good Friend

Memorial tributes to the Rev. L. H. Broeker (1896-1965), pastor of the First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Michigan for almost 30 years.

## HE KEPT THE FAITH

By Dr. Frank H. Woyke  
Executive Secretary, North American  
Baptist General Conference

ALTHOUGH I HAD witnessed the deterioration of Brother L. H. Broeker's health in recent months, news of his rather sudden passing nevertheless came to me as a shock. Could it be possible that this friendly and energetic man, who had seemed to be indestructible, was no longer with us?

My first acquaintance with Brother Broeker came at the General Conference sessions in Portland, Oregon in the summer of 1937. At that time I immediately recognized his friendly disposition, his keen sense of humor and his fine speaking ability. As I came to know him better through the years, I learned to appreciate many other characteristics of this truly remarkable man.

Brother Broeker was a man of complete devotion to his calling. With a heart filled with compassion for people, time did not seem to be important to him. Early or late, whenever there was a need for his ministry he was ready to go. I never saw him more radiant than when he came to Forest Park with his car loaded down with relief goods or White Cross material.

He was a man of faith in the deepest sense of that term. A kind man, he was not inclined to sit in judgment on his brethren. He was known and loved by men of varied religious backgrounds through the St. Joseph area. But no one should assume that he did not have deep Christian convictions. Brother Broeker was a man true to the doctrines of the Bible and totally committed to his Savior and Lord. He could say with the Apostle Paul: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me on that day."

## A WONDERFUL FRIEND TO ALL

A Tribute to Rev. L. H. Broeker  
By Rev. August F. Runtz  
of Seattle, Wash., former Superintendent of the Children's Home

I first met Brother Broeker when I became the pastor of the State Park Baptist church, Peoria, Ill., his home church. During the years of my pastorate there, Mr. Broeker was often helpful to us personally and to the church, twice having conducted evangelistic services.

In 1935 he became the pastor of the First Baptist church, St. Joseph, Mich. Here he found a loyal, though not



REV. L. H. BROEKER  
of St. Joseph, Michigan  
† 1896 - 1965 †

large, group of members. However, through his winning personality, hard work, and evangelistic preaching, he built up the fine church that it is today.

When a vacancy occurred in the Children's Home of St. Joseph, Mr. Broeker, as a member of the board and as pastor of the Home children, was instrumental in having my wife and me head the work there. Here we found his help invaluable. His advice was appreciated by ourselves and by the members of the board. His judgment was always sound. No one more than ourselves appreciated the leadership he gave.

The children all loved Mr. Broeker. He was such a friend to all. Whenever he visited the Home, the children would flock around him, for he took a personal interest in each one. He loved those children and led many into the Christian life.

We shall always remember him as a true friend!

## REV. L. H. BROEKER REMINDED US OF OUR LORD

By Rev. Kenneth Fenner  
Assistant Pastor, First Baptist Church  
St. Joseph, Michigan

This is a new year and for our beloved pastor, Rev. L. H. Broeker, this is the beginning of his new and eternal life. Like the Apostle Paul writing to the Thessalonians, he would ask us: "What is our hope or crown of rejoicing? Are not ye in the presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at his coming?"

He was truly "an epistle known and

read of all men." First Baptist Church was known because of this servant who radiated Jesus Christ to the community. The church has felt this loss heavily, but our hearts were lifted as we read in the Word of God: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of one of his saints" (Psalm 116:15).

We have seen and heard from many that he did not live casually but contagiously. Everyone who knew him "took knowledge that he had been with Jesus" and that "they which have turned the world upside down have come hither also" to our community. He beautifully reminded us of our Lord in so many ways. His work here was like the Savior's for "he came not to be ministered unto, but to minister..."

The Lord has truly done great things in these past days, and we have clearly seen that what God has written through his life he is now underscoring in his death. This is why we know that "he being dead yet speaketh" and he will continue to minister here, even though he is with his Lord.

## HE DIED AS TRIUMPHANTLY AS HE LIVED

By Miss Joyce Batek, Japan missionary who served as nurse at Mr. Broeker's bedside.

On December 23 Rev. L. H. Broeker's condition became critical. For the past four months he had been in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cuthbert, members of the pastor's church. Since it was his wish to remain at home, we felt that his last days should be as happy and comfortable as possible. I went to the Cuthbert home that day and remained with the pastor until the Lord called him home.

As a nurse I have watched many die, but I have never been so blessed and impressed by the last days of anyone as I was while with my pastor. Even though he was in great pain on many occasions, he never once uttered one word of complaint. He never asked for medicine to relieve the pain, and only on two occasions did he admit to me that he was having pain. His spirit was so sweet and Christ-like at all times and, rather than being concerned for himself, he worried constantly about those of us in the home that we might have the proper food and rest. Often he asked us to pray with him and then he slept.

There were precious hours and later only moments when he rallied and visited with us. He sensed that God was calling him home and he was not only prepared for it himself, but he sought to prepare those of us who would be left behind. When visitors came he always greeted them cheerfully and thanked them for coming. Even when

he was too weak to talk, he struggled to utter a word of thanks even though it was only a whisper. On Christmas Eve he suddenly opened his eyes and after looking all about him he said to me, "Oh, I am still here. I guess the Lord doesn't want me yet."

The power of prayer was evidenced during those last days too. When word got around that he was worse, the area churches began to pray in earnest and for the first time in many months he slept for eight hour intervals. The Lord was good and allowed him to slip into a coma the last day. Often during that day he smiled in his sleep and his final call Home came quietly and peacefully on the evening of the first day of the new year.

For me it was like being able to minister to Christ to watch this great man of God prepare to meet his Master. I count it a privilege and an honor to have been able to have served as his nurse. It can be said of Rev. L. H. Broeker that he died as triumphantly as he lived.

## REV. L. H. BROEKER of St. Joseph, Michigan

Rev. L. H. Broeker of St. Joseph, Mich., pastor of the First Baptist Church for almost 30 years since 1935, was born July 1, 1896 in Peoria, Ill., and was called home to glory on New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 1965. He died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Cuthbert where he had been residing the last few months. He had been a patient at the Berrien General Hospital several times since August. Joyce Batek, our missionary in Japan, served as his nurse in recent weeks before his death.

Mr. Broeker graduated from Fort Wayne Bible College in Fort Wayne, Ind. and from Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago, Ill. He was ordained to the gospel ministry in the North Sheridan Baptist Church of Peoria. He began his ministry at the Aiken Institute of Chicago and served there for eight years before going to the Albany Park Baptist Church of Chicago. On July 21, 1935 he began his ministry at the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich.

Under his able and untiring leadership, the First Baptist Church has become known as a Gospel Lighthouse on the shores of Lake Michigan. In 1940 a lighthouse with a regulation maritime beacon light was installed on the top of the church. Eternity alone will reveal how many broken homes were mended by his wise counsel and guidance in the city and how many troubled hearts were soothed by his warm friendship and sympathetic understanding. Many shut-ins and other disabled folks were tenderly cared for out of a heart of genuine love and concern. He spent his entire life serving his God by becoming all things to all men that he might direct some to the Savior about whom he loved to speak.

More than 700 persons crowded the

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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.)

### MRS. LUDOXIA BROEKER BAIRD of Peoria, Illinois

Mrs. Ludoxia Baird of Peoria, Ill. was born on May 5, 1915, the daughter of William and Minnie Broeker, in Peoria, Ill. She was baptized on Jan. 2, 1927 by Rev. Benjamin Schlipf and became a member of the State Park Baptist Church (now the North Sheridan Church of Peoria). She served her Lord by singing in the choir and giving leadership as a circle chairman of the Woman's Missionary Society. Mrs. Baird was suddenly stricken and passed away Dec. 10, 1964. To mourn her death remain her husband Sheldon; and two brothers: Walter Broeker of Peoria, and Rev. Louis Broeker, pastor of First Baptist of St. Joseph, Mich.

North Sheridan Baptist Peoria, Illinois  
RICHARD W. PAETZEL, Pastor

### MRS. WILLIAM MOOSE of Madison, South Dakota

Mrs. William (Florence H.) Moose, nee Johansen, was born Sept. 21, 1901 in Madison, S. Dak., and lived in or near Madison most of her life. She married William P. Moose Dec. 27, 1920. For the past nine years, she taught at Madison Central High School and for several years in the Farmington and Clarno districts. She was a member of West Center Street Baptist Church, Lake Post 2638, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, World War 1 Barracks Auxiliary, Delta Kappa Gamma and Ann of Ava Guild. She passed away Dec. 27, 1964 in Madison Community Hospital. Besides her husband she is survived by two sons: Gerald W., Buhl, Minn.; Ralph E., Little Rock, Iowa; one daughter, Sandra, of Madison; four sisters, one brother and one granddaughter. Funeral services for Mrs. Moose were held on Dec. 31, 1964 in the West Center Street Church with Rev. Ronald Mayforth officiating. Mrs. Moose will be greatly missed in the church, the community and in her home.

West Center Street Church  
Madison, South Dakota  
RONALD MAYFORTH, Pastor

### MRS. GOTTLIEB HUBER of Bentley, North Dakota

Mrs. Gottlieb Huber of Bentley, N. Dak., was born June 10, 1902 in Eigenfeldt, South Russia. She passed away on Dec. 7, 1964 at the Lorinzen Memorial Hospital in Elgin, N. Dak. Mrs. Huber had come to the United States with her parents in 1909. On Dec. 17, 1925 she was married to Gottlieb Huber and together they had lived on a farm south of Bentley, N. Dak. Funeral services were conducted from the New Leipzig City Auditorium on Dec. 10, 1964. Mrs. Huber was converted in 1940 and the next year publicly confessed her faith in baptism. She was a member of the New Leipzig Baptist Church at the time of her passing.

Left to mourn her passing are her husband, Mr. Gottlieb Huber of Bentley, N. Dak.; four daughters: Mrs. Elmer (Ruby)

### GOD'S COMFORT

In the midst of deepest sorrow  
He still listens to my plea,  
Speaking words of hope and comfort,  
"Fear thou not; lean hard on me."

In the midst of world confusion  
When I cannot understand,  
By faith I gaze with rapture  
To my blessed Promised Land.

—Clifford Lewis

Pahl of New Leipzig, Estrella Huber of Bentley, Betty Huber of Dickinson, N. Dak.; Mrs. Curtis (Marey) Donner of Bismarck, N. Dak.; one son, Charles of Frankfort, Germany; one sister, Mrs. Regina Huber of Bentley; one brother, Mr. William Rieger of New Leipzig; and 3 grandchildren.

New Leipzig, North Dakota  
ALLAN GERBER, Pastor

### MRS. ROBERT J. DITTRICH of Bridgeport, Connecticut

Mrs. Robert J. Dittrich, nee Minnie K. Feldmann, of Bridgeport, Conn., was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., on Sept. 10, 1888. She was called home to be with her Lord on Dec. 24, 1964 after an extensive period of illness. As a young girl she accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized by the Rev. A. P. Mihm of the Evergreen Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. In 1913 she became a member of the King's Highway Baptist Church, Bridgeport, Conn., where she faithfully served her Lord. For over 30 years she was clerk of the church and held various other responsible positions. She was active in Conference programs and well known in our denominational fellowship.

Mrs. Dittrich was married on April 12, 1911. The marriage was blessed with one son, Robert L., who was called home in 1947 while serving as a Lieutenant Colonel in the U. S. Air Force. With her passing she leaves behind her husband, Robert J. Dittrich, a granddaughter, Gretchen, of Camarillo, California and two nephews. A memorial fund has been established in the church to honor her. Mrs. Dittrich's life of faithful service to Christ was an example to all who knew her. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery.

King's Highway Baptist Church  
Bridgeport, Connecticut  
WM. E. CHRISTENSEN, Pastor

### MR. GUSTAVE RADKE

Of Wessington Springs, South Dakota

Mr. Gustave Radke of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., was born March 2, 1880 in Parkston, S. Dak., and passed away in his sleep on Christmas Day at the age of 84 years, 9 months, and 23 days. For many years he was engaged in farming until he moved into Wessington Springs in 1929, where for 23 years he was employed as custodian of the local Grade School.

For some years Mr. Radke had been in ill health. He was an active and faithful member of the Immanuel Baptist Church, a kind and loving husband and father. Throughout most of his life, death brought him many sorrows as it caused him to be widowed three times in his life. Those who mourn his sudden death are two sons: Herbert and William; four daughters: Ottilie (Mrs. Otto Kludt); Louise (Mrs. Herbert Kludt); Adeline (Mrs. Herold Dodds); and Clara (Mrs. Fred Lovell); one step-son; four step-daughters; two brothers: Edward and Solomon, a half-sister, Emilie Shelly; 12 grandchildren; and 20 great grandchildren.

Immanuel Baptist Church  
Wessington Springs, South Dakota  
THOMAS LUTZ, Pastor

### ERNEST AND LEONA TRAUTMAN of West Fargo, North Dakota

Mr. Ernest Trautmann of West Fargo, N. Dak., was born at Eureka, S. Dak., Nov. 13, 1923 and met a tragic death in an automobile accident Dec. 25, 1964, while en route to Long Lake, S. Dak. His early years were spent on the farm in the area of Eureka. Ernie took Christ as his Savior in the summer of 1948 and was baptized the fall of the same year by Rev. Walter Stein. He then united with the fellowship of the Baptist Church of Herreid, S. Dak.

Mrs. Leona Opp Trautmann was born at Long Lake, S. Dak., Feb. 12, 1929, and with her husband also met death Dec. 25. Mrs. Trautmann attended school in both Long Lake and Aberdeen, S. Dak. After the completion of her education, she taught school for several years in the Long Lake area. Leona took Christ as her Lord in 1940 and was baptized by Rev. Willy Luebeck at Ashley, N. Dak. She then united with the Jewell Baptist Church, a station of the Ashley Church.

Ernest and Leona were united in marriage Dec. 21, 1948, at Ashley by Rev. Walter Stein and made their home at Eureka, S. Dak. Five children were born to this home, who all survive their parents. In 1953 the family moved to West Fargo, N. Dak., and later to Fargo where they remained until their untimely death. Both Ernest and Leona were charter members of the Grace Baptist Church of West Fargo when it was organized in 1955. They remained members until their death.

Grace Baptist Church  
West Fargo, North Dakota  
LEON BILL, Pastor



## AN OLD MAN'S DREAM

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national staff. We have two French teachers from France. One is a Burmese woman, two are Cameroonians, two are teachers from England, five are American Peace Corps, and then there are the missionaries.

Our first graduating class finishes in 1966. By 1967 we should have a complete double stream college of 10 classes or 360 girls.

At the moment we are the only secondary Girls College which teaches Domestic Science as a full five year course. The Government has made it compulsory for all girls to take the course.

### SPIRITUAL ASSETS

What will be the future opportunities for our girls? Well, there should be a number who will be able to go on to the College of Arts. Some will be teachers; many wish to go into nurses training; some wish to be educationalists; one wants to be a doctor; and another wishes to be a dentist. Some will be wives and mothers and should also make their training felt in their homes and communities.

Spiritual assets? Can one really evaluate the spiritual impact of a Christian college? The girls are all leaders. Miss Ruby Salzman was in charge of the Baptist Girls Hour, and they spent considerable time studying our Baptist beliefs, doing visitation and also planning various programs. Several of the girls are trained 3 Hrs; some are interested in the Bible study Club which is under the direction of the Witts. Even now while on their holidays a number of the girls are helping with the Christmas programs in the local churches. A large number of the girls help in the local Sunday schools.

Our experiences have shown us that God always raises up men and women to carry on the work of his Kingdom, and so we look forward to the future use which the girls will make of their Christian lives and training.

So God has worked that an old man's dream has become reality!



God's Volunteers Team No. II and their director Rev. Walter Hoffman, (center), after a radio broadcast over the Canadian station CFCW.

### JOY OF SALVATION

By Esther Belle Heins  
of Lynwood, California

I like to think I touch my Lord  
With every loving prayer,  
Awakening at night what peace  
To sense his Presence there!

When dawn's soft ray steals through  
my room  
And gently rests on me—  
Within my sleepy heart begins  
His lovely melody!

For those who know his peace, his song,  
For those who walk his Way—  
Tomorrow never can become  
A hopeless yesterday.

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### MISSION NEWS

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Dak. The fine faculties at the Seminary and CTI are reflected in the scholarly article by Professor Donald H. Madvig of the Seminary on "Important Presuppositions in the Study of the Old Testament" which is featured in the "1965 ANNUAL."

### REV. L. H. BROEKER

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sanctuary and lower auditorium of the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph for the memorial service on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 3rd. Organ selections were played by Mrs. Blanche Newton Hill, church organist. Those participating in the impressive service were Rev. Norman H. Vernon, Scripture reading; Rev. William Shepley, prayer; Rev. Marvin J. Hartman for the Twin Cities Ministerial Association; Rev. D. Robbins for the Southwestern Conservative Ministers Fellowship; and Dr. M. L. Leuschner, representing the North American Baptist General Conference. Rev. Kenneth Fenner, associate pastor of the church, brought a beautiful tribute to the loving and faithful ministry of Brother Broeker "who even though dead still speaks." Rev. and Mrs. B. A. Itterman sang the selection, "Wonderful Morning." Benediction was by Rev. Henry D. Smith. More than 35 pastors of the Twin Cities area sat in the front pews of the church bearing a silent tribute to Brother Broeker's ministry.

Further services were held on Monday afternoon, Jan. 4, at the North Sheridan Baptist Church in Peoria, Ill. with Rev. Richard W. Paetzel, pastor, in charge. The surviving member of the family, a brother, Walter Broeker, was able to attend this service in Peoria. Interment was in the family plot in Swan Lake Memorial Gardens of Peoria.

### COMING EVENTS IN MARCH

**MARCH 5 (Friday).** World Day of Prayer with programs in our churches sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Societies.

**MARCH 14 (Sunday).** Bible Day. Program material for the Sunday schools and churches has been prepared by the Publication Society. Offerings for Bible distribution.

**MARCH 17-18.** Spring Convocation at the North American Baptist Seminary Sioux Falls, S. Dak. with Dr. David Hubbard, president of Fuller Seminary, as lecturer.

### COMING EVENTS THIS SUMMER

**JUNE 25-30.** The 11th Baptist World Congress in Miami Beach, Fla. Articles in the 1965 ANNUAL and literature available from your pastor will give you instructions about your attendance at this inspiring Congress.

**JULY 17-24.** The Laymen's Family Conference for North American Baptist churches at the Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wis. Informative leaflets and registration forms can be secured from your pastor.