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A HAPPY DAY FOR THE ANGELS!

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Are All The Children In?

By Elizabeth Rosser

"Are all the children in? The night is falling,
And storm-clouds gather in the threatening west;
The lowing cattle seek a friendly shelter;
The bird hies away to her nest;
The thunder crashes; wilder grows the tempest;
And darkness settles o'er the fearful din;
Come, shut the door and gather round the hearth-
stone
Are all the children in?"

"Are all the children in? The night is falling,
When gilded sin doth walk about the streets.
For, 'at the last it biteth like a serpent.'
Poisoned are the stolen sweets.
O parents, guard the feet of inexperience,
Too prone to wander in the paths of sin!
Oh, shut the door of love against temptation!
Are all the children in?"

Are all the children in? The night is falling;
The night of death is hastening on apace;
The Lord is calling, 'Enter thou thy chamber,
And tarry there a space.'
And when he comes, the King in all his glory,
Who died the shameful death, our hearts to win,
O, may the gates of heaven shut about us,
With all the children in."

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One Word Can Change Your Life

By Robert W. Olewiler

MORE. When a small boy grows big enough to play in the neighborhood, he soon begins to ask, "Mother, why can't I do that? All the other boys are doing it." "Mother," asks a little girl, "won't you please buy me one? All the other girls have one." We smile at our children, but are we much different?

We copy the manners of those with whom we live and work. We try keeping up with the Jones'. We call ourselves good if we are no worse than our neighbors.

Jesus always thought that human beings ought to try to keep from being mimeograph sheets of one another. That's what prompted him to ask, "What do ye more than others?" We need to take this question seriously. Others try to get by. They go the first mile and are content. What do we **more**, the word that can change your life?

PLASTIC CLAY IN MY FINGERS

A Poem Dedicated to All Children (see front cover picture) for Children's Sunday, June 13, 1965.

I took a piece of plastic clay
And idly fashioned it one day,
And as my fingers pressed it still,
It bent and yielded to my will.

I came again when days were past,
The bit of clay was hard at last.
The form I gave it still it bore,
But I could change that form no more.

I took a piece of living clay
And gently formed it day by day,
And molded it with power and art—
A young child's soft and yielding heart.

I came again when years were gone,
He was a man I looked upon.
The early imprint still he bore,
But I could change him then no more.

—Selected

MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

Our publications are channels of communication to acquaint you with the news and needs of each of our many mission fields. Keep these channels open. Cultivate the habit of good reading.

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OUR FELLOWSHIP IN ACTION. This year's brochure, formerly called "Summer Letters," has been enlarged to 24 pages and is now called "Our Fellowship in Action." It is being distributed at all conferences after May 25 and in our churches later this summer. It will give you a good bird's eye view of our denomination in action. This illustrated booklet is FREE.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY. The two page leaflet for Children's Sunday, June 13, merits your prayerful attention. You will find an illustrated article about the Hudson Bay Park Baptist Church of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, prepared by its pastor, Rev. Edmond Hohn, where a new church is growing steadily and ministering to college age young people and children of the community through the Chapel Building Offerings of Children's Day.

NOW WE ARE 88. A second printing of "Now We Are 88" to consist of 1,000 copies will be ready for distribution early in July. All back orders will be filled at once.

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THE MIRACLE ON THE MONTANA RESERVE

By Mr. and Mrs. David M.
Harrison, Indian Missionaries

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Editorial

"What Couldn't We Do If . . . ?"

For almost a month the editor has been an interested onlooker or an active participant in ten important committee meetings of the denomination, climaxed by the General Council sessions on May 21 and 22. It has been an exhausting and exciting experience, but at the same time some haunting impressions remain. In almost every session of these many days of deliberation and discussion, this plaintive call was heard: "What couldn't we do if we had sufficient funds—if our people were only aware of their God-given opportunities—if God's people would only put to the test the promises of God's Word?"

That startling truth should be brought home to us on Pentecost Sunday, June 6th. The empowerment of the Holy Spirit should be the joy of victory for every true believer. For the apostle Paul prayed for all Christians that God "would grant you . . . to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man" (Eph. 3:16) until you are able to say: "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me" (Phil 4:13). The power of the Spirit can be ours for the asking. "How much more shall your heavenly father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke 11:13). How sad it is that so many have missed so much of the empowering gifts of God because they failed to ask!

During the four day sessions of the Board of Missions we heard the pleading words of our missionaries sound like Macedonian calls in their reports and personal statements. Just now the educational and medical opportunities for giving assistance and leadership to the Nationals of Cameroon, Africa are legion in number. All of this could be given in the Name and Spirit of Christ in ever increasing effectiveness if only the funds were sufficient for the badly needed buildings and enlarged staffs. But all of this is impossible with our present resources. A deaf ear had to be given to the Macedonian calls as our reply was sent: "We cannot advance for the present. Just now we have to mark time. If only our people could share with you, our missionaries, your burning concern for the work that ought to be done!"

In the sessions of the Stewardship, God's Volunteers and Church Extension Committees, this word became the resounding spiritual challenge for all of God's servants. Our church people have been blessed with material riches and earthly blessings far beyond the fondest dreams of our forefathers. If only each one of us could catch a vision of the privileges and responsibilities of a true steward of God, committing ourselves completely to him in love and receiving from him the commanding orders what he wants us to be with our time and lives and to do with our substance and gifts. How honored we are to be co-laborers with Christ, children of his, of the royal priesthood, and servants of the Most High God!

During these committee meetings as plans were laid for a greater denomination in the service of Christ, we saw a dream of what our churches and denominations might be in a greater and more glorious ministry for Christ if only every North American Baptist would take seriously his Christian vow and stewardship privileges. *What couldn't we do if you were that kind of a Bible steward?*

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TERRACED CHRISTIAN LIVING

In high moments of inspiration, in some holy place, and in mountain-top spiritual experiences, the Christian sees the gates of heaven swing open until the glory of the perfect Christ is revealed.

By Rev. Herbert Hiller,
Immanuel Baptist Church, Woodside, New York

The gigantic terraces of the Grand Canyon of Arizona can suggest "terraced Christian living" to a ransomed soul that follows the gleam in a new and meaningful commitment to Christ. (Eastern Photo Service).

A FEW MONTHS ago it was my privilege to assist in evangelistic meetings at beautiful Terrace, British Columbia, the Banff of the Canadian Northland, with its snow-crowned mountains, giant trees, quiet lakes, and its inviting "Lakelse Hotsprings" nearby. Naturally people took pride in showing me around in this veritable paradise of God, and my heart was filled with wonder and delight. It did not take me long to see why they called this lovely mountain city "Terrace," for its development takes place on various levels of the ascending mountain terrain. Seen from certain vantage points it seems like a diamond in the mountain setting, a peaceful, thriving valley upon which God and man can smile with pleasure.

While evangelistic meetings even here were accompanied by much travail of soul, the Lord was good and rewarded the efforts with precious souls, and we were thrilled anew by the words of the prophet: "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy that it cannot hear" (Isa. 59:1).

HIGHER SPIRITUAL LEVELS

Precious during those days was also the fellowship with the faithful pastor, the sharing of Kingdom interests and concerns. Observations and experiences had taught us that no less important than the first-time decisions for Christ was the integration of the saved on higher spiritual levels. All too often the Christian life begins with an emotional impulse in response to certain

pressures, and without a thorough follow-up the excitement or even ecstasy of the moment dies down like an "emotional straw-fire," unless fed by the timber of solid thought and the incontestable facts of revealed truth, put to use in practical Christian work. To be sure, the kindling and the yielding fuel and the glow of heartwarming spiritual services are important.

It is somewhat disturbing to listen to numerous testimonies in churches, summer assemblies and on the campuses of our schools as to how little the conversion experience has meant, how soon afterwards they fell away and drifted with a crushing sense of disillusionment, guilt and inadequacy. Certainly no one single experience, or even two, are sufficient to sustain a believer throughout his life. The initial spark must be fanned in the atmosphere of prayer into a flame, and this again fed by facts and fellowship, unique incidents and contacts, by the disciplines of the means of grace and a wide range and variety of learning experiences.

MOUNTAIN-TOP EXPERIENCES

There has been virtually a rebirth of faith where a Christian opened his mind to see the factual underpinning of faith's structure and laid hold of the deep, satisfying answers to life's puzzling problems and difficulties, so that he had profound reasons to give to others for the hope that animates him (1 Peter 3:15). Taking a close look at the anemic condition of the church today, one is led to conclude that with-

out thinking through, weighing, and assimilating the facts of the Christian Gospel a Christian will not go far along the path of discipleship.

In some high moments of inspiration, in a holy place, in the company of the like-minded, the gates of life swing open and, against the backdrop of woe-ful human imperfections, the glory of the perfect Christ is revealed. At such times something happens at the very center of our being, as our wilfulness melts into surrender, our hands are placed into his nail-scarred hands, and our wandering heart is bound to him with golden chains of devotion. A total rearrangement is taking place within the personality, a re-orientation, a re-motivation and integration on a higher level of spirituality, and the ransomed soul follows the gleam in a new and meaningful commitment to Christ. Mountain-top experiences we call them, and how they mature faith, broaden sympathies and interests, and deepen faith and love! Surely, this is terraced Christian living.

ADDITION AND SUBTRACTION

In II Peter 1:5-8 the believer is challenged to make it his chief business in concentrated effort to *add* to faith virtue, so that it is not mere verbal profession, but manly and intelligent living. In quiet perseverance, he is to achieve the mastery of facts and temper, a godliness, which in brotherly love helps others to fulfill their destiny in Christ. The way the apostle keeps adding virtue unto virtue in the growth of his Christian character con-



The Zion Baptist Church, Terrace, British Columbia with the snow-crowned mountains in the distance which inspired the evangelist, Rev. Herbert Hiller, to preach on "Terraced Christian Living."

vinces us that what he is after is no occasional solo work, but forceful, magnificent orchestration, the richness and depth of symphonic delight in perfect tone and theme blending, the glory of terraced Christian living. And if these values abound in the Christian's life, he will never be idle nor unfruitful, but highly productive as a partaker of the divine nature, "whereunto God has given us in Christ all things pertaining unto life and godliness."

One cannot add much to a life already filled, pre-occupied, over-burdened, cluttered up. First, one needs to subtract the excessive weight of care and frustration and resentment, ill-feeling and evil speaking, envy and strife—a whole pack of besetting sins which pollute the stream of life and reduce vitality and effectiveness. No climber can burden himself heavily except with the most necessary equipment.

Hence the Bible exhorts Christians to "put off" and to "put on" (Eph. 4), to mortify the down-drag of fleshly lusts (Col. 3:5ff), to walk in the freedom of the Spirit (Gal. 5:16ff) and thus to "seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness," else the things they are so feverishly after may be taken from them against their will and despite their efforts (Matt. 6:33). However, relieved of life's weights and weaknesses, and made whole and strengthened in the inner man, they can seek the Kingdom of God first with the restful assurance in the soul that all other needs will be graciously and abundantly met along the way, "for your Heavenly Father knoweth."

GROWTH BY MULTIPLICATION

As our physical body grows through the natural division and multiplication of living cells, so also the spiritual fellowship, which is spoken of in the Bible as "The Body of Christ." Christianity started out with 12; then there were 70; then 120; on Pentecost the number went up to 3,000 followers; which multiplied by the end of the first century to 500,000; in the next century to 2,-

globe with the joys of a great salvation. Will we take our witnessing seriously?

This is what my visit and witness to beautiful Terrace has inspired me to write. May it prove to be an added incentive to *Terraced Christian Living* throughout the land.

"Fill up the hours with what will last; Buy up the moments as they go. The life above, when this is past, Is the ripe fruit of life below."

WE THE WOMEN

Mrs. Elton Kirstein

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as he gave his usual counsel. It was a joy to know that he will be teaching in Cameroon during part of his sabbatical year.

The Japanese field challenge was given by written report, since there was no representative present. Impetus was given to our missionary outreach, as we considered the challenge of South America and the enlarged vision in future years of the possibility of our working there.

It was a thrill to know, as we heard again of the large shipments of White Cross material—the largest White Cross year ever experienced—that the W. M. U. love is again showing in the providing of this greatly needed material for our Cameroon work. How we praise the Lord for our faithful coordinator of this White Cross material, Mrs. Erika Borrmann!

It is with gratitude that we realize that you women are rallying to the challenge which is before us, and we would encourage you to continue in this "Labor of Love." As Dr. Schilke pointed out during our meetings, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest" (Luke 10:2).



Spiritual mountain-top experiences can mature our faith, broaden our sympathies and interests, and deepen our faith and love. This is a view of Mt. Salcantay (20,834 feet high) in Peru, South America.

A Happy Day for the Angels . . .

In a Cameroon stream, shaded by banana leaves, 27 African Christians are baptized followed by the joyous singing of people and the rhythmic beating of drums on the banks of the river and the ringing of bells in heaven.

By Mrs. George W. Lang of Bamenda, West Cameroon, Africa

AT NINE O'CLOCK on a Sunday morning as I was in the house, I heard singing coming from the direction of the road in front of the compound. Louder and louder it came . . . and I knew that the church members were on their way to the baptismal waters of the stream several blocks down the road.

By the time I got Linda ready, the long procession had gone by and, with her on my back, we hurried along to join them. Instead of being able to stand on the bridge across the stream and to watch the baptism, as we can

clothes and see a hand raised once and again for emphasis. But even though I could not see clearly, there was no mistaking his forceful Pidgin preaching as he exhorted the people to turn from their sins. "Don't say—I'll do it tomorrow, or tonight; *now* is the time!"

Then came the time for the baptism. The church pastor took a long pole and walked about in the water till he found a place of sufficient depth. That having been done, the candidates lined up, young women first. The pastor's voice rang out clearly: "Do you take Jesus as your own personal Savior

made themselves ready for the march to the church. It was very orderly, with some of the women's group and candidates first, then the choir, followed by many more people, singing, beating drums, and shaking rhythm instruments. It was a joyful procession! There could be no doubt in the minds of those who had just been baptized that the church members were glad for them and with them!

REDEEMED BY HIS BLOOD

This joy was reflected in the opening words of the sermon, preached by Simon, a school teacher: "This is a very happy day for us as a church. It is a happy day for these 27 young people who have been baptized today. *And it is a happy day for the angels.* If they are happy when one sinner repents of his sins, surely they are happy today when 27 have repented. . ."

Yes, indeed—a happy day for the angels . . . !

And now let us pray that these 27 will all stand true to their faith in Christ. Then some day they will stand before their Lord, in the presence of ten thousand times ten thousand angels, and together with the redeemed of all ages they will sing a new song: "Thou hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation" (Revelation 5: 9).

Oh, happy day!

DEDICATION, RAPID CITY

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Open House was held for the parsonage, which was also dedicated. The building contains three bedrooms and a bath with attached garage. The finished basement contains two bedrooms, half-bath and large family room.

Rev. Loren Weber of Isabel, S. Dak., brought the closing message of the day at the evening service, speaking on "Establishing a Beachhead in Rapid City." Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Auch sang, "A Name I Highly Treasure" and Rev. W. D. Dachtler sang, "I'd Rather Have Jesus." The organist, Mrs. Victor Schlottman, played on the organ dedicated to the memory of Ernest Johnson and daughter Polly. The pianist, Mrs. Duane McMillen, played on the new Story and Clark piano, a gift to the church.

The new church building has an estimated value of \$85,000 in addition to the property valued at \$30,000. Rev. W. C. Dachtler has been our pastor since 1963.

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The Mbingo II Church at the New Hope Settlement holds its first baptism in a palm fringed pool made by stopping the flow of a little stream. Banana plants add color to the scene. (Photo by Laura E. Reddig).

do in the rainy season, we had to go off the road and into the "bush" to the left of the road, until we came to a place where the water was deep enough.

READY FOR BAPTISM

When we joined the group, the people were singing: "I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love . . ." Then came a song by the black-robed choir, standing on a grassy place right near the water's edge. Without further ado, Philip Ndzi, Bamenda Association evangelist, began to preach. "This thing we do today is not something that man has made" . . . he began.

Due to the crowd of people and the lay of the land in the place, he was hidden from my view behind a screen of tall grass. Now and then I could get a glimpse of his orange and black

from sin? . . . As you have said it with your own mouth, I now baptize you . . ."

A JOYOUS TESTIMONY

Twenty-seven questions; twenty-seven affirmations, each one followed by the loud and joyful singing of the congregation.

During the course of the baptism, I noticed people coming from the road to see what was going on. There is always great interest in a baptism. Now and then a truck went by on the road, and several people waved at the crowd gathered by the stream. There is one thing about having a baptism out-of-doors: it is an unmistakably a *public witness* to faith in Christ.

After the closing prayer, we went back to the road and stood waiting for 15 minutes or so while the candidates

A New Venture in Faith

The women of our churches are engaged in the MEALS FOR MISSIONS plan of the Woman's Missionary Union with additional prayers for missionaries and sacrificial gifts for missionary enterprises. As a result, the church women have been experiencing "God's blessings of the choicest kind."

By Mrs. Delmar Wesseler, President of the Woman's Missionary Union

WHEN MOST OF our women began participating in our "Meals for Missions" plan, they thought probably of the benefits of the additional prayers for missions and of the extra money for our missionary enterprises. This has had an unexpected reversal, according to the many reports we are receiving. Many of our ladies who are observing the "one meal a week fast" are finding that their own lives are being enriched as a result of this discipline. Also, the denial of a physical appetite in the interest of the spiritual has proved to have a new meaning in their own prayer life.

The plan in this new venture in faith is that women, and possibly some in their families, do without one meal each week and place the estimated cost of the food which was not prepared in our Meals for Missions Offering bank. The time ordinarily spent in eating the meal is used in prayer, particularly remembering our missionaries.

MISSIONARY OUTREACH

By participating in the "Meals for Missions" project, a greater missionary outreach can be attained. This offering is over and above our regular giving toward our \$75,000 Women's Missionary Union project. Some may term this a "sacrificial offering." Each one who participates in this program of self-denial does so voluntarily, for

it is in no way compulsory. The purpose is to discipline ourselves in prayer, denial of self, and in giving.

We are carrying out this project as it was adopted in Sacramento for a part of our triennial program. A few have expressed the idea that this program of missing a meal is asking too much. A famous German declared, "Giving will be a blessing only when it becomes 'giving up'."

A former Communist has recently expressed a very important view for us to consider. "When I was a Communist, I gave fifty percent of my income to Communist work. After I became a Christian, it was a long time before anyone suggested I give ten per cent and then, apologetically, saying that I probably couldn't, but if I could it was the thing to do. When I was a Communist, I was expected to give all my time after work hours to handing out literature and other work; when I volunteered time for the church, people talk about how earnest and zealous I am."

It seems that where little is expected little is given. Is asking a thing like one meal plus an extra half hour for prayer each week too much? It is good for us to remember what Christ gave for us; he gave everything!

In Mark 8:36 Christ gave us the measure by which all discipline and self-sacrifice should be gauged. He also instructs that all such denial should be "for My sake and for the Gospel's." Indeed, we should check our motive for taking part in this project. It is important that the fast does not call attention to itself. We should not spend time talking about our fasting, nor should anyone go against medical advice or disrupt the household in order to maintain this bit of self-denial.

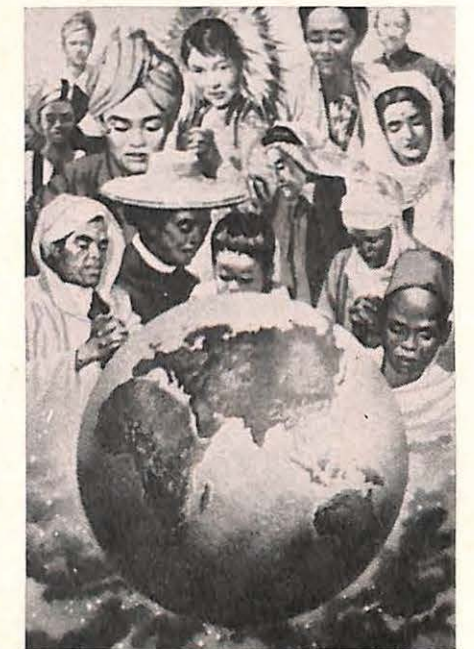
OVERFLOWING BLESSINGS

The following testimony is a well stated example of what many women are experiencing. "When I first heard the 'Meals for Missions' program explained, my first thought was of experiencing hunger, but I praise God that I accepted his invitation not only to serve him but to experience his power and grace in a new way. I am even more aware how thorough the Lord is in every detail. He ordained this program; he has made it my heart's desire to enter into it; he has been all-sufficient where the flesh was weak; and he has poured out his blessings to overflowing."

Our missionaries feel that they too have been given a real "boost" by our expression of keen interest in missions.

As Laura Reddig says, "Just to realize that thousands of lives are being disciplined, enriched, challenged and directed to a tremendous prayer support is a blessing of the choicest kind."

Their blessing is also ours, for we look forward to this quiet uninterrupted period of devotion and prayer. Our



MEALS FOR MISSIONS

When we think of the millions of people lost in spiritual darkness and suffering from hunger and poverty, we are challenged to do our utmost for the One who gave all for us.

missionaries are not just "names only" anymore, for they have become personal friends as we have taken time to study about their lives, their personal needs and their specific prayer requests during this time.

Many women are able to leave the table to have their quiet time, but for others with small children, etc., they may possibly find that the children's nap time gives mother a blissful and uplifting time of her own. Several women have commented that it is really nothing to miss a meal and to put coins in the box, but to take that half hour for prayer seemed the biggest challenge.

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Often many of us have expressed the desire to pray as Jesus taught his disciples. Jesus said ". . . when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy

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

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Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Appel with Rev. C. T. Rempel (right) at the Church Extension sign announcing the new Cypress Baptist Church. (See further report on page 22).

Witnessing for Christ Across the Years

The author reviews 50 joyous years in the Christian ministry as assistant secretary of the Wisconsin Baptist Convention, witnessing to the Winnebago Indians at Wisconsin Dells, preaching in the New York City area and Philadelphia, Pa., and blazing trails in Church Extension work.

The Second of Three Articles
by Dr. W. J. Appel of Salem Oregon

A CALL CAME to me in 1930 to visit Dr. Abram LeGrand, Secretary of the Wisconsin Baptist State Convention, who was spending a few days for observation in the Baptist Hospital in St. Paul, Minn. When I walked into his room he greeted me with the question, "Are you ready now?" I requested an explanation, and he reminded me that while I was pastor in LaCrosse, Wis., he had asked if I would consider joining the Wisconsin State Convention Staff.

For the next nine years I served as Assistant Secretary of that Convention, with 170 churches in the state. Visiting a different church every Sunday, and fellowshiping in the homes of the many pastors, I was privileged to gain an increasing insight into the joys as well as the difficulties experienced by a group of men seeking to be faithful to their divine calling.

It was my privilege to arrange week-end gatherings of laymen in various parts of the state, usually beginning on Friday evening and extending through Sunday afternoon. What a gift of God to the churches is the host of laymen who sense their responsibilities and who seek to serve their Lord faithfully!

Another area of the work gave me a wonderful opportunity with the Baptist young people of Wisconsin, for it was my duty to care for the business management of two summer assemblies each year. The assembly grounds of the larger group, jointly owned by the Baptists and the Presbyterians, were located on Green Lake, directly opposite the Lawson Estate which later became the official assembly grounds of the American Baptist Convention. Little could we visualize at that time the change that was to come to the magnificent estate annually visited by the Baptist young people of Wisconsin because of its great beauty!

A request from members of the Winnebago Tribe of Indians in Wisconsin came to the State Convention office one day for assistance in establishing a Baptist work in the beautiful Wisconsin Dells resort area. While this request was being considered, one of the Indian women, Sadie by name, impatient with the delay in providing a place for worship, picked up her axe and called the men to follow her. Under her leadership materials were gathered in the woods and a quonset-type hut built. The services of a Baptist pastor in a neighboring city were obtained and meetings begun. Because of the good response in attendance, it was necessary to enlarge the hut and to install a few windows.

WINNEBAGO INDIANS

Chief Yellow Thunder, leader of the group, later requested a more permanent meeting place, giving assurance that the Indians would do the work if supervision and building materials were provided. I was asked to undertake this supervision but, not being a builder, I suggested that if a committee of laymen acquainted with building construction would join me I would assume the responsibility.

Among the members of this committee were two men, Fellman and Riesen, both former members of our NAB fellowship, the latter a member of the firm which had built the City Hall in Milwaukee. With the assistance of this committee, plans were prepared and tools made available. A tract of ten acres of land was purchased, as well as the necessary materials, much of it taken from a building being dismantled in a neighboring town. A few days before building operations were to begin, Mr. Fellman, who had promised to see us through and upon whom we leaned heavily, died very suddenly. This was a

severe blow, but work on the project continued.

When it came to the actual day-by-day work, the enthusiasm of our Indians, who had so willingly offered to help, flagged greatly. Often they would arrive at the building site near noon and be ready to quit in early afternoon. Farmers from the nearby Baptist churches rose to the occasion, and groups often numbering 20 men would come for a day of work. After about eight weeks, a dedication service was held and the only Indian Baptist Church in Wisconsin organized.

Later, part of the 10-acre tract was divided into lots on which a number of Indians build their homes, using the methods learned in their experience of erecting the chapel. Among my possessions is a letter signed by Chief Yellow Thunder expressing appreciation for the help I was able to render.

Last summer Betty and I visited the chapel and met the present pastor, a former foreign missionary, who took us on a tour of the building and surrounding grounds. A program of renovation, consisting of a full-size basement with classrooms for the Sunday school, had just been completed. To our joy we found still living on the grounds one of the charter members of the Indian Baptist Church.

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

My next move took me to Brooklyn, N. Y., in answer to a call from the Second German Baptist Church, the name later being changed to Evergreen Baptist Church. Here we found an active, devoted group who received us with a warm welcome. For the first few years of my nine-year ministry, the morning services were still conducted in the German language. However, through a gradual change this became the English service, with a German

service preceding.

In my early years at Evergreen, Mr. Walter Marklein was in his prime. He was superintendent of the Sunday school and a member of the Board of Deacons. He was a constant source of encouragement and inspiration, fulfilling responsibilities with great devotion and zeal, until the Lord called him.

By this time his younger brother, Edwin, past moderator of our General Conference and active in many areas of our denominational life and in a wide area of Christian interest, was beginning to take his brother's place, and I found in Ed a tried and true Christian brother and helper. It was during this pastorate that the Lord took from us my first wife.

"MY FELLOW PASTORS"

A number of ministers were members of my congregation at Evergreen, and I learned to appreciate how helpful older men of God, with long experience in the ministry, can be to a pastor. Rev. William J. Zirbes had retired some years previously, and he and his wife were living in nearby New Jersey. Rev. Frank Orthner, although not in the active pastorate, was serving with vigor and enthusiasm as supply and interim in a number of our churches in the area. He also served a greatly appreciated ministry as librarian of the Union Theological Seminary in New York City. Mrs. Orthner was always on hand, a faithful member and a leader among the women.

Another ordained minister, Rev. Mr. Emil Gruen, Program Secretary of the American Board of Missions to the Jews, and his wife were also members of Evergreen. Although Emil was rarely able to attend services because of the nature of his ministry, his wife, Dorothy, was a regular attendant with the children and a faithful Sunday school teacher. Also in the membership were two ministers' widows, Mrs. Harry Marschner, and Mrs. Gustav Schneck whose husband was at one time professor at our Seminary in Rochester, N. Y.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

One of the fine fellowships in the New York area was that of the Ministers' Conference of New York City and Vicinity, where I was privileged to serve as president for one term. It was at a meeting of this group that Dr. Norman W. Paullin, at that time pastor of the First Baptist Church of Asbury Park, N. J., called me aside to tell me he had received a call to become pastor of the Baptist Temple in Philadelphia, Pa., asking if I would go with him as Associate Pastor.

After prayerful consideration, I felt this to be God's call, and for three years I served with this man of God in a beautiful intimate relationship. Of humble spirit, a lover of the Lord Jesus Christ and a faithful proclaimer of the Gospel message, Dr. Paullin, through his many engagements and regular Sunday morning radio broadcast, reached a much wider area than his im-



Farewell service for Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Appel at the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Jersey City, N. J., with Mr. Pusch (right) handing a gift to Dr. Appel in behalf of the church.

mediate congregation. In a number of small communities in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, groups met together at the eleven o'clock worship hour to share in the blessings of the Baptist Temple radio service.

While serving at the Temple I experienced the joy and blessing of close fellowship with another unusual and devoted Christian layman, Harry Jenkins. Although senior member of a busy



The sanctuary of the Temple Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., with Dr. Norman W. Paullin and Dr. W. J. Appel on the platform behind the pulpit. The NAB General Conference was held in this church in 1952.

law firm, Mr. Jenkins was ready on almost any evening to join in my program of visitation. It was not unusual, in response to the ringing of a doorbell, for some young member of the household to call excitedly, "Harry Jenkins is here," and immediately the way was opened for my visit, for everywhere this servant of God was respected and received with a warm and hearty welcome.

Though long since called into the

presence of the Lord, Dr. Russell H. Conwell and his ministry were still greatly in evidence at the Temple. Frequent references were made to his unique and far-reaching lecture, "Acres of Diamonds." Dr. Conwell had a peculiar interest in ambitious young men who because of financial limitations were unable to continue their education. One such lad asked Dr. Conwell if he would be willing to give personal help with his education if he would come to his study each week. The first week the lad brought two others with him; the following week the number had increased to seven. This was the beginning of Temple University of Philadelphia, which now has a student body of more than 25,000.

DR. RUSSELL H. CONWELL

Another concern which burdened the heart of Dr. Conwell was the physical welfare of humanity. From a very simple beginning, this concern developed into the extensive ministry of Temple University Hospital. Both of these institutions in their earlier years were financed from the proceeds received from Dr. Conwell's famous lecture, "Acres of Diamonds," which he gave more than 6,000 times and which brought international fame to him. Dr. Conwell was a great preacher as well as a benefactor of mankind.

Among other responsibilities at the Temple, I had the privilege of serving as teacher of the University Bible Class, composed of students attending the various educational institutions in

the city. It was during this ministry that the Lord sent into my life a devoted and loving helpmeet in the person of Betty Reinhold, a member of my former church in Brooklyn, N. Y. With her long years of legal secretarial experience, Betty became an invaluable co-worker in a varied ministry in the homeland and abroad.

A call from the Pilgrim Baptist
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Everybody Will Be Talking About IT!

Announcing the new 108 page book, "What Is the Christian Life?" by Dr. A. Dale Ihrie of Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich., General Conference Moderator

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Editor of the "Baptist Herald"

SOME BOOKS amuse and delight us, but soon we put them aside after we have chuckled over their pages. There are other books that are like encyclopedias of information. We cull their facts about the world and accumulate their historical data by adding them to our storehouse of information. Then we place the books on some reference shelf in our library.

DR. IHRIE, AUTHOR

But a few choice books come into our hands that stir our minds and start the wheels of thinking going speedily within our souls. These are the books we talk about to others, to which we refer again and again, and that become like dear friends of long acquaintance. Such a new book that you will treasure because of what it can do for you in your Christian thinking is Dr. A. Dale Ihrie's 108 page volume, **WHAT IS THE CHRISTIAN LIFE?**

The author is the beloved pastor of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan and the recently elected moderator of our General Conference. This book is the distilled wisdom of years of counseling with young Christians and of long profound study of God's Word by this servant of his. He is convinced that the greatest need of today in the lives of our church members, and especially for our thinking young people, is "for doctrinal and spiritual grounding." Our young Christians need to be led step by step into the actual experience of Christian understanding and living.

Dr. Ihrie has tested his conclusions and interpretations with hundreds of such young people and with the churches that he has served. These experiences of his inspired him to write this series of ten vital lessons on "Christian Belief and Practice" to aid "in the establishing of converts, training for church membership and deepening the Christian experience."

The volume can be read by any Christian with unusual blessing, finding a reason for his faith, the answers to many questions, and the acquisition of the spiritual armor by which he can engage in battle with the adversary. It will be helpful to the pastor in classes for new members and to Sunday school teachers in dealing with teen-age young people and college youth. It can wisely be made the basis for a series of studies in the church's prayer services, in men's brotherhood meetings, in young people's gatherings. It will also be profitably used as a textbook in a Teacher Training Course or at a youth camp. The opening chapter, "Why We Be-



There's something enriching, exciting and illuminating in this volume for everyone!

lieve As We Do," gives the author's answer to a startling question: "Why do you believe what you believe?" This question is basic. "You ought to know how and why you arrived at certain convictions. With logical acumen, with Scriptural backing, with clarity of thought, the author tackles every question candidly and convincingly. Every page is Biblically sound, true to the revelation of God in his Word, and evangelical in spirit. This is Dr. Ihrie's conviction: "We find that Biblical Christianity has maintained a consistent testimony of ideas which have been socially constructive and scientifically true. We find that where men believe the truths of the Christian Bible, all branches of life are enriched."

A BIBLE EXPOSITION

In succeeding chapters the author presents a lucid, provocative study of the nature and person of God, including a thoughtful section dealing with the Trinity, the story of creation, the important lessons on sin, the person of Christ, and the nature of the incarnation (his inspirational illustration of what the revelation of God in Christ might be like as viewed in a fanciful dialogue between God and you will not soon be forgotten by the reader), the meaning of justification, regeneration and sanctification, and the Christian

world view. The closing two chapters summarize "Some Baptist Distinctives" and "The Challenge of Church Membership."

The author lets the arrows of truth fall where they may. He comes straight to the point. This simplicity of approach in this difficult study of our beliefs is the great blessing of this volume. Here is his treatment of "grace versus works": "The work of Christ must be an either-or proposition. That is, salvation logically must be either given to men or earned by men. It is either of grace or of law. It cannot be both . . . Now the big thing is this: When a man tries to mix his own works with the New Testament grace, he is saying to God: 'I don't need your free gift of salvation. I haven't really failed. My keeping of the moral law is still acceptable to you. I am still righteous in my own stand. I need no gift.' This is a travesty on truth. This is a moral lie. This is hurling a dishonest contradiction right into God's face."

ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS

This directness of the author makes every page spring to life with a fresh, exciting, practical understanding of the profound truths of the Bible and of our Christian faith. Many questions will jump up like grasshoppers in your mind, but Dr. Ihrie makes an honest, conscientious effort with convincing results to give you the answer.

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Read the book for your spiritual enrichment. Study it with others in your church. Use it for new members' classes and at camps. Distribute copies widely in your church or Sunday School class. The Bible as "a lamp unto your feet" will shine more brightly and Christ will come closer to you as Lord and Saviour because you too have read and studied this book by Dr. A. Dale Ihrie.

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The worshipful sanctuary of the newly dedicated Martin Baptist Church, Martin, North Dakota.

Church Dedication at Martin, N. Dak.

Report of the dedication festivities on Easter Sunday at the Martin Baptist Church by Mrs. Wesley W. Michelson.

EASTER Sunday, April 18, was a memorable day for the members and friends of the Martin Baptist Church, Martin, N. Dak. It marked the fulfillment of our prayers and hopes as our new sanctuary was dedicated to God's glory.

The congregation gathered in the old sanctuary at 10:00 A.M. to sing the hymn, "He leadeth Me," and some brief reminiscing by the moderator, Walter Weinholz. The Processional to the new sanctuary was begun with the trumpeters, Ken and Greg Kost, playing the hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers." At the door opening ceremony the chairman of the building committee, Gilbert Kessler, turned the key over to the pastor, Rev. Reuben Grueneich, who unlocked the doors and led the worshippers into the beautifully flower shewn sanctuary.

The Sunday school with Wesley W. Michelson, superintendent, presented a short program with each class represented. The Junior Choir sang several numbers. The morning message was brought by Professor Donald H. Madvig of Sioux Falls, S. Dak. The Men's Chorus and a quartet sang for us.

The official dedication began in the afternoon with special music by the choir, a solo, "Bless This House" by Albert Beibel, and a selection by the Men's Chorus. Congratulatory messages were brought by 15 pastors and friends from the neighboring churches. Prof. Madvig of the Seminary delivered the dedicatory message. Our pastor, Rev. R. Grueneich, offered the dedicatory prayer followed by the dedicatory response.

Construction of this new \$38,000 edi-

fice began in October 1964 and was completed on April 17, 1965. The new church, built on the adjoining lot of the old church, is a two floor, wood frame building with laminated rafters. The main floor contains the baptistry, nursery, cloakroom, and pastor's study with the sanctuary having a seating capacity of 200. The basement facilities include a spacious fellowship hall, kitchen, six classrooms, lavatories, furnace room and a store room. This was strictly a congregational project and, according to Pastor Grueneich, 10,200 hours of labor were donated by the members.

DEDICATION SERVICES, SOUTH CANYON BAPTIST CHURCH, RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

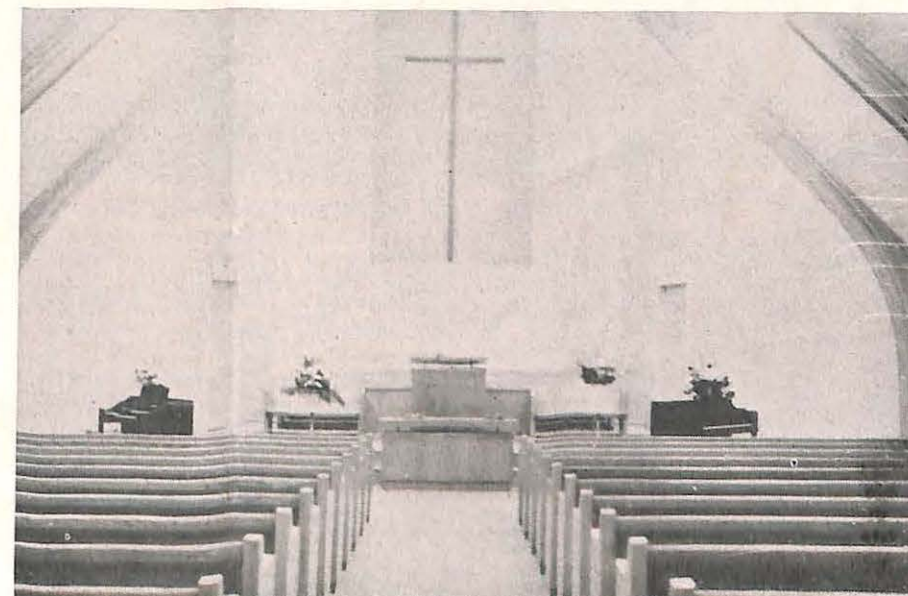
By Mrs. John Kwyzla, Jr.

FOR THE dedication services of the South Canyon Baptist Church, Rapid City, S. Dak., held on Sunday, April 11, Dr. J. C. Gunst, Central District secretary, spoke at the morning service. The Ensemble sang "Crown Him" and Rev. Alvin Auch, former member of the church and now pastor at Anamoose, N. Dak., sang "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked."

The church platform was decorated with bouquets, gifts of members and friends of the church. The lower auditorium was colorfully decorated with Spring flowers and candles. The ladies of the church served a delicious hot meal at noon to all guests. They used their cut-glass punch bowl, dedicated to the memory of the late Polly Johnson, Gospel recording artist. Several guests of honor were asked to pour: two women charter members of the church, Mrs. Lawrence Weeldreyer of Chancellor, S. Dak. and Mrs. John Kwyzla, Jr., of Rapid City; in addition to the guests of honor, Mrs. Loren Weber of Isabel, S. Dak., and Mrs. Alvin Auch, of Anamoose, N. Dak.

At the afternoon service Dr. M. Vanderbeck, former interim pastor and now acting interim pastor in Jamestown, N. Dak., spoke. A trio of women, Mrs. Victor Schlottman, Mrs. Kenneth Friez and Mrs. Helmut Wolf, sang "One Step At a Time," written especially for Rev. W. D. Dachtler at the time of his ordination in 1959. A solo was rendered by Mrs. Lawrence Weeldreyer, "Open The Gates of the Temple."

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The beautiful and spacious sanctuary of the South Canyon Baptist Church, Rapid City, S. Dak., showing the new organ and piano which were gifts to the church.

God's Volunteers in Their Closing Campaigns

Reports by Sandra Scheffler and Anita Schlehuber

FROM WASHINGTON TO OREGON Ministry of Team I Reported by Sandra Scheffler

AS WE GO from church to church, most people seem to think that we are *extra special*; but we aren't. The thing that is special about us is that we have been chosen of God to serve him as we have been doing these past months. Without Christ working through us and in us, we would be nothing.

WONDERFUL WASHINGTON

We have been encouraged and thrilled by the way the Lord has been able to use us here on the West Coast. While serving at the Sierra Heights Baptist Church in Renton, Wash., we were able to serve the community and schools as well as the church. Some of these opportunities were YFC, radio broadcasting, several assemblies at the Seattle Christian School, Ministerial Association, and Civitan. Rev. Ervin Gerlitz, the pastor, set up a good visita-

tion schedule, making it possible for us to contact many homes and even to deal personally with several of the people.

EVERGREEN OREGON

next campaign at the Portland Ave. Baptist Church in Tacoma, Wash. Rev. Mark Fey is the pastor, and he has before him a tremendous work. We contacted over 600 homes here with the help of several young people.

We hope that we were some spiritual encouragement to the young people, but one thing we know—they certainly were an inspiration to us. They are on fire for the Lord and have won many of their friends to Christ. On a Saturday the young people took us up to Mt. Rainier—a first time experience for most of us. Some of our special programs included YFC, Men's Fellowship, Rescue Mission, Christian Business Men's Committee, and the Senior C.B.Y.

For our next campaign we came into the beautiful green rolling hills of the Willamette Valley near Portland, Oregon to the Bethany Baptist Church. We found ourselves in a very warm and friendly church. Over 40 church mem-

FROM KANSAS TO NEW YORK Ministry of Team II Reported by Anita Schlehuber

Greetings in the Savior's Name! Our travels have taken us from Kansas to New York to make the message of Christ known. To have a compassion for lost souls is our prayer as Christ did in Mark 6:34. "Souls for Jesus," which has been our theme song, is our goal each day of our lives.

Our final campaign in Kansas was at Wichita at the Memory Lane Baptist Church where Rev. Gordon Voegelé is pastor. In Wichita we had two opportunities of being on television. One of the programs was the "Elmer Childress Program," which is a daily Gospel sing time. We thank God for these open doors of service through television.

Our final Saturday evening in Kansas, a Youth-A-Rama, was held in Wichita. There were young people from all over the state of Kansas who attended. We had a wonderful time of Christian fellowship.

After our campaign in Wichita, our team enjoyed one week of spring vacation. Throughout the week we traveled to our next destination, which was Buffalo, N. Y. Enroute we stopped at Kansas City, Missouri; St. Louis, Missouri; Chicago; and Cleveland, Ohio. In the Chicago area, we visited our North American Baptist Headquarters where we were guests for two nights. We were fortunate to have a guided tour of our headquarters, and met the personnel who work there. We also had a wonderful time sightseeing in Chicago. We visited the Science and Art Museum and Natural History Museum.

We arrived in Buffalo, N. Y., with a new zeal to serve Christ better. Our first campaign in Buffalo was held at the Austin Street Baptist Church where Rev. Paul Galambos is pastor. In this church much time was spent on our visitation program. The Volunteers knocked on many doors and found those who were seeking Christ and a church home.

The second campaign in Buffalo was held at the Temple Baptist Church where Rev. J. G. Benke is pastor. Again our concentrated effort was put on our visitation program. In the Cheektowaga area there were over 700 doors visited by the Volunteers and helpers. But many times the people were not home, or attended another church, but we found many church prospects.

Our campaigns have been always blessed by God. We've seen many souls won for Christ. This makes our efforts worthwhile. We, as Team II of God's Volunteers 1964-65, wish to thank everyone for their prayer support throughout our ministry.



GOD'S VOLUNTEERS TEAM NO. II WITH REV. WALTER HOFFMAN, DIRECTOR.

We Thank God for the Volunteers

Message of appreciation by Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Director of God's Volunteers and Church Extension

God's Volunteers have been with Christ on mountain tops of transfiguration during the past God's Volunteers' season. On lofty heights of prayer and consecration, they have experienced again and again the majestic presence of the Savior in their midst.

They have also felt with conviction life's greatest challenge as they dedicated themselves to follow the Master down from the mountain tops into the valleys of humble service amid a needy world. For eight months they have served with devotion and faithfulness among our churches as heralds of the saving Gospel of Christ.

You will remember, the Bible tells us that at the foot of the mountain of transfiguration there was a heartbroken father with a son who was torn by a demon. It was a scene of deepest human need and hopelessness. And Jesus said to his disciples: "Bring the boy unto me" (Mark 9:19).

That is what God's Volunteers have been doing. "Bring the boy unto me,"

Jesus said. In obedience to his command, these Volunteers have been bringing people to Jesus Christ.

What a tremendous work this is! People need to be brought to Christ! He can drive out demons, forgive sins, and save to the uttermost them that come unto God by him. Surely, this is a work that is worthy of the fullest support of every born again believer.

We thank God for these splendid North American Baptist young people who have served our churches so well. Both teams together with their directors, Rev. Edgar W. Klatt and Rev. Walter Hoffman, deserve our sincere appreciation and thanks for their faithful service.

We especially acknowledge the services of Rev. Walter Hoffman as director of God's Volunteers for the past seven years. We gratefully recognize his varied contributions to this larger work of evangelism. Brother Hoffman will be bringing his ministry with God's Volunteers to a close with this season.

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS SERVICES IN MAY

Both teams of God's Volunteers conducted one night services at several churches on their way to Forest Park, Ill., for a great spiritual climax at the close of their 1964-1965 program.

Team No. I held services in Columbus, Nebr.; Trinity Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; Temple Church, Jamestown, N. Dak.; First Church, Minot, N. Dak.; Dayton's Bluff Church, St. Paul, Minn.; and First Church, Watertown, Wis.

Team No. II conducted services in Ridgewood, N. Y.; Second Church, Union City, N. J.; Rochester, N. Y.;

Redeemer Church, Warren, Mich.; and Colonial Village Church, Lansing, Mich.

On Sunday morning, May 16, the two teams of God's Volunteers and their directors, Rev. E. W. Klatt and Rev. Walter Hoffman, were in the First Church of Bellwood, Ill., and the East Side Church, Chicago, Ill. Both teams in an inspirational united program conducted their final service that Sunday evening at the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill. Following this service, the young people went their several ways to their homes with precious memories and the touch of God's blessing upon them.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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ginning with the close of the school year 1966, he will become the full time missionary to the Indians on the Bull Reserve. In the intervening period, he will complete his studies at the CTI and an additional course at the University of Alberta in Edmonton.

BIBLE SCHOOL GRADUATION

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a professional recording of the Choristers on a long-playing record. This record may be ordered from the Christian Training Institute. The notes of praise and thanksgiving to God which are voiced in these musical numbers are the reactions of all of those who have been associated with the Christian Training Institute during any part of its 25 year ministry.

A VENTURE IN FAITH

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Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly" (Matt. 6:6). I am reminded of another door which we very commonly approach and enter. All of us have had the experience that when we close this door, the telephone booth is filled with light! So it is when we enter the door of his holy Presence on this day of fasting and close the door for prayer, then his light floods our souls. "We kneel, how weak! We rise, how full of power!"

It is our suggestion that many, who haven't given attention to this special project, do so if they feel they would like to experience the challenge of fasting with a purpose. You may contact your local woman's society for the descriptive folder, "Meals for Missions," and also a colorful offering container. The offerings are sent to "Meals for Missions," 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Ill., at the end of each quarter.

At the time of this writing, most of the first quarter's offering has been sent in, for some were late in being able to start the plan. We feel humbled to realize that \$3850.15 have been given by April 15, 1965 and also that women are literally "praying it" to its destination in Africa.

A sign on a Philadelphia church read, "Come in and have your faith lifted." Many thousands of participants are feeling just that, as we "come in to this program of self-denial, of giving so that others might receive the light of life, and of disciplining ourselves to regular prayer time for our mission enterprises. We trust that many may feel compelled within their hearts earnestly to participate in this effective program. May you too feel a renewed challenge of discovery just as this woman did. . . . "I found a closer relationship between praying and giving. I can't mean business in praying for God's work and not give more to help him!"



GOD'S VOLUNTEERS TEAM NO. I. WITH REV. E. W. KLATT, DIRECTOR.

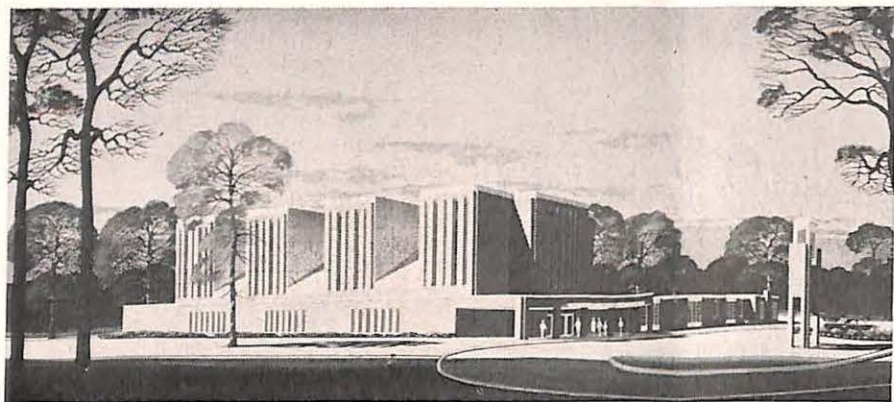
tion schedule, making it possible for us to contact many homes and even to deal personally with several of the people.

Next we were lodged at the YWCA and YMCA in Seattle, Wash., to spend a week of spring vacation. We had excellent weather and were able to spend most of our time outdoors enjoying God's handiwork. Some of the high spots were an all day cruise on a ferry from Anacortes to Vancouver Island, Seattle's World Fair grounds, and lots of exercise in bicycle riding and swimming.

Feeling very refreshed from our vacation, we were ready to begin our

bers came visiting with us. We really appreciate it when the church helps us out this way. We knew that when we left there, the church would be able to continue its visitation program. Among the special activities were a singspiration, the Annual Birthday Banquet, and a trip to Mt. Hood with the young people.

It has been proven to us that a praying church is a growing church. Because prayer is such an important part of our ministry, you can continue to do your part in our work by praying for the God's Volunteers Teams as they go from church to church to make Christ known.



The architect's design for the new \$400,000 edifice of the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Parma, Ohio with Dr. Douglas Gallagher the pastor.

Parma Heights Baptist Church, Ohio

Report of new building project, costing \$400,000, by the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Parma, Ohio.

By Ruth Pech, Church Reporter

The Parma Heights Baptist Church of Parma Heights, Ohio is entering on its third phase of construction of complete church facilities. The new addition will include an auditorium, administrative office and additional classrooms.

The auditorium, which is to be built on the south end of the existing building, will seat 600 persons on the main

floor and 160 in the balcony. The Chancel will accommodate a choir of 50 voices. The classrooms and offices are to be housed in two wings which will complete the enclosure of an open-air court, where outdoor services and classes may be held during the summer months.

The drawings were prepared by Conrad and Fleischman, Architects, who

have been working with the Building Committee under the chairmanship of Myron Kronenberger and with our pastor, Dr. Douglas Gallagher.

The upper part of the auditorium rises out of a low base formed by a large porch on the east, low side aisles on the north and south, and choir and baptismal robing facilities on the west. The nave is 50 feet high and is sculptured on both the interior and exterior to create an architectural composition of intensified unity, scale and proportion. The tall stained glass windows in the nave will provide an interesting contrast of light intensity with the windows around the base of the church. The auditorium will be equipped with a complete and automatic heating and ventilating system which will use high velocity air and which can be adapted to an air cooling system in the future.

The estimated cost of the project is approximately \$400,000. Construction is scheduled to start this summer.

As we anticipate our third building program in ten years, we are especially mindful of God's leading in these past years and the great challenge he has set before us.

At our recent Missionary Conference, we were privileged to have with us Dr. Leslie Chaffee and Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer of Cameroon, Africa, as well as our own Miss Florence Hagen of the Cleveland Hebrew Mission. Our hearts were stirred anew by the reports related to us by these missionaries.

review of 25 years of the school's Christian ministry for "God and the Truth." The graduates received their certificates after an address delivered by Dr. A. S. Felberg.

For those who were not able to attend the concert but who would like to enjoy the excellent choral selections of the choir, Professor Link arranged for

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Bible School Graduation at C.T.I.

Report of the Bible School Graduation Exercises of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, by Mrs. M. Muller, one of the High School Teachers.

"Witnesses Indeed" was the theme of the 25th anniversary Bible School Graduation Exercises of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta. The activities began with a graduation banquet held in the school dining hall on April 2, honoring the ten young lady graduates and their parents. Mr. John Van Harten acted as toastmaster and Mr. Harold Johns of Oak Park, Illinois was the guest speaker, showing colored slides and commenting on his recent tour of our Cameroon Mission Field in Africa. The graduates presented a Hi-Fi Record Player to Dr. Felberg who received it in the name of the school. This useful gift will be placed in the Student lounge for all to enjoy.

On Saturday evening, April 3, the Alumni Association met, electing Mr. Wayne Ohlhauser as the new President. On Sunday morning, a worship service was held in the school chapel for the students, their friends, and families. Rev. A. Rapske brought a most stirring message on "The Fellowship of the Church."

The spacious Jubilee Auditorium was the setting on Sunday afternoon for the Sacred Concert and the Bible School Graduation. Friends and supporters

from far and near filled the main floor of the auditorium to hear and see a



Bible School graduates and their parents at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, at the Commencement exercises.

● Rev. and Mrs. Reuben Grueneich of Martin, N. Dak., have announced the birth of a son born on Good Friday, April 16. He has been named Rodney Paul. He has one brother, Daniel Mark, and a sister, Sharilyn Ruth. Rev. Grueneich is pastor of the Martin Baptist Church, Martin, N. Dak.

● The Grace Baptist Church of Calgary, Alta., has extended a call to Rev. R. Neuman of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, the missionary to the Indians on the nearby Bull Reserve since 1961, to which a favorable reply has been given. Mr. Neuman has announced that he will begin his ministry in the Calgary Church on August 1st. His resignation as Indian missionary was accepted regretfully by the Board of Missions.

● A large audience was present at the West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, S. Dak., on Easter Sunday evening when the 30 voice choir directed by Miss Eva Keen presented the cantata, "No Greater Love" by John Peterson. The women of the church furnished refreshments for the coffee and fellowship hour held in the church parlors after the program. Rev. Ronald E. Mayforth is pastor of the church.

● The First Baptist Church of Norridge, Illinois has called Rev. Paul E. Loth of Wheaton, Ill., as interim pastor. He began this interim ministry on Palm Sunday, April 11. Mr. Loth is the general secretary of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association. He has continued his membership in the Bethel Baptist Church of Amherst (Buffalo), N. Y., of which he formerly served as the pastor.

● The Immanuel Baptist Church of St. Catharines, Ont., has requested Rev. Ernest Sakowsky of Detroit, Mich., a member of the Ridgemont Baptist Church of East Detroit, to serve as interim pastor. He began his interim ministry on April 11 and will serve for a period of about three or four months. Some years ago Mr. Sakowsky was the pastor of the German Zion Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis.

● Miss Barbara Kieper, Cameroon missionary-nurse, returned to Africa by plane on April 26 following her furlough year in the United States. She will continue her ministry as nurse in the Federal Republic of Cameroon and will be stationed at the Mbem Maternity Centre. Her visits to churches and her messages at Conference and Association sessions, Missionary Conferences and Youth Camps were deeply appreciated. Her health had also greatly improved during her furlough year.

● The Calvary Baptist Church of Hoisington, Kansas has extended a call to Mr. Bill Everette Cowell of Wakefield, Kansas, a student in the graduate school of Wheaton College, who will be receiving his B.D. degree in June 1965. He has accepted the call and announced that he and his wife will begin their ministry at the Hoisington Church late in August. A personal conference was arranged in April between

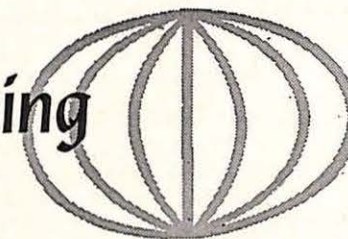
him and members of the Board of Missions and Church Extension Committee at the headquarters building.

● Miss Lucille Wipf, NAB missionary who has been stationed at Matsusaka, Japan, left by plane for the United States on June 1st to begin her furlough. She will be staying with Rev. and Mrs. D. S. Wipf in Madison, S.

Floyd Overstreet, the Senior High sponsor, spoke on the theme, "Joy of the Resurrection." Following the service, a delicious breakfast was served. This is the first of a series of youth activities planned for the C.B.Y. groups by the newly-formed Youth Council.

● On Sunday, April 25, the new \$8,000 building of the Baptist Church at Bal-

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Dak. In her Easter letter Miss Wipf stated: "Praise the Lord with me for three young people who accepted Christ during evangelistic meetings held at Matsusaka in March. They have been continuing in their attendance faithfully. Also four young Japanese began coming during the meetings. Please pray for them too."

● Rev. Lawrence G. Bienert, business manager of the Roger Williams Press and of the denominational Publication Society since 1960, presented his resignation to the Publication Board on April 23, effective August 31. He also announced that he had accepted a call to become the assistant to the president of Illinois College at Jacksonville, Ill., a church-related college. His resignation was accepted with deep regret by the Publication Board which adopted "a resolution of commendation" which appears in full on page 24 of this issue.

● A group of 54 young people of the Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif., attended a sunrise service during the early hours of Easter Sunday morning. Mr. Kenneth Jones, the Junior High sponsor, was master of ceremonies. Many of the young people took part in presenting vocal and instrumental selections, after which Mr.

gonie, Sask., was dedicated to the glory of God. The recognition service for this new North American Baptist church was also held on that Sunday. Balgonie is located 15 miles east of Regina on the Trans-Canada Highway. The church has called Mr. Chalmers Wirth as its pastor. He is serving the church over week ends (Friday to Sunday) and teaching during the week at the Briercrest Bible Institute of Saskatchewan. The small Balgonie Church has a membership of 12 at present and will seek active membership in the NAB Conference at the session of the Northern Conference in July.

● Mrs. Fred L. Paul of St. Paul, Minn., was elected president of the National School Boards Association at its annual sessions in Boston, Mass., April 3 to 6. She has been active in the field of education in the St. Paul area for more than 14 years, serving on the St. Paul School Board, president of the Minnesota School Board Association and on the Board of Directors. The "Baptist Herald" congratulates Mrs. Paul on this high honor and great responsibility that have come to her. She is a member of the Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church of St. Paul and of the Publication Board of the NAB Conference and served as program chairman for Women's Activities at the 34th General Conference in Sacramento, Calif.

● The Board of Missions has appointed Mr. Peter Aaldyk, a student at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alta., as missionary to the Indians on the Bull Reserve on a part time basis. During August 1965 Mr. and Mrs. Aaldyk will devote their entire time to this ministry. From September 1965 to spring 1966 Mr. Aaldyk will fill the pulpit at the Indian Benke Memorial Baptist Church on two Sundays every month and secure the pulpit supply for the other two Sundays. Thereafter, be-

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RECENT DEATHS

Rev. Emanuel Bibelheimer of Tacoma, Wash., was called to his heavenly Home on May 3rd. With faithfulness and loving devotion he served numerous churches before retiring to Tacoma. On April 28 Rev. August Rohde of Van Nuys, Calif., passed away at 89 years of age in a convalescent Home. Among other churches, he served as pastor of the Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif., and Immanuel Church, Kenosha, Wis. Memorial tributes will appear in forthcoming issues.



BY MRS. DELMAR WESSELER
of Lorraine, Kansas

President of the Woman's Missionary Union

YOUR REPRESENTATIVE AT THE BOARD OF MISSIONS SESSIONS

By Mrs. Elton Kirstein, Steamboat
Rock, Iowa

Our Woman's Missionary Union theme, "And Go Quickly," seemed to undergird my thinking, as we considered the tremendous opportunities which are ours as North American Baptists, while I was privileged to attend the annual sessions of the Board of Missions as your representative. This Board's work takes in a vast scope, with the consideration of our foreign mission ministry, our home mission fields of the Spanish-American and Indian work, mission-aided churches, Church Extension, and God's Volunteers.

The morning devotions were a time of special blessing. Dr. Frank H. Woyke opened our meetings with thoughts taken from the parable of the Good Samaritan, asking the question, "Who is my neighbor?" We were conscious that the Board sought the guidance of the Holy Spirit in making these important decisions. The clarity and minuteness with which each item and problem were considered showed much previous preparation for this meeting, both in the headquarters office by Dr. R. Schilke, our Mission Secretary, and the missionaries and members of the Board, in the reports which they submitted for the agenda. The sessions progressed with unity under the able leadership of the chairman, Rev. Lyle Wacker.

"Opportunity Unlimited" were the words used by Missionary Fred Holzimmer to show the open doors in Cameroon, as he gave us a glimpse, firsthand, of the work there. We were also privileged to listen to Miss Mary Leyboldt and Mr. Ernest Hildebrand, as they told of their specialized activities in Cameroon. "Expect great things to happen in the Cameroons," said Mr. Hildebrand, as he thought back on the morning devotional time which he had had with his 80 workmen each day before they started building.

The seven candidates, who will be the Cameroons short-term missionaries, will be given the opportunity to have several days of orientation at our Forest Park office with personnel to be arranged by Dr. Schilke.

Dr. Dunger's presence, representing the Seminary, was much appreciated

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From the Professor's Desk

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

Is the moral situation really as serious as you make it out to be, and is not the attitude of the clergy much more constructive and positive than you seem to indicate?

The writer wishes with all his heart that the contemporary moral situation might actually look brighter than the facts, as he sees them, seem to indicate. In his first commencement address as the new president of Wheaton College, Dr. Hudson T. Armerding stated last January that thoughtful observers of the American scene have found cause for common concern in their assessment of the rapidly deteriorating moral climate of America.

Writing in the *Sunday Telegram* of Portland, Maine, on Feb. 9, 1964, Miss May Craig, widely known woman correspondent in Washington, said: "Unless there is a change, deep down, in the American people, a genuine crusade against self-indulgence, immorality, public and private, then we are witnesses to the decline and fall of the American Republic."

SHOCKING STATISTICS

The *Trenton Evening Times* recently (Feb. 22, 1965) published a startling article under the title, "We Are Losing the Race Against Crime," in which it was stated that "every day we become less secure in our homes and communities. We are losing a desperate race to crime, and we might as well face up to the fact that so far as lawlessness is concerned the state of the union is not good."

Furthermore, the grim facts of the increase in crime and the decrease in morality is not simply a result of the increase in population, for the shocking statistics indicate that since 1958 the crime rate has been increasing five times as fast as the gain in population, and the rate of increase continues to escalate. Neither is it merely the result of ignorance and poverty, for the crime rate for the nation's suburbs was up 23% for the first six months of 1965, 8 points above the national average.

Law enforcement officers are profoundly disturbed and discouraged over the fact that more children every day deliberately choose crime as a career and apply themselves eagerly to self-callousness and irresponsibility adds to the seriousness of our nation's moral depravity, as is witnessed by the Katherine Genovese case in Kew Gardens, N. Y. about a year ago. Official reports from the Federal Bureau of Investigation clearly indicate the progressive decay of American culture at a time when the emphasis is supposed to be on

the creation of a Great Society.

Those who deny or minimize the evidence of moral decline are not those employed in the agencies of law enforcement or crime detention (people who know first hand what the facts are), but usually they are intellectuals who spin novel theories of morality and ethics. The writer feels that it is most unfortunate that it is so typical for the clergy to be among the chief advocates of a new morality which espouses freedom from moral and ethical norms.

GOD'S 10 COMMANDMENTS

Often today one reads the words of church officials and theological scholars championing moral freedom in a context which denies validity to the ten commandments for modern behavior, and especially the commandment regarding adultery. In the Christian life, they affirm, as Chaplain Wood did in addressing the women of Goucher College: "No one can tell you whether you should or you shouldn't—or even how far you should . . . To do so would be to give you a new law, or some kind of new code of behavior."

In the last issues of this column data was given to illustrate how prominent clergymen advocated freedom properly to enjoy or appreciate obscene literature without "moralistic censorship." When the clergy take such a position, it seems to establish the conviction that ours is a dying state of civilization in which license has replaced restraint in public and private attitudes toward sex and pornography.

A few months ago an Episcopalian clergyman, Rev. Joseph D. Herring, rector of the Church of the Transfiguration, urged that the drinking age should be lowered to sixteen. "We're still enslaved in a prohibitionist mentality, and we don't appreciate the good aspects of alcohol," said Mr. Herring. He suggested parents give their children alcoholic beverages in moderation at meals to introduce them to the pleasures of liquor in a natural way and to cultivate a mature approach to drinking.

Against this trend, evangelical Christians should emphasize the truth that biblical morality is not outdated. God's people do well to urge laws to halt the trend toward indecency, to protect children from the sale of obscene literature and the public showing of immoral movies. In a recent editorial in *Christianity Today* (April 9, 1965) Carl F. H. Henry urges: "What godly men and women can do now, let them do quickly—, but let them do more than erect high fences of protection. Let them channel wide rivers of life to a doomed generation."



A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: June 13, 1965

Theme: SOLOMON'S OPPORTUNITY

Scripture: I Kings 2:1-4, 3:5-7

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Opportunity should not be equated with success but with God-given duties and responsibilities.

INTRODUCTION: The last years of David's reign were anything but peaceful. Just before he died, there was still conspiracy and intrigue within the palace. Adonijah, the younger brother of Absalom, wanted to be king and gathered men and chariots and made preparations to have himself crowned. He had the support of Joab, David's commander of the army as well as Abithar, the priest.

In the meantime Nathan the prophet and Bathsheba had to conspire together in order to remind David that he promised the kingdom to her son Solomon. We wish the shedding of blood could have stopped at this time, but Solomon ordered Adonijah killed because he asked to marry the most beautiful girl in the king's court. Joab and Shimei were slain because David requested Solomon to bring down their hoary heads to the grave with blood (I Kings 2:9).

Yet in spite of his glaring sin with Bathsheba, David ended his forty year reign in glory and honor, and is described as a man after God's own heart. He did more than any man before him in uniting the kingdom and extending it, and in bringing back a respect and reverence for God's covenant.

I. DAVID'S CHARGE TO SOLOMON. I Kings 2:1-4.

The last words to David in II Samuel 23 sound like his swan song. Here he speaks like the sweet psalmist of Israel, like the anointed of God, like one who speaks through the Spirit of the Lord. In Bible times the last words of a dying man had special significance. David was in a position to give Solomon meaningful advice. His failures as well as his successes could help his son to be a better king.

The first thing which Solomon was to think about was not his kingliness but his manliness. This did not refer to physical strength but to moral, spiritual and intellectual strength. Of what use is a strong body if it houses a weak character? It was far more important to learn to obey the God of Israel than to rule the nation of Israel.

II. SOLOMON'S DREAM. I Kings 3:5-6.

The dream was really in the form

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of a revelation and a test. In order to discover what was really his aim in life God put the initiative upon the new king by saying, "Ask what I shall give thee." This would certainly be a temptation for anyone when you know there is a great power behind you which can make all your wants and wishes come true. But Solomon was aware of how God worked. He put two and two together and saw the answer. The vision of his father David was before him, and he realized that he was shown great mercy according as he walked before God in truth and in righteousness. Clearly stated in New Testament language it said: "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap."

III. SOLOMON'S REQUEST. I Kings 3:7-9.

Solomon's strength is revealed in his self-confessed weakness. Although he now had the highest position in the nation of Israel, he was willing to begin on the lowest plain. He realized the importance of an understanding heart to be fair in judgment, justice and mercy. Solomon put himself on the level of a servant, for if he proved to be a good servant of the Lord, he would develop into a good ruler of men. He did not ask for wealth in order to dazzle other kings, but for understanding in order to reveal a righteous God.

Questions for Discussion

1. How does Solomon measure up to the counsel of God given in Deuteronomy 17:14-20?
2. If God gave you the opportunity of asking for one wish, what would it be?
3. Are we willing to accept counsel and advice from older people?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: June 20, 1965

Theme: CONSECRATE LIFE TO GOD

Scripture: I Kings 9:1-9

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT. A dedicated house of God is most acceptable to God when it is filled with consecrated people.

INTRODUCTION: Solomon made such a good beginning that we would like to stop at this lesson and say, "So far, so good," and let it go at that. But we know that this is not the end of the story. Nevertheless, let us share in the blessings of this lesson in order to apply the truths of sincere consecration to our lives as well as to the house of worship.

The new king lost little time in strengthening his reputation and character. As a judge he gave great evidence of wisdom when the two women

appeared before him and both claimed that the live child belonged to them (I Kings 3:16-28). When Israel heard of the judgment, it was said that they feared the king for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him. It was a reverent respect which they accorded a king who made such a wise decision.

Not only was he considered a wise man in his own country but his reputation soon spread so that "there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom" (I Kings 4:34).

I. PREPARATION FOR THE BUILDING OF THE TEMPLE.

David did much of the groundwork which made it easier for Solomon to continue where his father had left off. The many wars with the neighboring nations established and strengthened the kingdom of Israel so that Solomon could bring in peace and security.

We can well understand how disappointed David must have been because he was not permitted to build a house of worship. But he was a man of war, and because so much human blood was shed, this noble enterprise was reserved for his son who, because of circumstances, was a man of peace. David never realized his fondest and most cherished dreams. But even in our day it often happens that one generation dreams and the next generation builds.

II. THE DEDICATION OF THE HOUSE OF THE LORD. I Kings 6-8

Tradition tells us that the temple was built on the spot where Abraham took Isaac to offer him as a sacrifice. All the materials were so prepared before hand that, when they were assembled on the building site, there was no noise of a hammer nor ax nor any tool of iron (I Kings 6:7). Many thousands of men must have labored, and the gold, ivory, silver and other materials must have cost millions of dollars according to present day standards of value. The structure itself was not large compared to modern churches and cathedrals. It became famous because of its design and the quality of its materials and its furnishings. All Israel took pride in it and the people from the surrounding nations came to view it.

The dedicatory prayer should be reviewed in particular.

III. THE CONSECRATION OF KING AND PEOPLE. I Kings 9:1-9.

God was not blind and deaf to all that was done and said. His revelation to Solomon in a dream was evidence of that. The content of God's appearance indicated that he was more concerned

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OUR denomination in action

special events

ROSENFELD, ANAMOOSE, N. DAK. We of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church, Anamoose, N. Dak., observed Youth Week from Feb. 7 to 13. The program on Sunday evening, Feb. 7, was entitled "How Great Thou Art." At the meetings during the week we discussed such topics as "Looking Ahead to College," "Teen-agers and Christian Responsibility," and "Missionaries in White." In our later discussions we discussed "teen-age tithing." Our CBYF group has been taking part in community singspirations. We held such a singspiration on March 28 after our evening worship hour. We had a much larger attendance than we had anticipated. Approximately 140 young people attended. We sang many new and old choruses. Each group brought a special number or skit. (Becky Kandt, CBYF Secretary).

REGINA, SASK. On Sunday, April 4, it was our privilege at the Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Sask., to have Mr. William Renz, former missionary to Cameroon, Africa with us and on April 7 we had Rev. C. Wiebe and Rev. R. Herrmann at our church in the interest of the Higher Education Mission program. They showed films and brought reports of the Bible Schools in Africa as well as of our Seminary and the Christian Training Institute. During recent weeks we have had to say farewell to three of our faithful families. The Reeds, Ericksons and Leskewiches who have been transferred to Saskatoon, Sask. In April our pastor, Rev. Henry Pfeifer, brought special Easter messages. On April 11 our choir, under the leadership of Mr. Jake Janz, presented a program of sacred music. (Doris Rosom, Reporter).



The newly organized choir of the Temple Baptist Church, Jamestown, North Dakota with the pastor, Dr. M. Vanderbeck in the back row (right).

WALNUT STREET, NEWARK, N. J. The Walnut Street Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., celebrated its 90th anniversary on Saturday night, April 10, and at the church services on Sunday, April 11. Rev. John E. Grygo of Forest Park, Ill. was the guest speaker. The church was founded in April 1875 as the Second German Baptist Church of Newark. It was then located at Niagara and Patterson Streets. In 1894 the church purchased property on Walnut Street and shortly afterwards erected the present building which was dedicated in 1908. Throughout its history 14 pastors have faithfully served the church. Its present pastor, Rev. Joseph Hoden, has been here since August 1964. During this brief period, extensive improvements have been made on the church property. We thank God for the blessed time we had and shared together at this festive anniversary program. (Mrs. Harry Williams, Reporter).

BUFFALO CENTER, IOWA. The First Baptist Church of Buffalo Center, Iowa held its tenth annual Missionary Conference, March 22 to 26. Guest speakers were Dr. E. P. Wahl, president emeritus of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta.; Rev. Gilbert Gordon of Cameroon, Africa; Rev. John Rhoads of Japan; Missionary Donald Lang of Chile, where he and his wife serve with the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism; Rev. Milton Anderson, a missionary pilot in rugged areas in Mexico; and Rev. Leslie Magee of Sao Luis, Brazil. As an added attraction for young people Rev. Don Lang showed a film and brought a challenging message on Saturday evening. We enjoyed the informal fellowship times after the evening services which gave us an opportunity to become better acquainted with our guests. We learned much

from this Conference that the years just ahead are crucial ones, both on the field and at home. May we find joy in doing our part! (Mrs. Deane Jurgens, Reporter).

SOUTH FORT GEORGE, B. C. An historic occasion took place Sunday afternoon, April 4, as the congregation of the Fort George Baptist Church, South Fort George, B. C., together with friends from other city churches gathered at the site of the new building project in the 1600 block Johnson St. in Prince George. This was the dedication service for the new house of worship to be built to the glory of God and the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The pastor, Rev. Bert Milner, led in prayer for the Lord's blessing and strength in this venture as his people step forth in faith to further the work of the Lord in this area. Rev. R. Milbrandt of Creston, B. C., was the guest speaker. His message was both an inspiration and a challenge to the congregation as he presented the need for great sacrifice for the Lord in building this sanctuary. (Mrs. Marian Pierrot, Clerk).

TEMPLE, JAMESTOWN, N. DAK. The Temple Baptist Church, Jamestown, N. Dak., recently elected its permanent officers as follows: Dr. M. Vanderbeck, moderator; Mr. Elmer Schindel, vice moderator; Mrs. Prince Leonard, clerk; Mr. Henry Tahrn, treasurer; Mr. Art Hagel, Sunday school superintendent; and Mr. Jake Maas, head usher; deacons (one year) Mr. Alex Buck and Mr. Christian Eslinger; deacons (2 years) Mr. Fred Steffan and Mr. William Taft; deacon (3 years) Mr. Art Buckwitz; trustees, Mr. Reuben Wolff (3 years), Mr. Archie Remboldt (2 years), and Mr. Otto Nitschke (1 year). A Missionary Society was organized with the following to serve as officers: Mrs. Charles Tinker, president; Mrs. Fred Steffab vice-president; Mrs. Henry Tahrn, treasurer, Chairman Sunshine Committee, Mrs. Gordon Houge; Foreign Mission, Mrs. Art Buckwitz; Home Mission, Mrs. Rueben Wolff; Chairman of White Cross, Mrs. LeRoy Lang; and the Social Committee serving as co-chairman, Mrs. John Elhard, Mrs. Christian Eslinger and Mrs. Gottlieb Steib. The men also organized a Men's Brotherhood with Mr. Archie Remboldt president, Mr. Gottlieb Tahrn vice-president, Mr. Herbert Herman secretary, and Mr. Charles Tinker treasurer. The Temple Church also has a choir of 18 voices. The accompanying picture shows a part of the choir.

MAGNOLIA, ANAHEIM, CALIF. The Higher Education Conference for the churches in Southern California was held from March 4-7. Inspirational and informative messages were

brought by the following: Professor Roy Seibel, Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Rev. Ben Lawrence, Rev. David Draewell, and Rev. Paul Siewert. One of the highlights of the meetings was a Polynesian style banquet served at the Magnolia Church, Anaheim, Calif., on Friday evening. A capacity crowd of youth, teachers and youth sponsors attended. This was followed by "buzz" sessions with each of the men leading a group that was particularly interested in their field. At 8:00 a meeting for all was held in the Magnolia Church Sanctuary, with Dr. Roy Seibel bringing an inspiring message on the need for men and women to go into the field of full-time Christian service and the opportunities. The speakers served in all the churches during the week and on Sunday, March 7. (Mrs. Ellen Frosie, Reporter).

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE PASTORS' RETREAT. The Bethany Baptist Church of Vesper, Kansas entertained the Southwestern Conference Pastors' Retreat from April 20-22. The host church proved to be a congenial place of fellowship for 21 pastors and 15 wives and guest speakers. Rev. Kenneth Schmuland was the host pastor, and Rev. R. H. Zepik the chairman of the Program Committee. Our guest speakers were Dr. J. C. Gunst, Central District Secretary, and Rev. David Draewell, secretary of Stewardship and Higher Education. The inspirational and challenging messages and discussions were a real blessing to all in attendance. Rev. Edwin Michelson was elected president; Rev. Jerry Vilhauer, vice president; and Rev. Melvin Warkentin, secretary-treasurer. The next meeting was tentatively planned for April 11-13, 1966 with Professor Gerald L. Borchert as speaker. (Edwin F. Walter, Reporter).

TEMPLE, CALGARY, ALBERTA. The young people of Temple Church, Calgary, Alta., have been very active in recent months. On Feb. 28, they rendered a program with a variety of musical numbers and the dialog, "How to Spend a Sunday Afternoon." The Choristers of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta., presented a program on March 7. All four of our Calgary churches were present at this occasion. On March 21, the church was favored with the annual program by the Ladies' Mission Union. One-half of the offering went to our organ fund. We were very proud of our band as they presented a concert on March 28. It is under the direction of Mr. K. Giebelhaus. The band consists of 26 members. The youngest band member is seven years old. We hope to dedicate our new organ and piano in June. (Mrs. B. Kerber, Reporter).

SOUTH TEXAS AND LOUISIANA. "Look, It is Time to Evangelize" was the theme for the South Texas and Louisiana Associational meetings on Feb. 27 and 28 and March 1, held at the Mowata Baptist Church, Branch, Louisiana, Rev. E. L. Sandau, pastor.

The opening message was brought by Dr. W. H. Barsh of Kyle, Texas. The Sunday services were a blessing to all. Dr. J. C. Gunst and Dr. R. Schilke, guest speakers, brought very inspiring messages on "Christian Love and Evangelism." The Monday meeting be-

gan with a devotional by Rev. Dwight Fry. Rev. Eleon Sandau and Rev. Robert Sandoval also brought messages. The Association closed Monday night as Dr. Schilke spoke on the topic, "Let My Church Be Revived." (Helen Lengfeld, Reporter).

evangelistic services & baptisms

PARKSTON, S. DAK. The Parkston and Tripp Baptist Churches of South Dakota recently had the joy of witnessing the baptism of 7 candidates. Two weeks later, the hand of fellowship was extended by Rev. John Hise, pastor, to these 7 people and to another person by reinstatement and still another received by letter. We are grateful for the ministry of Rev. Ray Hoffman who served as our evangelist at a series of meetings in March. Two candidates were converted. The baptismal candidates in the accompanying picture are: (left to right—back row) Orrie Heitzman, reinstated; Mrs. Orrie Heitzman; Mrs. ElRoy Lippert; Mrs. Dennis Lippert; Rev. John Hise, pastor; (front row) Rebecca Heitzman; Vonda Sample; Barbara Friederich; and David Rieb. Ed Lippert (not pictured) was received into the church by letter. (Mrs. Leland Koth, Reporter).

ELGIN, IOWA. The First Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa witnessed a joyous and impressive service on Easter Sunday evening when our pastor, Rev. George Breitzkreuz, baptized four candidates. These new members (left to right in picture, front row) are: Sharon James, Fracey Miller, Linda Lehman, and (left, back row) Mrs. John J. Schaer. They were extended the hand of fellowship at the communion service that same evening. Musical numbers during the service were a vocal solo by Gwen Baechler and a selection by the Girls' Chorus. (Mrs. Fred Schaer, Church Clerk).

SHEBOYGAN, WIS. Special services were held at the Bethel Baptist Church, Sheboygan, Wis., in April with Rev.



Four candidates baptized by Rev. George Breitzkreuz (right) at the First Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa on Easter Sunday.

George Robinson of Wausau, Wis., bringing the messages. There were two decisions for the Lord. We have tentatively scheduled a baptismal service on May 30th. Our Easter services were well attended. That evening the choir presented the Easter cantata, "Behold Your King," to a good congregation, which received the presentation with much joy and many blessings. The choir is rendering a faithful service; so is also the Sunday School. We are looking forward to our Vacation Church School. (A. J. Fischer, Pastor).



Eight of 9 persons recently received by Rev. John Hise, pastor, into the Parkston and Tripp Baptist Churches of South Dakota.

FLEISCHMANN MEMORIAL, PHILADELPHIA, PA. "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord," says the Psalms. This is just what the young people of God's Volunteers Team II did at the Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pa. What a spiritual blessing was felt by all who attended the meetings from April 4 to 11! Through their songs, testimony, and the sermons brought by Rev. Walter Hoffman, souls were won for Jesus and many lives were rededicated to his service. The Volunteers' youthful enthusiasm and willingness to give of their time and talent for the Lord was an inspiration to young and old. The children loved the stories and songs told and sung by the Volunteers. Some children are already hoping to become Volunteers when they grow up, and to this end are practicing their music a little more. The young people of our church were inspired by the wholesome attractiveness of these Volunteers and their willingness to testify and work for the Lord. The older folks felt a new surge of enthusiasm for the Lord's work and a new hope for the future of God's Kingdom. (Jeanette Mac Meekin, Reporter).

DICKINSON COUNTY, ELMO, KANSAS. On Sunday evening, March 21, the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County of Elmo, Kansas was host to a union baptismal service with the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Elmo, and the Highland Baptist Church of Junction City, Kansas. Rev. David Priestley brought the message of the evening and special music was given by the three churches. Rev. Oliver Ringering baptized the four candidates on confession of their faith. Rev. Edwin F. Walter then baptized the four candidates from the host church. This was followed by Rev. David Priestley who baptized the candidates from his church. On Sunday morning, March 28, five new members were received into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County by the pastor, Rev. Edwin F. Walter. Those baptized were Wanda Jacobson, Carol Jacobson, Mrs. Milton Jacobson and Pamela Wolf. Mrs. Wm. Kohman was received by letter from the First Baptist Church of Abilene, Kansas. (Mrs. Edwin Walter, Reporter).



Nine candidates for baptism at the union baptismal service for the First Church of Dickinson County, Ebenezer Church of Elmo and Highland Church of Junction City, Kansas with the pastors (back row): Rev. Oliver Ringering, Rev. E. F. Walter and Rev. David Priestley.

FOREST, MUNSON, PA. The Forest Baptist Church of Munson, Pa., pastored by Rev. L. R. Prast, was pleased to have as its guest evangelist, Rev. Wayne Focht of Philipsburg, Pa. His true Gospel messages during the week of March 7 to 12 left a lasting impression on many hearts. Each evening we were privileged to hear special music by members of his church and our own. "The Ministers' and Laymen's Chorus" rendered two selections and there were solos or duets by Mr. Focht and his sister, Vera, Albert Zinz and Sylvia Prast. David Zinz played a trumpet solo and several selections were beautifully sung by the five-year-old daughter of Rev. L. R. Focht. Many rededicated themselves to God as a result of these meetings. (Mildred Mason, Reporter).

SOUTH HILLS, ERIE, PA. On Wednesday, March 17 we of the South Hills Baptist Church, Erie, Pa., were happy to have had Dr. Leslie Chaffee again with us and to hear of the wonderful work in our mission hospitals in Cameroon, Africa. Special meetings were held from April 7 to 9 with Dr. Douglas Gallagher of the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio bringing some very inspiring messages. On Palm Sunday evening five of our Sunday school scholars followed the Lord in baptism and on Maundy Thursday at our Candle-light Service they received the hand of fellowship along with a family of four who came by letter. Pictures of those attending Sunday school 25 years or more were taken and also of those who served as teachers of officers for the same length of time. These are to appear in our Erie County Sabbath School paper. (Mrs. Louise Meuser, Reporter).

of the Willow Rancho Church are shown in the accompanying picture who were recently baptized by our pastor, Dr. Louis R. Johnson. (Mrs. James Gossen, Reporter).

WISHEK, N. DAK. The Young Adult Class of the First Baptist Church, Wishek, N. Dak., presented a three act play on Sunday evening, April 11. The Easter play was under the direction of Rev. Carl Weisser, pastor. Those who were in the cast are: Art Bender; Francis Herr; Phyllis Huber; Ray Barchenger; Linda Stading; Floyd Herr; Oliver Bettenhausen; Arvilla Ketterling; Wilma Binder; Douglas Hoffman; and Connie Bender. A Men's Brotherhood was recently organized with meetings to be held on the second Thursday of each month. Officers elected are: Ray Barchenger, president; Lawrence Quatier, vice president; Benny Woehl, secretary and Marvin Huber, treasurer. Twenty-five members signed up with many more still to join.

REDEEMER, WARREN, MICH. For six weeks, prior to April 11, the Redeemer Baptist Church, Warren, Mich., held a drive to reach all persons enrolled in Sunday school and have them in attendance on that Sunday. By personal visits, cards, telephone calls, announcements, and departmental contests, it was hoped that a high of 700 could be reached. On Palm Sunday, April 11, there were 691 in Sunday school, nine short of the goal. A previous record high was 638. A record church attendance was set on Easter Sunday. There were 437 in the 8:45 a.m. service, and 454 in the 11:00 a.m. service, for a combined total of 891. In the evening service the choir presented the Easter cantata, "A Man of Sorrows," directed by Mr. Jerry Heath. (Mrs. Doris Kintzer, Reporter)

NORTH FREEDOM, WIS. During the week of April 4-9, special meetings were held at the North Freedom Baptist Church, North Freedom, Wis., with Rev. George Breitzkreuz of Elgin, Iowa serving as guest speaker. All who attended were blessed by his challenging messages. On Easter Sunday evening, the North Freedom Baptist Church rang with beautiful music as the Church Choir presented the Easter cantata, "Hallelujah What A Savior." It was well presented and enjoyed by all who attended. It was directed by Mrs. LeRoy Kiemele, with Mrs. Lawrence Ulrich as organist and Miss Louise Green as pianist. Mr. Reid Ulrich read the narration. (Mrs. Louise Green, Reporter).

FOREST PARK, ILL. Easter Sunday at the Forest Park Baptist Church was a memorable day, beginning with an Easter Sunrise service. In the evening, two girls from the Junior choir: Rachelan Bienert and Linda Kay Schilke, followed the Lord in obedience through the waters of baptism. At this time the Junior choir, under the direction of Mrs. Gordon Loux with



Six young people who were recently baptized in the Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif., by Dr. Louis Johnson, pastor.

special seasonal programs

WILLOW RANCHO, SACRAMENTO. Easter Sunday proved to be a memorable day for the Willow Rancho Baptist Church. The Sunday school attendance reached an all-time high of 337, shattering the previous record by 60, and exceeding our goal for Easter by 37. The combined efforts of the Sunday School and the church visitation program were largely responsible for the success of this endeavor. Further blessings were received in the morning worship service, when an overflow congregation listened attentively as our pastor, Dr. Louis Johnson, brought a stirring message on "The Miracle of our Transgressions." "Wounded for our Transgressions" was sung by the choir, under the direction of Mrs. Louis Johnson. Mr. Wilfred Rueb sang "The Holy City," and as the service came to a close, a final note of triumph was voiced by the choir's rendition of "The

Hallelujah Chorus." Six new members

Mrs. L. G. Bienert at the piano, and the Senior choir, under the direction of Herman Holz with Wm. Krogman at the organ, presented their Easter Musicale. Adelaide Klatt and Werner Burghoff rendered vocal solos and Richard Fuchs a violin solo. The Senior choir concluded the evening with Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" and our pastor, Rev. H. J. Freeman, pronounced the benediction. It was a very fitting climax to our Holy Week services held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. (E. Redlich, Reporter).

LA SALLE, COLORADO. "Tell Me the Story of Jesus" was the title of a musical program presented by the com-

bined Adult and Junior Choirs of the La Salle Baptist Church, La Salle, Colo., on April 11. Under direction of Mrs. Verna Michelson, the two choirs joined in unfolding the blessed story of Jesus from the Nativity through his ministry, death, resurrection and return. Special numbers were given by Mrs. Erma Borgens, Mrs. Charlene McKnight, Miss Judy Michelson, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bohlender, Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Vogel, Mr. Vernon Vogel and Mrs. Ermajean Croissant and Mrs. Frieda Vogel. The choirs presented lovely corsages to Mrs. Michelson, the organist, Mrs. Elizabeth Croissant, and the pianist, Mrs. Irene Schmidt. (Mrs. Albert Croissant, Reporter).

made during these years. Our ministry has helped the Nurses Training School in Cameroon, the chapel at the New Hope Settlement, Children's Home in St. Joseph, Home for the Aged in Bismarck, Crystal Springs Youth Camp, food and clothing for European relief, clothing for the Canadian Indians, Spanish American work and World Vision. Money has also been sent for CARE, Red Cross and the American Bible Society. A large sum was raised towards furnishing our church kitchen and again recently for the remodeling of it. Our White Cross quota is also regularly met. Mrs. Gottlieb Herr and Mrs. August Herr are the remaining charter members who were honored at the anniversary.

NOKOMIS, SASK. On Sunday evening, March 14, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Nokomis Baptist Church, Nokomis, Sask., presented its 42nd annual program under the direction of the president, Mrs. C. Wiebe. The program featured two playlets: "Beautiful Hands," and "So Your Daughter Wants to Be a Missionary" written by Mrs. Harm Sherman. On Sunday, April 4, the CBYF rendered a program presenting the play, "Take My Best," depicting the life and sacrifice of the missionaries, John and Betty Stam in China. The play was directed by Mrs. A. Patzer. Miss Glenda Richter is president of the CBYF.

During the week of April 11-18, our pastor, Rev. C. I. Wiebe, conducted Passion Week services centering on the theme, "Looking Unto Jesus" (Hebrews 12:2). All organizations of the church shared in the special music and also in the opening worship of the services. The messages compelled all of us to examine our lives in order that we might walk more closely in "the footsteps of Jesus." (Mrs. Milton Nornberg, Reporter).

DETROIT WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION. The Detroit Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Detroit, Mich., held its annual Business Meeting recently at the Redeemer Baptist Church of Warren. Devotions were led Mrs. H. J. Waltereit on Mark 16. Each Missionary Society gave its annual reports on the White Cross work accomplished. The following new officers were elected: Mrs. Mildred Cape, president; Mrs. Ardell Stroh, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Edrie Lively, treasurer; and Mrs. Frances Faust, historian. New officers were installed and welcomed by Rev. Jack Fullard using Philippians 4:3 to exhort unity and joy. Our past president, Mrs. Pat Crane, was commended on the wonderful job she rendered as a faithful servant of the Lord.

Our speaker, Mrs. Dorothy Holzimer, Cameroon Missionary, challenged us as women that Christian training begins in the home. The offering went to the Women's Missionary Goal. We were favored by a solo from Mrs. Walter Pieschke of Grosse Pointe, "Adore and Be Still." (Mrs. Shirley Wiethoff, and Mrs. Doris Kintzer, Reporters).

ANNIVERSARIES & RECEPTIONS

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, MR. AND MRS. ERNEST SMITH. On Friday, March 12, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smith of Millet, Alberta celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in the Millet Community Hall. Members of the Wiesenthal Baptist Church, relatives and friends of the community, numbering about 300, joined in making the celebration a memorable occasion. A program was held in their honor, consisting of a solo and trio number, trumpet solo, a reading and several brief addresses representing the church and community. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were united in marriage in the Wiesenthal Baptist Church on March 11, 1915 and have been active members of the church since joining it over 50 years ago. They have two sons, Arthur and Ralph, and four grandchildren, all of Millet, Alberta.



Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smith of Millet, Alberta at their golden wedding anniversary celebration. They are faithful members of the Wiesenthal Baptist Church.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

TEMPLE, MEDICINE HAT, ALTA. The Woman's Mission Society of the Temple Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alta., presented its annual program on Sunday, April 4. The theme was "Missions and the Easter Story," presented with poems and fitting special numbers by soloists, duets, trios and quartets. This being the 10th anniversary, we also had a candlelighting ceremony by the two past and incumbent presidents. The offering sent directly to headquarters amounted to \$331.62. God has richly blessed in the past 10 years and we pray for his continued guidance. (Emma Weber, Reporter).

WILLOW RANCHO, SACRAMENTO, CALIF. The anniversary program of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif., was presented on Palm Sunday evening. The service was in charge of Mrs. Virginia Mauch, president. Congregational singing, scripture and prayer were led by members of the Society, and others took part in music

provided by the Women's Chorus, a quartet, and two instrumental duets. Mrs. Norma Rau gave an interesting report on the year's activities of the circles, listing numerous handwork projects, plus \$200 contributed to projects of our local church. A total of \$504 was also contributed by the Society for our denominational mission work. The women then presented an interesting play with a very challenging message, and a mission offering was received. (Mrs. James Gossen, Reporter).

WISHEK, N. DAK. The Woman's Mission Society of the First Baptist Church, Wishek, N. Dak., recently celebrated its 50th anniversary. Guests at the program and fellowship hour were the members of the Napoleon Church, a former station of Wishek. A brief history of the 50 years was given at the program. Almost 10,000 sick calls were

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EASTER JOYS AT CYPRESS CHURCH, NORTH SEATTLE

New members received into the Cypress Baptist Church, North Seattle, Wash., by baptism, letter and testimony. Rev. and Mrs. R. Grabke are at extreme top left, and Dr. and Mrs. Leslie Chaffee are 4th and 5th top left.

49 NEW MEMBERS, CYPRESS BAPTIST CHURCH NORTH SEATTLE, WASH.

By Rev. R. E. Grabke, Pastor

A total of 23 candidates were baptized on Easter Sunday evening in the Cypress Baptist Church of North Seattle, Wash. It was the first baptismal service in the first unit which had been officially opened a few months ago. The chapel and overflow Fellowship Hall were filled with visitors and friends of the growing area. On Sunday, April 25, the hand of fellowship was given to these and 26 others who joined by letter of transfer and testimony. The group shown in the accompanying picture are also those who signed the charter membership on Sunday, April 25, as the charter members of the church.

Of interest to many readers is the fact that Dr. and Mrs. Leslie Chaffee who have served for many years as our missionaries in Cameroon together with Marjorie and Nancy (who joined by baptism) are also included in this group. The growth of our Sunday school and other organizations of the church has been phenomenal. Already we are giving thought for an expansion of our building program. The date for the official recognition of the organization of the Cypress Baptist Church has been set for May 16.

ORDINATIONS

ORDINATION COUNCIL, FOREST PARK, ILL. An Ordination Council was called by the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., and the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Ill., to meet on April 9 at Forest Park for the expediency of setting aside for the Gospel Ministry, Mr. Gordon Dale Loux of the Forest Park Baptist Church, and Mr. Oliver Phelps Strong of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee. Eleven pastors were present and 13 churches with 20 appointed delegates. Three representatives from the denominational Headquarters in Forest Park, Ill., were also present. The churches represented on the council were: Bethany, Bethel, Zion, and Temple of Milwaukee, Wis.; Grace of Racine and Immanuel of Kenosha, Wis.; German Baptist Mission, Chicago; First Baptist, Bellwood, Ill.; Foster Avenue of Chicago; First Baptist, Norridge; Glenbard of Glen Ellyn, Ill.; Immanuel of Kankakee, Ill.; and

Forest Park, Ill. The Council then elected Rev. Connie Salios as moderator, and Rev. M. W. Zeeb as clerk of the Council. Following their introduction by their pastors, each candidate, in separate session, presented his Christian experience, call to the ministry, preparation and doctrinal statement. The Council then met in Executive Session and agreed upon the very commendable presentation of each candidate and recommended unanimously that the churches respectively proceed with the ordination services. Dr. Frank H. Woyke led in closing prayer. (Milton W. Zeeb, Clerk of the Council).

ORDINATION, REV. EARL BROCE. The Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., was the scene of the ordination of Mr. Earl Broce on April 4th. Rev. Earl Broce has been employed by the Magnolia Church as a full time Minister of Youth to replace Mr. Fred Jantz, who is going to seminary this fall. He joins Rev. Kenneth L. Fischer, pastor, and Rev. Loren R. Fischer, as-

sistant pastor, on the staff. Mr. Broce graduated from Biola College with the B. A. degree, and the California Baptist Theological Seminary with the B.D. degree. The Ordination Council was held on April 1st.

The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. John Duvall, former pastor of Mr. and Mrs. Broce. The charge to the candidate and the ordination prayer were given by Rev. Kenneth L. Fischer, with the laying on of hands by the deacons and ministers present. This was followed by the welcome into the ministry by Rev. Fred Penner of the Harbor Trinity Baptist Church. A reception was held for Rev. and Mrs. Broce in Leuschner Hall to welcome him to the staff of the church. An interesting personal sidelight on this is that Rev. and Mrs. Earl Broce have adopted a baby girl, Linda Lea, who was born on March 30th. They have been blessed by the Lord in many ways during these days.

ORDINATION, REV. GORDON D. LOUX. An ordination service for Gordon D. Loux was held at the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., on April 23, with Rev. R. I. Thompson, Bellwood, Ill., as moderator, and Edward Giegler as song leader. Pache's beautiful "Meditation" was selected by William Krogman as the organ prelude. Rev. John E. Grygo, Editor of German Publications, gave the invocation. After a solo, "My Prayer," by Neal R. Doty, producer and announcer of radio station WMBI, Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary, read the report of the council which met on April 9, 1965. Dr. W. Warren Filkin, Professor of Christian Education at the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, selected the Scripture reading from the Pastoral Epistles. The ordination sermon on a challenge for more dedicated and effective leadership, based on Nehemiah 1:4, was given by the candidate's father, Rev. Curtis L. Loux. After the vows of ordination, administered by Rev. B. Lawrence Sweeney, brother-in-law of the candidate, the prayer of ordination was offered by Rev. C. B. Nordland, father-in-law of the candidate, with 16 ministers participating in the laying on of hands. Rev. H. J. Freeman, pastor, charged the candidate to be a man of prayer, to preach the Word and to practice what he preached and believed. Mrs. Loux was then presented with a beautiful orchid corsage by Mrs. H. J. Freeman and stood beside her husband as Mr. Freeman presented the candidate with his ordination certificate. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Secretary, welcomed him to the ministry and after the singing of the hymn, "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us," Rev. Gordon Dale Loux pronounced the benediction. Rev. Gordon D. Loux has been assistant to the pastor at the Forest Park Baptist Church and will assume his new duties as Field Director of the Moody Alumni Association, effective June 1, 1965. (E. Redlich, Reporter.)

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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. SOPHIA DOBLER of Anamoose, North Dakota

Mrs. Sophia Dobler of Anamoose, N. Dak., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Huber, was born Jan. 16, 1881 in Odessa, Russia. At the age of 13, she came with her parents to America and settled at Venturia, N. Dak. In 1895 she was converted and baptized by Rev. Golling and joined the German Baptist Church of Venturia.

On Dec. 19, 1900 she married John Dobler of Venturia. In 1905 the family moved to Anamoose, N. Dak., and united with the Anamoose Baptist Church where she was a member until her death. After the death of her husband she lived with different daughters until her passing on March 27, 1965 at the age of 84 years.

Surviving are four daughters: Mrs. Edmund (Leah) Wehr, Santa Cruz, Calif.; Hulda Shearn, Honolulu, Hawaii; Mrs. Earle (Martha) Peterson, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. M. (Ruth) Woody, Poway, Calif.; one son: Arthur Dobler, Stockton, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren. Anamoose, North Dakota

ALVIN AUCH, Pastor

MRS. MARY SEELEY of Rock Springs, Wisconsin

Mrs. Mary Seeley of Rock Springs, Wisc., was born in the town of Freedom on Sept. 19, 1891 to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grosinske. In 1909 she was baptized by Rev. W. S. Argow and joined the North Freedom Baptist Church, where she held membership until her death on April 14, 1965 at the age of 73 years, 6 months and 26 days.

On June 8, 1921 she married Mr. Daniel Seeley, who preceded her in death on April 12, 1953. Also preceding her in death were one brother, John, and one half-brother, Harold Grosinske. Those who sorrow her death include two sisters: Mrs. Lydia Black, Racine, Wisc.; Mrs. Harold (Mildred) Woodward, Newcomerstown, Ohio; two half-brothers: Fred Grosinske of Baraboo, and Edward of Madison, Wisc.; one step-brother: Herman Knoop, and one step-sister: Mrs. Harvey Seils, both of Baraboo, Wisc. North Freedom, Wisconsin

LEROY KIEMELE, Pastor

GARY DALE MILLER of Elgin, Iowa

Gary Dale Miller of Elgin, Iowa was born at West Union, Iowa on June 16, 1947. When he was one year old, his family moved to the Elgin area. Gary accepted the Lord as his Savior as a young lad. On his confession of faith he was baptized on Dec. 12, 1954 and became a member of the First Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa.

Gary passed away very suddenly as result of a car-bus accident on April 14, 1965. God called him home at the tender age of 17 years and 10 months. His passing is mourned by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Miller; 4 sisters: Kay (Mrs. David Boleyn), Nancy, Sherry, and Tracey; and one brother, Kim. He is survived by his grandparents and a host of relatives, classmates and friends. May it please God to sustain and comfort those who feel this loss so deeply!

First Baptist Church

Elgin, Iowa

GEORGE W. BREITKREUZ, Pastor

MR. ALBERT VAN DORNUM of Steamboat Rock, Iowa

Mr. Albert Van Dornum of Steamboat Rock, Iowa was born on June 27, 1897. Mr. Van Dornum was one of four children. His brother, Wiard, and two sisters, Bertha Van Dornum Kennedy and Henrietta Van Dornum Hall, preceded him in death. On Feb. 24, 1920, Mr. Van Dornum was united in marriage to Helen Tholen. To this union

four children were born: Russell of Hubbard, Iowa; and Betty (Mrs. Art Frerichs) of Steamboat Rock; the twins, Louis and Lois, died in infancy.

Mr. Van Dornum's life was spent in and around Steamboat Rock, working on a farm in his youth, and later being employed by the railroad for over 30 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock, Iowa. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Helen, two children, Russell and Betty, four grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends. He died very suddenly, having been taken to the Eldora Hospital on Saturday. He passed away on Monday, April 19th.

Steamboat Rock, Iowa

ELTON, KIRSTEIN, Pastor

MR. OTTO JOHN LITWIN of Tofield, Alberta

Mr. Otto John Litwin of Tofield, Alta., was born in Poland on August 14, 1891. As a young child he came with the family to Winnipeg, Canada, and two years later settled in Nokomis, Sask. Here he came to a saving knowledge of Christ at the age of 17 years, and was baptized into the fellowship of the Nokomis Baptist Church by his father, Rev. Adam Litwin. On Feb. 28, 1921, Mr. Litwin was united in marriage with Katie Stuckert. In 1935 the family moved to Vancouver, B. C., and in 1939 they returned to Nokomis. In 1949 they went to Winterburne, Alta., and united with the Central Baptist Church in Edmonton, of which he remained a member until his retirement to Tofield, Alta.

Here a crippling arthritis and Parkinson's disease took a disabling hold of him, finally making hospitalization necessary. On April 13th he quietly passed away at the age of 74 years. As faithful husband, father and Christian, he is mourned by his loving wife Katie; 2 sons: Harold and Donald, and their wives Mildred and Patricia; 3 grandchildren; 3 brothers; and 4 sisters.

Central Baptist Church

Edmonton, Alberta

HERBERT HILLER, Pastor

MR. HENRY DELZER of Bismarck, North Dakota

Mr. Henry Delzer of Bismarck, N. Dak., was born in McIntosh County, N. Dak., on Jan. 30, 1903. On Jan. 9, 1927 he married Martha Dieder, making his home in Venturia, N. Dak. The family moved to Bismarck in 1951. Mr. Delzer departed from this life on March 29, having reached the age of 62 years.

Mr. Delzer accepted Christ as his personal Saviour under the ministry of Rev. Mr. Rummell. He was baptized by Rev. John Reichert and became a member of the Venturia Baptist Church. Since living in Bismarck, he had been a faithful member of the Bismarck Baptist Church. Mourning the loss of their loved one are: his wife; five daughters: Pauline, Mabel, Bernice, Irene (Mrs. Perman) and Olive (Mrs. Matheis); one son, Leo; 9 grandchildren; two brothers and three sisters. Funeral services were conducted at Bismarck and Ashley, N. Dak., by Rev. Isador Faszler and Rev. A. Strohschein. Bismarck, North Dakota

ALLAN STROSCHEIN, Pastor

MRS. ROSENA SCHMIDT of Anamoose, North Dakota

Mrs. Rosena Schmidt of Anamoose, N. Dak., was born in Russia August 16, 1876 and came to America in 1893. She was united in marriage with John Schmidt Nov. 17, 1894 at Eureka, S. Dak. Here she accepted Christ as Savior, was baptized, and united with the Eureka Baptist church. In 1897 the family homesteaded in Anamoose. Their spiritual home was in Kasselman (now Martin) and later they became charter members of the Anamoose Baptist Church, which church received the benefit of years of faithful labor in many capacities. In 1945 the departed lived with a daughter in Hurdsville, N. Dak., until moving to Bismarck. After Mr. Schmidt's passing, she lived in Minneapolis with a daughter until she became a resident of the Baptist Home in Bismarck.

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she went to be with her Lord, leaving to mourn five sons: Walter, Bismarck, N. Dak.; Ernest, Chicago, Ill.; Theophil, Hurdsville, N. Dak.; Julius, Dubuque, Iowa; and Richard, New Salem, N. Dak.; 2 daughters: Mrs. A. E. Brachlow (Melitta) of Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. E. E. Rauser (Elvira) of Watfor City, N. Dak.; also 20 grandchildren and 38 great grandchildren.

Anamoose, North Dakota

ALVIN AUCH, Pastor

MRS. FRED MAUCH of Goodrich, North Dakota

Mrs. Fred (Louisa) nee Koenig, Mauch of Goodrich, N. Dak., was born April 18, 1878, at Rosenfeld, South Russia. She passed away at the Bismarck Hospital April 4, at the age of 86 years, 11 months, 16 days. She came to the United States with her parents in 1890, settling at Napoleon, N. Dak. In 1896 they came to Goodrich, N. Dak., as a family. On Nov. 13, 1898 she married Fred Mauch to which union the Lord gave one son and six daughters. She and her husband farmed southwest of Goodrich. In 1964 they moved to the Baptist Home in Bismarck where they lived until her death. She accepted Christ as her Savior in 1900. She was baptized by Rev. Robert Fenske and united with the Baptist Church of Goodrich. She was a charter member of the Baptist Ladies' Aid which was organized in 1912.

She leaves to mourn her departure, her husband, Fred; one son, William, Goodrich, N. Dak.; 6 daughters: Mrs. John (Louisa) Haux, Mrs. Fred (Barbara) Felchle, of Goodrich, N. Dak.; Mrs. David (Annie) Axt, McClusky, N. Dak.; Mrs. Homer (Caroline) Kerkendall, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Oscar (Amelia) Martenson, Van Nuys, Calif.; Mrs. Albert (Alvina) Schmidt, Goodrich, N. D. 4 sisters; 22 grandchildren, and 53 great grandchildren.

Goodrich, North Dakota

JACOB EHMAN, Pastor

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Resolution Honoring Rev. L. Bienert

Resolution of the Publication Board of the Publication Society in acting on the resignation of Rev. Lawrence G. Bienert, Business Manager since 1960.

LETTER OF RESIGNATION

By Rev. Lawrence G. Bienert, Business Manager of the Roger Williams Press
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Dear Co-workers:

For the past five years it has been my privilege to serve in the capacity as manager of the Roger Williams Press. The experiences which have been mine have been most valuable and I trust my service has been as acceptable.

For some time, however, I have had a deepening interest in the area of Christian Higher Education. After careful and prayerful consideration, I am herewith submitting my resignation as manager of the Roger Williams Press in order to accept the position as Assistant to the President of Illinois College, a church-related college. My resignation is to be effective August 31st, with the last two weeks being considered my vacation.

My heartfelt appreciation is expressed to the members of the Publication Board, to my co-workers here at the office, and to all members of the secretarial staff for their help and encouragement during these years. I will always cherish the fond memories of the Christian fellowship which I enjoyed at this office.

It is my earnest prayer that the work of the Roger Williams Press will continue to grow and that the printed page will constantly hold high the name of our Christ whom we love and serve.

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION concerning the ministry of

REV. L. BIENERT

as Business Manager of the Roger Williams Press and adopted by the Publication Board on April 23, 1965

The Publication Board of the North American Baptist General Conference, at its regular meeting April 23, 1965, received with much regret the resignation dated April 14, 1965 of Rev. Lawrence G. Bienert as Manager of Roger Williams Press.

During the five years of his tenure in that capacity, we have experienced much joy and satisfaction in his handling of his managerial responsibilities. Roger Williams Press has progressed substantially under his leadership, both in increased business and in enhancing the image and stature of our Publication House in the hearts and minds of our constituency. This, we feel, is attributable to Brother Bienert's dedication to the task to which the Lord led him, and in which he always sought the



REV. LAWRENCE G. BIENERT
Business Manager of the Roger Williams,
1960-1965.

Lord's leading.

He has consistently maintained a fine working relationship with his associates and with all members of the staff of Roger Williams Press, who join us in expressing high regard for him.

While we regret his leaving our denominational enterprise and our fellowship, at the same time we extend to him our congratulations on assuming the position of Assistant to the President of Illinois College, a church-related college located at Jacksonville, Ill. We are happy that Mr. Bienert will thus be able to pursue his deepening interest in the area of Christian Higher Education.

At the same time that we regret his leaving, we wish him great success and God's blessing in his new calling into which he has been led by the wisdom of the God we love and whom we serve.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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that his glory should be manifest in the king and people rather than in a temple. The temples of wood and stone as well as the sacrifices are no substitute for love, mercy and righteousness. If righteousness exalts a nation, then it must first be exalted in the hearts and lives of God's children.

Questions for Discussion

1. Is it always necessary to build such elaborate and expensive churches?
2. What does Jesus say about true worship in John 4?
3. How does God appear to us today—personally and in the worship service?

ACROSS THE YEARS

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Church of Jersey City, New Jersey, brought me back into the fellowship of our NAB Conference.

It was during this pastorate that a request was received from headquarters asking us to serve in the ministry of Church Extension. Since I had had experience in this field, the call had great appeal. While giving consideration, I had a conference with our good friend, Dr. Lincoln Wadsworth, at that time Director of Church Extension for the Home Mission Society of the American Baptist Convention, who asked, among other things, "How do you plan to live while doing this peculiar type of work?" When I suggested that perhaps a trailer would serve the purpose, he responded with an enthusiastic "Excellent!"

We accepted the call, and for three years an Airstream Trailer was our home. Volumes could be written were we to describe the wonderful experiences of those years of pioneering in Church Extension. We look back gratefully with joy and thanksgiving, and acknowledge that God's leading was evident throughout.

One of the happy experiences of Church Extension was our Magnolia Baptist Church in Anaheim, California. After months of searching in a wide area of spectacular growth in southern California, where available church property seemed almost impossible to find, and after days of house-to-house canvassing in which the men of the Anaheim Church took a very active part, we were led one day to visit Mrs. Max Leuschner, mother of our Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, in the interests of purchasing a piece of her property in Anaheim. She expressed great interest in the possibility of a North American Baptist church on her land.

With the help of our good friend and fellow-worker, Mr. Eugene Bressel, whose keen interest and constant co-operation assisted greatly in overcoming some of the difficulties, the land was purchased by our denomination. At present there stands on this site a beautiful sanctuary with adequate educational facilities, under the able leadership of Rev. Kenneth Fischer and his brother, Rev. Loren Fischer.

THE LORD'S GUIDANCE

Willow Rancho Church in Sacramento; Lincoln Village Church in Stockton; Upper Bay Church in Santa Ana Heights; West Fargo Church in North Dakota; Littleton Church in Parsippany, New Jersey; and, most recently, Cypress Church in North Seattle, Washington, were other fields where the guidance and blessing of the Lord were very evident.

Now after several years, it has been our privilege and joy to visit established churches in these areas where surveys were made, and to note what God has been doing through the faithful ministry of Church Extension pastors and their loyal church members.