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1) Its purpose is to guide the total church to recognize its responsibilities in Christian education. Christ has commissioned his followers, or the church, to "teach all nations to observe whatsoever I have commanded"; therefore, the church should be keenly aware of this task. This is not only the responsibility of the pastor or the teachers in the Sunday school, but every member of the church. Christian education needs to be given at least as much importance as missions. Both are stressed equally in the great commission of Jesus Christ.

2) Another purpose is to review the Christian education activities of the local church of the past year. It is important to take annual "inventory" of what has been done and how effective or ineffective it has been. This should prove to be a source of encouragement and inspiration for the future. It is helpful to note the program and activities of each educational organization to see how they fit together.

3) A further purpose is to project plans for the coming year and determine long-range goals. It is of vital significance to map out a calendar of specific activities and programs for a whole year in advance. This will avoid conflicts and provide adequate time for detailed preparation to implement the plans.

It is also of utmost importance to project plans for several years into the future. If you have goals that you are aiming for, this will give a sense of direction to all that is being done. There will also be great rejoicing when projected goals are achieved, or it may unite efforts to achieve certain difficult goals.

THE OBJECTIVE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION is "to introduce persons to God through Jesus Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit so that they, by faith, may enter into a personal enduring relationship with God, and to lead them into such an undivided loyalty to Christ as the Lord so that they will earnestly desire to know God's will and, in the strength of the Triune God, determine to do it."

FRONT COVER

The Laymen's Family Conference Choir photographed on the steps of the William Carey Hall at Green Lake, Wis., is featured on the front cover of this issue. Mrs. Herbert Pankratz, director of the choir, is in front row (the tallest person with a big smile.) To her right, holding hands with her, is Mrs. Carl Guenther, pianist and organist. Even Rev. John N. Nfor, executive secretary of the Cameroon Baptist Convention, sang in the choir with great enjoyment.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK

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Theme: "EXPLORE GOD'S WORD"
Activities in September:

- Promote Mission Projects in Sunday school.
- Invite college and university students in your area to become active participants in your church.
- Plan for leadership training courses for Christian education workers.

MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

JULY CONTRIBUTIONS. The July contributions of our people to the Mission and Service Program of the denomination, amounting to \$68,033.60 showed a decided gain over that of the previous two years. For the first four months of the fiscal year, the budget contributions amounted to \$228,508.82 as compared with \$221,817.30 for the same period in 1964 and \$216,147.26 in 1963. These are encouraging facts for which we praise God and give thanks to our churches.

BAPTIST BIBLE TRAINING CENTRE. The new school year of the B.B.T.C. at Ndu, Cameroon opens on Sept. 13, 1965. It will offer two First Year Classes, one for Class 7 boys who are seeking the Lord's will and the other for those who have served as church workers. On August 1st the Commencement Exercises were held for 14 graduates of the school who completed the regular three year course and are now in the "Lord's harvest field serving him"!

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. Early in September opening classes were held at the Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and for the Theological Department and High School at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta. In view of the critical shortage of young people today preparing for full time Christian service, our church people need to pray earnestly that God will send forth laborers into his harvest and that he will bless these important educational institutions. They need and deserve your support!

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS FOR CAMEROON. Eight young people who will be serving as "short term missionaries," teaching in our secondary schools in Cameroon for the next two years have completed the orientation course held at the Forest Park headquarters building (August 17-21) and are now on the field beginning their ministry in Cameroon, Africa. An article by Dr. Schilke about each of these dedicated young people and about their responsibilities will appear shortly. Place these young people on your prayer list for daily remembrance before God's Throne!

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Editorial

Getting Off To A Fine Start!

Wouldn't you like to see a copy of the first edition of MOMENTS WITH GOD, our new devotional quarterly? It will delight you with unusual surprises and it can be your companion of blessing for 92 days through the months of October, November and December. All orders previously received are now being filled, but there is still time for your church's order or individual subscription to be sent.

The initial response by our people and churches has enabled us to get off to a fine start. The first printing will consist of 9000 copies which is very encouraging. This total includes 1200 copies to be sent with the compliments of the Department of Christian Education to all NAB students in colleges, universities and Bible Schools. As soon as the orders reach the 9000 mark (and that may be very soon), our supply will be exhausted and orders will then have to be filled beginning with the "Jan. Feb. March 1966" issue.

Even more heartening has been the enthusiastic response of our contributors. Many people felt that it would well nigh be impossible to secure a sufficient number of contributions for such a prodigious publishing venture. But it has turned out quite otherwise. Already we have received more than 200 manuscripts from pastors, laymen, youth leaders, women and others. Suggested names of other contributors are being received every week. Unsolicited manuscripts from our church members are welcome. If you would like to receive a letter of instructions for the preparation of such a devotional message, write to the editor at the Forest Park headquarters address.

There are many pleasant surprises for you as you peruse your copy of MOMENTS WITH GOD. The spiritual tone of the messages is everywhere evident. The variety of approach to the Family Altar is a pleasant feature. The continuous Scriptural expositions for a full week each month dealing with some Bible passages or truths will be a very popular feature. The daily "Thought Starters" are to be found only in this devotional quarterly. Several inspirational poems will be highly prized by the reader. The front cover picture will be changed from issue to issue in keeping with the season of the year.

This devotional quarterly has a threefold purpose. 1) We believe that a Family Altar should be established in every North American Baptist home. MOMENTS WITH GOD will encourage this daily practice. 2) We believe that through our united prayers in a denominational fellowship, we shall grow stronger in our witness and service for Christ. The quarterly features a daily Prayer Reminder for all of our people. 3) We believe that there is a real need for a devotional quarterly that is spiritually sound, that is geared to the family life, and that gives a large place to the Scriptures.

We believe confidently that God has guided this new publishing venture of the denomination and that therefore it must succeed. Everything points wonderfully in that direction. Now it's time for you and your church to make the acquaintance of this 100 page quarterly, MOMENTS WITH GOD, and to enjoy its blessings for yourself. We believe God's promise that the best is yet to be!

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Hard Lessons to Learn in Africa

The pagan power of jujus, the shackling fetters of superstitions, the enslavement of sin, and the endless problems that arise in Cameroon, Africa give rise to praise to God by our missionaries for that which has been accomplished there by the grace of God.

By Miss Patricia Anne Heller, Missionary-nurse at Belo, Cameroon, Africa

WE HAD walked for eight hours and had had several discussions with the pastor and deacons. Now, in the Association Meeting, we were again trying to get to the root of the Christians' problems—polygamy and worshipping false gods. Why, after 12 years of this church's foundation, were these problems so strong in Akeh?

Finally a woman stood up in the back row. The whole thing, she said, "starts at Belo Maternity. They teach us to worship false gods."

"Well!" Being the nurse at Belo Maternity, I was a bit taken aback to hear this. Had I taught it? What did my helpers say when they gave the health talks in Bikom? Surely, not to worship false gods!

The woman continued. "They teach us to keep the children clean," she said. "That means we have to take the leaves of the life plant, squeeze the juice out, and put it in a calabash, the false god." Thus I had one of my first lessons about the vast difference between pagan and Christian practices.

EFFECT OF PAGAN BELIEFS

The effect of pagan beliefs was again seen on our weekend camping trip. Two excursions were planned for the weekend. One was to a waterfall, the other to Oku Lake, a crater lake surrounded by underbrush. When we were at the waterfall, the men asked Don Witt many questions about the origin of the fall and of the mist which so

often arises from it. A good nature study followed.

The next day, we trekked up to Oku Lake. Now this is quite a trek. And we got quite tired. However, after another nature study overlooking the lake, most of us were well rested, and we started to descend the steep hill to the water. Soon the men started running and shouting. Tension filled the air. Even after they slowed down to cut their way through the underbrush, they seemed excited. Finally, as we waded in the calm cool water, the men were very elated.

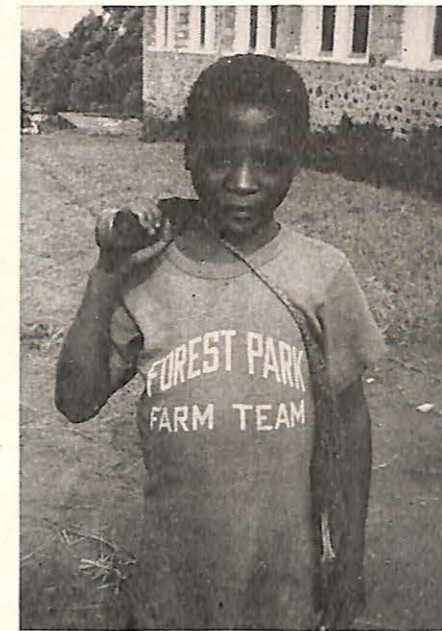
They had reached Oku Lake. We took a head count. Only half of the group were with us. Why did the other Baptist Christians not reach the water? Tired? Couldn't find the path? That is what they said. Pagan belief says that the place is full of jujus, and that if you make the least amount of noise in the area, something will jump out and kill you. The very next day, one of our pastors, a very well educated man and a three year Bible School man, testified that these excursions had taught him not to fear. (He was not one who reached the water's edge.)

DEMONSTRATIONS IN CLEANLINESS

It is not only paganism that keeps jumping out in the most unexpected places. Ignorance can also be astounding. Recently we had a Women's Leadership Training Course in Wum, a fairly new area for the Baptists. We hoped

to encourage the Wum women to start women's meetings.

An old time leader had suggested that the health lesson be a demonstration of cleaning a house. I was chosen to work with some local women and show them how to clean. Cleaning here is quite simple. One only has to take down the cobwebs—an endless job, dust the furniture, air the bedding, and



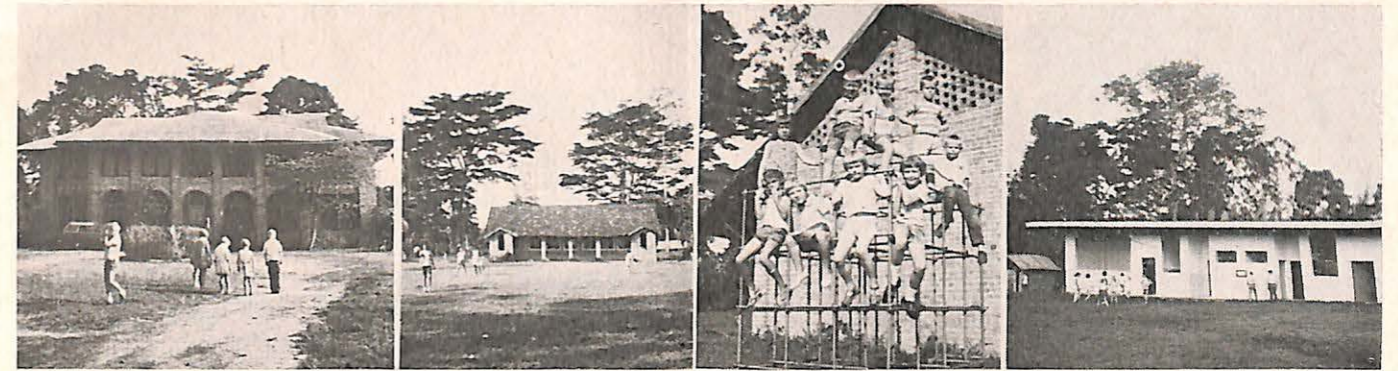
"Forest Park Team" shirt worn with great pride by a Belo boy in Cameroon.

sweep the floor. I couldn't work up much enthusiasm over this easy lesson, that is, until we began to clean the pastor's house, and saw how dirty it was.

Since he is a single man, I then decided that it was good we were helping him get his house in order. Then I began to notice that the women who were cleaning did not dust the lower legs or under parts of anything. They did not lift up any of the "cargo" on top of the bench to dust under it. They needed much guidance. Outside, the other women watched us, very deeply interested. One was heard to comment that this was a "strong" (hard) lesson. They needed to be shown what cleanliness is; not just to hear about it.

Later during the meetings the president of our Belo Women told the group some things she had learned in women's meetings over the years. For example, she has learned to open windows a bit at night, to wash every morning before going to the farm, not just oc-

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HOPE SCHOOL FOR MISSIONARIES' CHILDREN AT EBOLOWA, CAMEROON

Left to right: the two story dormitory of the school operated by the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.; the playground with the "Little School" grades 1 to 4 in the background; 1st and second graders on the school's jungle gym; and the "Big School" for the children in grades 5 to 8.

From Chicago, Illinois to Ebolowa, Cameroon

This missionary-teacher is in her second year of volunteer service at the Hope School at Ebolowa in the southern part of Cameroon. Surrounded by the tropical rain forest and thickly populated jungle and in the midst of the red, mud block homes of the Africans, this important school provides an elementary education for the children of our missionaries.

By Miss Ingrid Bergatt of Hope School, Ebolowa, Federal Republic of Cameroon

FROM Chicago to Cameroon—such a change in scenery, seasons, sights and sounds! *Chicago*—skyscrapers; paved streets; large, well-stocked stores. *Ebolowa*—red mud-block homes; rutted, washboard roads; bustling, open-air market. *Chicago*—bursting green spring; sizzling hot summer; colorful autumn; snowy and icy winter. *Ebolowa*—dry season with the hard earth producing only red dust to cover plants and people; wet season with rain torrents that turns roads into rivers in thirty minutes. *Chicago*—men driving to work; women cooking in spotless kitchens; children learning in well equipped schools. *Ebolowa*—men walking to work in their gardens; women carrying heavy baskets of wood and cooking over a three-stone stove; bare-foot children sitting on rough benches in a village schoolroom. *Chicago*—blaring car horns on the expressways, screaming jet planes taking off and landing at the airport, droning TV advertisements. *Ebolowa*—birds calling to each other in musical notes, drums beating, a short wave radio announcing the news.

From Chicago to Hope School at Ebolowa is a change in many ways. But now many months have passed since I arrived here in August 1964, and I feel very much at home.

THE SCHOOL CHILDREN

Hope School for the missionaries' children at Ebolowa is in the southern part of Cameroon in the tropical rain forest. The jungle with its many snakes and disease-carrying insects surrounds us; but so does its perpetual green garb and its interesting birds and colorful butterflies. Hope School is operated by the United Presbyterian Church in

the U.S.A. for the children of its missionaries in Cameroon and Rio Muni. This year there are 41 pupils in grades 1 to 8.

This number includes 6 children of our missionaries in West Cameroon. Gwen Lang and Holly Strauss are in 3rd grade, Danny Lang and Cheryl Haupt in 4th grade, and Amy Strauss and Diane Stockdale in the 6th grade. Our "campus" consists of two school buildings, a dormitory, and a large playfield. The "Little School" has classrooms for grades 1-2 and 3-4. The "Big School" has classrooms for grades 5-6 and 7-8, plus library, supply room and lavatories. At 8 o'clock, the morning session begins and goes until noon with a half hour recess from 10 to 10:30. The two hours from 12 until 2 p.m. are for lunch and rest, followed by the afternoon session from 2 until 4 o'clock.

WORK AND PLAY

The enrollment is small and classes informal, creating a camp atmosphere. Since the children are away from their parents, you become more than just a teacher to them. This is especially true with the 1st-2nd graders, whom I teach. The children must do many things for themselves for which they still would receive help if they were with their parents.

First thing in the morning at school, I comment on their clothing and try to guide them in the things and colors that they wear together—I remind them to hang their clothes up and to wear clean clothes to school. Then we check to see if their hair is combed and all of the breakfast is washed off their faces. The children are getting better at it now; they just need some guidance in these matters that are of such

little concern to them, but which they need to know.

Along with work must come play—and holidays provide opportunities for special activities. Of course, there's school during the day, but afterwards—what fun! On October 31, princesses, hobos and several original characters turned up at the Halloween picnic. The early days of February were occupied with making valentines, so that by the 14th there were three big boxes full of them to be distributed at the end of a "most fun" party. On March 17, everybody and everything turned green, including the porridge served for breakfast. April brings Easter and the track meet—and then it's just one more month until the school year is over.

YOUR PRAYER SUPPORT

This experience in Cameroon has been a rich one. The Lord has become very close and precious and has given me a happiness that is not dependent on circumstances, but on doing his will. A deeper experience in Christian fellowship has been mine. I've come to know the bond and support of prayer.

I was overwhelmed by the number of Christmas cards I received from people and churches in our denomination. I thoroughly enjoyed opening and reading each one and I value the prayers that are offered for the work here.

ONE MINUTE OF TIME

I have only just a minute,
Only sixty seconds in it,
Forced upon me, can't refuse it.
Didn't seek it, didn't choose it,
But it's up to me to use it.
I must suffer if I lose it,
Give account if I abuse it.
It is only just a minute,
But eternity is in it.



A sign prominently on display at Bamenda, Cameroon announcing fantastic cures that are promised by the local medicine man for all kinds of sickness.



The college campus is a mission field. It is filled with bright, eager students who are asking the great questions of life and to which the Church must give clear and forceful answers. (Luoma Photo).

COLLEGE STUDENTS: UNTAPPED POWER

A bold, daring, forward-looking strategy of penetration is needed if we are to reach our college youth. This is the second in a series of two articles depicting the contemporary church's responsibility in ministering to college young people.

By Mr. Robert Veninga
of Sioux Falls, South Dakota

IF THE CHURCH of Jesus Christ is going to make an impact on the college campus, a bold, daring, forward-looking strategy of penetration must be devised. This article is addressed to those churches which have a witness to the college student.

The college campus is a mission field. It is filled with bright, eager students who are asking the great questions of life: "Why am I here?" "What is life all about, anyway?" The fact that the church is not addressing itself to these questions is attested to by many students. A missionary from the Philippines, after visiting numerous colleges, said in amazement, "Why, it used to be that the students debated whether or not the church was true—now they simply say it is irrelevant." Emmet Hughes, writing in *Newsweek*, states that 67 per cent of the students in a nationwide interview feel that the church's influence in society is on the wane. I repeat: a bold, daring, forward-looking strategy of penetration is needed.

COLLEGE PARENT PROGRAM

Let us look for a moment at the typical freshman who enters college. As mentioned in the August 12 issue of the *Baptist Herald*, he is caught up in a new world. Many will admit that perhaps the greatest problem during the first semester of school was just plain loneliness. If the church wants to develop an exciting college program, it must start with the need of the student. The student is looking for a

home away from home. Therefore, the sensitive church could well develop a *College Parent Program for the students who become a part of their fellowship*. If this program is enacted in the early fall, it could well meet the longing need of the student and would quickly tie the young person into the life of the church.

Under this program, families would volunteer to serve as "parents" to one or two college "sons" or "daughters." The "parents" should be carefully paired with their adopted college "sons" and "daughters" on the basis of interests and hobbies. Under this program the college "parents" would provide a home away from home. Occasionally the "kids" would come over for dinner or "just to talk" over a cup of coffee. I have known college "moms" who send cookies to the dormitory and at times let the college "daughter" have a party in the family recreation room.

You can imagine the happiness of the student who is many miles away from his home for the first time when he finds a birthday cake from his college "mom" on his desk! Likewise, the college "son" or "daughter" also tries to be of help to his "parents." I know many college "sons" and "daughters" who baby sit, cut the grass, and in general just assist wherever they can.

The College Parent Program not only establishes needed friendships for the student, but the college "parents" can provide spiritual help for the student during his years of college training. I have heard more than one student say how thankful he was for his

college "parents" because "they understand some of my problems." The college "parents" must understand that the program is not simply social. They are the spiritual guardians of the student while he is a part of the church fellowship. Regardless of the number of college young people who attend your church, you will find that this program will have lasting rewards.

DYNAMIC LEARNING EXPERIENCES

The second step in building a dynamic college program within your church focuses on the opportunity which the Sunday school hour affords. It is no secret that young people usually quit going to Sunday school when college begins. The Mississippi Baptist Convention (SBC) in a research project tried to uncover the reason. Here are some of the typical answers which college students gave as to why they no longer attended Sunday school. "Church and Sunday school fail to speak to the needs of young people." "Too much sameness year in and year out." "Does not challenge young people either in content or quality of teaching." "Sunday school leaders don't get to the problems that young people face."

In view of these remarks, it seems imperative that our Sunday school hour provide a dynamic learning experience. How can this take place? You may first want to consider moving the Sunday school class from the church to the college campus. On some college campuses it may be possible

to hold the class in the Student Union. In other instances it may be held in a private room in a restaurant next to the campus. We do this for the following reasons:

1. It is no secret that some students are "anti-institution," and hence will not come to the church. So if they will not come to us, we will go to them! (Inter-Varsity has had tremendous success working directly on the college campus.)

2. Students often have no desire to attend church, but they will come for one hour to an *informal* session which deals with the issues they face in their own lives.

3. Moving to the campus symbolizes the church's desire to meet them where they live with no conditions attached.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Sunday school class may begin very informally. Serving coffee and rolls helps to create a friendly atmosphere. While sipping coffee, the students can chat informally with one another and with key church leaders who mix with the students. Remember what we said earlier: the church must recognize the student's need for fellowship! After the students finish with their coffee, an individual skilled in song leading may lead a few choruses. You may want to begin with songs that students love to sing, such as "Amen," "If I Had a Hammer," or "Blowin' in the Wind." A good song leader and a man who can "hit those ivories" makes for a joyous time of singing.

Immediately after the singing, the Sunday school teacher presents a fifteen-minute lesson. The individual who teaches the Sunday school class must be acquainted with the doubts, problems, and fears with plague college students. This cannot be emphasized too strongly!!! The lessons which are rooted in Biblical history must be made existentially relevant to the battles which students are facing. Many books provide source material which the teacher will find helpful, for example: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*; Emil Brunner, *Our Faith*; J. B. Phillips, *Your God is Too Small*; or C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*.

After the fifteen-minute lesson the class breaks up into small discussion groups. These groups of not more than six people are led by lay people in the church who are dynamic Christians. These people must be hand picked for the job. They are selected because of their awareness of what is happening in the life of a college student. Under this program the student has a wonderful opportunity to be helped by mature leadership as he moves from the inherited faith which he may have brought with him to school to an acquired faith of his own.

With a strong College Parent Program and Sunday school hour working effectively, the church will find that more and more of its young people will want to join the fellowship of the

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church. In most cases it is unwise for the college student to transfer his membership from his home church. He needs this tie which binds him to his heritage during these crucial years of his life. Therefore, a *Student Membership Program can be instituted*. The Student Membership Program allows the student to keep his membership in his home church while he is afforded most of the privileges of membership in his college church.

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

When the student asks to become a student member, several requirements may be placed before him. First, he should attend regular sessions of the Membership Class. Second, the student is made aware of the fact that he is expected to participate in one significant aspect of the church's ministry. This usually appeals to the student, for young people are asserting that they are a part of today's church and do not want to be referred to as "the leaders of tomorrow." In a day in which the student voice of protest is being raised in regard to civil rights and foreign policy, we need the insight which young people can give us.

In order that the student might live at the burning center of the church, he may serve in significant positions. You may wish to consider having college students serve on your Diaconate, on your Board of Christian Education, and on your Church Council. I think that you will find that this program may arouse the enthusiasm of the entire church as they see competent young people fuse their lives into "The Company of the Committed!" But remember: They *are* the church.

A FRIEND TO STUDENTS

Let me mention one further word to pastors who have the unique opportunity to care for these young people. One cardinal rule must be emphasized. Your friendship must be given unconditionally to the students. If as pastors we think that we are ministering to young people solely by a pulpit ministry, we are greatly deceived. *The effectiveness of our pulpit ministry will normally parallel our effectiveness as a friend to young people.* We need to

be seen with these young people where they live. Visit with the fellows in their dorm rooms. Talk with the students over a coke in the Student Union. Take an interest in their football team, debate squad, and social events. If you do this, they will soon learn to trust you, and you will become a friend with whom they can share their fears and hopes.

If your church is witnessing to a campus community, you are most fortunate, for you hold within your hands the keys to challenge your young people in the ways of the Master!

HARD LESSONS IN AFRICA

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asionally, and to wash the dishes before using them again, even if you are tired. At another time, she had commented that the women's meetings taught her that all children are important. The custom had been to neglect the older child when the next one arrived. That is dying out.

We also see a paradox in one of our Mohammedan friends. As a rule, the Mohammedans do not socialize with other groups of people. They have so steadfastly refused to send their children to school that the government now offers them free education as an inducement. Hamedu, however, is different. All the villagers seem to be friendly with him. Since I have come to Belo, he has stopped in to visit many times when he is passing through this way. He knows all the former Belo missionaries and is concerned about their present situation. He listens raptly to Bible stories.

Whenever there is a special activity in Belo Church, whether a wedding, baptism, or filmstrip showing, he is likely to be present. His two boys walk one and a half hours a day to attend Belo School. He has also been seen dancing juju. During the month of Mohammedan fasting, he talked of how difficult it is to follow God. Which God? He says "God," not "Allah." As a king among his own people, he will certainly have difficulties if he does decide truly to follow our Lord Jesus Christ. But with Christ's help, he would also be able to face these difficulties wisely and with a calm heart.



The flag raising ceremony at Beaver Creek Camp, Colorado was one of the highlights each day as the Spanish youth learned reverence for the flag and opened their hearts to the saving truths of God's Word.

Camp Adventures in Colorful Colorado

Twenty-six Spanish-named youth of the San Luis Valley, Colorado attend a Christian camp for the first time in their lives and experience an encounter with Christ high in the Rocky Mountains.

By Missionary H. Ahrens
of Monte Vista, Colorado

CAMP! That is a magic word of excitement and adventure. That is what it means to the typical middle class American. To the Spanish-named and economically impoverished youth in the San Luis Valley of Colorado camp it is merely an interesting word coming from the world of imagination and dreams. The actual adventure of camp is something virtually unknown. As a "forgotten people" they are never considered for such programs because they cannot afford such an experience.

However, through the definite leading of God, the impossible became a reality on our Spanish American misfield in Colorado.

It all began when a local Community Church, indirectly affiliated with the Methodists, approached your missionaries and asked if we would like to direct a camp for the Spanish-named youth of the San Luis Valley. They as a church were willing to provide the facilities, cooks and food. They expressed the feeling of their church of an awareness of the mission field here at home. Realizing this, they wished to participate with us in fulfilling the spiritual responsibility that we as Christians have to these people.

GOD REMOVES OBSTACLES

We saw here a tremendous challenge, and became quite enthused about the possibilities of contact, involvement and evangelism. But quite frankly we were afraid. The task and promise were large if we accepted, but failure could be equally as large. We were fearful of the type of young people who might come. We were even worried that no one would come. The type of program we would need to

prepare to appeal to meet the needs of campers was a perplexing one. We were uncertain of the response and cooperation of the denomination; we were uncertain about the needed staff. On top of all these problems and worries was fitting the camp into our already busy summer schedule.

In spite of all these obstacles, the Lord kept meeting one challenge after another until all doubts and objections were removed and our camp became a reality!

The first obstacle to the realization of our camp involved the campers themselves. Our own groups were so small that even combined they would not make a worthwhile camp. Therefore we had to draw from the entire community—a community that is 95 per cent Roman Catholic. Parents would object to sending their children for fear that we would make them



Paul Michelson, one of the staff workers, conducts a brief devotional for the campers as he stands "at the cross" which serves as an impressive worship center.

Baptists. In a sense this was true, but our primary goal was to introduce them to Christ and lead them to know him in intimate personal fellowship. Many young people did come because the Lord sent them. Of the 26 campers themselves, 20 were non-Baptists. They were a brave group because they were entering into a new and foreign world, into the unexpected.

THE VANDALS OF LARIAT

It was also a problem to note some of the young people who might want to come. Foremost was a group of 5 to 7 boys, ages 12 to 15, who have been called the "Vandals of Lariat," the Spanish American section of Monte Vista. These boys have broken our church windows, defaced the walls and doors of the church and interrupted meetings. These fellows all wanted to come to camp. We did take three of them; fortunately the others were too old. If they had all come as a team, they would have created general havoc in the camp. Actually we were thrilled to have those who came because it gave us a good way to show, through patience and love, the difference that the Gospel had made in us.

In the matter of staff the Lord again provided. For a time it appeared that Rev. David Keiry and myself were going to be the only staff members. No one else seemed to be available, either from our denomination or the local churches. But we went ahead boldly and planned as though we were going to have adequate personnel. This faith was rewarded.

First one young lady informed us that her holiday was coming up and she was willing to give this time to our camp. Then some of our own young people who had planned to be working

found that their jobs would not start until after camp had ended. In other cases the parents changed their vacation time. A slight delay over the call of a summer worker from the denomination was finally worked out and Mr. Paul Michelson of La Salle, Colorado came to fill the last worker gap in our staff.

We ended up with a staff of five Spanish and seven non-Spanish teacher-counselors and assistants. The dedication and commitment to the Lord of every member of our staff made our camp a wonderful success. So finally all of our technical difficulties were solved and we were off to camp—beautiful Beaver Creek Camp high in the Rocky Mountains!

BEAVER CREEK CAMP

Many of you have had camp experience. What do you think the first thing our Spanish-named youngsters wanted to do in camp? While we were still registering the campers, a few boys came up and said, "Mister Reverend Ahrens, (this became and still is my title to them) Mister Reverend Ahrens, can we take a shower?" I voiced no objection; so off to the showers they went. Before bed that first night almost all of the boys had taken at least three showers. The popular phrase became "a shower every hour!"

The program of the camp centered around the idea of cell groups. With an adequate staff we had four small study groups with five to six campers in each. This was a wonderful way to operate providing for full participation and thus making it easier to maintain discipline and giving opportunity for close contact with each camper. Thus we were able to introduce them quietly and meaningfully to Christ.

The theme of our camp was "Outdoors with Christ," and we were amazed at how vitally interested the campers were in exploring nature itself. All of our classes were held in the woods and by the river. They wanted to go hiking, collect leaves, flowers, bugs, anything. Their collecting fad kept the handwork teacher running in a merry circle to help them set their findings in displays.

My group of 10 to 13 year old boys found a quiet little spot near the river in the midst of tall trees. Here we created an outdoor chapel atmosphere. Here we had our morning devotions, our Bible study, and from here we set out on our little exploratory trips. We would return again to marvel at our findings and then we would relate the same to the Word of God and our growth in him. Truly, it was "Outdoors with Christ."

We also had another interesting complication. Usually in any group of this size, there are a few with some musical talent. At least the group can sing. But not so with our campers. Not one of them could carry a tune. Still we found that they loved to sing even though they were singing incorrectly. Several groups of young people did "special" numbers for us. Talent



Veronica Gauna proudly displays the things she has collected and identified on some of the exploratory trips into the woods.

they lacked, but the spirit in which they sang was indicated by the loud applause they received. We as a staff adjusted to them and we all had a wonderful time "making a joyful noise unto the Lord."

PERSONAL EVANGELISM

One of the main objectives of a program of this nature is to introduce young people to Christ and lead them to a decision for him. Our evening speakers, who were nearby Baptist pastors, to whom we are indebted, made stirring appeals to the campers. But there was no response. Instead there was no end of disturbance and distraction. But the patience and calmness of our speakers was eventually rewarded. By the end of camp, not only were the campers quiet, but they were listening.

Since there was no response to public appeal, evangelism was on the personal contact level, and this is really where it should be. Every unbeliever was challenged to accept Christ and seven young people responded. In the case of those who did not respond, we



Rev. David Keiry, missionary (right), talks to a small group at camp about the truths of God's Word in an earnest effort to introduce these Spanish young people to Christ as Savior

felt that we were not communicating. Remember this, we were working with youth with different cultural experiences. This meant that even though they all spoke English, their usage and vocabulary were limited and different. Therefore when speaking of the things of the Bible, we were speaking in a foreign language. We also found that they might grasp an idea in isolation, but were unable to relate that idea to the whole.

There are a few experiences we would like to share with you, for by their very simplicity they have thrilled our hearts.

THREE SPANISH CAMPERS

The first was a very shy girl; that she even came to camp was a miracle. She just did not talk to anyone. She had come to our Vacation School in Monte Vista and to a party, but on those occasions she had seldom said a word. During camp she blossomed out and on a few occasions became almost as noisy as the rest. On dealing with her regarding salvation her response was a mere "Uh huh." This is hardly what we are accustomed to recognize as a salvation experience, but it was a response after which she was different. Even today, though in a sense she has gone back into her former shell of shyness created by her home environment, we see that she is changed from before. Her very words of greeting are a sign of the change which Christ alone can bring.

Washing dishes was used for the purpose of discipline and the "K. P." line was always full. It wasn't until somewhat later that we found out that they enjoyed doing dishes. The same applied to morning cabin clean up. The campers would vie with one another to do the sweeping. Actually we found out that they were the greatest little helpers. They craved our love and attention and reciprocated by wanting to do little jobs.

We had one real rascal—for an underprivileged and undernourished 14
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The 7th Laymen's Family Conference

This was one of the most unusual and the best of the conferences in the series with 275 people wonderfully blessed of God who were present for some of the days or throughout the Conference week.

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

THE BEAUTIFUL Baptist Assembly grounds at Green Lake, Wisconsin and the 7th Laymen's Family Conference added an exciting chapter to the spiritual pilgrimage of 275 North American Baptists who were in attendance for part of the time or for the entire week, July 17 to 24. One of the laymen said toward the close of the conference: "I've grown several inches in my Christian life because of this closer walk with God!" It was an experience like "climbing Jacob's ladder," reaching new heights in spiritual understanding and awareness of God's glory.

DELIGHTFUL SURPRISES

The surprises of the Laymen's Family Conference were many, so that this conference can be described as having been one of "the most unusual and the best" of the past 18 years. The Parma Heights Church of Parma (Cleveland), Ohio sent a large delegation of 70 people. A choir of about 40 voices was molded into a outstanding Conference Choir (see front cover picture) that was constantly in demand. Everything you could think of or ask for in recreation was provided. The program was outstanding, with the result that people asked why the same messages or reports could not be given in every church of the denomination. Offerings of the conference amounted to more than \$400, making it possible for Baptist Men to meet all bills and to make a generous contribution to their mis-

GREETINGS TO THE LAYMEN'S FAMILY CONFERENCE

By Dr. Peter Fehr, Bansa Baptist Hospital, Cameroon, Africa

"As you fellowship together at Green Lake, we pray that the Holy Spirit might kindle in your hearts anew a burning desire to be used by God in your place of service. We see the needs on every hand here for dedicated Christian leaders, completely yielded to God, and we know that this is also true in our churches in North America. We pray also that your concern for the growing churches in the Cameroons may increase. Mission candidates and money will always limit our outreach, but as you are truly concerned, others in our churches will feel the concern also. This concern will allow God to speak to many hearts to yield their lives for his service and for others to return a larger portion of their material blessings for his use."

July 3, 1965 (Date of Letter).

sion project, the Peter Fehr Fund.

The Conference was guided ably and enthusiastically by Stan Johnson, president, and Fred Paul, vice president of Baptist Men. But the success of a conference like this depends greatly on the team work and on the willingness of volunteers to respond to the requests that are made of them. This fine cooperation and harmonious team work were the outcropping of the challenging theme: "God's Call—Laborers for the Harvest."

It didn't take long for the Conference group to feel that "wonderful things were in store for them." On Saturday night, July 17, the Parma Heights Church group, under the leadership of Myron Kronenberger led the Fellowship Hour in the William Carey Hall. These ties of fellowship that encircled the group on Saturday night were drawn tighter throughout the ensuing week.

AN EVENTFUL WEEKEND

Sunday, July 18, was "a great day in the Lord." Harold B. Johns of Oak Park, Ill., served as the general superintendent of the Sunday school hour, introducing the several classes for young people taught by Prof. Gerald L. Borchert and for adults taught by Rev. Clarence Walth. The worship service was another glorious walk with God as the congregation sang, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," and the Christian Fellowship Chorus of Chicago's Foster Ave. Church, directed by Dr. Herbert Pankratz, sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "Men of Valor." Miss Luanne Fuchs of the teaching staff at Redlands University in California served with distinction at the piano. The morning sermon of Rev. H. J. Waltereit of the Ridgemont Church, East Detroit, Mich., brought the challenge of Jesus' words to everyone present: "I sent you to reap" (John 4:38). As we looked out upon "the waving fields of grain," through the words of the speaker, we became aware that those who heed "the law of the harvest" will also experience the unspeakable "joys of the harvest."

Sunday afternoon was enjoyed by all on several bus trips around the 1200 acres of the American Baptist Assembly, becoming acquainted with the Baptist history associated with many places on the grounds, such as Judson Tower, Chapel Car Grace, Rauschenbusch Hall and the Charles Haddon Spurgeon Chapel, and strolling reflectively and reverently through the wooded groves.

On Sunday evening the first of several laymen's testimonies was given by Dr. William Volkman of Wheaton, Illinois. As a Christian lawyer he stressed the importance of "stewardship in depth as well as in life" by making a will and setting your house in order.

The message by Rev. Clarence H. Walth of the Chicago's Foster Avenue Church was both thought provoking and spiritually illuminating. In speaking on "The Image of God", Mr. Walth stressed the fact that man's thought about God and his relationship to God are the greatest things to enter a man's mind and therefore the Chris-

tian's goal must be the fulness of the stature of Christ (Eph. 4:14-15).

PROF. GERALD L. BORCHERT

But the blessings of Sunday only pointed to new heights of inspiration to be reached throughout the week. Professor Gerald L. Borchert of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in his daily Bible studies on "Great Themes from John," held the attention of his audience with spellbound fascination and led young and old alike into "green pastures" of appreciation of God's revelation and truth. He made the Bible live with contemporary power. Like a prophet of old, Professor Borchert used the two edged sword of the Spirit to penetrate the minds and hearts of his listeners. With informal paraphrasing of Bible passages, he underscored the eternal truths of God with their application to everyday life.

Prof. Borchert dealt with such themes as *Knowledge* (John 1:1-18)—for to believe in his Name is to believe in his Nature; *Life and Light* (John 4:7-42)—when a man has the new life in Christ, then he will have the real light; *Judgment* (John 3)—the whole life of Jesus is that which divides the right from wrong; *Signs* (John 5:1-18 and 11:5-27)—the greatest sign of Christianity is the empty Cross; and *Passion and Resurrection* (John 13 and 20:19-30)—Thomas' confession "My Lord and my God" is the greatest confession in the church to challenge every layman of today.

Missions was a highlight of the week. Rev. John N. Nfor, executive secretary of the Cameroon Baptist Convention, described the burning needs in Africa on Monday evening. Rev. G. Ben Lawrence challenged his listeners to take five important steps in improving our missionary program. Miss Geraldine Glasenapp, who had just returned from Cameroon, was present throughout the week for consultation and personal fellowship.

CYRIL PETCH OF ENGLAND

A "firebrand" of the week was Mr. Cyril Petch, general secretary of the Baptist Men's Movement in the British Baptist Union. His message on Tuesday evening, "God and Us!" was a stirring call for all laymen to witness faithfully to Christ. He and our Conference group seemed to fall in love with each other so that he joined us on several evenings for singspiration and fellowship.

On Thursday evening, Dr. A. Dale Ihrle of Grosse Pointe, Mich., and the moderator of our General Conference, spoke on "The Relationship of the Pastor and the Deacon" in a heart to heart, stirring message with many practical suggestions. (See page 14).

A joint meeting was held on Thursday evening at Pillsbury Hall with the American Baptist Men's Conference and addressed by Dr. Albert Gernenz of Springfield, Illinois, the Baptist secretary of Illinois. Our Laymen's Family Chorus, directed by Mrs. Herbert Pankratz, distinguished itself with



Leaders of the Laymen's Family Conference

Left to right: Prof. Gerald L. Borchert, M. L. Leuschner, Stan Johnson, A. Dale Ihrle, Lincoln S. Love, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Guenther, Rev. John N. Nfor, Frank H. Woyke, Fred Paul, H. J. Waltereit and Mrs. Herbert Pankratz.

several wonderful songs that highlighted this program.

Interest and enthusiasm were still pitched high on Friday evening as Rev. David J. Draewell of Forest Park, Ill., spoke on "The Cost of Harvest" calling for a personal commitment by every layman "to count the cost" of his discipleship.

DR. WOYKE'S PRESENTATION

Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, challenged the conference to see "Our Denomination in Action" as he laid the burden of responsibility in areas of denominational life and especially in missions upon every heart. The spontaneous response was almost electrifying: "Can't this message be reproduced somehow for every North American Baptist to hear? Now I'm proud to be a member of this conference!"

The brief evening testimonies were heart to heart talks by some of our devoted laymen. Irwin Obergefell of Chicago described what Christ meant to him as a businessman. Dr. Harry Hall of Parma Heights, Ohio in his personal life story told how God has had a hand in his life all the way. Owen Gering of Wausau, Wis., revealed God's marvelous answers to prayer in his life. Lincoln Love of Erie, Pa., gave us his spiritual autobiography that moved many hearts to tears on Friday evening.

But these are only a few of the never ending spiritual delights of this week. Especially unforgettable were the devotional periods, led by Stan Johnson of Tacoma, Wash., Fred Paul of St. Paul, Minn., Gerhard G. Panke of Buffalo, N. Y., Clint West of Wau-

sau, Wis., and Ted Hirsch of Minneapolis, Minn.

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

The audience responded vigorously to the daily panel discussions that dealt with God's call, the recruitment of young people for Christian service, the importance of training in Christian service and our denominational goals in higher education. The chairmen of these panels—Edwin H. Marklein, Carl H. Jenkins, Mrs. Hollis Barber and Mr. Alvin Quiring—and the panel members are to be congratulated on a job that was "well done."

The fellowship of the days was informally delightful. Mr. Lincoln Love, conference announcer, had a wonderful knack of making this "a family conference." Many happy events were celebrated during the week—Lincoln Love's birthday; three wedding anniversaries of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hirsch (27th anniversary), Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Bergatt (26th) and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Steinmetz (49th); and the first public announcement of the engagement of a couple at the Conference.

Music in a variety of forms and of an unusually high quality contributed greatly to the success of the conference. Mrs. Herbert Pankratz of Chicago, Ill., organized a Conference Choir of about 40 voices (see front cover picture) and trained them into a harmonious group that rendered 12 to 15 selections. Among the several soloists was Mrs. Louis Winkelman of Kenosha, Wis. Even Professor Borchert sang "How Great Thou Art" at one of the evening singspirations. More than a score of people rendered solo,

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The official photograph of the Laymen's Family Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin. These were the conference people who stayed for the entire eventful week. Many others (not shown) attended the week end sessions or came for one day only.

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Testimonies by North American Baptists who attended the 7th Laymen's Family Conference at Green Lake, Wis., July 17 to 24, and returned home with treasures of Christian joy.

IT WAS A SUCCESSFUL AND ENLIGHTENING CONFERENCE

By Stan Johnson
of Tacoma, Washington
President of "Baptist Men"

THE Laymen's Family Conference held at Green Lake, Wisconsin was more than we anticipated. We were thrilled at meeting and making new friends from all across the United States and Canada. We especially enjoyed the time we spent with the young people who were in attendance. Rev. John Nfor, Mr. Cyril Petch and all our denominational leaders added flavor and interest to the conference. We deeply appreciated the co-operation of all the many individuals who had a part in making the conference a success. The spirit of co-operation was a wonderful and blessed experience. We as a family went away from the conference delighted in this new experience. We will never forget the enriching and enlightening teaching ministry of Prof. G. Borchert of our Seminary faculty.

Altogether we have determined to encourage others from the Pacific Conference churches to come with us to the next Laymen's Family Conference in 1968.

THE BLESSINGS OF THE LAYMEN'S FAMILY CONFERENCE

By Norman L. Wolfe
of Detroit, Michigan

THE Green Lake experience will undoubtedly be the highlight of 1965! Even before we left the Assembly grounds, Mrs. Wolfe and I were voicing this opinion. This year was her first occasion to share in the Laymen's Family Conference and she is positive we will be returning.

The Laymen's Conference was outstanding to me for two reasons. First, it afforded an opportunity temporarily to lay aside the concerns of business and the hurried pace of everyday living fully to concentrate on my relationship with God. And where could one find a more appropriate place to meet and talk with him, study his Word, and generally be uplifted spiritually than at beautiful Green Lake? The morning devotional and Bible study time is the ideal approach for the beginning of a day.

Secondly, the warm-hearted fellowship with North American Baptists and their families is to me personally a most enjoyable segment of the week. I truly give thanks to God for again being permitted to share in the blessings of the Laymen's Family Conference.

TIMELY SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN PASTORS AND LAYMEN

From the Message by Dr. A. Dale Ihrie at the Laymen's Family Conference, Green Lake, Wisconsin

1. We must permit each other to be ourselves—not demand that we conform to a pattern in order to satisfy the desire for a proper or acceptable "image."
2. We must never criticize nor downgrade one another, except under one condition: privately, face to face.
3. We must aim for high standards but not expect too much of each other—remembering that we are all sinners, not angels. We must learn to live with each other's weaknesses and faults.
4. We must make sure of our incentive—the love of Christ constraineth us. (YOU will never serve long nor happily if what you do is done to satisfy men).
5. We must find our fellowship based on our mutual love for God and his Word—not necessarily on similar tastes or cultural customs.
6. We must pray together! (Note: it is our feeling that a joint Pastors' and Laymen's Conference would be profitable. The experience of being together for at least one such period of playing, praying and counselling with one another would increase the ease and joy with which we labor in our churches).

OUR SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT AT GREEN LAKE

By Fred Zilke
of Winnipeg, Manitoba

MUCH HAS been said and reported in our denominational periodicals about the Laymen's Family Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin. Dr. M. L. Leuschner has done a marvelous job in advertising the conference, but words fail to do justice to those magnificent grounds. Words cannot do justice to the spiritual blessings one receives by attending such a conference.

My wife and I have been spiritually enriched by the songs, testimonies, panel discussions, sermons, and last but not least by the Bible studies from the Gospel of John by Professor Gerald L. Borchert, "Great Themes from John." These have all contributed to a closer walk with God.

To fully understand what the writer tries to say, one must attend such a conference, and once you have attended you will surely say, "I'll be there at the next conference." The fellowship

in the dining hall and outside on the grounds will not be forgotten either.

A CLOSER WALK WITH GOD

By Mr. Theodore Meisch
of Streeter, North Dakota

THE Laymen's Family Conference at Green Lake, Wis., has been a "mountaintop experience" for me and my family, away from the troubles and trials of the everyday walk of life. It is in an environment such as this that one truly has time to realize "the closer walk with God" to which the grounds are dedicated. At the conference we also had the privilege to enjoy close fellowship with other Christians from all over the United States and even Canada. The Bible studies, devotional hours and worship services were most inspiring. One of the great highlights was the wonderful music we were able to enjoy. If one can enjoy music like this here on earth, what must the Song of Heaven be like? One is inclined to say with the Apostle Peter in Matthew 17:4, "Lord, it is good for us to be here."

FRIENDLY PEOPLE AND SMILING FACES

By Mr. R. G. Kittlitz
of Waco, Texas

WHAT impressed me most at the Laymen's Family Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, was that all those who came, including their families, enjoyed the wonderful Christian fellowship, because everybody was friendly and was rewarded with smiling faces. I never saw or heard any grumbling or complaining, and I think that is something to be thankful for. Of course, the Program Committee is to be congratulated for the variety of numbers they had arranged. To me the Bible Study hours were priceless. Thanks to God for Professor Borchert! Every preacher on the program was very good in delivering their sermons with special subjects to help all of us to live a better Christian life.

Except for a couple of days, the weather was extra cool and to us Texans that was a treat. My wife and daughter Linda will tell everybody in the Southern Conference what a nice place Green Lake is to spend a vacation in July 1968, since all the time every afternoon is reserved for recreation.

In addition, all the special music and congregational singing were good and uplifting, because the leaders showed a great interest in music wherewith to praise God!

● Rev. and Mrs. Harold F. Lang, missionaries at Great Soppo, Cameroon, have announced the birth of a daughter on June 16 who has been named Sharon Kay.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Prince George, British Columbia has extended a call to Rev. Waldeman Ertis of Kitchener, Ontario. He has replied favorably, stating that he would begin his ministry in the Prince George church on Sept. 1st, succeeding Rev. Walter K. Schroedter, now of Vernon, B. C. Mr. Ertis has been the pastor of the Salem Baptist Church, Kitchener, Ontario since 1961.

● The Osoyoos Baptist Church at Osoyoos, British Columbia has extended a call to Mr. Eberhard Hees who graduated from the Theological Department of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta., in May 1965. He has accepted the call and began his ministry in the Osoyoos Church on July 18. The previous pastor was Mr. Eric P. Berg who devoted only part of his time to this ministry at the Osoyoos church.

● The Paul Baptist Church, Paul, Idaho held its annual Father-Son Banquet on Sunday afternoon, July 11. State Patrolman Charles Peugh served as the guest speaker. Mr. George Dean was honored as the oldest father, Mr. Leonard Schafer as the youngest father, and Mr. Dave Kraus as the father with the most children, among others. On July 18 the church held its annual picnic at Burly Salman Park, as reported by Mrs. Don Coker.

● Phyllis Kurzweg is the first Sunday school scholar in the Riverview Baptist Church, West St. Paul, Minn., to complete the requirements of the denominational Scripture Memory program and to receive the nine year memory award. She is also active in the Sunday school work and Senior High CBYF. Phyllis has also served as an assistant teacher in the Vacation Bible School, August 9-20. Rev. Harold E. Weiss is pastor of the church.

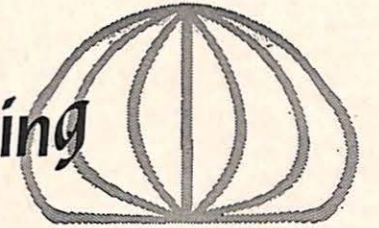
● The First Baptist Church of Corona, S. Dak., and the pastor, Rev. L. D. Potratz, presented the "Morning Devotions" over radio station KWAJ recently. Dr. Ernest Zimbleman of the Cameroon mission field in Africa brought a message and showed pictures on a Thursday evening in July with the Senior CBYF in charge. The church has ordered 60 copies of the new devotional quarterly, "Moments With God."

● Miss Ruth Rabenhorst of Watertown, Wis., missionary nurse in Cameroon, Africa until illness necessitated her return to the United States almost a year ago, has been making a remarkable recovery. Since the early part of March she has been resting at her mother's residence in Watertown, Wis. She has now been released by her doctor so that she could begin her midwifery course at Hyden, Kentucky on August 24. This is a six month's course.

● Seven new members were received into the membership of the Snowview Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio on August 1st. During the same month several missionary programs were held. Rev. and Mrs. John Mark Hill of Venezuela, South America described their mission field on Sunday, August 8. Miss Ruth Rabenhorst, missionary nurse in Cameroon, Africa, spoke at the church services on August 22. On Sunday evening, August 29, Rev. G. Ben Lawrence, Cameroon missionary, was the guest speaker. Rev. W. C. Damrau is pastor of the church.

● Rev. Charles Wagner of Portland, Oregon, aged 76, was called to his heavenly Home on July 10. He served faithfully in six pastorates: Watertown, Wis. (1917-1922); Ellinwood, Kansas (1922-1927); La Salle, Colo. (1927-1929); Marion, Kansas (1929-1932); Okeene, Okla. (1932-1939); and Linton, N. Dak. (1939-1942). In 1942 he and his family moved to Portland, Oregon and became members of the Immanuel Baptist Church. Four children survive. The memorial tribute will appear in the next issue of the "Baptist Herald."

what's happening



● Mr. August Freudenberg of Palos Verdes Estates, Calif., one of the charter members and pioneer workers of the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church, Inglewood, Calif., founded in 1886, passed away on Tuesday, July 27th, one week before his 102nd birthday. The funeral service and interment were held on July 30th at the Pacific Crest Cemetery Mausoleum, with the pastor, Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt, officiating. The obituary will appear in the next issue of "The Baptist Herald."

● Rev. F. W. Bartel of Imperial Beach, Calif., was called home to glory at 74 years of age. He served the following NAB churches: Salt Creek Church, Dallas, Oregon, 1917-1922; Sheboygan, Wis., 1922-1926; Ingersoll, Okla., 1926-1928; Dallas, Texas, 1928-1931; Fredericksburg, Texas, 1931-1935; Avon S. Dak., 1935-1941. From 1941-1947 Mr. Bartel served as the evangelist for the Dakota Conference and as general denominational evangelist. For some years he and his wife had been living in California.

● Friday evening, August 13th, was the occasion of a beautiful Christ-honoring wedding at the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., when Victor James Gunst and Ruth Ann Goetz were united in holy wedlock. Dr. J. C. Gunst, the father of the groom, officiated with Rev. D. N. Miller assisting. Victor Gunst is attending the NAB Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., this fall. Recent distinguished visitors at Faith Church of Minneapolis, where Rev. John Nfor, Executive Secretary of the Cameroon Baptist Convention; three Cameroonian college students studying in the States; Miss Geraldine Glasenapp, on furlough from Cameroon; and the Christian Training Institute male quartet, as reported by Mrs. Flora H. Woyke.

MY PARISH—A MISSILE AIR-DEFENSE UNIT

Chaplain Clinton E. Grenz, one of 5 NAB pastors serving as chaplains in the U. S. Armed Forces West Germany from East Germany near the border stands the American soldier ever watching and guarding against hostile aggression by the Communists.

Part of this military defense is composed of the Air-Defense system which is my parish. The task is challenging, and the mission is demanding. The men stand ever alert for any possible attack. As I travel from site to site, visit in the homes of the families, and conduct the worship services in the chapel and on the sites, I am constantly reminded of the dire need to proclaim a living and all-comprehensive Christ who is Lord and Savior to the men and their families.

Many of the soldiers are full of anxieties, frustrations, and uncertainties. Yet as the Gospel of Jesus Christ is proclaimed in word and deed, we see the power of the Gospel transforming men and women who respond graciously to the call of God.

Your servicemen need your prayers and letters of encouragement. They are a product of your church and reflect your compassion and love for a sinsick world. Our Lord has sent your servicemen as missionaries into the uttermost parts of the world to represent and proclaim the Gospel.

If they feel alone they may become discouraged, but if they know you are supporting them they will do their tasks.

May the Lord of harvest continue to send his laborers into the harvest fields to reap the harvest that is ripe unto harvest.

From the Professor's Desk

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

Have you observed any new developments recently in the Protestant-Catholic dialogue?

As might be expected, there are divergent viewpoints with regard to the ongoing developments in the Protestant-Catholic dialogue, and that is the case on both sides of the fence. Optimistic and pessimistic attitudes are present in both camps, and they are not easily identified with the theological liberals on the one hand and the conservatives on the other.

AN APPARENT CHANGING CLIMATE

It is apparent that some scholars have changed or modified their attitudes in the past few years. For example, the prominent conservative Dutch professor, G. C. Berkouwer, seems to have become much more optimistic over the changing climate within the Roman Catholic Church since the sessions of the Second Vatican Council, as is evidenced by a comparison of his 1958 book *Conflict with Rome* and his 1965 book *The Second Vatican Council and the New Catholicism* (Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, \$5.95). Berkouwer's opinions carry a great deal of weight, since he is regarded as one of the best informed and qualified theologians and participants in the present Catholic-Protestant dialogue.

Berkouwer has underscored the now well-known fact that the Roman Church is not some solidly united monolithic organization which operates with uniformity and harmony throughout. There are unmistakable signs of tensions which have become acute since the Second Vatican Council. Serious internal problems and struggles are going on within the church. It is now readily admitted that repentance, humility, renewal and sanctification are needed; the Church must *serve* the world as did the Savior, not *rule* it.

There can be no change in doctrine according to Roman Catholic theology, but what is remarkable in the current development is the distinction between the inheritance of the faith itself (the truths contained in holy doctrine) and the way in which the faith is formulated (the particular way the substance of doctrine has been expressed). It has even been admitted by some authorities that certain formulations of the truth could have, for various reasons, actually occasioned misunderstandings of the truth itself and are therefore subject to correction and revision.

In addition to the above considerations, Berkouwer states, "Everyone must agree that the personal relations between Roman and Protestant men have undergone a radical change, a change whose potential should not be

CAMP ADVENTURES

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year old boy I do not know where he got all his energy. He seemed to enjoy tormenting the younger campers. For his misbehavior, he was assigned "K. P." duty regularly. Nothing seemed to be reaching him.

Well, one morning our rascal dashed up to me saying, "Hey! Mister Reverend Ahrens, I let Jesus come into my heart." I replied, "Wonderful! When did you do that?" He said, "Oh, I decided to do it last night before I went to sleep"—and off he dashed to play. This was his manner of confession to a number of us. His decision did not change him from being a rascal, but to an extent it did change his circle of friends and his attendance at services since camp has been quite regular.

The last instance to report was a precious one. This 14 year old boy, like many of the campers, was very very shy. But in his shyness he could still rebel against order. One afternoon during the rest period, I had to intervene to put him in his place. Much to my surprise a few hours later during the sports time, we met on the field and began to discuss the things of Christ. His was a prepared heart and leading him to the Lord was easy.

GOD'S ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

His comment was somewhat as follows. "I thought I had to do something and I didn't know what. Sure, I want Jesus to come into my heart." He invited Christ in, said a word of thanks and that was it!

It is the aftermath of such decisions which proves their reality. Later I found out that he went that evening to his camper friends and also to a friend teacher to tell of what had happened. This teacher reported that this boy came up to her very shyly and began his confession with the wonderful words, "I've got a secret. Do you know what it is?" Then he went on to tell what had happened.

Imagined camp problems and conflicts pertaining to personalities and adjustments were found to be no different than those faced among any group of people no matter what their class, color or creed. All activities then operated smoothly, at least as smoothly as can be expected with a total group of 40 persons. The Lord did bless abundantly.

Our hearts continue to go out to these Spanish-named people who are both culturally and spiritually deprived. The Lord has called us to minister but responses are so very slow. To talk of Christ at times is easy enough, but to lead them to *decide* for Christ sometimes seems impossible. Yet for the sake of these three mentioned, our time here is worthwhile and there will be more.

Those of you who share in this ministry can rejoice with us and with the angels in heaven as "one" by "one" souls are brought to him.



A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 19, 1965

Theme: GROWING IN UNDERSTANDING AND PATIENCE

Scripture: Philippians 4:1-7; Colossians 3:12-15

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: We expect people to understand us rather than make the effort to understand others. We expect our friends to be patient with us, but we reserve the right to be righteously impatient with our friends.

INTRODUCTION: It seems strange that we should base our lesson on contents of a letter written by a man who was in prison. And yet, where would a person be apt to learn understanding and patience more realistically than in a jail where he is convinced that he is innocently imprisoned? He would have all the reason in the world to think about misunderstanding, injustice and impatience.

It is the people to whom Paul is writing, who should have joy, compassion and contentment because they are free to live a normal, carefree life. But somehow they could not appreciate their freedom because they lacked the necessary understanding and patience. They were unable to accept life as it was, even though their circumstances and privileges were far more conducive to freedom than those in which Paul found himself. They should have been writing encouraging letters to Paul; instead the apostle had to forget about his own prison experience and concern himself with the growth, or lack of growth, of the members of the Philippian church.

I. UNDERSTANDING IN TIME OF DISAGREEMENT. Philippians 4:1-3.

Paul expressed great joy in the progress of the Philippian church. It was his "joy and crown." But he was also concerned when there was misunderstanding and a lack of forbearance among the members. There was so much good in the church but the disagreement between the two women dampened the spiritual life of the congregation. We do not know the cause of the quarrel. Evidently they must have had some talent and leadership ability, and their strong personalities clashed over certain work in the church. Perhaps neither one of them wished to play "second fiddle." The apostle proves himself a good Christian diplomat and does not take sides with either of the women. The common ground of understanding was to be of the same mind in the Lord.

sunday school lessons

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II. PATIENCE IN PRAYER. Philippians 1:4-7.

To Paul it seemed that prayer and rejoicing were the twins which made for a happy Christian life. Although he was in prison, the prison was not in his heart. He continued to rejoice in the Lord always. He took his responsibilities seriously, but he was not over anxiously concerned about them because he was in the habit of taking everything to God in prayer. Paul did what he could, and what he couldn't do he let God do. Leaving all our burdens with God makes us light hearted but not hard hearted. It gives us more strength to do God's will. Jesus said his burden is light, and because it is light it is also the burden of peace.

III. LETTING GOD'S PEACE RULE THE HEART. Colossians 3:12-15.

In the letter to the Colossians Paul directs us to put on some new garments. But some old garments must first be discarded. Before you clothe yourself in kindness, you must take off the cloak of ugliness. Before you put on the cloak of humility, you must discard the cloak of pride. The garment of love cannot be put over the rags of hate. New clothes are custom tailored to fit the new man. Only then can the peace of God rule the heart, for then you will have true understanding and patience to take the place of misunderstanding and impatience.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Why is it so easy to grow impatient?
2. Are we more concerned in having people understand us than in trying to understand others?
3. How can we be joyful and peaceful and at the same time show concern for others?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 26, 1965

Theme: GROWING IN CHRISTIAN LOVE

Scripture: I John 4:7-21

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: God dwelling in us makes the love of God manifest to the world.

INTRODUCTION: No more fitting description of love was ever given than that which was expressed by Henry Drummond entitled, "The Greatest Thing in the World." It continues to be one of the most meaningful expositions on I Corinthians 13. D. L. Moody once said, "Many Christians take an occasional journey through I Corinthi-

ans 13 but Henry Drummond lived there."

The same can be said of John, the beloved disciple. In the gospels, according to all outward appearances, no one would have thought of John as a disciple of love. He already had a reputation that stuck with him up through childhood and into manhood. He was known as a "son of thunder."

John had an exploding temper. If there was an argument, he was at the center of it. If there was a debate, he was sure to be heard on the negative side. He was known to shed more heat than light on any subject. So violent was his temper that he was ready to call fire down from heaven in order to consume a Samaritan village which was inhospitable to Jesus (Luke 9:54). But the change in John, through the refining and sweetening influence of Jesus, worked such a wonder in his life that he outloved all of the other disciples. If you ask what Christ can do, then look at John.

I. GOD'S LOVE FOR US—OUR LOVE FOR OTHERS. I John 4:7-12.

It is interesting to note that the words "love" or "beloved" appear no less than 25 times in this short passage.

There are many virtues in which a Christian must grow but the most difficult of all seems to be love. It is the queen of all virtues, and he who has love has little difficulty in practicing the others. The "deeper life" meetings held in many churches are successful only to the degree in which the members have experienced deeper love.

When John emphasizes love, he does not exclude love toward unbelievers, but he is stressing, in particular, a loving spirit among Christians. When unbelievers see how believers love one another, then it will be easier to win them. This is where the strength of our testimony lies. Love is a very effective persuader.

The apostle also wants to make certain that his readers understand where love comes from. It does not begin with us. God loved us first, and he loved us when we were very unlovable. It was while we were yet sinners that Christ died for us.

II. FAITH IN GOD'S LOVE. I John 4:13-21.

The Christian has a feeling and a conviction of assurance. That conviction is the Holy Spirit dwelling within us. John saw Jesus, the Son of God. But seeing was not enough. He had to experience new life in Christ. Changed lives are unanswerable arguments to the Christian faith. The men in the

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Conference Sessions and Retreats

Reports of Regional Conference Sessions

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE, ELGIN, IOWA

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Elgin, Iowa was host to the 85th annual sessions of the Northwestern Conference, July 7-11. The conference theme, "Hope for a Time Like This," was based on Romans 5: 1-5. On the opening evening Rev. G. K. Zimmerman presented the keynote address, "The Holy Spirit, Our Agency—Of Hope." Missionary challenges were given by the Cameroon missionary, Ben Lawrence and by Pastor John Nfor, executive secretary of the Cameroon Baptist Convention. A large number of young people attended the weekend youth activities which included hiking and swimming at Backbone State Park and the Youth Banquet Saturday evening. Dr. J. C. Gunst, Central District secretary, gave the banquet address entitled "Commitment, Our Response to Hope."

The 1966 sessions of the conference will be hosted by the Bible Baptist Church of LaCrosse, Wis. Elected to offices were: Moderator—Elton Kirstein, Steamboat Rock, Iowa; Vice Moderator—Harm Sherman, Aplington, Iowa; Recording Secretary—LeRoy Kiemele, North Freedom, Wis.; Statistical Secretary—Bernard Fritzke, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Treasurer—Kenneth Miller, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; General Council Representative—Raymond Dickau, Parkersburg, Iowa; Alternate—G. W. Blackburn, Buffalo Center, Iowa; Mission Committee Representative—Milton Zeeb, Kenosha, Wis.; Layman—Myron Dudek, Milwaukee, Wis.; Christian Education Committee—(Children) Betty Zimmerman, Minnesota; (Youth) Dorothy Norman, Watertown, Wis.; (Adult) Paul Meister, Watertown, Wis.; Secretary—Wilfred Weick, Randolph, Minn.; Program Chairman—George W. Breitkreuz, Elgin, Iowa.

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE MEN'S RETREAT

THE SECOND annual Baptist Men's Retreat of the Atlantic Conference was held June 4-6 at the Four Brooks Bible Conference grounds near Pipersville, Pa. President Ralph Focht was the genial leader and organizer. Mr. John Emr, 1st Vice President and Mr. Thomas Keith, Secretary and Treasurer, rendered valuable assistance. The theme of the conference was: "Why Stand Ye Gazing?" On Friday evening Mr. Charles Milton led the men in a happy, spiritual get-together time.

On Saturday, Mr. Henry Schell, led the early morning devotions. Then Rev. John Grygo of Forest Park, Ill., delivered an appropriate message. During the evening worship service Mr.



Leaders and guest speakers at the Northwestern Conference held at Elgin, Iowa. Left to right: Rev. G. W. Breitkreuz, Rev. John N. Nfor, Missionary G. Ben Lawrence, Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, and Dr. J. C. Gunst.

Leon Sullivan, a well known, born again investment banker from Philadelphia, brought an expositional message based on Romans 9. A showing of a religious film and a late evening devotional meeting brought the blessed day to a close.

Early Sunday morning, Mr. Grygo spoke once more to an appreciative audience. All men attended the Sunday School session. Mr. Arthur Stucki was the teacher. During the worship service Mr. Sullivan spoke again. Mr. Robert Silva was the soloist of the hour. The presence of the risen Lord was especially experienced during the Lord's Supper celebration which followed the worship service. Rev. R. Nasshan officiated most solemnly. After dinner, a departing devotional hour was led by John Emr. He exhorted all to remain steadfast in the Lord. The offerings of the conference sessions were designated for our denominational mission work.—(John Grygo, Reporter).

SESSIONS OF DAKOTA CONFERENCE AT GRAND FORKS

THE 57th annual Dakota Conference in session at the Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak., June 16-20, centered around the theme, "The Joy of Thy Lord," based on Matt. 25: 21(b). Guest speakers included Mr. Henry Fluth, Dr. Leslie Chaffee, Dr. Richard Schilke and Dr. J. C. Gunst.

TITHING

"Tithing is just the recognition that we are committed to the work of Christ in all areas of life. Only in the church is so much done with so little. Only through the church is so much received for so little given."
—Richard K. Smith

The business sessions opened with 172 registered delegates. Highlights from the church reports revealed that there were 8 new pastors with 4 ordinations during the year. Two mission supported churches became self-supporting.

The Temple Baptist Church of Jamestown was received into the Dakota Conference as a member church upon the recommendation of the Recognition Council which had been held earlier. The request of withdrawal presented by the First Baptist Church of Jamestown last year was removed from the table and honored this year.

The newly elected officers are: Moderator, Rev. Willis Potratz; Vice Moderator, Mr. Herman Bleeker; Recording Secretary, Rev. Ray Hoffman; Statistical Secretary; Rev. Fred Fuchs; Mission Committee Member, Rev. Ronald Derman; Committee on Christian Education, Secretary and Adult Worker, Rev. Leon Bill; Youth Work, Mr. Dwight Enockson; and Children's Work, Miss Laverna Mehlhoff. The place of the 1966 sessions has been referred to the Executive Committee and will be announced at a later date.—(Walter L. Weber, Reporter).

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MANITOBA ASSOCIATION SESSIONS AT WINNIPEG. The Manitoba Baptist Association held its annual sessions at the Mission Baptist Church of Winnipeg from June 18 to 20. The Association had the privilege of hearing Rev. J. Grygo, editor of German publications, as the guest speaker. Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, Northern District secretary, and Mr. Wm. Rentz, returned missionary from Cameroon, also spoke. Rev. B. Voss, vice-moderator, acted as moderator during the meetings. Friday afternoon began the sessions with Mr. Grygo in a workshop, "The Christian in Our Evil Days"—(Eph. 5:6). The evening service heard Mr. Klaus Tonn, pastor of our Moosehorn Baptist Church, speak on "Our Walk in the Community." Rev. A. Sootzmann of Ochre River led the morning devotions Saturday morning beginning the business sessions of the day. Rev. B. Voss was elected moderator, Rev. H. Bushkowsky as vice-moderator, and Rev. H. Pohl as secretary-treasurer. The church reports of our Association were read revealing God's blessings upon us. The morning sessions were concluded by Mr. Grygo's message "Our Mission to Our Community." The evening service was served by Rev. D. Richter who spoke on "The Conflict Between Church and Community." On Sunday each church conducted services with the offerings going to our mission project. At 3:00 p.m. all gathered together at the McDermot Ave. Church for the closing program served by Rev. John E. Grygo. (Lawrence Wilkes, Reporter).

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special events

TEMPLE, MEDICINE HAT, ALTA.

On Sunday evening, June 13, the "Pilgrim Girls" and "Guides" of the Pioneer Girls Club of the Temple Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alta., gathered for an encampment at which time ranks and badges were presented to them. On June 24 we climaxed our meetings for the summer months with a Mother-Daughter supper. May the Lord bless the guides who spent much time planning and preparing the Bible stories, etc. Pray for the girls that they may be drawn closer to Jesus, and that the guides may not grow weary but look to Christ for guidance and help. (Emma Weber, Reporter).

EDENWOLD, SASK. Since Rev. A. Kliever left our church in Edenwold, Sask., at the end of April, we have become very small in membership. Some of our members have gone to Regina and some to Balgonie. We hold our regular Sunday morning worship services, and have a student from the Canadian Bible College of Regina serve us favorably. Mr. Russell Bayley is also gifted in music and able to support us in other duties. From July 12-16 we were able to hold our Vacation Bible School, with 36 children enrolled and 11 teachers and workers serving on the teaching staff. (Mrs. Isabella Brucker, Reporter).

BEATRICE, NEB. The Woman's Missionary Society of the West Side Baptist Church, Beatrice, Neb., presented a White Bible ceremony on Sunday evening, June 13, for Miss Vicki Brittain who became the bride of Mr. Nick Huston on June 27. A White Bible was presented to Miss Brittain to carry on her wedding day. The women taking part included Mrs. Denzel Perkins and Mrs. Delmer Messick. Rev. Chester Strobel sang, "O Perfect Love" and "Bless This House." Each woman told of a way the Bible could be used as they begin their Christian home and go on through their Christian life together. (Mrs. Daryl Hill, Reporter).

ST. JOSEPH, MICH. The First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich., recently named as its minister of music and youth, Robert Parks, a native of Wayland, Mich. Mr. Parks graduated from the Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music. He served one year as assistant minister of the Lewisville Baptist church in Lewisville, New Brunswick, Canada. While on the staff of Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music, he toured the southern states with a musical group, singing in a male quartet. During the summer months, Mr. Parks formerly was music



Pilgrim Girls of the Temple Church Medicine Hat, Alta.

Guides are in back row, center: Emma Weber, Forence Fauser (chief guide), and Virginia Jaster. (Molleen Kanewischer is not shown).

director of Romney Bible Conference in Stinson Lake, New Hampshire. He and his bride, Clarice, are residing temporarily in Stevensville, Mich. (Carol Gonnerman, Reporter).

MADISON, S. DAK. At the West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, S. Dak., a half day, one week Vacation Bible School was held June 7-11. There were 66 students and 11 workers enrolled. The 5 day Gospel Light Course, "Discovering with Christ" was used. A closing program was held on Friday evening with each class giving a short review of their studies. After the program parents and guests were invited to the church parlors to see the displays of students' handwork.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Dirksen have donated to our film strip library the new film strip, "King David." On Sunday morning July 25, Rev. Ronald Mayforth, pastor, conducted a brief dedicatory service for the three memorials recently presented to the church. Four baby cribs for the new nursery were given by Mrs. G. O. Kruger and her son, Wilbert in memory of Mr. G. O. Kruger. A mimeograph machine was



Moirra Hemmerling (left) of the Trinity Church, Kelowna, B. C., Grand Award winner in the Scripture Memory Course, and Edith Hoffman, sponsor (right).

given by the William Moose family in memory of Mrs. Wm. Moose (Florence). An amplifying system was given by the Rena DeBoer family in memory of Miss Elsie DeBoer. Arthur Gutzman read from Joshua 4:1-9, after which Rev. Ronald Mayforth gave a brief message. (Mrs. Carl Frautschy, Reporter).

REDEEMER, WARREN, MICH. In May the church library of the Redeemer Church, Warren, Mich., celebrated its 10th anniversary. From a beginning of a few donated books, the library has grown to 507 volumes. Vacation Bible School was held from June 21 to 30 with an enrollment of 314 students and teachers. There were 59 teachers and an average daily attendance of 249. Many decisions were made for the Lord. Miss Muriel Linton, our new church missionary, began her work with us on July 4. Miss Linton resides in Windsor, Ontario and commutes daily to perform her duties which includes serving as a counselor for women, working with children, and doing visitation work. During July and August our Christian Education Director, Rev. Ray Niederer, conducted training classes on "Preparing to Teach the Bible," for all who attend the Wednesday night Power-Hour. Our two Sunday morning worship services are continuing with an average attendance of about 100 over the last year. (Mrs. Doris Kintzer, Reporter).

sunday school programs & events

TRINITY, KELOWNA, B. C. On Sunday, June 13, during the Children's Day program at the Trinity Baptist Church, Kelowna, B. C., the awards and pins were handed out to 36 boys and girls who had successfully completed the Scripture Memory Course for this year. We are also pleased to announce a Grand Award winner, Miss Moira Hemmerling. This program has been a real blessing to our Sunday school and the children meet it with keen enthusiasm. (Edith Hoffman, Sponsor).

VENTURIA, N. DAK. The Sunday school students of the Venturia Baptist Church, Venturia, N. Dak., have completed another successful year in the Scripture Memory Course program. Of the 19 students registered in this program, three successfully completed the prescribed course. Several of the students covered up to three courses in order to finish in the required time. Even though our church was destroyed by fire and all of our Sunday school records and Scripture Memory Course charts were gone, the Word was hidden in the hearts of the boys and

girls and we continued with added zeal and enthusiasm, knowing that the Word cannot be taken away or destroyed as it is faithfully learned by these students. The three students completing the course this year were (left to right in picture): Connie Falkenberg, Kenneth Miller, and Ardella Diede. (Mrs. Milton W. Falkenberg, Scripture Memory Course Director).



Three Baptist Sunday School students, Ventura, N. Dak., who completed the Scripture Memory Course and received their Grand Awards.

BEATRICE, NEB. The Vacation Bible School of the West Side Baptist Church, Beatrice, Neb., was held June 7 to 18. Mrs. Daryl Hill served as the director. Mrs. Chester Strobel was pianist. There were 113 children enrolled with an average daily attendance of 83. An offering of \$51.03 was received for our missionaries in Colorado and Texas on the Spanish American fields. A total of 29 boys and girls found the new life in Christ or made decisions in rededication at the school. A program and craft display were presented for the parents and friends on June 17.

On Sunday evening, June 13, certificates were presented to 25 boys and girls who had completed Scripture Memory Course, No. II. The accom-

panying picture shows these children who have been so faithful in memorizing the Scripture verses, the Scripture Memory leader and our pastor. Mrs. Mabel Huston is the leader of the Scripture Memory program for this year. Rev. Chester Strobel is pastor of our church. (Mrs. Daryl Hill, Reporter).



Large group of faithful Scripture memorizers of the West Side Baptist Church, Beatrice, Neb. Rev. Chester Strobel, pastor, and Mrs. Mabel Huston, Scripture Memory leader, are in the back row.

ANNIVERSARIES & RECEPTIONS

FESSENDEN, N. DAK. We of the First Baptist Church of Fessenden, N. Dak., have been greatly blessed in having Rev. Wm. Effa of Germantown, Rev. R. Derman of Harvey, Dr. Ernest Zimelman, our missionary from Cameroon, and Dr. J. C. Gunst, our District Secretary, as guest speakers during the two months we were without a pastor. On August 1 we had the joy of welcoming our new pastor and family, Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Hoffman of Canistota, S. Dak., into the fellowship of our church. A reception dinner and pantry shower was held immediately after the morning service followed by a program in which various departments of the church expressed words of welcome to our new pastor and family. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman responded very graciously with words of

thanks. We look forward to a wonderful time of fellowship and spiritual growth as we work together serving our Lord. (Mrs. James McBain, Clerk).

ERIN AVE., CLEVELAND, OHIO. Rev. W. J. Luebeck, assistant pastor of the Erin Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, has announced his intentions fully to retire on August 8 and move to Sioux Falls, S. Dak., where he and Mrs. Luebeck will live close to their children. The Luebecks have been members of the Erin Church since 1947 when Mr. Luebeck became the editor of "Der Sendbote." Throughout these years they have served the church in many capacities. Mrs. Luebeck was the president of the Ladies' Missionary Society, and since his retirement as editor in 1961 Mr. Luebeck

was employed by the church first as Church Worker, then as Interim Pastor, and then Assistant Pastor.

However, in the meantime, a young lady, Miss Barbara Cahill, has been called to fill the position of Director of Christian Education and Youth, effective August 1st. Miss Cahill is the sister-in-law of Rev. Dick Paetzel of Peoria. She holds an Associate in Arts Degree from the Baptist Institute for Christian Workers in Bryn Mawr, Pa. Since her graduation and already during her training she has gathered much practical experience in her line of specialization. The church will keenly feel the loss of Rev. W. J. Luebeck, but we thank God for his marvelous leading in providing our need by sending us someone else. (Edward Pritzkau, Pastor).

MR. AND MRS. ALBERT LOSLI, 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. At a Sunday afternoon service, June 13, at the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Losli were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married June 29, 1915 by Dr. Jacob Kratt. Their three children are Donald, Howard and Mrs. Erwin Blake (Marguerite). At the reception, speakers were Dr. John Wobig, using the original wedding text of Rev. 2:10, and Dr. Paul Gebauer. Their wedding soloist, Walter Brenneke, rendered the couple's favorite song, "How Great Thou Art." The 11 grandchildren completed the program by singing together. About 250 people honored the couple with their attendance at the reception. For many years Mr. and Mrs. Losli have been faithful in the Lord's work at Trinity Church: Bertha, as Sunday school teacher and Woman's Missionary Society president; and Albert as a church trustee. (Mrs. Miriam Krueger, Reporter).

CALVARY, PENN HILLS, PA. Rev. Donald N. Hulin, former missionary to India and currently Executive Director of Youth for Christ of Greater Pittsburgh, Pa., has accepted the call to be pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Penn Hills, Pa. Following his graduation from Barrington College in Rhode Island, he became assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oneonta, N. Y., leaving this in 1946 to spend the next five years as a missionary in India. Visa restrictions and illness in the family prevented his return to India and for the next five years he served as Deputation Secretary of The Evangelical Alliance Mission.

Returning to the pastorate in 1958, he had churches in Brooklyn, N. Y., and Indiana, Pa., before coming to Pittsburgh to direct Youth for Christ, a position he will continue to hold while pastor of Calvary Church of Penn Hills. This group was incorporated under its present name in 1962 and has been meeting in the Penn Hebron Garden Club, but plans to erect a building this fall on their property at 1030 Jefferson Road.

TRINITY, KELOWNA, B. C. The new Church Extension work at Trinity Church, Kelowna, B. C. has reached another milestone with our retiring minister, Rev. E. H. Nikkel, introducing our new pastor, Rev. J. Wollenberg and family, on July 4th. Our moderator, Mr. Archie Bredin, opened the afternoon meeting. Little Debbie Henkel presented Mrs. Wollenberg with a bouquet of flowers in behalf of the Sunday school. The neighboring churches, Grace of Kelowna, Faith of Vernon, and Osoyoos Baptist were also represented. Rev. A. J. Milner, Sr., who has retired in the Valley and a long time friend of the pastor and Rev. Fred Merke from Lethbridge, who was vacationing here, also greeted their friend. Mrs. Wollenberg graciously thanked the church for their warm welcome, the flowers and the pantry shower. Mr. Wollenberg's response was based on 1 Cor. 2:2. We are looking forward to a blessed ministry with



Rev. and Mrs. John Wollenberg of the Trinity Church, Kelowna, B. C., with their two sons, Mark and Timothy.

Rev. and Mrs. John Wollenberg and their two sons, Mark and Timothy, in our midst. (Rose Leschert, Reporter).

evangelistic services & baptisms

TEMPLE, BUFFALO, N. Y. With praise to the Lord we of the Temple Church, Buffalo, N. Y., can report that on Sunday evening, June 20, seven young people, ages 9 through 15, were baptized by Rev. J. G. Benke. At the Communion Service on July 4 Mr. Benke welcomed them into the church. Several other adults have joined our fellowship by letter during the past several months. Sunday evening, June 27, was again a blessed evening when we had a musical program. We do thank God for the musical talent we have at Temple Church. From June 25 through July 9 we held a Vacation Bible School with 47 pupils enrolled and 11 teachers, assistants and director. The closing exercises on Friday evening were enjoyed by parents and friends. The children had a special privilege in having Rev. Ben Lawrence and Rev. John N. Nfor of Cameroon visit them during one of the sessions and speak to them. The missionary offerings of \$75.00 were designated for our Cameroon Missions. (Mrs. Hulda Hartman, Reporter).

other such service in the very near future. (Thomas Lutz, Pastor).

HILLCREST, CLEVELAND OHIO. On June 13 Rev. Edward Kary, pastor of the Hillcrest Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio had the joy and privilege of baptizing seven young people and receiving them into the fellowship of the church. Under the careful guidance of their Sunday school teacher, Mr. Frank Knowles, they were led to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and openly testified of their decision in the morning worship service. In the accompanying picture they are as follows: (back row) Paul Zion, Marjorie Zion, Carol Stevens, Rev. E. Kary; (front row) Brian Gresham, Deborah Krause, Martin Bleiker, Craig Zion. (Edward Kary, Reporter).

ORDINATIONS

(The picture of the ordination of Rev. Gerhard Poschwatta of Medicine Hat, Alta., appeared in the Aug. 26, 1965 issue, page 21. EDITOR).

ORDINATION, REV. GERHARD POSCHWATTA. Sunday evening, June 20, was an exciting time for the Grace Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alta., and for its many friends with the ordination of its pastor, Rev. Gerhard Poschwatta. The evening program opened with the Grace Church mixed choir singing the song, "O Be Joyful." Rev. F. Merke, chairman of the ordination committee, extended greetings. Rev. W. Waitkus of Edmonton presented a statement to the congregation of the examination of the candidate, and Rev. A. Zeller led in opening prayer. Prof. A. Rapske, who teaches at the C.T.I. in Edmonton and also taught the candidate, brought the ordination sermon, "A Sacrificing Ministry."

Before Rev. E. Bonikowsky led in



Rev. Edward Kary, pastor of the Hillcrest Church, Cleveland, Ohio with seven young people whom he baptized on Sunday, June 13

OPPORTUNITY

"A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds."
—Francis Bacon



Spiritual joys at the Ebenezer and Immanuel Churches, Wessington Springs, S. Dak.

Left to right: Mrs. Thomas Kludt and Mrs. Jerry Kludt baptismal candidates, and the pastor, Rev. Thomas Liutz.

the ordination prayer, Mr. and Mrs. Poschwatta knelt and all ministers present held a hand of blessing over them. Following this very sacred moment, the Grace sextet sang "Everywhere I Go and Everything I Do." Rev. R. Rapske of Hilda then gave a charge to the church. An offering was received for Mr. Poschwatta to be used for his needs in providing books for his library. Rev. Werner Waitkus then gave the charge to the candidate. Rev. Henry Schumacher welcomed Mr. Poschwatta into the fellowship of the ministers of Medicine Hat. The Grace Baptist choir sang a song and Rev. Gerhard Poschwatta led in the benediction. (Miss Sylvia Treiber, Reporter).

ORDINATION, REV. DAVID M. HARRISON. An ordination Council was called by the Calvary Baptist Church, Wetaskiwin, Alta., to consider the requested ordination of David Martin Harrison. The Council met on June 25 in the chapel of the Baptist Indian

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Mission, Montana Reserve, Ponoka, where Mr. Harrison serves as missionary. The Council elected Rev. Wm. Sturhahn as moderator, and Rev. Norman W. Dreger as clerk. Mr. Harrison proceeded to present his Christian experience, call to the ministry, preparation and doctrinal statement.

The ordination service was held that same evening in the Calvary Church, Wetaskiwin, with Rev. Wm. Sturhahn as moderator. Rev. J. Leverette led the singing, read the Scripture lesson and gave the invocation. Dr. Bernard Schalm, Academic Dean of Christian Training Institute, used I Tim. 3:1-11 as the basis for the ordination sermon. The prayer of ordination was offered by Rev. Philip Grabke, with 8 ministers participating by the laying on of hands. Following a duet by Rev. and Mrs. R. Neuman, Mr. Neuman delivered the charge to the candidate. A charge to the churches, reminding them of their missionary responsibilities to the Indians in this area, was delivered by Rev. Charles Littman. Rev. Wm. W. Sibley presented the candidate with his ordination certificate and welcomed him into the Pastors' Fellowship. Rev. Wm. Sturhahn extended a welcome on behalf of the denomination. The offering in its entirety was given to the candidate with the stipulation that it be used to purchase books for his personal library.

MOMENTS WITH GOD

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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world sit up and take notice when they see a life changed by the power of God.

The final test of our love will become evident on the day of judgment. The more love we have, the more confidence we have in the Judge. As we grow in Christian love, the former fears will disappear, for where love is, God is; and where God is there is no fear. A sincere and genuine confession that Jesus is the Son of God will open the hearts of men everywhere to the love of God.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Are there any areas of your life which could be improved by love?
2. Do you believe that a revival would take place in our churches if much of the ill-will were eliminated by love?
3. If a person is filled with love does he have to be commanded to love?

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Obituary

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

MRS. ADELIA KLEISS of Gladwin, Michigan

Mrs. Adelia Kleiss of Gladwin, Mich., died recently at 80 years of age at the Gladwin Hospital following a short illness. Born in Russia, Poland, May 21, 1885, she came with her parents to Cleveland, Ohio at 15 years of age. She married Daniel Kleiss in 1908 in Cleveland. He died in 1936. She was a member of the Round Lake Baptist Church, Gladwin, Mich.

Surviving are six sons: Edwin of Flushing; Otto of Detroit; Arthur of Scottville; Alvin of Gladwin; William of Parma, Ohio; and Harold of Detroit; four daughters: Mrs. and Harold of Detroit; Mrs. Ernest Conlon Kleinfeld of Cleveland; Mrs. Ernest Conlon Kleinfeld of Cleveland; Mrs. Ernest Conlon Kleinfeld of Cleveland; and Mrs. Ernest Conlon Kleinfeld of Cleveland; two brothers and one sister; 20 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Burial was in Skeels Cemetery, Round Lake Baptist Church, Gladwin, Michigan.

NORMAN BERKAN, Pastor

MR. CHARLES E. SENTMAN of Steamboat Rock, Iowa

Mr. Charles Elwood Sentman of Steamboat Rock, Ia., was born in the Dakota Territory on March 10, 1888 and passed away in his sleep on July 10, at the age of 77 years. At the age of 18, he was the editor of both the Union Star and the Steamboat Rock Pilot. He left the newspaper business and entered into the general store business, which he operated until his retirement in 1964. On January 18, 1909 he was united in marriage to Frieda Eilers.

As a young man, Mr. Sentman received Christ as his Savior, and in 1918 he entered the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock, Iowa. His Christian devotion was evidenced by his faithful service in the work of his Lord. At the time of his death, he was honorary deacon and teacher of the Men's Class. He is survived by his wife; one son, Carl, of Bemidji, Minn.; one granddaughter, Mrs. Richard Meyers of La-Grange Park, Ill.; one grandson, Paul, of

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING, BAPTIST HOME, BISMARCK, N. D.

The Corporation of the Baptist Home, Bismarck, North Dakota will have its Annual Meeting at the Home Oct. 5, 1965 at 10:00 a.m. Following this meeting, the afternoon program will be the 25th anniversary observance of the Home. All members of the corporation are invited to the Annual Meeting and program.

Bernard Edinger, Secretary
Orville Meth, President

GOD'S DESIRE

The universe belongs to him;
He made it with his hand—
Worlds, galaxies to man unknown
And every grain of sand.
Contain him? all of space would fail!
In heaven, he dwells apart—
Yet passionately, he pleads to be
Locked in a human heart.

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Mason City, Iowa; 3 great grandchildren, and one younger brother, William, of Waterloo, Iowa.

Steamboat Rock, Iowa
ELTON KIRSTEIN, Pastor

MRS. C. E. SENTMAN of Steamboat Rock, Iowa

Mrs. Frieda Sentman, nee Eilers, of Steamboat Rock, Iowa went to be with her Lord on July 30, just 20 days following the homegoing of her husband. She was converted during her youth, and in 1918 she and her husband entered into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock. She was born on May 23, 1888.

On Jan. 8, 1909, she was united in marriage to Charles Sentman. She is survived by her son, Carl, of Bemidji, Minn.; one granddaughter, Mrs. Richard Meyers of La-Grange Park, Ill.; one grandson, Paul Sentman, of Mason City, Iowa; three great grandchildren; two sisters: Mrs. Lester Bear of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, and Mrs. Folkert DeVries of Aplington, Iowa; two brothers: Ben Eilers of Clarion, Iowa, and John Eilers of Des Moines, Iowa.

Steamboat Rock, Iowa
ELTON KIRSTEIN, Pastor

MR. LOUIS G. JOHNSON of Steamboat Rock, Iowa

Mr. Louis George Johnson of Steamboat Rock, Iowa was born in Emden, Germany on April 4, 1882, and departed this life on July 16, 1965, at the age of 83 years. He came to Steamboat Rock, Iowa with his parents, where he spent his entire lifetime. He was a capable man in business and always vitally concerned in the affairs of the community. On June 26, 1907 he was married to Adele Methfessel. This was a truly happy marriage, and their Christian home provided a priceless heritage for their daughter, Louise. In later years, they also provided a home for their nieces, Mildred and Ella Mae, and nephew, Louis, children of Mr. Johnson's deceased brother, Henry.

Of all Mr. Johnson's interests, his greatest centered about Christ, his Savior. He was baptized March 24, 1918 and joined the First Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock. At the time of his death, he was an honorary deacon of the church. He is survived by his wife, Adele; his daughter, Louise (Mrs. Bob McKillip) of Wolcott, Indiana; 2 granddaughters, Karen and Diane; a number of nieces and nephews. Mr. Johnson was the uncle of Dr. Louis Johnson of Sacramento, Calif.

Steamboat Rock, Iowa
ELTON KIRSTEIN, Pastor

MR. JOHN GEORGE EBEL of Herreid, South Dakota

Mr. John George Ebel was born on Feb. 16, 1885 in South Russia. He came to the U.S.A. at the age of 21 and homesteaded in the Artes, S. Dak., area where he farmed until his retirement in 1951. Upon retirement he moved to Herreid, S. Dak. In 1964 he became a resident of the Eureka Lutheran Home. He was united in marriage to Lizzie Mack on Nov. 20, 1913 and God blessed this union with four sons and two daughters. As a young adult he accepted Christ as his Savior and on Dec. 7, 1930 he was baptized and thus became a member of the Herreid Baptist Church.

John Ebel passed away at the Eureka Community Hospital on July 7, 1965 at the age of 80 years. He was preceded in death by his wife Lizzie on Dec. 1, 1962. He is survived by 4 sons: Alvir, of Montevideo, Minn.; Leon of Herreid, S. D.; Ewald of Jamestown, N. D.; and Donald of Westminster, Colo.; 2 daughters: Emma, Mrs. Ben Berreth of Moberly, S. D., and Clara Stellflug of Elk River, Minn.; one sister; 2 brothers; 16 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Herreid, South Dakota
IVER WALKER, Pastor

MR. EDWIN J. JUNG of Madison, South Dakota

Mr. Edwin John Jung of Madison, S. Dak., was born May 9, 1894 at Wayne, Wis. In 1901 he came with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jung, to the Madison area where he farmed until his sudden death on July 9, 1965, at the age of 71. He was united in marriage to Gertrude Stier on Sept. 19, 1923, at Madison, S. Dak. He accepted Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized on March 17, 1907, by Rev. R. J. Hack, and thus became a member of the West Center Street Baptist Church.

He is survived by his widow, Gertrude; 2 sons: Dean and Dennis of Madison; 4 daughters: Della (Mrs. Kenneth Deer) of Bancroft, Nebr.; Donna (Mrs. Iver Walker) of Herreid, S. D.; Dorothy (Mrs. Melvern Heltzman) of Alexandria, S. D.; Darlys (Mrs. Warren Weldreyer) of Emery, S. D.; one brother, Benjamin, of Madison; 2 sis-

ters: Westie (Mrs. Charles Backhaus) of Madison, and Esther Jung of Minneapolis, Minn.; and 12 grandchildren.
West Center St. Baptist Church
Madison, South Dakota
RONALD E. MAYFORTH, Pastor

MR. GILBERT R. KRAUSE of Madison, South Dakota

Mr. Gilbert Richard Krause of Madison, S. Dak., was born on May 20, 1897 in Oak Park, Ill. In 1914 he moved to Madison, S. Dak., where he joined the West Center Street Baptist Church. On Dec. 16, 1925, he married Clara Schrepel. The Lord blessed this union with three children. The Krauses lived in the Madison area for the major part of their married life. Mr. Krause was an active member of the Madison church for many years. He was a deacon, sang in the choir and male quartet, directed the choir and orchestra, and was a member of the Baptist Men's Fellowship.

Mr. Krause was engaged in farming with his son at the time of his sudden death on May 28, 1965. His survivors are his widow, Clara Krause; his son John of Montrose, S. Dak.; his daughter Shirley, Mrs. Henry Burgett, of Ft. Morgan, Col.; and nine grandchildren. Mr. Krause is missed by his family and church. However, all are comforted in the knowledge that he has gone to receive his "well done" from our living Lord.

West Center St. Baptist Church
Madison, South Dakota
RONALD E. MAYFORTH, Pastor

MR. JOHN ECKHOFF of Parkersburg, Iowa

Mr. John Eckhoff of Parkersburg, Iowa was born on Jan. 29, 1895 in Butte County, Iowa, and died suddenly on July 16th at the age of 70 years, 5 months and 17 days. He was engaged in farming until 1956, when he moved to Parkersburg with his family. On Dec. 9, 1920, he was united in marriage to Hattie Dreese. In the fall of 1933 he accepted Christ as his personal Savior, was baptized the following year and united with the Calvary Baptist Church, of which he was a faithful member until his homegoing. As a young man he served his country in the army during World War I and was honorably discharged when the war ended.

He leaves to mourn his sudden death his wife Hattie; his three children: Mrs. Grace Berends of Cedar Falls, Iowa; one son Harlan, of Cedar Falls; and Mrs. Mary Ann Huisman of Parkersburg, 12 grandchildren; one brother, Joe, of Shell Rock, Iowa; and one sister, Mrs. Bertha Mehmen of Parkersburg.
Calvary Baptist Church
Parkersburg, Iowa
REV. H. LOHR, Officiating Minister

MR. HARLAN HEIBULT of Chancellor, South Dakota

Mr. Harlan Wayne Heibult of Chancellor, S. Dak., was born in Turner County, S. Dak., on April 26, 1920. He died suddenly of a coronary occlusion on July 18, 1965 at the age of 45 years. Mr. Heibult spent most of his life on the farm, near Chancellor, S. Dak., where he was born. During his youth he received Christ as his personal Savior and upon confession of his faith was baptized and received into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Chancellor. Though Harlan did not enjoy normal health during a great part of his life, he did show a sincere interest in spiritual matters. There was never a doubt in the mind of his friends and associates that Harlan knew and loved Christ.

He was preceded in death by his father, William, in 1929. Surviving him are his mother, Mrs. Annie Heibult, and a host of other relatives and many friends. Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church of Chancellor on July 21. Burial was at the Germantown Cemetery. The pastor, Rev. Norman Miller, officiated.

First Baptist Church
Chancellor, South Dakota
NORMAN MILLER, Pastor

MR. HENRY BARTZ of Stevensville, Michigan

Mr. Henry Bartz of Stevensville, Mich., recently was called home to glory at the Willow Fair Nursing Home, Bridgman, at the age of 79. He had been a patient there since June 25 and in failing health for the past three years. Mr. Bartz, a life-long resident of Stevensville, was born there Oct. 13, 1885. He was also an active member of the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, an honorary trustee and former deacon of the church, and was for many years a board member of the Baptist Children's Home in St. Joseph.

He married the former Adelia Heyn Oct. 28, 1908, in Stevensville. She died Feb. 4 of this year. Survivors include a daughter,

Mrs. John (Alice) Moo of LaPorte, Ind.; a son, Edwin of St. Joseph; a sister, Mrs. Adam (Esther) Reimer of Benton Harbor; a brother, Alfred of Stevensville; five grandchildren and one great grandchild.
First Baptist Church
St. Joseph, Michigan
KENNETH C. FENNER, Pastor

MRS. CHRISTINA GUTHMILLER of Eureka, South Dakota

Mrs. Christina Guthmiller, nee Stein, of Eureka, S. Dak., was born in Bergdorf, Russia on April 7, 1879. She passed away on July 18, 1965 in the Ashley Hospital at the age of 86 years, 3 months and 11 days. She emigrated to America with her parents at the age of seven and they made their home in the Eureka area. At the age of 14 years she accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized the same year 1893. On Oct. 15, 1895 she was united in marriage to John Guthmiller.

After the death of her husband in 1948 she moved from Ashley to Eureka. She enjoyed a long life and until nine months ago exceptionally good health. During her last days, she was cared for in the hospital or at one of the homes of her daughters. She leaves to mourn her passing: one son Emil of Ashley, N. D.; 3 daughters: Mrs. Gottlieb (Emma) Naylor of Ventura; Mrs. Edwin (Ida) Bertsch of Eureka, S. D.; Mrs. Otto (Lea) Heupel of Eureka, S. D.; 55 grandchildren; 74 great grandchildren; and 7 great-great grandchildren.
Eureka, South Dakota

ISADOR FASZER and
MILTON W. FALKENBERG,
Officiating Pastors

MR. BERNARD BRANDT of Avon, South Dakota

Mr. Bernard Brandt of Avon, S. Dak., was born on Dec. 9, 1873 in Stephenson County, Ill., and passed away in the Tyndall Hospital July 12 at the age of 91 years, 7 months, and three days. He recognized his need of salvation through Christ early in life and on Nov. 11, 1895 he trusted him as his personal Savior. He was baptized on Aug. 8, 1896. He united with the Baptist Church in Baileyville, Ill., and in 1900 with the Baptist Church of Avon, where he remained a devoted member until his death. On Dec. 25, 1902, he was united in marriage to Miss Rena Van Gerpen in the Avon Baptist Church.

He was active in civic and church affairs. He served as treasurer of the city of Avon from the time of its organization until 1931. He also was treasurer of the Avon Chamber of Commerce and the Red Cross for a number of years. In the church he served as Sunday school superintendent for 24 years, as Sunday School teacher, member of the Advisory Committee, treasurer of the South Dakota Association and as trustee of Sioux Falls College and the Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich. He manifested a faithfulness to the work of his church and pastor that was most remarkable. In spite of much physical suffering, he was in his place with great regularity.

His wife having preceded him in death in 1935, he leaves to mourn only one sister, Mrs. Arthur Voigt, of Tyndall of his immediate family. There are, however, many relatives and friends left to mourn his passing.

Avon, South Dakota
PETER WIENS, Pastor

MRS. BERTHA LANG GRIFFIN of Steamboat Rock, Iowa

Mrs. Bertha Lang Griffin, daughter of the late Rev. August and Bertha Reuter Lang, was born in Detroit, Mich., on March 16, 1897. She was taken to her heavenly Home on July 24 at the age of 68 years. Bertha received Christ as her personal Savior at the age of nine, and later followed the Lord in baptism. In due time, she answered the call to full-time Christian service, and enrolled in Moody Bible Institute. In the fall of 1922, she sailed for China, where she faithfully served her Lord until 1950, when she and other missionaries were forced out of China by the Communists. In these 28 years of service for her Lord, she served with the China Inland Mission.

On Oct. 12, 1954, she was united in marriage to Herbert Griffin, who had also been a missionary in China. At the time of her homegoing, Bertha was a member of the First Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock, which membership she had held for more than 50 years. She is survived by her husband, Herbert Griffin, of Waterloo, Iowa, 3 step-children; one brother, Arthur Lang of Ladora, Iowa; one sister, Catherine Vinz, of Helena, Montana; three nieces and two nephews.

Steamboat Rock, Iowa
ELTON KIRSTEIN, Pastor



Frank Orthner in his "Studentenheimat" room at the Rochester Theological Seminary, Rochester, N. Y., in 1901.

Sixty Years in Christ's Service

Having graduated from our Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., in 1905, the author reviews the past 60 years with gratitude to God for "his wonderful blessings" and to "our beloved denomination."

By Rev. Frank Orthner of Richmond Hill, Long Island, N. Y.

ONE BEAUTIFUL evening in May 1905, the First German Baptist Church (now the Andrews Street Baptist Church) in Rochester, N. Y., was filled to capacity for the Seminary graduation service and program. Half a century ago at our Seminary there was none of the present day "pomp and circumstance." It was an informal affair with no academic procession in caps and gowns, no diplomas or certificates.

The class of 1905 had four graduates: F. A. Bloedow, F. J. Monschke, Hugo Schade and Frank Orthner. And all these young men were eager to enter into Christ's work in the churches of our denomination.

A TEXAS HURRICANE

Two months later, two of those graduates, F. J. Monschke and I, faced the ordination council, which met in a small rural church in Texas, the Blue Mount Baptist Church in Denton County. The candidates passed the severe tests of the council successfully. The ordination service was planned for the evening of that day but a devastating hurricane upset and cancelled all plans and preparations.

A few days later the Texas Conference met in our Dallas church and on July 27, 1905 the postponed ordination service was held. The stalwart Rev. Andreas Stern based his sermon on John 1:6, "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John." It was an exceptionally hot July evening and Mr. Monschke and I were bathed in perspiration beneath the hands of the ordaining Texas pastors.

Immediately after the Conference and ordination service, Mr. Monschke and I went to our respective mission fields: Mr. Monschke to New Braunfels, Texas and I to Seguin and Elm Creek in Texas. Since that time it has been my privilege to serve the following churches: Elm Creek, Texas 1905-1906; Minden and Lowood in Queensland, Australia 1906-1910; Salt Creek, Oregon 1911-1917; Leduc, Alberta, Canada 1917-1920; East Ebenezer, Sask., Canada 1920-1922; Harlem, New York City 1922-1937; Hoboken and West New York, N. J. 1938-1942.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 60 YEARS

Highlights of the past 60 years in the Christian ministry have been:

1) A five week evangelistic campaign in 1913 in three Idaho churches:

American Falls, Kimama and Minidoka. This was the coldest time of winter with below zero temperatures. With Pastor Albert Graner we conducted services in churches, schoolhouses and grain barns. The Lord blessed our efforts with a large ingathering of souls.

2) Baptismal services in Leduc and Wiesenthal, Alberta, Canada, after an evangelistic campaign by our renowned denominational evangelist, Rev. Henry Schwendener. There were three such services, two in Leduc with 45 and 38 candidates, and one in Wiesenthal with 35 candidates for baptism!

3) Work for Christ in my retirement from active pastoral work. It was my privilege to serve as a supply and interim pastor in the following churches of New York City and vicinity: Second German, Ridgewood, Immanuel, Evergreen, Grace in Union City, Bethlehem, Pa., and Wilmington, Del.

OUR BELOVED DENOMINATION

Mrs. Orthner's and my hearts have been filled with thanksgiving to God for our "beloved denomination," the North American Baptist General Conference, for the churches which called us to serve them with the Word of Life, for the host of friends near and far who supported us with their prayers and showered us with true Christian love. For all such wonderful blessings we say: "To God Be the Glory!"

7th LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE

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trio and quartet numbers and instrumental selections. Mr. Petch of England was right in saying: "I've never heard such singing since coming to the United States! Here are really joyous Christians!" Mrs. Carl Guenther as the choir's pianist even dedicated the new \$50,000 organ that was being installed in the Abbey Barn and played it masterfully.

RECREATION FOR EVERYBODY

The Recreation Committee of Carl Guenther, John Baranyi and Tom Eilertson provided an intensive and exciting recreational program for the entire week. Stan Johnson went on the air one morning, serving in a radio broadcast with Dr. Edwin Dahlberg and Mr. Aldon D. Nelsen, chief of the U. S. Economics and Statistics Department.

The Book Store was a busy place with Miss Kathy Norman and Mrs. Sarah Redlich in charge. Equally popular was the denominational exhibit, distributing the latest literature and featuring a new colorful panel exhibit of the denomination in action.

God's voice sounded clearly and winsomely at the Laymen's Family Conference, calling for laborers for the harvest, speaking through his servants and Bible expositions, and revealing his glory in the wonderful music of these days. At Green Lake the person and work of Christ became very real to us in a closer walk with him!