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TEACH ME TO LIVE

Teach me to live! 'Tis easier far to die—
Gently and silently to pass away—
On earth's long night to close the heavy eye,
And waken in the glorious realms of day.

Teach me that harder lesson—how to live
To serve Thee in the darkest paths of life.
Arm me for conflict, now fresh vigor give,
And make me more than conqueror in the strife.

—Author Unknown

NEWS and NEEDS...

A WORKSHOP IN ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION for pastors, students, directors of Christian Education, assistant pastors, and laymen concerned with adult Christian education will be held June 20-24, 1966, at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton. Two hours of academic credit will be given by the CTI for those meeting the requirements. This workshop is sponsored by CTI, the Department of Christian Education of NAB and the Northern Conference Committee on Christian Education. Rev. G. K. Zimmerman and Prof. Arnold Rapske will be the key leaders.

SAN LUIS VALLEY, COLORADO.

From March 25-27 the churches of the San Luis Valley, Colorado, participated in a Billy Graham Crusade type of ministry with the film entitled, "The Restless Ones." Rev. Earl H. Ahrens, NAB missionary, acted as assistant to the chairman of the Counseling Committee. Of the 2,7000 persons who saw this film, 299 persons responded and came forward to make some kind of decision. Of these 65 were Spanish-Americans, and 34 of the Spanish-American decisions came from the town and college of Alamosa where the film was shown. Follow up of these decisions is being made in Alamosa. The other 31 decision cards were turned over to our missionaries for follow up. These 31 persons came from the towns of Capulin, Antonito, Manasseh, Blanka and San Luis. Mr. Ahrens wrote: "These commitments we believe will in some way give us evangelistic entry into these towns for a possible extended valley ministry. This is another challenge for prayer."

A NEW SCRIPTURE MEMORY PROGRAM is being produced for our denomination, through the Department of Christian Education. Your prayerful interest and support is needed as this new program is formulated and prepared for distribution in the summer of 1966. Features, such as its correlation to the Roger Williams Press curriculum, pocket booklet with creative learning helps, and graded courses should help to make it a dynamic part of your church program.

INDIA RELIEF OFFERINGS

North American Baptist churches and individuals who are eager to share in the Indian Relief ministry which was mentioned in the last issue of the "Baptist Herald" can send their gifts to the NAB headquarters office, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois 60130, marked "For Relief of Famine in India." Some churches may want to receive special offerings for this needy cause or to designate a portion of their Communion Offering fund balance. Please make out all checks to North American Baptists, Inc., but mark them prominently, "For Relief of Famine in India." Your church will receive denominational credit for these contributions.

NEW YOUTH CURRICULUM. Projected plans for revising and developing new youth materials were presented by Gospel Light Publications at a special meeting held in Chicago on April 30. Representatives of denominations who imprint their Sunday school literature participated in the meeting. Representing North American Baptists were Rev. John Binder, Director of Youth Work; Rev. Eldon Janzen, Manager of Roger Williams Press; Rev. Bruce Rich, Director of Children's Work; and Rev. Clarence Walth, pastor of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago. The previous meeting, in which these materials were considered, revealed the extensive research which has been done by editors of Gospel Light Publications to make this a meaningful and applicable material for the needs of young people in a changing world. The availability of these materials will be made known to our churches in the near future.

FRONT COVER

"While the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease" (Genesis 8:22).

The glory of God is seen in his creation. He makes all things new; he creates and recreates; he gives birth and rebirth. There is no comparison to a reborn and recreated soul. It is still the most valuable creation in the universe.

Dr. Martin L. Leuschner,
Editor, Hospitalized

The Publication Board, which met in Forest Park, Illinois, April 15, 1966, wishes to inform all of our readers that Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, our beloved editor, was taken to West Suburban Hospital of Oak Park, Illinois, where he has undergone serious surgery.

We are assured that everyone will be very much in prayer for his full recovery.

Meanwhile staff members of our headquarters have assumed Dr. Leuschner's editorial duties.

Edward Kary, Chairman
of the Publication Board

THE POWER OF PRAYER!

As I am writing this there is much noise outside as there has been the last few days here at Banso as the PWD (Public Works Department) caterpillars and bulldozers are tearing down trees and making their way down the road, making a new road and widening it in places. Most of their work now is being done in front of the Nurses' homes, and it is with much sorrow we see our lovely poinsettias and trees "bulldozed" down, as well as the much famous "Banso Baptist Hospital" sign being pushed out of the way for the new "super" road.

After one very trying day of fighting a grass fire carelessly lit in a farm, and then only to find that much of our fence and fence posts had been pushed down by the machines, without the advance warning promised so we could remove them, Peter really felt "down". Then at supper time for our devotions we read from MOMENTS WITH GOD and for that day the prayer request was for Dr. Peter Fehr at Banso Baptist Hospital.

You'll never know how much it meant to us to know that we were remembered throughout our denomination on THAT day—we really needed it—for it gave the patience and love needed to still care for the sick and needy of this land even in times of discouragement.

I know we are remembered daily in many prayers, but our special thanks for THAT PARTICULAR DAY!

Mrs. Doris Fehr

NEXT ISSUE

"Is Christianity Relevant?"

"Campus Ministry"

Editorial

The Spirit Filled Life

Guest Editorial by John E. Grygo

The Scriptures reveal what the Holy Spirit does for God's people and also what he does through them. The work of the Holy Spirit is known in the regeneration and sanctification of the redeemed.

Some doubters would say: No one has seen the Spirit of God, therefore we can't believe in his existence. God's Word does not suggest such possibility. John the Baptist did not say: "Behold the Spirit of God!" but "Behold the Lamb of God!" (Spurgeon)

Watching a sailboat we know when it is moving, also when it is standing still. Likewise, we can fairly well know the presence or absence of the Holy Spirit. However, there is definite danger in following one's hunch or notion and labeling it Spirit of God guidance.

Some people wonder whether all Christians have the Holy Spirit. Let us look into the Bible for the answer. John testifies: "... of his fullness have all received, and grace for grace." Paul states: "... but if any man hath not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his" (Romans 8:9).

The Pentecost experience was not confined to the Apostles only. There are not two kinds of Christians but one. Ask yourself: Who awakened me when I slept the sleep of indifference? Who convinced me of my sins? Who brought me the new life? Let us agree then: Without the Holy Spirit man could never become a Christian and much less continue to be a Christian. We can't have the fruit of the Spirit without the root of the Spirit.

Paul's wish for the Ephesian Christians was: "... that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God" (Ephesians 3:19). But as in former days; so it is in our time: there are always people of whom the Word of God says: "The full soul loatheth an honeycomb" (Proverbs 27:7). Such people, the Bible says, are full of adultery, bitterness, confusion, deceit, envy, fury, hypocrisy, indignation, lies, mischief, reproach, subtlety, violence and wickedness.

All people have the capacity to receive God. But man must create the vacuum by the surrender of all sinful agencies so that he can be filled with the Spirit of God. Then it will be true: "But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit" (I Corinthians 6:17).

Evangelist Hyman J. Appleman loves to tell this story: A man traveling through the South called a Negro from the station platform to the train window and asked: "Uncle, is there anybody in this town enjoying religion?" The old Negro replied, "Them' that got it, is!"

No condition is more dangerous for a Christian than to become self-satisfied. Several years ago, "The Country Parson" had this to say, "It's no complaint to greet an old friend with, 'You haven't changed a bit.' He should have!"

A normal Christian must have a longing for the Spirit-filled life. Paul admonishes his readers: "Be ye filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18). There is a right craving and a wrong one. It does matter where one seeks his thrills. People spend time and money to break up the monotony of life. Do they know that God offers freely and abundantly his spiritual blessings to anyone who would come?

This is our prayer for Pentecost: "Would God that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put his Spirit upon them" (Numbers 11:29)!

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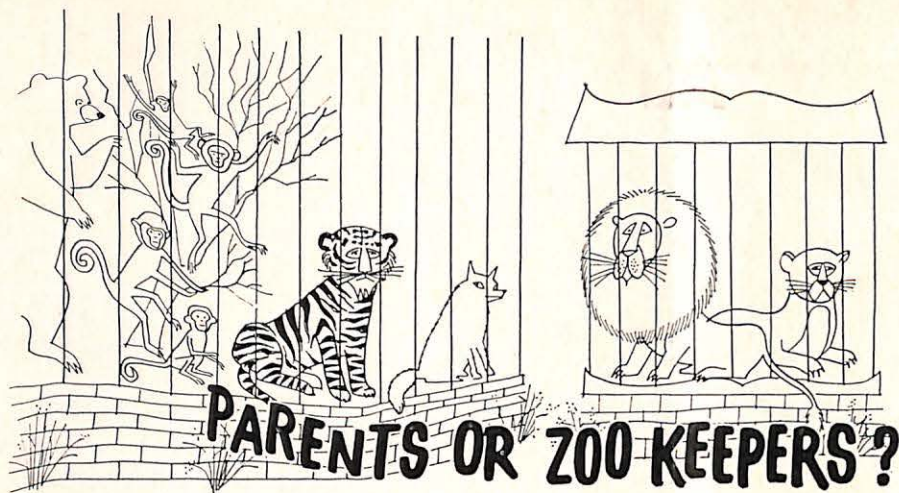
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by Oswald C. J. Hoffmann

ON A WEEKEND last March, 37 college students—young men and young women—were arrested in one of the leading hotels in Indianapolis, Indiana. If there had been sufficient manpower, the police department explained, at least 50 more could have been arrested while racing lightly clad through the nine floors of the hotel in a full-blown "Roman orgy."

The father of one of the girls involved in the episode, news reports stated, when informed that his daughter was under arrest, is said to have heaved a great sigh of relief and to have remarked, "Oh, is that all? I thought she had been in an accident or something!"

What do fathers and mothers think they are, anyway? Parents, or zoo keepers?

FLOUTING OF GOD'S LAWS

What are they raising, children destined to become men and women with a moral sense of their own, or educated animals suitable for public display only behind iron bars and glass—to keep the public from getting hurt? Every age has had its share of juvenile mischief while boys and girls found their way through adolescence to young adulthood and finally to the intellectual and emotional maturity of fairly well balanced and stable men and women.

What I am talking about is not mere juvenile mischief or even juvenile disregard for some of the stuffy conventions of society. I am speaking about open flouting of the laws of God and men, accompanied by blatant disdain on the part of young people for the elemental rights of their fellowmen, whether peers or superiors. It often results in malicious destruction of property and all too frequently in physical death or injury for those with whom they come into contact at home or on the highway.

The problem is not restricted to any one part of the world. Juvenile delinquency, not to speak about juvenile crime, has become almost an accepted part of the everyday scene

across the globe.

IRRESPONSIBLE PARENTS

Teachers, sociologists, social workers, and officers detailed to deal with juvenile problems have confessed that the enormity of the situation has just about reached the point where it is not only beyond their comprehension but beyond their power to supply a corrective except the most drastic and stringent application of laws designed originally to curb hardened criminals and to keep them from wrecking society.

Where do young people get the idea that they are responsible to no one but to themselves? Subject to no authority other than the dictates of their own wants and desires? Without the necessity of conforming to any standard, and answerable to no one for what they are and how they conduct themselves?

More often than adults care to admit, the problems must be laid squarely at the door of fathers and mothers who have walked out on their responsibilities and have become zoo keepers instead of parents.

SPIRITUAL UPBRINGING NEEDED

When parents no longer recognize children for what they are, gifts of God made by him and made for him—to serve him with all the magnificent capacities they have as human beings—they get what they asked for: little animals with all the instincts of the jungle.

The public is incensed by this news, but it is not similarly aroused by another parental neglect and insensitivity which causes a great deal more damage to the fabric of society: the failure of parents to provide that spiritual upbringing which will help boys and girls to become the men and women God intends them to be.

I know men who spend a great deal more time and are much more interested in training a good hunting dog than in raising the boys and girls God has given them. There are women who are more careful about the cat than they are about their children.

All too many fathers and mothers

Many fathers and mothers look upon themselves today as glorified zoo keepers, whose business it must be to fit out their charges with tawny coats and the latest hair-do to make a good impression.

This article pulls no punches in addressing itself to parents and children alike.

look upon themselves today as glorified zoo keepers, whose business it must be to fit out their charges with tawny coats and the latest hair-do in order that they may make a good impression whenever on public display. Parents become zoo keepers when father is only a provider and mother only a cook; when mothers are more interested in dancing lessons than they are in the kind of woman their little girl is going to be; when fathers are more concerned about the college their boys are going to attend than the kind of men they will turn out to be.

PAUL TO TIMOTHY

To a young man who was almost like a son to him, Paul wrote, "Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

This young man, Timothy, was not a delinquent. From everything we know about him, and from Paul's remark about his upbringing, it is safe to assume that he was a young man of mature promise. He got this way not suddenly or spectacularly, not through momentary emotional experience or a dramatic reversal of his former life, but through continued instruction of the right kind ever since he had been an infant. His parents, or at least his mother and grandmother, did not regard their little boy as an animal. They took him for what he was, a gift of God endowed with all the qualities God has bestowed upon the crown of his creation.

It is almost criminal to neglect the spiritual life of a child. Yet many parents feel when they have given their children clothing, food, shelter, medicine, and education, they have given them everything. Such people are not parents; they are zoo keepers. They could do just as well with a duck-billed platypus when it comes to fulfilling their God-given destiny as parents.

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All's Well That Ends Well

The dramatic story of the Cameroon midwifery program, and God's leading in bringing the training and experience into Christian service in Banso Hospital and outlying maternity centers.

By Eleanor Weisenberger

OUR GRADE II Midwifery Training Program at Banso Hospital which lasted from January, 1956 to September, 1965 really started through an oversight. Those of you who are familiar with our medical work in the Cameroons know that with the arrival of Dr. Chaffee in 1948, we began to make plans for some sort of training program that would be recognized by government. After many attempts and unfulfilled promises regarding nurses' training, we began to realize that such a program was unattainable with the building facilities and staff that we had. So we began to think along other lines—that of training midwives who could staff our dispensaries and Maternity Centers and be of great help in our hospital too.

But here again we met obstacles. The Catholic Mission two miles from here, was given permission to start such a program at the end of 1954, so we were told there would be no need for another one so near by. However, one missionary had misread correspondence from government about the possibility of receiving recognition as a qualified midwife in Nigeria for one of our missionary nurses who was home on furlough. This nurse returned to find that her hoped-for registration was not forthcoming and so she was flown to England in November, 1954 for a year's Mid-Wifery training. This was a fortunate accident, because Midwifery is recognized as a profession in England and therefore opportunities for training and experience are plentiful.

Was it a coincidence that government reversed their decision about Midwifery training at Banso at the same time as this nurse returned from her training? We prefer to say that it was God's leading. In January, 1956 our Grade II Midwifery program was launched with eight students. The beginnings were very difficult, because there were so few Protestant girls who had passed Standard Six (Grade Eight), and qualified for admission. However, over a period of nine years, eighty-six girls qualified and went out to serve in various parts of the Cameroons and Nigeria.

By order of the Midwives Council, all Grade II training in Cameroons was discontinued in favor of Grade I Midwifery training. Since we had started a Grade I program in addition to Grade II in January, 1962 the change-over came very easily. Grade I training begins with a basic six-months course of intensive studies with the same syllabus as that for nurses' training, in addition to two years training in Midwifery. The attraction

of a Grade I course is that at the end of training, the salary paid by government is almost twice that of a Grade II midwife. A Grade II student undergoes only an oral and practical government examination. A Grade I midwife undergoes a written final examination in addition to this.

What has been our aim in this training program? It can best be expressed by the words of the hymn which was sung at the opening of our program in 1956, "Hear ye the Master's call, Give Him your Best." We have tried to give the best Midwifery training possible, to Christian girls who will then go out and do their best for the Master. Some girls have come here as nominal Christians and testify that they had a real experience of salvation here. Such a one is Regina Ghogomu, the midwife who was mentioned by Mrs. Ayorinde at the Baptist World Alliance Congress. Many have been

strengthened in their Christian lives through the teaching and opportunities for witness here at B. B. H.

Where do they work? Most of them have married and followed their husbands to coastal towns where they work in government or other hospitals. Some are in Maternity Centers carrying on Midwifery and dispensary work alone, with only an occasional visit by a doctor. Many have gone on to further training to qualify as Grade I midwives or nurses.

The same spirit of studying to serve, inaugurated our Nurses' Training Program which was started in January of 1963. Our first class of eight nurses will be taking their final government examination in June. So what started with great obstacles and difficulties has grown to a well-recognized program of training of many young people for the service of God and their fellow man.



Eleanor Weisenberger and some of the well-trained Cameroon nurses.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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the church membership at the Communion Service on Maundy Thursday, April 7. The Easter play "Is It I, Lord," under the direction of Dewey Lu Ross was presented Easter Sunday at 7:30 P.M. in the Social Hall of the church. Composing the cast were: Barbara Bohlen, Mary Ross, Marilyn Nielsen, Ginny Antczak, Gail Gerdes, Loretta Oetken, Dan Siems, Jonathan Wittkamp, Tom Thye and Dan Payne. Steve Weyl was in charge of stage set-

tings and props; and Cheryle Van Winkle and Lynette Thye were in charge of the costumes.

● **Kenosha, Wis., Immanuel.** The Immanuel Church of Kenosha observed communion in the Biblical fashion "As Jesus did it when he instituted His Last Supper, the eve before His death for the sins of all men" on Thurs., April 7. The congregation was seated at tables arranged in the shape of a cross in the church's lower auditorium. Readings and music were rendered in preparation for the communion. Rev. Milton Zeeb is the pastor of the church.

The Spanish-American Baptist Health Center

Christ's method was always a three-fold mission—preaching, teaching and healing. The complete ministry of Jesus is now being put into practice among our Spanish-Americans in the San Luis Valley of Colorado.

By Earl H. Ahrens

YOUR MISSIONARIES in the San Luis Valley of Colorado have been thrilled again at the direct and specific leading of the Lord in missionary witness. In fact it has been of such a nature that all we can say is what Eliezer, the servant of Abraham, said who had been sent to find a wife for Isaac, "I being in the way the Lord led me" (Genesis 24:27).

Missionary method and technique under the direct leading of the Holy Spirit have proven long ago that there are three essentials in a missionary enterprise which need to function together to reach the whole man for Christ. These three essentials are preaching, teaching and healing in the Name of Jesus. Couple these with a primary love for Christ and a compassion for the lost through sent individuals, and identification and communication with a people can be realized. The salvation of souls and the building of his Church are the objective and the expected spiritual fruit.



Baptist Health Center in Monte Vista, Colorado.

OUR MEDICAL MINISTRY

Your missionaries in Colorado, previous to this time, have preached and taught. This form of ministry, of course, is still basic to all evangelism. Nevertheless we have always been conscious of the need and have prayed for some kind of a missionary medical ministry. God in his grace has heard and answered this request. The Baptist Health Center is now open and is serving the public health needs of the Spanish-Americans of Monte Vista and the Rio Grande County of the state of Colorado. The story is as follows.

The first stage of the realization of this project, as indicated above, was consciousness of a need and the use of the power of prayer to make this hope become a reality.

The second stage materialized when

the Lord spoke to two of our young people from one of our North American Baptist churches in Lehr, North Dakota. They are Mr. and Mrs. Lyle and Joyce Ketterling. Lyle is a laboratory technician and Joyce is a registered nurse. These two persons were led by the Holy Spirit to inquire through Dr. R. Schilke if there was the possibility of their doing some home mission work among the Spanish people of the United States and at the same time to be gainfully employed to earn their own living.

After corresponding back and forth and after making a visit to the San Luis Valley, Joyce and Lyle were employed by the hospital in the nearby town of Alamosa. By September 1965, they were at work. But work was not to be confined to the hospital alone. Immediately they identified themselves with our Spanish-American churches and their assistance and witness are deeply appreciated.

HEALTH CENTER AND EQUIPMENT

The third stage came when we began to consider how their special talents and training could be put to use in a medical ministry. At this juncture, Mr. Jose Madril, a recent convert in Monte Vista, told your missionaries that he had a house which he would let us use for a Health Center. This was wonderful. Further this house was conveniently situated in the middle of the Lariat community.

A fourth stage evolved when we realized that inquiry needed to be made into the legislative aspects of a health program such as we envisioned. Associated with this was the capital investment of medical equipment and supplies. Here again the Lord intervened and led for us. The Department of Public Health of the State of Colorado heard of our intentions. In fact, they were the ones to contact us. They were immediately willing to help us in every way to get started. They made all contacts with supplying agencies and general public health personnel.

It was not long and we had over \$1,000 worth of medical equipment and supplies set up in the Madril house. These supplies included such items as a medical examining table, scales, sterilizer, surgical examination equipment, vaccines, laboratory items, assorted vitamins and powdered milk. The promise was that more would be supplied as needed.

ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL

A fifth step of development was in the area of the need for more personnel. The part time services of the Ketterling's alone would not be enough

—at least as implied by the state public health officials. Then a local doctor, hearing of our venture, declared that he would offer his services on his day off.



Joyce Ketterling, one of the workers at the Baptist Health Center.

Two additional dedicated Baptist nurses were made known to us. Their statement was, "Here we are. Put us to work." In fact, one of these nurses, a recent arrival to Monte Vista, said in so many words that now she and her husband understood why God had led them so specifically to Monte Vista . . . in order that they personally might serve in a missionary manner through the Baptist Health Center.

Other local friends, churches and even civic organizations have contributed of their time and goods. These donations were concerned with carpentry work, cupboards, carpets, a refrigerator, a typewriter, and file drawer and all the miscellaneous items so necessary to make it possible for a project of this nature to operate. The financial contribution of our little Grace Baptist Chapel amounted to some \$200. For us who have been so closely associated with this project, all the above has simply been miraculous.

DISAPPOINTING BEGINNINGS

Then came the great day. An open house was held on February 27, 1966. But only 26 Spanish-American people came, even though we had distributed 200 notices of the opening of the Center from house to house. This turn out was quite disappointing. The first clinic was held on March 3, 1966. The doctor was present, the nurses were present and two women showed up. Then at the second clinic no one came.



Jeannette Moeckli Short-term missionary to Cameroon, West Africa.

You can well imagine some of the thoughts coursing through the minds of our missionaries. Had we been too hasty with this project? Was it really the Lord's will to provide health services? Having a little understanding of some of the cultural conflicts associated with working with our Spanish-Americans, quietly we prayed and waited.

When time came for the opening of our third clinic session we were booked full. As of the time of this writing, the 31st of March, the appointment schedule is filled to overflowing for several weeks in advance.

OUR POLICY OF SERVICE

Our policy of service may be simply stated as follows. Baptist Health Center services are available for expectant mothers and their children up to five years of age. These patients must be from low income families who have no family physician. The Center is to operate as a self-supporting project; hence a small token fee is charged of all patients (50 cents). Our North American Baptist General Missionary Society has declared itself as sponsor of this project. Already we have received a bale and a case of White Cross supplies.

In case there are some of our readers who think that they would like to send White Cross supplies directly to this Baptist Health Center, we wish to request that this not be done. Our demand will not be a great one as far as the immediate future is concerned. Until such a time as there is and until such a time that operational details have been worked out, the N.A.B. Headquarters Office will still be the distribution center of White Cross supplies for foreign and home mission use.

Join with us now in prayer that God in his grace and power will use this Baptist Health Center to bring

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AN OPEN LETTER TO YOUTH

Greetings to my friends in our many churches.

How time flies! Already I have been in Cameroon over six months. Our school year is more than half finished. I cannot help but think back to last year when I was making preparations to come to Cameroon to teach. Many questions entered my mind. What will it be like? What kind of students will I teach? How will I live? Will I be able to meet the challenges of being a missionary teacher? All these questions have been answered now, and I can truly say God has supplied in every way far beyond my expectations.

I am teaching in our Baptist Teacher Training College at Soppo. The students with whom we work are very interesting and are generally eager to learn. The challenges of teaching here are not really much different from those in the public schools at home. As in any walk of life, there are occasional frustrating experiences but these are usually outnumbered by the many humorous and rewarding experiences. Due to the differences in our cultural backgrounds and the problems of communicating our thoughts to one another many of our frustrating experiences in dealing with Africans turn into humorous experiences. Once we had learned to understand their ways of thinking we found that these young people in their teens and twenties are not much different from our young people at home.

Along with training our 275 students to be good teachers we are endeavoring to train them to be good Christians as well. Even though this is a Christian school run by our Baptist Mission, many of our students are not born-again Christians. Yet I have found they have a keen interest in spiritual things. The Cameroonians—especially the young people—are striving to raise their standards. In setting their goals they often look to the Americans and Europeans who are working within their country. Unfortunately the influences of these people are not always good. Many Africans still believe that all Americans are Christians. Therefore, anything an American does must be all right.

You may wonder why I am telling you these things. These young people whom we will send out to teach in the schools of West Cameroon will have a tremendous influence on the future of their country. The examples of the staff members within the college are helping to mold the characters of these future teachers. Within our colleges are American and European staff who are not Christians and whose lives and attitudes are not always in accordance with the standards of a Christian school. At present in our college at Soppo over half of the American-European staff is non-Christian. Certainly this unfortunate imbalance is not a desire on the part of our missionaries. The need for Christian workers in Cameroon is not declining. Indeed, it is increasing! The Cameroonians are open and eager for the Gospel, but they need teaching and guidance.

As young people, you have a new opportunity to take part in this work through our short-term missionary program. Consider today your relationship to the needs of the young people of Cameroon. If you are a teacher, ask God to guide you to the right place of service for Him. If you are not qualified to go, pray for those who are. Encourage and inform them concerning the needs here. At present the majority of students in our Baptist Teacher colleges and secondary schools are young men. The influence of Christian men teachers, especially, is vitally needed.

Is it a great sacrifice? Being a Christian teacher in Cameroon has never seemed to me to be a sacrifice. This is where God has called me, and He is faithful in His promise to provide what is needed. Yes; some of the modern conveniences and luxuries are missing but life really is not much different. Yet the experiences and opportunities both spiritually and materially are so rich and rewarding.

I challenge you to present your lives unto Jesus Christ "which is your reasonable service."

May God bless you and guide you and may the decisions concerning your individual lives be submissive unto the will of God.

Yours in Christ,

Jeannette Moeckli
Short-term missionary
to Cameroon, West Africa

The Minister and His Hire

Ministers need to be treated, not only with respect, but with the necessities which contribute toward food, clothing, shelter, relaxation and education which our present economic system demands. God's servants should be supported prayerfully, faithfully and financially.

A General Council Report to the General Conference

by David J. Draewell

IN I CORINTHIANS 9:13-14, the Apostle Paul sets forth the basis of ministerial compensation:

Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the table are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

BIBLICAL PRACTICE

In these statements, Paul related the Old Testament practice of the Priests of the Temple being supported with the tithes of God's people to the command of Jesus which approved the same principle of support for those who preach the gospel.

Every North American Baptist General Conference church agrees to the basic idea that the congregation should support its minister and his family. Not all agree, however, about what kind of support and how much support should be given.

IMPORTANCE OF TITHING

Some churches offer sub-standard compensation to their pastors because they feel that they have not the resources to offer more. It should be noted that the support which the people of God gave the Levites in Old Testament days was adequate *only* because the people brought their *tithes* to the house of God. If all of God's people today would respond to Christ's encouragement to tithe, no congregation would have to offer an inadequate salary because of a scarcity of funds in the church treasury. This was one reason why the General Conference meeting in Sacramento, California in 1964 adopted a resolution encouraging our churches to carry on programs of tithing education and commitment in addition to a resolution encouraging them to be generous in the matter of ministerial compensation.

Some churches offer sub-standard compensation because they are not aware of the fact that they are doing so. This is one reason why the General Council, after examining the results of the "Survey of Ministerial Compensation" conducted by the Committee on Higher Education, adopted a series of recommendations relating to the subject. The recommendations, together with a brief explanation of the same, are noted below:

GENERAL COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1—

The General Council suggests to the churches that the responsibility for an annual review of the minister's compensation be officially delegated to a duly constituted committee or board of the church. There are two key concerns in this recommendation. The first is that the minister's salary be reviewed each year. Though this does not necessarily mean that an increase in compensation will be made annually, it does say that the minister's needs will be considered yearly in the light of changing conditions brought about by a different family status, increased ability of the church to offer a better salary, rising costs of living and other factors.

The second concern of this recommendation relates to the question of who should be given this responsibility. The suggestion is that the matter not be left up to the informal discussion of a few of the church leaders but be assigned to a responsible committee or board. This committee could be one already existing in the church's organizational structure or it could be appointed specifically to carry out this task. Several North American Baptist General Conference churches already have "Salary Committees" who annually review not only the salary of the pastor but also the salaries of other part-time and full-time church employees.

Recommendation 2—

The General Council suggests to the churches that the minister's salary at least equal that of the average male wage earner of the congregation. While certainly the minister does not need to be the top wage earner in the congregation, neither should he be the lowest. Considering his calling, his training, his responsibility, his place in the community, the respect which he ought to command, the minister's compensation in general should be no lower than the wages of those to whom he ministers. It is rather significant to note that the survey made by the Committee on Higher Education revealed the fact that 49% of our denominational pastors indicated that their pay was *below* the average of wage earners in their congregations.

Recommendation 3—

The General Council encourages our

churches to assume their rightful responsibilities with respect to their pastor's legitimate business expenses such as:

- (1) *Those incurred through the use of his car for church work.*
- (2) *Those incurred through his representing the church at local and General Conference sessions.*
- (3) *Those incurred through his entertainment of church groups and guest speakers.*
- (4) *Those incurred through his service in the conference or association camping programs.*
- (5) *Those incurred by his participation in local and General Conference Pastor's retreats or conferences.*
- (6) *Those incurred in the carrying out his office responsibilities such as the purchase of letterheads, stamps, supplies and other items.*

THE IMPORTANCE OF CAR ALLOWANCE

Perhaps the greatest area of neglect among the churches of our denomination is in assuming proper financial responsibility with respect to the pastor's automobile expenses. No other respectable business organization requires an employee to use his car in behalf of the business without either providing him with a company vehicle or paying him an adequate car allowance.

The question then arises, "What is an adequate car allowance?" United States government income tax regulations suggest that 10c per mile may be considered as a fair figure. Our own denomination allows up to 8c per mile when one's car *must* be used for conference business and no other satisfactory public conveyance is available. These figures reflect not just an obligation to pay for gas and oil but also to compensate for repair and depreciation.

Most churches choose not to offer a car allowance based upon a mileage figure. They rather offer the pastor an annual sum for car expenses. Unfortunately, few of our churches actually pay the bills which are rightfully theirs in this regard. The average pastor of our denominational churches spends almost \$1,000 for car expenses incurred in connection with church business. The average car allowance offered by our churches is less than \$500 among those that give a car allowance. An alarmingly large number make no provision at all for this item in their fiscal programs. In car

allowance alone the average pastor seems to be forced to pay \$500 of church bills out of his own pocket because of congregational oversight or neglect. Sub-points (2) through (6) noted above while normally not presenting as great a financial problem to the pastor, nevertheless ought to be cared for by a responsible church congregation.

Recommendation 4—

The General Council suggests that each church pay in full its pastor's annual dues to the denominational Pension Fund and offer him additional assistance in his retirement program. The minister today is not exercising responsible fiscal planning in behalf of his family if he does not have an adequate retirement program. Our churches need to follow the example almost universally practiced by business concerns today in assuming a major share of retirement plan costs.

Here again the denomination has sought to act fairly with its secretaries in this regard by offering 7½ per cent of their total compensation toward retirement plans of their choosing. The denomination's Pension Fund plan forms a good beginning of a retirement program but is inadequate unless reinforced by additional programs.

Recommendation 5—

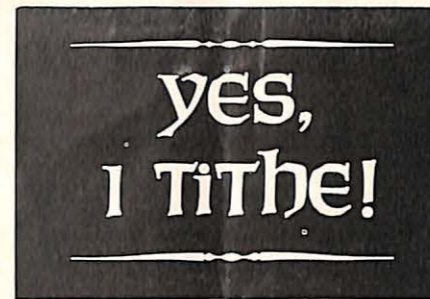
The General Council suggests that each church officially designate a portion of its pastor's compensation as "Housing Allowance" to enable him to benefit from the terms of income tax provisions. This is a definite advantage for pastors living in the United States and may also be of value for pastors who reside in Canada. Designating a portion of the pastor's salary as "Housing Allowance" is of value even when he is provided with a parsonage by the congregation. A "Housing Allowance," as far as the U. S. Treasury Department is concerned, may be used for furnishing and equipping a home as well as for purchasing, renting, maintaining, or repairing one.

Recommendation 6—

The General Council recommends that the articles relating to pastors' salaries appearing in the Baptist Herald and Der Sendbote, together with additional material, be sent to the clerk and treasurer of each conference church with the request that this information be considered by the appropriate board or committee of the church.

Reprints of these articles have been made and will soon be mailed as per this recommendation.

It is sincerely hoped that these resolutions adopted by the General Council will be received favorably by our churches. The suggestions are offered out of a concern for the teachings of God's Word, a concern for the well-being of the ministers of our denomination, and thus also a concern for the growth and progress of the ministry of each local church.



VERNON RAU

of Sacramento, Calif., a member of the Willow Rancho Baptist Church. Mr. Rau needs all the skill and brawn available as a heavy equipment operator.

YES, I TITHE!

I started giving support to the church when I was very young under the guidance and example set by my parents, but giving a tenth was for people with a higher income, until the church we attend at present was between pastors. The one who had just left believed in tithing, and we were told by the pulpit committee that the pastor coming informed them he also believed every member should tithe. We prayed and started to look in the Bible to see what God's Word has to say about tithing, and we found such verses as, "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord" (Leviticus 27:30); "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Malachi 3:10). These verses convinced us that the Lord really expected every Christian to take this matter of tithing seriously. We have been tithing now for two years and believe if every Christian would pray about the matter, and give it a real try, they would receive many blessings as we have.

what he would do if he were here personally. For whatever you may share, we are very grateful.

WESTBROOK CHURCH

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Committee and local sister churches the following steps have been implemented:

1. The present facilities will be sold to Westbrook for approximately \$19,000.00. Favorable consideration was extended for the years of rent payment.
2. The property will also be sold to Westbrook for approximately \$30,000.00.
3. On the combined debt of \$49,000.00 Westbrook will pay only the interest. The principal will be deferred for a period of time so that we might be given financial breathing room in order to build.
4. The five local churches were encouraged to give a cash gift plus an allotted, budgeted sum. These amounts to be applied directly to building or property payment. The Magnolia Baptist and Harbor Trinity Baptist Churches have responded to this appeal. For this we are grateful and await the response of others.
5. That the building appeal be made to the conference "Church Extension Builders."

OBJECTIVES

Our people have been encouraged, for they see that with the support of our conference and sister churches, our vision of an expanded ministry will become a reality.

Without question our people are doing their part and have committed themselves to doing more. Our immediate projection calls for the building of two educational units with a combined footage of 4,900. These will provide departments for Nursery, Kindergarten and Primary ages, classroom space for Jr. High, Middle High Senior High groups, a fellowship hall, kitchen facility and office space. The overall projection envisions a chapel in the Round, gymnasium and other educational facilities. Our philosophy in building is based on good stewardship of money and space. As you, God's people, graciously share with us we want you to be assured that we intend to use these facilities not only on Sundays but on as many days of the week as possible. We will use them for church related groups of all ages and of various programs in order to proclaim to people the redeeming love of God in Christ.

We estimate the cost of these buildings to be \$36,000.00. We as a people have voted to begin work only after the sum of \$15,000.00 cash is raised. We have accumulated about three quarters of that amount through the gifts of individuals, building fund appeals and other sources. We know you will join with us in prayer and sacrificial giving. Our only desire is in sharing with the families of this community the love of God as seen in Jesus and as seen through his church. We desire to be the extension of his hands and his feet, his body, doing

Dune Bugs and Driftwood

The child who is brought close to God in the home and church will soon become aware of God everywhere. Jimmy thought of the pastor's sermon and was able to see God in nature and in his own life.

A story for children and youth.

by Rosemae Hafstrom

"WHAT WAS THAT?" asked Jimmy, glancing out the car window toward the sand dunes of Lake Michigan.

"What's what? Where?" Jody's puzzled voice inquired.

"Over there—quick—there it goes again!" he exclaimed and continued to point so Mother and Dad could see too.

Sure enough, over the crest of the highest sand dune in the distance, the funniest looking "dune buggy" slowly appeared like a giant ant, crawling up and over, slipping now and then in the loose sand as it descended down the hill.

"Oh, boy! Let's take a ride in one! Can we, Dad? Mother?" Jimmy begged.

"You mean 'may we,' don't you?" Dad said, winking at Mother. "Anyway, we'll have to go see what that thing is before we decide whether we want to ride on it or just watch it."

"That really looked like fun!" Jody commented, hoping to convince Dad and Mother. She and Jimmy couldn't wait to get a closer look at that queer looking "hill climber."

Turning off the highway, Dad headed the car in the direction of the lake. Billboards lined the highway advertising "Dune Rides," one of Michigan's many tourist attractions, but one these vacationers were not familiar with. There in bright orange and bold blue were pictures of the comical, oversized jeeps which had been converted into passenger buggies.

"Glide away on one of our big sausage-tired Desert Kings for a ten-mile trip over the fabulous 2,000-acre Silver Lake Sand Dunes," Mother read aloud.

Camping areas soon appeared into view; tents of all sizes and shapes, and a variety of house trailers dotted the landscape. As the excited youngsters and their patient parents approached Silver Lake, they saw rows of neat, cozy-looking cottages with vacationers lounging lazily on porch or patio, and rainbow colored bathing-suits youth scurrying toward the sandy beach. The onlookers smiled as they listened to the chattering of the spirited group skipping along swinging towels and toys. To Mother and Father it sounded like a gathering of rhesus monkeys. The relaxed, resort atmosphere that was apparent everywhere seemed so inviting.

"There they are! There they are!" directed Jimmy with his voice and waving hand, pointing hand.

The car coasted to a stop in the parking lot nearby. Dad set the emerg-

ency brake, opened the door, and then said, "You wait here a minute." Intent eyes watched him stride across the oil-stained, dirt lot. Both Jimmy and Jody held their breath for a minute as they watched Dad talk to the man behind the ticket window. Then they breathed a sigh of relief as the man exchanged tickets for the money Dad held in his hand. Motioning for the family to come, Dad walked over to the waiting line of thrill-seekers.

"Come on!" urged Jimmy, "Let's go!" Mother locked the car door, adjusted the chiffon scarf around her head, and then followed the children who were racing toward the dune mobiles.

After hoisting each other up into the giant jeep, they settled themselves in the front row of seats just behind the young, sun-tanned driver. The engine coughed once, and then began to hum. With a shifting of gears the buggy jerked into motion. As they rolled along in the direction of the winding, sandy path that seemed to loop up and over, around and back again in a circle, like a big ribbon bow, they could see strange patterns that had been woven on the vast, sandy desert ahead.

The grinding of the gears and the pressure on spinal columns being flattened against the backs of seemingly uncushioned seats, warned the "piggy-back" riders that they were approaching the crest of the first "mountain of sand." Then, stomachs suddenly shifted position, too, as that "roller-coaster" feeling engulfed them when the downward trip began.

"Whee—what fun!" squealed Jody, grabbing her mid-section.

Slowing the buggy's speed considerably, and picking up a microphone near the steering wheel, the driver signaled for their attention and directed it toward the left.

"Over there you can see what remains of a forest that has been buried by the shifting sands," he explained. "Only the tops of the trees are visible now," he added. In the opposite direction he showed them a spot where there had been an ancient Indian camp which was also covered by sand. "Many Indian relics have been found in this area," he informed them.

Seeing another dune ahead, the passengers settled down in their seats once more as the jeep picked up speed. Up, up, up and finally they reached the top of the rolling sand hills, but instead of the expected sudden thrill, the driver stopped the buggy.

"You are now on the top of Mt. Baldy, the highest point on the sand mountains," he told them. "From this

point, you can see as far as thirty-five miles on a clear day. See that lighthouse down the way? That's the historic Little Point Sauble government lighthouse five miles away; it's the tallest on the Great Lakes." Then he suggested that they take a few minutes to enjoy the gorgeous scene below.

Indeed it was a picture, post card view! The magnificent limitless blue of Lake Michigan made the dwarfed Silver Lake appear as a wee thimbleful of glistening blue water. The sandy mounds and the greenery of the nearby State forest completed the superb view.

The ride down Mt. Baldy was truly breathtaking. On the way they waved a greeting to the passengers in another blue and orange dune mobile on a distant hill.

"This is terrific!" shouted Jimmy over the roar of the whirring motor.

Jogging along the shores on Lake Michigan on their return to the valley of sand, they saw the remains of an old sailing vessel said to have been wrecked there one-hundred and fifty years ago. The weathered parts were strewn along the beach for some distance.

"What is that out there?" quizzed Jimmy, calling attention to what appeared to be part of a ship just off shore.

"That's an old Canadian freighter that has beached and broken in half," answered the driver. "If you like, you can climb down and walk around a bit. We'll have a twenty-minute rest period now which you all deserve."

Everyone liked that idea and quickly unfolded themselves. It felt good to stretch some muscles and to rest others.

Walking along the beach, enjoying the smell of lake water and the feel of damp sand underfoot, Jimmy and Jody darted here and there, picking up treasures to jam into their already bulging pockets. Jimmy stopped beside a piece of odd-looking wood; then waited for Dad and Mother to catch up with them.

"What kind of wood is this, Dad?" he queried. "It looks washed out and dead."

"That's a piece of driftwood," commented Dad. "It could have drifted all the way from Sault Sainte Marie, then down Lake Michigan, and finally washed ashore here."

"Driftwood? Isn't that the kind of wood we heard about in the sermon last Sunday?" Jim asked. "The kind of 'deadwood' that was compared to the Christian who drifts through life

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Westbrook Church Extension — Inspiration and Challenge

Church extension is not only the responsibility of the pastor and the new church. It involves all of us. Only as we respond to the New Testament vision, "Come over into Macedonia and help us" can these young congregations continue to grow and prosper.

By Richard Grauer

AT WESTBROOK BAPTIST, "Church Extension" means that Jesus Christ is extending his Church into the world. For us this world surrounds us. The world we see is the world Christ saw during his earthly ministry. A world of hurt, loneliness, broken homes, searching youth and the abandoned aged. But, nevertheless, a world of challenge and opportunity. Into the heart of one of the fastest growing areas in the United States God has placed a segment of his people, nearer to 5,000 homes than any other church.

BECOMING ESTABLISHED

In July of 1959, the Rev. Donald Buell felt God's direction in establishing a mission church in the southern part of the Garden Grove area. He did this on faith that God would direct, not having received the promise of help from any other source. It all began the hard way: many hours of door to door visitation, lack of financial support, inadequate facilities and many other difficulties. But the work was started with but a handful of adults (mostly women) and several children. However, the pastor was determined and the work continued to grow steadily. Pastor Buell, feeling the work to be promising, asked assistance of the North American Baptist General Conference. Dialogue and appeals were initiated with the local conference churches.

God moved in the hearts of his people. Gifts were given by concerned individuals and churches. Loans were forthcoming by the General Conference as well as subsistence for the pastor's salary. The church then came under the local Church Extension Committee of Southern California of which Mr. Edmond Bohnet was and is the Chairman. The rented facilities of a "Pre-School" were not adequate. Many hours were spent looking for a suitable piece of property. After much prayer and footwork the property now being used was purchased for \$30,000.00 by the General Conference and buildings costing \$24,000.00 were built upon that property.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Westbrook Baptist Church was housed in her new facilities on June of 1961. The people paid \$100.00 a month rental on the buildings the first year and \$150.00 a month continuing to the present time. Interest was and is also paid to the conference for the property. This amounts to \$1,200.00 per year. Over the past years the church has assumed more financial responsi-



Richard Grauer, Pastor Westbrook Baptist church.

bility in support of the pastors salary. The founding pastor resigned in September 1962 and the Rev. Richard Grauer assumed pastoral duties in March, 1963. This transition was not easy on such a young congregation. However, during these years Westbrook Baptist grew stronger in unity and purpose and has been faithful in meeting rent and interest payments as well as having given at least 10% of her income to our Conference Missionary Outreach.

For the past three years the church has met all other bills which face any local congregation. When asked to assume an additional \$2,000.00 per year payment on property principal we tried but found the burden too great considering the resources of our people.

However, we also realized that we could never meet that obligation unless we would grow. Then the dilemma! How could we grow without more facilities? How could we build facilities without assistance? Simply stated, we needed more room. One of the buildings which was built was and is being used as the chapel. The other as a Nursery, Kindergarten and Primary facility. The building used as the chapel is 30 x 76 feet.

Apart from its usage as a chapel we now have eight church school classes meeting in session, separated by curtains. The confusion is quite disheartening to pupil and teacher alike. Our high school department was meeting in a storage building in the rear of our property. When we were told by the County Inspectors that it could not be used for this purpose our high school group numbering about 50 decreased slowly to about 25 in number because of the poor teaching and learning atmosphere among so many other groups in the chapel.

Our average church school attendance for the past three years has been approximately 140 pupils. We have reached a "plateau of growth" without the possibility of housing more in our present facilities.

STEPS TAKEN

We at Westbrook took a long, hard look at our needs and honestly knew it to be beyond our financial and numerical resources. We appealed to our local Extension Committee for help and through their recommendations to the General Conference Mission

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In this small building Westbrook Baptist ministers to 140 or more people every Sunday.

Six National Baptist Groups Join In North American Fellowship

In order to consume the gains and values which have resulted from the Baptist Jubilee Advance and to increase opportunities for fellowship and for sharing mutual concerns, it was suggested that the Baptist World Alliance establish a North American Baptist Fellowship.

Washington, D. C. (B.W.A.)—The North American Baptist Fellowship, a committee of the Baptist World Alliance, officially came into being Monday, March 28, in Washington's historic Willard Hotel.

Representatives of six Baptist bodies in the United States, Canada and Mexico established the Fellowship as a central committee in which the various bodies, and others still expected to join, can cooperate and share in programs of mutual concern.

The cooperating bodies are the American Baptist Convention, the Progressive National Baptist Convention, the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, the Southern Baptist Convention, the Baptist Federation of Canada, and the National Baptist Convention of Mexico. They represent a total of 12,835,000 Baptists.

V. Carney Hargroves of Philadelphia, Penn., was elected chairman of the Fellowship, with Jennings Randolph of Clarksburg, West Virginia, named vice chairman. Hargroves, pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Germantown, Philadelphia, is a past president of the American Baptist Convention and past vice president of the Baptist World Alliance. Randolph, a representative of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, is a U. S. Senator from West Virginia.

The general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, Josef Nordenhaug, and the treasurer of the Alliance, Carl Tiller, both of Washington, are automatically named by the Fellowship's by-laws as secretary and treasurer.

Two cooperative projects for North American Baptists were voted in the initial meeting:

W. Wayne Dehoney, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, reported to the group on his recent trip to Brazil to participate in a vast nationwide evangelistic campaign there. He told how the Brazilian campaign, which resulted in 100,000 professions of faith, had been initiated by Rubens Lopez, a Sao Paulo pastor, and now Lopez and his group are projecting a vast evangelistic crusade of the Americas in 1969. An intercontinental planning conference is slated for Cali, Colombia in July, 1966 to formulate definite plans for extending the Brazil evangelistic drive to both North and South America.

Hearing this report, the Fellowship



Officers of the newly formed North American Baptist Fellowship, a committee of the Baptist World Alliance, are, left to right, Carl W. Tiller, Washington, treasurer; Rev. Dr. V. Carney Hargroves, Philadelphia, chairman; Jennings Randolph, U. S. Senator from West Virginia, vice-chairman; and Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary.

committee voted: "That the General Committee encourage participation of all North American Baptists in this Crusade of the Americas."

The committee also studied its possible roles in promoting the work of the Baptist World Alliance in the churches and conventions represented. Out of this grew a resolution: "That the General Committee recommend to constituent bodies that we cooperate and emphasize Baptist World Alliance Sunday (the first Sunday in February) through pulpit exchanges, rallies or mass meetings according to local and regional opportunities."

The Fellowship's general committee is composed of a minimum of three representatives from each cooperating body with an additional representative for each million members in that body, plus the president and general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance and three North American members of the B.W.A. Executive Committee.

In addition to the representation of the six member bodies, the organization meeting was attended by unofficial observers from three other Baptist groups: the Baptist General Conference, the National Baptist Convention of America and the North American Baptist General Conference. These groups, and others, are said to be considering membership.

The Fellowship is an outgrowth of five years of interconvention cooperation, 1959-64, when Baptist groups in North America joined hands in the Baptist Jubilee Advance to commemo-

rate with varied programs the Ter-jubilee of the organization of the first mission society on the continent in 1814. At the close of the celebration period, the B.J.A. committee suggested that the Baptist World Alliance establish "a North American Baptist Fellowship . . . in order to conserve the gains and values which have resulted from the Baptist Jubilee Advance and to increase opportunities for fellowship and for sharing mutual concerns."

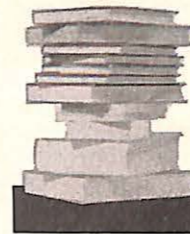
By-laws provide that the new group "shall have no authority over any Baptist church nor undertake any work for which the member bodies are responsible." Finances for the Fellowship will be handled through the framework of the Baptist World Alliance, with member conventions expected to make annual contributions. The 1966 budget was set at \$5000.

The general committee will meet at least annually, supposedly at times to coincide with meetings of the B.W.A. administrative or executive committees.

SPANISH AMERICAN

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men and women to himself. If it cannot serve this purpose, it should close. As a venture of faith and in realization of the reality of God's unseen spiritual powers and in the assurance of life to come through Jesus Christ alone we optimistically dedicate this Center to the glory of God and Jesus Christ, his Son.



BOOK REVIEWS

By Rev. B. C. Schreiber, Promotional Assistant

BOOKS ON FAMILY LIFE AND THE HOME

HOMEMADE HAPPINESS by Wayne Dehoney. Broadman Press—\$2.50.

Chapter headings such as "Dear Hunting," "Are You Fit to be Tied?," "Wedlock or Deadlock" and "How to Quarrel Constructively" give the reader an index to the functional value of this volume. Homemade happiness does not come easily, nor does it come cheaply. But for those who work at it with love and consideration for each other, marriage will become a great adventure.

As a successful pastor and homemaker, the author dispenses practical counsel based on biblical truth. The Bible has little to say about the rights of each partner in marriage, but it has much to say about duties and their corresponding blessings and rewards. It is not a question of inferior and superior persons, but of distinctive roles to be played by each in marriage.

This book is good for married people as well as for those intending marriage.

THE FAMILY IN CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE by C. W. Scudder. Broadman Press—\$3.50.

Dr. Scudder does not pretend to provide a thorough theology for marriage and family relations, nor is it strictly a biblical study. It is an effort to give the Bible the place of primary authority in establishing a Christian frame of reference in dealing with matters relating to the family.

As a professor of Christian ethics at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas the author is well qualified to write on such an important subject. His thoughts are deeper and more articulately expressed than many others who work in the same area. The chapter on sex is candid and reviewed from a theological perspective. All areas of family life are brought into focus, including provision for the elderly. The questions at the end of each chapter are ideal for discussion groups.

THE HEALING OF PERSONS by Paul Tournier. Harper & Row—\$4.95.

Dr. Paul Tournier, the renowned Swiss physician and psychiatrist, treats his patients as persons, rather than mere cases. He feels that the problems of the patient in his personal life, his relationships with his family, with his friends, with society, with the world, with God—all are contributing factors to physical illness. In his own

medical practice, this Christian doctor deliberately restricts the number of his patients in order to give more time and personal attention to those he treats. This book includes many case histories, illustrating again and again how the healing of the spirit is allied with the healing of the body. (Reviewed by Mrs. G. K. Zimmerman).

THE BIBLE STORY BOOK by Bethann Van Ness. Broadman—\$4.95.

This volume with its 671 pages is a genuine bargain. From Genesis to Revelation, the children will enjoy and will be inspired and informed about the wonders of God and his love for his creatures and creation. Vocabulary simplification is adjusted to as wide an age group as possible so that the entire family will feel a part of the Bible story reading program. The variety of pictures, both black and white as well as colored, adds to the interest of the contents and gives the children a visual aid to the understanding of some of the narratives. Wherever possible, the stories are personalized by conversation so that the characters actually seem to come alive. Both author and artist have done an excellent job in relating Bible truths to the hearts and minds of children.

ENJOY YOUR TEEN-AGER by Hoover Rupert.

ENJOY YOUR PARENTS by Hoover Rupert. Abington Press—\$1.00 each (paper).

The physical and social development of the adolescent seems to affect him so obviously that he does not know how to cope with all of these major changes taking place physically and mentally. At the same time the memory of the parents fades into the background and they can't imagine that they acted quite like this when they were teenagers. A mutual understanding is certainly in order.

The author maintains, and rightly

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so, that the burden of responsibility rests upon the parents. The home must provide a framework of reference in which the young person can resolve his problems. If they are not resolved in a loving family, they will not be meaningfully resolved in an other environment.

One of the difficulties for the teenager to understand is the fact that by the time he feels the need and desire for more activity and participation the parents have come to the age when they feel they should curtail some of their lively habits. It is a most frustrating area of life because it is at this stage that both find it most difficult to put themselves in the other person's position. As a result, communication breaks down and the only phrases batted back and forth are: "Parents don't understand teen-agers" and "Teen-agers don't understand parents."

A careful reading of these books by both parties concerned will prove to be an enriching experience for the entire family.

SOMETIMES I FEEL LIKE A BLOB by Ethel Barrett. Gospel Light Publications—1965.

Ethel Barrett is a name usually associated with children's stories and records. Here, she speaks frankly, realistically and humorously to teen-agers. The questions presented in this book are not new, nor are all of the answers. But Ethel Barrett insists that they can be answered not by her, but by God—and she points the teenager in his direction, informally, but with a great deal of empathy and understanding.

The author seems intent on making the teen-ager dissatisfied and uncomfortable with his life and with his excuses, but then she provides suggestions for doing something about this feeling. The style of the book would permit its use for a devotional book for teens, for program material for a youth group, or simply for good and challenging reading material. (Reviewed by Miss Sara Lou Gunst!)

PERSONAL RELIGIOUS DISCIPLINES by John E. Gardner, Eerdmans—1966—134 pages—\$3.00.

The word "discipline" is not always welcome to the comfortable Christian, particularly if he has all the modern conveniences in the home as well as in the church. But however easy it may be to acquire material things, there is still no easy way to acquire spiritual possessions. This kind of discipline requires the expenditures of great effort, especially in the initial stages. The mastery of the will continues to be a major battle. To subordinate the temporal to the spiritual demands much time, talent, labor and sacrifice.

Mr. Gardner's concerns are in the areas of stewardship, prayer and commitment, and are designed for the Christian who has a sincere and honest desire to grow in the spiritual life.

SPEAK UP!

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

Edmonton vs. Sioux Falls?

Dear Brother Ihrie:

Our N. A. B. denomination is without doubt one of the smallest on the whole continent. Why must a 53,000-member denomination have two separate theological schools? This question should deeply concern not only the Denominational Advance Planning Committee, but all of us. The maintenance of two separate, similar institutions is inefficient for several reasons.

First, there is an unnecessary duplication in curriculum. Both schools offer courses in Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, Christian Education, Biblical Languages, and so forth. Why have a professor for each of these subjects at both of our schools? Could our professors not serve more profitably if the schools were amalgamated? More specialization would be possible and hence, better teaching. The same professor could teach his subject on the B.D., B.Th., M.R.E., and other programs. This should—in theory at least—enlarge classes and reduce teaching staff. All the programs offered by the two schools could be taught more efficiently by one institution.

Secondly, there is also a great deal of duplication in books and facilities. Both of our libraries still do not meet the standard for full accreditation. Sioux Falls Seminary is striving toward a goal of 30,000 volumes. It possesses 23,000 volumes now, while C.T.I. at present owns a little over 10,000. Had the latter 10,000 volumes been properly selected and added to the Sioux Falls facilities, the library problem could now be forgotten. But instead, each school pursues its own goals and ambitions.

Moreover, the present situation is bound to be stained by some institutional rivalry—arguments to the contrary notwithstanding. This will become even more pronounced after the relocation of the C.T.I. The Seminary offers the more advanced theological graduate program; C.T.I. will attempt to approach the former's standard on the undergraduate level.

The relocation of C.T.I. at Edmonton, independently of the Seminary, is no convincing solution. Since the facilities of C.T.I. are obsolete and inadequate, the Sioux Falls facilities should be expanded to incorporate C.T.I. If this is impossible, let us sell both schools and build a new campus in some suitable location—not necessarily Edmonton.

The amalgamation of the two schools

on the Sioux Falls campus would be the ideal solution. Yet, I am told that this ideal does not work in practice. Why not? Nationalism is one answer that was given. If this is the case, then "something is rotten in the State of Denmark!"

Let us remember that there is an open door for us in Brazil—and we can hardly dig up the \$15,000 required for a start. We are not a rich denomination; let us spend our money wisely!

Concerning the shortage of theological students, I noticed that most students of either school come from the immediately surrounding areas of the C.T.I. or the Seminary. More visitation by the Seminary personnel would be one way to attract more students to the Seminary. I have never seen a faculty member of the Sioux Falls Seminary in Vancouver, for example. Members of our churches here know practically nothing about the Seminary. Yet, instead of building one strong educational center, we keep two of them struggling along—with increased effort.

I would greatly appreciate your opinion, Brother Ihrie. What convincing arguments are there for two separate institutions?

Respectfully yours,
G. Kalmbach
Vancouver, B. C.

DR. IHRIE'S COMMENTS

Dear Brother Kalmbach,

First of all let me invite comment from the entire denomination. Here is a matter which needs many expressions, not just one.

Second, let me assure you that this initial reaction is not a basis for future procedure. My feelings are based on a very limited study of the situation. Before any concrete or definite statements could be made, I would have to talk very personally and at length with a number of people. Anything I say here, therefore, is in the subjunctive, not the indicative mood.

Third, the question has a bit of a history. You will recall that when our Conference met at Edmonton, it was a matter of serious discussion as to whether we should implement the theological program at C.T.I. The general feeling was expressed that such implementation was important to some of our older immigrant pastors who were serving some of our bi-lingual churches and to some of the younger men who might be led to become pastors in such churches without ac-

tually completing a full theological course. It was pointed out that C.T.I. also needed to become a "degree granting" institution in order to attract students.

At that time there existed a "Board of Education and Publication" and a "Secretary of Education and Publication." In considering the total educational program of the denomination, fear was expressed by the B.E.P. (as it was called) that we might inadvertently drift into a two-seminary denomination, even though the second one was on a Th. B. level. It felt the denomination was not large enough to sustain two theological schools, and that the emphasis on a Th.B. might downgrade our academic concepts and hurt our seminary. The denomination voted to implement the theological department of C.T.I. at the behest of and with strong urging by several of our men. Fear were allayed by assurances that the C.T.I. would never become a theological institution as such, but would continue to be a training ground for laymen and older ministers, or for men who had entered the ministry too late to get a regular theological training.

Fourth, in the light of this background, several things seem to impress me as an individual.

a. A Bible College does not really compete with a theological seminary. The two are in different categories of higher education.

b. God has been blessing the ministry of both our schools.

c. Bible college training may be a good foundation for theological education, but is no substitute for it. Our churches will make a serious mistake if they assume that a graduate of the C.T.I. is qualified for the ministry in our day. Granted that history has uncovered some men who were fine pastors without adequate academic training, it is still true that very few such men have come into being, and even they would have reached a higher level of their potential if they had been trained. If any man assumes that his B.Th. from C.T.I. is sufficient training for the ministry he is short changing himself and the churches he may endeavor to serve. I say this regardless of ministerial shortage or the "exceptional situation." There is a real question in my mind as to whether a man should even be ordained in this age without completing both college and seminary, although I know that I am on thin ice when I make such a statement.

d. Thank God for the schools and the professors we have in our denomination. Pray for them every day. And pray to God that more of our young men will be led into the ministry with sufficient honesty and incentive to avoid academic short-cuts.

Jim Elliot, missionary martyr, said, "We must begin thinking in terms of 'going out' and stop our weeping because they 'won't come in.'"

● **Minnesota State Men's Fellowship** enjoyed a breakfast at the Rainbow Cafe in Minneapolis on April 16 at 7:30 A.M. with Rev. George W. Lang, Cameroon missionary, the speaker.

● **Racine-Kenosha Missionary Conference** was held March 11-13 with Misses Ruth Rabenhorst and Esther Schultz, Cameroon missionaries, serving as speakers as well as presenting visual slides on the mission work.

● **Rev. Alvin Harsch**, who has been serving as interim pastor of the Start-up, Wash., church, has announced that he will begin his full time pastorate on June 1 at the Swain Oaks Baptist Church of Stockton, Calif.

● **The North American Baptist Staff** was pleasantly and gratefully surprised to have Rev. John Binder visit our office for a short period on April 18. After his long and difficult illness he is making favorable progress, and we hope that it will not be too long before he can devote his full time to the youth work again.

● **Rev. Adam Huber**, pastor of the Southwood Park Baptist Church, Tigard, Ore., suffered a heart attack in April. Rev. Herman Lohr, one of our retired pastors, Parkersburg, Iowa, has been in the hospital for heart trouble but is showing steady improvement.

● **Minneapolis, Minn., Faith.** The Faith Church showing its concern for the Brook Park project has voted to contribute \$7,500 to help in the building program of the Brook Park Church. They have channeled the funds through the Forest Park Office for disbursement.

● **Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Fenner** of St. Joseph, Mich., announced the birth of a son born April 7. They have named him David Daniel. The Fenners also have a daughter named Lori Lynn. Rev. and Mrs. Waldemar Kroguletz of Regina, Sask., have announced the birth of a daughter born February 6. Margaret Jane is their second daughter and third child.

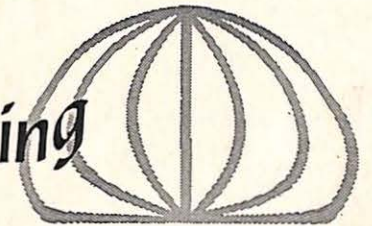
● **Rev. and Mrs. F. Kenneth Goodman** and Miss Minnie Kuhn have just returned from Cameroon for their furlough and will begin deputation work after some much needed rest. Minnie Kuhn will spend some time with members of her family in Leduc, Alberta, Canada, and Rev. and Mrs. Goodman will be settled in Seattle, Wash., with their son Larry and his family. They are eagerly looking forward to seeing their grandson for the first time. All three missionaries have reported to the office staff that their fellow missionaries who suffered from hepatitis are recovering or are fully recovered. The prayers and concern of all North American Baptists were greatly appreciated during the time of their illness.

● **Kankakee, Ill., Immanuel.** Sunday evening, April 24, the Immanuel Church had the privilege of having

the Moody Women's Glee Club and Handbell Choir present a concert. The Quarterly Workers' Conference held on April 18 was based on "Discipline" with Rev. Bruce Rich, of the Forest Park headquarters, as the speaker. The Immanuel Church also participated in a Parents' Conference on Family Living sponsored by Scripture Press on April 30. The Easter cantata, "Behold Your King," was presented by the church choir on April 10.

● **Sacramento, Calif., Willow Rancho.** The Dedication brochure for the dedication services recorded the following information: In July of 1955, prayer services were begun in the homes, but soon more adequate facilities were needed. On November 20, 1955, about forty believers, constrained by the love of God, arranged to hold their first Sunday service in a rented store building about five miles from the present site. The present membership is over

what's happening



● **Arnold, Pa., Union.** On April 3 Rev. and Mrs. Allen B. Herman celebrated their first anniversary at the Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Pa. We look back over the year and say with the Psalmist, "The Lord has crowned the year with goodness," as Mr. Herman stated. We have seen much progress in every area except numerical growth. However, in the past month this began to be evidenced. Through the recent "Operation Doorbell" program new faces are beginning to appear in every service. Our missions giving is up over last year along with the other finances of the church.

● **Lodi, Calif., Temple.** The Easter offering received each year is designated for NAB missions and is over and above the church's policy of 15% of all contributions received throughout the year being given for mission work. In 1965 the offering amounted to \$3,102.91. On Sunday, April 10, at 7:30 P.M., the church choir presented the cantata, "Were You There," with Boyd Barth, director; Aimee Sawatsky, organist; Patti Kandt, pianist; Robert Radcliffe, Jeff Burgstahler, Leona Corrington, Aimee Sawatsky, Margie Jones and June Goehring as soloists.

● **Lodi, Calif., First.** The First Baptist Church of Lodi climaxed Easter Sunday, April 10, with a baptismal service and receiving more than 40 new members into the church. The choir enriched the services with special Easter music. The First Church is proud of one of their young people, Cheryl Baumbach, who has won first place and a chance to advance to the regional finals of the Junior Achievement speech contest. She placed 3rd among the 12 area winners in San Francisco for a chance to attend the National Junior Achievers Conference finals at the University of Illinois.

270. Rev. Clarence Walth was the Extension pastor, and Dr. Louis Johnson is the present pastor.

● **Chicago, Ill., Foster Avenue.** The Church Newsletter states: "We can all learn to appreciate more fully the joy of Divine Communion and Christian fellowship. Whenever we come to the Lord's house, let us do the following: (1) Try to arrive a few minutes ahead of starting time; (2) Enter reverently and find a place to be seated; (3) Quietly bow your head in prayer, offering your love and adoration to God; (4) Pray for those who worship with you, and for those who lead the service; (5) When the services begin, enter into active participation of the various parts of service and discover the distinct parts of worship."

● **Xenia, Ohio, Community.** "World History From Now to Eternity," an exposition of the book of Revelation, was conducted by Rev. Nathan Meyer, April 24—May 1. The Men's Fellowship sponsored an evangelical meeting featuring John Hedges, one of the nation's largest Pontiac dealership owners, who was converted through the ministry of Billy Graham. His positive witness is carried on by equipping each car sold through his agency with a New Testament in the glove compartment. "Slave Day" had the young people available April 23 for work to be done, such as cleaning garages, attics, basements; mowing lawns; and washing woodwork and windows.

● **Burlington, Iowa, Oak Street.** The Oak Street Baptist Church members and friends on March 27 witnessed the baptism of 16 candidates on confession of faith in Jesus Christ. These persons and five others were welcomed into

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We the Women

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

GOD NEEDS WOMEN

Give me a vision, Lord, I plead,
Visions of souls and a world in need;
Loved ones and friends—the one next
door,

Then let me see there are millions
more.

This "vision" of need has caused our many praying and working members to make much progress through our WMU this year. We are indeed happy to bring this report of progress to you. Truly we have been blessed as we have made efforts in many areas to serve him more effectively. We are very happy with our membership gain of 543 this year along with corresponding gains in finances and White Cross work completed.

Through our expanded White Cross program, many Cameroonian individuals and families have experienced healing of both body and soul. Our White Cross has found new avenues of healing this year in the Baptist Health Clinic in Spanish American work in Colorado, also in Warwar and in added dispensaries and clinics in Cameroon.

I have heard of someone's deep concern over the amount of money spent by her Women's Society last year on White Cross. Another woman said, "How can we feel that we are doing enough, when we have so much that we can fill our White Cross quotas and do most of our benevolent giving without depriving ourselves of any essential need or any real desire?"

In this "Year of our Bible" we are experiencing an excellent response to our program of reading "All 66 in '66". Many women's groups are enlisting 66 people or a multiple of 66 from their church to engage in this stimulating program. As we record our progress on our Bible Record leaflet we realize that it is not too late to begin, for at pulpit rate the Bible can be read in 70 hours and 40 minutes.

An attractive and informative new leaflet "AN INVITATION" to join is available free of cost as well as a much needed new descriptive leaflet concerning our entire organizational plan. We feel that this will be an effective means of letting our women know of our organization and also of enlisting many prospective members.

I know that you are concerned with the progress of our "Meals for Mis-

Missionary Conference at Two Northwestern Churches

A very successful Missionary Conference was held from March 11 to 13 at the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wis. and the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis. This was a first combined effort of the two churches and the very good attendance showed the approval of this new venture.

The Conference theme was taken from John 12:26 "If anyone serves me, he must follow me." Friday evening was a public service at the Racine church with Missionaries Ruth Rabenhorst and Esther Schultiz speaking, followed by a fellowship hour.

On Saturday at 4 P.M. a youth program was held at the Immanuel Church in Kenosha. Their theme was "Recognizing God's Call" which they divided into four workshops, HOW, WHEN and WHY to recognize God's call and WHERE will God call? A delicious spaghetti supper was served to all the youth and the evening was concluded with Singspiration time and Missionary Colored slides of Cameroon Mission work with the youth in charge.

Sunday morning Esther Schultiz spoke at the Racine church and Ruth Rabenhorst at the Immanuel. The closing Missionary Rally and Commitment service was held at the Immanuel Church on Sunday afternoon. Music was furnished by the combined choirs of the two churches, directed by Andy Stipanuk of Kenosha. Testimonies were given by Mr. and Mrs. D. Ludeker, educational directors of the Racine church and by two young people, Kim Genich of Racine and Jacolyn Tracy of Kenosha. The challenge was given by Miss Ruth Rabenhorst. An informal time of fellowship followed in the lower auditorium.

This was a time of great blessing, the memory of which will continue to inspire all who attended. We had a chance to meet and know our missionaries personally and also view the splendid display tables of mission field artifacts. The Missionary offering totaled \$100.00. The pastor of the Kenosha church is Rev. Milton W. Zeeb and of the Racine church Rev. Geo. W. Breikreuz. (Mrs. Dan. Behr, Reporter).

sions" plan where money is given as we fast and pray during one meal per week. We have no way of measuring the spiritual rewards and the answers to our missionary prayers, but we can tabulate the offerings. The \$9,119.00 which was given during the first year has built a much needed treasurer's office building at Kumba and a medical classroom at Banso. Over \$7,000.00 has come in already toward our Japan project of this current year in helping build a girls dormitory at Osaka Biblical Seminary. This giving is all "over and above" our giving toward other mission projects. A recent mailing of an appealing bulletin board poster

Missionary Conference and Easter Blessings at Austin Street Church, Buffalo, New York

The Missionary Conference, March 27-30, was a great blessing to our people. We surely learned to love our missionaries more through the dedicated service of Miss Esther Schultiz, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Witt who have been our guests and gave an excellent report of the work being done in the Cameroon mission fields. The mission offering amounted to about \$140.00.

During Lent time our choir was very busy practicing and performing. They joined with the choirs of the Kitchen-er, Central; Hamilton and St. Catharines churches. Under the direction of our choir leader, Mr. Wm. Lehmann, they learned the oratorio "Up To Jerusalem" by August Ruecker. On Palm Sunday they presented it at the Central Church of Kitchener, Ont. On Good Friday this sacred concert was sponsored by the German Baptist Mission Church of Hamilton and presented in the neighboring United Church building. Altogether 70 singers were singing and the organ was played by our organist, Mrs. Mary Houck and the piano by her daughter Mared. On Easter Sunday afternoon this combined choir, but with a smaller number, only 34, because many did not have the permit to cross the Canadian border, presented this oratorio modified by the insertion of pieces of songs from the oratorio, "The Messiah", by Handel. Our church house was filled to capacity. The performance was a heart lifting spiritual experience. After the concert we had a fine fellowship hour with many guests from outside in our recently modernized lower rooms.

For the Easter morning service we had a record attendance. The pastor brought an Easter message on the topic "Resurrection Jewels", based on I Peter 1:3-9.

along with a skit, "By Love Compelled," is being used by most societies.

Again, Student Aid was given to worthy students of C. T. I. and Seminary. Among the recipients we are privileged to have missionaries Geraldine Glasenapp and Betty Mantay as students at our Seminary this semester.

Subscriptions for the Baptist Herald are being given to all of our missionaries instead of the magazine of their choice as in the past. Our publications continue to serve effectively in keeping our women informed.

Both Baptist Day of Prayer and World Day of Prayer programs are expanding in numbers of participants and offerings received. Our World Day of Prayer offering in February, \$3,928.60 went toward educating our missionaries' children in Cameroon and in Japan. Our Baptist Day of Prayer offering of \$2,150.00 was distributed to

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BAPTIST HERALD

75th Anniversary of the Trinity Church of Portland, Oregon

ON MARCH 12th and 13th, the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon celebrated its 75th Diamond Jubilee.

The Anniversary Celebration was opened Saturday night with a catered banquet attended by 335. The banquet tables were beautifully decorated with large blue-white cellophane diamonds and colorful paper potted flower trees. A roving mike visited with about a dozen of the "old-timers" and gave them an opportunity to reminisce and recall a few incidents from their childhood or youth, many of them humorous, which revealed the changes in thinking and activities of the church over the years. The special music was furnished by the fine choir of the Bethany Baptist Church which is the "Mother Church" and of which Rev. Arthur Schultz is pastor. Dr. Ralph Powell, professor of Theology at our Seminary was the banquet speaker and spoke on the "High cost of Genuine Discipleship," pointing out that the greatest history of the church was yet to be made.

Our pastor, Dr. John Wobig who has served the church for 20 years, brought the message at the Sunday morning worship service; and Rev. G. Ben Lawrence, a son of the church and one of our Cameroonian missionaries and Rev. Leonard B. Showalter, our assistant to the pastor in the area of Christian Education were the speakers at the Sunday afternoon program. All of these messages again emphasized the future role of the church rather than dwelling on its past glory. The church choir furnished the special music in the morning and the two "Daughter Churches," Immanuel Baptist and Glencullen Baptist, furnished the special music for the afternoon. Following the afternoon meeting, the Ladies' Missionary Society served open-faced sandwiches, home-made cookies



Trinity Baptist Church celebrates 75th Anniversary.

and decorated sheet cakes. This gave opportunity for Christian Fellowship with the many former members of the sister churches and friends who had joined in the celebration.

The church was organized as The First German Baptist Church on January 4, 1891 with 17 charter members. Rev. H. L. Dietz and Rev. W. C. Rabe served as pastors in the first 5 years. Then in 1896, Dr. Jacob Kratt came from our Seminary at Rochester, N. Y. with his young bride to serve continuously for 40 years—he as pastor and she as president of the Women's Missionary Society. Mrs. Clara Gebauer, our Cameroon Missionary for 25 years, was their daughter.

In 1895 the church purchased the property and built the church at SW Fourth and Mill Streets where the congregation worshiped until 1951 when the church built the Educational Unit and moved to the present location at

2700 SE 67th Avenue, which property was donated by the Kratt family.

Following Dr. Kratt's retirement, Rev. F. W. Mueller served from 1936-1937; Dr. John Leypoldt from 1937-1945; and Dr. John Wobig from 1946 to the present time. During his ministry, in May 1954 the present sanctuary was erected and dedicated.

The following now in Christian service were members while preparing for service: Rev. Robert Penner, Rev. G. Ben Lawrence, Rev. Milton Zeeb, Rev. Gilbert Gordon, Rev. J. Wesley Pierce, and Rev. Albert Wardin Jr., Rev. Ray T. Hanson and Rev. Robert Cahill. Miss Nancy Grover and Miss Jeanette Moeckli of the God's Volunteers in the Cameroons are members as well as Alice Rook of the 1964-65 God's Volunteers Team.

During the 75 years of Trinity's history, it has given the hand of fellowship to 2994 members. The present membership is 748. There have been many faithful members, too numerous to mention, during these years who have served their Lord faithfully and many held offices of importance for over 25 years.

May the grace of God continue to bless the ministry of the church and send forth the Gospel at home and abroad for the salvation of souls and the edification of its members.

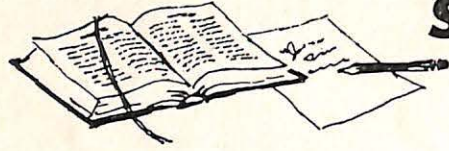
A Pictorial Directory was prepared as a lasting souvenir of this memorable occasion. This directory contained a family picture of all the church members, a declaration of Our Faith and an Invitation to all, a list of our Church Services, a message from our pastors, the Anniversary Program, a Historical Sketch of the Church plus an address directory of all the church members.—Mrs. Victor Loewen, Reporter.

In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart.—Bunyan



75th Anniversary Banquet at Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon.

May, 19, 1966



sunday school lessons

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

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: May 29, 1966

Theme: THE FALL OF SAMARIA

Scripture: II Kings 14:23-29;
Amos 7:10-12

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Neither God's blessing or his curse keep some people from destroying themselves.

INTRODUCTION: Obituaries are often sad reports which are seldom read with a feeling of joy. The departing of a loved one, no matter how good and noble his life, brings with it a certain degree of pain because it is earth's most complete and final separation. The triumph or tragedy of the last ventures of life depends upon the preparation which was made for it.

Today's lesson can be described as Israel's tragic obituary. When its history is reviewed in the light of its founding fathers such as Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and Moses, it is saddening to look at a nation's life which started with such great promise and came to such a pathetic end. Its material prosperity did not last very long and there was never any sign of genuine spiritual growth since the division of the kingdom. Neither depression nor prosperity brought Israel to its knees in humility and repentance. Previous lessons give a dark picture, on the whole, of the people and their rulers and there seems to be a definite downward path to complete corruption.

I. ISRAEL'S APOSTASY. II Kings 17:9-12.

The first eight verses describe the fall of Samaria, the last stronghold in Israel. This then became a mixed race with whom the Jews in Jesus day would have nothing to do.

The biblical writer seems to depart from simply recording history and takes time and space for a much needed sermon. What the children of Israel thought were secret sins were never unknown to God. We cannot hide from God, but there are many Christians even in our day who think there is such a thing as a secret sin. Perhaps it can be kept secret from man but never from God. Man often becomes a fool because he tries to fool himself. Perhaps the true thought behind their heathen customs was not that is was not done so secretly but deceitfully.

II. ISRAEL'S REJECTION OF THEIR PROPHETS AND TEACHERS. II Kings 17:13-16.

In spite of Israel's continual apostasy they had a number of outstanding

prophets who ministered to them. Elijah, Elisha, Amos and Hosea followed each other in quick succession. In spite of their strong appeal and call to repentance they would not hear. Their life and obedience were designed to make them a distinctive people, a peculiar nation, set apart from all the nations around them. However, they refused to listen to all warnings given by God's emissaries. Even though there were some who were true to God they often had to hide because their lives were in danger.

III. ISRAEL'S JUDGMENT. II Kings 17:17-18.

A further review of the sins of Israel is given in order to impress upon the readers the seriousness of the nation's spiritual condition. They worshiped all the host of heaven but not the God of heaven—the created things but not the Creator. God's judgment finally caught up with Israel. After showing mercy repeatedly and seeing no response God could be true to himself no longer without taking some action. God did not forsake Israel, Israel forsook God. Samaria fell because it deliberately chose the way of unrighteousness. The nation reaped what it sowed.

Questions for Discussion

1. What false gods are prevalent in present day society?
2. Is it not easier to obey God than to sacrifice children to gods made of wood and stone?
3. Who is to blame for the decline in morals in our nation, the state or the church?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: June 5, 1966

Theme: REFORMATION UNDER HEZEKIAH

Scripture: II Chronicles 29:1-11,
35b-36; Isaiah 30:15

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: When a ruler follows God he can have great influence in leading his subjects to God.

INTRODUCTION: The task of a reformer becomes twice as difficult because he must destroy before he can rebuild. When Hezekiah ascended the throne of Judah the outlook seemed rather hopeless. His father, Ahaz, led the nation deeply into sin and idolatry. He closed up the doors of the temple and destroyed many of the sacred vessels in order to discourage his people from the worship of Jehovah. He went so far as to offer his own son as

a human sacrifice (II Kings 16:3).

Militarily he was besieged by both Israel and Syria. To get help he appealed to the king of Assyria and paid him with the silver and gold which he found in the house of the Lord.

In such a time as this Hezekiah came upon the throne. It took a man of courage, strength and an unshakable faith in God to start and to continue the task of rebuilding a nation which was on the brink of spiritual and material bankruptcy.

I. A NEW RULER BEGINS HIS REIGN. II Chronicles 29:1-2.

A welcome evaluation of a king's reign is when it can be said that he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord. Throughout the story of Israel and Judah the historians used this phrase repeatedly. Steadfast loyalty to Jehovah was considered of primary importance, because as the king went so went the nation. Since his father Ahaz did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, this was especially a wholesome and necessary change.

II. RESTORATION OF TRUE WORSHIP. II Chronicles 29:3-9.

Hezekiah lost no time in restoring the services of the temple. The house of God represented the presence of the Lord and it was a symbol of spiritual power to the people. Since the doors had been shut the people had a feeling of excommunication.

The church still plays a very important part in the worship of God, and we would feel a terrible loss if the doors of our churches were closed. However, we must never lose sight of the fact that the true church of Jesus Christ is composed of people, living stones, who belong to God through faith in Jesus Christ.

A period of sanctification was established before God's people were able to establish communion with him. The entire nation was corrupted and infected by pagan practices, and sanctification had to begin with the priests all the way down to the common people. Hezekiah was determined to bring the nation back into the full conditions of the covenant and its blessings and he was not hesitant in taking true spiritual leadership for all the people.

III. AN ESTABLISHED SERVICE. II Chronicles 29:8-11, 35; Isaiah 30:15.

A covenant was a sacred agreement between man and God according to Old Testament usage. If it was such a solemn agreement in the Old then it should mean even more to us in the New Testament, for it was made

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OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

special events

SHATTUCK, OKLA., EBENEZER.

The members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church warmly welcomed Rev. and Mrs. George Conway and son, David, the first Sunday last Sept. as pastor. The Conways come to us from Central Valley Baptist Church of Donna, Texas. They succeed Rev. R. H. Zepik.

The members of our church were deeply saddened by the sudden death of our Brother Fred J. Schoenhals on Jan. 21. Brother Fred, always willing and faithful in fulfilling his responsibilities, served as deacon of our church for 15 years. He is greatly missed by us all.

On March 8th our church was host to the Christian Education Workers' Conference of the Okla. area. Rev. LeRoy Schauer, of Neb. served as moderator; guest speaker from Forest Park was Rev. Bruce Rich. The workshops were on matters of vital importance concerning our children, youth and adult departments. Ideas and methods were shared which will equip us better in reaching and teaching men the gospel of Christ.

On March 19th our C.B.Y.F. members, sponsors and our pastor, Rev. Conway, attended the annual Spring Banquet at Okeene, Okla. We have 14 C.B.Y.F. members. Curtis Pshigoda is president, Pam Kretz is vice president, Linda Schoenhals is secretary and Janice Schoenhals is treasurer. (Mrs. Albert Pshigoda, Reporter).

ELK GROVE, CALIF., FIRST BAPTIST.

The First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., observed Library Week, April 17-24. The head librarian of our church library is Esther Adam. We have for the use of our members and Sunday school staff material for Biblical research; educational studies; biographies of missionaries and fiction reading for all ages. Pastor of the church, Rev. Merle Brenner, was honored with a surprise birthday party by the church members on April 6th. It took place in the social hall after the Wednesday evening prayer meeting. Refreshments were served and a time of fellowship enjoyed with our pastor. (Mrs. Leonard Fandrich, Reporter).

RANDOLPH, MINN. On Sunday morning, March 27, the Randolph Baptist Church, Randolph, Minn., held an impressive dedication service. Thirteen children and their parents stood before a full church to dedicate themselves to the Lord. Our C.B.Y.F. has been very active. They have a monthly meeting in a home. Then, too, they have charge of all or part of the Sunday evening service on the first Sunday of the month. On March 25, our young people took several guests with them to the

viewing of the Billy Graham film, "The Restless Ones," in Red Wing. The pastor, Rev. Wilfred Weick, was able to obtain Billy Graham's tape giving four lectures on counseling and follow-up, and some of our people took the course as offered. A few of us then did some counseling at the showing of the film. We are very happy that Rev. and Mrs. Weick and Joyel have come to serve our church. We look forward to continued blessing in our work together. (Mrs. Milton G. Eckstrom, Clerk).

SACRAMENTO, CALIF., WILLOW RANCHO.

A "Spring Musicales" was presented to an appreciative audience on Sunday evening, March 20, at the Willow Rancho Church of Sacramento, Calif. Lifting their voices in songs of praise were the Women's Chorus, and the Adult Mixed Choir. Numbers by a male quartet and a trombone solo were also rendered. (Mrs. W. W. Rueb, Reporter).

BETHLEHEM, PA., CALVARY.

Calvary Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Pa. will not soon forget "The Story of Easter" which was told in Scripture and in song Easter evening, April 10, in the church auditorium. The Scripture was fitted together in perfect harmony with the vocal renditions and instrumental numbers.

The story began with a brass trio playing, followed by the congregation singing, "Christ Arose." Pastor Harold Gieseke read portions of Scripture after each musical selection. The choir sang "God So Loved the World"; a male duet told of "Thirty Pieces of Silver"; a women's trio commemorated The Last Supper with "In Remembrance of Me"; a soloist told of "Gethsemane"; the congregation sang "Oh Sacred Head Now Wounded"; the choir asked "What Will You Do With Jesus?"; and another soloist asked "Were You There?" A short Easter Meditation was given by the pastor. The story culminated by a solo rendition "The First Easter Morn," and the brass trio played "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today." The program was arranged by the church's Music Committee—Janet Leeb, Norma Beck, and Julia Rohr. (Dave Gunkle, Reporter).

MINITONAS, MANITOBA. On Easter Sunday, "Mine Is a Risen Savior" by Byron M. Carmony, a cantata in song, story and Scripture, was presented by the C.B.Y.F. choir of thirty voices of the Minitonas First Baptist Church. The choir was directed by Archie Beach with Marilyn Hiller, pianist. Narrators were Kenn Grieger and Donald Spitzki. The entire program arranged by Lily Boymook, program chairman, showed the Minitonas youth group using their talents in presenting the gospel in vocal and instru-

mental music as well as in the spoken word. The congregation filling the sanctuary to capacity was welcomed by Ervin Kelbert, C.B.Y.F. president. Rev. H. A. Pohl, pastor, closed the service with prayer. The offering went to support the foreign mission projects of the youth group. An informal get-together and fellowship after the service became a lively expression of renewed dedication of the Minitonas C.B.Y.F. to "serve a risen Saviour." The following Sunday the cantata was taken to the neighboring church in Swan River.

COLFAX, WASH., CALVARY.

The Easter concert presented by the choir of the First Baptist Church of Colfax, Wash., was attended by a large and appreciative audience. The local radio station recorded the entire concert, including the sermonette, "Have You Risen With Christ", given by Pastor Bernard Edinger, to be used the following Sunday.

Easter Sunday was set aside for the purpose of receiving an offering for North American Baptist missions. An offering of over \$700 was received. (Joan Hall, Reporter).

FIRST, ST. JOSEPH, MICH.

Selection of a proper memorial honoring the late Rev. L. H. Broeker was given very careful consideration by the Board of Trustees of the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich. After screening many worthy areas where a proper memorial could be established, it was agreed that since the chancel is the focal point of any church, it was agreed that the Rev. L. H. Broeker Memorial would consist of the following chancel furniture: Pulpit, Pulpit Chairs, Flower Stands, Communion Table, Communion Chairs and Offering Collection Plates. The furniture was styled in the Imperial Gothic Design with an oak stain to match the existing pews, and a Port Red fabric was selected for all chair cushions. The cost of this memorial was slightly under \$1,500, which was graciously given by adult members of the church, children from the Sunday school department and many of Brother Broeker's friends in the Twin City Community. Delivery of the Rev. L. H. Broeker Memorial was in January 1966, with formal dedication made by the present pastor, Rev. Kenneth C. Fenner, on Feb. 6, 1966. (Mrs. Alvin Wetter, Reporter).

ST. BONIFACIUS, MINN., MINNETRISTA BAPTIST.

Several weeks ago a group of men banded themselves together and organized a Men's Fellowship in the Minnetrista Baptist Church. One of the planned highlights was a Father and Son Banquet on April 15. Dr. Walter W. Wessel of Bethel College, St. Paul, Minn., was the guest speaker. (Rev. Fred Klein, Pastor).

CORN, OKLAHOMA, CALVARY. "Withal praying for us, that God would open a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ" (Colossians 4:3), was the theme verse used by God's Volunteers Team I under the direction of Rev. Edgar Klatt. The members of the Calvary Baptist Church in Corn, Oklahoma, and the surrounding community members received abundant blessings from the songs, testimonies, children's stories, and the messages given by the team and Rev. Klatt during the two weeks of March 22 through April 3. The average attendance for the nightly meetings was 160, and the largest service attendance was 490.

The campaign was opened with a fellowship dinner held in the church fellowship hall with the purpose in mind of the team becoming acquainted with the church members. The services began the next evening with the visitation program also beginning on Wednesday with 29 laymen of the church going with the team members to every church member's home and to some prospects, making a total of 60 calls. There were 5 decisions made for Christ, 31 rededications, and 4 decisions to join the church. The first Sunday in May there was a Baptismal service with six persons being baptized and about 12 joining the church as results of these past two weeks. Youth Night was observed the first Friday night of the campaign in which the team was in charge.

A Young Married Couples Social was given on the next Monday evening. The youth as well as the young couples thoroughly enjoyed the Christian fellowship along with the better acquainting of the team and

Rev. Klatt. The last service was held in the local high school auditorium so the whole community could attend. The other community services turned out for the meeting. The first Wednesday the team was here they gave a program in the high school for the students.

Many preparations were made for the coming of the God's Volunteers. Many prayers had gone up every day, and also through our prayer chain set up for the Sunday before they arrived. After the two weeks of services the members of the church realized the power of prayer. God has truly been working through the lives of these young people and further results are to be seen from their ministry in songs, stories, and sermons. We as church members were very thankful for the opportunity of having the God's Volunteers with us. We pray God's continuing blessings upon them in their two months of service. (Judy Leppke, Reporter).

EBENEZER, SASK., EBENEZER. A recognition of the ordination of Rev. Norman Taylor took place at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Ebenezer, Sask. on March 16, 1966. The Rev. R. Hoffman of Springside was elected as moderator of the Council and Rev. Peter Schroeder of Esterhazy served as clerk. Rev. Norman Taylor gave full and complete statements with regard to his Christian experience, doctrine and academic preparation. His original ordination took place in the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren denomination about seven years earlier. He is presently the pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church.

evangelistic services & baptisms

LEMMON, SOUTH DAKOTA, TEMPLE. From March 29-April 6, the Church held special meetings with Rev. Herbert Vetter, Missoula, Montana, as guest speaker. Our people were deeply moved by the stirring messages and the working of the Holy Spirit was very evident in all services. All of the NAB churches in the area helped in presenting special music each evening as well as special music from our own church. Churches who helped in the services were from: Isabel, Bison, Hettinger, Mott, New Leipzig, McIntosh, and McLaughlin. Our average attendance for all the services was 74, and many new families in the Lemmon area took a real interest in the ministry of our Church.

Just recently the church redecorated the kitchen in the church basement. Our people were faithful in giving of their time and finances. We are happy to report that our people are taking an interest in the ministry of the church. We look forward to further and greater blessings in the days to come. (Mrs. Art Nyberg, Reporter).

ST. JOSEPH, MICH., FIRST. The First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich., and the Lakeshore Baptist Church of Stevensville, Mich., had a combined baptismal service on Easter Sunday evening in the St. Joseph church. Rev. Bert Itterman, pastor of the Lakeshore Church, baptized the following 7 candidates: Carol Jewell, Wanda and Brenda Elsner, Laura, Wendy and Kathy Sill, and Richard Norb. Rev. Kenneth Fenner, pastor of the First Church, baptized the following 6 candidates: Mrs. Fred Wesner, Brenda Horton, Deborah Ballard, Barbara Johnson, Jean Boehme and Wes Wolf. The service came to a close with Rev. Fenner singing "There's Room at the Cross for You." (Mrs. Alvin Wetter, Reporter).

ST. BONIFACIUS, MINN., MINNETRISTA BAPTIST. It was a real joy to have our second baptismal service since we began our ministry here ten months ago. Three people followed the Lord in baptism, a couple and a little girl. (Rev. Fred Klein, Pastor).

BIBLE BOOK OF THE MONTH

Additional Bible Readings for each day announced in "Moments With God."

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Hebrews 1-13; Daniel 1-12; Lamentations 1-5

COLFAX, WASH., CALVARY. A capacity audience witnessed the baptismal service at First Baptist Church, Colfax, Wash., when 15 persons entered the baptismal waters on Palm Sunday evening, April 3. Three additional persons who came by testimony were welcomed by Pastor Bernard Edinger at the communion service which followed. Those baptized were Mrs. Tom Bell and daughter Deborah; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Grimm; Mr. and Mrs. Gail Henning; Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Moore and Laurie Lynette; Randy, Laurie and Barbara Suess; Bonnie Lantz and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Albus. Welcomed by testimony were Tom Bell, Mrs. W. C. Stephens and daughter Vicki Lynn. A total of 23 have been received into the membership since Jan. 1. Rev. Edinger had the privilege of baptizing Mrs. Edinger's father, Henry Albus, who was later received into the fellowship of Immanuel Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., by special arrangement of the pastors and churches. (Joan Hall, Reporter).



Group of baptismal candidates at Colfax, Washington, with Pastor Edinger at far left.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., TEMPLE. Rev. Rudolph Woyke of the Temple Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., baptized 13 young people on Palm Sunday. One adult joined the Fellowship by letter. These along with the membership and friends participated in communion on Maundy Thursday. Easter services were very impressive with a program by the Sunday school followed with the worship service led by the pastor. A regular attendant of the Temple Church, Mr. Emil Oberjat, observed his 100th birthday on March 17. It was a thrill of this church to bring special recognition of this fete at the morning worship service on March 27. (Mrs. Florence Nasgowitz, Reporter).

sunday school programs & events

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, GRANT PARK BAPTIST. During the month of February, a very profitable week of study was held in the Grant Park Baptist Church, Winnipeg. Rev. M. Taubensee, pastor of the Rowendale Baptist Church here in the City, led in the study of "Our Baptist Heritage." Approximately 13 of our Sunday School teachers were in attendance. The main part of the study centered around the book entitled "In God's Hand" by Dr. O. Krueger. It traced the Baptist movement from its beginning to the present time. Special emphasis was placed on our own denomination.

Architectural drawings for our entire church complex have now been completed and approved. We are now eagerly awaiting the Spring, for as soon as conditions permit, phase two—the construction of a second educational unit, will commence. We are waiting upon the Lord for guidance in this venture of faith. (Mrs. Bernieta Nickel, Reporter).

SPOKANE, WASH., TERRACE HEIGHTS. On Easter morning, the Sunday school department of Terrace Heights Baptist Church, Spokane, Wash., presented their Easter program under the direction of Mrs. Alma Schmidt. The story of "The Risen Savior" was portrayed with flannelgraph by the children. The children of the Sunday school and jr. choir sang songs of the Savior throughout the story. Included in the program was a piano solo by Diane Thiesies, "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today,"; an accordion solo, "The Holy City," played by Ray Eklund; and a trumpet solo, "Beneath the Cross of Jesus," played by Gary Wilson. (Mrs. C. W. Cade, Reporter).

woman's missionary societies

SACRAMENTO, CALIF., WILLOW RANCHO. The annual program of the W.M.S. of the Willow Rancho Baptist Church of Sacramento, Calif., was presented Sunday evening, March 27, featuring special music and a playlet entitled "Each One, Win One." This being our 10th anniversary, special recognition was given to charter members with the presentation of camellia corsages to each. Several congratulatory letters were read from charter members who are active elsewhere. After the program, a time of fellowship and refreshments was enjoyed by all. The Lord has blessed our Society in that we have grown from 20 to 65 in these 10 years. The mission offering was designated for White Cross supplies for our Cameroon hospitals. (Mrs. W. W. Rueb, Reporter).

SPOKANE, WASH., TERRACE HEIGHTS. On the evening of March 27, the two women's societies of Terrace Heights Baptist Church of Spokane, Wash., held their annual Women's Missionary Program and Installation of Officers. Alma Schmidt favored us with a violin solo, "Follow Me!" Rev. Myrl Thiesies installed the officers of the two societies. The offering of the evening went to the denominational W.M.U. project. The women of the Christian Friendship Circle, with the help of their families, presented a heart-touching play entitled, "The Autobiography of a Church Pew," directed by Mrs. Archie Oestreicher. Many vocal numbers were interspersed throughout the play, with organ accompaniment by Mrs. Bob Miller. A time of fellowship followed as refreshments were served. On Friday evening the choir presented the cantata, "The Easter Guest," under the direction of Mrs. Merlin Schmautz with Mrs. Bob Miller accompanying at the organ. As Miss Johanna Beck read, the choir sang intermittently throughout the story.

GATESVILLE, TEXAS, BETHEL HEIGHTS. A group of women from Immanuel Church, Lockhart, Texas, attended the 50th anniversary of the Bethel Heights, Gatesville, Texas, WMU on April 3. Also present for this festive occasion were ladies from the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, as well as several members of the local association. It was a very good program and well attended. (Mrs. Caroline Barsh, Reporter).

CBY (youth) fellowship

SPRINGSIDE, SASK. The congregation of the Springside Baptist Church were thrilled on Bible Day by the presentation of three talks by young people. The topics were: "The Power of the Word of God" by Larry Konkel, "How We Got the Bible" by Glendon Werner and "Why I Believe the Bible to Be the Word of God" by Carolyn Zilke. Each one of the young people did a fine job of presenting their topics. The Church has also prepared a brochure entitled "The Call to Witness" giving young people the opportunity to give expression of their witness. It has been designed especially for the benefit of the young people who are away from home.

ELK GROVE, CALIF., FIRST. The Easter morning message by the pastor, Rev. Brenner, was entitled "Jesus Christ, the Resurrection, and the Life." The Commissioned Baptist Youth of the First Baptist Church were in charge of the Easter evening service and presented the Spring Musical pro-

gram with an illustrated dramatic presentation, "Voice of Easter." The newly elected officers of the C.B.Y. are as follows: president, Paul Wagemann; 1st vice president, Beverly Ranger; 2nd vice president, Leslie Ranger; secretary, Bobbie White; and treasurer, Lois Ann Fandrich. (Mrs. Leonard Fandrich, Reporter).

receptions and dedication services

ST. BONIFACIUS, MINN. We, the members of the Minnetrista Baptist Church, St. Bonifacius, Minn., had the joy recently of having a reception for our new pastor, Rev. F. E. Klein, and his wife, recently. Mr. Warren Gregg, one of the deacons, was in charge. Words of welcome were extended by Stanley Maas, chairman of the board of deacons, and Mrs. ElRoy Berge, Sunday school superintendent. Letters of greeting and welcome were read from several friends and sister churches. Rev. Donald Miller of Minneapolis, Minn., gave the charge to the church. Rev. Henry Schroeder of St. Paul, Minn., out of his rich pastoral experience gave the charge to the new pastor and encouraged him to "Preach the Word." Rev. F. E. Klein responded with words of gratitude and a brief message based on Romans 15:29. A time of happy Christian fellowship was enjoyed after this very beautiful service. (Mrs. LeRoy Bruhn, Reporter).

PRINCE GEORGE, BRITISH COLUMBIA, FORT GEORGE. The Fort George Baptist Church on Sunday, April 10, dedicated their new church edifice with Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District Secretary, speaking on "What Jesus Expects to Find in His Church." At the evening service Rev. Sonnenberg spoke on "If Christ Had Not Risen, What Then?", a resurrection message. The morning message by Rev. Willy Muller, CTI faculty member, spoke on "Christ Is Risen Indeed." Even though a foot of snow had fallen the night before, the services were well attended. The Bethel Church with its pastor, Rev. Ertis, were also able to help observe this blessed occasion.

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PARENTS OR ZOO KEEPERS

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FIGHTING JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

Here is a plan and a program to fight juvenile delinquency. It calls for reform, not so much on the part of children as of parents. It is an on-going program, beginning early and continuing late. It is not spectacular, but it works. It is not the product of a mystical dreamer, but something practical which can be carried out in every home. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Boys and girls are well off who learn at home what their parents expect of them. Especially fortunate are those boys and girls whose parents make it clear that what they expect has been drawn from the Word of God, the Holy Scriptures. Here is the authority of God himself speaking to men—to parents that they may be worthy of their high calling, and to boys and girls that they may become dutiful sons and daughters, not only of their parents but of the living God.

This program is no mere formality. It is not a question of just reading a chapter of the Scriptures from day to day. Timothy learned the Holy Scriptures, what they have to say to every one of us in the ordinary affairs of life. From the Scriptures he received not just a formal training but an education of the mind, heart, and soul, leading to a great end: faith in Christ Jesus. "From a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

If boys and girls are going to become real men and women, a credit to their parents and faithful to their God, they have to be educated that way. No better method has even been proposed in the history of the world than the one laid down in this text: "Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures."

If this program were followed out, juvenile delinquency would be rare indeed. Religion is caught, not just taught. Children catch it from their parents who do not teach them one thing and act out the opposite; who do not just send their children to Sunday school and church but bring them in the fear of the Lord; who do not just go through the formalities of religious training but impart the whole spirit of the gospel to their children with complete understanding of the fact that the Scriptures have a purpose: to make their children wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

In many cases, emotional problems of adults reflect the spiritual vacuum of their childhood. When a child is brought up in the nurture and admoni-

tion of the Lord, the home is a chapel in which faith is not only confessed but acted out in everyday life. Here you have the makings of a healthy adult. What is more, you have the makings of a citizen of heaven. Holy Scriptures have a purpose: "to make wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

FAITH IN CHRIST

At the heart of the salvation which the Scriptures bring to the heart of a child through faith which is in Christ Jesus is the forgiveness of God, making right everything that has gone wrong. God forgives for the sake of Christ. Faith in Christ accepts this forgiveness and it goes on from there. Faith gives purpose and power to life, even the young life of a boy or girl. Faith does what harsh correction often cannot do; it puts a boy or girl on the right track.

Let the Word of God speak to you as parents that you may be ready to bring up boys and girls who know where they stand in relation to you and to the God whom you serve. Help them to be the kind of boys and girls who will understand what Paul is talking about when he says: "Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

Make up your mind now to be parents, not zoo keepers.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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From Isaiah we learn that Hezekiah had his weakness. He negotiated a treaty with Egypt and it was for this reason that the prophet admonished the king to return to the Lord; rest in him; put confidence in God and his strength.

Questions for Discussion

1. Do we have any leaders in our nation who could be instrumental in leading the people to a closer communion with God?
2. Would people in general respond to a strong Christian leadership?
3. Is it possible to command people to be good and to follow Christian principles?

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BAPTIST HERALD

Obituary

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

MRS. CHRISTINA FIEDLER of Mott, North Dakota

Christina Fiedler, daughter of Jacob and Barbara Schmautz, was born in Odessa, Russia on February 1, 1891. She came to the United States in 1904 and settled near Parkston, South Dakota. On November 18, 1899 she was united in marriage to Richard Fiedler at Parkston, South Dakota. In 1913 they moved to Hettinger County, North Dakota and lived near Burt, No. Dak. until 1945 when she and her husband moved to Mott. She lived in Mott until the time of her passing. She became a Christian when a young girl and was baptized at the age of 16 years, becoming a member of the Baptist church at Parkston, So. Dak. She was a devoted and fruitful charter member of the First Baptist Church in Mott. She passed away after a short illness at the age of 75 years, 1 month, and 30 days.

She leaves to mourn 3 sons: Arthur of Burt, No. Dak., Rudolph of Mott, No. Dak., Walter of Bismarck, N. Dak., 3 daughters; Mrs. Alfred Chesstman of Brady, Montana; Mrs. Alfred Friebos of Mott, No. Dak.; Mrs. Walter Auch of Mott, N. Dak.; 2 sisters: Mrs. Emil Karlen, Missoula, Montana; Mrs. Ted Hawk, Salem, Oregon; 1 brother: Ed Schmautz, Missoula, Montana. She also leaves 7 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Her husband preceded her in death on November 9, 1961.

Services were held from the First Baptist Church of Mott, No. Dakota on April 4 at 2:00 PM with Rev. Herbert Vetter, Missoula, So. Dak. conducting the services.
First Baptist Church
Mott, North Dakota
ARNOLD M. FRIEZ, Officiating Pastor

MRS. CHARLES KROTZER of St. Bonifacius, Minnesota

Mrs. Charles Krotzer, daughter of Charles and Anna Bruhn, was born March 2, 1891, at St. Bonifacius, Minnesota. In this community she spent her childhood and youth. Here she attended public school, Sunday school and church. She went home to be with the Lord March 22, 1966.

When she was 14 years of age she became a Christian and followed the Lord in baptism and united with the Minnetrista Baptist Church. She was a member of this church until her death. In 1909 she was married to Charles Krotzer who preceded her in death in 1958.

She is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Ed. Sweeney, Mrs. Pearl Gothman, and Mrs. Marne Mason; and by five sons: George, Gordon, Paul, Orville and Dean; and by 43 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren; and by one sister, Mrs. Joe Welland, and one brother, Charles Bruhn. May the peace and comfort of our Heavenly Father be the source of blessing to all the bereaved.

Minnetrista Baptist Church
St. Bonifacius, Minnesota
FRED E. KLEIN, Pastor

MRS. CLARIBEL ANDERSON of Kenosha, Wisconsin

Mrs. Claribel Anderson was born in Marengo, Ill. on January 4, 1890 and went to be with her Lord on March 31, 1966, following a long illness. In 1924 Mrs. Anderson moved to Kenosha and was employed by the Simmons Company for 25 years. She was the Simmons Company of Immanuel Baptist was an active member and was always a Church for many years and was always a glowing witness for her Lord. Mrs. Anderson was an invalid for the last few years of her life, suffering also from blindness, but she lived her Christian life by faith to the last moment. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Joseph White and one grandson, Joseph Charles Jr. and one sister in Marengo, Illinois. Her husband preceded her in death in September 1931.

Immanuel Baptist Church
Kenosha, Wisconsin
MILTON H. ZEEB, Pastor

MRS. DOROTHY WALRATH of Walton, New York

Dorothy Joyce Yahn Walrath was born on August 10, 1934, and passed away March 12, 1966, at the age of 31. She is missed by her husband, Rev. Douglas Walrath; her brother, Rev. Raymond Yahn; her mother, Idelle Yahn (Huenrich); uncles, aunts and friends in and near Philadelphia. Her father passed away two years ago.

At the age of 12 Dorothy committed her life to the Lord and was baptized by Pastor Paifenier. When she graduated from high school in Abington, it was evident that she had talents to be used and developed in the field of music. During the summer she was organist and soloist in the Presbyterian Church in Glenside.

She enrolled at Houghton College where she majored in music, particularly in organ. During her college years she served one summer as staff organist and soloist at the Conference Grounds, Green Lake, Wisconsin. She graduated from Houghton where she was an honor student with a B. Mus. degree. She continued her training at Teacher's College, Columbia University in New York, graduating with the M.A. degree. She taught Theory, Organ, and Piano at Kings College, Briarcliff Manor, in 1956-57.

On June 14, 1958, Dorothy was married to Douglas Walrath who is presently pastor of the First Baptist Church of Walton, New York. While Douglas was Director of Christian Education, Dorothy was organist at Mount Hope Methodist Church for three years. As her husband assumed different responsibilities in various churches, Dorothy played organ and sang. This ministry of music was continued in Walton, as well as in the community of that area.

Tuesday evening in Walton the organist Charles Finny who was Dorothy's instructor at Houghton, played: Rev. Christian Matthews, the best man at the wedding of Dorothy and Douglas, and now on the staff of the Marble Collegiate Church of New York, officiated.

Wednesday a service of memory was held in the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Dorothy's home church.

Though brief, it has been a full life especially rich in the ministry of music.

First Baptist Church
Walton, New York
FRED SONNENBERG, Reporter

MRS. ELIZABETH FOOS of Bison, Kansas

Mrs. Elizabeth Gillig Foos was born on December 3, 1875 at New York, and went to be with her Lord on March 24, 1966. She lived most of her life in the Bison area, being a patient in the hospital the last year and five months.

Mrs. Foos was baptized in 1895 by Rev. Klitzing and became a member of the First Baptist Church. She was also a member of the Women's Missionary Society.

Elizabeth Gillig Foos and Henry Foos were married on January 27, 1897. The union was blessed with ten children.

Preceding her in death were her husband and one daughter. Mourning her departure are her nine children, thirty grandchildren, sixty-two great-grandchildren, and her Christian friends.

First Baptist Church
Bison, Kansas
CLEMENCE AUCH, Pastor

MR. LUDWIG B. RUFF of Lehr, North Dakota

Mr. Ludwig B. Ruff was born April 1, 1898 in South Russia. In 1907, Mr. Ruff came to the United States with his parents settling at Eureka, South Dakota. Several years later they moved to a farm located near Lehr, North Dakota.

Mr. Ludwig B. Ruff was married to Emma Weizel on October 30, 1920 by the Rev. William Butchatt, pastor of the Evangelical Church of Lehr, North Dakota. In 1941 they moved to a farm located near Lehr. To this union there were four sons and two daughters born.

Mr. Ruff accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior in the Evangelical Church in 1916. He gave witness to this new birth in obedience to God's Word by baptism in the Baptist pastor, Rev. Gender at Clear Lake near Lehr. He was accepted into the membership of the Baptist church known as the Ruff Station, Northwest of Lehr, until they moved to Lehr in 1956. As a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, he was active until his Heavenly Father called him to occupy his eternal home in glory. Mr. Ludwig B. Ruff passed away suddenly Thursday morning, Dec. 30, 1965 in his home in Lehr.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one son and five brothers. Mr. Ruff leaves his wife, Emma of Lehr, N. Dak.; his three sons: Ervin of Kallspel, Montana, Vernon of Lehr, N. Dakota, ElRoy of Lehr, N.

Dakota; his two daughters: Mrs. Agnes Meidinger of Lehr, N. Dakota and Mrs. Verna Flaig of Missoula, Montana; seventeen grandchildren, other relatives and a host of Christian friends to await the summons of Christ. "That where I am there ye may be also."

Ebenezer Baptist Church
Lehr, North Dakota
DANIEL HERINGER, Pastor

MR. CHRIST ZIMMERMAN of Lehr, North Dakota

Mr. Christ Zimmerman, the son of Gottlieb and Katherian Arlt Zimmerman, was born December 15, 1904 on a farm seven miles South of Lehr, in McIntosh County, North Dakota. He was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Dalke on September 3, 1925 in Ashley, North Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. Christ Zimmerman lived on various farms in McIntosh County until they moved into Lehr in 1955 to make their home there. Mr. C. Zimmerman farmed from town until his health failed him in April of 1965, when he suffered a heart attack.

Mr. Zimmerman accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior in 1928. The Lord used his servant, the Rev. H. J. Able, to lead Mr. Zimmerman into the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as his Savior. He gave witness to his new birth in obedience to God's command by being baptized in 1939. He then became a member of the Baptist Church, the George Station, seven miles South of Lehr, which later became a part of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Lehr.

Mr. Christ Zimmerman was a very active member of his church. The last service he gave to his church as a Deacon and to his Lord was October 3, when he helped serve communion to his fellow brethren in the Lord. That night he had another heart attack and was taken to the Wishek Hospital. He was then transferred to the Bismarck Hospital where he suffered another serious attack. The church prayed for him, God intervened and there was a definite turning point in his condition that even the doctors marveled. He regained strength as the anticipation of coming home was in sight when on Saturday morning he had another attack that was fatal. Mr. Christ Zimmerman went to his eternal home to be with his Savior, Jesus Christ whom he loved and served, on November 6, 1965.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers: Edwin, Otto and Reuben; two sisters: Mrs. Elizabeth Arends of Salem, Oregon and Mrs. Tille Schock of Ashley, N. Dakota; and one half brother, Valentine.

Mr. Christ Zimmerman leaves his wife, Amelia of Lehr, North Dakota, two sons: Walter Zimmerman of Fargo, North Dakota and Melvin Zimmerman of Waterloo, Iowa. Six grandchildren; three sisters: Mrs. Amelia Lust of Lodi, California, Mrs. Magdalena Dalke of Lehr, N. Dakota, Mrs. Molly George of McMinnville, Oregon; one half sister, Mrs. Ricka Kranzler of Fallon, Montana and one half brother, Mr. Gottlieb Zimmerman of Lodi, California; other relatives and a host of Christian friends who await the summons of Christ. "That where I am there ye may be also."

Ebenezer Baptist Church
Lehr, North Dakota
DANIEL HERINGER, Pastor

MR. AUGUST KESSLER of Fessenden, North Dakota

August Kessler of Fessenden, N. Dakota was born on August 7, 1884 in Tuleca, Romania to Jacob and Christine Kessler. He passed away on March 16, 1966 at the age of 81 years, 7 months, and 8 days after a long illness.

He was united in holy matrimony to Theresa (Rudel) Broschat on March 17, 1910. After their marriage they lived on a farm near Fessenden until 1943 when they retired from active farming and moved into the city of Fessenden. Here he resided with his wife until the time of his death.

He leaves to mourn his bereaved wife, Theresa; one son, Harold, Fessenden; three daughters: Helen (Mrs. John V. Zuber) of Yakima, Washington; Hilda (Mrs. John C. Glick) of White Bear Lake, Minnesota; Robinette (Mrs. Norman W. Joos) of Renton, Washington; two step-daughters, Lorraine (Mrs. Garland A. Coker) of Marion, Indiana and Dorothy (Mrs. Melvin Bedan) of New Albany, Indiana; one brother, Peter Kessler, Milton-Freewater, Oregon; one sister, Mrs. Ed. Schmidgal, Athene, Oregon. He is also survived by 17 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren, and a host of friends.

One son, Herbert and one stepson, Fred, preceded him in death.

First Baptist
Fessenden, North Dakota
RAY HOFFMAN, Pastor



DR. RUDOLF THAUT

the Director-elect of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Hamburg, Germany.

Dr. Thaut to Become Director of Hamburg Seminary, Germany

The executive committee of the Evangelical Free Church Union in Germany, which is composed mainly of Baptist churches, chose Rudolf Thaut of Bad Homburg as director of the German Baptist theological seminary in Hamburg.

Dr. Thaut has served since 1959 as general secretary of the Evangelical Free Church Union. He will move to Hamburg in the spring of 1967, teach in the summer session, then take up administration responsibilities upon the retirement of the present director of the seminary Hans Luckey in the fall of that year.

In further action the executive committee voted to establish a tract mission and named Wolfgang Muller of Remscheid to direct it. The plan is for tracts and other such literature to be prepared in cooperation with the denomination publishing house in Kassel and distributed throughout the country not only in German, but among seasonal laborers, in Italian, Spanish, Greek and other languages.—"The Baptist World."

DUNE BUGS & DRIFTWOOD

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without goals, or without a real purpose in life?"

Mother shot a how-about-that look to Dad as Jim surprised them with this newly acquired bit of philosophy.

"You know," he went on, "I've never thought of Christians as being like 'deadwood' or 'growing wood' as Reverend Collier suggested."

"It was a good thought," Mother noted. "Driftwood does drift with each and every wind that it encounters, and is blown in all directions until it is finally washed ashore."

"That's true," Dad continued, "Christians, growing spiritually, will not drift aimlessly in the winds blown by the many forces that buffet us along life's pathway. Their lives are based in a firm belief and awareness of Jesus

Christ, and this type of Christian knows where he is going. That's something we must continually be watchful of or we may drift away from 'the Truth' that God has given us."

Thoughtfully they gazed at the beautiful surroundings which reminded them of God's greatness. The soothing, warm breeze and the soft lapping of the white foamy waves; the scent of the fresh-water lake and the cry of the gulls absorbed their thoughts as time ticked on.

Much too soon, their "seafaring" dreams vanished as they heard the driver's booming voice over the microphone calling them back to the buggy.

"I'm glad the trip is only half over, aren't you?" Jody asked as she squeezed her Mother's hand.

Mother nodded her head in agreement, for they were all looking forward to the trip back across this "sea of sand." Never before had they been so close to the famous Lake Michigan Dunes; never before had Jimmy and Jody dreamed of seeing them like this.

The return trip went by much too rapidly, for within a very short time, the "dune bug" came to rest in the familiar parking lot, and they crawled out. As they headed for their car, both Jimmy and Jody prattled gleefully.

"Oh, yes, thank you!" Jody chimed in as Jimmy thanked his parents for taking them on the ride. "It was so much fun!"

"That was a special way to end our vacation, wasn't it?" Mother agreed.

She and Dad were extremely pleased because the children had enjoyed the trip so much, but they were even more grateful because they had discovered their son was showing signs of real Christian understanding. Not only had the pleasure ride provided thrills and a study of nature; it had provided "food-for-thought" as well.

(Rosemae Hafstrom is completing her college education and is a member of the Lakeshore Baptist Church in Stevensville, Michigan of which Rev. Bert Itterman is the pastor).

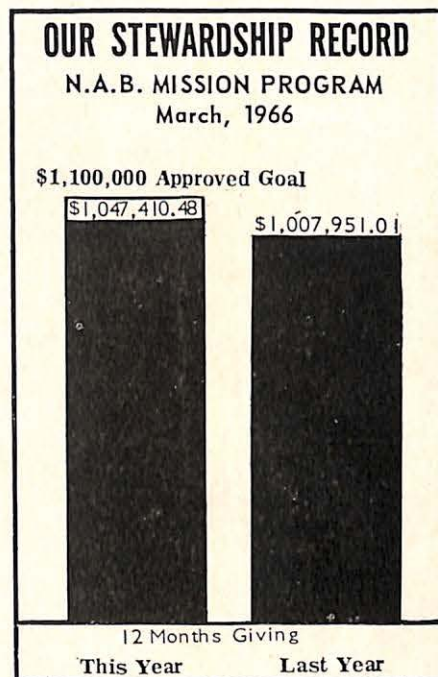
WE, THE WOMEN

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the North American Baptist Women's Union and to our \$75,000.00 Mission Project. We are progressing quite well toward our goal in this Triennial Mission Project.

We are eagerly anticipating and planning toward our General Conference Women's Activities in Detroit in 1967. Mrs. Pat Crane has been selected as our Program Coordinator with Mrs. Erma Mitchell as Missionary Tea Chairman, and Mrs. Frances Faust, Chairman of Ladies Luncheon.

Our English Program Packet theme, "THE CHRISTIAN WOMAN TODAY", reflects our vital concern for a richer and more abundant life in him as does the German theme, "GROWING IN GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE." We anticipate another great year ahead as we continue serving our wonderful Lord!



CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY

March 1966

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Contributions	March 1966	March 1965	March 1964
Atlantic	\$ 5,451.99	\$ 11,416.29	\$ 7,730.92
Central	37,836.98	45,585.89	34,490.89
Dakota	10,399.84	15,548.31	16,341.65
Eastern	2,943.76	5,112.40	8,506.05
Northern	13,008.37	14,507.05	8,966.04
Northwestern	22,549.78	14,344.29	14,649.29
Pacific	19,486.75	20,673.32	16,615.87
Southern	1,198.89	963.27	1,899.66
Southwestern	7,474.89	9,867.18	12,033.85
Inter-Conference	5,204.94	2,490.26	3,012.13
Total Contributions	\$125,556.19	\$140,508.26	\$124,246.35

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Contributions	Total Contributions
For the month of March 1966	\$108,555.56	\$ 17,000.63	\$125,556.19
For the month of March 1965	132,054.97	8,453.29	140,508.26
For the month of March 1964	115,842.52	18,403.83	124,246.35

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1965 to March 31, 1966	\$954,981.43	\$ 92,429.05	\$1,047,410.48
April 1, 1964 to March 31, 1965	931,096.90	76,854.11	1,007,951.01
April 1, 1963 to March 31, 1964	913,690.04	82,339.49	996,029.53