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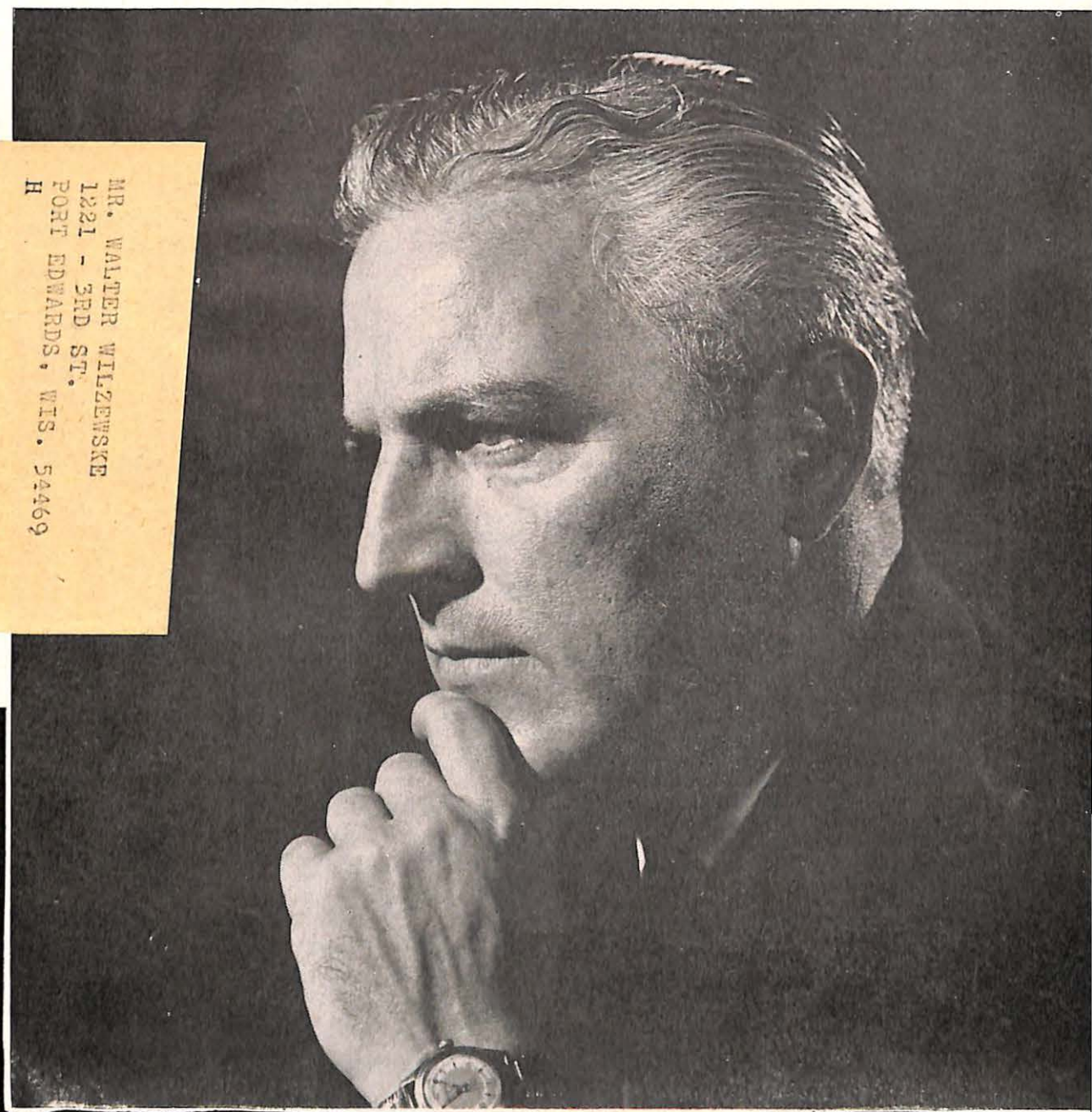
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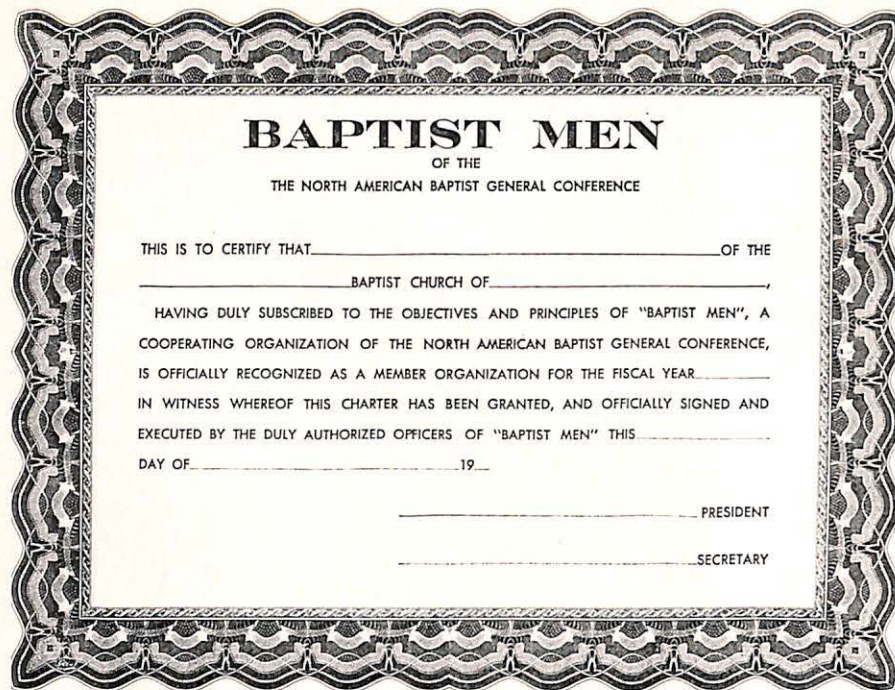
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ACT LIKE MEN

By Walter S. Fritzemeier of Stafford, Kansas,
Secretary-Treasurer of Baptist Men

LIVING LETTERS says in I Cor. 16:13, "Keep your eyes open for spiritual danger; stand true to the Lord; act like men; be strong."

Our North American Baptist General Conference has approximately 330 active churches; only 36 of these have 1966 Men's Fellowship membership charters. This is a little over eleven percent. The W.M.U. has a much greater percentage.

Men, let us examine ourselves. Let us not leave the work of our Lord's business to our women. But let us organize and work together to carry on the work of spreading the gospel.

Some may say, "We don't have to be organized to do the Lord's bidding." That is true, but I am convinced that a spiritually alive, organized body of Christian men who really are standing true to the Lord will accomplish more in our Father's vineyard than we can singly.

Let's ACT LIKE MEN, be strong in the power of his might, and heed the words of Ananias to Paul, "For thou shalt be His witness unto all men."

Our national organization of Baptist Men operates on a calendar year basis. To be affiliated with Baptist Men, an annual charter fee of \$5 for a fellowship of less than twenty members and \$10 for one of more than twenty members is to be remitted to the national secretary-treasurer (not Forest Park) each year. Upon receipt of this annual charter fee and other information listed on an application form, a current year's Charter and Program Packet will be sent to the local treasurer. One of these application forms has been sent to every church listed in our Denominational Directory.

Romans 12:5 in Living Letters says, "So we belong to each other and each needs all the others."

COUNT THAT DAY LOST

If you sit down at set of sun
And count the acts that you have
done,
And counting find
One self-denying deed, one word
That eased the heart of him who
heard;
One glance most kind,
That fell like sunshine where it
went—
Then you may count that day well
spent.

But if, through all the livelong day,
You've cheered no heart, by yea or
nay—
If, through it all
You've nothing done that you can
trace
That brought the sunshine to one
face—
No act most small
That helped some soul and nothing
cost—
Then count that day as worse than
lost.

George Eliot, 1819-1880

NEWS and NEEDS...

BAPTIST BIBLE TRAINING CENTER, NDU, CAMEROON. Rev. Elmer Strauss reported at the Forest Park Baptist Church, August 7, that the Baptist Training Center at Ndu, Cameroon, had the largest graduation on Sunday, July 31, in its 19 year history with 23 graduates. The previous largest graduation class had 19 members. A total of 123 have graduated from the school.

CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDERS. The October Builders Project is the Parkdale Baptist Church, Drumheller, Alberta, Canada, with Rev. Allen Gerber as pastor. See article for information on this project on page 10.

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS. Pray for God's Volunteers as they begin their evangelistic campaigns this week. Team I with Rev. Edgar Klatt, director, will be at the Temple Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alta., Oct. 9-16, and at the Hilda Baptist Church, Hilda, Alta., Oct. 17-23. Team II with Director Connie Salios will be at the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., Oct. 9-16, and at the First Baptist Church, Sidney, Mont., Oct. 18-28.

SPANISH-AMERICAN FIELD. Rev. Earl Ahrens announced that 54 youth attended the second summer camp for the Spanish-American youth of Colorado this year. There were 14 staff members, and 17 youth made decisions. Last year 26 youth attended this camp.

CRIPPLES BY THE BILLION

Because of the centrality of the Bible, a Christian who cannot read is a cripple. Therefore, the church in educationally backward areas is invigorated when its literacy level is raised. And when a literacy campaign is also seen as an outreach for the unreached, the benefit is more than doubled. . . . If a man is fed, he will hunger again. If he is clothed, his clothes will wear out. If he is healed but returns to his old way of life, he may get sick again. But if he is taught to read, he can help himself. He can learn how to plant and grow food. He can learn to earn enough to clothe his family. He can learn how to deal with disease and how to help lift his village or neighborhood to health. Two-fifths of the people of the world—1,320,000,000 human beings—are still illiterate. One of the most far-reaching and long-lasting acts Christians can perform is to teach the unlettered multitudes to read.

David E. Mason in Christianity Today

BIBLE BOOK OF THE MONTH

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

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I Corinthians 1-13

II and III John

Editorial

The Perfect Man

Guest Editorial by Mr. Fred L. Paul, Vice-President of Baptist Men,
St. Paul, Minnesota

What is man? This question has been raised not only in modern times but also for back in biblical history. In Job 7 we read, "What is man that thou shouldst magnify him? and that thou shouldst set thine heart upon him?"

Man has made all kinds of pronouncements concerning himself. A modern humorist observed: "The noblest study of mankind is Man, says Man." Shakespeare has Hamlet describing man with humanistic optimism. But he ends his description by referring to man only as "the paragon of animals" and asks this question, "and yet to me, what is this quintessence of dust? man delights not me." One of the most pessimistic views of man's nature is perhaps expressed by Homer's ancient complaint that "there is none more wretched . . . nothing feebler than man."

One writer has said: "The basic problem facing human beings—how to live at peace with other men—is accented by man's nature and his needs. . . . No line of color, caste, or ideology can obscure the universality of man's needs and the growing awareness of his necessity for peace."

In Psalm 37:37 we read, "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace." This verse indicates the final attainment of the perfect man but does not define his perfection. First of all, it is generally accepted that the word perfect as used here means complete. This then brings us to the question, what are the attributes and faculties that make for completeness in man. Plato, Aristotle, and the Stoics of ancient Greece believed reason to be the highest of human faculties, and through its exercise man would attain complete control of himself and rule the world with justice and equity. So far he has failed! Isaiah believed in the power of reason, but he linked its exercise with God who says, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord" (Isa. 1).

A careful study of Scripture will reveal to us the attributes of perfection in man and how they may be obtained. When God chose direct involvement with his highest creation, by means of the incarnation of his Son Jesus Christ, he did not imprison himself in the sanctuary of the temple, but went directly where the needs were. He became involved in all areas of life in the world which he loved. As Christian men, are we relating ourselves to the problems of the world, or do we view them only from the corner of our eyes so as not to have direct conflict with them? Remember, we were commissioned to go to all the world, which can mean right around us, as well as 6000 miles away. Do we lose ourselves in church and forget those outside? Many of the battles of faith are fought in places other than church!

To discuss all the facets of perfection in man would require volumes. A few are indicated in Psalm 37: "Fret not thyself because of evildoers . . . Trust in the Lord, and do good . . . Delight thyself in the Lord . . . Commit thy way unto the Lord . . . Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him . . ."

A close study of all these scripture references, including the words from Isaiah, reveals a common relationship—that is, a working partnership with God.

Layman, who is your partner?

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Stouthearted Men!

by Mr. Walter C. Pankratz, Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois

EVERY CHURCH needs a good men's fellowship! Some pastors have feared that such an organization might try to run the church. Far from it! A properly functioning men's group will undergird the pastor and lighten his workload.

Our men's fellowship at the Foster Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago, known as the Christian Fellowship Club, was organized in 1930 and has held regular monthly meetings ever since. Our active membership is about 40, and our average attendance at monthly meetings about 25. Some original members are still active today. Membership is open to anyone aged 16 or over. Through the years the disparity in the ages of the members has increased, but this has presented no great problem, as both younger and older men find joy in working and fellowshiping together in a common cause.

MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION

We advocate maximum participation by members, as this develops their speaking ability and increases their potential as church leaders. Except for occasional outside speakers, members present devotional talks and the main topics of the evening. Over the years, we have covered an amazing variety of stimulating educational subjects on religion, science, industry, history, biography and many other fields. Occasionally, a good film is shown.

Each meeting includes singing, a devotional topic and season of prayer, discussion of business and topic of the evening. Refreshments and social fellowship bring the meeting to a close. We usually meet in homes, and the hospitality experienced in each home has been most enjoyable. At each annual meeting a schedule of the year's coming meetings is passed around, so that members may sign up as host, as devotional speaker, or as main speaker of the evening for any month of the new year. Each speaker is then responsible for selecting and preparing his own topic.

OUR MEN'S CHORUS

Singing together has greatly broadened our areas of service. Besides singing once a month in our local church, we have sung at inter-city church gatherings, at several Laymen's Conferences, and recently, at the Central Conference at Peoria, assisted by men from other churches of the Chicago area. Several years ago, we gave concerts in Milwaukee, Detroit, Benton Harbor, Kankakee and Chicago area churches for the benefit of our Seminary Library Book Fund.

SERVICES AT THE MISSION

For many years we have conducted services four times a year at the Sunshine Gospel Mission, located in a skid-row section of Chicago's near North Side. In addition to singing the gospel, we also provide the speaker of the evening, who may be our pastor or one of our laymen. We have seen souls saved and have been blessed by rendering this ministry. We also constitute a Sunday school class in which members take turns in teaching. The necessary study and research has helped to make all of them better students of the Bible. Further activities have included an annual overnight camp for men and boys.

A WORK GROUP

Finally, our men form a work group, which is the right arm of the Board of Trustees. This group helps to keep the church and grounds in good condition and undertakes various projects which have saved our church many hundreds of dollars. In these activities, we have found that there is enjoyable Christian fellowship in work.

Considering the blessings that we have experienced as we have sung together, worked together, studied and prayed together, and enjoyed many mentally stimulating hours together throughout our 36-year history, we might well ask: How can any church afford to be without a men's fellowship?

If your men's fellowship is slipping, reactivate it! If you have never had one, get one started and join forces with all the other fellowships which comprise the Baptist Men of our North American Baptist General Conference.

Meaningful Programs

by Mr. William G. Cowdy,
First Baptist Church, Auburn, Mich.

OUR MEN'S Fellowship has about 30 members, with attendance as high as 80 on a few occasions. Our officers meet once a year to draw up the program for the coming year. This program consists of six meetings on alternate months.

One of these events is the annual fathers and sons' banquet. This is held in September and gives the men an opportunity to get together again after the busy summer. The banquet is held in the church with the women cooking and serving. We try to find a program that will appeal to both the men and boys. We have found state and local law enforcement people very cooperative in supplying programs which appeal to both these groups.

Until this summer the Men's Fellowship sponsored an annual summer picnic. However, we found that having our picnic and the annual Sunday school picnic were too many picnics. This year we sponsored a ball game between the men and the boys, with the Men's Fellowship furnishing a trophy for the winners. This seems to have worked out very well, judging from the enthusiasm of the participants.

A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS

This leaves four meetings a year open for a variety of programs. Of these four we try to have at least one include the boys. We found that it works quite well to have this combined meeting be the first meeting of the year. This is our membership meeting, and the men are more likely to attend

if they get some friendly encouragement from junior. We generally show films at this meeting, which we borrow from our local library. There are a number of sources for good films including industry, film libraries, and government agencies.

The remaining three meetings are keyed to the men. On these meetings we make an effort to bring in speakers who can present religion in a new and often controversial vein. We have had lay speakers from local colleges, industry and from other churches. We try to provoke some thought from these meetings, to encourage men to ask themselves just why they believe the way they do.

All of our meetings begin with a

prayer followed by a devotional. Again the devotions are keyed to those Bible verses we feel appeal most to men. Following the speaker we always serve refreshments. It is during the refreshments that the true fellowship really gets underway. The men have a chance for informal conversation with the speaker and each other. To make the most of this time the refreshments should be ample and appealing and the coffee rich and hot. We never limit this time, for this is when we have the opportunity to get to know one another better.

IMPORTANT ROLE

We feel that the Men's Fellowship plays a very important role in the

church. For it is during these meetings that the men become better acquainted and establish closer ties with their Christian brothers. It helps new members get acquainted with the church and contributes to their feeling of belonging. We like to include the boys in a number of these functions as it gives them the opportunity to grow into the Men's Fellowship. It gives us the opportunity to bring in outsiders and help them get to know us.

The Men's Fellowship can make a positive contribution to unity and strength in your church. If your church hasn't started one yet, we would encourage you to do so; for we are sure you will find it to be a joy and a blessing in your Christian lives.

Whatever Thy Hand Findeth To Do...

by Mr. Delmar Wesseler, First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas

ONE OF THE traits which leaders and followers alike used in building pioneer churches was that of giving of themselves in helpfulness. We as men feel that today we need to remind ourselves of the values in this "sharing of self and skills." In volunteer work we do have a good time in fellowship as we work. Some say it is easier to send a check for a given project than to give a day's time when one is so busy. We have found that nothing gives more satisfaction than the sharing of our skills with some groups which are very small or which cannot afford to pay for certain skills. It seems that it helps us work better on our regular jobs, if we have given some of our efforts away to those who need it. Many times we think we do not have time, but often this is a state of mind possibly rather than actuality.

This sharing of skills is one way of using God given talents to greatest advantage, and it can be immediately satisfying. "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might. . . ." (Eccl. 9:10) could be said to be our watchword.

PROJECTS IN LORRAINE

We have had a number of projects these recent years which helped beautify and improve our own church property. We also helped in neighboring churches and communities. One of our latest projects was making new tables for our church park. These durable metal and redwood type tables helped make our annual Sunday school picnic even more pleasant this year! Also, we built storage cabinets for our church educational departments. Improvements to the parsonage include making a new sidewalk, remodeling the bathroom and closet area, painting basement walls, and helping to paint the exterior.

A PROJECT IN CHURCH EXTENSION

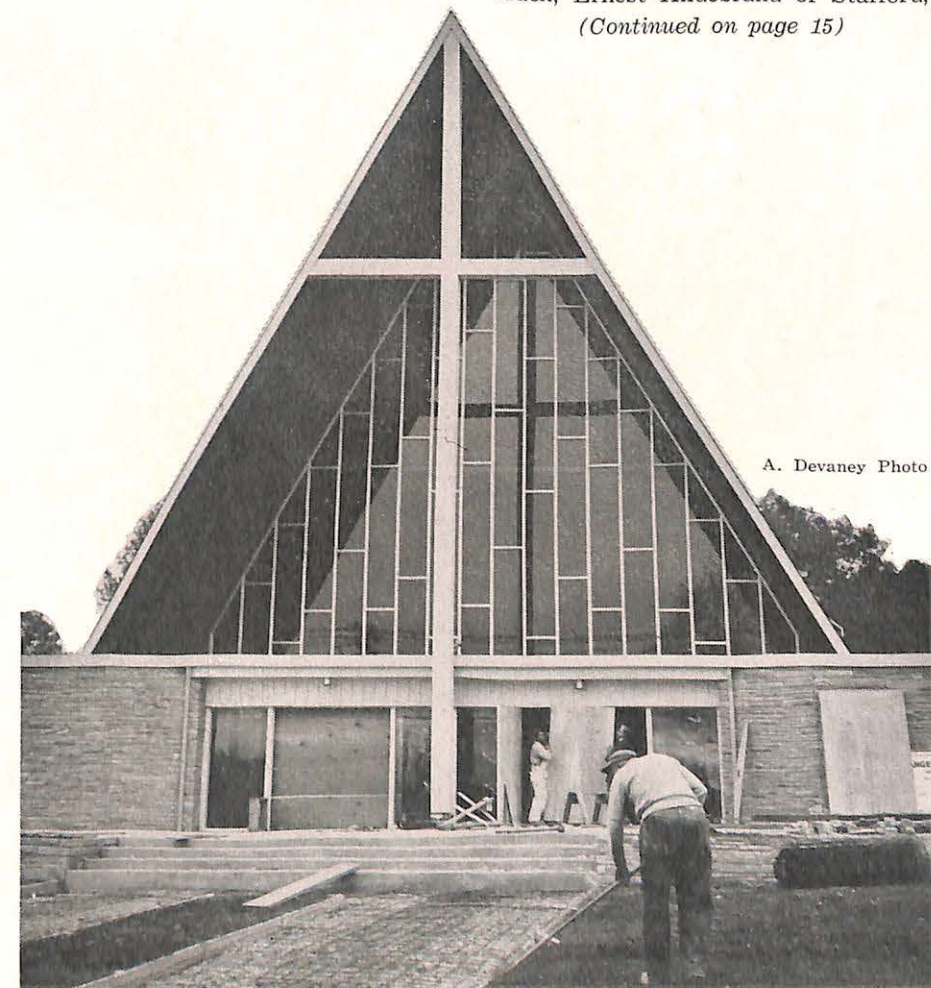
Our neighboring Calvary Baptist Church in Hoisington needed help in improving their property. A large number of our group demolished the annex, salvaged and made ready for sale the remaining lumber, and furnished the material and labor for enclosing the

wall area left open after removing the annex structure from the brick church building. We also helped remodel the church basement. By having a variety in projects, all men who are willing are needed and can be used.

OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS

Since our layman's organization was founded, we have had varied and stimulating monthly meetings. Each February we entertain our "Sweethearts" with a banquet and program. Some of the more recent featured speakers in our regular meetings have been former missionary to Japan, Rev. Clemence Auch, Ernest Hildebrand of Stafford,

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A. Devaney Photo

Program Ideas for Men's Groups



MEN! ENCOURAGE OTHERS!

by Mr. Henry Fluth
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THE IMPRESS of modes and circumstances so often shape the lives and attitudes of younger people so that their nobler potential may never be realized. Balanced values are not the natural result of contemporary education. And experience is not a worthy teacher without the conscious awareness that God is! What pity to see souls entangled in the cob-webs of compromise and confusion—conformed rather than transformed—who equate ethics with the situation rather than by principle!

Contrast these with the radiant Christian young men of our N.A.B. churches who are consistent in their commitment to the Lord Christ. What joy to see boys and young men strong and steadfast in their discipleship. Faithful. Fruitful. Maturing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

How strange that often from the same garden, the same climate and same stalk, or within the same church, there is such difference in what comes forth.

THE CHURCH: COMMOTION OR IN MOTION

The structured church of today may be more a church of commotion than "the church" in motion—weakly positive but nevertheless highly organized. The church needs to know that this is still the "church age," knowing also that the night is near when "no man can work" even though now it seems that no man will work. Today's going congregations are those that draw upon the resources and capabilities of its young people. Where the invitation for involvement is warm and genuine, God in his wisdom and grace has endowed our young men with gifts, talents,

fresh ideas, and skills—all this that his work should prosper and the workers be edified. The New English Bible spells this out in Hebrews 10:24: "We ought to see how each of us may best arouse others to love and active goodness . . . encouraging one another." That church which motivates its men to invest and share in the Kingdom enterprise is insuring the on-going spiritual prosperity of the fellowship. To motivate is to inspire and influence and to suggest stimulative participation in the building up of the household of faith.

LOVE WITHOUT DISSIMULATION

Probably each local church has its spiritually oriented young men as well as those who may be characterized as detached or retarded. The total make-up of the congregation must be embraced with the love of Christ "without dissimulation"—even the hypercritical self-righteous, the faltering and the fallen . . . yes, even the writer and the reader. **THIS** the church owes every one of us! **LOVE.**

The search for a substitute for **LOVE** goes on—campaigns, projects, contests, drives, and more and more meetings to consider improved methods and systems on how to challenge, how to recruit and goad men to good works. True, it is a scriptural injunction that we are to "provoke one another to good works." And in this we often do, only provoke one another, if our labor is not in the spirit of unity and love.

MOTIVATION—DANGEROUS BUSINESS

Reference has been made to how the stalwart and also the stumbling may grow up in the same church. Surely both have been largely shaped by

various stimuli and influence. The same experience can trigger vastly different reactions in each individual. Each has been influenced or motivated by someone to some degree—one for good, the other for ill.

Motivating people can be dangerous business. The influence of an individual is often traceable for generations. Actions or attitudes can have eternal consequence. Stumbling blocks and millstones are more than metaphors. But the salt of the earth and the lights of this world are witness to the grace and glory of God.

THE CHURCH—CENTER POINT

Jesus said, "I will build my church." This is the body of believers who are privileged to co-labor with him. This is the center point from which the Christian moves to bless the world with a clear testimony of the grace of God.

So the chartered corporate body is the agency through which he would continue his work in the world. This is the camp in which men are guided and trained for effective service. It is within this framework that men may have the exciting and thrilling experiences of encouraging one another, rejoicing together, and joining in praise and prayer. It is from here that men go out into the world as demonstrators and interpreters of the love of Christ.

SERVING GOD BY SERVING OTHERS

Not everyone within the church has found his place in these adventures. There is such great potential about us. With loving encouragement so many

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THE WORD "layman" simply means "ordinary people." "Lay" means people. There are laymen and clergymen. So we reason that a clergyman is an active professional while the layman is a passive onlooker who receives his religion by way of his professional brother's influence and know-how. This is not all-together true. In the field of medicine this may be appropriate. One does not buy a three dollar knife and become a surgeon, nor a scratch pad to dole out prescriptions. To be sure one does not buy a hard-covered Bible and become a preacher, nor raise his right arm solemnly to invoke the blessings of God on his people. Yet it must be said that in the field of Christianity the true work of God is every man's work. The work of God can never be done by a minor group of pastors but must be done by every layman, the ordinary people.

What makes a "good" layman? What can I, a pastor, expect of interested laymen? Where can a layman begin to enlarge his interests and influence for Christ?

A VITAL ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST

Every layman must have a vital and personal experience with Jesus Christ. Our life is never one of social conformity but of knowing and fully surrendering to the will of Jesus Christ and to make him Savior and Lord. We begin in meeting him at the Cross!

Have you noted that actually the Gospel writers were laymen. One served the state in the Internal Revenue Service. Another became a traveling companion to both Paul and Peter. The third was an "M. D." by profession. Dr. Luke had so much time (?) that he wrote a much appreciated account of the early Church. The last Gospel was written by a commercial fisherman. He, too, was responsible for the writing of other biblical books. These men as well as the disciple band were "ordinary" men who met the Master. This simple encounter tells us who they were and what they were able to do.

Two verses always come to my mind when I think of this great change in "ordinary" men. Peter and John had been doing good as "unlearned" men. Because of this, people were blessed but also astonished. We read that "they took knowledge that they had been with Jesus" (Acts 4:13). With this acknowledged understanding the disciples continue by a simple statement and testimony. They maintain that the will of God is more important than the voice of the people. "We cannot but speak of the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). Ordinary people do become great witnesses and spokesmen for God by his transforming grace. Laymen are ordinary people.

A PASTOR'S EXPECTATIONS

Above all else I would like to see every Christian layman bear a Chris-

tian's testimony. Christian living is a 24 hour day, seven days a week affair. In every activity Christ's will is done or ignored. It all sounds so simple! May Christ be made known to all who meet you, Mr. Layman, by who you are and by what you say.

Prayer should be a vital part of an earnest layman's life. As this article is penned, I reflect the blessings of a most recent local service where the men of our church joined in prayer. They followed each other in rapid succession. Many vital prayer responsibilities were met. Without exception these men prayed for their pastor. These prayers were raised for me. Laymen are ordinary people. But the prayers of ordinary people avail much. Pray—and as you do, pray for *your* pastor.

Church attendance is important! There are many supposedly earnest church men whose many other interests keep them from attending church regularly. All worship hours have their purpose—morning, evening and mid-week, too. Attendance or absence easily proves a layman's spiritual virility.

Know every area of your church's ministry and become a vital part of God's work through it. God's work is dependent upon many people. So often a simple "I didn't know" becomes an excuse for inactivity. Be an active layman. Give God both time and talent.

Get to know your pastor. Certain things done by your pastor can actually be done better by laymen. Remember also your pastor's and his family's needs as they relate to his mental well-being. Does he enjoy a sense of financial security? Observant laymen can easily get the facts and then do something about it. Your pastor may become a better "shepherd of the flock" when worries are dispelled that may have originated from laymen's lack of concern.

LAYMAN'S EXPANDED MINISTRIES

May the enumeration of just a few ideas start a real "laymen's movement" in our larger denominational fellowship.

Visitation programs. Make meaningful personal visits to the unchurched, the absentees, the non-Christian friend. Always leave an audible testimony behind. Get others to join you. The spiritual growth of your church depends on such activity.

Church extension. Is there a new community building up in your city? Perhaps you can start a branch Sunday school. Support our present denominational church extension projects by being informed, by praying and by monetary support.

Be interested in your young people. Be a sponsor or counsellor. Accept some responsibility in programming. Invite the young people to your home. Take a personal interest in their lives. Perhaps you can even offer financial help to needy ones to help further their education. Seek to guide some into areas of Christian service.

Work at church. Put on your cover-



LAYMEN ARE ORDINARY PEOPLE

by Rev. Hans J. Wilcke,
Salt Creek Baptist Church,
Dallas, Oregon

alls and do some cleaning or painting to help improve the church grounds or building. This will not only help enhance your building but make you a true friend of the Board of Trustees and help you see that even here your little means so much.

Make your Christian witness felt in community affairs. A Christian's convictions are vital contributions to every community endeavor. Health,

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Full-time Christian Laymen

by Mr. Paul H. Stoltz

Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Washington

"WHY DON'T YOU give up your machinery business and go into the Lord's work full-time"? This question came from a minister friend and was directed to Stan Johnson, our national Baptist Men's president, as the three of us sat over a cup of coffee. Stan is co-owner of Gerrish Machinery Company, an Industrial Machinery Supply House in Tacoma, Wash.

Without a moment's hesitation the answer came: "I am in the Lord's work full-time!" I noticed a startled expression on the minister's face as if the answer were a contradiction of an obvious fact.

Why are we conditioned to this type of thinking? We feel that pastors, missionaries, and a very few other select individuals are "in the Lord's work full-time" while the rest of us are "just ordinary Christians," sometimes called "laymen." Is this position really supported by the Scripture?

When we speak to young people's groups, we speak of a special call to "full-time service." Many young people grow up in our churches with the firm conviction that unless they feel this "special call," they are free to plan their own lives as they see fit.

We read in Romans 12:1 and 2 (Phillips): "With eyes wide open to the mercies of God, I beg you, my brothers, as an act of intelligent worship, to give him your bodies, as a living sacrifice, consecrated to Him and

acceptable by Him. Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God remold your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good, meets all His demands, and moves toward the goal of true maturity."

GOD'S PLAN FOR LAYMEN

I am sure that we will all agree that this passage applies to every one of us who has accepted Jesus Christ as our personal Savior. If this is true, *then God has a plan for each of our lives whether we are a pastor or a layman.* Our responsibility to commit our life to the Lord's will and plan is just as great as a layman as it is for a pastor or for a missionary in Africa. Much confusion exists about the dedicated Christian life of a full-time Christian layman. Some would say that he is a person who attends a Bible believing, Christ honoring, evangelical church. Others would add the additional requirement that they attend such a church twice each Sunday, attend the midweek service each week, teach a Sunday school class, and hold important church offices. Is this the real criteria?

I remember listening to a teenager in serious trouble who came from what was presumed to be a fine Christian home. His father could meet all of these requirements. When the boy was asked how he got into such trouble coming from a "fine Christian

home," he said, "My dad is a religious phony! Oh, yes, he goes to church all right, but you ought to see his income tax return or hear him brag about beating someone in a shady business deal. No, I don't want any part of the religion he's got!"

A DOESN'T DOER

Others seem to feel that a real full-time Christian layman is a person who *doesn't do* a rather long list of things. This is a great deal like the Pharisees in Christ's day. They had a tremendous list of things they did not do. Was Christ impressed? "Hypocrites, blind leaders of the blind," was what he called them. No . . . you can't tell a dedicated Christian by the things he doesn't do! Others choose to substitute organizational activity instead of meeting personal need. They are members of many committees and boards.

Stan Johnson, who I referred to in my opening paragraph, is an example of what I would call a full-time Christian layman. The business, of which he owns one-third, came to him in a miraculous way. The Lord showed him in many ways, as he prayerfully considered the opportunity that this was where he wanted him. Stan honors the Lord with his time, his talents, and his material possessions. He is very active in his church, as well as several other Christian organizations.

What I have said about Stan so far could be said about many, many others, but he has one additional quality which

makes him stand out and qualify as a full-time Christian layman. This quality is that he earnestly seeks to be a witness each day for the Lord. He gives the Lord the credit for whatever he has been able to do. Only eternity will reveal the full number of those who have come to know Christ in his car, his home, or some other place where he has quietly and tactfully pointed the way of life eternal.

COMPLETE COMMITMENT TO CHRIST

How can we become full-time Christian laymen? Let's go back to our familiar scripture passage quoted earlier. The first requirement included in these verses is a complete commitment of ourselves to him. Until the Lord is truly Lord of our total life and all we possess, we will never be effective in his kingdom's work. Although we talk a great deal about dedication, it is this step that prevents a vast majority of Christians from being useful.

The second requirement on our part laid out in these verses is that we consciously reject the world around us and its desire to conform us to its standards. How often it is that we counsel with young people who come forward in an act of dedication and then later see them fall by the wayside because of the lure of the world. Does this mean that their dedication was not sincere? No, in many cases their act of dedication was quite sincere, but they were not able to meet the second step of living above the world around them.

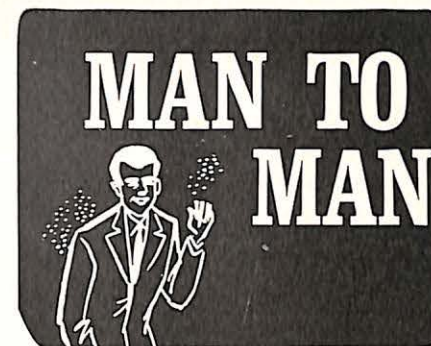
GOD REMOLDING OUR LIVES

The third requirement is that of letting God remold our minds from within. This is accomplished through personal fellowship with God in studying his word and in prayer. How difficult it is to have a consistent prayer life and a consistent desire to search the scriptures. When we have met these requirements, God can use us in a full-time capacity as a Christian layman whether we are a carpenter, brick layer, doctor, or whatever our profession may be.

YOU, A FULL-TIME CHRISTIAN

The world around us is desperately looking for an answer that really works. Part-time Christianity will never work. It is therefore little wonder that the world is not impressed with it. Our ability as Christians to meet the need of the world and the future of our denomination and our churches is directly dependent upon our ability as laymen to make Christianity a full-time experience.

You and I will meet people today that our pastors will never see. Our lives can preach sermons which could carry the gospel message to places where the sound of our pastor's voice will never have the opportunity to penetrate. Let God use you to introduce men to a vital relationship with God through a personal encounter with his Son the Lord Jesus Christ. This is our full-time responsibility.



"GOD'S WAY IS THE BEST WAY"

by Mr. Walter E. Schmitke
of Dallas, Oregon

"GOD'S WAY Is the Best Way" was the slogan my parents tried to teach their children through word and example. Father led the devotions after supper, and we were always early for the Sunday services and prayer meetings at the Trinity Baptist Church. The whole family went together regularly, except for an occasional illness. During some special meetings held by an evangelist in February, 1924, I accepted Christ as my Savior and was baptized at ten years of age. At the age of fifteen I joined the Church Choir and at sixteen began leading the singing in Sunday school as well as being an assistant teacher. During each vacation it was a highlight to attend our Summer Assemblies on the coast at Twin Rocks, Oregon.

At twenty-four years of age I married Florence Trachsel, who also sang in the choir and had much God-given talent for playing several musical instruments. As a result of prayer and a challenge from God's Word, eight of us young people from Trinity banded together for some mountain-top blessings in a gospel team and held a number of meetings in American Sunday School meeting places, missions, Vancouver Military Barracks, or wherever we could be of service.

In 1944 the Lord led us to come to Dallas in answer to a definite prayer request when our place of employment burned. Later that year when our employer sold out, and things looked dark, God again answered in a definite way that I should go in partnership in a sawmill and planer with a Christian man with whom I had been working.

By this time the Lord had blessed us with three boys, and in a few years a girl was added to the family—all of whom know the Lord as their personal Savior and are looking to him for guidance in their future.

The boys also learned how lumber was made early in life. The Lord blessed the business financially and spiritually and many churches used lumber produced at our mill. However, I can never repay what I owe my blessed Lord for his sacrificial death for me, that I may be called a child of the King.

Our family have been active in the Salt Creek Baptist Church since com-

ing here. I was teaching a class of boys within a few weeks, and now I teach the Young Married Class, lead the Choir and Male Chorus, and also am a Deacon. The wife and children are equally as busy in activities of the church.

During these years the Lord has led us to speak to neighbors and friends of the Gospel of Christ and a number of them have accepted him, something they will be thankful for throughout eternity, surely "God's way is the best way."

A TESTIMONY

by John R. Thomas
of Sierra Heights Baptist Church,
Renton, Wash.

MY CHRISTIAN conversion started seven years before my personal acceptance. I have found that with God, all things are possible. At 18 my conformity to the world began. At 21 my life was deep in sin.

At 23 I married my loving wife, who was 16. After two years of marriage, we accepted an invitation to go to Oregon on prospects of employment. We returned to Massachusetts after a four month fruitless search for employment.

We acquired a loan and established ourselves in Massachusetts. Two years later, pains in my wife's stomach forced her into the hospital. Two operations and five pints of blood later, cancer was discovered. Doctors gave her five years to live! Two weeks after her return from the hospital, our house burned down. We had no insurance at all. A total loss!

A lay-off came next, then three years of cheap apartments and low paying jobs, and our second child was born retarded. After x-rays, examinations, prescriptions, and endless medical bills, we were informed a two year old mentality was the best that we could hope for from our daughter.

As I sat on a stool in a tavern thinking of my problems, I knew that drinking would not help. I returned to my car to find a rear tire and the spare tire were flat. Realizing that all service stations were closed, I sat behind the steering wheel and cried. Crying turned to cursing. I cursed everyone; I cursed God. I said, "God, what are you trying to do to me?"

My cursing turned to prayer. I asked God for help! The Bible says, Whomsoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved! When I got out of the car, someone stopped to offer his help and his spare tire.

The next day I was offered a job; the job led to a trade; the trade to a good paying job, a new home, new furniture, new car and a banking account. I began to brag. "Look what I did!" I was just like the people that Moses led out of Egypt, forgot God! Our lives became wild parties, charge accounts, and foolishness.

The Lord said that he is a jealous God, and since our material things became idols, God had enough! We

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Witnessing for Christ in Drumheller

The Parkdale Baptist Church, Drumheller, Alberta, is the Church Extension Builders Project for October.

by Rev. Allan Gerber, Pastor

“Y E SHALL BE witnesses unto me in Drumheller.” This paraphrase of the words of our Lord Jesus is the word we want you to hear through this article. Jesus, speaking in Acts 1:8, clearly intended that his people should be witnesses unto him in the whole world, beginning at home and reaching out in ever-widening circles. The ministry and witness that we all can have through church extension can be likened to the Judaea and Samaria of Jesus’ commission. More specifically, in this article, we want you to see church extension in Drumheller, Alberta, Canada, as part of your total witness.

**CENTRAL ALBERTA BAPTIST
EXTENSION COMMITTEE**

Drumheller is snuggled in the Red Deer River Valley in Southern Alberta, about 35 miles northeast of Calgary. Several North American Baptist Churches have ministered in the large area around Drumheller, but none has been established within the city until now. The idea of a North American Baptist Church in Drumheller had been in the hearts of some people for many years. Then, in 1964, God so led that the idea would become a reality. Five N.A.B. families were living in or around Drumheller, so situated that a church in the city was desirable for them. Four neighboring churches saw the part they could plan and formed the Central Alberta Baptist Extension Committee. Involved were the churches of Zion (rural Drumheller), Carbon, Trochu, and East Olds (rural). With the interest and involvement of the local people and the churches, services were begun in October of 1964.

THE FIRST FIFTEEN MONTHS

The first fifteen months with this new congregation were an evidence of the blessing and direction of God and of the sincerity and dedication of the people. During those months, no full-time pastor was on the field. Various pastors and laymen supplied the pulpit for the first winter. A student was resident on the field the summer of 1965. Then, until the end of 1965, a layman supplied the pulpit. In spite of this lack of usual leadership, the congregation remained united in purpose and action. In fact, God blessed the work with growth. Also during the first fifteen months, the people gave generously of their financial means. After several delays, a full-time pastor was found. Pastor and Mrs. Allan Gerber came to the field at the beginning of 1966.

THE POTENTIAL IN DRUMHELLER

Before looking at the church today and its plans for the future, let's take



Rev. and Mrs. Allan Gerber with daughters De Lana and Marlys.

a look at our city and our potential. The river valley in which Drumheller is located was formerly a coal-mining area. Numerous settlements grew up close to the mines. Of these, Drumheller has emerged as the major one. The city itself has a population of 3,500. There are another 4,000 residents in the other settlements in the valley. At present, the city is experiencing a minor boom. Primarily because of a federal penal institution for young offenders soon to be opened, 1,000 people are expected to move into the valley. The population figure we need to look at then is 8,500.

Five established evangelical churches minister in the valley. Three of these are relatively small. Another group and we at Parkdale are in the midst of establishing new works. A generous estimate of those involved in evangelical churches now would be 1,000 people. Of the remaining people, very many do not attend church. They need to know of Christ. The field is an open one.

PURCHASE OF LOTS AND PARSONAGE

Because of the growth of the city,



Future site of the Parkdale Baptist
Church, Drumheller, Alta.

two new subdivisions are being opened. Both are close together and we have been able to secure five lots in one of them. The lots are very strategically located. Our sister church, Zion Baptist, donated the major portion of the cost of the land. Besides the land, a parsonage is being purchased with the assistance of the four churches in the local Extension Committee. The parsonage is a beautiful and adequate building.

THE CONGREGATION

The congregation itself has been making progress, too. The work was begun with five families. At this writing, the congregation is made up of ten complete families (including the pastor's) and a number of single young people and children. The total number involved is at least fifty-five. The average attendance for the second quarter of this year was about forty. We, as a congregation, greatly rejoiced over the baptism of nine people from our group on Easter Sunday evening. Several other families show some interest in our church. We believe a new church building will help get people to actually come. We are presently meeting in the Elks Hall.

THE CHURCH BUILDING

In the matter of a church building, we have seen God's hand giving direction and blessing. As of this writing, we are waiting for the arrival of our working drawings. When they arrive, work will begin on the building. By the time you read this, we should be in the process of building. We are planning an "L" shaped building that will seat about 150 in the sanctuary. Estimated cost is between \$35,000 and \$40,000. When the need arises, a larger sanctuary can be built as a second unit, and the first unit remodeled for Christian Education.

We firmly believe that God has opened this door for us. We have seen evidence of his approval along the way. With this confidence, we have chosen to go forward in his name. Drummeller needs the witness for Christ that we can give. We invite you to witness with us by standing with us in interest, prayer and support.

NURSE WANTED

A Christian licensed practical nurse is wanted for night duties at the North American Baptist Home for the Aged in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Live in.
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Rudolph E. Jahn, Secretary

OUR FIRST MISSIONARIES TO BRAZIL

by Dr. Richard Schilke,

General Missionary Secretary

DURING THIS PAST decade the thought and desire for a mission field in South America where our North American Baptist General Conference could have a definite part found ready acceptance in many areas among our people. To be sure, this acceptance was not found among all our people just like any new idea is not always accepted by all. But there seemed to be a growing interest in such a venture of faith ever since this question was voiced during the sessions of our General Conference in Edmonton, Alta., in 1958. There this matter was referred to the Board of Missions of our General Missionary Society and the Board kept it on its agenda of discussions at its annual meetings every year. A resolution was passed at its annual meeting in 1960 to send the General Missionary Secretary to South America in connection with the Baptist World Congress meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1960. However, after further deliberations the time of the Congress did not seem appropriate for a survey and so the trip to the Congress was also not made since the resolution called for both to be undertaken in one trip.

SURVEY OF SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES

The intervening years were used in making studies of South America and presenting these to the Board for information. Reports of some of our



pastors who visited mission fields were studied. These various South American the question of a mission reports kept where in South America field some- alive. Among our people in very much es this same question in our church- mentum as interest in gathered mo- field increased. In 1963 a new mission solved that a survey for the Board of of locating a fieldy should be under- taken and commissioned its purpose with this task. This survey trip early in 1964 and too was countries: Colombia, Secretary

This survey trip had been planned for the purpose of being undertaken in the early in 1964 and took place in the following countries: Colombia, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Ecuador, Peru, and Brazil. The *Baptist Herald* carried a detailed report of the trip in the March and April, 1964, issues, articles under the heading "On Our Way to South America," "From Colombia to Buenos Aires," and "South America, From Buenos Aires to the Amazon." Another report of a different nature was presented to the Board at its annual meeting in April, 1964. This report had several recommendations as to various countries where opportunities presented themselves to us.

LOSS OF HALF A CENTURY
Dr. A. R. Crabtree, of the
Old Testament at the
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Dr. A. R. Crabtree, Professor of Old Testament at the Baptist Theological Seminary, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, since 1922 and who became president of the Seminary in 1946, in his book "Baptists in Brazil" published

in 1953 by the House of Brazil Baptists in their as 1850 were thinking in Brazil was or the American colony in the province of church called on to send missionaries so the first missionaries to Sao Paulo. This William and Ann Bag-Southern Baptists to Brazil. The first Baptist Church in January, 1881. Bagby at first served the Baptist Church in the American colony as pas-tor, but before the end of the year he preached his first sermons in Portu-guese and thus among Brazilians. Ger-sonary work to immigrate to Brazil mans began of them settled in about 1824. Most began to dwindle but South Brazil. With various other Eu-ropean and Asian countries continued. By 1943 more than 4,000,000 immi-grants were welcomed to the shores of Brazil. The first Baptist church in the state of Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul, with an area of 110,000 square miles was organized by Ger-man immigrants in Porto Alegre in 1898.

It should be of interest to our Gen-eral Conference that these German Baptists in Brazil called upon us to send missionaries to them just as the Baptist Church in the American colony called upon Southern Baptists.

We also responded. Our denominational evangelist, Rev. Heinrich Schwendner, visited Brazil as early as 1900. As a result of his report Rev. and Mrs. Karl Roth were sent to Porto Alegre in 1901. Friedrich Matschulat graduated from our seminary in Rochester, New York, in 1909 and left for Brazil where he served several churches until his retirement. Others followed. Unfortunately, the vision of our conference at that time and of the German Baptists in Brazil was merely to concentrate on the German population. It lacked the missionary zeal to reach out to the Brazilian people. Misunderstandings came, and our Missionary Society withdrew from the field before the second decade ended.

Almost fifty years have been lost to us through this tragic mistake. German Baptists in Brazil were left to themselves to struggle for their existence. They had a fierce struggle for survival which also kept them from the vision of reaching out. Since World War II they are experiencing a change of language from German to Portuguese, and some of their churches are now bi-lingual. Gradually they have come to see that they also have a mission to Brazilians which they have long neglected. In 1964 at their annual Conference they officially changed their name from German Baptist to Pioneer Baptist Association of Brazil, thus confirming their vision of their mission in the future. The Association also holds membership in the Brazilian Baptist Convention.

DECISION FOR SOUTHERN BRAZIL

Dr. Crabtree in "Baptists in Brazil" when writing about the deep south of Brazil says that Rio Grande do Sul has been a difficult field in Brazil for Southern Baptist missionaries. In stating some reasons for this he says: "The type of work established by German Baptists, with inadequate leadership and lack of financial support, together with the previous entrance of other evangelical denominations, may explain why Southern Baptist missionaries were not received with that degree of enthusiasm with which they had been welcomed in most of the other states of Brazil." Could this be interpreted as a rebuke to us as North American Baptists? We are of the



Dr. Richard Schilke (center) is shown with Baptist ministers Emil Wurster, Frederick Matschulat, George Ziegler, and John Zeigler at the site of the first Baptist Church in Porto Alegre, Brazil.

same ethnic background. We did have an invitation to send missionaries. We would have had a more cordial welcome. We could have helped in the transition period of language difficulties with our similar American experience. We could, by the grace of God, have presented the vision of a mission to the Brazilians years ago. We could have helped in the growth of the Baptist cause for the sake of Christ. Is it because of our failure that the Baptist witness in the southern part of Brazil has remained much weaker than in many other parts of Brazil? Could it be that the Lord of the harvest has been waiting for half a century for us and has given us another opportunity?

When the survey of South America was undertaken early in 1964, there was no thought that Brazil might become the focal point. In fact, several of the Spanish speaking countries were uppermost in our mind. The writer confesses that the visit to Brazil was at first more of the nature of a courtesy visit. God led in a wonderful way. Out of the various recommendations regarding various countries, the Board of Missions in its 1964 sessions under serious deliberations and prayer felt led to choose the two southern states of Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul and Santa Catarina. The Board resolved that this undertaking of a mission to the Brazilian people in these two states should be with the cooperation of both the Pioneer Baptist Association and the Brazilian Baptist Convention and within their framework

as well, if that is possible. The target date was set for 1965, but by General Council action and General Conference approval was deferred by one year to 1966.

APPOINTMENT OF THE FIRST FOUR MISSIONARIES

Though we had chosen Southern Brazil and set our sights for 1966, we did not have available any missionary candidates for this new field. Here and there young people had expressed a desire to go to South America. Some of them did not follow through with their preparation. Others went out under other mission boards, since we were not ready when they felt ready to go. As late as the summer of 1965 we were praying to the Lord of the Harvest to give us the necessary candidates, two couples, whom he was calling and who would be well prepared and ready to go.

In the summer and fall of 1965 God gave us these two couples. Rev. and Mrs. Herman L. Effa of Linton, N. D., were challenged by the Spirit of God at the time of the Dakota Conference in Grand Forks, N. D., in June, 1965. Mr. Effa spoke to the writer at the time of the conference and revealed to him his response to the challenge. Later that fall in a conference with both, they made themselves available, if the Lord would have them in Brazil.

Mr. Richard C. Rabenhorst was a senior at our seminary in Sioux Falls, S. D., in the fall of 1965. He had previously made known his missionary interest, but a firm decision had not been made. On the occasion of a visit to the seminary the writer spoke to both Mr. and Mrs. Rabenhorst concerning this open door to Brazil. After some time of heart searching and prayer, they made themselves available for Brazil, if God would continue to lead in that direction. At the annual session of the Board of Missions in April, 1966, both of these couples were appointed as our first missionaries to Brazil. They found joy in accepting this appointment. God led them wonderfully in their further preparation and in providing passage for Rev. and Mrs. Rabenhorst and Rev. Effa on the SS Del Mar on which they sailed from New Orleans on July 29, 1966, for Santos, Brazil.



Rev. and Mrs. Herman L. Effa

INTRODUCING REV. AND MRS. HERMAN L. EFFA

Herman Louis Effa was born on August 2, 1933, in Springside, Sask., Canada, to Mr. and Mrs. Julius Effa. He was fifth among seven children, five brothers and one sister. His early childhood was spent on the farm, and his elementary and high school education was received at Springside, Sask. At the age of 13 he accepted Christ as his personal Savior during a meeting in which Rev. Wm. Hoover was the guest minister. In July, 1947, he was baptized by Rev. R. Kanwischer and became a member of the Springside Baptist Church.

Ardath Gay Effa nee Schmierer was born on March 29, 1932, at Trochu, Alta., Canada, to Mr. and Mrs. John Schmierer. She was third among four children, two sisters and one brother. Her early life was spent on the farm, and her elementary and high school education was taken at Trochu. At the age of nine during a brief time of illness, the Lord spoke to her in a special way, and she accepted Christ as her personal Savior. She was baptized by Rev. C. T. Remple in July, 1941, and became a member of the Trochu Baptist Church.

Both Rev. and Mrs. Effa felt the call of God to missionary service early in their life. Mr. Effa says that a rather deciding missionary emphasis came when Miss E. Ardice Ziolkowski, newly appointed missionary to Cameroon, Africa, spoke at her farewell service at the West Ebenezer Baptist Church near Springside, Sask. He was so challenged by her message that he said to her at the door: "I'll see you on the field some day." While studying at the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alta., his call to Christian Service and total commitment was crystalized. Mrs. Effa remembers many occasions where her heart was challenged, going back to Miss Leona Ross who at a camp spoke on China even though the doors to China were closed at that time. She was active

in her church at Trochu and showed a great interest in every phase of church work. Her Sunday school teacher and her pastor would frequently mention that they were certain that she would be a missionary some day.

In 1951 Herman Effa enrolled at the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alta., for the two-year certificate course. Here he met Ardath Schmierer who had already enrolled in 1949 for the four-year course. In the summer of 1951 and 1952 Ardath travelled with a ladies trio and in the summer of 1953 with a mixed quartet. During the school year they often sang together and found mutual interest and love for each other. Both graduated in 1953—he with the Christian Worker's Certificate and she with the Missionary Diploma. They were married on October 9, 1953. The Lord has given them two children: Allan Louis born on Jan. 12, 1958, and Jerilyn Gaye born on Jan. 26, 1960.

In 1953 Mr. Effa enrolled at the Winnipeg Bible College, Winnipeg, Man., and graduated in 1955 with a missionary diploma. From 1954 to 1956 he took two years of college at the United College in Winnipeg. In 1956 he enrolled at our Seminary in Sioux Falls and graduated with a B. Th. degree in 1959. During his middler year at the Seminary he became the pastor of the First Baptist Church at Chancellor, S. D., which he served from January, 1958, to the fall of 1962. In the spring of 1958 he was ordained into the Christian ministry. Since the fall of 1962 he was pastor of the First Baptist Church at Linton, N. D., where in the past few years he led the church successfully in a building program in the erection of a new church building. Upon their appointment as missionaries to Brazil, they resigned and brought their ministry at Linton to a close on July 10, 1966. They used their last weeks at Linton in getting ready for their departure for Brazil. At the occasion of the Dakota Conference in Billings, Mont., they were commissioned to foreign service in June 19, 1966.

Rev. and Mrs. Effa have done commendable work in both churches which they served over the combined period of more than eight years. The Lord has signally blessed their ministry in the word as well as their ministry in song and music, since both are very talented musically. Their first church regretted to see them leave for another church, and their second church likewise regretted losing them for the mission field. They, themselves, felt that this challenge and opportunity may well be the last for missionary service abroad, since age is often against the acceptance of a candidate for service abroad. It could well be that the Lord was preparing them for the mission field during the years of ministerial experience. This experience will greatly help in beginning a new field and in laying the proper foundation for the same. God grant his further grace for this undertaking.



Rev. and Mrs. Richard C. Rabenhorst

INTRODUCING REV. AND MRS. RICHARD C. RABENHORST

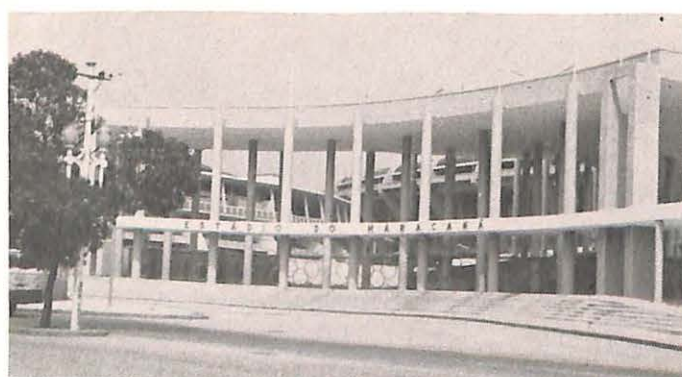
Richard Charles Rabenhorst was born on May 3, 1937, at Watertown, Wis., to Mr. and Mrs. Irvin G. Rabenhorst. He is the younger of three children, having two sisters of which the older is a pastor's wife and the younger, Ruth, is a missionary in Cameroon, Africa. His childhood and early youth was spent in the vicinity of Watertown, Wis., where he received his elementary and high school education. At the age of 11 he accepted Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized by Rev. Rudolph Woyke on June 6, 1948, and became a member of the First Baptist Church at Watertown.

Elizabeth Ruth (known as Beth) Rabenhorst nee Blackburn was born on Nov. 14, 1942, in Oak Park, Ill., to Rev. and Mrs. G. Wesley Blackburn. Her father at that time was studying at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago, and since that time has served a number of our N. A. B. churches, presently serving the First Baptist Church, Buffalo Center, Iowa. This caused frequent moving about. At the age of 5 she accepted Christ as her personal Savior and at the age of 8 was baptized by her father on December 31, 1950, at Loyal, Okla., and thus became a member of our church at Loyal at that time.

In the lives of both Richard and Beth the Lord led early through various experiences and circumstances. Beth contributes the greatest influence to the development of her Christian life to the godly example of her parents and the time spent in family devotions. It was in these devotions that she learned to pray for her church and for missionaries thus creating and cultivating an early missionary interest. Richard Rabenhorst likewise contributes the early development of his Christian life to his Christian family. Opportunities for Christian service and leadership came to him in



Dr. Richard Schilke in downtown section of Campinas, Brazil. The largest stadium in the world is located in Rio de Janeiro, South America.



Brazil.

Junior and Senior CBYF of his church, on a state-wide level, in the North-western Conference and on the National level of our General Conference where he served for four years as a C. B. Y. F. committee member and another year as youth representative of his conference on the Christian Education Committee. He also attended the Sixth Baptist Youth World Congress at Beirut, Lebanon, in 1963 and served as co-director of our first CBYF Congress at Lake Geneva, Wis., later that year. These experiences he says: "helped to develop North American Baptist interest and loyalty."

In the fall of 1958 Richard Rabenhorst enrolled at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Ill., and graduated with a diploma in 1961. "It was here that the challenge of missions really confronted me," he says. However, a definite decision for missionary service did not come. During his senior year at Moody the Lord did reveal to him that he enter some type of Christian service, but he did not know which. But that revelation was enough to make him realize that college and seminary training was needed. He took a summer course at the University of Minnesota and in the fall of 1961 enrolled at Bethel College in St. Paul, Minn., and graduated with a B. A. degree in 1963. That fall he enrolled at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. D., and graduated with a B. D. degree in 1966. During one summer of his seminary days, he travelled with the "Singing Men," a seminary quartet, and was the fifth member of this gospel team, bringing the messages.

Beth Blackburn completed her high school education at Coleman, Wis., while her father was pastor at our church in Pound, Wis. In 1960 she took the fall semester at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago and then transferred to Pillsbury Bible College at Owatona, Minn., for one further year where she concentrated on music. At this time she felt led to apply for God's Volunteers in our denomination and found opportunity to serve on a team for the season of 1963-64. During that year she realized anew her responsibility to make Christ known and she sought his will for the future.

Richard Rabenhorst and Beth Blackburn met in camp work in Wisconsin. Their friendship grew into love and on June 4, 1965, they were married. The following year was Richard's senior year at the seminary. The call of God seemed to be between the pastoral ministry or missionary service but there was as yet no clarity. But then after marriage "the joy of seeking God's will concerning Christian service became 'ours,' not just mine," he says. After that interview at the seminary referred to earlier in this article and after much prayer and heart searching, the decision for missionary service came with joy and assurance that this was God's leading in their lives. Their application led to their appointment to Brazil. On Sunday, July 17, his home church at Water-

town, Wis., ordained him for the Christian ministry. Both were also commissioned to missionary service at the same time.

LANGUAGE STUDY AT CAMPINAS, BRAZIL

The official language in Brazil is Portuguese. Our mission in Brazil is to be a mission to Brazilians. It thus becomes necessary that the first task of our missionaries is to study the Portuguese language. The writer had occasion to visit the Portuguese language School at Campinas, Brazil, at the time of his visit to that country. The school is located in a city of over 200,000 population some 60 miles north of Sao Paulo. It was founded by Presbyterians, but other denominations have joined, among them Southern Baptists. Many others are making use of this opportunity. The regular course of study lasts one year. This year school began on August 24, 1966. This will be a year of adjustment for our missionaries, as they learn the language and the culture of the people. They will need our prayers.



A retreat at the Baptist Church in Taguatinga near Brasilia.

SOUTHERN BRAZIL—BUT WHERE?

A year from now we hope to locate somewhere in southern Brazil, either in the state of Rio Grande do Sul or Santa Catarina. Where? We do not yet know. There are many towns and cities in these states where the Baptist witness has not yet been established.

It was felt that after our missionaries have come to know and speak the language of the land and know somewhat of the culture of the people, they would be in a much better position to further survey and determine the exact area of our mission endeavor, than if we would do that now in a haphazardly and hastily made survey. To be sure, wisdom and guidance from above will be needed. This is to be our prayer for this next year that God give to his servants what is needed for this undertaking in the establishment of a mission at the place of his choice.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE

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letter and testimony: Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kuhn, Gene, Linda, Dennis, and Mr. Rudolph Schmidt. We are grateful for the many blessings received on that day. (Mrs. Herman Schielke, Reporter.)

MEN! ENCOURAGE OTHERS!

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would grow and glow. Someone may need special undergirding to face issues in his life. We need to learn that we can only serve God by serving others. Sensitivity to human need is surely a prompting of the Spirit of God. Let love be genuine.

Young men are motivated by many means. It may be the infectious zeal of others; they may respond to a great need—a sense of duty. Or the direction may follow a course of self-indulgence. But the greatest motivator is love. What we are is to a large extent the result of another's example, or another's conscience, or another's concern. Men are looking to the church for motivation and the opportunity to interact within it. Men want meaningful guide lines by which they can equate values.

Bishop Wescott said, "Great occasions do not make heroes or cowards; they simply unveil them to the eyes of men. Silently or imperceptibly, as we wake or sleep, we grow strong or we grow weak, and at last some crisis shows us what we have become."

In the essence then, it must be the Love of Christ that constrains us to be about the Father's business. So in our time, in our church, let us encourage one another in the faith.

MINISTER'S WORKSHOP

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be the case, it is no wonder that people might think that God is dead. It may be actually true that we are very much influenced by the world (more than we realize), and that we influence it very little by our Christian life and witness.

Could it be that the profession that we are "in the world but not of it" has in truth been reversed: that we are now of the world but not in it? Must not the modern Christian be very much in the world, as was our Lord (sacrificially involved in the relieving of desperate human needs as a loving neighbor, whatever it costs), if he would convince the world that the pardoning and saving God is truly alive?

A TESTIMONY

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lost the car, house and a good job. After thinking to myself that God forgot us again, I realized it was not God; it was us who forgot God!

We began to go to church and to become involved in church work, Sunday school, prayer meetings, a Billy Graham crusade, and through this activity my wife and I, and also our twelve year old daughter, found Christ! We are now on the west coast again, and God has provided us with everything that we need. I thank Christ, the living God, for our happiness and three children and also for a purpose for living!

BAPTIST HERALD

● **Rev. Heinrich Gartmann** from Germany has assumed the pastorate of the German Baptist Mission Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

● **Rev. Gustav Schalm** retired from the active ministry on August 30. He was the pastor of the German Bethel Baptist Church, Sudbury, Ont. He now resides in Winnipeg, Man.

● **Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Vetter** of Missoula, Mont., announce the birth of their fifth child and third son, Timothy Paul, on July 30.

● **Miss Elayne Howard** of Hazel Park, Mich., assumed the position of church secretary at the Redeemer Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. She began her duties in August.

● **Rev. Harry Haas** resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Sumner, Iowa, and accepted the call to the pastorate of the Washburn Baptist Church, Washburn, N. D. He began his ministry there Aug. 20.

● **Rev. Raymond P. Yahn**, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., since 1959, accepted the call to become the pastor of the River-view Baptist Church, West St. Paul, Minn., beginning Nov. 20.

● **Dr. M. Vanderbeck**, denominational interim pastor, who has served the First Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa, since February, 1966, has accepted the call extended to him to become interim pastor of the First Baptist Church, Sumner, Iowa, and began his ministry there September 18.

● **Rev. Elmo Tahran** accepted the call to become the pastor of the Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church, Bloomfield Hills, Mich., effective Nov. 1. He has served as the pastor of the church extension project, Crestview Baptist, Minot, N. D., since its beginning in 1959.

● **Rev. and Mrs. Adam Huber** of the Southwood Park Baptist Church, Tigard, Ore., were honored by the members of the church on June 12 at a silver anniversary reception and program.

WHATEVER THY HAND

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Kansas, who has spent several terms as a builder in Cameroon, area pastors, and an outstanding hotel manager, Eddie Botterman of Manhattan, Kansas, who challenged us with his tremendous Christian testimony. Instructional and travel films, panel discussions, an illustrated travelogue from the Holy Land tour by William Sies, and a prominent Negro pastor from our area all provided interesting programs. Lt. Governor John Crutcher told of the changes in Europe and Russia, as he has viewed them in his frequent trips in recent years. State Representative Robert Ellsworth who is married to one of our church "daughters" shared governmental problems with us. Leon Janzen had an

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He was also recognized for his 25 years in the ministry. Special guests for the occasion were the parents of Mrs. Huber, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Delk, Harvey, N. D., and neighboring N.A.B. pastors and their families. The Hubers have served this church since 1964 and well, as reported by Mrs. E. A. Schaber, church clerk.

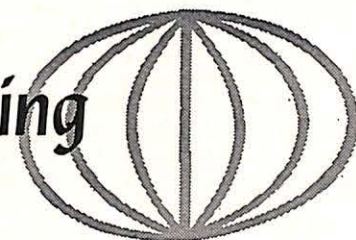
● **Mr. Warren Adams** began his ministry as the Director of Music, Visita-

Beach, Riviera Baptist Church, Salem, Ore.

● **Mr. Robert T. Parks**, Director of Music and Youth at the First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mich., resigned from this position effective Aug. 31. He is now at the Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music, Mich.

● **Mr. Edward Willms**, a member of the Redeemer Baptist Church, Warren,

what's happening



tion, and General Assistant to the pastor at the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Parma, Ohio, on August 9.

● **Eight youth volunteers** served on our Spanish-American field during this past summer. They were Fred Schreiber and Allen Salzman, Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Ill.; Miss Danice Hagen, First Baptist Church, Chancellor, S. D., and Miss Patty

Mich., began his ministry in September as the Minister of Visitation at that church. He has been a member of the Redeemer Church for 13 years, and most of that time he has served as a deacon.

● **The Board of Directors** of the North American Baptist Nursing Home, Madison, S. D., announces that the search for a superintendent is over. After a long, futile effort to secure a replacement for Rev. and Mrs. David Wipf, the board met on Aug. 8. Since Rev. and Mrs. Wipf let it be known that their plans had not materialized as hoped, they offered their services to the Home again. They will serve under present arrangements, and on October 1 will be reinstated under a new agreement. We are thankful to those who showed an interest in this ministry, but do feel this is the leading of the Lord.

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

The annual business meeting of the Baptist Home, Bismarck, N. D., will be held Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 10 A.M. A program sponsored by the Baptist Home Board will follow at 2 P.M.

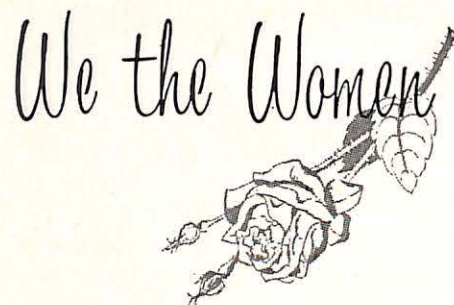
interesting film and Indian artifact feature which was followed some weeks later with a tour for men and sons to local areas of interest where Indian petroglyphs remain. Many other men have also shared their interests, talents, and hobbies with us. We have a number of evenings of volleyball and other sports and games.

LAYMEN'S SUNDAY

Each year we participate in the special Laymen's Sunday program by providing the entire evening service. We have had a very special joy in underwriting a portion of the national men's Brotherhood project, Dr. Peter Fehr's support.

As we plan and work, we think of the late Harry B. Hostetter as having copied his "giving" hobby from the

famous Johnny Appleseed who planted apple trees over a large area many years ago. Hostetter's specialty was planting acorns. He put a handful of them in his pocket whenever he went for a walk and planted one in any spot where he thought it had a chance to grow and mature. He received much enjoyment from looking at hundreds of oaks which grew from acorns he had planted twenty years before, some of them forty feet tall. This man gave not only to his generation but to future generations. In our laymen's work, we often have not only the joy of seeing a job accomplished, but later perhaps many many times seeing the improvement in something and perhaps noticing that it has stimulated more action and more giving by other people.



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

SHOULDERS TO THE WHEEL

Many of us as women have now "settled into routine" after the so-called vacation months. Younger children are well established in schools; while still younger ones are now somewhat used to losing their older playmates to the schools. Letters are coming home more frequently from college students since the first rushing weeks of their activity packed days are over and as they are giving more thought to loved ones at home.

The fall program has just begun in our Christian Education Departments and how exciting it is to see all of the projected plans unfold into working reality. How invigorating is this new thrust!

We, as women, have come home from summer conferences, associational meetings, and retreats with the flame of renewed dedication burning within our hearts! The mission appeal has again wrenched our hearts, as we vowed to pray unceasingly, to give sacrificially, and to work as never before with our increasing White Cross needs.

In this "afterglow," we see that we have but nine months of our triennium left in which we must indeed now put our "shoulders to the wheel." It is important that as this "huge wheel" is making its third and final "revolution" of the triennium, that each individual in each society move with increasing velocity toward great heights in personal dedication to Christ and his cause.

As we work in this spirit of renewed dedication, we keep in mind that we must have Christ as the center in our wheel of progress, the very hub of every activity. He should order and direct our actions so that we are not "busy" with actions only.

Putting our shoulders to this wheel does not suggest an easy relaxing situation. It perhaps means pangs of hunger in "Meals for Missions" as we pray and give, late hours of reading and study as we progress and complete our Bible reading Project, "All 66 in '66," and also as we discipline ourselves in daily devotions and intercessory prayer. It means hours of research and studying on the subject for the society program, and also many hours spent in attending countless details in preparation for serving or in preparation for a successful meeting.

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The Minister's Workshop

Faculty members of the NAB Seminary and of the Christian Training Institute consider the Christian minister in his study and in his involvements in life situations and problems of our day.

by Dr. Ralph E. Powell, North American Baptist Seminary Faculty,
Sioux Falls, S. D.

IS IT POSSIBLE there might be some good that is coming from the "God is dead" movement?

It is certainly quite possible that there may be some good coming from the "God is dead" movement. (The reader is advised to refer to the writer's previous article in the August 15 issue of the *Baptist Herald* treating this recent movement of "Christian atheism.") Many people are being shocked into a wakefulness as to what it really means to believe in God. The movement is causing many to examine their faith and to take serious account of their belief in God and what it means to do his will in terms of practical conduct and dedicated service in the world. Some people are beginning to realize that their so-called faith has been only *talk* about God; that they have been merely speaking about a belief that others once had in living encounter and actual daily experience.

In spite of everything that may be wrong about the God is dead theology, there are sober issues at stake which are impossible to ignore. Perhaps we could thank God for this current outbreak of Christian atheism, if it serves to chasten us because of our inadequate and merely theoretical ideas of God, a small (dead) god who is less than the living Lord of the New Testament Church. May it indeed deliver us from a false and impotent religiosity, from mere outward formalities, well-camouflaged unbelief and cold sophistication. It should make us unsatisfied with our religious experience until we can confront men with Christ alive in resurrection power, *Christus Victor!*

GODS FASHIONED BY HUMAN MINDS

Dr. Duke K. McCall, President of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has said, "All gods fashioned by human minds are as dead as the idols carved from a left-over cooking log by an ancient Israelite (Isaiah 44). All the gods we imagine with our immature understanding ought to die. Finite gods which are simply wishful projections of our own hopes and pride, and are limited in their characteristics and demands to some segment of American culture, need to be buried." To put it in other words, if your god is too small and inadequate, then this is not the God of Scripture at all, and that god ought to die. Too many people conceive God to be an idol which they can use merely to give them their wishes or solve their problems, rather than a sovereign Lord under whose absolute authority we stand. Let all gods other than the revealed God of the Bi-

ble indeed be dead! They *must* die if the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ is to be truly and meaningfully alive in real life.

Professor Jessie H. Brown states that the implications of the death of God doctrine warn us against the modern tendency of turning the transcendent God of the universe into an idol fashioned in the image of man who behaves as tradition, environment and personal prejudice wish him to behave. But it also means more, as William Hamilton makes quite clear in his familiar word-play: "We are not talking about the absence of the experience of God, but of the experience of the absence of God." Whatever one may find to criticize in Dr. Hamilton's statement, do we not have to confess honestly that for many of us we often are more aware of the absence of God in our Christian lives (for various reasons) than we are of the dynamic, transforming presence of God "who is closer to us than breathing," as Tennyson once put it, "and nearer than hands and feet"?

MORE ACTIVISM THAN GENUINE SPIRITUAL EXISTENCE

Dr. Langdon Gilkey has suggested that while the speculation on the death of God may seem shocking, in reality the experience that its advocates are trying to describe corresponds only too well to the situation in modern Christendom, which is characterized more by activism than by genuinely personal spiritual existence, deeply felt participation in worship, or serious and consistent Bible study. The issues raised by the God is dead theology pervade the Church, it is asserted, and they cannot be escaped. As Van Harvey says, the words "God, worship, piety, morality"—are all escapes from the realities these words were originally meant to symbolize." Once again, we tend merely to *talk* about what others once *had*.

Wherever it may be needed, let us also learn the lesson that contemporary secular society will not listen well to a "gospel" that has almost exclusively an other-worldly orientation with little this-worldly involvement. And ironically many of us who seem to be so world-renouncing in our religious orientation are often thoroughly world-affirming in our materialistic pursuits and objectives. Our "separation from the world" may often be a pharisaical barrier and hindrance to our becoming authentic good Samaritans or, as our Lord was, "a man wholly for others" (Bonhoeffer). If and whenever this may

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THERE IS AN increasing emphasis on education in our society today, and a developing awareness of the need for specialized skills and knowledge in all areas of life. We can notice this emphasis developing in our churches, too, as the term "Christian Education" becomes more and more familiar in our vocabularies.

An important part of Christian education is the also frequently mentioned subject of "leadership education." With the flow of new materials, there comes a realization that there must be leaders to develop and present these materials, and thus leadership education becomes a concern of everyone. But, why, actually, is leadership education important? Why is there an increasing interest in such a program?

Although there are reams of material continually being written and sent to the churches, and though authors and general workers create articles and Sunday school material, program outlines and newsletters, the material is obviously of no use until the human element becomes involved at the receiving end of that which is written. Someone must read the material for it to accomplish its purpose; someone must be made aware of the contents. And, often, the material becomes doubly effective when it is interpreted and transmitted effectively by someone who is knowledgeable in the subject which is covered.

PERSON TO PERSON CONTACT

Here, then, is the crux of leadership education, as it is the center of the spread of Christianity—the person to person contact which makes a message not only interesting, but remembered.

It is understandable that the leadership of a church cannot rest entirely with the pastor, for he is able to do only so much. It is also true that the education of the church cannot rest entirely in his hands, for it would be impossible for him to maintain the contact necessary with all of the members of his church to carry on a sustained program of teaching and training. It then becomes the task, even the responsibility of the members to carry on where the pastor must stop, to teach as well as to learn.

There is currently much concern for evangelism and for the mission of the church, but there must be a parallel concern for working with new members, for helping the members of the church to develop in their Christian lives and in their knowledge of what God expects of them. And it is



found that other members of the church, working with groups within the church, can best help in the spiritual growth of their contemporaries through sharing and discussion as well as through study and lecture.

It is because of this increasing concern for leadership education in the church, the training of church members to become communicators of the Gospel and of the supplementary materials presented from various sources, that a booklet has been prepared by the Christian Education Department of the North American Baptist General Conference. This booklet is entitled "Leadership Education Curriculum Guide."

LEADERSHIP EDUCATION CURRICULUM GUIDE

In an introductory section, the booklet discusses the need for the development of a leadership education curriculum within the church, and the structure of a committee for the purpose of carrying this out. "The work of the church is not as simple as most jobs. One must be concerned with motives and behavior and a number of other intangibles besides communicating the content of the Gospel. We often fail our new leaders and workers in the church by not informing them of the responsibilities and duties of the task for which they have been enlisted and by not providing them with education for their task. We fail to equip each volunteer lay worker to do the particular job the church has asked him to do."

The "Leadership Education Curriculum Guide" also suggests goals for a leadership education program: (1) Provide at least one leadership education course each year for your church

workers and prospective workers; (2) Strive toward the goal that all teachers will hold a diploma from our North American Baptist Leadership Education Program; (3) With the help and guidance of our Leader and Savior, Jesus Christ, strive toward having the best trained workers possible in your church.

SUGGESTIONS FOR TEXTS

To assist the churches in carrying out these goals, the "Leadership Education Curriculum Guide" presents suggestions of texts and other material to be used in an educational program for the leaders within the church. A variety of topics and subject matter are included in the available curriculum materials, such as courses on the Bible or parts of the Bible, the Christian home, evangelism and witnessing, and other phases of the Christian life. There are also listings of materials on teaching itself, such as *Teaching that Makes a Difference* and *How to Be an Effective Sunday School Teacher*.

The selections are grouped according to the age group for which the leader is responsible, so that there is material for the junior, youth or adult leader as well as the more general course suggestions.

The office library in Forest Park, Illinois, has copies of the leadership training books listed in the brochure, which will be loaned to the churches for two weeks in order to review the contents before making a final selection for a course for the church.

The "Leadership Education Curriculum Guide" itself is available, free of cost, from the Christian Education Department, North American Baptist General Conference, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.



Leadership Education

by Miss Sara Lou Gunst

Part-time Editor of Christian Education Literature

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sunday school lessons

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

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: October 9, 1966

Theme: **JUDGMENT ON UNGODLY LIVING**

Scripture: **Isaiah 5:8, 11-12, 18-23**

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: You cannot live an ungodly life and expect a godly blessing at the same time.

INTRODUCTION: The study of today's lesson gives us an indication of how difficult the mission of Isaiah really was. To be drawn so close to God and not be able to draw anyone along with you must be a frustrating experience. To warn people of danger and dire consequences and to have your message fall on deaf ears is the most discouraging task imaginable. Yet the prophet never flinched in his duty and obedience to God.

In the first part of the chapter Isaiah uses a form of parable to illustrate the wealth of upper class in Judah. They seemed to have the impression that no harm could come to them, because they were God's chosen people. And since they were so prosperous, they accepted it as a sure sign of God's favor. The prophet's bold pronouncement of judgment was bitterly resented by them, because they did not want their conscience disturbed.

Therefore in the parable of the vineyard Isaiah made an attempt to rid the people of their false sense of security. Judah was God's vineyard which he bountifully blessed. For his labors he expected good fruit, but the vineyard brought forth wild grapes.

I. THE SIN OF GREED. Isaiah 5:8.

Isaiah's expression strongly suggests that they were so covetous that they wished they could have all the land in the earth. They forgot that "the earth is the Lord's" (Ps. 24:1), and that ownership of the soil should be the right of the people (Num. 33:54). It was a sacred trust which was handed down from generation to generation. If for some reason the land exchanged hands, then provision was made to restore it to the family every fifty years (Lev. 25:10-55). This was called the year of jubilee. These laws were set up to prevent the great difference between the rich and poor which later became a curse to national unity and strength.

Although property laws and rights have changed since then, greed is as strong as ever. Rich and poor are still with us, and those who deliberately take advantage of the less fortunate will be accountable to God in the day of judgment.

II. THE SIN OF DRUNKENNESS. Isaiah 5:11-12, 22.

When men accumulate riches dishonestly, they also accumulate an increased awareness of guilt. Their conscience makes it impossible for them to enjoy their ill-gotten gains. In order to drown the consciousness of their misdeeds they indulge in strong drink. God's judgment is not always displayed dramatically through thunder and lightning, but the alcoholic will ultimately experience the loss of financial security, health, judgment, character and self-respect. Finally he will have to face the judge of all the earth to give an account of his stewardship.

III. THE SIN OF MORAL DISHONESTY AND PRIDE. Isaiah 5:18-23.

Driven by the effects of strong drink they submitted to their worst impulses. All sense of decency and the requirements of good behavior were lost. Their morals degenerated to such a degree that they lost all sense of right and wrong.

Their pride eliminated God altogether. There is a great difference between being a wise man and a smart aleck. Whatever skill and inventiveness they had was accredited to themselves. Not once were they ever aware of their spiritual needs.

Questions for Discussion

1. In what way does the message of Isaiah affect us today?
2. Compare the "woes" of Isaiah with those of Jesus in Matthew 23.
3. Are people still more interested in being right or in having a good lawyer?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: October 16, 1966

Theme: **IN WHOM DO WE TRUST?**

Scripture: **Isaiah 7:3-7a, 9c-16; 31:1-3**

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Although we write "In God we Trust" on our money, we often put more trust in the coin than on the inscription.

INTRODUCTION: There is a sharp contrast revealed in our lesson today which is centered on the strong and stable faith of Isaiah as over against the weak and faithless King Ahaz. A prophet, no matter how strong, has little influence with a king who is dedicated so strongly to paganism. According to the record in II Kings 16, he went so far as to sacrifice his sons to his pagan gods. The liberties he took with the equipment in the temple had

no precedent. He even had the altar changed by having a duplicate made of one which he saw in Damascus (II Kings 16:10).

The priest Urijah, who served in the temple at that time, was merely a pawn in his hand. Too weak to follow his God-given duties he simply subjected himself to the king's wishes and followed the pagan practices rather than the duties of a priest in the house of the Lord.

Isaiah's prophecy was delivered during one of the most difficult times in the history of Judah. Assyria was strong and militant. To have faith in God and his power is not always easy, when the enemy in all his strength seems to be creeping closer and closer. A man of weak faith like Ahaz becomes panic stricken. Conciliation and compromise are a poor substitute for courage and faith.

I. FAITH AND STRENGTH. Isaiah 7:3-7a.

In spite of the king's and people's apostasy God was gracious and loving and sent his messenger to the king in order to give him courage and strength. He appealed to his faith as well as to his intelligence. The king needed counsel, but he also needed moral and spiritual support. It is not easy to deal with people who are panic stricken. They are unable to think clearly and to pray meaningfully. Isaiah urged Ahaz to have faith in God, but at the same time he tried to make him aware of the fact that the situation was not nearly as dangerous as it looks on the surface. There was nothing to fear, and he had every reason to be quiet in mind and in spirit by putting his confidence in God.

II. FAITH IN GOD'S PROMISES. Isaiah 7:9c-16.

If the word of the Lord was not enough evidence, Ahaz was given the unique privilege of asking whatever his mind required for confirmation. Evidently his mind was already made up, and he suddenly became very pious and said that he did not want to tempt God. But the prophet, who became a little impatient with the unbelieving king went on to give him a sign whether he wanted it or not. The prophecy in verse 14 may have a double reference to a local event on the one hand and to the coming of the Messiah on the other. Historic events are often used as predictions of the coming of Christ.

III. FAITH IN GOD'S DELIVERANCE. Isaiah 31:1-3.

In this particular case Isaiah is dealing with Hezekiah, who supposedly was

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our denomination in action

special events



**MR. AND MRS. W. C. WOBIG
CELEBRATE 50th WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY**

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wobig celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on June 5, at the First Baptist Church, Emery, S. D. A program included a trio by three granddaughters: Maxine, Nyla, and Muriel Wobig; a poem of the history of the couple by Mrs. Vernon Wobig; a mixed quartette by Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wobig and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wobig; a poem by Joan Slattery; a talk by Rev. L. Friesen, and prayer by student pastor, Oliver Bender.

The serving table featured gold and white decorations, with a four-tier cake showing the four phases of their life, including church, farm, children, and hobby interest. Mrs. Alvia Jones, Sacramento, Calif., and Mrs. Louise Rabenhorst, Salem, S. D., presided at the silver service. Joan Slattery and Nyla Wobig registered the guests, including the couple's attendants, Mrs. Louise Rabenhorst, Salem, and Mr. Dick Fluth, Sac City, Iowa.

They have three children: Vernon of Salem, Phyllis, (Mrs. Jack Slattery) of Minneapolis, Minn., and Clifford of Peru, Ill. All eleven grandchildren were present.

Open house was hosted by their children, at which time about three hundred guests called to help Mr. and Mrs. Wobig enjoy this blessing in their lives.

LEDUC, ALTA., FIRST. The past five months were spiritual highlights and events for the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta.

A leadership training course, "Living Abundantly," was taught by the pastor, Rev. Norman Dreger. The course encompassed a one month program during February, preparing adults, young people, teachers and officers of the church for excellent Christian leadership.

The twenty-two voice choir pre-

sented its annual Easter cantata entitled, "The Greatest Story Yet Untold," under the direction of Mr. R. Hammer. This blessed event was followed by a series of deeper life meetings with Rev. William Sibley presenting the challenging messages.

On June 12, the Children's Day program was presented to the church which was filled to capacity.

Through past years the church sanctuary, its organizations and various adjacent properties are being materially and spiritually benefited by the many dedicated memorials, listed as follows: Wurlitzer organ, pulpit, communion table, music stand, intercom, archway over gate at cemetery, wall-clock, memorial-book-table, guest-book-table and lamp, tract desk, pastor's study desk, swivel chair, two chairs for study, filing cabinet, secretarial chair, screen projector, communion table cloth, and a counseling kit.

To God be the glory for his guidance and blessings on church activities, past, present, and future. (Mrs. Lily Seutter, Reporter.)



**MR. AND MRS. SAM FANDRICH
CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY**

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fandrich celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, July 10, at McClusky Baptist Church, McClusky, N. D.

A daughter of the honored couple, Mrs. Bill Hoffer, served as mistress of ceremonies for the program. Numbers presented were musical selections, a recitation by a granddaughter, the history of the couple, and Pastor W. G. Gerthe brought the meditation based on I Samuel 7:12, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

Approximately 100 guests were served at the reception which followed. Jane Walton registered the guests; Mrs. Gus Kandt poured; and other members of the local mission society assisted with serving. The couple and their family were seated at the head table which featured the 50th anniversary cake.

The Fandrichs lived in the Carrington vicinity and were engaged in farming. They were members of the Carrington Baptist Church for 31 years. After retiring they moved to McClusky in 1959. The following year they joined

the fellowship of the McClusky Baptist Church. They are parents of five children: Roland, Englewood, Calif.; Victor, Torrence, Calif.; Mrs. Guy (Velma) Walton, Seattle, Wash.; Delbert, Carrington, N. D.; and Mrs. Bill (Lou Ann) Hoffer, Cooperstown, N. D. They have 12 grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Fandrich presently reside at the retirement apartments of the Baptist Home, Bismarck, N. D. (Mrs. Allen Faul, Reporter.)

BURTON, TEXAS, GREENVINE. July 4 was the annual picnic on the church grounds, with everyone having a good time in recreation and all fellowshiping together with an evening lunch.

A very talented young man, Rev. Malcom Fry, our pastor's son, from Tucson, Ariz., brought the message on July 6. He favored us with a solo and a selection on the piano.

Franklin Effenberger brought the morning message on July 17, and Bobby Rippenhagen delivered the message during the evening service while our pastor, Rev. Dwight Fry, was attending the Southern Conference in Dallas, Texas. (Mrs. F. Effenberger, Reporter.)

GRAND FORKS, N. D. The Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, N. D., had their annual potluck dinner at which time the church's budget was adopted for the coming year and officers were elected for 1966-67. Our church has been blessed richly under the ministry of our beloved Pastor Willis Potratz. We look to the Lord for even greater things during the coming year. (Mrs. Charles Balogh, Reporter.)

STOCKTON, CALIF., SWAIN OAKS BAPTIST CHURCH. The Swain Oaks Baptist Church is moving ever forward with our new pastor, Rev. Alvin Harsch. We are proud of this fine, dedicated, Bible preaching young man and his lovely wife and two sons. All of this family are quite musical—a great asset to our church. Of great interest to us also is the fact Rev. Harsch was led to accept Christ as Savior under the ministry of our former pastor, Rev. G. G. Rauser, now of Alberta, Canada. Rev. Harsch and we appreciate the heritage left us by Rev. Rauser who was founder of our church.

One high point in the busy whirl of church activities was the program by the "Collegiate Chorales" from CTI, Edmonton.

Family night dinners, a pastoral reception, Sunday school class parties, and youth socials have all been well attended, and serve the purpose of drawing us closer to each other and, better still, closer to our Lord.

Perhaps the outstanding activity of our church life was the Vacation Bible School, where attendance averaged 64 daily. A fine program brought many

new faces, as parents came to see the little—and older—ones share the Good News which they had learned, some, for the first time!

What more can be said? God is blessing, moving us forward! We are grateful! (Mrs. Inez P. Sharp, Reporter.)

YORKTON, SASK. Members and friends of the Yorkton church gathered together on the evening of June 26 to welcome their new pastor and family, Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Kern, Murray and Janell. The Ebenezer and Springside churches were also invited to participate.

Each organization of the church contributed to the program with their welcome in word, special music and readings. The Springside orchestra provided special music before the service. Rev. Robert Hoffman of Springside, welcomed the Kerns into the Saskatchewan Association and Rev. Norman Taylor of Ebenezer gave the charge to the Pastor and to the Church. Rev. Kern responded to the welcomes and expressed his appreciation for the kitchen shower and for the way the parsonage was prepared.

The evening offering was designated for the expense of renovating and decorating the parsonage and for the new cement driveway laid at the parsonage.

Three weeks later V.B.S. was held, and about sixty children attended daily with fourteen teachers. Rev. Kern was director, and Mrs. Kern had the openings and was in charge of the music time. (Mrs. Hertha Rowden, Reporter.)



Members of the Ridgewood Baptist Church, New York, at the Rededication Services for their renovated church building on June 5, 1966

DICKINSON COUNTY, KAN. Dr. J. C. Gunst, Central District Secretary, was the speaker for special services at the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County on Pentecost Sunday. This Sunday had been chosen as another time for observance of the church's centennial. Sunday evening Dr. Gunst spoke on "A Church in a Community for One Hundred Years."

Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Walter were honored in the evening service for having completed 26 years in the ministry. Dr. Gunst and Milton Jacobson, church moderator, spoke briefly.

Following the morning service the congregation and visiting relatives and friends enjoyed a fellowship dinner. Honorees were the high school graduates—Sandra Abeldt, Jerry Jacobson, Janis Piper, and Shirley Piper—and the eighth grade graduates—Christine San-

dow and Dwight Linder.

At 2:30 p.m. the group gathered near the grave of the first pastor of the church, H. H. Nottorf, for a special memorial service on this centennial year. Rev. Edwin Walter, read the scripture and offered prayer. Dr. Gunst gave tribute to the deceased, and Rev. Henry Lang, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Durham, gave the meditation. Jerry Jacobson provided special cornet music and played "Taps."

COMMISSIONING SERVICE FOR REV. AND MRS. RICHARD RABENHORST

The First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis., experienced a mountain top day, July 17. During the morning service Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rabenhorst gave their testimony in word and song and introduced the church to Brazil, South America, the field of service to which God has called them.

In the evening the Ordination Service for Richard and the Commissioning Service for Richard and Beth was held. After the prelude by Miss Dorothy Norman, a hymn and prayer by Rev. LeRoy Kiemele, North Freedom, Rev. Milton Zeeb, Kenosha, read the Recommendation of the Council and presented a Certificate of Ordination to the candidate. Rev. Paul Meister, pastor of the honored couple, gave the Call to the Commissioning Service, after which a love offering designated for the Rabenhorsts was received. Scripture was read by Rev. Walter Schmidt, Milwaukee, and then the Watertown male quartet sang "I Want My Life to Tell for Jesus."

A challenging message, "A Very Controversial Person," was given by Rev. Donald Miller, Minneapolis, Minn., a former pastor of the candidate.

Rev. and Mrs. Herman Effa, Allan and Jerilyn, who will begin the new mission work in Brazil with the Rabenhorsts gave their testimony in the hymns, "I'm Not Alone, My Savior Walks with Me."

Rev. Rudolph Woyke, Milwaukee, and a former pastor of our church, gave the Commission to the Church. Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, Forest Park, Ill., General Secretary of Christian Education of N.A.B.G.C., gave the Commission to the Ministry. He also heartily welcomed the candidate into the ministry and fellowship of the North American Baptist General Conference and Baptists around the world.

Rev. G. W. Blackburn, Buffalo Center, Iowa, and father of Mrs. Rabenhorst, offered the inspiring Ordination-Commissioning prayer. Rev. and Mrs. Rabenhorst gave their testimony in the



The choir of the First Baptist Church of Emery, S. D., under the direction of Rev. Leland Friesen and accompanied by Mrs. Art Edzard at the organ, has again faithfully presented musical numbers at the morning services as well as complete programs at Christmas and Easter.

duet, "Let Me Burn Out for Thee." Rev. Rabenhorst pronounced the benediction.

The First Baptist Church of Watertown is happy that God has called two more of its members into the mission field. It will follow them in prayer as their Lord and Savior guides and directs their path. (Mrs. J. J. Abel, Reporter.)



REV. AND MRS. GUSTAV SCHMIDT OBSERVE 50th ANNIVERSARY

A special day in the lives of the Rev. and Mrs. Gustav Schmidt, 118 S. Boston Ave., was observed on June 24, while they were visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Clem, near Elkton, Md. Congratulations from their many friends were received by the couple including a greeting in verse from Mr. Pressman, comptroller of Baltimore, Md.

The Rev. and Mrs. Schmidt exchanged marriage vows at Calvary Baptist Church in Bethlehem, Pa., June 24, 1916, with the Rev. M. Wolff as the officiating minister.

In 1922 the Rev. Schmidt was called to the Gospel ministry and became the pastor of the West Baltimore Baptist Church. He served in that capacity for 28 years until his retirement in 1950, when he moved to DeLand.

Rev. and Mrs. Schmidt have one daughter, Mrs. Edna Clem, and six grandchildren.

NEW YORK CITY, SECOND GERMAN BAPTIST. On July 24, 1966, the Second German Baptist Church observed its 111th year of existence and farewell to that area. All the sister churches of New York and vicinity were invited to participate on this occasion. Music was provided by the Immanuel Baptist Church Choir and the host Church.

The host Church was represented by Mrs. L. Corners and Mrs. M. Nicolai (W.M.S.), Mr. W. Nicolai (Church), and Mr. and Mrs. W. Lehotsky and a number of children (Sunday school). Denominational greetings were brought by Rev. Rubin Kern, who reminded the Church of its historical past and of its missionary future.

The climax of the service was Rev.

Herbert Hiller's message which was based on II Cor. 2:14 and was concluded with II Tim. 1:6. He challenged the Church to stir up the gift of God within it, as it looks toward an open door in Little Neck, N. Y. The festivity ended over refreshments.

The Church planned to move to Little Neck in August. The Second German Baptist Church covets your prayers and God's blessing that all may go well during these days of crisis. (Mrs. Daniel Kolke, Reporter.)

ELK GROVE, CALIF., FIRST. On July 24 at 7:30 A.M. at the Men's Fellowship Prayer Breakfast for the men of the church enjoyed fellowship and had a wonderful time with the Lord in prayer. The officers of the Men's Fellowship are as follows: President Ed Neher, Vice President Ed Kammerer, Secretary Ernest Adam and Treasurer Henry Rausser. Those in charge of the Breakfast were Frank Veninga and Walter Viet. (Mrs. Leonard Fandrich, Reporter.)

CBY {youth} fellowship

COLORADO, NAB CAMP. The NAB Colorado Camp which is the combination of the First Baptist Church of LaSalle and their extension church the Sherwood Park Baptist Church of Greeley enjoyed a wonderful three days, June 14-16, at Covenant Heights Bible Camp on Highway 7 nine miles south of Estes Park. There were 20 children and three adults from Sherwood Park and 28 children and five adults from LaSalle plus our missionary to Japan, Miss Lucille Wipf, making a total of 57 campers. The teachers were Rev. Raymond Harsch, Mrs. Esther Moser, and Mrs. Neoma Strohauser. This year the Camp Dean was Rev. Edwin Michelson, and the Camp Pastor was Rev. Raymond Harsch. Mark Albers was the Recreation Director with Music Directors being Mrs. Verna Michelson and Mrs. Shirley Robb. Mrs. Alice Jerke had the crafts. There was morning watch, class time, missionary time, crafts, song time, evening vespers, fireside, cabin devotions,



The North American Baptist Colorado Camp with 57 campers was held at Covenant Heights Camp, Estes Park, Colo., June 14-16.

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and plenty of free time and recreation.

There were eleven coming for salvation, five for rededication, and one for full-time service. (Neoma M. Strohauser, Camp Secretary.)

CRYSTAL SPRINGS, N.D., JUNIOR HIGH CAMP. The theme of the camp this year was "Fortified Faith" with I Peter 3:15 as the theme verse. One hundred and forty-one campers plus six part-time were in attendance. The staff included 26 teachers and counselors.

The class, "Words of Life," dealt with the basic words of the Christian life. It was taught by Rev. Daniel Heringer and Rev. Irvin Schmuland. The class, "Adventures in Galilee," dealt with developing disciples, and Luke 9 was under discussion. This class was taught by Mrs. Fred Kranzler, Rev. Leon Bill, and Rev. Edward Oster.

Each day we were privileged to hear Miss Lucille Wipf, one of our missionaries to Japan, and Miss Joyce Wood, a probation officer from Aberdeen, S. D. As they spoke, we were greatly inspired and challenged. We also had the opportunity of hearing the Herman Effa family in word and song.

Our hearts were touched deeply during this week at camp, and we rejoiced with one conversion. There may have been more. We saw 48 young people rededicate their lives, and eight dedicate their lives for full-time service. Abundant were the spiritual gains during this week at camp. May God be praised! (Loretta Sieler, Counselor.)

MANITOBA, WELLMAN LAKE CAMP. The Northern Manitoba Young People's Camp at Wellman Lake, near Minitonas, Man., held from June 30 to July 4, united 40 young people in Christian fellowship and Bible study. Prof. E. B. Link of the Christian Training Institute and Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, Northern District Secretary, inspired lively discussions centered on the theme, "The Church in our Century." Herb Grieger of Minitonas, and Kenneth Schroeder of Swan River, were camp managers and Rev. H. A. Pohl of Minitonas, the camp dean. The Tri-Union Sunday, July 3, brought 400 people together in the camp tabernacle. The camp choir directed by Prof. E. B. Link presented "An Open Bible for the World" and "I will build my Church." (H. A. Pohl, Reporter.)

TYNDALL, S. D., DANZIG. Approximately 50 persons attended the youth banquet sponsored by the Danzig C.B.-Y.F. members and their sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wormsbecker and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Hebner at the Danzig Baptist Church, June 7. Guests were members of the Tyndall Baptist C.B.Y.F. and their sponsors.

Tables and booklets were decorated in midnight blue and white. Program booklets carried the theme, "That I Might Live."

Mistress of ceremonies was Donna Berndt, Danzig C.B.Y.F. President. Others taking part in the program following the dinner were: Loxie Voigt, Jerry Finck, Darrell Mattis, Barbara Berndt, Diane Kaul, and Jonna Hebner. Guest speaker was Rev. John Hise, Parkston, S. D., speaking on the topic, "Where Are You Going?" Rev. David Zimmerman, pastor of the Danzig and Tyndall Baptist Churches, pronounced the benediction.

The banquet was prepared by mothers of the C.B.Y.F. and served by seventh grade youth of the Danzig Church. (Mrs. David Zimmerman, Reporter.)

ELK GROVE, CALIF., FIRST. The Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship had a youth retreat July 29-31 at Wolf Mountain Camp. There were 33 including the sponsors and the pastor attending the retreat. Sponsors of the group are Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Ehinsz. Rev. Merle Brenner was the speaker and the head of the Bible studies. The youth of our church are very active. The evening of July 31 upon their return, the film, "Summer Decision," was shown. (Mrs. Leonard Fandrich, Reporter.)

STEAMBOAT ROCK, IOWA. The last two weeks of June our youth groups attended camp at Clear Lake, Iowa. Eleven seniors attended June 13-18, and 27 juniors attended June 20-25. (Mrs. Henry Trittlen, Reporter.)

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

CLEVELAND, OHIO, PARMA HEIGHTS. On Thursday evening, May 26, 1966, the Women's Missionary Society of the Parma Heights Baptist Church held its annual installation of officers service. The theme for the evening was "God's Great Garden of Roses." In keeping with the theme, there were special numbers sung, and each lady who was installed was presented with a beautiful rose taken from a large bouquet. The elected officers were President Gay Dick, 1st Vice President Norma Nuetzel, 2nd Vice President Mildred Feritto, Secretary Marsha Levine, and Treasurer Joy Eilertsen. Other women were appointed to act as chairwomen of various committees and six W.M.S. Circles.

Our circle memberships were also shuffled as they are every two years in order that we may become better acquainted with more of our women.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year which will see our society continue to grow in number, in grace and in work for the Lord. (Mrs. Joyce Leidy, Reporter.)

sunday school programs & events



Three grand award winners in Scripture Memorization at the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta., pictured with (left to right) Mrs. O. Radis, director; Jerry Miller, Ardis Ohlmann, and Raymond Ohlmann.

JAMESTOWN, N. D. Temple Baptist Church, Jamestown, N. D., is not only new in church extension work, but we are also new in Scripture Memory work. We had our program in conjunction with that of Children's Day, June 12.

We had 12 children enrolled. Eight of these were first time pupils; four were pupils who transferred from other churches, and they had already been enrolled in Scripture Memory Work.

They were Luanne and Wynne Schmuland, our pastor's children, and John and Elizabeth Kirschman. Our first year enrollees were Randy Rovang, Rodney Tahran, Pattie, Michael, and Thomas Steffen, Monte, Sherry, and Shiela Lang.

These children were rewarded from the Sunday school with a money certificate that could only be used by attending Crystal Springs Bible Camp. We are happy to say that all of our enrollees went to camp. (Mrs. J. D. Kirschman, Reporter.)

ELK GROVE, CALIF. First Baptist Church of Elk Grove held their annual Sunday school picnic on July 17, 1966, at the Elk Grove Park with the morning worship service in the out-of-doors in God's nature. Opening the service the General Supt. Mrs. John Wagemann welcomed all those present. Darrell Schuh, Lowell Gates, Bob Davis, and John Stumpf participated in the service. Pastor Merle Brenner gave us a message entitled "The Best State to Live In." After the closing hymn and prayer we shared Pot Luck Dinner around tables. Afternoon fellowship was wonderful as were the games and refreshments. A Vesper Service to close the festivities was at 3:30 P.M. with Rev. Bill Acton, pastor of the Lincoln Village Baptist Church, Sacramento, speaking to us. (Mrs. Leonard Fandrich, Reporter.)

EMERY, S. D., FIRST. At the First Baptist Church of Emery, there were 124 young people enrolled in Bible School from May 31—June 10. The theme was "Living With Christ" taught by 27 teachers with Mrs. Lawr-

ence Brown as director and Mrs. Jake Roskins as secretary.

The offering was \$172 of which \$75 was for David Kimeng, an African student at the Baptist Teacher Training Center. (Mrs. Walter Heitzman, Reporter.)

LEHR, N. D. Vacation Bible School was held in the Ebenezer Baptist Church from June 6 through June 10, with Mrs. Daniel Herringer as Director and the following as teachers and workers: Mrs. James Kranzler, Mrs. James Ruff, Mrs. Bob Stolz, Mrs. Jacob Schopp, Rev. D. Herringer, Miss Sharon Walz, Miss Helen Knoll, Miss Connie Bollinger, and Mrs. Art Meidinger as Registrar. The program was held on Sunday evening, June 12. A fine audience viewed the display of handwork and crafts in the church parlors following the program. The total enrollment for the school was 62. (Mrs. John Kranzler, Reporter.)

evangelistic services & baptisms



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cross of Saskatoon, Sask., on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

SASKATOON, SASK., HUDSON BAY. We rejoice in God's continued goodness and blessing in our midst. The second baptismal service in our new church building was held on Sunday, May 29. Two candidates were received into our fellowship by baptism and four others by letters of transfer. Two of these, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cross, are now the senior members of our church.

On June 26 it was our privilege to join with them in celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary. To commemorate the occasion a short program and fellowship in the lower auditorium followed the evening service. (Mrs. Sylvia Janz, Church Secretary.)

WISHEK, N. D. The results of summer camping, special services, and the inquirer class instructions culminated in a baptismal service on May 15. Of the special services, one was with Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Director of Evangelism and Church Extension, who held special meetings with us last fall. Several gave their hearts to the Lord. The church received many spiritual blessings during the meetings.

NEW YORK, EVERGREEN. A Sunday school picnic was held July 9, 1966, at the Hempstead Lake State Park, N. Y. A fine time of Christian fellowship with members and friends was enjoyed.

On July 18-29 the Sunday school held their Vacation Bible School with a full program consisting of songs, Bible study, handcraft, and a mission story each day presented by our pastor's wife, Mrs. Ann Kimball. Miss Mabel Kalin was director of the program. Sunday, July 31, a presentation by the children was given during the Sunday school hour of the things learned and made at V.B.S.

We give the honor and glory to our Lord for the increase this year in our Vacation Bible School. As we continue in our work we are preparing for a fuller and more active church program as the Lord blesses us. (Anna Steinhoff, Reporter.)

There were ten who followed the Lord in baptism, all because of previous commitments to the Lord. The goodly number of friends and members of the church, who had witnessed the baptismal service also rejoiced with the candidates who received the hand of fellowship into the church, at the communion service. (Carl R. Weisser, Pastor.)



Six recently baptized by the pastor, Rev. Walter Hoffman (center): Daniel Lang, Warren Hoffman, Beth Varney, Sylvia Jucht, Mark Jucht and Keith Wahl.

EMERY, S.D., PLUM CREEK. In the joint baptismal service held at Parkston Baptist Church on April 10 six candidates from Plum Creek Baptist Church were baptized. They were given the hand of fellowship the following Sunday at Plum Creek. Those received into the church membership are Daniel Lang, Warren Hoffman, Beth Varney, Sylvia Jucht, Mark Jucht and Keith Wahl. (Mrs. Edwin Decker, Reporter.)

WETASKIWAN, ALTA. Sunday evening, June 26, the Calvary Baptist Church, Wetaskiwin, had the joy and privilege to witness an impressive baptismal service. Upon confession of their faith four persons were led into the baptismal waters by Rev. Jake Leverette. They were Mrs. Inga Kubernuss, Margaret and Debrah Mallard, and Linda Johns.

These newly baptized converts were extended the right hand of fellowship by the pastor along with the following who were received into the church by

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Obituary

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

MRS. AMALIA JUNGKEIT of Sacramento, California

Mrs. Amalia Jungkeit was born in Labiau, East Prussia, April 9, 1881, and passed away July 25, 1966, at the age of 85 years. She came to this country as a young girl, settling first in Canada, and later in North Dakota, Oregon, and California. She was converted at the age of 11 and has been a faithful member of a number of our churches, including Bethel Baptist, Anaheim, Calif.; Bethel Baptist, Salem, Ore.; First Baptist, Elk Grove, Calif.; and Willow Rancho Baptist, Sacramento, Calif. Her life was characterized by the genuineness of her Christian experience, her love for the Lord, and her devotion and faithfulness to her church.

In 1901 she was married to Carl Jungkeit, and they were blessed with three children: Fred, Albert, and Lillie. Her husband and her son, Albert, preceded her in death, as well as her three brothers and two sisters. She is survived by her son, Fred, of Elk Grove; her daughter, Mrs. Lillie Williams, of Sacramento; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and by a host of friends.

During her illness of the past two years, she has been cared for tenderly by her son, Fred, and his wife, Vera; by her daughter, Lillie; and by her granddaughter, Mrs. Doris Little. She will always be remembered for her deep spirit of appreciation for every kindness shown both by her family and her friends.

Willow Rancho Baptist Church
Sacramento, California

LOUIS R. JOHNSON, Pastor

MRS. LOUISE KLIPPERT of Carbon, Alberta

Mrs. Louise Klippert was born on Nov. 4, 1896, in Long Lake, S. D., and passed away on Aug. 9, 1966. As a young girl she accepted Christ as Savior and was baptized by Rev. F. Miller in 1912 at Carbon, Alta. She remained a faithful member of Temple Baptist Church. In 1910 she moved with her parents to Carbon and in 1929 to Calgary.

Mrs. Klippert married Mrs. Rudolph Brost in 1917; he passed away in 1946. She was married in 1947 to Mr. Merton Klippert, with whom she lived until 1959. She leaves to mourn one sister Mrs. Lydia Fachner, Elk Grove, Calif.; one brother, Mr. John Forsch, Calgary; five nieces; four nephews; 18 great-nieces and nephews; nine stepchildren; many relatives and friends.

The Temple Baptist Church shall miss Mrs. Klippert greatly for she really loved the Lord and her church. She was willing to do anything for God and her church. The Klipperts sacrificed much to support the church and to promote it. Mrs. Klippert's heart and home were always open to people that needed love and help. We praise God today for her life and really look forward to meeting her in glory.

May the good Lord continue to comfort those who mourn with the hope of a great reunion in heaven.

Temple Baptist Church
Calgary, Alberta

C. T. REMPLE, Pastor

MRS. MARY ELLEN GROSSER of Norridge, Illinois

Mrs. Mary Ellen Grosser, born in Chicago on October 25, 1875, went to be with the Lord on July 4, 1966. She was converted and baptized by Rev. Jacob Meier in 1891. Her church membership was in the First German Baptist Church of Chicago which today is known as the Foster Avenue Baptist Church.

She was married to Dr. Edward W. Grosser on August 30, 1891, who preceded her in death. She had been a resident at the Central Baptist Home of Chicago since 1959. A memorial service was held July 7,

1966, in the Chapel at the Central Baptist Home.

Foster Avenue Baptist Church
Chicago, Illinois

CLARENCE H. WALTH, Pastor

MR. RICHARD LEUDTKE of Elsmere, Delaware

Mr. Richard Leudtke of Elsmere, Del., was born in Germany September 6, 1879. He was called home to be with the Lord May 30, 1966, after a brief illness. He was the oldest member in our Church, becoming a member in 1904. He served faithfully in our Church and was honorary Deacon at the time of his death. He was faithful in attendance at all services and activities of the Church until the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Bertha Leudtke; two sons, Richard and Edwin of Wilmington; two daughters, Mrs. Alice Grussemeyer of Gainesville, Fla., and Mrs. Bertha Gearhart of Elsmere; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, and one brother, Max Leudtke of Germany.

First Baptist Church of Elsmere
Wilmington, Delaware

MRS. MARY M. KEITH, Clerk

MR. LOUIS JANKE of Underwood, North Dakota

Louis F. Janke was born to August and Augusta (Krueger) Janke on Dec. 2, 1898, at Springfield, Minn. In 1904 he moved with his family to California, Missouri, and in 1910 they moved to North Dakota where they settled on a farm Southeast of Underwood.

He married Alma Deckert on September 20, 1936, and they made their home on the farm until moving into Underwood in Nov. of 1965.

On June 5, 1966, as a result of his confession of faith in Jesus as the Son of God and his Savior, he was baptized and received into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Underwood.

He re-entered the Bismarck Hospital on July 7 for additional surgery after having been in failing health for two years. He was called into the presence of his Lord, August 1, at the age of 67.

He is survived by: his wife, Alma; three daughters—Evelyn (Mrs. John Goody) of Williston, Doneta (Mrs. Lowell Sem) of Minot, Arvadell of Underwood; two sisters—Mrs. Ed Kroll, Colfax, Wash., Mrs. Orvis Adams, Underwood; five brothers—George of Missoula, Mont., Harry of Glenview, Ill., Alvin of Pine City, Minn., Vernon of Tacoma, Wash., Truman of Minot, N. D.; and five grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents, twin daughters, and one son in infancy, one sister and a half-brother.

He made many friends during his lifetime and will be remembered especially for his friendliness. He will be missed by his family, relatives and a great host of friends.

First Baptist Church

Underwood, North Dakota

WALTER L. WEBER, Pastor

MR. EDWARD KIEMELE of Linton, North Dakota

Edward Kiemele was born near Odessa, South Russia, on November 15, 1891. He came to the United States with his parents in 1898, and the family settled on a farm west of Linton. He lived here until 1950 when he moved to Linton.

On July 13, 1915, he was married to Carolina Weber, who was his faithful helpmate for more than fifty years.

Mr. Kiemele passed away on Thursday, August 4, having reached the age of 74 years.

Our departed brother accepted Christ as his personal Savior in 1921 and followed the Lord in baptism in the same year. He was baptized by Rev. Lucius and became a member of First Baptist Church, Linton. The reality of his Christian experience was evidenced in his faithfulness in church attendance and in the active part which he took in the activities of the church. He taught Sunday school for 40 years and served as a deacon for 30 years, serving in these capacities even up to the time of his passing.

Mourning the loss of a loved one are: his wife; eight sons—Emanuel and William of Minot, Edward H. and Albert of Linton, Raymond of Bismarck, Fred of Whittier, Calif., Erwin of Ashley, and Rev. Leroy of North Freedom, Wis.; four daughters—Anne (Mrs. Arnold Rocholl) of Onamia, Minn., Carolyn (Mrs. Robert Weishair) of Minneapolis, Minn., Ruth (Mrs. Reuben Pudwill) of Regan, and Violet (Mrs. Neil Walther) of Underwood; 34 grandchildren and 4 sisters—Mrs. Katherine Huber, Linton, Mrs. Elizabeth Lang, Aberdeen, S. D., Mrs. Hanna Weber, Havre, Mont., Mrs. Lydia Blumhagen, Freewater, Ore., and a host of relatives and friends. Three brothers and three sisters preceded him in death. Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer and Rev. Allen Strohschein

officiated at the services in Linton August 8.

First Baptist Church
Linton, North Dakota

REV. A. STROHSCHNEIN, Reporter

MRS. HANNA FISCHER of Ellinwood, Kansas

Mrs. Hannah Fischer, nee Dannebohm, was born near Ellinwood, Kan., Nov. 1, 1879, where she resided most of her life. She was married to John Fischer Aug. 12, 1903. To this union was born one daughter, Oretta. Her husband preceded her in death in 1944. Since that time she made her home with her daughter and her husband. After a full life of 86 years, she passed away at the Great Bend Manor Nursing Home on July 26, 1966.

Mrs. Fischer accepted the Lord as personal Savior, was baptized and became a member of the First Baptist Church, Ellinwood at the age of nine. Throughout the years she was active in the church serving as a teacher and member of the Ladies' Missionary Society. Her consistent Christian living brought glory to her Savior whom she loved even unto death.

She leaves to mourn her passing: her daughter, Mrs. Rudolph (Oretta) Marchand; one brother, John Dannebohm, Ellinwood; one sister, Martha Fischer of Pretty Prairie, Kan.; and many relatives and friends.

A memorial service was held using the text Matt. 24:44. The thought of her concern for Missions is an encouragement and challenge for all who remain. Memorial gifts in her memory were designated for Cameroon Missions.

First Baptist Church
Ellinwood, Kan.

HAROLD E. WEISS, Pastor

MR. A. F. LEHR of Gackle, North Dakota

Andrew F. Lehr was born September 22, 1879, near Tripp, S. D., the son of Andreas Lehr and Clara Goehring Lehr, and passed away on July 29, 1966, in Lodi, Calif., at the age of 86. In 1902 he came to Kulm, N. D., where he worked in the Zellner General Store. In 1904 he came to Gackle where he started the Lehr Real Estate Office. In the following year he helped organize the Logan County Bank, now the First State Bank of Gackle. In 1925 he organized the A. F. Lehr Company in which he remained until his retirement due to illness. In 1931 he was elected to the State Legislature as representative of the 36th District.

In 1926 he was baptized by Rev. L. F. Gassner and joined the Grace Baptist Church, Gackle, where he served as deacon, trustee, Sunday school supt., teacher, and was presently Deacon Emeritus. He contributed liberally of his time, talent, and means to the Lord's work. He also helped organize and build the Baptist Home, Bismarck, and served as treasurer for many years.

In September 2, 1906, he was united in marriage to Magdalena Hieb at Kulm. In July of 1959 his wife passed away. On February 18, 1962, he and Margaret Rott Goehring were married at Lodi making Gackle and Lodi their homes. In the fall of 1963 he took ill and remained bed fast until his death.

He is survived by his widow; a daughter, Ella (Mrs. Charles E. Hamilton) of Hillsborough, Calif.; a son, Calvin C. Lehr, Gackle; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, two daughters and one son in infancy, a daughter, Clara, five brothers and three sisters.

Memorial services were held at Lodi with Rev. Aaron Buhler officiating, and at the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle.

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NORTHERN CONFERENCE

On Friday, July 8, 160 ladies gathered in the Rowandale Baptist Church for the annual luncheon of the Women's Missionary Union of the Northern Conference, with Mrs. Fred Pahl of Edmonton presiding.

The newly formed W.M.S. of Esterhazy, Sask., was welcomed into the Conference. This past year two scholarships were awarded to two students at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton. They were Grace Albrecht of Winnipeg and Shirley Schroeder of Edmonton. Two scholarships will again be awarded to C.T.I. students this coming term.

The financial goals for the year are to support: (1) the National Women's Union project, (2) the medical work in the Cameroon, and (3) Church Extension. Miss Minnie Kuhn of Cameroon was the featured guest speaker of the afternoon luncheon.

In the evening the ladies presented their annual program, the theme being "Hands." By means of several drawings of "hands" done by Mrs. Ed. Link of Edmonton, poems and readings composed by Mrs. Pahl, and appropriate musical selections, we were made aware of how our hands can effectively serve Christ. Miss Kuhn presented the missionary challenge in a vivid portrayal of how an African woman has used her hands in serving Christ.

Dr. Ralph Powell conducted the In-

stallation Service for the executive officers. For the coming year they are: President Mrs. D. Buyer, Carbon, Alta., Vice-Pres. Mrs. D. Richter, Winnipeg, Man., White Cross Chairman Mrs. C. Hollerbaum, Regina, Sask., Sec.-Treas. Mrs. M. Nornberg, Nocomis, Sask., and Assist. Sec.-Treas. Mrs. M. Schultz, Millet, Alta.

As we reflect on the blessings of this day, our prayer is that we might be more willing to use our hands for the service of Christ and his Kingdom. (Mrs. M. Nornberg, Reporter.)

"THE WORD OF GOD SHALL STAND FOREVER" (NORTHERN CONFERENCE)

Take several hundred Baptists of the Northern Conference; put them in the beautiful new edifice of the Rowandale Baptist Church in Winnipeg; add a congenial moderator and men prepared to speak God's Word to his people, and you have the 1966 Northern Conference.

People from the three prairie provinces of Alberta, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan gathered in Winnipeg, July 6-10, for this year's Northern Conference. Their theme was, "The Word of Our God Shall Stand Forever." Dr. Ralph Powell, professor at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, and pastors from the conference led us in exploring the various facets of this significant and

timely theme. Our confidence in God's Word and our commitment to it were renewed and strengthened. Miss Minnie Kuhn, missionary to Cameroon, was our other guest speaker. Her ministry in behalf of missions was one that searched our hearts.

Special features of the program were the noon luncheons for the men and the women on Friday and the closing Missionary Rally on Sunday afternoon.

Moderator for the sessions was Rev. Ed Hohn of Saskatoon. One hundred ninety-eight delegates from 48 churches were seated. Four churches were granted membership in the Conference, namely: Telfordville Baptist, Telfordville, Alta.; Oak Bank Baptist, Oak Bank, Man.; Esterhazy Baptist, Esterhazy, Sask.; and Baptist Brethren Church, Winnipeg, Man. Regarding the elections, Rev. Ed Hohn and Rev. Henry Pfeiffer were added to the Mission Committee for three-year terms, and Rev. Pfeiffer was elected mission secretary for one year. The new executive elected is as follows: Moderator, Rev. Henry Schumacher; Vice Moderator, Rev. Richard Hohensee; Recording Secretary, Rev. Norbert Laudon; and Statistical Secretary, Rev. Fred Merke.

God spoke through his Word and through his servants. If we who heard will heed, the Word of our God will not only stand, it will be heard and received by others. May God make it so. (Rev. Allan Gerber, Reporter.)

LAYMEN ARE ORDINARY

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welfare, race relations, school, juvenile problems, inter-church activities plus a host of others can challenge the Christian today and prove to the world that we are concerned.

Volunteer for service. Lay preaching is almost extinct. What a surprise it might be in some places for a layman to come to his pastor and volunteer to speak at a worship service or prayer meeting. How about starting a men's chorus or male quartet? Maybe you and your wife can sponsor a children's group activity. If you want to do something but do not know what to do, begin by seeing your pastor. He will find something for you to do, I assure you.

Remember that after all we have said there is a basic key—our relationship to Christ. It must always begin here. Make this tie stronger and your love for his work will also increase. God's work is done by pastors and laymen. It depends on both. If you are not a pastor, you are a layman. Laymen are ordinary people! God's work depends on you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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one of the kings who did that which was right in the sight of the Lord. But when there was real danger his faith failed him, and he was tempted to appeal to Egypt for help or to appease the Assyrians, which he did by

giving him the treasures of the house of the Lord (II Kings 18:15-16). The prophet reminded Hezekiah that his strength will not be increased by manpower but by God-power.

Questions for Discussion

1. Does faith in God mean that no human effort should be made in times of crises?
2. What is the complete meaning of Isaiah's Messianic prophecy?
3. Does faith in God mean that you will never have any failures in life?

WE THE WOMEN

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We think that putting our shoulders to the wheel could also suggest choosing to visit the elderly, sick, shut-in, the needy soul, or a possible new member rather than choosing some outing with friends. It will perhaps mean the writing of a newsy and inspiring letter to a missionary before answering some other friend's letter which may be easier to write.

Among the above mentioned items, along with countless others, there is no dramatic "sacrifice." It is merely a matter of choosing first things first, as we think Christ would do. In these busy days, we should be aware of countless examples in our Bible where individuals took the course of least resistance and were rewarded accordingly. Christ's parable of the talents also depicts this very vividly.

We must also recognize that if we are busy pushing a "wheel," we do not

have time to look at others' faults, their neglect, or to feel that we are doing more than "our share."

Only those who do put Christ first will realize the true and abundant life, as this love of Christ constrains, compels, controls and rewards us.

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