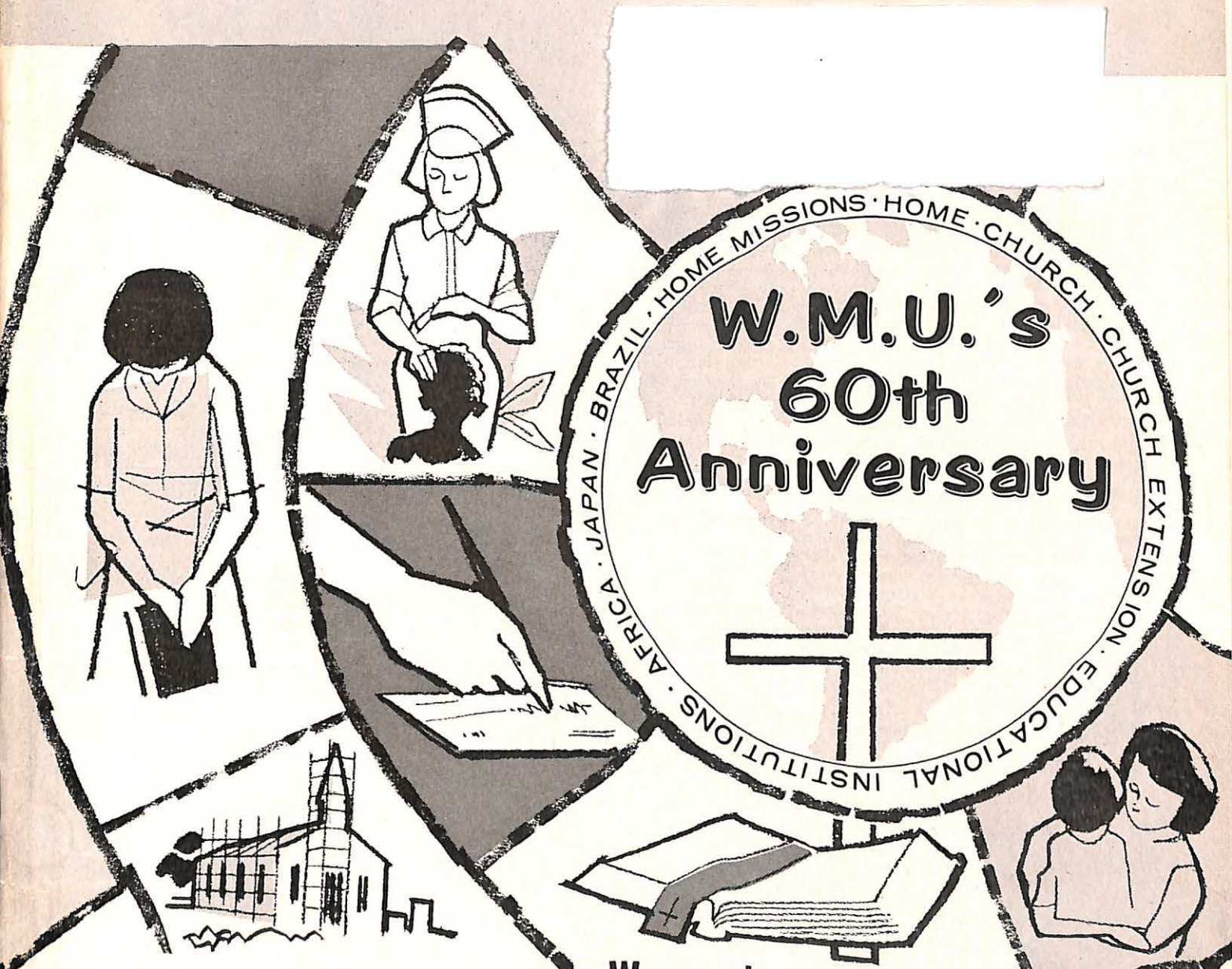


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Woman's Missionary Union
Greater Works Shall Ye Do

John 14:12

PRAY READ SERVE PLAN GIVE SUPPORT

CIGARETTE

by John Gration

"For brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty..."

I knew the fellows of Squad C. pretty well, because we often replaced them on patrol duty. They were a regular bunch of fellows, typical Americans, and good soldiers. They had a certain amount of idealism, maybe more than the average American.

I especially remember Jim, a hard-fighting soldier we called Patrick Henry because he was always quoting, "Give me liberty or give me death." Jim really believed in liberty, personal liberty. We always said it was a good thing he was a sergeant and not just a lowly private, though even as a sergeant he found his liberty restricted, especially there.

The word had come through from headquarters to exercise greater caution on patrols. The week before, a squad had been pinned down for nine hours, because someone was careless with a flashlight, and only a risky flight by a helicopter crew had rescued them. Now it was strongly recommended that even smoking be eliminated on night patrols. The boys had a real discussion on this one. Some didn't smoke, so it didn't affect them. But Jim really waxed eloquent as he

sat in the Squad C. tent with his buddies. Not only was a cigarette relaxing during tense patrols, but in his opinion this was strictly a personal matter. It wasn't something for some general to decide as he sat in his office thirty-five miles from the front. Jim mentioned the cross that stands at the grave of his older brother who gave his life during World War II—dying for liberty, Jim said. Besides, he finished, it isn't the cigarette itself as much as the principle. Nobody should have to tell a mature soldier not to smoke on patrol. He can decide that for himself; after all, he's fighting for freedom, isn't he?

The discussion might have gone on indefinitely except that Squad C had the 12-4 patrol that night. So at 11:45 they fastened their packs, grabbed their rifles, and set out. I noticed that Jim picked up a pack of Camels and stuffed it in his field jacket, as he walked through the door of the tent.

I decided to snatch a few hours' sleep before I joined my squad on the 4-8 duty, to take over the patrol from Squad C. Half asleep, I kept thinking of Jim. I respected his stand for liberty, but wondered where personal liberty ends for a soldier. I wondered too whether it was entirely a personal decision, this matter of smoking on patrol. Was a fellow's personal choice limited by the security and safety of nine other men? I'll mention this point to Jim tomorrow night, I thought. He'll probably just quote Patrick Henry again, but I'll mention it anyway.

A heavy fog shrouded the landscape as dawn came the following day. But fog couldn't hide the sight that met our eyes as we approached Hill No. 8 in Sector 3. Lying dead on the damp ground were nine men—obviously ambushed. Judging from their weapons, they hadn't fired a shot. How could they have been so completely surprised by the enemy? Jim lay about ten feet from the group—a half-burned cigarette beside him on the ground.

Jim certainly had his convictions. Really believed in Patrick Henry. Too bad for Jim and his nine buddies that liberty and death were not alternatives. (Reprinted by permission from HIS, student magazine of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, 1966.



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Editorial

Automatic Living and Petty Problems

Guest editorial by Berneice Westerman, missionary, Cameroon

Automatic habits are often the downfall of sincere Christian living and courtesy.

"Dear John," "cordially yours," and "I am pleased to meet you" are expressions that become a real habit until someone confronts you with "Are you really? How do you know?"

Stop. Think. Before you respond about that sermon you have heard—can you really say, "I enjoyed that message."

Did you really enjoy

—hearing that the work has lacked because you did not do your part in giving or paying?

—that a patient was told to go home to die because the proper equipment, medicine or personnel was not there to help him?

—realizing that young people are needed, and you are letting the money you earn keep you from serving God where he wants you?

—that perhaps that money which you are sure about spending on yourself is really meant to be invested in some personality who is training to serve God?

Did you really enjoy such a message? If you have been honest about it, you might have to admit that God has nudged, disturbed, upset and even caused you to change your ways. That is not enjoyment; that is challenge; that is changing the course of your direction which is disturbing to most of us.

The 35th General Conference has voted against the recommendation to have strangers (even though they be sincere Christians), come in to teach us how to give. As one who sits in the position of being the receiver of such funds, the writer is put in the position of placing faith in those of you who can help.

How much have we been upset by this? Have we been upset enough to go home and do what

those strangers were going to do? Have those delegates spoken for you at home? Has their vote been one of confidence in you and your faithfulness? Or are you going to make them come back to say, "Let us seek the help of strangers to reap our harvests."

The second upsetting thing in our culture these days is that of *Petty Problems*. Evangelist Dibble brought this out one night by mentioning the disagreements over flower arrangements and kitchen equipment and suggested that the church be given a *far greater problem* to deal with and solve.

So, here are some of those *larger problems*.

You are in Japan with land available and all other possibilities for a new church, BUT the cost of land is too high. How will you solve this?

You are in the Cameroons, and there are four young people who are ready and able to continue to attend school for further training, but there is no money in the Scholarship Fund to send them. How will you solve this?

You are in Warwar and a patient is in need of surgery, but the doctor has not been able to get into Warwar because of visa and passport difficulties. How will you help solve this?

You are in a new church extension project, meeting in the basement of a house and know that people will come more readily if you have a building in which to meet. How will you encourage others to join the Church Extension Builders?

You are a missionary nurse at Bansa Hospital and find that the supply of bandages has vanished. How will you solve this?

You are needed in the work of God's Kingdom not to live automatically but *abundantly*: not to solve *petty problems* but to *supply power and possessions* to solve *greater problems* above anything you ask or think.

August 15, 1967



Mrs. F. A. Licht, the second editor of the W.M.U. publication, "Missions—Perlen."



These women served through the Women's Auxiliary of the Baptist Home for the Aged, Philadelphia, Pa.



The sewing circle of the Andrews Street Baptist Church, Rochester, N. Y., met at our Seminary, then located in Rochester, to mend the clothing of the Seminary students.



W.M.U. officers, 1952-55, (l. to r.): Mrs. Thomas Lutz, treasurer; Mrs. E. Wolff, secretary; Mrs. William E. Schoeffel past president; Mrs. W. W. Grosser, president; Mrs. W. Stein, vice-president.



Toloff Studio

W.M.U. Executive, 1955-58, Mrs. O. R. Schmidt, Mrs. Edward Kary, Mrs. Theodore Lutz, president; Mrs. Albert Reddig, Mrs. Emanuel Wolff, Mrs. Frank Veninga; Mrs. Henry Schmunk, Mrs. Harm Sherman, Miss Ilse Mollenhauer, Mrs. J. J. Leppert, Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler.



W.M.U. Executive 1961-1964, (l. to r., seated): Mrs. Harm Sherman, president; Mrs. David Draewell; (standing) Mrs. Harold Gieseke, Mrs. Arthur Weisser, Mrs. Henry Schmunk, and Mrs. Herbert Hiller.

W.M.U. — 60 YEARS OF SERVICE

by Thelea Wesseler

IF WE COULD draw back the curtain of time to view the early days of our women's organization, and note the humble beginnings, the faith, and the sacrifices of our great-grandmothers, we would perhaps be even more appreciative of our organization today. Since we cannot go back in time, let us look into past records and take a glimpse into the early life and times of our organization. We praise God for this record which testifies to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

A SUGGESTION TO BEGIN—1860

The earliest printed reference to the work of our women is in 1860. This is found in the report of the Eastern Conference held in Lycoming County, Pa. It recommended that "sisters in the churches organize 'work' societies to help support the church and aid in her missions." A man offered the resolution to this effect and gave examples from Scripture of Dorcas and Phoebe who showed their love for their Savior in such a way.

The women in churches organized. Although they had limited means, they were happy as they served by cooking, knitting, or sewing. It is interesting to note that the women in Rochester, N. Y., met often to mend Seminary students' clothes and to help supply students' needs. Often one woman read while the others sewed.

During this period in history, women had no voice in the church, and it was considered improper for women to pray or to speak in prayer meetings. Men sat on one side in the church and the women and children on the other side. In many cases, men decided that the woman's place was in the home only and considered her part in a Women's Missionary Society out of place and unnecessary.

In these very early years, women were interested in missions and contributed what they could. They sent to



Wolk Studio

W.M.U. Executive Committee 1949-1952, Mrs. Thomas Lutz, Mrs. W. Schoeffel, president, Mrs. Walter Stein, Mrs. Emanuel Wolff; Mrs. O. G. Graalman, Mrs. Walter Grosser, Miss Althea Kose, Mrs. C. F. Lehr, and Mrs. Theodore Dons.

Cameroons, many European countries, Brazil, China, India, and so forth, and helped support our orphanages, deaconess' homes, and Seminary. Much clothing was made and sent to immigrants at Ellis Island. This gave the immigrants clothing like that which was worn here in America. The women truly had the spirit of Dorcas of Bible times who saw how many of the people were wearing ill-fitting or worn out clothing, but once these people were clothed with garments Dorcas made for them, they went their way renewed in spirit. The love of God was felt through this loving service of our women. Women's societies actively served by either supervising or helping with the cleaning of the churches.

GENERAL WOMEN'S UNION FOUNDED—1907

In 1882 at the Northwestern Conference in St. Paul, Minn., a suggestion was made that a women's missionary union of all our separate groups be organized. However, it was August, 1907, after much discussion, that requests were sent to 160 mission societies of our denomination asking that they express themselves concerning the association of societies into a women's union at the General Conference meeting in Buffalo, N. Y. Favorable reports came from 70 local mission societies. So on September 6, 1907, the General Women's Union was founded with 70 charter societies. Mrs. L. Maeder of N. Y. was chosen president. Six vice-presidents, a secretary, treasurer, co-ordination committee, and an editor were also elected at this time.

A Constitution was accepted and sent to the individual societies. They were asked to study it and then "make it known" if they were willing to join the union. The purpose of this Union was "to become better acquainted with one another and to promote spiritual life and interest in missions."

The purpose as defined in our present Constitution reads, "The purpose shall be to cultivate a missionary spirit among the women of the churches of the North American Baptist General Conference by encouraging prayer, daily Bible study, personal evangelism, knowledge of world missionary needs, and Christian stewardship of time, talents, and money."

OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP

Our Union has been guided by the following 13 presidents during these sixty years:

Mrs. L. Maeder	1907-1910
Mrs. J. Merkel	1910-1913
Mrs. W. F. Grosser	1913-1919
Mrs. N. B. Neelen	1919-1928
Mrs. G. H. Schneck	1928-1937
Miss Anna Brinkman	1937-1940
Mrs. H. G. Dymmel	1940-1946
Mrs. W. H. Schoeffel	1946-1952
Mrs. W. W. Grosser	1952-1955
Mrs. Thomas Lutz	1955-1958
Mrs. Albert Reddig	1958-1961
Mrs. Harm Sherman	1961-1964
Mrs. Delmar Wesseler	1964-1967
Mrs. Herbert Hiller	1967-

A THEME, YEARBOOKS, AND DAY OF PRAYER

In 1909, year books with a theme were first used. The following year, a Day of Prayer for all societies was set aside. A program of prayer requests was suggested.

Our first secretary's report in 1910 stated, "Our churches in this country have been in existence 69 years, the women's societies 55 years. We have nine conferences with 270 churches and 167 WMS groups. Seventy-eight of these sent in reports with \$8,372.40 being given. This sum would have been greater had all the societies reported."

"MISSIONS-PERLEN" AND "BROADCAST"

The mission paper, "Missions-Perlen" edited by Miss Minnie Miller and published since 1901, was taken over by the new Union as its official paper with Mrs. Wm. Ritzman as editor. Mrs. F. A. Licht, Mrs. Louise Brandt, and Mrs. Wm. Kuhn were editors of the paper until 1944 when "Missions-Perlen" was discontinued because the German language was not used extensively any more. Miss Eva Yung became editor of the new English bi-monthly paper, "Broadcast,"



Dr. William Kuhn and Miss Gretchen Remmler as they viewed W.M.U. donations for relief.



Alice N. Pohl Photo

Mrs. Erika Borrmann, former White Cross worker, as she prepared material for shipment to Cameroons.

which appeared in mimeographed form. This was laborously compiled, printed, addressed, and sent by members of the Executive Board to all associates and pastors' wives. Today this eight-page, pastel-colored paper contains news of our mission fields, WMU news, pictures and many current items of concern. The "Broadcast" is printed and mailed from our denominational office to all pastors' wives and to 372 societies. The newly enlarged German language, "Der Deutsche Rundfunk," uses much of the same material as "Broadcast," translated and abbreviated, along with informative and inspirational articles. One hundred and thirty-nine mailings go out to our German-speaking women.

The women also have regular columns since 1947 in the denominational publications: "We the Women" in the *Baptist Herald*, and "Frauen-Ecke" in *Der Sendbote*. These columns are edited by the W.M.U. president and the W.M.U. German editor respectively and come twice monthly.

PROGRAM PACKETS

Program packets have evolved from a modest beginning when in 1950 Mrs. W. Grosser conceived the idea and edited the first packet. The material was prepared to promote our Union goals, give uniformity to our women's work through suggested monthly devotionals; missionary, denominational, and seasonal programs; Bible studies; and program aids. English and German packets are prepared each year. In 1959, all materials were first coordinated with the triennial theme. A sub-topic was selected and developed the following two years of the triennium.

Five hundred and seventy-five English packets and 140 German packets were printed and sold in 1967. We rejoice

in reports of its wide usage: girls' groups, men's organizations, Bible schools, as well as a number of German packets which were sent to German Baptist women in Brazil.

Informative leaflets are printed as needed. A packet of WMU informative material is presented each year to graduating women, wives of graduating seniors from CTI and our Seminary as well as wives of new pastors coming into our fellowship. Complimentary Program Packets are presented to new WMU Societies. Complete theme and color co-ordination were used this past triennium, 1964-1967, in stationery, charts, and so forth.

PROGRAM CHART—1944

In 1944 under the leadership of Mrs. H. G. Dymmel, a Program Chart listing our goals and program of work for all societies, originated. A tabulated yearly record of progress was made by each society and sent to headquarters, much like our Report Blank of today.

In 1945 a gift subscription to a magazine of their choice was sent to our missionaries. This proved to be a "source of inspiration and tangible evidence of our interest in the welfare of our missionaries." Since 1966, all of our missionaries have been receiving the *Baptist Herald* instead of a different gift magazine subscription. Our foreign missionaries are delighted to receive current news from these air mailed copies. Women foreign missionaries receive "Broadcast" air mail, also. Throughout our history, the reading of missionary books as well as our denominational publications has been actively encouraged.

Much forward planning has always been a part of our women's work. In 1922, Mrs. Hoefflin (the Union's first secretary, serving a total of 30 years) reported to the General Conference: "With regard to the work of the sisters in the general work, we must say that their help in giving is highly appreciated by our General Board (made up of brethren), but to counsel with them or have representation (as, for example, the young people have) that is not yet allowed the women; although it would seem altogether proper. Never has a plea for help been turned down by the sisters, but rather with the greatest willingness and sacrificial spirit has it been met."



Ida Schulte, later Mrs. William Kuhn, at the age of 16 years wearing her yellow silk tie and temperance badge. Mrs. Kuhn was editor of the "Missions-Perlen" publication from 1926 to 1944.

REPRESENTATION ON THE GENERAL COUNCIL

Twenty-four years later, this wish was realized as the president and an elected general council representative were given representation on the General Council. This helps our organization to view the total picture of our denomination at work. As we are included in the planning, we are kept aware of the needs in every phase of our denominational ministry, and we can more accurately chart our program to coincide with denominational goals. The Women's Union was included on the denominational budget as a co-operating society this same year, 1946.

OBSERVERS ON THE BOARD OF MISSIONS—1952

In 1952 our Union voted to have the president and one other member of the Executive Board attend the annual sessions of the General Missionary Committee (now Board of Missions) as observers. Our women have experienced greater insight into our denomination's great task of missions which the Lord has entrusted to us. We are grateful to have remarkable records of financial contributions through the years. One banner triennium ended in 1928 when 201 societies whose members totaled 6,844 gave \$92,074 for local work and \$60,636.38 for foreign work.

MISSION PROJECTS

The first mission project which is recorded is a \$10,000 project. The projects from 1946-1970 are as follows:

- 1946-1949 \$10,000 Nurses' Training School at Belo
- 1949-1952 \$10,000 Cameroons Medical work and NAB Seminary
- 1952-1955 \$30,000 Home and Foreign Mission work
- 1955-1958 \$40,000 Church Extension and Foreign Mission work
- 1958-1961 \$60,000 Church Extension, Home and Foreign Missions
- 1961-1964 \$65,000 Church Extension, Home and Foreign Missions
- 1964-1967 \$75,000 Church Extension, Home and Foreign Missions
- 1967-1970 \$90,000 Educational Institutions, Church Extension, Home and Foreign Missions



Women's Missionary Union officers, 1964-67: (front row, l. to r.) Mrs. Eric Pohl, treasurer; Mrs. Elton Kirstein, vice-president; Mrs. Delmar Wesseler, president; Mrs. Jothan Benke, secretary; Mrs. H. J. Waltereit, white cross chairman; (second row, l. to r.) Mrs. Willy Herke, editor, German Program Packet; Mrs. Edward Kopf, editor, "Broadcast"; Mrs. Raymond Yahn, editor, English Program Packet; Mrs. David Draewell, Council Representative; Mrs. H. J. Schulz, editor, German literature.

Through the years it has been the sacrificial giving of our women which contributed greatly to the general missionary budget. This triennium, 1964-1967, we have given over \$190,000. Our generous missionary gifts must continue to come in so that we can support more missionaries and thus obey the Master's command to "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations. . . ." We notice that this admonition from Scripture closely follows our theme verse for this past triennium ". . . and go quickly. . . ." (Matt. 28:7).

NORTH AMERICAN WOMAN'S UNION, BWA

In 1953, fourteen delegates from the Women's Union attended the First Congress of the North American Woman's Union of the Baptist World Alliance at Columbus, Ohio. We participated in the first Baptist Day of Prayer celebrated in the U. S. this same year and have continued since that time. We continue to prepare program materials in both languages for World Day of Prayer, also.

WHITE CROSS AND RELIEF

Our gigantic present day White Cross program originated when needs of the Red Cross were aided by our women's societies during World War I. Many supplies were sent prior to this time, but in 1922 our women began an organized white cross program as a part of our denominational work. As our work in the Cameroons expanded, our loyal women responded to the needs of bandages and all other requested materials. Quite interestingly during these first years, we took our white cross supplies to Montgomery Ward Mail Order House in Chicago whose firm mailed them for us along with other supplies our missionaries had ordered.

During and after World War II, a mountainous relief program was carried on through our denomination and, in many cases, our women's work. Thirty-six thousand parcels of food and over 1,000 tons of clothing and shoes were sent to those in need.

At this time, white cross needs were recorded in the "Broadcast" and occasionally in the *Baptist Herald*. Each women's group decided from this listing which of these items they would furnish and send. Some supplies were oversubscribed; whereas there was a shortage of others. A quota system was developed in 1956 by Mrs. Albert Reddig who was the first chairman to develop this highly successful plan.

Presently a requisition sheet comes from the White Cross chairman in the Cameroons containing all the estimated needs for the next year. Our elected White Cross chairman, in co-operation with our General Mission Secretary (presently Dr. Richard Schilke) decide upon the final list to be sent to our conference chairmen. This supply list is subdivided again according to the individual societies' membership and according to the cost of goods, difficulty in preparation, and so forth. From this point, our faithful women prepare the handwork, gather supplies and send them to our headquarters where they are sorted, crated or baled and sent within relatively short time to our waiting medical field.

A well illustrated, "White Cross Handbook," printed in 1965 under the supervision of Mrs. H. J. Waltereit and Mrs. Erika Borrmann serves as a guide for all White Cross hand work. Several series of colorful slide sets clearly depict the handling of our White Cross goods until reaching the mission field destination.

Nearly 16 tons (gross weight) were sent to Cameroons this fiscal year. Bansa Hospital, Bamenda Leprosy and General Hospitals, with outlying clinics, maternity centers, and other clinics along with our Health Center in Monte Vista, Colorado, are all recipients of these prepared goods and funds allocated for medical supplies.

Two thousand, six hundred and forty-two baby layettes were given to mothers of babies born in our medical facilities this past year. Heaven will one day reveal the results of this program as it is implemented by our faithful medical workers. Much credit should be given to our Forest Park area women who have aided the tireless denominational workers, especially Miss Gretchen Remmler and Mrs. Erika Borrmann, in preparing these supplies for shipment.

SCHOLARSHIP AID—1937

In the early days of our Union, many of our churches employed home missionaries who did outstanding work in their respective communities. Many of these workers received their training from the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago, Ill. As an expression of gratitude, and in order for deserving girls to continue Christian training, scholarship aid was begun in 1937. Miss Althea Kose was appointed as the first chairman of the fund. One dollar was requested as a contribution from each society. Later it was paid as a part of the \$3.00 dues. Each year the Scholarship Committee tried to find a girl or several girls from our churches who desired training for Christian service.

More recently we have aided worthy students from our NAB Seminary and Christian Training Institute. These institutions make the selection and divide the fund as needed. Many missionaries of today and of past years are among the recipients, and more recently, individuals in Christian education, pastors' wives and young pastors are included. We are pleased that one scholarship recipient, Barbara Weisser Binder, qualified to become Interim Editor of the *Baptist Herald* when our beloved Dr. M. L. Leuschner became ill in April, 1966. Approximately 37 young people have been assisted in their Christian education. It is our prayer that through every possible means we can encourage our youth to enter full-time Christian work.

W.M.U. REPRESENTATION

Since the first woman's union was formed, women have steadily gained representation on the following: semi-annual workshop sessions—staff district secretaries, WMU president; General Council—president and elected council representative; Stewardship Committee—president; Board of Missions—ex-officio member and one laywoman (voting member); Triennial General Conference—Program Committee and Nominating Committee; North American Baptist Woman's Union of Baptist World Alliance: Executive Board; and American Bible Society Advisory Council and Women's Council: president, annual meeting. 1966 marked the first year for this privilege.

Our growth has been consistent and gradual as you can see by the following statistics:

Year	WMU Societies	WMU Members
1910		
1920	167	5019
1930	177	5737
1940	216	6375
1950	224	6827
1960	257	7917
1966	391	11122
	445	12648

We rejoice in having gained over one thousand members in the first two years of this triennium. Let us continue to involve more of our wonderful church women in our W.M.S. 'Martha' hands. They, in turn, need the spiritual enrichment, fellowship, and the opportunity for service. Our Lord says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these . . . ye have done it unto me."

As we pause briefly for reflection, we realize it is impossible to evaluate these years marked by progress, for we can only mention the main events, the people involved, and the statistics of growth. Very humbly do we recognize how much more could be accomplished if all of our resources were fully committed to the work of the Lord. Michaelangelo was once asked which of his masterpieces was the greatest. He quickly replied, "The next!" Although WMU achievements of the past have been many and truly significant, the years of greatest achievement for us as women can be "the next." We can do even "greater works" than have marked the past if we are willing to receive direction and power from the Holy Spirit. "Arise and go, for this is no place to rest" (Micah 2:10).

Mrs. Delmar L. Wesseler has served on the W.M.U. executive board for nine years and has just completed her three-year term as president of the national W.M.U., 1964-1967.

Mrs. Wilfred (Jeanine) Weick, Jana De Lynn and Joey Dawn.



WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO DO?

by Richard Schilke

Rev. Wilfred L. Weick



Introducing Rev. and Mrs. Wilfred L. Weick, newly appointed missionaries to Japan.

THE WILL OF GOD in regard to one's life is not always easily discerned. God's plan of salvation for man is quite clear and should leave no doubt: "For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved" (John 3:17). Those who have experienced salvation should be his witnesses, but the area of witness and service is often not readily and clearly seen and recognized by the individual. For some of us the answer to the question concerning God's will for our lives comes only after a long period of prayer and heart-searching.

Rev. and Mrs. Wilfred Lloyd Weick seem to have had this experience of inquiring and waiting on the Lord for direction. This is not only with reference to missionary service, but also with reference to other decisions which needed to be made. Yet, God had been leading them step by step and revealed his will to them. When recognizing his will, they were ready to do his bidding and follow as he would lead.

NURTURED IN A CHRISTIAN HOME

Wilfred Lloyd Weick was born on March 22, 1937, at Springside, Saskatchewan, Canada, to Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Weick. He is their only child. He is a cousin of Rev. Herman L. Effa, missionary in Brazil. He was reared in a Christian home, and his parents sought to introduce him to their Savior and Lord early in life. Concerning his home, Wilfred gives the following testimony: "The lives of my parents, along with their practice of love and discipline, which they gave, greatly influenced me in making a decision to accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. Coupled with their example set in the home, my parents also made it a point to take me to Sunday school and church each week. If this was impossible, the radio would be tuned to some Christian broadcast, so that the whole family would hear the Word of God."

Through these experiences, Wilfred was awakened to the realization of his need of a personal Savior. While attending Fort Moody Bible Camp near Vancouver, B. C., he accepted Christ as his personal Lord and Savior. He soon realized that another step of obedience was to follow the Lord in baptism. In the summer of 1950, at the age

of 13, he was baptized by Rev. Phil Daum and became a member of the Victoria Ave. Baptist Church in Chilliwack, B. C. Because he lived quite a distance from Chilliwack, he was kept from entering fully into the church's program.

Mrs. Wilfred L. (Jeanine Marie) Weick, nee Martinitz, was born on March 10, 1940, in Dickinson County, Kansas, to Mr. and Mrs. Noton Martinitz. She has one younger brother. Her parents lived on a farm. Concerning her home, she says: "I was brought up in a Christian home, for which I praise the Lord. Sunday school and church was a natural thing in our home, and we attended all the time."

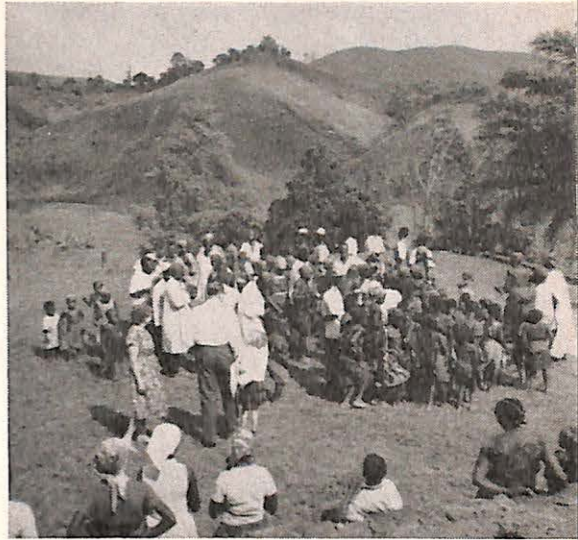
As a child attending Vacation Bible School, she accepted Christ as her personal Lord and Savior. In June, 1951, two years later, at the age of 11, she was baptized by Rev. J. R. Kruegel and became a member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Junction City, Kansas. Church membership is not enough. Christian growth must follow and this, according to her own testimony, was evidently lacking. During her high school years, she was "one of the group," as she says, and failed to witness to her friends.

CHALLENGED TO CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Wilfred L. Weick made prayer and Bible study a part of his Christian experience and a vital part of his daily life. Through it he soon realized that salvation meant a continuous day by day dedication. He sensed the need to tell others about God and his plan of salvation for mankind. In this sense he believed God was calling him to be a medical missionary. With this in mind he was planning to finish high school, then college, medical school, and possibly seminary. In 1956 he graduated from high school at Agassiz, B. C. That fall he enrolled at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to pursue his studies toward his goal.

Jeanine Martinitz completed her high school education when she graduated in 1958 from the Dickinson County Community High School at Chapman, Kansas. This was followed with a secretarial course of 17 credits. She then took a secretarial job in Manhattan, Kansas. During this time she "was getting farther away from the Lord," as she says. In the winter of 1959-60 her home church had the team of God's Volunteers with Rev. Walter Hoffman as director and evangelist. Her mother asked her to come home for a few days during that week. This was God's way of dealing with Jeanine. On the last night of the meetings,

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MAMBILA BAPTIST MISSION, NIGERIA

by Minnie Kuhn

"THE PEOPLE HAD A MIND TO WORK"

ONE OLD BUILDING was being used for a dispensary when I arrived in Warwar in early November, 1964. It was a mud block, grass-roofed building, apparently constructed during the time of Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Schneider in the late 1940's. It was well constructed and still was in relatively good condition. However, it was very small for the number of patients we were seeing: 50-70 a day. It was also used as a labor and delivery room for maternity patients. The two-roomed building was only about 10' x 20'. The ceiling was very low, and the floor had been undermined by termites, so that occasionally a place would give way while one was in the midst of a maternity case.

The people in the area soon realized that this building was inadequate and so began to make plans to build something better. Stones and sand had been carried long before I arrived at Warwar. Soon after my arrival, a small maternity "lying in ward" was built of mud walls and thatch to accommodate three beds, but later five beds were crowded into the building.

Then came the building of a new two-room building to be used as a dispensary and maternity delivery room. Christians and pagans of the immediate area around Warwar carried stone and sand and made the mud block. Christians of one of the other associations provided all the timbers for roof structure, window and door frames and furniture. Two other associations, too far away to devote time and work, collected money with which to pay the masons and carpenters and to buy zinc roofing and cement.

God blessed; the people worked; and in spite of rain and other problems, the new building was almost complete when the doctor arrived in September of 1965.

THE DOCTOR COMES

How the people rejoiced in the coming of Dr. Jerry Fluth. How they sang, "God Answers prayer." How thrilled they were when Jerry Fluth's parents came all the way to Mam-

bila to see them. How they thanked God for parents who are willing for their children to come to Mambila and help them and then to come out and see for themselves how the work is going on. I covet this experience for many of you back home. It is a thrill you will never forget. Come and see, you will never be the same again.

"IS THERE NO BALM IN GILEAD; IS THERE NO PHYSICIAN THERE? WHY THEN IS NOT THE HEALTH OF MY PEOPLE RECOVERED?" (Jer. 8:22)

This was the cry of our Mambila people for a number of years, but in 1965 God answered their prayers; a doctor and a nurse were on the field. Yes, facilities were still very limited, but there was help. There are no roads and motor cars. Patients often have to be carried many hours by

THE WARWAR AREA

The Warwar area formerly belonged to Cameroon. The work there goes back to the early 1940's at which time Dr. and Mrs. George Dunger established it. In 1961, when West Cameroon joined the Republic of Cameroon, the entire Sardauna province, where Warwar is located, joined Nigeria and became a part of Northern Nigeria. From 1961 to 1965 we had no missionaries in residence. During this time Rev. Fred Holzimmer visited the field from his residence in Mbem.

Our mission in the Warwar area is now to be known as the Mambila Baptist Mission, Northern Nigeria. Miss Minnie Kuhn was the first resident missionary after this area became a part of Nigeria. During her furlough year Dr. Lothar G. Lichtenfeld was stationed at Warwar.

On July 21, 1967, Miss Minnie Kuhn left from New York for Lagos, Nigeria, having only a three month visa. While in Lagos she is to see what can be done to obtain a permanent resident visa for Warwar. There are many problems to be overcome, and we request special prayer on her behalf.

stretcher before they get to Warwar. Sometimes they arrive too late for medicine to be of any help. Sometimes they arrive, and there is no medicine for that particular illness. We do not have a modern hospital such as in America. There is no drug store or pharmacy just down the street. We are not equipped to do surgery. Yet they come.

Some have spent much time and made many sacrifices to pagan gods before coming to us, as we can see from the many little packets of medicines hung around their necks and waists. One cannot criticize them for this, for so many years there was no other help available.

Praise God for those we have been able to help and who, through the witness of the workers at the dispensary and the Christians in the village, have found the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior, for those women who now have live babies and who, themselves, are alive to give God the glory. *Salveh*, who but for God's intervention, would surely have died along with the baby. *Timaweh* lives and has a live baby. *Alima* and others went home proclaiming that God is good, and his ways are wonderful. Praise God for dedicated staff who spent many hours working and witnessing. Praise God for a dedicated doctor who was willing to bring his family to this out of the way place to help these people who need help so desperately.

Praise God for our Christians of Warwar who so graciously open their homes to those who come from far away to attend our dispensary. In one night 11 homes gave shelter to 65 patients who had come with one or more relatives to get help for their bodies.

When patients are too ill to go across the valley or down the hill to the homes of our Warwar Christians, their relatives build a small grass house in which they stay. To make rounds in the morning, you either crawl into the house on your knees, or if the patient is able to, he comes out and awaits you in front of his little house.

Some patients, although they come for help, do not carry out instructions, as was the case of one patient in the isolation ward. She was treated with various medicines for dysentery, but instead of taking them, she stored them at the head of her bed. This was only discovered a day or so before she died; each day's supply of medicine was stored in the grass, just as it was given to her in the morning.

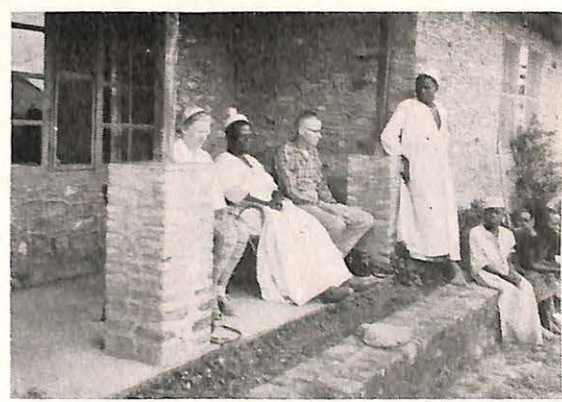
Others like Mimba, patiently stayed many months, often going through very discouraging times, before healing was complete. Praise God for his healing hand on bodies and sin-sick souls; that from a "Mimba" can come a "Jacob," a living testimony of God's power.

"TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THINGS" (Matt. 28:20a).

Training of young men to take over the leadership in our



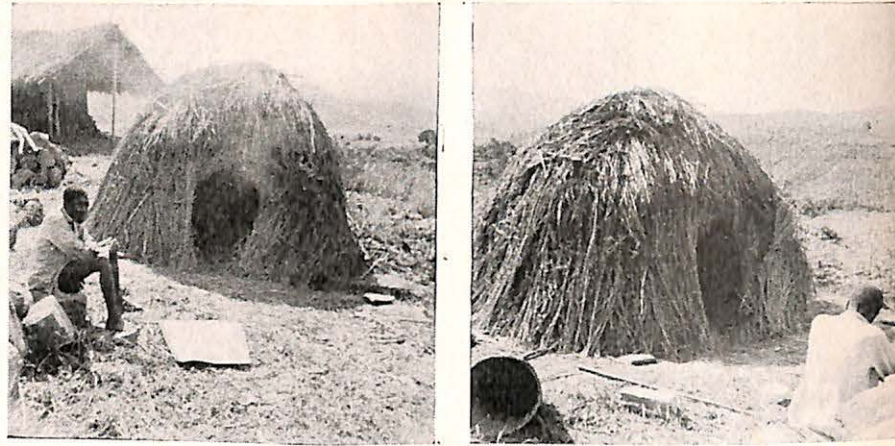
A welcome for Dr. Jerry Fluth.





Three abnormal maternity cases now well; babies wearing White Cross clothing.

Mimba, in front of "private ward," spent three months there, recovered and went home with a new name, Jacob.



Pastor Abraham Jiminda (standing, right) and church teachers whom he is preparing for Bible School entrance.



Building "private wards" at Warwar.

churches in Mambila was long a great burden to the Christians there. Most young men had had no opportunity to go to school, since schools in Mambila are few and far between. For many years the mission only had one, and it only went up to grade III; government had another one which went up to grade VIII, but standards were poor, and opportunity to attend very limited.

Under the guidance of Rev. and Mrs. F. Kenneth Goodman and later of Rev. Fred Holzimmer, a class was established to train young men who could read and write some English in order to prepare them to be able to pass the entrance exam to our Bible School at Ndu. With some assistance through our evangelism fund, the Mambila Christians called Mr. Abraham Jiminda, a graduate of our Bible School, to come and head up this program.

Pastor Abraham is a radiant Christian with a deep desire to follow his Lord and an excellent leader for such a program as was planned. Response on the part of the young men was very encouraging. Four days a week they attended classes. For the weekend they returned to their churches to minister to the needs of their people. Many hours were spent in traveling to and fro. The school term coincided with the school year at our Bible School.

By 1965 there were 16 men enrolled. Pastor Abraham carried the heavy load of teaching and administration. Mrs. Ramona Fluth assisted by teaching two classes in English reading and pronunciation. Only the simplest readers could be used, because these men were used to the "broken or Pidgin English." I was privileged to teach English grammar. I have yet to discover how you can teach English grammar using Pidgin or broken English as a means of expression. Many times we were ready to give up; yet students persisted, "We want to learn, we will try harder."

Every year, four or five of these men are ready for Bible School; yet the number of churches outstrips the number of trained men. When I left the field in March, 1966, we had seven men on the field who had had three



"Our first crayon" used to draw something we saw that revealed God's love through his recreation.



Outdoor auditorium of three day, 3 H girls camp, with 150 girls plus guides, with Monie Fluth, director.



Mambila women who attended the 3 H guides training and many of whom walked several days, carrying children, to come.

years of study at the Bible School, and nine or ten who had one or two years, but we had 54 churches who needed workers. Most of these were being "pastored" by men who had been trained in Adult Literacy Classes and "Leadership Training" courses set up by the Goodmans.

Yet God blessed. Churches grew and multiplied. In March, 1967, it is reported the number of churches has grown to 63; five more men were sent to Bible School; each one determined to make II Tim. 2:15 come true in his life. Pray for Pastor Abraham as he carries this tremendous responsibility of training and preparing these young men.

"TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO: AND WHEN HE IS OLD, HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT" (Prov. 22:6).

The women of Mambila realized this, and during the time the Goodmans were in Mambila, a strong girls program was instituted. This 3H Girls program, based on Pioneer Girls in America, was first started by Mrs. Lois Ahrens and Mrs. Mildred Schneider in our Cameroons area. Mrs. George Lang then took up the program with other missionary wives. Nowhere has it taken such firm root as in Mambila. Women in the churches have made it their responsibility to sponsor 3H Girls groups in their churches, and not only to sponsor them, but to lead them. Yes, the women are illiterate, but they listen and memorize and then go back and teach.

Each year a week is set aside, when two or three women from each church come together to a central place to be taught the lessons in the girls' manual, so that with a little help from the pastor, they can go back and teach the girls. 3H means head, heart and hands for Jesus. The emphasis is on preparation of the girls to be Christian

homemakers, Christian neighbors and a Christian witness at all times.

In December, 1965, we held a three-day camp for the girls. We expected 30-40 girls at most, but 150 arrived, together with their guides. Needless to say, this put a strain on the host church, but they were not upset at all; housing was quickly arranged, and food was over abundant.

Neither girls nor guides had ever been to a camp before. What a thrill this was. Most had never seen a crayon before, skipped rope before, or even played "hop scotch" before. Since most of the girls could not understand English very well, the lessons were taught in "Pidgin English" and translated into the vernacular which was very tedious and time consuming.

Our cup of joy was full to overflowing, when at the last evening's fireside, 14 girls gave their hearts to Christ. Greater joy, perhaps, was ours to observe how the women counseled with them and showed them the way of salvation. These were women who had never done this type of thing before and had only been taught in a special class there at camp. This is usually left to the pastor. At first the women were afraid, yet they experienced great joy when they actually saw the response.

In watching these women grow, one is reminded of Paul's words in I Cor. 3:6. Many missionaries who went before had planted the good seed. The George Dungers, Edith Koppin, Earl and Lois Ahrens, Hilda Tobert, the Gilbert Schneiders, the F. Kenneth Goodmans, and the Fred Holzimmers. The prayers of faithful Christians at home were like the water; and now God was giving the increase. To Monie Fluth and me came the privilege of seeing some of this seed come to fruition. What a thrill it was! Praise God many other seeds, planted long ago, are still bearing fruit for him.

NEWS AND VIEWS

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LOUISVILLE, KY. (ABNS) Scholars from 13 denominations of the "Believers' Church" tradition discovered "a common scripturally-based heritage" during the Conference on the Concept of the Believers' Church here (June 26-30).

The group said that this heritage "is relevant for contemporary life" and that the same ideas are gaining wide acceptance in other churches.

The "believers' church" tradition is grounded in the concept that the church is comprised of members who have made a voluntary commitment to Christ. This would eliminate infant baptism and an established church. Believers' churches normally stress

separation of church and state and reject a hierarchical church structure. Their emphasis is on the laity and the priesthood of all believers.

The conference, sponsored by the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, was the first of its kind in the 500 years of the free church movement.

One hundred fifty persons from the following groups attended: Assemblies of God, Baptists (eight denominations), Church of the Brethren, Brethren Church, Churches of Christ, Disciples of Christ, Church of God (Anderson, Ind.), Friends (two denominations), Mennonites (five denominations), Brethren in Christ, the Methodist Church and the United Church of Christ.

Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, general secretary, Department of Christian Education, NABGC, attended this confer-

ence. These persons came from 26 states and the District of Columbia, four provinces of Canada and five nations outside North America.

The program was built around the theme of the believers' church as a believing people, a people in community, a people under the world, and a people in the world.

The conference said that the believers' church heritage includes acknowledgment of (1) the lordship of Christ, (2) the authority of the Word, (3) church membership regenerated by the spirit, (4) the covenant of believers, (5) a need for a perpetual restitution of the church, (6) the necessity for separation from the world, (7) proclamation and service to the world, and (8) a special conception of Christian unity.

Learning to play games

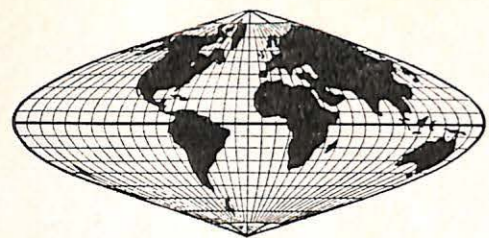


Monie Fluth observing girls engaged in handwork



Learning to house clean





NEWS AND VIEWS

AFRICA—TV SPECIAL. American Protestants established their solid interest in Africa more than a century ago by sending missionaries and monies. Unfortunately, the 100 year old image of Africa has not kept up with its changes.

ABC-TV seeks to dispel some misconceptions about the former Dark Continent in a four hour special scheduled for 7 to 11 P. M. on September 10. This is more than the usual picture of Africa's lions, jungles and dancing tribesmen. Its four hours include hard news and presentation of controversial questions.

It has already been re-scheduled in four hour-long broadcasts at 9:30 A.M. on Sept. 19 and 26, and Oct. 3 and 10. Because the original showing is set for a Sunday night, some suggest churches may watch the program together. Viewers are urged to write their reactions of the in-depth program to ABC.

SOUTH AFRICA. The Rt. Rev. C. Edward Crowther, Anglican Bishop of Kimberley and Kuruman, was recently deported by the South African Government for statements the bishop made critical of its *apartheid* policy.

ZAGREB, YUGOSLAVIA. An estimated 10,000 people heard American Evangelist Billy Graham when he held meetings in July in Zagreb, second largest city in Yugoslavia. It was the first time he had spoken publicly in an East European country.

WASHINGTON, D.C. Representative Donald Irwin of Connecticut has introduced a camping safety bill in the U. S. House of Representatives. A similar bill is expected from Senator Ribicoff. The purpose is to establish standards for youth camps covering health, welfare and safety. The standards would be administered by the states under a matching funds provision.

SEATTLE, WASH. (ABNS) Among resolutions passed by the 36th annual convention of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches was one strongly supporting U. S. military policy in Vietnam. Another urged President Johnson to end efforts to "build bridges" with Communist nations. The conference also repudiated the so-called new morality and "situation ethics."

CHERRY HILL, N. J. (ABNS) Dr. Robert L. Wilson of Philadelphia, a church research specialist, speaking to the staff of the Department of New Church Development of The Methodist Church, said that the reduction of new Protestant congregations evident since

1960 will probably continue through this decade. The speaker attributed the trend to the increase in apartment construction, a changing urban scene, cycles of interest and emphasis in the church, and the current attacks on the church as an institution. New congregations fell from a high of 678 initiated by 11 church bodies in 1960 to 292 begun by nine denominations in 1966. He predicted a rise in the need for new churches in the 1970's.

VALLEY FORGE, PA. Falling back on the lame excuse that riots in the ghettos of our large cities are the workings of well-organized agitators will not stop the riots, even if that statement were true. So far, there is no evidence of conspiracy behind the riots. The truth seems to be that they are spontaneous. They come only after patience has been stretched to the breaking point. They come because housing programs and poverty programs are too little and too late. They come because of broken promises and shattered hopes. Twenty million Negro Americans will not go on indefinitely taking No for an answer.—*Missions, ABC.*

CANADA—UNITED CHURCH. For the first time in its history the United Church of Canada has shown a decrease in membership. Membership dropped 2,000 during 1966 from a 1965 figure of 1,064,000. In the same period contributions to the Church rose. One alarming item, according to observers, was the drop in number of candidates for the United Church ministry—from 540 to 422.

The *United Church Observer* described the situation as "both serious and threatening. . . . The revival is over. We may be in for a difficult time of retrenchment in the United Church." "After the war," the *Observer* said, "the Church was the first institution to serve the young, mortgage-laden veterans and their families. Now Suburbia has grown affluent and sophisticated. A great many people who once turned to the Church for their social, cultural and creative, as well as spiritual life, are spending more time at the curling rink, the golf club, and ski slopes. . . ."

NASHVILLE, TENN. (ABNS) The merger of The Methodist Church and the United Evangelical Brethren may make the new body the largest Protestant denomination in the nation, exceeding Southern Baptist membership. The combined membership of the Methodist Brethren group exceeds the SBC membership by 117,558. However, since Methodist membership decreased by 12,664 and Southern Baptist mem-

bership increased last year by 179,751, it would be possible, if last year's trends continue, that in eight months when the new statistics are available, the SBC would once again take the lead. Methodist membership is listed as 10,318,910; UEB 748,080 and SBC 10,952,463.

WASHINGTON. The air war over North Vietnam has cost more than a billion dollars, strained our aircraft production facilities, produced a pilot shortage and inflamed world opinion against the U. S. Yet, a Pentagon official acknowledged in a recent interview: "Nobody really knows whether it is worth while."—*Chicago Daily News*

YUGOSLAVIA. (ABNS) A dedication service for the new Baptist Theological School and church in Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, was held on July 2. An audience of more than 800 was present.

The school began in 1954 in Zagreb as the resumption of an earlier effort in 1940 in Belgrade which was closed after a year because of the war. While this is a school of the Yugoslavian Baptist Union, Methodist and students from other evangelical churches are also trained there. The Rev. A. Lekotsky is the director of the school.

Aside from the school building with classroom, dormitory, office facilities, and three apartments for teachers, the new chapel will serve the Baptist congregation and will also be used as a conference center.

GREAT BRITAIN. The Baptist Missionary Society in Britain is appealing to its women supporters to donate to a special fund to be used in new projects in large industrial cities on the BMS mission fields in Africa and Asia. The amount of \$28,000 is asked to be over and above that which they already donate to the work of the society. The BMS hopes to open the first project shortly in Kinshasa, Congo. The pilot scheme will enable two single women to be appointed to work for a period of perhaps five years among Congolese women. The missionary women will offer a variety of welfare services—counseling, courses in home economics and family hygiene, and classes in how to read and write—as well as religious instruction.

NETHERLANDS. The annual statistical report for the Union of Baptist Churches in the Netherlands shows that membership of its churches fell during 1966 from 9,213 to 9,184. There had been a slight gain during 1965.

Baptisms of converts also fell by almost one-third, during 1966. In 1965, baptisms numbered 298. Last year, they were only 214.

There are 67 churches in the union. The largest Dutch Baptist church is located in northern Groningen, a city in the northeast part of the nation. It has 397 members now, compared with 407 a year ago.

DULUTH, MINN. Delegates to the

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO DO?

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she rededicated her life to the Lord. At the same time she felt led to apply for God's Volunteers. She was accepted and became a member of the team of 1960-61. Her musical and singing talents were a great asset to the team in that year of service.

SEARCHING THE WILL OF GOD

One year at college brought a new discovery to Wilfred Weick. He thought God wanted him to prepare himself to become a medical missionary. However, his grades in the pre-medical course were only average, and this became a discouragement to him. His college dean informed him that the result of an "Interest Test" which he took revealed that his interest was not in the field of medicine but in the field of social work. The dean interpreted this to mean that his interest lay in the field of teaching and the ministry. He thus changed his major from science to sociology. The result of this also improved his grades. In 1960 he graduated from Augustana College with a B.A. degree, with a major in sociology and a minor in biology.

Somehow Wilfred was troubled about the ministry. Being somewhat shy of nature and small in stature, he could not picture himself standing in the pulpit preaching nor could he visualize himself doing pastoral visitation. The question of the ministry became a soul-searching one for him. What did God want him to do? In this period of soul-searching he was led to apply for service in God's Volunteers following college graduation. He was accepted and became a member of the team of 1960-61. Concerning that year with God's Volunteers, he says: "During that year with the team I gained some wonderful insights into the work of the ministry. Also, I gained enriching experiences in dealing with souls concerning Jesus Christ. These experiences made me realize that God wanted me in the ministry whether at home or abroad."

That year in God's Volunteers did something else for Wilfred and Jeanine. They came to know each other, as they worked and witnessed together. The result of this was that God led them together. Following the year in God's Volunteers, Wilfred enrolled at our seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Jeanine became a secretary at Roger Williams Press in Forest Park for two years. Their engagement followed sometime after the year in God's Volunteers. On August 2, 1963, they were married. God has given them two children: Joeyl Dawn born on April 4, 1965, and Jana De Lynn born on October 23, 1966.

LED INTO THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

The years at the seminary passed very quickly for Wilfred Weick. He graduated in 1965 with a B.D. degree. Though he still felt inadequate as a prospective minister to meet the modern demands of the ministry, he never doubted God's leading up to that point in his life. The year of experience in God's Volunteers gave him the necessary self-confidence which every minister of the Gospel must have. Jeanine, too, felt called to be a pastor's wife even before she and Wilfred were going together.

Our church at Randolph, Minnesota, extended a call to Wilfred L. Weick to become the pastor of the church. He responded to that call, and following graduation from the seminary, he and his wife moved to Randolph and began their ministry in the summer of 1965. On September 12, 1965, his home church, the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church

88th annual meeting of the Baptist General Conference in Duluth (June 24-28) defeated a recommendation to approve federal grants for Bethel College buildings.

By a decisive vote of 624-319 delegates brought to a close debate on a question which had been tabled twice at two previous annual sessions.

Delegates voted not to join the North American Baptist Fellowship Committee of the Baptist World Alliance.

The assembly did approve a recommendation that the trustee board appoint a "committee to inaugurate a detailed study of the feasibility of the ultimate merger with the North American Baptist General Conference."

The body also approved a recommendation coming originally from the home mission board that the Conference cooperate in the Crusade of the Americas in 1969.

The 1967-68 budget, proposed at

in Chilliwack, B. C., ordained him into the Christian ministry. Their ministry at Randolph, Minnesota, has been blessed of God in the past two years.

OPEN TO THE POSSIBILITY OF MISSIONARY SERVICE

Though the time in the pastorate at Randolph has been short, the original interest in missionary service did not wane. Together with his wife, they casually discussed the possibility of missionary service. "What if God should lead us to the mission field?" But that was as far as it went. In March of this year, one of our missionaries, Mr. W. Norman Haupt, visited the church and stayed in their home. He challenged them with the need for B.D. graduates to teach in our secondary school in West Cameroon. This challenge became a real burden, and they began doing something about it. They wrote to Forest Park stating that if there was an opening for them in Cameroon, they would be ready to apply and consider appointment. The writer was in Japan at that time visiting our mission field. When he returned, he found their letter among the volume of mail which had accumulated on his desk during his absence from the office in the month of March. In responding to their inquiry, he encouraged them to apply. At the same time he also pointed out the great need for additional missionaries with seminary training for our field in Japan.

CALLED ON THE BASIS OF NEED

The Board of Missions meeting the end of April considered the total needs of both Cameroon and Japan. There had not been enough time to fully process the file of Rev. and Mrs. Wilfred L. Weick. However, they were known and had already proven themselves in the ministry. There were other candidates for Cameroon, but there were none for Japan. The need in Japan for additional missionaries was greater, without a doubt; especially since the news of the sudden homecoming of the Sukut family, due to the illness of Mrs. Walter Sukut, reached us just at that time. Consequently, the Board also challenged them with Japan and appointed them for Japan, if they should feel led that way.

After much prayer and heart-searching, Rev. and Mrs. Wilfred L. Weick felt led of the Lord to accept the appointment for Japan. If the need is greater there and if the Board appointed them for Japan rather than Cameroon, then they saw a further leading of the Lord in this, also. The total mission field is the Lord's and not just one part. With this conviction, they accepted the appointment.

At the General Conference in Detroit, Michigan, they were among those who were commissioned to missionary service on Sunday afternoon, July 16. Their beloved church at Randolph will feel the loss, but it is our prayer that through it a greater interest in missionary outreach may be experienced. Rev. and Mrs. Weick will proceed to Japan about August 30, 1967, by chartered flight from Seattle, Washington, accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. Fred G. Moore and family who are returning to Japan at that time. They will be living in the missionary residence at Kyoto, possibly for the next two years, and will be taking their language study in Kyoto during that time. May God continue to guide them and may they continue to sense his guidance and become certain of God's will for them in what he wants them to do.

Dr. Richard Schilke is General Missionary Secretary, North American Baptist General Conference.

\$2,207,116 and approved by the assembly, was only \$16,952 over the budget proposed a year ago. The small increase, granted to the boards of men, women and Bible school/youth, was kept to a minimum because of the failure by \$280,000 to meet the 1966-67 UMC budget.

Rev. Gordon H. Anderson was re-elected to a five-year term as executive secretary of the home mission board.

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We the Women



Mrs. Delmar Wessler,
president, WMU, 1964-67.

**DANKESCHOEN*
MUCHAS GRACIAS*
THANK YOU PLENTY***

In every language of North American Baptists, may I express my "many thanks!" The past nine years of service on our WMU Executive Board, and particularly these last three years in the office of president, have been some of the most rewarding years of my life. For this opportunity to serve with you, I shall always be grateful. Together, we have tried to hear and to meet the needs of our N.A. Baptist women as we served him and to continuously challenge some who have not caught the full meaning of that to which they committed themselves when they said, "Lord, I believe."

On becoming so involved in WMU work, I learned to even more fully appreciate our denomination, what it stands for, its outreach, and its outstanding leaders of dedication and vision. The splendid co-operation continuously expressed between all of the departments and our WMU has provided an ideal working relationship.

I have had glowing experiences in meeting with you in each of the nine conference areas as well as in attending the Baptist World Congress, the Woman's Continental Union of BWA, in countless planning meetings, and on occasions when speaking to your groups.

Your loyalty, your co-operation, and your dedication to your varied tasks have been a constant source of inspiration to me and have given me

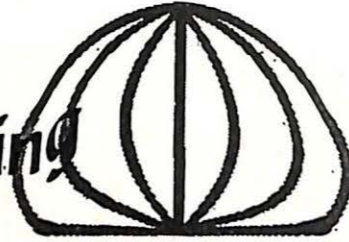
● **Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Schmuland** of Sheboygan, Wis., announce the birth of a baby girl, Arlene Beth, on June 28, 1967. Mr. Schmuland is the pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, Sheboygan.

● **Rev. Fred Sonneberg** of Oak Brook, Ill., has accepted the call of the Community Baptist Church, Xenia, Ohio, to become the pastor there as of September 3, 1967. For the past year he has been engaged in studies at Northern Baptist Seminary, Oakbrook.

● **Miss Berneice Werk**, former member of God's Volunteers, became secretary to Miss Mary Leypoldt, controller of NABGC, in July, 1967.

● **Rev. David A. Samf**, 1967 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary has recently received final approval from the U. S. Air Force to represent our denomination as a Chaplain. After a month of orientation at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, Rev. Samf will report to his first permanent assignment at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, on August 20.

what's happening



KILLALOE CHURCH TO OBSERVE 100th ANNIVERSARY

The First Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ont., will celebrate its One Hundredth Anniversary, September 2-3, 1967.

All former members and friends of the church are cordially invited to come to these festivities which will begin with a dinner on Saturday at 4 P.M.

Greetings may be sent to:
Mr. Elmer Welk
Killaloe, Ont., Canada

MISSIONARIES RETURNING, AUGUST, 1967, FOR FURLOUGHS. Pray for our missionaries as they are enroute home and as they engage in deputation work as well as observe a time of rest. Dr. Jerome Fluth and son, Kenneth, and Miss Patricia Heller are to arrive the end of August from Cameroon.

an ever increasing faith in the rightness of the work we are striving to do. Your continued faithful prayer for our work was needed and appreciated.

Many years ago Tennyson said, "I am a part of all that I have met." I share this thought with you, but indeed you are a part of me, also. The associations, friendships, joys and concerns of the past years have made us a part of each other. All of these experiences have helped broaden my understanding, deepen my insight, and enrich my life and my relationship to my Lord and Master. I am grateful now to be able to return in a fuller capacity in my own church and society whenever and wherever requested. Incidentally, our four and ten year old sons and my husband are enjoying

MISSIONARIES RETURNING TO FIELDS OF SERVICE, AUGUST, 1967.

Rev. and Mrs. George Lang and family, Miss Berneice Westerman, and newly appointed short term missionaries: Miss Eunice Edinger, Mr. Clifford Schilke, Miss Carole Ann Hell, Miss Muriel M. Radtke, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Stair, are to leave the latter part of August for Cameroon. Pray for these as they travel, as they resume their work in the Cameroons, and as the new missionaries become accustomed to the new area and realm of service that all might be done to strengthen the witness of these missionaries, the Cameroonian Christians, as well as bringing other Cameroonians to Christ.

BAPTIST YOUTH WORLD CONFERENCE, BERNE, SWITZERLAND. About 130 N.A.B. youth have indicated that they plan to attend the Seventh Baptist Youth World Conference and that they want to be a part of our tour.

the change from many prepared foods to all home cooked and home baked goods. They remark on the extra hours I have every day for them.

As we continue in our forward thrust as N. A. Baptist women and consider the theme for the new triennium, Greater Works Shall Ye Do, we realize we must discipline ourselves to steadfast obedience, to daily communion with him, and to a definite plan for witness. Only then can we expect to do "greater works. . ." Remembering that in all humility we give God the glory, as Paul states, "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase" (I Cor. 3:6, 7).

TEACHING: A SPIRITUAL TASK

In the final analysis, successful teaching is determined by how the pupils behave away from church.

By Donald N. Bowdle

THE TEACHER is divinely chosen for a unique role in the multifarious ministry of the church. Any one who instructs in the Scriptures serves as a liaison between God and those to whom His Word is to be ministered. To unfold the divine wisdom and will is a sacred charge, demanding the most careful consideration of him who would so serve. As Martin Luther well said, it is no light thing to stand in the place of God.

Nothing less than the development of their highest potential can be required by the church of its teachers. One who would share the burdens and joys of the educational program of the church necessarily imposes upon himself the utmost in dedication to God and to his sacred duty.

Self-examination is a vital part of preparing for the work of the Lord. By way of spiritual qualifications, the teachers must possess deep and settled convictions about God; a real experience of His redeeming love; a proper vision of the value of a human soul; faith in God's power to transform lives; and genuine enthusiasm for God's work. None of these can be feigned, for a pupil in the classroom can readily detect insincerity. Pupils must like what we are before they will like what we say.

PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS

A roster of other indispensable personal qualifications includes good attitudes; a genuine interest in people and insight into human nature; an evident respect for the thought of every pupil; loyalty to the fundamentals of church doctrine, polity, and program; and a functional knowledge of the Bible. Each of these is more than an ideal in teaching; it is an imperative, for teaching, most broadly defined, is instructing by example and experience as well as by precept.

Establishing rapport with those whom he would teach is of primary importance to the teacher in the presentation of any lesson. Three requisites for rapport are: (1) knowledge of the pupils' backgrounds, (2) knowledge of the pupils' needs, and (3) knowledge of the pupils' personal differences. These factors will prove of inestimable

value both in choosing and directing the method and aim of the lesson.

The teacher will profit from giving attention to a few preliminary but basic considerations with regard to his responsibility in presentation of the lesson. These are (1) creating a favorable atmosphere, (2) getting a good start, (3) stimulating thought and discussion, (4) guiding and controlling the procedure, (5) arriving at conclusions, (6) putting truth into action (practical application to the needs of life).

A CHECK-LIST

To see that the essentials of factual content and practical appeal have been covered in the lesson, the teacher could use the following check-list: (1) What is the principal subject? (2) What is the leading lesson? (3) What is the central verse? (4) Who are the principal persons? (5) What is taught concerning Jesus Christ? (6) Is there any example for me to follow? (7) Is there any error for me to avoid? (8) Is there any duty for me to perform? (9) Is there any promise for me to claim? (10) Is there any prayer for me to echo? Ability to cover all these effectively depends upon one's spiritual maturity.

What are some ways to measure the effectiveness of your work as a teacher? One test is the number of pupils won to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Another is observing how the pupils evidence in daily life a genuine growth in grace and display those characteristics essential to the best in Christian leadership. A third measure is the number of pupils who have made a commitment in depth to full-time Christian service. Then, there is a certain intangibility about results incapable of being measured by numbers. Where there is faithfulness, there will be results, although these may be known immediately only to God alone. We would not over-simplify the matter; but in the final analysis, successful teaching is determined by how the pupils behave away from church.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

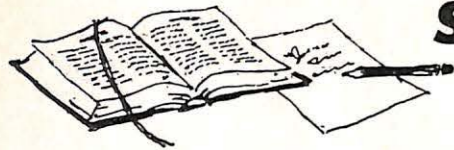
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His conscience was also clear, because he was in the act of worship in the temple when the trouble began. The witnesses were not present at his trial. Tertullus, their lawyer, appealed to prejudice and bigotry; whereas Paul appealed only to facts. The real issue was not that the apostle had profaned the temple, but that everywhere he went he proclaimed the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Questions for Discussion

- (1) Paul appealed to his conscience; is conscience always a safe guide? Did his accusers have a conscience?
- (2) Is it right sometimes to compromise for the sake of peace and harmony?
- (3) Were Ananias and his associates concerned about God, or were they more interested in their positions and influence?

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sunday school lessons

B. C. SCHREIBER

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: August 27, 1967

Theme: COURAGE BORN OF COMMITMENT

Scripture: Acts 21:7-14

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT. Commitment means that God will do his best for you, if you do your best for him.

INTRODUCTION. After the uproar in Ephesus, Paul said farewell to the brethren and visited the churches in Macedonia and Greece, finally making a round trip and coming back to Miletus, which was not far from Ephesus. He sent word to the church there and called the elders, gave them a final word of counsel, prayed with them and wept with them, fully realizing that they may never see each other again. This was to be a significant and memorable meeting in which Paul gave the most touching messages of his entire life. We are also grateful to Luke who was careful to give us such an accurate account of what Paul said (Acts 20:18-35). No one can doubt but that the Holy Spirit was the moving and guiding power in all that was said and done.

Courage is usually associated with outstanding action in time of war or danger. On the spur of the moment, men have risked their lives by jumping into deep water to save a life, by running into buildings and carrying out those who were near death's door. We think of Martin Luther taking his life in his hands and saying to the Emperor and all his powerful aids: "Here I stand. I can do naught else. God help me." Countless others have had the courage to face death for the sake of the gospel. In the light of such courageous action through the centuries, it is sometimes difficult to understand why so many Christians are so weak and indifferent when it comes to expressing their convictions in ordinary circumstances.

I. COMMITMENT AND SERVICE. Acts 21:7-9.

Sometimes it is difficult to know whether the Holy Spirit is leading you personally or through others. Paul was sure, while tarrying in Tyre with some disciples, that he was being led by the Spirit to go to Jerusalem. However, the brethren "said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem." (Acts 21:4). This seems as if the Holy Spirit is contradicting himself.

In any church where there are sincere Christians seeking God's will, there is seldom total unanimity. Although filled with the Holy Spirit, we have our human limitations, yet God has a way of getting through to us when we are ready and willing to serve him.

II. COMMITMENT AND DANGER. Acts 21:10-12.

There is no doubt that Agabus was a friend of Paul's who was sincerely concerned about his safety. This was the same prophet who anticipated the great famine, during which the church at Antioch raised money for the relief of the brethren in Judea (Acts 11:29). His present prophecy could therefore not be taken lightly, for his reputation was already established. There was no question about Paul's danger in going to Jerusalem.

III. COMMITMENT AND THE FUTURE. Acts 21:13-14.

Once again Paul found it difficult to follow his convictions. But his deep-seated purpose was so well established in his heart and mind that no fear of the future could shake him. No persistent begging or persuasion could move him from his course, and Paul finally had to be very frank with his well-meaning friends and let them know, in no uncertain terms, that he cannot be moved. He was perfectly ready to be bound, imprisoned and even to die in Jerusalem for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The time comes when we must make an all-out surrender to Jesus Christ. It may not always cost our lives, but neither will it be cheap or easy.

Questions for Discussion

(1) How can we tell the difference between stubbornness and faith?

(2) Are there times when it is better to take the advice of our Christian friends? Can God lead us through them rather than through our own decisions?

(3) In what areas do we need courage to live according to our convictions today? How is it possible for a Christian in a Communist country to do this?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 3, 1967

Theme: WITNESS BEFORE RULERS

Scripture: Acts 24:10-21

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT. The strength of our witness is tested in times of danger and hardship.

INTRODUCTION. With all the warning and prophecy associated with Paul's visit to Jerusalem the apostle must have been aware of the extreme danger of his presence in the holy city. However, he did not know the turn of events which would lead to his arrest and imprisonment. At the last minute, he submitted to a measure of compromise. So far he was adamant in his convictions, and it is difficult to understand why he let himself be "talked into" trying to please and placate the Jews (Acts 21:22-26). He did not think it wise to take the advice of his friends while he was on

his way to Jerusalem, neither did the prophecy of Agabus disturb him. Now that he arrived, all the Christian brethren convinced him that this was the right thing to do in order to preserve the peace, as well as his reputation and character, as one who kept the law of Moses.

No doubt Paul believed he was doing the right thing. No matter what happened he always put Christ first in his life. He did not deliberately look for trouble, but neither did he evade it if there was no way out. There was nothing he would not do for Jesus' sake, and there was no place he was not willing to go, if he was given an opportunity to preach the gospel. There was no one he was not willing to meet, whether high or low, rich or poor. Paul was now being prepared to fulfill the words of the Lord himself when he said he would bear his name before kings.

I. PAUL'S PERSONAL TESTIMONY. Acts 24:10-14.

In spite of the fact that Paul was in prison, he had a cheerful testimony. He was given an opportunity to defend himself, and he did so admirably. He had something to say, and he said it in all sincerity and simplicity. He worshiped the God of his fathers in a way which, according to Jewish custom and tradition, was heresy. Nevertheless, he believed the law and the prophets, but he was a Christian, and Christianity was not entirely unrelated to Judaism. In the particular act of worship for which he was condemned, Paul actually followed Jewish procedure and not purely Christian practice and belief.

II. PAUL'S BELIEF IN THE RESURRECTION. Acts 24:15.

There must have been some restraint among the Sadducees and Pharisees who accompanied the high priest. If they would have argued among themselves, they would have lost the case immediately. The Pharisees believed in a resurrection, but the Sadducees did not. However, they did believe in some kind of immortality. But Paul's hope was the resurrection. He was aware of the great difference between the just and the unjust, between righteousness and unrighteousness. There was something terribly unfair about this world, and he saw a vision of a great judge and a great and fair judgment.

III. PAUL'S APPEAL TO HIS CONSCIENCE. Acts 24:16-21.

The apostle was in the act of doing a great and generous deed. He demonstrated his love toward God and man by taking his life in his hands and bringing a love offering to the brethren in Jerusalem in their time of need.

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OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

anniversaries

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH, WESSINGTON SPRINGS, S. D., CELEBRATES 50th ANNIVERSARY

Prior to 1917 a number of folks from the Plum Creek and Emery, South Dakota, area moved to Wessington Springs. For some time they met in homes and a school house for worship and Christian fellowship. In 1917 the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Wessington Springs was organized with thirteen charter members.

As we look back we can truthfully say: "It was the Lord's doing." This church, though small, the present membership being only 30, has carried on an effective ministry throughout these years. Discouragements and set-backs have been experienced, but faith in God and his promises have been the watchword of this group of Christians.

The first house of worship was destroyed by a tornado, the second by fire. Each time another house of worship was provided through the faithfulness and sacrifice of the Christians. Drought, grasshoppers, and crop failures took their toll, but the work of the Lord went on. Thus it was fitting that on Sunday, June 25, members, former members, visitors and friends should meet to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of this church.

It was a beautiful day. By noon over 200 people had registered, and more came for the afternoon service. A public address system had been provided so that those who were unable to get into the church building could hear and take an active part in the services. Only 65 could be fed in the dining room at one time, but our ladies of the church did a magnificent job of serving the potluck dinner to all in less than an hour and a half.

The guest speakers were Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Fischer of Leola, South Dakota. He was the pastor of this church twenty-five years ago, when the church celebrated her 25th anniversary and also at the time the building was destroyed by fire. The afternoon service featured reading of letters from former pastors, former members, churches and personal greetings from visiting friends who had come for the day.

One of the highlights of the afternoon service were the personal remarks by seven of the charter members who were present. They were Dan and John Heitzman, August Bender, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Liedtke, Mrs. Jake Huether, and John Weber. Following the solo, "Bless This House," and the benediction, the ladies served the anniversary cake, coffee and punch.

August 15, 1967

Only a few years ago, there were comments that we ought to close the church, because we are such a small group. But God's people have been faithful, and today the average Sunday morning attendance is usually between 60 and 65.

We praise God for blessing this work. Jesus said: "I will build my Church." This he has done through the faithfulness of God's children in this community. Yes, "Hitherto hath the Lord led us." May he who led in the past continue to lead in the future and—may we follow. (Thomas Lutz, Pastor.)



RECOGNITION DAY FOR REV. EDMUND MITTELSTEDT

"Recognition Day" for Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt, pastor of the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church, Inglewood, Calif., was held on June 18. He was honored for faithfully serving God's cause through our church for the past 25 years.

Members and friends came to a buffet luncheon served under the expert chairmanship of Mr. William Wolff. The theme for the event was "25 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE." The decorating was done by Mmes. Ann Post, Jerry Lawson, Sarah Stewart, and Esther Johnston.

Our master of ceremonies, Mr. Harold Wetzler, opened the recognition program with a warm welcome to the large crowd that attended. Nancy Wolff and Elaine Boles sang two beautiful selections accompanied by Carolyn Wolff at the piano. Representatives from each department of the church spoke words of tribute recalling the progress and happenings during these years of service. The late Mrs. Mittelstedt was also remembered for her faithfulness to the church. The speakers were Mr. John

Wolff, Board of Deacons; Mrs. Lydia Evanston, Missionary Society; Donald Schreiber, C.B.Y.; Clyde Johnston, Board of trustees; Raymond Jantz, choir; and Walter Heiman, church school. The choir sang "Lead Us, O Father" by Gilbert Spross. Since coming to our church, our musical pastor has been the choir director, also. Therefore, even though this anthem was done for his honor, he directed as usual. This was appreciated by the choir.

Mr. Henry Wetzler, vice-moderator, presented a love offering to our pastor on behalf of the church as a token of appreciation. The highlight of the evening was the inspiring response given by Rev. Mittelstedt as he reminisced about the events which took place during the past 25 years. His text was from Romans 1:9. He spoke of those who were there that evening whom he had baptized as children, performed the wedding ceremony upon their marriage, and had the privilege of presiding at the dedication of their little ones.

Rev. and Mrs. Mittelstedt began their ministry in our church, then known as "The Fifteenth Street Baptist Church," in March, 1943. When we were forced to vacate the location there, he directed the building program until the completion of our beautiful church and education units here in Inglewood. The formal dedication took place in June, 1957.

We, of the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church, do recognize and appreciate the faithful service of Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt for nearly 25 wonderful years together. When he leaves our church, we know God will continue to guide him as he has in the past. We will try to live by the motto that he followed throughout his ministry: "I LOVE THE LORD; I LOVE HIS CAUSE; I LOVE THE CHURCH; AND I LOVE ITS PEOPLE." (Esther Johnston, Reporter.)

baptism — evangelism

WETASKIWIN, ALTA. Two young people followed the Lord in baptism at the Calvary Baptist Church, Wetaskiwin, June 18. They were Shirley Arnold and Joseph Kleckner who were baptized by our pastor, Rev. Jake Leverette. The hand of fellowship was extended to these and also to Mrs. Larry Posein who upon her confession of her faith joined the fellowship of this church. We pray that these new members may continue to grow spiritually in their Christian walk and serve the Lord faithfully. (Mrs. H. Schielke, Reporter.)



Pastors and charter members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Wessington Springs, S.D., at the 50th anniversary: Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Fischer, Leola, S. D.; August Bender, John Weber, John Heitzman, Mrs. Carl Liedtke, Carl Liedtke, Mrs. Jake Hue-ther, Dan Heitzman, Mrs. Thomas Lutz and Rev. Lutz, pastor.



Persons recently baptized in a joint baptismal service by their pastors were (front row) Bruce Walther and John Weber; (back row) Rev. Walter Weber, Judy Harder, Rose Smith, Rebecca Weber, Alan Strecker and Rev. Harry Haas. The churches involved were Washburn Baptist and First of Underwood, North Dakota.

MOOSEHORN, MAN. From April 23-28 the Moosehorn Baptist Church had the privilege of having Rev. Bert Miller with us for special meetings. We were all blessed by his messages, and several decisions were made.

Sadness came to our church when our pastor, Rev. Klaus Tonn, gave us his resignation. We ask God's blessing to go with him and his family as they go to Winnipeg. Mr. Tonn is furthering his education there. He has consented to come to Moosehorn and serve us on Sunday mornings until we get a new pastor.

On June 25 we had a joint Centennial Service in the Moosehorn Lutheran Church. Baptist, Pentecostal and Lutheran churches participated. (Mrs. Lorraine Nickel, Reporter.)



noon baptismal service. We are thankful to the Lord for his abundant grace toward us. (Mrs. Lillian Herhuth, Reporter.)



Mrs. A. Peda (l. to r.), Mr. Arlon Peda, and Rev. Richard Grenz.

BILLINGS, MONT. June 11 was a special day for Mr. and Mrs. Arlon Peda when they united with the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Mont. They were formerly members of the Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, S. D. At that same service they dedicated themselves and their month old son to the Lord. Rev. Richard Grenz is the pastor. (Mrs. Ray Kapptie, Reporter.)

ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICH. COMMUNITY. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matt. 28:19). Pastor Chester Dundas, Community Baptist Church, St. Clair Shores, Mich., and his niece, Sally Forrester, represent the action taken by 25 of our young people and adults on June 4 at a Sunday after-

UNDERWOOD, N. D. On May 28 the Washburn Baptist Church and the First Baptist Church of Underwood, N. D., had the joy of witnessing the baptism of six baptismal candidates in a joint service at the Underwood church. Judy Harder of Washburn was baptized by Rev. Harry Haas of Washburn and the other five were baptized by Rev. Walter Weber of Underwood. (Walter Weber, Pastor.)



Rev. Fred Mashner and six candidates recently baptized and received into the membership of the South Hills Baptist Church of Erie, Pa. Candidates consisted of two mothers, two daughters and two brothers.

SACRAMENTO, CALIF., WILLOW RANCHO. On May 21 it was our joy to witness the baptism of Mrs. Virginia Soehren, who later joined the membership of our church.



Twelve persons recently baptized by the pastor, Rev. Waldemar Ertis, at the Bethel Baptist Church, Prince George, B. C.

christian education events

BILLINGS, MONT. A Scripture memory program was presented by the Junior Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship of the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Montana. The Juniors were in charge of the evening service on June 4. Nine received awards for their Scripture memory: (first year pins) Gordon Aldinger, Monty and Lori Lang; (Second year pins) Jan Kapptie; (third year) Cindy Burkhardt and Nancy Wolff; (fourth year) Dorothy Sieler; (Sixth year) Rhonda Opp and Monica Sieler. The counselors were Mrs. Ray Kapptie and Mrs. Christ Aldinger. The pastor is Rev. Richard Grenz. (Mrs. Ray Kapptie, Reporter.)

CATHAY, N. D., GERMANTOWN. Ten children finished the Scripture Memory Course given at the Germantown Baptist Church. The sponsor was Mrs. Elmer Faul. Pins and bars were awarded in June at the completion of the work. We had one grand award winner, Miss Terry Seidal.

Children taking the course were Gust Reule, Scott Edinger, Wally Buechler, Marcy Buechler, Laurie Buechler, Karen Pepple, Bonnie Seidal, Joel Broschot, Beverly Broschot and Terry Seidal. (Mrs. Elmer Faul, Reporter.)

CHANCELLOR, S. D. The special harvest time of Vacation Bible School was held June 5-16, with an enrollment of 57 scholars, plus a number of able teachers, assistants and staff. Our ten day program saw four children receive Christ as Savior, for which we truly praise God. The highlights included a report of our Alberta Indian Mission Field by way of slides and our closing program on June 16. On June 18 the Youth Class also presented a court scene which debated the question, "Is Jesus the Son of God?" We praise God for a wonderful V.B.S. this year. (Rev. Lawrence Wilkes, Director.)

DALLAS, TEXAS. Boys and girls four years through junior high went "Exploring with Christ" June 5-9 during V.B.S. at North Highlands Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas. It was a thrill to have the enrollment doubled from the previous year.

The "miracle of imagination" was employed as 180 sat in the "spaceorama" and were zoomed to various parts of the country during the closing program on Friday evening to find out what the children had learned in V.B.S. Among other places the Famous Hall of Heroes of the New Testament was visited under the guidance of the Junior Department.

Following the program the guests were invited to partake of refreshments and view the handcraft made by the children. All of us realized that V.B.S.—1967 had made an indelible mark on each of us. (Mrs. Gordon Thomas, Director.)

ELK GROVE, CALIF. Vacation Bible School was held at the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., on June 13-17. We had 110 enrolled in the school, with 90 average attendance. Staff members numbered 34. Director of the school was Mrs. John Wageman, with Mrs. Roy Dolliver as co-director. Other department superintendents were junior high—Mrs. Henry Rauser, junior—Beverly Ranger, middler—Mrs. Phil Palmer, primary—Mrs. Darrell Schuh, pre-school—Mrs. Hugo Wentz, and nursery—Mrs. Jo Mayes.

The theme was Explore God's Hidden Wonders. The offering of the V.B.S. amounted to \$45. This was given for Dr. Fluth's work in the Camerons.

Rev. Merle Brenner was available for any final decisions that were made regarding salvation. We thank God for the decisions made.

On June 18, 1967, the church had its regular morning worship service. Following it at noon we met at the Elk Grove Park for the Sunday school picnic where we had fellowship and games. At the close of the day, there was a vesper service, of which the Pastor was in charge. (Mrs. Leonard Fandrich, Reporter.)

ENID, OKLA. June 5-9, the West Broadway Baptist Church, Enid, Okla., held its annual Bible School. The theme was Exploring with Christ. The average attendance was 30. Teachers were as follows: nursery department—Mrs. Homer Franz, assisted by Miss Sharon Menser; preschool—Mrs. Don Grothe, assistant, Miss Alice Toews; primary—Mrs. Milton Greb, assistant, Mrs. Frank Bush; middlers—Mrs. Albert Hill, assistant, Mrs. Herb Menser; juniors—Mrs. Virgil Laubach, assistant, Rev. Wesley Gerber.

Our Bible School was climaxed by a program presented by the children on Sunday evening.

There were six of our young children who came to know Christ through this time of study. They are Jess Goodman, LaVera Smith, Christian Grothe, Becky Coppick, Bart Benam, and Eddie McDonnell. (Miss Kyla Pricer, Reporter.)

GOODRICH, N.D. The Sunday school students of the Goodrich Baptist Church, Goodrich, N. D., have completed another successful year in the Scripture Memory course program. Thirty completed their respective courses and were presented with a book or a trip to camp at Crystal Springs as a prize from the Sunday school.

On June 11 three girls and three boys who finished the entire nine year course received the Grand Award picture of the Head of Christ. This was presented to them by Mrs. Walter Schmidt, sponsor.

Our pastor, Rev. Jacob Ehman, brought the message. The graduates recited the Scripture used during the morning worship by memory. They gave testimonies and furnished the music during the worship hour. May the Lord help us make good use of his word. (Mrs. Albert Schmidt, Reporter.)



Youth who recently completed the nine year Scripture Memory course at the Goodrich Baptist Church, N. D., were (back row, l. to r.) Brian Tessman, Charles Lang, Sidney Barreth with Pastor Ehman; (front row) Julie Schneider, Arlene Adams and Branda Brodehl.

GLADWIN, MICH. The Round Lake Baptist Church concluded one week of Vacation Bible School, June 12-16. On June 18 a program was presented by the pupils of the VBS and their teachers. The theme was "Walking Jesus' Way." Jean Kleiss, director of the VBS, told of their missionary project which the K.Y.B. (Know Your Bible) group had done in previous weeks. On Sunday, June 4, we had the privilege of having Mr. and Mrs. Norman Haupt, our missionaries from Cameroon, Africa, with us. A large box of canned goods was presented to the Norman Haupts by the K.Y.B. group.

Beginning with pre-school pupils through junior and junior high class, each department gave some demonstration of what they had learned at VBS. The teaching staff consisted of pre-school—Dolores Ford; beginners—Harriet Schindler; primaries—Eleanor Wolfe and Joan Rau; juniors—Ann Spencer; junior hi—Dorothy Allan; craft director—Rev. Norman Berkan; assistants to teachers—Edna Grove, Diane Crawford, Judy Kleiss, Jackie Russell, Frieda Will; assistants in craft—Esther Berkan, Mark Bonham, David Bonham and Jim Kleiss; and kitchen supervisor—Luella Zeitz. Missionary offering by the pupils amounted to \$24.10. (Augusta Will, Reporter.)

HILDA, ALTA. On June 4, 1967, the Hilda Baptist Church held its annual Sunday school picnic. It was held after the morning worship service at Sandy Point Park. After dinner, games and hikes were organized. A short devotional period followed with Mr. Walter Wuerfel, Mr. Elmer Mueller, Mrs. Joanna Kirschenman, Mr. Emmanuel Haag, and Rev. F. Goliath participating. A small lunch was served. This was a very enjoyable and spiritual afternoon for both young and old. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship amid God's mighty handiwork. (Mrs. Alvin Reiling, Reporter.)

RACINE, WIS. Recent months have been active ones for the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis. The Board of Christian Education sponsored a Workers' Conference for all teachers and interested church members. Meetings were held the last Thursday of each month for three consecutive months. Rev. Bruce Rich, Forest Park, Ill., was our speaker and teacher. His theme was "Communication." He stressed preparation, presentation, fol-

SOUTHERN CONF.

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Board Planning Committee has been active in revamping and clarifying the work of the camp officials. Mr. Sidney Morrison reported very active thinking from the Committee of Christian Education. The C.B.Y. has been active throughout the year.

The Baptist Men met for fellowship and business at breakfast Saturday morning. The W.M.U. met at a luncheon with the program following in the afternoon. The fellowship was warm and uplifting during the camp and conference. (Mrs. Oliver K. Ringer, Reporter.)

116TH SESSIONS OF THE EASTERN CONFERENCE

Delegates and visitors of the Eastern Conference met in the Bethel Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y., May 4-7, 1967. The Conference theme, Evangelize Today, was taken from Ephesians 5:16.

The opening service was marked by a heart-stirring message from Rev. Edwin Kern, one of our missionaries to Japan.

On Friday morning the program began with a devotion led by Rev. Fred Mashner, Erie, Pa. After a prayer fellowship, matters of business were discussed. Rev. Rubin Kern, our District Secretary, reported that some of our churches are busily engaged in putting up new sanctuaries and that new fields for Church Extension are being considered, but it was sad to hear that our membership is decreasing.

Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, general secretary of the Department of Christian Education elaborated on issues relating to our denominational enterprise and mentioned that we as N. A. B. have the privilege of placing two chaplains in the United States Army.

Rev. Walter Kerber reported on our newest Church Extension work in Burlington, Ont. and spoke on "The Opportunities for Evangelism—Today."

Rev. Herbert Haut led a devotion. Rev. G. Engel delivered a message entitled, "Who is responsible for Evangelism—Today?"

The evening program was held under the auspices of the W.M.U. The president of our national W.M.U., Mrs. Delmar Wessler took part in the program. Missionary Edwin Kern participated in this evening program, also.

After a fellowship breakfast on Saturday morning the Baptist Men, the C.B.Y.F. and the W.M.U. held separate meetings.

The new officers for 1967-1968 are Mr. Merle Gibbens, moderator; Rev. George Engles, vice-moderator; Rev. John von Harten, recording secretary; and Rev. Paul Galambos, statistical secretary.

Rev. Gideon Zimmerman, our general secretary of Christian Education, referred to Sunday school literature, and stressed the fact that we live in a flexible society which is constantly changing and on the move, and that we must adjust our teaching methods

accordingly, in order to stop the decrease in Sunday school attendance.

A sightseeing tour which led to the Niagara Falls and the Canadian Horticultural Gardens was enjoyed by many delegates in the afternoon.

In the evening the C.B.Y.F. held its annual banquet. About 200 guests attended. Rev. Edwin Kern spoke and showed slides.

Rev. Zimmerman delivering a challenging closing message entitled: "Challenge of Evangelism—Today."

The entire event was a very blessed one. The hospitality of the Bethel church needs to be mentioned and the Sisters are to be commended for the fine meals which they served us. The messages of the different speakers were spiritual enrichment for every listener.

(Rev. John von Harten, recording secretary.)

DAKOTA CONFERENCE W.M.U.

The W.M.U. Luncheon of the Dakota Conference was held in Carrington, N. D., June 15, 1967.

The overflow was realized the day before, and our clever officers cooperated with the charming and delightful hostesses of our Calvary Baptist Church in Carrington. Our Theme, "The Holy Spirit, Our Means," was realized in both dining rooms.

Luncheon over, we moved to the Calvary Baptist Church sanctuary. Our well organized and inspiring business meeting was conducted by our capable president, Mrs. Ray Hoffman.

Booklets containing all reports and committees were handed out. Our treasurer's report revealed that we had exceeded our goal by approximately \$800. We gave over \$3,000 toward our Dakota Conference W.M.U. project.

Mrs. Gary Schroeder, missionary, Camerons, was our guest speaker.

The newly elected officers are president—Mrs. Ray Hoffman, vice-president—Mrs. Herman Bleeker, secretary—Mrs. Ron Mayforth; treasurer—Mrs. Carl Weisser, White Cross chairman—Mrs. Walter Hoffman.

Immediately following our business meeting, we moved to the auditorium of the Federated Church. Speakers were used to broadcast the program to the overflowing crowd.

Many renditions of music were given during these sessions by members of our various societies. Mrs. Otto Fiesel conducted a volunteer choir. Mrs. Ron Mayforth gave a touching reading.

The offering of the afternoon was approximately \$350.

Rev. Draewell led in the installation service.

Rev. Gary Schroeder brought the afternoon message. With Mr. Solomon Gwei, a student from Federal Republic of Cameroon, West Africa, Mr. Schroeder spoke for a brief time. They welcomed Miss Esther Schultz during this dialog.

We are thankful to God for all persons and things which he used to make this day such a blessing and inspiration to all of us. (Mrs. Thomas D. Lutz, Reporter.)

SASKATCHEWAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION. The fourth annual session of the Saskatchewan Baptist Women's Association convened on June 9, 1967, at the Southey Baptist Church, Southey, Sask. There was a good representation from our Women's Missionary Societies in Saskatchewan.

The afternoon began with a short fellowship tea hosted by the ladies of the local church. Following this we met in the sanctuary for a time of spiritual refreshment. The outgoing president, Mrs. Peter Schroeder, Esterhazy, Sask., presided. Miss Ida Forsch, missionary to Cameroon, West Africa, was the guest speaker.

During the past year the Saskatchewan Baptist Women's Association contributed \$520 toward our Saskatchewan church extension projects. We have adopted this same project for the 1967-68 fiscal year.

The newly elected officers are president, Mrs. S. Auch, Fenwood-Melville; vice-president, Mrs. R. Hominuk, Saskatoon; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. M. Hollerbaum, Regina; reporter, Mrs. G. Wiebe, Nokomis. (Mrs. G. Wiebe, Reporter.)

special events

COLFAX, WASH. Recent events at First Baptist Church, Colfax, Wash., have brought much joy and blessing to all.

A baptismal service was held in which six young people entered the waters of baptism to confess their faith and desire to serve the Lord. They were David and Jane Aeschliman, Darwin Bell, Pamela and Robert Closson, and Lili Enos.

The annual Vacation Bible School, just completed, saw a record attendance of 128. A unique program, under the direction of Mrs. Paul Krueger, presented the school on film slides with students narrating their parts. The pictures were taken by Superintendent Melvin Ensley.

Eunice Edinger, the pastor's daughter, has been accepted as a short-term missionary to the Camerons and will be commissioned by the church in a service before she leaves in August. First Baptist has assisted Eunice in supplying some of her needs for the field. (Mrs. John Huber, Secretary.)

STEVENSVILLE, MICH. Rev. Richard Paetzel has accepted the pastorate of Lakeshore Baptist Church, Stevensville, Mich. He will give his first sermon, Aug. 13, 1967. He has a wife, Dottie; they have two children, Daniel, six years old, and Debra, three years old. He will be leaving the North Sheridan Baptist Church, Peoria, Illinois. We are looking forward to their coming.

We have been blessed with the most wonderful interim pastor for the last few months: Rev. Reginald Shepley. He is retired, but is kept busy. (Mrs. Dora Kretchman, Reporter.)