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NEWS and NEEDS...

INTERIM PASTOR. Dr. M. Vanderbeck has been appointed as a denominational interim pastor for an annual year.

NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY. More than 26,000 volumes have been catalogued to date in the seminary library. Dr. Floyd Moore was appointed as Associate Professor of Christian Education by the Seminary Board of Trustees at their spring meeting. Gerald Borchert, professor of New Testament, received the ThD degree from Princeton Theological Seminary at the commencement exercises, June 6. Dr. Donald Madvig, associate professor of Old Testament, attended a three week summer school session at Luther Theological Seminary, Minneapolis, Minn., recently. Dr. George A. Lang, professor of homiletics and pastoral theology, informed the Board of Trustees of his intended retirement on August 31, 1968. He is presently on sabbatical for this summer and the first semester of the 1967-68 school year. Total contributions for the library book project totalled \$17,990.32. The members of the Middler and Senior Classes of 1967-68 will engage in evangelism studies and the counseling program of the Billy Graham Kansas City Crusade, Sept. 11-16, 1967.

CHRISTIAN TRAINING INSTITUTE. Recommendations approved by the General Council concerning CTI include permission for C.T.I. to seek to achieve full membership with the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges during the years 1967-76, and C.T.I.'s future appointment of an additional faculty member to fill the chair of Old Testament literature and related subjects.

DENOMINATIONAL GOAL. The General Council approved the goal of \$1,250,000. for the fiscal year 1967-68.

BRAZIL, SOUTH AMERICA. It has been decided that our two missionary couples in Brazil, Rev. and Mrs. Herman Effa and Rev. and Mrs. Richard Rabenhorst, will begin our mission work

in the city of Caxias do Sul in the state of Rio Grande do Sul, north of the city of Porto Alegre. Within a 75 mile radius of this city, only one Baptist church exists. Pray for our missionaries as they begin the work in this area the later part of August, 1967.

WARWAR, MAMBILA. Our mission work in Warwar is now to be known as "Mambila Baptist Mission, Nigeria." Dr. Lothar Litchenfeld is presently located there.

MISSIONARY APPOINTMENTS TO CAMEROON AND NIGERIA. The General Council approved the Board of Missions recommendation that the following persons be appointed to Cameroon and Nigeria as missionaries: Dr. and Mrs. Willie D. Gutowski, Minnetonka, Minn., for medical ministry, Warwar, Nigeria; Miss Katie Michelson, Forest Park, Ill., (short-term), as secretary to the Field Secretary at Bamenda; Dr. and Mrs. Dieter W. Lemke, Edmonton, Alta., for medical ministry; Mr. and Mrs. William Keple, Grand Forks, N. D., for educational ministry; Miss Myrna Joyce Goodman and Miss Alma Rapske. Miss Goodman and Miss Rapske are nurses; no date has been given for their service as they are or will be involved in midwifery training in Hyden, Ky.

MISSIONARY APPOINTMENTS TO JAPAN. Rev. and Mrs. Wilfred Weick of Randolph, Minn., were appointed by the General Council as missionaries to Japan.

CAMEROON BAPTIST MISSION. The statistical report concerning the work in Cameroon reveals the following: total number of churches—473, baptisms—3,426, total membership—29,374, number of ordained pastors—46, evangelists (not ordained)—78, church teachers—267, Sunday school enrollment—25,220, women's group members—4,550, men's group members—871, 3-H Girls—1,157, Boy's Brigade—351.

EDUCATION IN CAMEROON. In the field of primary education we have a total of 107 schools with a total enrollment of 22,517 children. In these schools there are employed 582 trained national teachers and another 363 with only preliminary training. In the area of secondary education, our work continues at five main centers: Teacher Training Center, Soppo—273 students of which 48 are girls, 17 staff members of which seven are missionaries (five of which are short-term missionaries); Kom Baptist Teachers College, Belo—103 students; Joseph Merrick Baptist College, Ndu—245 students with 16 staff members—three are missionaries (two short-term); Saker Baptist College, Victoria—316 students (all girls); Cameroon Protestant College, a co-operative work.

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Editorial

THE CHURCH AND THE VIET NAM-BOUND SOLDIER

IN THEIR DEBATE over Viet Nam, are churchmen ignoring the most crucial concern?

Seldom has the Church been confronted with such wide demands on so many important fronts as it is today: civil rights, hard-core poverty, the growing needs of the inner city, the rise of a new class of highly intelligent, questioning young "unreachables," the development of a "new theology" to meet the needs of a modern scientific world—and a war in Southeast Asia.

Viet Nam has posed a number of urgent problems. Churchmen have wrestled with the moral implications of our involvement in what some prefer to call a civil war and have debated the ethical questions inherent in all war, the dangers of possible extension of the war, and the threat of a nuclear confrontation between the world's great powers.

Amid the clamoring social issues in our society and the general debate over the morality of our position in Asia, one segment of our church populace is in danger of being forgotten and neglected at a most critical time. This is the young men between eighteen and twenty-five. The Church must seriously concern itself with the stark realities confronting those who are called to fight in the rice paddies and jungles of Viet Nam.

Most men called into military service drift off one by one, hardly noticed by a prosperous society, leaving few discernible vacancies in the local church programs, and missed only by their families and close friends. Yet the number of those entering military service in one year is more than half a million. And the Church dare not forget the total of more than 3,000,000 now in uniform who, together with their families, compose a sizable minority in our nation.

Some who are drafted have no opinions about the morality of our position in Viet Nam; they go because they must. A growing number, however, came to feel that they are contributing to human welfare by helping to contain a militant Communism. This feeling is often intensified by what they witness in the villages attacked by the Viet Cong, where women and children are among the victims.

Yet regardless of their attitudes, all young church members facing military service are entitled to some

specific help. Critical moral decisions, the questioning of religious convictions, the need to find meaning for a life that may end before the twentieth birthday—these are the personal crises that may face them in Viet Nam. The Church sends chaplains to minister in the battle areas. But the chaplains cannot begin to provide all young men with all the spiritual guidance they need in the midst of war.

The Church—more particularly, every parish clergyman—is obligated to speak of the problems involved in military service in Viet Nam. A minister's doubts about the validity of our country's position will be of no spiritual help to the young man with a letter from his draft board. The minister dare not let his personal beliefs keep him from his ministry.

These men want to hear about how "Thou shalt not kill" can be reconciled with what they will be asked to do in Viet Nam. They want to know whether it is immoral for a man to shoot at someone who intends to kill him. And if what some within the Church say about our participation in Viet Nam is true, these young men need to know whether they are compromising Christianity by not choosing prison as an alternative to military service.

Men who will face the possibility of death on any day of their stay in Viet Nam—sudden death, perhaps, from ambush, a land mine, or a grenade thrown by a seemingly innocent child or woman—want also to be able to find meaning for a life that may end very prematurely. They will not have had time to make much of a contribution to society beyond faithful service to their country. They want to know whether the Church regards this service as worthwhile. If the Church fails to tell them that it does, and if all these young men hear is condemnation of America's role in Viet Nam, they will feel that the Church considers them a failure.

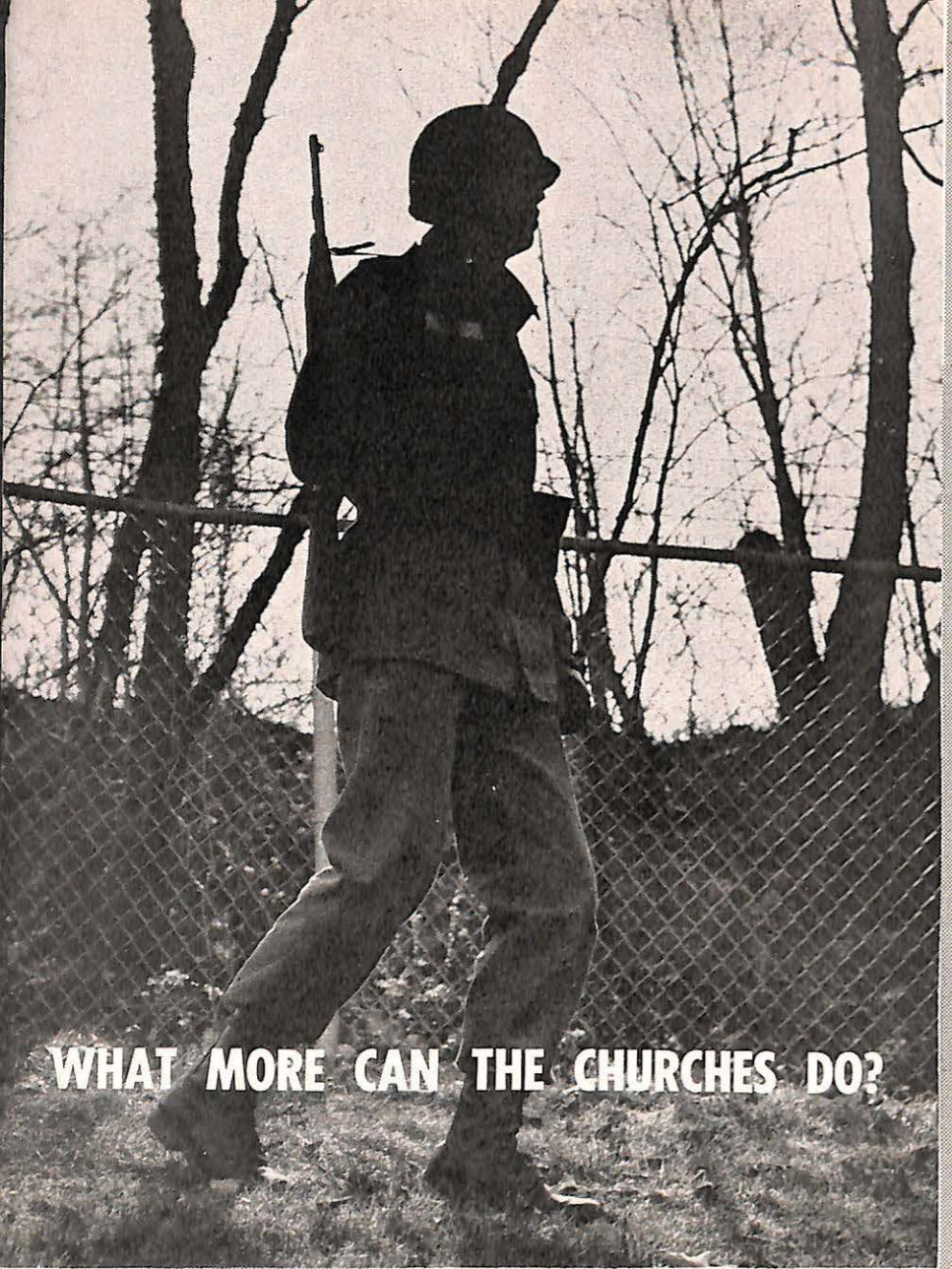
Intertwined with this concern for the meaning of life and for their role as loyal members of the armed forces is a concern for the continuity of life itself in an eternity with a loving God. For these young men, such matters are exceedingly personal. They are very personal also to the family members who watch their loved ones go off to war, not knowing whether they will return. And if they do not return, the Church must have a message of comfort about an eternity where personality survives.

A final concern of these young men in uniform is whether God will be with them in Southeast Asia. They do not want to try to use God as a magic amulet, but they do want to know about him as a vital presence in their own lives. If the Church must speak out on the revealed principles of social justice, it must also retain the message of a personal God who never forsakes those who believe in him.

The Church is rightly concerned about retaining the highly intelligent, socially conscious young generation of the mid-sixties. But to be wholly faithful, it must reach those who will face ultimate reality in a lonely confrontation with God and eternity in battle. These men want to know the God they may face because of the war in Viet Nam.

The average American has shown little concern for those who are fighting this most difficult war. The Church dare never be guilty of this indifference. If it is, those who go off to fight will stand in judgment on it. Churchmen may hold differing opinions on Viet Nam and on war itself. But personal opinions must not affect the spiritual ministry of the Church to those who face hardship and peril in Viet Nam.

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WHAT MORE CAN THE CHURCHES DO?

Harold M. Lambert

By Lawrence P. Fitzgerald

THREE CHURCHMEN stood talking about the War in Vietnam. Let us call them X, Y, and Z. Mr. X said: "It is an unjust war." Mr. Y said: "It is a just war." Mr. Z said: "Just or unjust, the existential fact is—many of our men are there." Harry Jones who sang in our choir is with the First Cavalry at Da Nang. Rodney Smith, our pastor's son, is fighting with the Marines near DMZ. Thousands of Americans are there in Vietnam fighting, and some of them are dying. What concerns me is: Are we doing all we can for these men? Are the churches as concerned as they ought to be?"

A small committee of concerned people (The Committee on Ministry to Armed Forces Personnel of the General Commission on Chaplains) invited recently two chaplains to sit down with them and discuss this question:

Through our chaplains and our churches we are trying to meet the religious needs of our men in Vietnam. But what more can we do?

Suggestions were made in answer to this question by the two chaplains, by members of the committee, during the session and since. In general, three answers have come forth:

FIRST, THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE AND BETTER COMMUNICATION

Every church has a moral obligation to keep its members informed. This involves service personnel who are far away in Vietnam. Morale is highest among informed and dedicated Christians. The lines of communication between the men in service and their home churches help to give a lift to their morale.

How communicate? By sending church bulletins, newsletters, pastoral letters, religious reading material. But personal letters are the *most* welcome.

Pastors ought to write occasional personal letters to their men in service. If they are too busy to do this, they are too busy.

Once, Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt was talking with a group of interested persons about how to keep up the morale of the men in service. Said Mrs. Roosevelt: "You can talk all you want about USO shows and the like as morale boosters. They are fine. But there are two things that keep up the service—man's morale more than any others: warm socks, and letters from home."

I believe it is a good idea, said one chaplain, to write to the chaplain of a man's unit. The chaplain is the best man to meet any soldier's spiritual needs. Letters from the church or from parents to the chaplain will introduce him to the specific needs of specific persons. Thus, he is able to personalize his ministry where military personnel sometimes appear as a mass—or as a number.

One chaplain said, "In a whole year I had only one letter from back home about any service person." A young man in the military lamented: "The only time I heard from my church back home was when it needed money."

Chaplains make efforts to provide wholesome reading material for military personnel such as THE LINK magazine and religious pamphlets. The American Bible Society makes Bibles available to chaplains for distribution. Unfortunately, many of the Bibles are in the King James Version, and I believe the men prefer the modern versions. They are not interested in Elizabethan speech; forget the "thee" and "thou" and "thy." When you send religious literature, keep this fact in mind. Limit your ecclesiastical jargon.

A pastor of a Lutheran church in Michigan has organized in his church a group named FROMMS (Friends and Relatives of Men in Military Service). They have a seven-fold program: (1) send weekly bulletin and other material to our servicemen; (2) meet periodically to hear from our servicemen who may be on leave, and work on projects to remember them; (3) request pictures (preferably in uniform) of all our servicemen; (4) request the most recent addresses of our servicemen from their friends and parents; (5) send a monthly letter from the pastor; (6) request ideas from other members of the church; and (7) have canisters periodically at the entrances to the sanctuary so you may contribute to this work.

PEOPLE AT HOME NEED TO PRAY MORE FOR THE MEN IN SERVICE.

Never lose faith in prayer. "More things are wrought by prayer than this world ever dreams of." Prayer is "the earnest plea of a spirit in need," and there are thousands in need in Vietnam.

Many of our men in Vietnam are learning to pray for the first time. They face danger and death, and they ask protection. We don't want our men to use religion as "a celestial good

luck charm," but it is only natural to pray when in danger. And right.

We are trying to lead our men to see that prayer is communication with God—the meeting of two Spirits: "I am" and "I." Many are beginning to think like Clark Poling, one of the chaplains who gave his life on the DORCHESTER. Dr. Poling tells how Clark wrote home long before the DORCHESTER went down and made this request:

"I know I shall have your prayers, but please don't pray simply that God will keep me safe. War is a dangerous business. Pray that God will make me adequate."

I believe it is a good idea to create prayer groups to pray definitely for your men in service. Learn the meaning of what Samuel said: "Far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you. . . ." (1 Sam. 12:23). Pray for your men, and let them know you are praying for them.

One pastor mentions his servicemen every Sunday in his pastoral prayer; and sometimes he prays for them by name. Nothing is a greater challenge to faithfulness to Christ than to know that you are being prayed for—and specifically.

FINALLY, WE NEED TO DEVELOP THE LAITY SO THEY WILL BECOME EXPONENTS OF THE GOOD NEWS IN CHRIST.

This we must do, if we take the doctrine of the church seriously. The working out of God's way of life among men was never left only to the clergy.

This may mean pre-induction counseling with young people before they go into military service. Do they not need help as they enter this strange new experience of the military?

This means a well-rounded program of Christian education. Young people need to be taught what it means to be a Christian and the necessity for letting the whole man be converted. In his battle with sin, the young person must learn to take a stand for Christ. Of course, he needs to see that God is a forgiving God; but he also must see that the church is not just a nursery for weaklings but a brotherhood of strong men.

Ordained clergymen need to take the laity into full partnership in the work of Christ. One chaplain said: "I often feel that the chaplain is charged with an impossible task. He works by himself; he is not a part of a team of laity who can pray, evaluate, plan and execute a viable program. He must go it alone. . . . But laymen can and ought to be trained to share in the evangelistic and teaching ministry of the church. Once a man becomes a Christian, he is a part of the body of Christ and ought to be out doing the work of Christ here and now."

This creative chaplain goes on to say that he knows of Marine Corps sergeants who are doing a most effective job as counselors. Chaplains, he said, ought to have the desire and the tools to train lay people to become effective

witnesses for our Lord.

To be sure, chaplains are provided by the churches, and they are doing a good job; they cover as much territory as possible. But "none of our churches is ever going to do an adequate job in assisting chaplains on active duty until they take their mission to the man in uniform with radical seriousness. . . . We are going to be called on some day to give an accounting of ourselves and be asked what our mission was, and we may have to answer feebly that we had little sense of mission. Of course, we've done fairly well in our mission as counselors, but we need to look again at our mission as evangelists, Christian teachers and preachers."

One supervisory chaplain said: "I was leader for 200 chaplains, and I can truly say that I have never seen a finer group and a more capable group of clergymen in the world." But chaplains face many problems: lack of transportation, rapid turnover, the mud and the heat, and a general lack of adequate materials. The men often do not turn out for the services. Perhaps they can't. For example, in one situation where there were 1600 Protestants, only seventeen men showed up for the religious service. A battalion chaplain reported: "I can remember that week after week after five to eight services we would have met with 15 percent of the Protestant personnel."

But the laymen are there; they are all around. And a dedicated layman can often spell the difference; he can bring the good news of Christ to needy men. I believe we ought to renew our faith in the ministry of the laity.

Once again, the home churches can help these laymen by providing ap-

propriate literature for them to use. Perhaps not Jesus in the long-flowing robes on the front cover of the Sunday bulletin, maybe we should forget trying to create a dear, old homey atmosphere of the sweet church older people were reared in when they were children. What do we have to fear from pop-art or contemporary photographs that are realistic and show men ministering in their daily situations?

One thing especially I hope someone will come up with—guitar music for the *Armed Forces Hymnal*. Maybe not all of it—for some hymns may not be appropriately set to guitar music—but some of them. Most likely you'll find a fellow around who has a guitar and can lead the singing with it.

Do not forget that our ministry in the Navy, at least, is to teen-age Americans whose cultural and social values are deeply rooted in America's teen-age culture. More than 70 percent of the men in the Marine Corps are under 20 years of age. Our ministry ought to speak the language of that group and meet their needs.

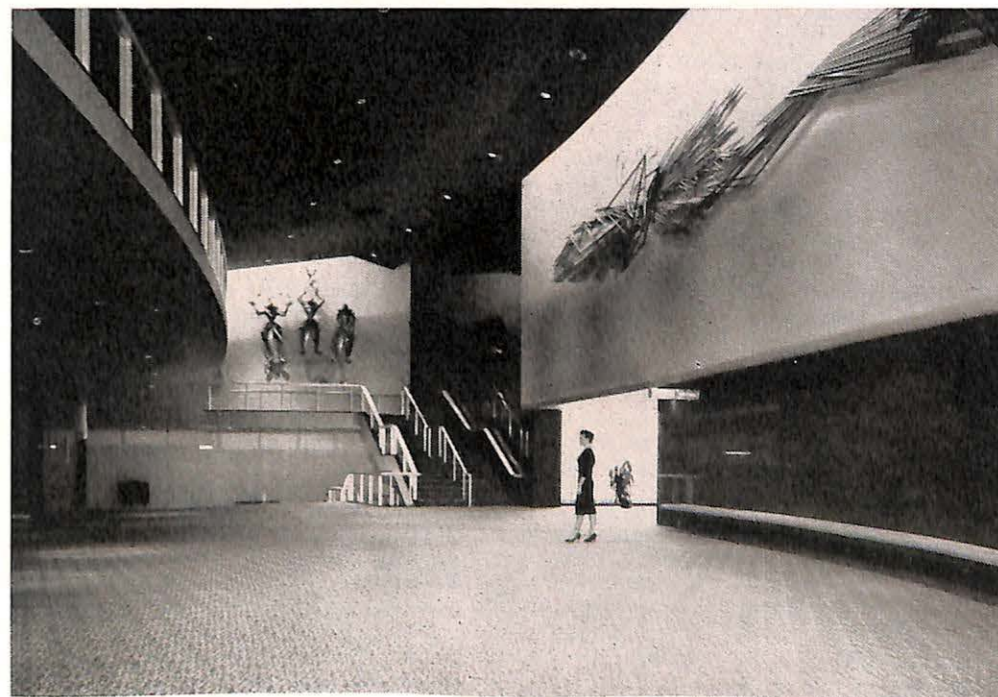
Anyway you look at it, Vietnam is a dirty mess, not a clean mess. But it is there—and our men are there—and they need an in-depth ministry by chaplains and laymen alike.

Your men will not come back the same "boys" they were when they went into service. They are going through fire; they are facing crises. It is well you want to help. And you can in the ways suggested—and other ways you will think of yourself.

All of this calls for concern and prayer and understanding.

Lawrence P. Fitzgerald is an editor of THE LINK, a Protestant magazine for armed forces personnel.

The foyer of Ford Auditorium, Detroit, where the Conference evening sessions will be held and where you will meet many friends and make new ones.



LETTER TO A YOUNG SERVICEMAN



Harold M. Lambert

By A. Ray Appelquist

Dear Joe:

I have been thinking about you and all others in the military service during these days of complex issues and confused goals.

You come from fine, sensitive, God-fearing people. Let me say a few things to you as an old friend of the family who also has known what it is like to wear the uniform of our country.

A good military man needs sound ideas about his military service. We are told that cogent reasons are even more important than the best weapons. The Christian soldier has a grand heritage upon which he may draw for moral authority in his position since there have been devout men and "saints in Caesar's household" for a long time. George Washington, John Marshall, Robert E. Lee, "Stonewall" Jackson, and many others were men of genuine religious convictions. A serviceman should be confirmed in his thinking about a number of things, some of which are as follows:

1. A Christian Serviceman Supports Order in Society.

There were times among the ancient Hebrews when "every man did that which was right in his own eyes." The Bible records that the people grew weary of the insecurity and violence that resulted. They demanded strong rulers to put their society in order. In the New Testament we are told that God has given us the general provisions for human government for our own good, "to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil." Evil is aggressive. It will not restrain itself. Good men must have both the strength and the courage to limit its spread. Governments and their enforcement agencies are meant to serve this purpose.

2. A Christian Serviceman Believes a Good Society Has a Right to Defend Itself.

This is not only a right but also a duty. While there are no perfect societies on earth, the benefits and blessings of a benevolent social order are a gift of God and thus are a sacred trust. Good men of days gone by have invested their life's blood to secure for us our privileges and op-

portunities. We must defend as well as develop this heritage if we are to give to our children at least as much as was given to us. In childhood we were told: "It always takes two to make a quarrel." How wonderfully simple life would be if that were true on the adult level! Unfortunately, when Cain killed Abel he didn't need much help from Abel. When Hitler cremated the Jews they were not accessories to the crime. One man with hate in his heart can spread hell on earth until he is checked by good men strong enough to put him down.

3. A Christian Serviceman Accepts His Duties as Well as His Rights.

He does not parasitically enjoy the blessings wrought by the blood, toil, and tears of other men without making a similar contribution to the general welfare himself. A Christian soldier assumes his full and rightful share of the load of life. He does not leave the protection of his family, his country, and his own life to others.

4. A Christian Serviceman Holds Himself Doubly Responsible.

It is distinctly Christian to be responsible not only for the things actually done but also for the things that can and ought to be done. The man who has God-given power to restrain aggressive evil and does not respond stands in danger of tacit and permissive agreement with it. A man of strength and advantage ought to be conciliatory and he can afford to be patient and slow to take offense, but he is under heavy obligation to those who are weaker and less favored than he. They have a right to look to him for help.

5. A Christian Serviceman Loves Freedom.

It is likely that we have only an academic understanding of our freedom, having never been deprived of it. Whenever freedom has been at issue there have been some who have refused to assist or have worked against it, counting comfort, safety, and the status quo as more important. Abraham Lincoln spoke for the finer tradition:

"Our reliance is in the love of liberty which God has planted in us. Our defense is in the spirit which prizes liberty as the heritage of all men in all lands everywhere. Destroy this spirit, and we have planted the seeds of despotism at our own doors."

6. A Christian Serviceman Values Life.

He is first of all a protector of life. Yet it is not Christian to say or to believe that one's life is more important than anything else. Who can forget that Jesus said our fear should not be for him who can destroy the body, but rather for him who makes inroads upon our souls? During World War II millions listened when a great commander reminded us that no man is fit to live unless he is ready to die.

7. A Christian Serviceman Believes in Sacrifice.

This unpopular virtue has been dropped from many modern codes. Men cleverly rationalize their avoidance of it. It remains at the very heart of Christian living. One of America's oldest missionary societies has as its official seal the emblem of an ox with an altar for sacrifice on one side of him and a plow for service on the other. The inscription reads: "Ready for either." It is part of the fabric of life that nothing of enduring value is ever accomplished without sacrificial service. It is always unpleasant and often dangerous to challenge evil. This is why men are inclined to temporize with it as long as possible.

8. A Christian Serviceman Wants to Serve Here and Now.

The urgency of immediate needs calls to him in spite of ambiguities and limited choices. He cannot stand by and merely wish that things were different, or be content to declare vehemently that someday they shall be otherwise. This is the world in which he finds himself and this is the place where he must render his service if his life is to count at all. Most of the world's needs would be neglected if all men were to wait for ideal circumstances before responding. An earnest and committed Christian would be honored to share King David's eulogy: "He served his own generation by the will of God."

9. A Christian Serviceman Believes in the Highest Personal Standards.

However, he does not believe that the fastidious man who runs from all the problems of evil is holiest. The heavier the responsibility and the more odious the task, the greater the need for character and discipline. A serviceman is morally accountable for his personal conduct and the values by which he lives just as is any other man, but he does not believe that a good man's virtue must unnerve, paralyze, and disarm him in the face of danger and evil.

10. A Christian Serviceman Hopes, Works, and Prays for Peace.

With men of goodwill everywhere the Christian in uniform hopes for the day when all swords and spears shall be turned into plows and pruning hooks. However, he knows that there is "a war behind all wars" that first must end if there is to be permanent peace. Men plot against one another and lay hands upon the innocent not because they wear uniforms, but because of the condition of their hearts and minds. The prophet Jeremiah tells of the kind of change that first must take place before the enmities of this world shall pass:

"I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each man teach his neighbor and each

his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more" (Jer. 31:33, 34).

However, Joe, until such a day dawns there is necessary work for all of us to do in protecting order, justice, and freedom. You and your uniform play a significant role in the total effort.

I pray that wherever you go, in every assignment you receive, the peace of God shall stand guard like a sentry over you always.

Sincerely,

A. Ray Appelquist

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GOD'S VOLUNTEERS

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Working with the six other people on our team taught me much also. They are all just great, and I learned to love and appreciate each one of them. They were a great help in my life. Rev. C. Salios, our director, was a great friend and even greater director. His daily testimony and enthusiasm just seemed to flow into our lives. He helped us all to find ourselves and to get into the Word of God. Working with the different churches and people was a lasting experience, also.

Our tour has come to an end, but really it is just a beginning. I have been equipped with a new knowledge and a new testimony, and my prayer is that I will always continue to grow and thus glorify God all the years of my life."

GUIDELINES TO SUPPORT SERVICE PERSONNEL

The U. S. Department of Defense has received many inquiries from Americans concerning ways in which they might express support for our servicemen and women in various parts of the world. Guidelines have been prepared to answer these questions. Here are a few of the guidelines.

PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE

The members of the Armed Forces everywhere in the world eagerly look forward to mail from relatives, friends, and neighbors who represent home to them. If you or your friends do not know a serviceman overseas, but wish to write to one, we suggest that you ask in your hometown for the name and address of someone from your community. Very often local civic organizations, churches, community officials, news media, and veterans organizations will have such information.

WHAT KIND OF GIFTS TO SEND

Although militarily our servicemen in Vietnam have the best equipment possible, gifts from home are always welcome. We have found that reading materials (paperback books, magazines, etc.) as well as small games, small toilet articles, and similar small items are most desired. We have also found that person-to-person gifts are preferable, but realize not everybody knows an individual in Service overseas. Therefore, the United States Commander in Vietnam has said that if gifts are mailed to units rather than individuals, they can be accepted but should be small and of a type that can be used by more than one man. Examples are battery powered radios, portable electric equipment, magazine and newspaper subscriptions, and paperback books. The Commander also asked that before such gifts are sent to units, the donor should write the unit and ask its specific interests or needs.

HOSPITALIZED SERVICEMEN

Our hospitalized Vietnam servicemen are receiving the best medical care ever available in our country. Even so, patients in hospitals here at home can use, and will appreciate receiving, personal comfort items such as books, stationery, and toilet articles. Further, some patients are able to leave hospitals for short outings if they can be provided some means of getting there. Hospital commanders can furnish, on request, information about specific gifts that would be desired, and can give names (or numbers) of patients. Any person or group desiring to provide gifts or activities to a hospital should first contact the hospital commander to make the necessary arrangements.



CTI's Commencement Activities

THE WEEK-END of May 6 and 7 was a memorable one for a large group of young people at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta., in that it marked the completion of another year of study and the receiving of degrees, diplomas, certificates and awards.

The week-end's festivities began on Saturday evening with the Graduation Banquet. Parents, families, and friends of the graduates gathered in the beautifully-decorated Fellowship Hall of the Immanuel Baptist Church where they enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner. Various musical groups of the school helped to enhance the evening with their special presentations. The graduates, and all who were present, enjoyed the usual wit and challenge of the guest speaker, Rev. John E. Grygo, editor of German publications, Forest Park, Ill.

The Immanuel Baptist Church also kindly opened their worshipful sanctuary to the families and friends of the graduates for the Baccalaureate Service on Sunday morning. The entire congregation thrilled to the musical renditions of the Centennial Choris-

ters of the school. Rev. Grygo once again challenged the graduates with his message entitled "To Speak and Not to Speak."

The stately procession of dignitaries, faculty, and graduates began the long-awaited Commencement Exercises, held in the sanctuary of the McKernan Baptist Church. Bringing the Commencement address the school was privileged to have Dr. Peter F. Borgen, superintendent of the City of Edmonton Public School System, and chief city commissioner elect of the City of Edmonton. His address entitled "Education and Values," traced the conflict between the naturalistic view of man and the religious view of man, described the modern secular concept of life with its meaninglessness and despair, and emphasized that Christianity alone can give meaning to life and dispel anxiety and despair.

Dr. Felberg, as president of the school, briefly challenged the graduates with their new responsibilities and then presented the various certificates, diplomas, degrees, scholarships, and awards. Twelve students graduated with the Senior Matriculation Diploma. Two

students were presented with the Evangelical Teacher Training Association Certificate. The largest group of graduates were those who have completed one year of Bible College Training and thus received the Certificate in Christian Education. Thirty students received this Certificate. Completing two years of Bible College Training, and thus receiving the Diploma in Christian Education, were three students. One student completed the requirements for the Bachelor of

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About the pictures: (upper left) Mr. Hans Serger receiving a scholarship award at the Commencement exercises; (lower left) Dr. A. S. Felberg and Dr. Peter F. Borgen, superintendent of the City of Edmonton Public School System and Chief City Commissioner Elect of the City of Edmonton, guest speaker at the commencement exercises; (upper right) head table at the Graduation Banquet (l. to r.) Mrs. W. R. Muller, Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Felberg, Rev. John E. Grygo, (banquet speaker), Mrs. E. P. Wahl; (lower right) Graduation Banquet guests.

OUR REMARKABLE WOMEN

by Thelea Wesseler

OUR WOMAN'S Missionary Union is enjoying a very effective triennium of service; as our women are indeed following the admonition of our theme, "... and Go Quickly," (Matt. 28:7). In times of great concern we have been reminded of the Scriptural account which precedes our theme verse. The vivid picture we are given of the women, as they were walking to the sepulcher discussing who would remove that great stone, caused us to compare our anticipation of any number of difficulties. Just as this stone had been rolled away, we are grateful that we, too, could depend upon God; our "stone" was rolled away many times, and we could eagerly proceed with our work.

As we further compare the Scriptural account, it seems very significant that Christ's empty tomb was first seen by women. Mary was told to "go quickly" and tell that she had seen the Lord. No woman was ever privileged to deliver a more triumphant message. She did not hesitate to do as she was commanded; she left the grave, forgot her useless spices, and went quickly to tell. Women's telling of Christ did not end on that Resurrection morning, for history records thrilling stories of women's effective witnessing ever since that time. Even now, the woman's touch is most effective in all types of Christian work.

During this triennium, we as a Woman's Missionary Union, have been deeply challenged by the urgency of the days in which we live. Thus we progressed eagerly toward our goals of **WORK, GIVE, PRAY, PLAN, SUPPORT, READ, and SERVE.**

The fellowship we as women experience is very precious. Many have been brought closer to the Lord, and others have been brought into the fold because of this contact. Our membership increased from 11,652 at the beginning of our triennium to 12,648 at the close of 1966. The number of societies rose from 427 to 447. We believe that one of the greatest unifying factors which draws the women into our close fellowship is the love for our missionaries and our mission fields of service. We must continue to "lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes," so that we can continue to expand our efforts abroad.

Recently a world leader was asked this question by one of our Statesmen: "What is the greatest contribution American people have made to the world? Is it our scientific discoveries, our money loans, our food, our know-how in industry?" The world leader paused and thought a moment. Then he replied, "No, the greatest influence has been the men and women going

to the mission fields." Thus we continue to feel that as Christ commanded, we must continue to go to the "uttermost parts of the world."

WORK

Even as mission work makes our North American Baptist denomination distinctive, white cross work has the same effect upon our Woman's Missionary Union's total program. During each year in this triennium we have broken all previous records of giving and sending white cross supplies. The need is great, and our women have generously and prayerfully risen to meet the need. The first year, 12 tons were sent, then 14 tons and this past year nearly 16 tons of goods were sent. Supplies, as needed, were sent to Africa and to our Spanish American Health Clinic in the San Louis Valley. An instructive, well-illustrated "White Cross Handbook" was provided to give needed details for preparing all white cross goods. Many requests for Christian literature and books are being answered, as these supplies are being sent to our mission fields.

GIVE, PRAY

Our "Meals for Missions" plan was one in which many of our women chose to omit one meal per week, use that time in prayer for our missionaries,

and give the money in offering banks which would have been spent for food. \$9,119 was given to the building of a treasurer's office at Kumba and a medical classroom at Banso, Cameroon. The next offering of over \$11,000 was given toward our denomination's share in building the Osaka Biblical Seminary Girls' dormitory. This last year of giving will be divided with an anticipated \$3,000 going to Brazil, \$2,000 for Ndu Baptist Library, and \$5,000 going to Japan for our Seminary and for land purchase for the chapel. After two years of giving, our total is \$26,255.

Because of changing our WMU fiscal year from ending on July 31 to ending on June 30, we will have one less month of WMU giving recorded in our statistics this triennium. However, at the end of two years and eight months of giving, we have topped our \$75,000 Missionary Project goal and have far exceeded the previous total giving by having given \$184,000. Beginning with this triennium, our Executive Board voted to bond our WMU Treasurer and have the books audited annually. Attention was frequently focused on stewardship education. An informative leaflet, "Every Women Should Have a Will of Her Own," was sent so that each woman would be encouraged to apply the information concerning wills.



Woman'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. Joahan Benke, secretary; Mrs. H. J. Waltreit, 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.

PLAN, SUPPORT

Along with our special prayer effort in conjunction with Meals for Missions, our Baptist Day of Prayer and also World Day of Prayer causes us to realize the bond of fellowship and the available power which is ours. During this triennium, our Cameroons Baptist Women have joined in our Baptist Day of Prayer effort with great zeal. The Cameroon Baptist Women are very active under the untiring leadership of Mrs. Alma Henderson; their membership now totals 4,550.

Many of our women were blessed as they attended Baptist World Congress meetings in Miami. Five members of our Executive Board were in attendance and reported having an enlarged vision of Baptist fellowship and world needs. Conversations with Cameroon BWA delegate, Mrs. Bell, our NAB third generation Baptist, were most interesting. Provision has been made to send delegates to the Fourth Continental Assembly of NABWU of the Baptist World Alliance in Washington, D. C., November 16-18, 1967.

The World Day of Prayer offerings were received for the education of our missionaries' children in Japan and the Cameroons. The Baptist Day of Prayer offerings were designated for the work of NABWU, for our Missionary Project, and the building of a dispensary in Warwar.

Dr. Zelma George, prominent Baptist Negro leader, has stated: "To educate a woman is to educate a family." For our purposes we would like to think of this as applicable to the fields of Christian education, stewardship education, and missionary education. Our Program Packets in both English and German languages have proved an invaluable aid in providing the best program materials for a well-rounded yearly program. They are issued so that each local society may use the same program materials, and so that knowledge of our denominational program is available to all. The popularity of the program material is clearly

shown; as they are an almost immediate sell-out. We are grateful for the extensive efforts of our capable editors.

A great need was realized for promotional leaflets. "An Invitation to Join" and "Let's Become Acquainted with Our WMU" were prepared and are being widely and effectively used. Bulletin board use and promotion have been most gratifying. Most groups now promote the work of our WMU and give a missionary emphasis through this method. This triennium our Goal Chart, stationery, and promotional materials were all co-ordinated in theme and color.

READ

Read "All 66 in '66" was a plan for reading all of our Bible in the year 1966, as we co-operated with the American Bible Society in the "Year of Our Bible," the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the ABS. The plan proved to be not a marathon of reading, but rather an experience of reading prayerfully and expectantly, receiving greater understanding of God's plan. Many are repeating the reading this year.

Our bi-monthly "Broadcast" and "Rundfunk" are accomplishing their purpose of keeping our women informed in missions and items of concern. The new, expanded edition of the "Rundfunk" includes many more items of concern, mission news as well as inspirational materials. Our women appreciate the privilege of having the "We the Women" column in the *Baptist Herald*, and "Frauen-ecke" in *Der Sendbote* twice monthly. One hundred-thirty-nine women's societies receive our materials in the German language as well as in the English language.

SERVE

Student scholarship aid is provided to worthy students in our NAB seminary and CTI. Each school's catalog gives information regarding applica-

tion for it. A new subscription plan for our missionaries includes sending all missionaries on the field our *Baptist Herald*. By sending it air mail to the foreign fields, they are receiving it several months earlier than formerly. "Broadcast" is also being sent to our women foreign missionaries by air mail. They express great appreciation for this.

Women's retreats are proving very effective. Nearly every year, several more conferences or associations are organizing and enjoying the inspiration of these meetings.

This year is the 60th Anniversary of our women's societies uniting into a Woman's Missionary Union. We continue to praise God for what he has permitted us to do in the past, and we look to him for continued guidance.

As we look to the future, we realize that much good forward planning starts from appraisal. Thus in co-operation with our Denominational Advance Planning Committee, an extensive survey was made of our WMU membership. Resulting recommendations were sent to the DAPC for their consideration.

Among many other concerns, we realize that the role of our women is changing rapidly; thus we must program wisely. Our outreach is increasing each year, and so we encourage more of our wonderful church women to join in our worthy efforts. Our gain of a thousand members in the first two years of our triennium indicates that our women are realizing that they need the spiritual enrichment, the fellowship, and the opportunity of service which our WMU affords.

Our dedicated purpose continues. Our work is not to glorify ourselves or the cause with which we are working but to glorify God.

Mrs. Delmar L. Wessler, member of the First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas, has been the president of the national W.M.U. for the past three years.

Campus Ministry - Oregon Area

CAMPUS MINISTRY SERIES NO. 9

by Arthur Brust

Each year thousands of students enter our state educational institutions. Among these approximately one hundred come from N.A.B. churches. They represent homes which have cultivated a "Christian" atmosphere, and they have attended the church periodically. The University gives them an opportunity not only for academic study but also to establish their faith, remain objective to the milieu, and/or rebel to the establishment.

Students soon feel the impersonality of a large educational institution. Recently a student said: "No one ever cares whether you live or die." Thrust into such an environment and attitude, some subject themselves to withdrawal and loneliness, thus creating the tendency for probation and defeat. This seething ferment has roots in the pressure of efficiency, the IBM punch card, and the number system. Hostility and insecurity could be partially arrested if higher education could become more personal, thus developing the goals that would best suit the student's personality.

These young people represent the most important segment of our state. They must be listened to! We must take seriously our ministry of reconciliation to youth. If the Lord Jesus is Lord, he is Lord of the entire personality, mind, body, and spirit. To be this, he must be Lord of the campus. It is our task to listen and help these young people create such a milieu for their generation which speaks of the NOW. A young history student said: "We can't rely on the past to interpret history or religion for the present or future." Thus, we must be realistic—these students face the dilemma and paradox that seems apparent in the practicing irrelevancy of Christianity. They have a right to ask, "How authentic and credible is Christianity?" It is necessary that we search our souls as we provide a reply.

Such are the opportunities and challenges we encounter. These are normal young people with prejudices, doubts, fears, and honest confessions. They are eager to learn and honestly admit their inability to explain their inherent "Christian faith." Should one judge their spiritual depth, we might find it more wholesome and mature than we would care to admit. If there is need for anxiety, it lies within the educational curriculum and approach of the local church and home. We may have given them reason for disillusionment and disappointment. They may have witnessed "contenders for the faith" rather than a "redemptive community."

The students on our campuses have been very receptive to this ministry of "one to one." They have often said, "When will you be back?" My problem has always been time. I have regretted the factor that such a program reaches only a limited number, but I am grateful for these few contacts. It has enriched my personal experience with fellow beings. I view the Chaplaincy as an essential ministry. This method of encounter and communication is not a panacea, but it does give opportunity for counsel and confrontation in the realm of the spiritual and academic. *I believe it is imperative that we reevaluate with an attempt to accelerate this ministry!*

Rev. Arthur Brust, campus chaplain, Oregon area, is pastor of the Riviera Baptist Church, Salem, Oregon.

About the pictures: (upper) Diane Wahl, Trinity Baptist, Portland, at Oregon State University, Corvallis; (center) Helen Paulus, Salem, at Oregon State U.; (lower) Pam Cavaliere, Riviera Baptist, Salem, at Oregon College of Education, Monmouth. All are pictured with Chaplain Brust.



...and go quickly



The Detroit Area Mass Choir with Mr. Wengel, director, at left.

God's Volunteers' Reflections

On a Year of Service



God's Volunteers 1966-67: (standing, l. to r.) Norma Lemke, Larry Mitrovich, Lynn Dudek, Howard Goltz, Helene Mayer, Wayne Heringer, Nancy Norman, Charles Klein, Juanita Neubert; (seated, l. to r.) Director Connie Salios, Arlene Paschke, Gail Neuman, Judy Michelson, Director Edgar Klatt.

Volunteers in morning Bible study (upper right); Charles Klein leading youth sing (center right); Team II in evening church service (lower right).



GOD'S VOLUNTEERS TEAM I

by Larry Mitrovich

WHAT IS full-time service for the Lord like? God's Volunteers Team I would like to tell you how it has influenced their lives.

Wayne Heringer, car custodian and group leader: "FAITH. If I had to choose just one word which would summarize my year on God's Volunteers, the word would be faith. Faith is one thing that I am sure my Christian life was lacking before this year. I still have my ups and downs, but I now finally realize that if I have faith and ask the Lord to lead me, he will at all times lead me in the paths that are pleasing in his sight."

Helen Mayer, secretary: "No, never alone.' Aren't these wonderful words? As a Volunteer, I have really learned to trust and lean on the truth of this promise. Christ prayed alone, suffered alone, and died alone to give us the opportunity to, alone, dedicate ourselves to him. The love and fellowship that we have shared as a team and director has meant a great deal to me. We have known joy and sorrow but with Christ have been victorious. Yet earthly friendships are put aside, and I stand alone with Christ. Christ has led me and upheld me; for without him I can do nothing, but as Paul

writes, 'I can do all things, through Christ, which strengtheneth me.' My prayer is that I shall never try to walk alone, but that always and in all things it shall be 'My God and I.'"

Nita Neubert, statistician: "Now He has won me, I'm His evermore, gladly I'll worship Him love and adore, here on earth's journey to heaven's bright shore, for Calvary conquered my heart.' I found the Lord as my personal Savior when I was five years old. Did it mean anything to me? Yes, this child-like faith was very real to me; because I had the privilege of witnessing to my friends a few years later in high school and then in nursing school. But I felt that I needed more experience in full-time service for the Lord. This year has been a challenging one for me, one of new experiences with many different types of people, and most of all one realization that we have this common bond, our Lord Jesus Christ. It has taught me more patience and dependence upon the Lord. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; lean not unto thine own understanding. And we know that all things work together for good, to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose.'"

Gail Neuman, treasurer: "Out of my life may Jesus shine.' Had it not been for this year, I may never have re-

alized the importance of being an active, and not merely a passive, witness. A witness to Jesus Christ is one who knows him and who is able to communicate this knowledge to others, so they may know him.

I have made a definite dedication to God. He has shown me the need and given me a burden for the lost. It is my highest obligation and highest privilege to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. It is my full duty to put myself and the best I know into God's hands. 'Yielded unto God.' God promises definite guidance, 'In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths.' The Lord has spoken to me through the voice of need and through the counsel of consecrated friends. He has not shown me definitely in which area of full-time service he would have me, but I have full confidence in the wisdom of God. I believe God knows me perfectly, and his plan for me is the wisest possible."

Nancy Norman, music co-ordinator: "Have not I commanded thee; be strong and of a good courage . . . for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.' God has filled this verse with meaning during my year as a Volunteer. Ever since I first heard of the God's Volunteers program, I knew this was an experience

God wanted me to include in my spiritual growth. During this year's campaigns, I've seen people of all types find Christ as Savior or Lord. I've witnessed real, satisfying peace enter the heart of a frustrated teen-ager. Participating in visitation and programs has given me a taste of full-time Christian service. Through working with the team, I've learned to adjust to various personalities and have made six lasting friendships. I've been challenged to greater service for God. 'And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God.'"

Larry Mitrovich, reporter to the *Baptist Herald*: "What doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul.' This verse has meant a lot to me in serving the Lord this year. The year has been filled with many rewarding experiences. Through my life being strengthened, I have grown more in faith and love. God has shown me what he would have my life to be.

But the most rewarding of all was the opportunity to work with children. Telling stories, laughing, and counseling with them has been wonderful. The tears of a girl in North Dakota wanting Christ as her Savior, the words of a boy in Arnprior, Ontario, praying, 'Dear God, please let Your Son, Jesus, come into my heart,' are things that could never be explained, only experienced. Seeing the faith of children has strengthened my life and shown me just how real God can be in one's life.

Christ's presence has been with me all year, and I thank him for my part in the ministry of his work."

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS TEAM II

Judy Michelson, reporter

As another year for God's Volunteers Team II has closed, each one of the team members has counted it a real privilege and opportunity to serve on a team such as this. We owe so much to our director, Rev. Connie Salios, who has challenged our hearts because of his interest in each one of us personally. We pray God will continue to use him, as he directs the new team for 1967-68.

Before splitting up as a team and going to our various homes, we spent two days at our headquarters, Forest Park, Ill., visiting different parts of Chicago and meeting the hard working leaders of our denomination.

It was very hard saying "good-by" to each other after living, working, and playing together for nine months. God has richly blessed each one of us this year, and we pray it will become more effective in years to come.

Arlene Paschke. "In Proverbs 3:6 it says, 'In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.' This has been one of my favorite verses most of my life and also this past year on God's Volunteers. It has been such a tremendous experience

for me that words cannot really describe how much it meant to me. I am so thankful I had the opportunity to serve the Lord in this way. The fellowship with the team members and our director was a blessing to me. Through our many Bible studies and prayer meetings my own Christian life was strengthened.

This is a year I will never forget. It will always be outstanding in my life. I thank the Lord for the wonderful opportunity to witness to others, also, going from church to church and working together with the Christian people was wonderful.

As I look to the future, I am planning to work in the field of stenography. With Christ the center of my life, I know he will lead me on and direct my paths in the right direction."

Howard Goltz. "This year I have enjoyed going to over 22 different churches in our denomination. We were warmly accepted in each church we were in. In challenging people to follow Jesus Christ and to put him in the center of their lives, I have been challenged to also commit my life to him daily. This year has also helped me in my personal devotional life and has challenged me to search the Scriptures. This summer I plan on resuming my studies in biological science at the University of Saskatchewan."

Judy Michelson. "Certainly this past year serving on God's Volunteers has indeed been a great blessing in my life. The spiritual growth through different experiences has been very enriching. I pray that my spiritual growth might continue more and more each day as I seek God through prayer and Bible study. One way I feel this year has been an outstanding boost to my life is learning how to witness to people from different walks of life. After experiencing Christ daily in one's life, it is only the natural thing to share him with others.

It was also a joy to work with the people in the different churches. Their testimonies and willingness to serve the Lord was an inspiration to me.

I am now back in nursing at Colorado State College . . . still planning and hoping to become a nurse."

Lynne Dudek. My year on God's Volunteers can be described by one word—growth. I have grown spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and physically. Spiritually, I have come face to face with what I believe and why I believe it. My convictions have been tested, but the Lord has always been victorious. Jesus Christ has become real to me—so real, that I must tell others about his love. Christ has become my purpose in life. I have grown mentally by reading and through contact with many people and participation in new experiences. Being thrown together with six other people of various experiences and backgrounds has helped me to grow emotionally. I have begun to examine myself as a person, and I am changing according to the type of person that God wants me to become. And, though I

do not like to admit it, I have grown a little physically! I pray that the program of God's Volunteers will continue its effective ministry in personal evangelism.

Norma Lemke. "Working with God's Volunteers has made me realize how easy it would be for me to become complacent, feeling I am spiritually mature, to become self-righteous. Therefore, having it impressed on my mind, that my Christian life is a process and that I must continually strive to be more Christ-like has been most meaningful to me. Living and working with five other young people has helped me to discover many things about myself which I would not have realized had I been in my natural home surroundings. This, combined with the ministry and testimony of Rev. C. Salios, our director, and his constant searching for truth, gave me a glimpse of the long road ahead of me. God has given me a mind which must be filled with thoughts of him, eyes and ears to help me do this, and hands and feet to carry out what he would have me to do. As I enter college this fall, my prayer is that the God's Volunteer theme, "To know Christ and to make Him known," might ever be the theme of my life."

Charlie Klein. "The rush of making train reservations, seeing a little of Chicago and sitting down with Rev. D. Fuchs and Rev. J. Binder to share what we had learned during our year brought one of the greatest nine months of my life thus far to an end. It was a very busy year, but it gave me a feeling of satisfaction to be so busy working with the Lord.

It would be difficult to tell of one certain experience which alone made the year what it was. Leading someone to Christ is a great experience but what meant the most to me is that all of these experiences working together caused me to learn things about myself and to then in turn grow spiritually. I have found that the whole essence of the Christian life is to be continually growing. Growth has helped me to get to know Jesus Christ as my friend and Savior, and the source of this growth has been the Word of God. The more I study the Bible and hide the word in my heart, the easier it is for me to follow Christ in all phases of my life.

To get into the word involves consistency and learning new methods which will become more effective in our lives. On our team this year we carried on our own Bible study and also a Bible study for the churches. We memorized verses and discussed with church members what the Scriptures, were really trying to say to us. I didn't feel the benefits of searching Scripture right away, but after several months on the team I started to notice the Word of God really working in my life. It seems that the more Scripture I put into my mind, the more I trust Jesus Christ. Faith comes by learning and learning by the Word of God. The Bible is really a living book.

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NEWS AND NEEDS

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meeting at the Kellogg Center on the Michigan State University campus, East Lansing, Mich., July 6-8, 1967, for their annual seminar, as reported by Rev. John Binder, Director of Campus Ministry.

NEW FLAGS. At the front of the conference room in the headquarters' building in Forest Park, Ill., have stood the flags of the United States of America and Canada. Recently the flags of the following countries were purchased and now indicate the larger area of work of our NAB mission: Federal Republic of Cameroon, Brazil, and Japan. At a central point stands the Christian flag.

LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE. The Eighth Laymen's Family Conference will be held at the American Baptist Assembly Grounds, Green Lake, Wis., July 6-13, 1968, in the Main Conference Area of the grounds.

SHORT TERM MISSIONARIES. The Board of Missions appointed five short term missionaries to serve a two-year term in Cameroon beginning August, 1967. They are Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hoyt Stair, Cannon Falls, Minn., members of the Randolph Baptist Church, Randolph, Minn.; Miss Carole Ann Hell, Cleveland, Ohio, member of the Snowview Baptist Church; Miss Muriel Marie Radtke, member of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church, Union, New Jersey; Miss Eunice Edinger, Colfax, Wash., member of the First Baptist Church, Colfax; Mr. Clifford H. Schilke, Oak Park, Ill., member of the Forest Park Baptist Church. These "volunteers for Cameroon" will leave about Sept. 1 for their assignments there.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION. The General Council decided that the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, is to become the repository for denominational historical matters, rather than the headquarters office in Forest Park, Ill.

MISSIONARIES RETURNING TO CAMEROON. Miss Ida Forsch, Miss Minnie Kuhn, Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Strauss and new missionaries, Dr. and Mrs. Dieter Lemke, will return to Cameroon following the General Conference, Detroit. Rev. and Mrs. George W. Lang and Rev. and Mrs. Gerhard Schroeder are to return to Cameroon the last week of August, and Miss Berneice Westerman will accompany the new short-term missionaries to Cameroon about Sept. 1.

INDIAN MISSIONS. Our missionaries among the Indians in Canada on the two reservations report an increase in attendance and an increase in interest among the Indian people. Missionary Peter Aaldyk reports that

there is a decline in the Indians' interest in their own native religion, at least on the Bull Indian Reservation. This reservation voted against allowing liquor on the reservation, and this is indeed notable. Missionary David Harrison reported quite a number of decisions for the Lord during a ten day evangelistic crusade with Rev. D. Heringer. As a result there were 11 baptized. Both of these Indian Reservations are located in Alberta, Canada.

ANNUAL AND TRIENNIAL EMPHASIS. In keeping with the hemisphere-wide evangelistic Crusade of the Americas which is being planned for 1969, our denominational emphasis for the next triennium will be that of evangelism. Our over all theme for the entire triennium will be "Our Ministry of Evangelism" with a sub-theme for each annual emphasis.

Our annual emphases for the triennium will be as follows:

1967-68 Cultivative Evangelism, in preparation for the simultaneous Crusade, "Learning to Witness";

1968-69 Commitment Evangelism, or the actual participation in the Crusade of the Americas; and

1968-70 Conservation Evangelism, focusing special effort on conserving the results of the Crusade.

MISSIONARIES ARRIVING FROM CAMEROON FOR FURLOUGHS. Rev. and Mrs. Harold Lang and family to Cleveland, Ohio, July 18; Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd Kwast and family, to Lansing, Mich., July 5; Mr. and Mrs. Roger Dermody to Detroit, Mich., July 23; Miss Ingrid Bergatt to Chicago, Ill., June 19; Miss Patricia Heller is to return in the fall rather than in June as was announced; Mrs. Jerry Fluth and three daughters, Miss Barbara Stroh and Norman Glewwe are to arrive July 19. Dr. Fluth and son will come as soon as his replacement is on the field.

MISSIONARIES FROM JAPAN. Rev. Walter Sukut and children arrived in the U.S.A. from Japan June 18 to join Mrs. Sukut who is under treatment for "sarcoiditis."

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS. Appreciation was expressed to the two churches, First Baptist Church, Steamboat Rock, Iowa, and Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Ill., for replacing both one-wheel trailers for the Volunteers.

BOM AID. Forty-five churches were granted financial aid from the Board of Missions for 1967-68.

CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDERS' GIVING, 1966.

Local Conference	Church Extension Builders
Atlantic	\$ 1,576.00
Central	4,503.99
Dakota	7,123.84
Eastern	1,586.00
Northern	6,063.83
Northwestern	5,174.50
Pacific	7,967.52

Southern	534.00
Southwestern	3,711.79
Total	\$38,241.47

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK, JULY, 1967.

July 2—Miss Daphne Dunger, Cameroon.

July 9—Dr. and Mrs. Jerome Fluth, Cameroon, (preparing for furlough).

July 16—Rev. and Mrs. Fred Moore, Japan, on furlough.

July 23—Miss Gertrude Schatz, Cameroon.

July 30—Rev. and Mrs. George W. Lang, Cameroon, (preparing to return in August).



THE KING'S MEN

The King's Men, a male quartet composed of a North American Baptist Seminary student, Douglas Woyke, Minneapolis, Minn., and three pre-enrolled students, Alan Deboer, Corona, S. D., Helmut Labrentz, Edmonton, Alta., and Gary Vossler, Ashley, N. D., are presenting sacred concerts and engaging in a promotional tour in the eastern area of the denomination during the summer months. Following is a schedule of their concerts and assignments from July 1, 1967, and on:

Friday evening, June 30, Community Baptist Church, Xenia, Ohio.

Sunday morning, July 2, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Friday evening, July 7, Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich.

Sunday morning, July 9, Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

Sunday evening, July 9, German Bethel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

Wednesday evening, July 12, Baptist Mission Church, Chicago, Ill.

July 13-16, N.A.B. General Conference, Detroit, Mich.

Sunday evening, July 16, Fellowship Baptist Chapel, Fraser, Mich.

Thursday evening, July 20, North Sheridan Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill.

Friday evening, July 21, Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa.

Sunday morning, July 23, Cedarloo Baptist Church, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Sunday evening, July 23, Aplington Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa.

Monday evening, July 24, First Baptist Church, Sumner, Iowa.



DR. MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER RESIGNS

After more than thirty years of untiring service for the denomination, Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, for reasons of health, tendered his resignation, which was read at the sessions of the General Council and accepted with deep regret. A later issue of the *Baptist Herald* will feature special tributes from some of his closest associates who worked with him during his very busy and fruitful years in the kingdom of God. He will conclude his ministry on June 30, 1967.

At his request, we are recommending that all personal mail be addressed to Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, 1172 Wenonah Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois 60304.

All correspondence relating to the *Baptist Herald* and promotional material should be addressed to 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois 60130.

The Editorial Committee

● **Mr. Thomas Kramer, a 1967 B.D.** graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. D., has accepted the call of the Church Extension Committee to become the church extension pastor of a new work in Lincoln, Neb., beginning July 1, 1967.

● **Mr. Jesse Hood** became the pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind., June 18. He is a graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary with the B. D. degree.

● **Rev. Albert Richardson** became the pastor of the Odessa Baptist Church, Odessa, Wash., beginning the first part of May, 1967.

● **Rev. Jacob Ehman, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Goodrich, N. D.,** since 1961, has accepted the call to become the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Steamboat Rock, Iowa, effective August 1, 1967.

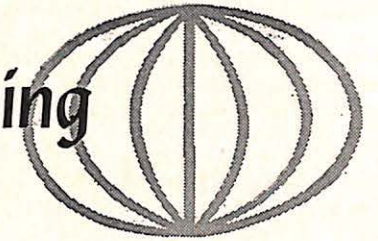
● **Rev. Bernard Fritzke, pastor of the Cedarloo Baptist Church, Cedar Falls, Iowa,** since 1961, has accepted the call of the Bethany Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., effective the latter part of August.

● **Rev. Victor Priebe** received the PhD degree from Drew University on June 27.

● **Harry Johnson, 1967 B.D. graduate** of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. D., has accepted the call to become the pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church, Hunter, Kan.

● **Rev. Henry Barnet, pastor of the Stafford Baptist Church, Wilsonville, Ore.,** since 1961, has accepted the call

what's happening



● **Rev. and Mrs. Richard Hohensee** announce the birth of a son, Gordon Ralph, on May 9, 1967. Mr. Hohensee is the pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta.

● **Miss Sharon Samson** accepted the call to become the Secretary of Christian Education at the Redeemer Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. Previously she served as secretary at the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio. She majored in Christian Education at Buffalo Bible College.

● **Rev. Arnold T. Malmberg** became the pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Hamden, Conn.

● **David Sampf, 1967 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. D.,** with the B. D. degree, has been accepted as a chaplain in the U. S. Air Force. He enters this ministry in mid July.

● **Vern Lemke, has accepted the call of the North Freedom Baptist Church, North Freedom, Wis.** Mr. Lemke, a 1967 B. D. graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. D., is now on the field in Wisconsin.

● **Miss Sara Lou Gunst, Minneapolis, Minn., and Mr. Ernest Kurt Pasiciel, Medicine Hat, Alta.,** were married on June 24, 1967, at the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn. Miss Gunst is a 1967 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary with the M.R.E. degree and served the past two years as a part-time editor of Christian education literature for Roger Williams Press. Mr. Pasiciel is a middler student at the North American Baptist Seminary. Congratulations and best wishes! Miss Gunst is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Gunst.

of the Engelwood Knolls Baptist Church, Inglewood, Calif., to become the pastor beginning in July. He succeeds Rev. Edmund Middlestadt, who is retiring.

● **Rev. Leonard Showalter** has resigned from the position of Director of Christian Education, Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., effective August, 1967.

● **Rev. Herman Pohl** has accepted the call of the First German Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich., effective August 6, 1967. He has served as the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Minitonas, Man., since 1962.

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Religious Education Degree.

Bringing this memorable service to a close the Mass Chorus blended hearts and voices in a challenging rendition of "Onward Christian Soldiers." Though the Bible College education of these young people has come to a close, it is our prayer as a school that their fruitful service to our Lord and our denomination is just beginning. We send them out to our churches with this sacred trust. —J. Walter Goltz

SECRETARIES AND BOOKKEEPERS

From time to time it becomes necessary to fill vacancies that occur in the ranks of general office employees; such as secretaries and bookkeepers, in our headquarters offices in Forest Park, Illinois. At the present time, we are looking for replacements for secretarial positions which must be filled in the near future. Persons interested in securing further information should address their inquiries to:

Rev. Eldon L. Janzen
7308 Madison Street
Forest Park, Illinois 60130

SPEAK UP!

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

RACIAL ISSUE AT FAITH BAPTIST

Dear Dr. Ihrie,
I just finished reading the article on "Racial Prejudice" in the new issue of the *Baptist Herald* and found it very disturbing to say the least.

On April 20, our church, Faith Baptist, Minneapolis, Minn., voted to receive for membership a Negro couple who with their three small children first began to attend our church several months ago. They frankly admitted that Faith was friendlier and made them feel more at home than any other church they had visited.

The church accepted this couple into its membership without any dissenting votes or remarks.

I forgot to mention that this meeting took place before anyone knew anything about the letter printed in your column. Yours truly,
Laurel Quiring

Dr. Ihrie's Comment:

It is good to know that when our churches do confront the reality of race they proceed to act like Christians. Some churches face the matter sooner than others and are privileged to set the pattern and to show the way to all their sister churches. It is hoped that you will not be unduly disturbed by reading variations of opinion in the column. Not all of us arrive at our convictions the easy way. The main thing is to have freedom of expression; so we can communicate with others and learn from such an exchange. Disturbance among Baptists should never come because we meet others who disagree with us, but because fear or insecurity can rob us of our freedom of expression and our fellowship as members one of another. Can the hand say to the foot I have not need of thee?

REPLY TO DAVID WICK IN SPEAK UP

Dear Dr. Ihrie:

Just a few remarks to state what has been done at our church to handle the racial situation. Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is located near Parklawn, a housing project; consequently Negro children have attended our Sunday school, and a number of Negro adults our worship services, for a number of years. Before I became pastor, the church had already agreed that they would receive Negro Christians into membership of the church. Shortly after I became pastor, a colored girl accepted Christ as her Savior, was baptized and united with our church. Others have been made to feel welcome. We do minister to the needs of Negroes who live in our community and attend our church. Our young people held a singspiration in the home of the colored girl

who has joined our church. I had visited in the homes of colored people who attend our Sunday school or church. Last year when one of our faithful members—Miss Marie Baudisch—died, a colored lady donated a cake for a meal served to relatives and friends after the funeral at church. She did this in appreciation of the service Miss Baudisch rendered to her children when they attended S. S. Recently an elderly colored lady who attended our church died. She had considered Bethany her church, and at the request of her family the funeral service was held at our church. The colored undertaker informed me that this was his first service in a white church in the 40 years he has been in business. We furnished the special music; I conducted the service, and a number of our members were present at the service.

We at Bethany feel this is the best way to handle the racial problem.
Walter Schmidt, Pastor

RACIAL PREJUDICE

Dear Dr. Ihrie,

In reading the *Baptist Herald* in the section entitled *Speak Up*, I came across a very good discussion of race prejudice. I am attending Cascade College in Portland and am vitally interested in gaining more information on this subject in relation to our North American Baptist Churches. I am doing a thesis on the subject of race relations, and therefore, was very interested in the attempt made by the C.B.Y.F. LaCrosse Conference on "The Church in Civil Rights." I have detected racial prejudice in the North American Baptist Churches in this area, mainly on the part of the older members. Many of the younger ones have developed a very healthy attitude on the subject and are trying to do all they can to foster better relations between the races. Some of the questions which I am using for interviewing members of Immanuel are the following: (1) What are the reactions of the members of the church to Negroes attending? (2) If they attend, will this cause problems of dating and mixed marriages? (3) Is the church presently engaged in fostering a better relation with Negroes; in what way? (4) Could a Negro ever be considered for office in the church? (5) Would you approve of having a Negro speak on the subject of race relations in your church? Would this foster a better relationship? (6) What about dark African students? (7) What about churches fleeing to the suburbs to get out of a Negro area; is it justified? On what basis? (8) Is there a place for "separate" churches of whites and Negroes, or should they be amalgamated? (9)

Negroes' music is more emotional, not suited to white churches, some have said; therefore Negroes are not wanted; is this a justified reason held by many?

In His Name,
Rev. Ralph Nelson
Cascade College

Dr. Ihrie's Comment:

I would like to thank both Walter Schmidt and Ralph Nelson for their thoughtful expressions. May God bless you, brethren, as you continue to deal with this spiritual challenge.

ON PASTORS' PRAYERS

Dear Dr. Ihrie:

There is much preaching and writing on "prayer," which exercise is essential to the Christian and his relationship and fellowship with God. He wants us to come to him in that way, and it is without doubt he comforts us when we pour out our hearts to him in childlike faith and trust.

The "sample prayer" which the Lord gave to his disciples opens with praise and worship to the Father. This order, as I have repeatedly observed, is not practiced by the clergy in the various denominations.

One is more likely to hear this: "Dear Heavenly Father, we come to Thee this morning to ask. . .," and then when the asking is over, the tone of voice is lowered and weak "thank yous," as an afterthought, are spoken. Why can't it be: "Dear Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for this day and for all Thy blessings. . ." and then ask?

We must admit that there are times when children become impatient by the delay of Daddy's coming, for they want to ask for something, but isn't it usually "Hello Daddy, I am glad you came home" or some other word of welcome?

It seems to me that the latter approach lifts one, and one feels a joy of voice is lowered, and weak "thank and pleasure because he has received and is thankful, then intercedes for others and oneself.

Should my thinking be out of line, I stand to be corrected.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Mrs. Frieda K. Priestley

Dr. Ihrie's Comment:

It's a good thing our Heavenly Father has a deep and loving understanding of each of us, because what you say about our selfishness is true. He probably looks at each of us in the light of our spiritual growth and considers the source when our praying reflects immaturity.

I have always felt that our praying reflects certain levels of Christian experience. The lowest level is self-centered: "Father, help me. . ." The next step up would seem to be a recognition of the relation between our problems and our character, so that we pray "Father, forgive me. . ." The third step always seems to include a concern for others outside ourselves, and takes on the note of intercession: "Father, help him. . ." The highest

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RESOURCE IDEAS FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



WHO IS ON THE TEAM?

by Bruce A. Rich

MEN WERE meeting in committee sessions. Business establishments were being solicited. Contacts were being made with local community agencies and organizations. There was much excitement as the big day arrived. A fire truck, police car, school band, drill team, decorated cars and several hundred excited young boys, accompanied by proud fathers, constituted the parade that announced the opening of the Little League baseball season.

As the season progressed, parents were hurrying through their responsibilities, limiting their usual contacts, all for the purpose of getting Johnny to the ball field to fulfill his obligation to the team.

This devotion and sacrifice by parents on behalf of their children is admirable. But how many parents show this same type of sacrificial concern for the spiritual welfare of their children?

For the church or the home to function at greatest efficiency in the area of spiritual nurture there must be team work.

TEACHERS

A teacher who is working on the team will make every effort to conduct a well-planned class period. He will be trying to guide his students toward maturity in Christ rather than simply teaching lesson number seven because that's what is expected of him next. He will take definite steps to keep the parents of his students informed as to the purpose and plan of study. In doing this, he will want to visit in the home and introduce the course to be studied, communicating what is expected of the student and how the parents can be of assistance. This approach can be very valuable in relation to both the Sunday school curriculum and the Scripture Memory Program.

In lieu of a visit some quarters, a written communication may suffice or, at other times, the teacher may wish to invite the parents for a parent-teacher meeting where they may have a presentation and discussion as a group.

PARENTS

Parents who are actively interested in spiritual welfare of their children will try to provide them with spiritual nurture through their efforts in the home, rather than conveniently shifting all of this responsibility to the church.

Parents ought to provide for family devotions, Christian books and magazines, discussion of spiritual matters, and other means of increasing the Christian education potential of the home and, as a result, that of the church as well.

Parents should make it their concern to know what their children are studying in Sunday school and other church activities. They will find, in the Sunday school materials prepared for the children, letters or instructions addressed to the parents. By following the suggestions, parents can become an effective link in the process of Christian education. Likewise, the Scripture Memory Program, which is

HELPS FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

Both parents and teachers can find help in understanding the Christian education task by reading the departmental handbooks which relate to the curriculum. They are:

Teaching Twos-n-Threes\$1.50
Teaching Fours-n-Fives Successfully\$1.50
Teaching Primaries Successfully\$1.50
Teaching Juniors Successfully\$1.50
Teaching Junior Highs Successfully\$1.50
How To Get Along with Teen-Agers	...\$.50
Teaching Adults Successfully\$1.50

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correlated to the *Roger Williams Press Sunday School Curriculum*, provides for the interested parent to become involved in helping the child learn spiritual truths.

Through these avenues, and the Bible study provided for adults, parents can have an adequate understanding of God's Word and how to become more effective in their part of the Christian education team.

A TEAM

It is time we get serious about our mutual responsibility in providing the proper guidance and environment for the spiritual development of our children and youth.

We can have effective parent-teacher teams in our churches, if both are willing to work together. It's going to call for parents who are interested enough and willing to say, "I want to be more effective in my responsibility for the spiritual growth of my children," and then set about informing themselves of the learning opportunities provided. They will need to be willing to become involved in those areas where they can contribute most to the spiritual development of their children, as well as of themselves.

It's going to require teachers who possess a personal concern for individuals within their class; a concern that is going to keep them in contact with the home in a sincere effort to communicate the message of the gospel effectively. It might well include involving parents in various activities carried on by the class or group, such as trips, picnics, socials, or service within the community, in an effort to establish better relationships and understanding.

To strengthen the basis for this team relationship, the Board of Christian Education ought to plan and provide meaningful, practical, and situational studies in the adult curriculum. This may be accomplished by reviewing the elective study courses available and preparing a long-range plan of study which will include selected electives, in addition to the Uniform Lesson Series. Introducing such electives as "The Christian Home," or the series on "Discovering Life's Problems," and inviting adults to choose the course of their interest at the time it is offered will begin to create within parents a greater interest in the church's program of education. Additional new electives will be recommended by the Department of Christian Education for this fall.

Increased interest may stimulate parents to make the home environment become a more vital factor in the Christian growth of their children. Through such studies as these, they will become more conscious of their responsibility as parents and as a part of the Christian education team.

Teachers, parents, members of the Board of Christian Education—are you a part of the team?

Rev. Bruce A. Rich is the Director of Children's Work, NABGC.



sunday school lessons

B. C. SCHREIBER

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: July 9, 1967

Theme: **MEN WITH GOOD NEWS**

Scripture: Acts 14:8-18

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT. Everywhere they went, and under the worst conditions, Paul and Barnabas always left some evidence of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

INTRODUCTION. It is sometimes difficult to imagine the trials and difficulties Paul and Barnabas endured up nicely every Sunday and go to worship services in beautiful sanctuaries with all the freedom and protection at our disposal. The pastor stands on the platform assured that no one will arrest him; no one will heckle him or make an unusual disturbance; no one will begin to throw stones at him or try to chase him out of the city or try to kill him.

We forget that this freedom was bought at a great price. Through the centuries men have been willing to suffer and die, to endure prison and hardship, before we were given the privilege of worshipping God according to the dictates of our conscience. Paul and Barnabas had to flee from Antioch, but when they came to Iconium they were in danger of being stoned; therefore they had to flee again. But throughout all their experiences, they were filled with joy and with the Holy Ghost.

I. THE POWER OF GOD IN THE LIFE OF ONE MAN. Acts 14:8-10.

For the first time in their missionary itinerary, Paul and Barnabas had an almost total pagan environment. They found it difficult to begin, because so far they always had a synagogue at their disposal. Paul, however, was a very observant man. He did not merely speak to people; he also looked at them. Like Jesus, he always seemed to see someone in need; he went about doing good. In this particular instance, he noticed a certain man who listened very intently, a cripple who never walked.

The man who is filled with the Spirit can make decisions more easily and act upon them more quickly. Without losing another second, Paul, in a loud voice, commanded him to stand upright upon his feet. Peter's experience was similar in Jerusalem, and it led to the salvation of thousands of souls. Paul and Barnabas were not quite as fortunate.

II. A MISINTERPRETED RESPONSE. Acts 14:11-13.

Such a miracle was immediately associated with Greek paganism and religion. Peter's healing of the cripple aroused the anger of the Sanhedrin,

while Paul's healing of the cripple aroused people to worship him. Barnabas was a man of imposing stature and quiet power. He was called Jupiter, the sky god. Paul did the talking and was called Mercury, spokesman for the gods. The sacrifices which were being prepared on that day would have been the beginning of a great religious festival.

III. PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH Acts 14:14-18.

Perhaps anyone else would have been happy to receive such honor and glory, but to Paul and Barnabas it was sacrilegious. The first thing Paul did was to identify themselves as human beings who were no different than they were. They had the same passions, and they ate, drank and had need of the things which are necessary to human life and existence.

Notice that Paul did not preach Christ, his death and resurrection. He had to begin with the milk of the word and not with meat. Finally, after much persuasion, the people were restrained, although very reluctantly.

Questions for Discussion

1. How would you go about explaining the existence of God to people who do not believe in one?
2. What forms of paganism do we have at the present time?
3. Are there instances in your life when it would be easier to make some kind of sacrifice rather than to obey God?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: July 16, 1967

Theme: **GOD MAKES NO DISTINCTIONS**

Scripture: Acts 15:1-11

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT. Old religious customs are often a detriment to a vital, living faith in Jesus Christ.

INTRODUCTION. So far the Book of Acts has given us some interesting details about the difficulties and trials of the early church in the area of witnessing. In spite of the harassment of persecution, the church grew and multiplied. We are reminded of what was said of the children of Israel when they were in bondage in Egypt: "The more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew" (Exodus 1:12). Luke has also given us a picture of the obstacles and difficulties of the missionary work of Paul and Barnabas. Here, too, we see a growing church in spite of the Jews' strong and violent opposition to the gospel. At Lystra they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead. It is a strange phenomena that the church seldom grows strong in its spiritual life when it is "at ease in Zion," even though they seem to show

numerical growth.

Today's lesson suddenly takes a different turn. The early Christians began to realize that all the trouble does not come from outside the church. There are difficulties, problems and disagreements which must be faced. Only when they are brought out in the open where they can be discussed and prayerfully evaluated in the light of the Holy Spirit can they be settled.

I. PROBLEMS IN THE EARLY CHURCH. Acts 15:1.

All of us know how difficult it is to give up old ways, old habits and old beliefs. The newly born person does not become a saint overnight. He needs a lot of polishing, adjusting and changing. He is in the process of becoming a son of God.

Certain men in Judea wanted to keep the old and the new and force others into the same mold. They put on the Lord Jesus Christ, but they did not want to put off Moses. Requirements for church membership for Gentiles was a little too lax according to their way of thinking. Actually they felt that the Gentiles should become Jews before they can become Christians.

II. FACING THE PROBLEM. Acts 15:2-5.

This was a very important meeting, and it was necessary to have the best representation possible. The spirit and unity of all the churches was at stake. Since Paul and Barnabas were largely responsible for the conversion of many Gentiles, they would be in a better position to speak in their defense. They wanted to prevent a double standard—Judaism and Christ. However, they had a great deal to report in favor of the Gentiles.

III. SOLVING THE PROBLEM. Acts 15:6-11.

Peter also had some outstanding experiences, and he was not afraid to give testimony to them. He was bold enough to speak and remind his Jewish friends that they tried to put a yoke on the Gentiles "which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear." This was the deciding argument. Life was to be freer and casier, not harder and more confined. Instead of insisting that the Gentiles be saved in a way which the Jews wanted to prescribe, Jewish believers must be willing to be saved exactly as the Gentiles—by grace through faith.

Questions for Discussion

- (1) How do our problems differ from those of the early church? Is it easy to please people who come from different backgrounds?
- (2) Does your church proclaim the gospel to all people and accept them as members?
- (3) How can we be sure that our convictions are free from selfish interests?

OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

anniversaries



MR. AND MRS. LESTER ELLIOTT MARK 50th ANNIVERSARY

December was a happy month for Mr. and Mrs. Lester Elliott of North Highlands Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas. They not only had a wonderful holiday season but also marked the joyous occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary on December 28, 1966. Open house for 90 guests was held December 18, at which time the Elliotts were presented with a beautiful lamp from the church congregation.

The Elliotts were married in Dallas on December 18, 1916. Mr. Elliott was a farmer and an employee of the John E. Mitchell Company in the Dallas area until his retirement in 1965. Both have been active and faithful Christian witnesses in the church program. Mrs. Elliott is one of the "longtime" members; as she has been a part of the church for 65 years.

The Elliotts have one daughter, Mrs. Florence Downen, of Denver, Colorado. (Mrs. James Westgate, Reporter.)



MR. AND MRS. TED NEHER HONORED ON FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On March 5, 1967, the Brentview Baptist Church, Calgary, Alta., held open house at the church in honor of the Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Neher.

A long time friend of the Neher's, Mr. Ted Neher, presented a silver tray service and linen table cloth to them from the members of the church.

All of their children—Ida, Calgary;

Mrs. Carl (Irene) Mayer of Burbank, Calif.; Mrs. Fred (Vi) Burling of Glendale, Calif.; and Mrs. Reg. (Darlene) Martin of Calgary—were in attendance for this happy occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Neher were united in marriage on Feb. 4, 1917, at the Freudenthal Baptist Church near Carbon, Alta., where they farmed until 1942. They are charter members of the Brentview Baptist Church. (Phyllis Forsch, Reporter.)

baptism — evangelism



Rev. C. T. Remple (at right) with persons he recently baptized at the Temple Baptist Church, Calgary, Alta.

CALGARY, ALTA., TEMPLE. A very impressive Sunday evening baptismal service was held March 26 when our pastor, Rev. C. T. Remple, baptized 13 souls, most of whom were young people. After a dedication prayer, the hand of fellowship was extended to these candidates.

On Sunday evening, April 2, our church choir inspired many friends and members with an Easter cantata directed by Horst Steinhilber.

"With trumpets and sound of coronet make a joyful noise before the Lord, the King" (Psalms 98:6). This we witnessed on April 30, when our church band, directed by Mr. Konrad Giebelhaus, rendered a most blessed musical program; vocal and other musical selections made this a wonderful program.

The offering the band receives on this program and others is sent away to help three African students receive an education for the field of ministry. We are very thankful for the many

talents and blessings we have received in the past. May God continue to bless us and make our church a wonderful place to worship. (Mrs. Irene Wirzba, Reporter.)



Recently baptized at the Andrews Street Baptist Church, Rochester, N. Y., are (l. to r.) Karin Mischke, Peggy Neuman, Monica Pareigat, Ursela Mischke, Patty Schreiber, Daniel Schmidt, Frank and Werner Mischke. Rev. Wilmer Quiring is the pastor.

CARBON, ALTA. On Sunday morning, May 7, a joint baptismal service was held in the Carbon Baptist Church together with the Zion Baptist Church of Drumheller, Alta. Two young people of Zion Baptist were baptized on confession of their faith by their pastor, Rev. Fred H. Ohlmann, after which Rev. Bert C. Milner, pastor of Carbon, had the great privilege of baptizing his two oldest sons, Theodor and Philip, who also expressed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Both pastors participated in the opening service with Mr. Milner bringing the message, "What Does Your Baptism Mean to You?" Music was supplied by the Carbon choir and a ladies' duet from Zion.

Prior to the communion service held at the close of this occasion, the hand of fellowship was extended to the two young people of Zion by their pastor, and one of the deacons of the Carbon church, Mr. Richard Harsch, extended the hand of fellowship to the Milner boys and welcomed them into the church's fellowship. Our prayer is that these young people may find much joy in serving our Lord. (David Gieck, Secretary.)

ROCHESTER, N. Y., ANDREWS STREET. On Palm Sunday, March 19, our church received into its membership eight new members. Upon confession of faith, Werner, Frank, Karin,



Among the many blessings of the past months, Brentview Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta, has had two membership Sundays. On January 29, 1967, fifteen members were accepted into the church, eight through baptism and seven by the expression of faith. On March 26, 1967, five more members publicly expressed their faith in the Lord and were accepted into our fellowship. Rev. Rubin Herrmann is pictured at far left.

and Ursela Mischke, Monica Pareigat, Patty Schreiber, Peggy Neuman, and Daniel Schmidt were baptized by Rev. Wilmer Quiring. Before each of the children was baptized, several Saturdays were spent learning what this important step means. We rejoice with these eight and pray that they will continue in the Way of the Lord. (Diane Quiring, Reporter.)



Recently baptized at the First Baptist Church, Goodrich, N. D., (l. to r., back row) Ray Hinsch, Mrs. Wm. Mauch, Mrs. E. Loomis, Mrs. Roger Stroble, Mr. Roger Stroble, and Rev. J. Ehman, pastor; (front row) Charlie Stober, Myrma Schmidt, Gary, Merle and Glen Hoots.

GOODRICH, N. D. The members and friends of the First Baptist Church, Goodrich, N. D., gathered at the McClusky Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, April 30, to witness an impressive baptismal service.

The pastor, Rev. Jacob Ehman, spoke words of encouragement to the new converts. Upon confession of their faith, five adults and five young people were baptized.

The following Sunday, May 7, during the morning worship service, the new converts by the pastor. (Mrs. Albert Schmidt, Reporter.)



Persons recently baptized at the Herreid Baptist Church, South Dakota, by the pastor, Rev. Iver Walker (at left).

HERREID, S. D. The past year has been a good and blessed one for our Baptist Church at Herreid, S. D. Many activities of spiritual uplifting and encouragement were ours. Souls were saved during our evangelistic campaign in November with Rev. Herbert Vetter of Missoula, Mont., as our speaker. His messages proved to be a blessing to young and old alike. He was also with us during our Harvest and Mission festival.

Other events of interest and inspiration were the S. S. workers' instruction class, Bible school activities, Scripture memory work, Youth for Christ, Jet Cadets, and many other special meetings.

Watch Night services were conduct-

ed and observed, at which time 14 people were baptized and added to the church. One was added by letter.

We are indeed thankful for the dedicated lives of our Pastor Iver Walker and his family. To God be the glory. (Mrs. E. A. Bischke, Reporter.)

MEDICINE HAT, ALTA., TEMPLE. Sunday, April 2, was a blessed evening, for members and friends of the Temple Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alta., when five young people followed the Lord in baptism. At the communion service following the baptism, seven other people and the baptismal candidates were received into the church membership by our pastor, Rev. H. Schumacher.

On April 30 the Ladies' Mission Circle presented their annual program. President Ruth Friesen led the choir. All the ladies took part in the choir. A playlet, "American Beauty," portrayed the idea that God needs us while we are young and in the beauty of life to work for him; as the roses fade so do our lives. Missionary Ida Forsch was the guest speaker.

On May 14, the Homemakers group presented a Mother's Day program with a play, "Through the Valley of the Shadow of Death," directed by Mrs. H. Schumacher. Our church and the Homemakers' Group have been helping along in a special project for the church extension work in Creston, B. C. May God bless the work there, too. (Mrs. Gertrude Grose, Reporter.)

baptist men

BISON, KANSAS. The Men's Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church, Bison, Kansas, entertained the Fathers and Sons Banquet May 5, 1967, at the church at 6:30, with a chicken supper with 50 in attendance. The program included the following: master of ceremonies, Robert Hanhardt; welcome, Arthur Witt; Scripture, Ron Hanhardt; prayer, Arel Rodgers; reading, Paul Oster; men's quartet; secretary's report, Ben Scheideman; reading, Kenneth Hanhardt; message, Rev. Melvin Fager; song, "Blest Be the Tie"; closing prayer, Rev. E. Oster, pastor. (Mrs. Edward Sell, Reporter.)

christian education activities

MORRIS, MAN. The Homebuilders Group, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Morris, Man., meets every second Tuesday of the month, in homes, wherever invited. Our average attendance is 18; we hope to encourage others to attend and so increase our group. At the present time we are studying the course, "My Account With God" by Rev. Frank Veninga. Under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. Henry Pfeifer, this course is proving a great challenge to the group. Our "home" projects for this year are a neck microphone for

the pastor, which is already in use, an outside bulletin board for the church, plus two street signs located on Main Street showing the location of the Church in Morris, for the benefit of visitors. We have set a goal of \$150.00 as our mission objective. Part of this amount will go to our new field in Brazil; the other portion will be designated at a later date. (Mrs. E. Bergstresser, Reporter.)

conferences

EASTERN CONFERENCE W.M.U. On Friday evening, May 5, the one hundred and sixteenth meeting of the Eastern Conference was held at the Bethel Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York.

The meeting was opened by congregational singing led by Mrs. John Herr. Rev. William E. Christensen, host pastor, read Scripture. The invocation was given by Mrs. Jothan Benke. Words of welcome were given by our retiring president, Mrs. Arthur Harrison. Special music was provided by the host church.

After a Memorial Service for those who passed on during the year was conducted by Mrs. Marion Kern for the women and Mr. Merle Gibbens for the men, new pastors and wives were welcomed into the conference by Rev. Wilmer Quiring, conference moderator. Inspiring greetings were brought to us by Mrs. Delmar Wessler, National President, W.M.U.

After an enlightening message on our Japan Mission Field brought by our missionary, Rev. Edwin Kern, the meeting was closed with a hymn and the benediction was given by the Rev. Rubin Kern.

On Saturday morning, Mrs. Harrison presided at our annual business meeting. Mrs. Wessler gave us a talk which included accomplishments of our W.M.U. This encouraged us to do more for our Lord through prayer and white cross work. We surely were blessed to have her in our midst. Mrs. Fred Mashner, Erie, Pa., was elected our new president. (Mrs. H. H. Brickell, Reporter.)

NORTHERN CONFERENCE W.M.U. The annual luncheon and business meeting of the Women's Missionary Union of the Northern Conference took place on April 14, 1967, at McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta. There were 200 ladies representing 43 societies in attendance, with Mrs. D. Buyer, president, in charge.

Mrs. D. Harrison, missionary from the Indian Reserve at Hobbema, Alta., gave an inspiring message on the theme, ". . . acceptable unto God."

The trophy for an outstanding project undertaken by the societies was inaugurated, and the presentation was made by past president, Mrs. F. Pahl of Edmonton. The W.M.S. of the First Baptist Church, Leduc, was the recipient of the initial award.

Several special numbers were rendered, including vocal solos by Mrs.

Gartman, Winnipeg, Mrs. C. Auch, Fenwood, Sask., and a trio from the First Baptist Church, Leduc.

The officers for the coming year are Mrs. D. Buyer, Carbon, Alta., president; Mrs. D. Richter, Winnipeg, Man., vice president; Mrs. M. R. Nornberg, Nokomis, Sask., secretary-treasurer; Mrs. M. Schultz, Millet, Alta., assistant secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Edith Breikreuz, Springside, Sask., white cross chairwoman.

The N. C. W.M.U. was in charge of the evening service on April 14 with Mrs. D. Buyer presiding. The W. M. S. of the Wiesenthal Baptist Church, Alta., presented a play entitled, "I Love to Tell the Story." Rev. W. Sturhahn led in a prayer of dedication for the officers of the N. C. W.M.U., and Rev. D. Draewell challenged our hearts by his message, "Acceptable unto God in Consistent Living."

This year we will again support financially the National W.M.U. project; the University Scholarship Plan for Baptist Cameroonians in the U. S.; and again sponsor two \$25 scholarships to deserving students at the Christian Training Institute. (Mrs. M. R. Nornberg, Reporter.)

PORTLAND, ORE., IMMANUEL. The Baptist Women of the Oregon Association held their Spring Rally at the Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas, Oregon, Friday evening, April 21. Churches participating were Bethany, Glencullen, Immanuel, Southwood Park, Stafford, and Trinity from the Portland area, and Riviera in Salem and the host church in Dallas; each church participated in the program.

During the dinner, the ladies from Salt Creek Church presented very enjoyable entertainment featuring "Spring Hats."

Following the business meeting, the program included Pat Moore, our missionary from Japan, home on short furlough, who spoke to us on being thankful for answered prayer requests. (Hazel Brenneke, Secretary.)

missionary emphasis

BILLINGS, MONT. The first Round Robin Missionary Conference with the churches at Billings, Plevna and Sidney, Montana, was held April 19-23 with many blessings and marked success.

This was the first missionary conference in our church at Billings. Three missionaries from West Africa—Miss Berneice Westerman, Mr. W. Norman Haupt and Rev. Elmer C. Strauss—presented their respective fields. Rev. Raymond Harsch, pastor of a church extension project, the Sherwood Park Baptist Church, Greeley, Colorado, presented the blessings of church extension. The messages, slides and question and answer period presented the work in a vivid and challenging manner.

The meetings were well attended. A mission offering was received at each

meeting and channeled through the treasuries of the churches and organizations. People of the organizations participated in the meetings. The importance of giving to church extension and missions was felt by all.

Refreshments were served following each meeting which gave the people an opportunity for fellowship and a chance to talk with the missionaries. This was rewarding. We are thankful to the Lord for such faithful and devoted missionaries and pastors. Our pastor, Rev. Richard Grenz, presided at all the meetings. (Mrs. Ray Kapptie, Rep.)

seasonal programs

CALGARY, ALTA., BRENTVIEW. On Palm Sunday, March 19, 1967, in the evening, the Brentview Baptist Church, Calgary, Alta., presented a musical and mission program, at which Mr. Wayne Kauffeldt presided. Excellent musical talent was deeply enjoyed. Numbers by various duets, solos, quartets and choirs were presented. Following this, Miss Eva Burton of the Wycliffe Bible Translators showed some colored slides on her work in Vietnam. Rev. Ruben Herrmann then presented his resignation which is to become effective June 26, 1967. (Phyllis Forsch, Reporter.)

MORRIS, MAN. Mother's Day was observed at both services of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Morris, Man., on May 14. As each mother arrived, she was presented with a carnation by members of our CBYF. The sanctuary was made beautiful with two potted plants and two bouquets of chrysanthemums presented by the Homebuilders' Group for the occasion. All mothers were given a booklet.

The evening service was dedicated to "Motherhood" with special musical selections, readings and poems. The oldest mother, Mrs. Eva Zilkie (82), was given a German New Testament. The youngest mother, Mrs. Eleanore Keck (23), accepted a copy of "The Bible in Pictures." A large Bible was presented to Mrs. Hattie Paschke for having the most children present, seven of her eight children attended the service. (Mrs. E. Bergstresser, Reporter.)

special programs

ABERDEEN, S. D. On Sunday evening, April 9, the Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, S. D., was blessed in a marvelous way. A group of college students who attend our church quite regularly, about 30 in number, presented us with a special program which consisted of special music, several talks of their own experiences in life, and personal testimonies of which some were real soul-stirring.

On Sunday morning, April 16, we had another special occasion, for we were happy to have Dr. J. C. Gunst with us for the dedication of Rev. and Mrs. John F. Thielenhaus' baby boy, Douglas Jon.

Sunday evening, April 16, a group of students from the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, were with us and presented a playlet, "The Unfinished Church." The Lord has blessed us in such a marvelous way that we must say he is greatly to be praised. (Willard Tesky, Clerk.)

EBENEZER, SASK. As a church, we have much to thank and praise the Lord for. A day, long to be remembered, was May 7. It was at the morning worship service that the new hymn books, *Church Service Hymns*, were dedicated. The pastor, Rev. Norman Taylor, conducted the service with the congregation responding. These books were a gift to the church by the Gurel Family in memory of their brother, the late Richard Gurel, who passed away last November. We, as a church express our appreciation to the family for this favor. As the books are being used to sing his praises, we know the Lord will reward them accordingly. (Mrs. Paul Dreger, Reporter.)

GEORGE, IOWA, CENTRAL. The spring season has been helpful and inspiring for members of Central Baptist, George, Iowa, as Rev. Harold Drenth, our pastor, has directed the many activities of our church in a commendable manner. Our church entertained the Northwestern Pastors' Conference in February. The spiritual messages by our pastor leading up to and including Easter were challenging.

All elections were held in a spirit of cooperation, and the new fiscal year began with enthusiastic participation by all.

The Missionary Guild met in a Mother-Daughter Guest Night on May 2 with the theme, "Patterns for Living," being carried out in the table settings, the favors, and throughout the program. Our president, Mrs. Drenth, made comparisons between the patterns for everyday living to the spiritual patterns of our life. Several musical selections were given, and an inspiring message on "Love, As Needed on the Mission Field," was given by an African missionary who has been on the field for 26 years, Mrs. Lois Veenker. There were 40 ladies present.

All the groups at Central Baptist, are actively carrying on under the guidance of our dear pastor who speaks to a full house on most Sunday mornings and to a good attendance on Sunday evenings. Our mid-week Bible study, testimony and prayer sessions are also a source of soul-searching and praise. (Mrs. Harvey Schmidt, Rep.)

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level of maturity seems to be that of such total surrender that we include all these other things but have as our foremost desire the idea of truly magnifying him and desiring his Will done: "Father, not my will but thine be done. . . ." I'm not sure we really do much honest praising until we reach the top level, but I am grateful that God hears even the feeble cry of a spiritual infant.

women's missionary societies

ASHLEY, N. D. The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Ashley Baptist Church of Ashley, N. D., presented a Mother's Day program Sunday evening, May 7, 1967. Several readings were given. Also a solo, a duet and two numbers were sung by the Society. Mrs. Daniel Heringer of Lehr, N. D., was guest speaker. She thrilled our hearts with a challenging message on the home and family based on Psalms 127 and Proverbs 22:6. As a token of appreciation she was presented with a gift and a corsage. At the close of the service, everyone was invited to partake of refreshments served in the social hall of the church. (Mrs. Carl Fischer, WMS Sec.)

BISON, KANSAS. The W.M.S. of the First Baptist Church, Bison, Kansas, entertained the Mothers and Daughters Banquet, May 3, 1967, at the church at a 6 o'clock supper. Forty-five were in attendance. The program consisted of table grace, Bertha Sell; welcome, President Lydia Hanhardt; toast to mothers, Rhonda Gfeller; group singing; roll call, favorite women of the Bible; devotions, Deloras and Debra Hanhardt; minutes of last meeting, Betty Oster; special music, Ruth Witt and Joan Niedenthal; special music, Debra Hanhardt; "Busy at the Sink," Betty Oster; talks by Carolyn Rodger; closing song, "My Mother's Prayer"; benediction, Leona Hanhardt. (Mrs. Edward Sell, Reporter.)

GLADWIN, MICH. The Women's Mission Circle of the Round Lake Baptist Church, Gladwin, Mich., presented its annual program on May 7 with Harriett Schindler and Ada Schultz in charge. Eleanor Wolfe gave the charge to the new officers of the Women's Mission Circle, and Rev. Norman Berkan gave the dedicatory prayer.

The program theme was, "The Added Touch," and by means of visual aids, reports, poem and songs, we were again reminded how the Lord had led and blessed the Women's Mission Circle in the work of the past year. With a greater realization on the part of every member, "The Added Touch," with all sincerity and prayer could make it a crowning year for our women's group in 1967.

Mrs. Jacob Landenberger favored us with a solo on her auto-harp, "Teach Me to Pray, Lord." Mrs. Nettie Steinkraus sang a solo in the German language. The offering amounted to \$36. The closing group song by the ladies was "The Fields Are Ripe" to the tune of "How Great Thou Art," with Augusta Will leading in prayer.

A mother and daughter banquet was given on Friday night, May 5, at the church, followed by a program with Mildred Rumminger in charge. (Miss Augusta Will, Reporter.)



Sixteen ladies of the Central Baptist Church, George, Iowa, represented the largest group present at the Spring Tea of the Seminary Auxiliary at the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. D. in April.

SACRAMENTO, CALIF., WILLOW RANCHO. On Friday evening, May 12, the W.M.S. held its annual Mother-Daughter Banquet at the church, with an attendance of 130. The decorations were cleverly made, large, colorful flowers, beautiful foot high dolls, and tiny flower pots made of spools for each individual. A gift was given to the oldest mother present and the mother with the youngest child. The dinner, prepared by the ladies of the Elk Grove W.M.S., was delicious. Our new president, Mrs. Wil Rueb, was the MC. The devotions were given by Mrs. Louis Johnson. A fashion show called "Sew and Show" was presented under the direction of Mrs. Vernon Jungkeit. Describing the colorful spring fashions were Mrs. Bill Oliver and Miss Kathy Kirk. There were several enjoyable musical numbers. From ages two to 71, we all enjoyed the wonderful evening. (Mrs. Grady Epps, Reporter.)

WATERTOWN, WIS. The guest speaker at the anniversary program of the Women's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., was Miss Rosemarie Hackmann who served as a volunteer missionary nurse in the leper colony at New Hope Settlement in Cameroon, Africa, for a period of two years. Her informative talk and the slides shown revealed the sacrificial work being done to help those suffering with the dreaded disease of leprosy and to lead them to Christ.

The president, Mrs. Arnold Krause, presided at the service, and Mrs. Paul Meister introduced the speaker. The fitting duet, "Only One Life to Offer," was sung by Mrs. Paul Meister and Mrs. Glenn Rabenhorst.

Refreshments and a time of fellowship followed the program. (Mrs. J. J. Abel, Reporter.)

youth activities

ARNPRIOR, ONT. The week of April 6-9 was the scene of much activity at the First Baptist Church, Arnprior, Ontario.

A youth rally was held with representatives from Neustadt, Burlington and Killaloe.

The Arnprior Church youth executive committee had a very active program, prepared for the occasion. Delegates to this rally arrived April 6 and were assigned accommodations for their stay.

On April 7 at 9:00 A.M., the Neustadt representatives were in charge of a short devotional period, after which the youth took a tour of the Gillies Lumber Company, subsidiary of Consolidated Paper, one of the most modern and largest lumbering mills in Eastern Canada. In the afternoon, a tour was made of Kenwood Mills Ltd., the home of the famous Kenwood blanket. The evening was spent at the sugar bush of Hector Scheel's, father of Gerald Scheel, president of the Arnprior Group. The devotional period was led by representatives of the Killaloe Church, after which a wiener roast was enjoyed.

On April 8 at 9:30 A.M., the delegates assembled at the church and viewed a motion picture entitled, "The Moral Choice" with an open discussion following. Everyone was challenged in regard to his or her moral choices. At the conclusion of this discussion, a short choir practice was held in preparation for the Sunday morning worship service.

The afternoon was spent at the St. John's Chrysostom Parish Hall where the delegates participated in volleyball and basketball.

A banquet was held at 6:30 P.M. in the church basement. Guest speaker was Mr. Norman Frieday, administrator, Arnprior and District Memorial Hospital, and a member of the First Baptist Church. Mr. Frieday spoke of the "New Morality and the New Freedom."

On Sunday the delegates met in one class during the Sunday school hour, and Mr. Ken Holbein, deacon, Arnprior Church, was the teacher. Various delegates participated in the morning worship service: Myron Hunsicker, Jack Hammer, and Ingrid Dekoter, who discussed the new extension work, Burlington, Ont. The choir, composed of the delegates, sang "Wonderful Grace of Jesus."

The rally ended at noon, and the consensus of opinion was that it had been one of the best rallies held so far in this district, with Christian fellowship and spiritual blessing as highlights. (Mrs. Elsie Frieday, Reporter.)

BEULAH, N. D. On March 28, the young people of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Beulah, N. D., invited the young people of the Church of God, Beulah, for an Easter Sunrise service at 7 A. M. Their meeting began with an inspirational message, "The Risen Christ," by Perry Karges and several musical numbers: a trio by Vicki Ost, Angie and Karen Ewert and a solo by Marshall Karges accompanied on the piano by Dawn Karges. They all gathered in the church basement for a time of fellowship and breakfast. (Mrs. Gilbert Ost, Reporter.)

CALGARY, ALTA., BRENTVIEW. The Brentview C.B.Y.F. has been very active this past winter in that the group has taken charge of the opening of one Sunday evening service a month. Programs have been presented at the Brentwood Nursing Home one Sunday afternoon a month. This has

given the youth an opportunity to use their talents in Christian service. The president of the C.B.Y.F. for the past year is Mr. Wally Fus, former 1965-66 God's Volunteer.

At present the young people are actively engaged in presenting a musical program at various churches in Alberta.

On April 25, 1967, the C.B.Y.F., along with the Teen Group, had a discussion on "Christian Views on Dating." A large group of youth were present for this. (Phyllis Forsch, Reporter.)

DICKINSON COUNTY, KAN. The God's Volunteers Team II came to our church from Beatrice, Neb., where they had been serving and spent Saturday evening, April 15, with us. They had supper with our youth group at the home of the sponsors. Here our young people learned to know them and enjoyed hearing about their trips to Canada and other places.

The Volunteers presented a special service to approximately 200 Kansas youth, sponsors, pastors, parents and friends. Those present, aside from our own church, were from Bison, Durham, Ebenezer, Ellinwood, Hoisington, Junction City, Marion, Strassburg, Vesper and the Hope area. The service consisted of congregational singing, varied special music and testimonies by the team members, and a brief challenge from their director, Rev. Connie Salios, who reminded us that we must discipline ourselves. A time of fellowship concluded the evening. Refreshments were served by the Junior and Senior CBY: Cindy Anderson; Carol, Mary Ann, Wanda and Greg Jacobson; Von Rhodes; Christine, Geraldine and Sharon Sandow; Pam Wolf; David Ihde; and Charles Piper. (Mrs. C. A. Piper, Reporter.)

MILWAUKEE, WIS., BETHANY. On Saturday evening, April 22, 1967, the young people of Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., gave a surprise Going-Away Party for George Schroeder, who entered the Service. The young people invited other friends to attend his party. Games were played, and refreshments were served. We pray that God will bless him and keep him from any harm while he is serving his Country. (Barbara Meier, Reporter.)

TYNDALL, S. D. The Tyndall Baptist CBYF hosted a May banquet at the church, May 6. The theme, "Onward Ever, Backward Never," was carried out in program booklets that were prepared for approximately 50 guests including the Danzig CBYF and their sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Berndt and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wormsbecker.

Konrad Finck, local president and master of ceremonies, extended a welcome, and Rev. David Zimmerman had devotions. Following the dinner, Karon Rueb led group singing, and Jerry and Konrad Finck presented an instrumental number.

Miss Joyce Finck presented the program which included slides and a com-

Obituary

MRS. ANNA LOUISE WENDELBURG,
of Stafford, Kansas

Anna Louise Wendelburg was born near Ellinwood, Kansas, November 22, 1895. Her parents were Albert and Augusta Moeckel. She departed this life at Stafford, Kansas, April 15, 1967, at the age of 71 years. Of her immediate family she was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Helen, and a brother, Karl.

At an early age she moved with her family to Reno County, Kansas. She was married to Henry Wendelburg, April 15, 1915. They resided on their farm north of Stafford until the present time. To this union were born six children: Edwin of Tribune, Kansas; Norma of Rochester, New York; Annabelle (Mrs. Wilbur Zeigler) of Walterboro, South Carolina; Betty (Mrs. Jerome Minnick) of Ottawa, Kansas; and Albert and Robert of Stafford.

Beside her husband and six children, she is survived by two brothers, Herman and Ben Moeckel, and her sister, Mrs. Rosa Hornbaker, eleven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Wendelburg was a devoted and faithful member of her church. She was also a leader and member of various community organizations and clubs. Her dedication to her family and church, and her generosity

mentary on her trip to Washington, D.C., as an essay winner of the 1966 contest sponsored by Bon Homme—Yankton Electric of Tabor, S. D.

The program concluded with a duet furnished by Jonna Hebner and Barbara Berndt of the Danzig CBYF. Janet Janssen, president of the Danzig CBYF, thanked the Tyndall group for the pleasant evening, and Rev. Zimmerman pronounced the benediction.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Finck and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rueb are sponsors of the Tyndall CBYF. (Mrs. David Zimmerman, Reporter.)

WATERTOWN, WIS. The young people of the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., held their spring banquet in the Fellowship Hall on April 28. The theme used was "Land of the Rising Sun." Beautiful decorations and delicious food served were in Japanese style.

The King's Men quartet from our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. D., presented an inspiring program. Helmut LaBrenz, Gary Vossler, Al DeBoer and Doug Woyke comprised the quartet, and Ron Norman served as emcee.

Young people from Milwaukee, Racine and Watertown were in attendance. Kathryn Norman and Russell Miller are the Watertown sponsors. (Mrs. J. J. Abel, Reporter.)

UNDERWOOD, N. D. The Junior CBYF of Underwood, N. D., has just completed the project of making some scrapbooks for Ngeh Ndi. Ngeh is a patient at the Bamenda New Hope Settlement, Cameroon, Africa. The Underwood Baptist Sunday school is sponsoring him as their project for the year. (Beverly Grimsley, Reporter.)

and loving kindness will ever be remembered by all who knew her.

Rev. Charles Thole and Rev. Charles Sandum officiated at the service.
PAUL F. ZOSCHKE, Interim Pastor
Calvary Baptist Church,
Stafford, Kansas.

HARM SCHROEDER
of Ochre River, Man.

Mr. Harm Schroeder of Ochre River, Manitoba, was born in Ditzum, Germany, March, 1895. After a brief illness he went home to be with the Lord while in the St. Rose Hospital, on April 20, 1967, at the age of 72 years, one month and 17 days.

In 1918 he married Hemkea Vose, a union which the Lord blessed with seven children. In 1928 he immigrated to Canada and settled in the Ochre River district where he farmed until the time of his death.

He accepted Christ at the age of 23 years and was baptized the same year by Rev. H. Penner. Upon his arrival in Canada he joined the Grace Baptist Church of Ochre River. Here he faithfully served the Lord as a Sunday school teacher, trustee, deacon and treasurer.

He leaves to mourn his passing his loving wife, Hemkea; four daughters (Margaret) Mrs. Ed Wirth of Warren, Man., (Etta) Mrs. Fritz Amman of St. Rose, Man., (Herta) Mrs. Alex Geertsema of Ochre River, Man., (Erma) Mrs. Leonard De Vries of Ochre River; two sons: Chris of Victoria, B. C., and Herman of Ochre River. He also leaves to mourn his passing, one brother, Cornelius, and one sister, Johanne, of Germany as well as 23 grandchildren and a host of friends. One son, Bruno, predeceased him in 1951.

H. BUSHKOWSKY, Officiating pastor
Grace Baptist Church
Ochre River, Manitoba

MISS LENA W. BEHREND
of Xenia, Ohio

Miss Lena W. Behrend passed to her heavenly rest at the hospital April 16, 1967. She was born on May 12, 1886. Her parents were Helmut Wm. Behrend and Lina S. Behrend, nee Martin.

She was 80 years, 11 months and five days old. She was a Baptist for 70 years, being converted and baptized by Rev. George J. Klipfel in 1897.

For 64 years she was a member of the Shroyer Road Baptist Church and six years a charter member of the Community Baptist Church, an extension mission in greater Dayton in the Beavercreek suburb.

For 25 years she was connected with the Council of Churches as a Bible teacher in our schools, also as financial secretary.

She had been ill for 27 years. She is survived by her brother, Helmut Behrend, and a host of relatives and friends.

Rev. John Ziegler conducted the funeral service assisted by John Rueck, a student from Edmonton, Alberta.

HELMUTH BEHREND, Brother
Community Baptist Church
Xenia, Ohio

WILLIAM SEIBOLD
of Cathay, North Dakota

William Seibold, age 90, went to be with the Lord, Thursday, March 16.

Mr. Seibold was born in Romania on Jan. 21, 1877. He came to the United States as a child with his parents and settled in Foster County. He later homesteaded in Sheridan County. He married Marie Pepple on July 28, 1904, in Pleasant Vally Township, Foster County.

In 1906 they moved to Germantown Township, Wells County, resided there until 1946, then moved into Cathay.

Mrs. Seibold preceded her husband in death on Sept. 30, 1954. On Aug. 30, 1963, Mr. Seibold moved to the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd, New Rockford.

Mr. Seibold was saved and baptized in the Germantown Baptist Church. After transferring to the Cathay Baptist Church he served as trustee and deacon for 17 years.

He was also a supervisor in Germantown Township for 12 years and was a member of the school board for six years. He was an amateur botanist, naturalist, veterinarian and was a bone setter in the early days.

Survivors include four daughters: Mrs. Emanuel (Marie) Pledt, Mrs. John (Laura) Martin and Mrs. Alfred (Agnes) Bittner, all of Cathay, and Mrs. Adam (Freda) Quenzer of Athas, S. D.; two sons: John and Albert, both of Cathay; one brother, Christian of New Rockford; one sister, Mrs. Annie Gentner of Lodi, Calif.; 23 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

JACK N. CHRISTENSEN, Pastor
Cathay Baptist Church
Cathay, North Dakota

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yes,
I Tithe!



Gale O'Neil of Renton, Washington

Very early in our marriage my wife and I decided we were going to tithe, and yet as each pay check arrived, it seemed we had so many real needs that the money would slip through our fingers and when Sunday came, no money! We had good intentions, but in this area of our Christian life we were miserable failures. As time went by, we seemed to fall further and further in debt; first one of us would get sick and then the other. Next the car would break down, until finally we began to put two and two together and decided

God was trying to tell us something through our financial problems. Besides, if we couldn't trust God with one-tenth of our income, how could we trust him with our souls for eternity. It didn't take long to realize our bills were paid just as well and sometimes better. We didn't get sick as often; the old car seemed to take less repairs, and it wasn't long until I received a promotion at work. We learned, for us at least, it pays to tithe. As the apostle Paul so aptly put it in Phil. 4:19, "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

And yet today, I can't say I tithe because it pays nor because God commands it. But instead, I tithe because God has taught me that if his kingdom is to grow, it will take money. Jesus told the twelve disciples, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel. . ." The sad truth is that it takes money to "go."

Often we read the amazing account of Hudson Taylor going to China without any means of support, but seldom, do we stop and realize God supplied his needs through faithful people who sent him money. George Mueller was known as a tremendous man of faith; he raised over seven million dollars through prayer. Where did the money come from? Children of God were faithful in giving a portion of their income to his work. Now God could have supplied their needs by sending manna from heaven, but he didn't. Instead he used the resources of this world entrusted in the hands of his faithful children.

If the Church of Jesus Christ is going to fulfill the great commission in this generation, it will be because the children of God joined hands and said, "yes Lord, we will tithe."

Gale O'Neil is a college student who works part-time in Tacoma, Wash. He is preparing for the ministry.

OBITUARIES

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OTTO HENRY STROGIES of Cathay, North Dakota

Otto Henry Strogies went to be with the Lord, April 7, 1967.

He was born of Christian parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Strogies, on Feb. 21, 1878, in Labeau, East Prussia, Germany. They moved to America in 1892 settling in Chicago where they lived for five years. During this time Otto learned the carpenter trade.

In 1897 the family came to Wells County, purchasing land two miles north of Cathay. Otto built the farm buildings there as well as others in the community.

He was married to Emma Leitner Aug. 21, 1907. Six children were born to this union. Three died in infancy, and one daughter, Olga Strogies Kandt, preceded him in death, Jan. 9, 1958.

The family farmed for 33 years. Disposing of the farm, they started and operated a general merchandise business in Cathay for 21 years. They sold the business and retired in 1959.

Otto was converted and baptized in 1918 under the ministry of Rev. Otto Brenner and united with the Cathay Baptist Church. He was a faithful member serving as deacon, trustee and Sunday school teacher for many years.

The Strogies would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in August of this year.

He leaves to mourn his passing: his wife, Emma; two daughters: Mrs. Ervin (Alice) Haedt of Cathay and Mrs. Warren (Selma) Moulton of Rush City, Minn.; four grandchildren; 12 nephews; 11 nieces; and many other relatives and friends.

Cathay Baptist Church
Cathay, N. D.

JACK N. CHRISTENSEN, Pastor

MRS. BERTHA CORBETT of Sacramento, California

Mrs. Bertha Corbett was born in Medina, North Dakota, August 3, 1923, and departed this life on March 6, 1967, having reached the age of 43 years. In 1937, she moved with her parents to Sacramento, California, where she has resided (with the exception of a brief interval) ever since. At the age of 15, she committed her life to Christ and was baptized by the Rev. G. G. Rauser into the membership of the Franklin Baptist Church, which later moved to Elk Grove. She had been in failing health over a period of time and complications of her ailment resulted in her untimely death.

She is survived by her husband, Renny Corbett; two daughters; Mrs. Sharon Mortenson and Miss Joyce Clayton; two grandchildren; Sandra and Victoria; by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Grenz; by five brothers: Aaron, Raymond, Lester, Larry and Roger Grenz; by four sisters: Mrs. Alice Smith, Mrs. Darlene Irvine, Mrs. Arliss Scammon, and Miss Deanna Grenz; besides many other relatives and friends.

LOUIS R. JOHNSON, Pastor
Willow Rancho Baptist Church
Sacramento, California

CONTRIBUTIONS SUMMARY

May 1967

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conference	May, 1967	May, 1966	May, 1965
Atlantic	\$ 1,635.69	\$ 1,936.97	\$ 3,514.61
Central	10,645.40	10,920.74	6,603.63
Dakota	7,931.22	6,083.64	4,439.85
Eastern	3,065.79	3,577.99	1,010.73
Northern	13,875.37	8,024.44	10,023.22
Northwestern	4,971.32	7,562.82	4,294.96
Pacific	10,676.45	7,518.82	7,724.66
Southern	(174.63)	656.74	921.39
Southwestern	3,138.43	2,118.64	1,821.08
Inter-Conference	1,859.26	1,709.10	1,469.73
Total Contributions	\$ 57,624.30	\$ 50,109.90	\$ 41,823.86

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Contributions	Total Contributions
For the month of May, 1967	\$ 49,396.32	\$ 8,227.98	\$ 57,624.30
For the month of May, 1966	45,510.20	4,599.70	50,109.90
For the month of May, 1965	40,070.29	1,753.57	41,823.86

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1967 to May 31, 1967	\$119,250.20	\$ 14,949.70	\$134,199.90
April 1, 1966 to May 31, 1966	129,033.70	11,324.36	140,358.06
April 1, 1965 to May 31, 1965	107,453.93	6,287.36	113,741.29

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

N.A.B. MISSION PROGRAM
April-May, 1967

\$1,250,000 Approved Goal

